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McShane named new Sault Tribe prosecutor

BY SCOTT BRAND

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has brought a wealth of experience to the Prosecutor's Office with the hiring of Dennis McShane earlier this month.

McShane came to Chippewa County in 2009, serving five years as the assistant prosecutor, eventually climbing the ranks to chief assistant in 2014 and was appointed in 2015 by the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners to complete the term of former Chippewa County Prosecutor Brian Pepler. This is not his first experience with tribal law as he served as assistant prosecutor for the Sault Tribe in 2017 into 2018.

"One of the things I really like about the Sault Tribe is the drug court and domestic violence court," said McShane, adding these programs were implemented long before the State of Michigan began to employ these methods. The drug courts are designed to help rehabilitate offenders and even provides an



Photo by Scott Brand

Dennis McShane (middle left) has recently taken the helm of the Sault Tribe's Prosecutorial Office. He is joined here by the rest of his team, Victim Witness Coordinator Adrianna Gunderson, Interim Asst. Prosecutor Josh Elliott and Legal Secretary Jennifer Markey.

avenue for those convictions to disappear upon successful completion of the program. On the domestic violence front, offenders are offered various resources

to better deal with their emotions and relationships.

"Domestic violence is usually about power and control," said McShane. "They need to realize

they are not in control of other people."

The Sault Tribe Prosecutor's Office only has jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases with a maxi-

mum sentence of one year in jail. Felony crimes are prosecuted at the federal level.

"We handle misdemeanor crimes and conservation violations," said McShane, adding that landlord-tenant disputes are also on the docket on behalf of tribal housing agencies. "The biggest chunk is child welfare cases."

McShane was instrumental in the early formation of Families Against Narcotics (FAN) of Chippewa County and even served on its board as the organization began to grow.

"I'm not a big fan of criminalizing addiction," he explained.

McShane said his court cases include juvenile cases such as minor in possession of alcohol and drunk driving on trust lands and the court can travel to St. Ignace or Manistique based on need.

McShane, a Michigan State University of College Law graduate, is married to Cara DeNuccio and together they raised one daughter and two sons here in Chippewa County.

JKL School makes Ojibwe Rosetta Stone available

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe worked with Rosetta Stone — which provides immersive online lessons in many languages — to design a program that would bring users who go through the program up to Anishinaabemowin novice level. The Ojibwe Rosetta Stone became available March 1.

JKL Principal Carolyn Dale received notification of the availability and purchased her own copy. Dale was able to study the program and worked with Dan Pagnac of Mille Lacs on technical issues she found.

Dale said the program is very rigorous. "I felt like I really



Go to www.culture.aanji.org/language/ojibwe-rosetta-stone to read about the Ojibwe Rosetta Stone Project.

learned a lot," she said. But she has a base in the Ojibwe language, she added.

The program is available on desktop computers, Apple devices

and Android devices. The lessons use videos and illustrations to teach vocabulary and grammar. Speech recognition software checks the user's pronunciation.

Dale said the program is set up for one-to-one learning, and users get a certificate when they finish. The novice level is actually pretty advanced, she said, moving into conversational Anishinaabemowin and toward fluency. But, users should be

aware that the dialect used is from Mille Lacs in Eastern Central Minnesota.

Pagnac said that members of federally recognized tribes can contact him for a \$25 2-year license. Members of the public can buy one for \$100. Visit <https://www.culture.aanji.org/language/ojibwe-rosetta-stone/>.

When the JKL Fiduciary Committee became aware of Mille Lacs Ojibwe Rosetta

Stone, it funded the school with \$18,000 to purchase 800 licenses. Dale surveyed the JKL School's students, families and staff to provide all of them with a license free of charge. So far, she has given out 133 licenses.

JKL Grant Administrator Tom Miller said any Sault Tribe member who would like a license free of charge should contact him at (906) 322-3827, (906) 644-3344 or -3334.

Fabry appointed president of MATCP

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry was recently appointed as president of the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP). Sault Tribe member Brian Wagner also joined MATCP as a new board member.

Fabry said she was first appointed to the MATCP board in December 2014. "Along with Hon. Allie Maldonado (LTBB), we were the first tribal court judges to serve on the MATCP Board since its inception in 1996," she said. "I served as a 'regular' board member until I was nominated to the executive committee in 2016.

Fabry said she is the first tribal court judge to serve as president of the state-wide organization. As MATCP president, her primary responsibilities will be attending board and executive committee meetings and assisting with planning MATCP's annual conference, which brings



Judge Jocelyn Fabry gives the welcoming address at the 2022 MATCP Annual Conference in Lansing.

together over 700 treatment court professionals in Michigan each year.

Fabry said, "We have had an

adult healing-to-wellness court at tribal court since the year 2000, which I have had the privilege of presiding over since I took the bench in 2010."

MATCP's newest board member Brian Wagner is a Sault Tribe member who is the project director of Problem-Solving Courts in Gratiot County.

MATCP provides leadership to treatment courts in Michigan, working to advance the cost savings and lifesaving philosophies of treatment courts. According to MATCP's website, treatment courts succeed where traditional probation and jail sentences have not.

In addition to providing training and educational events; MATCP serves as a voice for treatment courts in the state and federal legislature, working with public and private sectors on educating and advancing treatment courts and other criminal justice and substance use and healthcare reforms.

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Organizations gather to stop the "Ring of Silence"

A multitude of organizations with a single mission in mind gathered at Lake Superior State University on April 13 to curtail human trafficking throughout the Upper Peninsula. The attending dignitaries included, at right, Vice President Betsy Huggett of the Upper Peninsula Human Trafficking Task Force also representing the Diane Peppler Resource Center, Victim Advocate Courtney Aldrich from the Mackinac County Prosecutor's Office, Deputy Title IX Coordinator Kate Bergel of Lake Superior State University, Cultural Healing Educator Ashley Gravelle of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Advocacy Resource Center, President Stephanie Graef of the Upper Peninsula Human Trafficking Task Force, Special Agent Todd Wilton of Homeland Security, Chippewa County Sheriff Michael Bitnar and Det. Sgt. James McLeod of Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (L-R).



Photo by Robert Marchand



Photos by Scott Brand

Sexual Assault Advocate Alex Osetek and Luce County Victim Advocate Brianna Beaulieu represented the Diane Peppler Resource Center providing information to those attending the April 13 showing of Ring of Silence on the LSSU campus.



Photos by Scott Brand

Left, Disability Advocate John Lyons of Native American Services shared his message with visitors as they made their way from table to table. At right, Cultural Healing Educator Ashley Gravelle of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Advocacy Resource Center was there to assist.



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Above, Jess Gillotte-King came equipped with bags full of informational materials providing a much-needed accessory for those in attendance.

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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 Katelynn Griffin at 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783, or call (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Ten vacancies - four males (4-year term), four female (4-year term)

Child Welfare Committee - Three vacancies (4-year term)

Election Committee - Five vacancies (4-year term)

Higher Education

Committee - Five vacancies (4-year term)

Health Board - Three vacancies (4-year term)

Housing Commission - No Vacancy (4-year term)

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

Unit I - Two vacancies, Unit II - One vacancy, Unit III - Two vacancies. In the event no interested parties are available, members will be appointed at large.

Elder Advisory Committee and Elder Subcommittee information is being updated at this time and will be posted upon availability.

Delta County YMCA opens new location

ESCANABA — The Delta County YMCA has announced the opening of its new location at 2000 N. 30th Street.

The new facility will house a fitness center, youth and family room, gymnasium, locker rooms and various fitness classes. The hours of operation will run from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. It will also have an abbreviated weekend schedule running 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and operating 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays. The pool, hot tub, sauna and accompanying

locker rooms will continue to be available at the original YMCA located at 2001 N. Lincoln Road in Escanaba. There is no charge for members of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians to visit the Delta County YMCA and immediate family can also access the facility free of charge when accompanied by a tribal member. Summer hours have been set as 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The facility will be closed on Sundays from May 31 through Sept. 4.

Tribal members: need assistance?

Two membership liaisons work with the chairperson's office on membership issues and concerns across the service area.

The liaisons respond to membership issues and follow up to ensure they are resolved. Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact the liaisons when they need help with tribal issues by emailing membersconcerns@

saulttribe.net or contacting them individually at:

Clarence Hudak, Lambert Center, St. Ignace, (906) 643-2124, chudak@saulttribe.net

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

Sault Tribe Food Distribution Program accepting new applicants

The Sault Tribe Food Distribution Program is open and accepting new applicants. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and our store is open by appointment for clients to come in and shop. The program offers a variety of seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as other new items.

There has been some confusion regarding eligibility and the extra pandemic money. Our program does not use the extra \$300 pandemic unemployment compensation, the recent child tax credit payments, or any past stimulus payments to determine eligibility.

If you want to know if you or a loved one qualifies or if you have any questions about USDA and the food program, call (906) 635-6076, or (888) 448-8732.

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ARC seeks information about missing & murdered Sault Tribe members

In an effort to create an informational database for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP), the Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) seeks information regarding missing and murdered individuals who belong to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The information provided does not need to be current information. The ARC is seeking information for ALL missing or murdered tribal members including the seven-county service area and tribal members across the

world.

Please ask for community educator, Jess Gillotte-King (extension 73104), when calling the ARC.

If messaging the ARC Facebook page (www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC), please leave the following information: First/middle/last name, date of birth, date of death, murdered/when/where, and perpetrator name, if applicable.

If missing: Nickname/alias, date last seen/went missing, physical description, distinctive

physical features, and any vehicle information.

Any information would be appreciated.

Thank you for your participation in this matter. Please feel free to share this information.

Sault Tribe Summer Youth Employment Program

The Sault Tribe WIOA Department is accepting applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program. This program is for Native American youth ages 14 to 21 who reside within the seven-county service area (Marquette, Alger, Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Delta and Schoolcraft counties).

Applications may be picked up at the WIOA office, located on the second floor of the Big Bear, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie Mich., or by contacting Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767, or bcaureau@saulttribe.net.

Applicants will be required to complete and pass pre-employment drug testing and a criminal background investigation if applicable.

Deadline to apply is May 20, 2022.

NOTICE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

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Requests for Certificate of Exemptions require a 24-hr. notice prior to the SOS appointment.

The Tribal Tax Office staff may not be able to assist Resident Tribal Members, who are at a scheduled appointment and did not call the Tribal Tax Office in advance for the Certificate of Exemption.

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Burnside hired as tribe's YEA program director

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Long-time Youth Education and Activities (YEA) Program Manager Lisa Burnside was recently hired as the program's new director.

Burnside has worked as a youth service coordinator for 25 years, covering all of the tribe's Unit II area. "I love my job," she said. "It has allowed me to serve

in a positive role in the community and learn from our youth. Together we changed policies and created an all-inclusive environment. Our students are caring and have a lot to offer."

Burnside said that in her new role as the program's director, she wants to make sure the interests of students and the YEA family is heard. "My first priority is to

get fully staffed with seven coordinators and 14 Student Service Assistants. Once our family is fully staffed, we will continue to offer our amazing programs in all seven counties with possible virtual activities. I have a few ideas to discuss with the YEA team, I know together we will take our program to levels our students deserve."

Burnside is thankful for the opportunity to serve as the YEA Program Manager, and said the programs coordinators are all very dedicated to the youth they serve. "Without their dedication and compassion to make a difference in the lives of our children and families we would not have an existing program," she said.

The tribe's YEA program consists of three components—academic, cultural and leadership, with other services such as transportation. Sault Tribe members attending school full-time in grades Head Start through grade 12 are given priority. Students from other tribes and non-tribal students are also welcome to participate.

The academic component of the program includes: In-school tutoring; homework lab; computer lab; college information night; assistance with SAT/ACT prep classes, campus visits and career days; family math and science; peer tutoring; assistance for school trips and career camps; school supplies for low-income families; senior recognition banquets and gifts; and multi-media classes and projects (working with video/digital cameras and developing public service announcements).

Cultural activities include: Regalia classes; dance demonstration/instruction; trips to powwows, spiritual gatherings, drum socials and sweat lodges; story telling; craft classes including basket making, beading, glove/



Lisa Burnside at the Hessel Powwow.

moccasin construction; classroom presentations; access to Ojibwe language classes; teachings in language, traditional plants and medicines, four colors, four directions, seven grandfathers; Circle of Life summer program; opportunities to attend Culture Camp activities such as hand drum tying, winter survival, sugar bush, cradle board; elder teachings; community cultural presentations; and on-site cultural libraries and resources.

Leadership activities include: Participation in the Tribal Youth Council (TYC); community service projects; Teen Court; and opportunities to plan and participate in conferences such as the TYC Youth Leadership Conference and UNITY.

If you have questions about the Sault Tribe YEA program, email Lisa Burnside at lburnside@saulttribe.net.

ACFS hires new caseworker

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Whitney Wood was recently hired by Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) as a Binogii Placement Agency caseworker.

Wood graduated from Lake Superior State University in 2019 with a degree in Early Childhood Education and Development. She said she likes being able to help families grow and the potential to help give children better lives.

Wood provides services to socially and economically devastated individuals through programs administered by ACFS child placement services.

As a caseworker, she works with Binogii Child Placement Agency cases, which include foster care, adoption and foster home licensing.

Wood said, "I am here to help. I have lots to learn, but I am excited to be here to learn, grow and help children as well as their families the best I can."



Whitney Wood with daughter Layla taken by husband Trevor.

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Column: Why the Enbridge Line 5 tunnel is a pipe bomb at the Mackinac Straits

BY GARY STREET FOR THE MICHIGAN ADVANCE

The sordid details of Enbridge’s Line 5 in Michigan reveal at least 33 spills, along with at least 3 anchor/cable strikes that had the potential to cause a massive oil spill.

We’ve been lucky. Incredibly lucky. But our luck will run out. Enbridge proposes to build a tunnel for Line 5. They assure us — falsely — it will eliminate all hazards. The tunnel will, unfortunately, introduce new hazards — hazards that are even more insidious.

These hazards have been confirmed in a new study by Brian O’Mara (B.S. in geological engineering) and myself (M.S. in chemical engineering, P.E.).

Enbridge’s tunnel proposal has been fraught with issues from the start, including its failure to conduct enough lake bottom borings to appropriately assess the presence of methane and/or hydrogen sulfide. But even with their incomplete survey, methane was detected in 20 percent of the lake bottom borings and hydrogen sulfide is often found with methane.

Both substances are explosive. Hydrogen sulfide is also extremely toxic. There’s a real-world example of that danger right here in Michigan: In 1971, 22 tunnel workers were killed when they hit a pocket of methane while building a tunnel under Lake Huron near Port Huron.

Even if we look past the alarming problems faced during construction, the risks don’t go away. When highly volatile, flammable substances are transported in a pipeline inside a tunnel, engineers refer to the tunnel as a “confined space.” The term is well chosen and very descriptive.

Enbridge ships propane and butane through the pipeline roughly 20 percent of the time. When released, they form a vapor cloud that’s heavier than air. The cloud will accumulate at the low point in the tunnel, awaiting a source of ignition which is always present.

A single one-eighth-inch hole in the pipeline will release, within 19 minutes, propane equivalent to 345 pounds of TNT. What will this do to the pipeline, the tunnel, nearby residences, and any vessels traveling above? It will be an environmental and economic disaster. Even worse, there likely will be fatalities.

While the probability of an explosion/detonation is very low it remains finite, making the consequences horrendous. Engineers express this as: Risk = Consequences x Probability. The equation clearly states that Risk is made of two components, not just one. Risk cannot be ignored just because probability is low.

By way of example, let’s consider the nuclear reactor disasters at Chernobyl and Fukushima. At these sites, and many others, they operated on

the premise that since the probability was so low it could be ignored. There would never be a problem. They were wrong.

Without justification, the assumption has been made that since the pipeline is in a tunnel, there is nothing to worry about. The probability of a leak in the pipeline is so low a disaster will never happen. In other words, we don’t need to worry about the consequences.

It’s bad logic. And therein

lies the fatal flaw.

It is the sort of reasoning that led to the nuclear reactor disasters at Chernobyl and Fukushima, as well as numerous other disasters, such as the Port Huron tunnel disaster.

A leak of butane or propane inside the tunnel can occur. When that happens there will be a detonation or explosion.

The entire state of Michigan will be affected. Pollution of the Great Lakes, violation of

tribal agreements, loss of tourism jobs, commercial and sport fishing ruined, beaches ruined, Mackinac Island “shut down” — the list goes on and on.

Michigan, along with Wisconsin and Ontario, will pay the price.

We cannot afford to guess and find out. It will be catastrophic. The tunnel must not be built.

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Soo Lock Chief says tailrace closure temporary USACE ponders permanent closure behind powerhouse

SAULT STE. MARIE -- Approximately three dozen attended a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers informational meeting on April 20 to share their concerns about the upcoming closure of the federal hydro plant tailrace as construction gears up for the construction of the new Soo Lock. They were joined by an unknown number of people who attended the meeting virtually.

“I’m an avid fisherman myself,” said Soo Lock Chief Mick Awbrey, explaining he had no desire to close the tailrace any more than necessary. “This is no different than a DOT (Department of Transportation) project closing a road or bridge.”

Awbrey said that tug and barge vessels will need the lower tailrace to deliver various materials, primarily the metal and

concrete for the massive project. It is anticipated that contractors will be running their operation 24 hours a day, six days a week, and the minimal clearance within the tailrace poses a serious safety concern.

“The large barges and large equipment will pretty much take up the whole channel until construction is complete,” said Awbrey. “Barge operators truly do have large blind spots.”

Awbrey anticipated the tailrace closure would take place sometime in 2022 and continue throughout 2023. An exact closure date has yet to be determined, but will be announced ahead of time by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

He also assured anglers that there would little impact on the tailrace as there are no plans to

dredge in that area and only minimal amounts of sloping and rip-rap alterations on the immediate shoreline planned for the project. This closure will extend 2,165 feet from the federal powerhouse on the south side of the tailrace and nearly 900 feet on the north side. The tailrace should re-open to recreational boats in 2024.

Chief of Operations Jeff Harrington said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to permanently close a 150-foot section of the tailrace immediately behind the federal powerhouse citing a 1996 policy for this decision. Harrington collected feedback from those in attendance, who generally seemed opposed to any such closure and seemingly will utilize this information before any final plans are announced in the future.



Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians 2022 Bear Application

The 2022 bear application period will run from April 29, 2022 to May 31, 2022. All applications must be received by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement before 5:00 pm on May 31, 2022. Applications received after 5:00 pm on May 31, 2022 will NOT be accepted. A lottery will be held at the June Conservation Committee Meeting. Tribal members MUST possess an Inland Hunting Harvest license and be at least 10 years of age to hunt bear.

Name: Last First Middle

Mailing Address: Street City State Zip

Male Tribal File #: STS #:

Female Date of Birth: Phone #:

Email Address:

Please select only ONE of the following Bear Management Units (BMU). Please note that all Sault Tribe bear permits are only valid within the 1836 Ceded Territory. Please see the map below for generalized boundaries of each BMU.

Upper Peninsula

- Drummond
Baraga
Gwinn
Newberry

Lower Peninsula

- Baldwin
Gladwin
Red Oak



There is a \$4 application fee for each application. Each application must be accompanied by a check or money order (you may write one check for multiple applications). Checks and money orders can be made out to “Sault Tribe”. Sault Tribe Elders (60 & older) and youth (10-16) are not required to pay application fees.

Please send all bear and elk applications to: Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Bear & Elk Applications P.O. Box 925 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

For any questions, please contact Sault Tribe Natural Resource Department at 906-632-6132.



Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians 2022 Elk Application

The 2022 elk application period will run from April 29, 2022 to May 31, 2022. All applications must be received by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement before 5:00 pm on May 31, 2022. Applications received after 5:00 pm on May 31, 2022 will NOT be accepted. A lottery will be conducted at the June Conservation Committee Meeting. Tribal members MUST possess an Inland Hunting Harvest license and be at least 10 years of age to hunt bear and elk.

Name: Last First Middle

Mailing Address: Street City State Zip

Male Tribal File #: STS #:

Female Date of Birth: Phone #:

Email Address:

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Anishinaabemowin 2022

"You've got to know your language to really understand your culture."

— Beatrice Taylor, Ojibwe kwe

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by Susan Askwith



A feature of Anishinaabemowin and thus our culture, is that we see aspects of the world as either alive or nonliving. So we have different versions of the word for hearing, depending on if WHAT we're hearing is considered alive or not.

What did our ancestors hear before European contact?

In spite of the changes over time, we're still here — holding our traditional values as we live fully in today's world, too. We remain a people with a heart that is connected to the earth. The sounds we hear now can remind us of our roots even as we use today's advantages.

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the Rain

the Wind

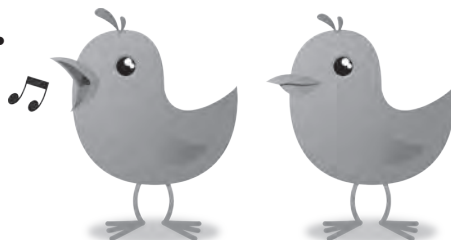
the Water

a Fire

Songs

Machines

Gravel under my shoes



N'noondwaa

Bineshiinhak

Daabaanak

Binoojiinhag

Nimoshag

Bmaadizijig e-baapiwaad

Waya e-gwiishkshid

I hear . . .

the Birds

Vehicles*

Children

Dogs

People laughing

Someone whistling

Did you learn nibiish is water? It is! It's an amount of water like a glass or a pail. Nibi is sort of free-range water, flowing in a river or splashing about in a lake.

How in the world do you say these words??!

You could look at the pronunciation guide below, then emphasize the bold letter syllables in today's list of words. And now you can hear how to say the words by going to this link on Facebook:

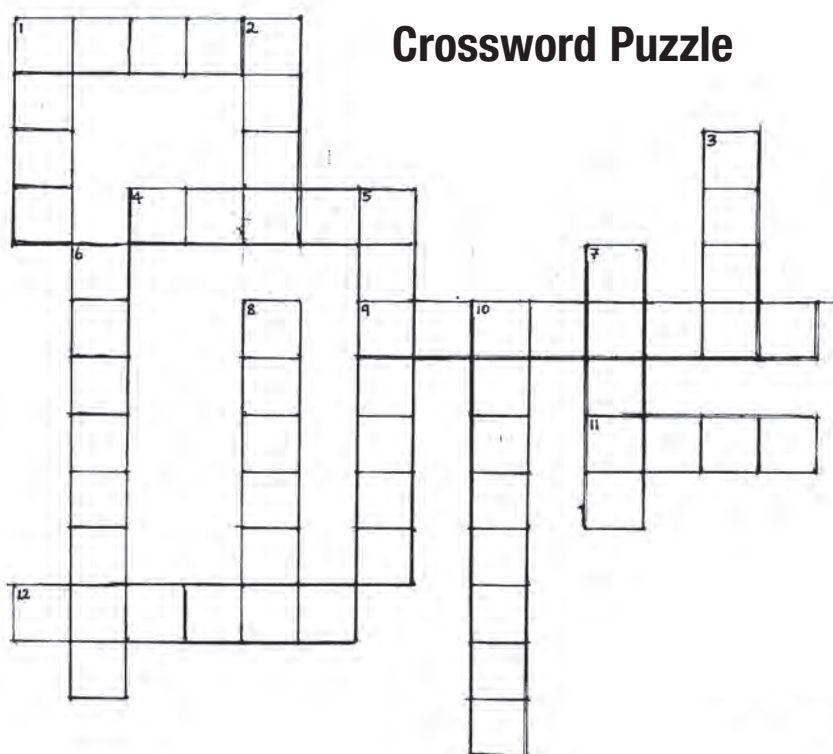
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You'll also be able to hear how to say the words in this month's calendar on the page facing this one! Yay!

*Yes, vehicles (cars, pickup trucks, vans, etc) are considered alive. "Alive-ness" in Ojibwe worldview is complicated . . .

Give it some thought . . .

Assuming we can hear every sound from the list today, write a "P" by those sounds that could be heard pre-contact. Then a "C" by the sounds you could hear in, say, the Civil War times near where you live.



Crossword Puzzle

Puzzle Clues

ACROSS

1. nibi
4. nagamwinan
9. nakiiwinan
11. nimoshag
12. bmaadizijig

DOWN

1. noodin
2. gimiwan
3. ishkode
5. waya
6. daabaanak
7. bineshiinhak
8. siniinhsan
10. binoojiinhag



Making our Sounds

Most letters sound like in English.
Here are the exceptions.

aa sounds like the a in *awesome* **a** sounds like the a in *about*
ii sounds like the e in *be* **i** sounds like the i in *dip*
oo sounds like the o in *go* **o** sounds like the oo's in *book*
e sounds like the e in *end* **g** sounds only like it does in *go*

Pronounce all the letters. *Underlined, italic type* will tell you which word-parts to stress. Long words are broken up with dashes (-); still, say each word smoothly. And notice "nh" *has NO SOUND of its own. It's a sign to say the vowels just before it in a nasal way - as if you had a stuffed up nose from a cold.*

What kind of music should you listen to while fishing? ... Something catchy.

Unlike humans, Spock had three ears: right ear, left ear and front-ear.

Why did the chicken join a band? ... Because he already had drumsticks.

Making mirrors sounds like a good job. It's definitely something I can see myself doing.

What do ghosts and sound waves have in common? ...They both need a medium to be heard.

Your name and colors: Why having a spirit name is important

Everything in Creation has a name. The trees, animals, plants, fish, water and air all have names. When we receive our spirit name, we know who we are in Creation. We are able to identify ourselves when we communicate with the spirit of each thing in Creation.

A spirit name is important for a good beginning, strong prayers and the good life. A spirit name is important for personal protection against sickness and disease. When you have your spirit name, which may be referred to as your Indian name or simply as your name, your communication with the spirit world is strengthened. When the spirits that we talk to and have been given to us hear our name, they see everything about us. They see our life, our future and who we are, and when we offer tobacco to them, they can guide us.

Elders and Healers say that when your spirit comes to this world, your name and your colors follow you to the spirit door. It is said that our spirit name is the name we had before we came to this world. Spirit names are said to be ancient and some of these names are the names of our ancestors.

Your spirit name is said to be 50 percent of your healing and balance because, with it, you know who you are, you know where you belong, you know where you are going and you know where you came from.

Receiving your spirit name

Before the arrival of the newcomers, Native people had a way of getting their name. This varied from nation to nation. Today, there are communities where the traditional ceremonies for the naming of babies are still held as they were for thousands of years.

In some communities, babies are given their spirit names when they are 2, 3 or 4 weeks old. An Elder who has the ability and honor to give spirit names talks to

the baby in their Native language and the baby's spirit listens. The Elder explains to the baby what his or her name is and what it means to have that name. The baby hears and understands.

In some Longhouse traditions, a clan name is given to a baby. A Clan Woman who takes care of the names of her clan chooses a name that suits the character of a baby.

It is never too late to get your spirit name and colors. The spirits wait for you to come to them for a name. The Traditional people recognize that because of what has happened in our communities historically, many of us don't know the teachings and they will wait for us to come to them.

Today, we can offer tobacco to a Traditional Healer, Elder or Medicine Person who has the ability to call names and colors through the spirit door. We can also seek our name through the shaking tent ceremony. The person we ask to give us our name may use special songs to call on our name and colors.

Naming Ceremonies

Naming Ceremonies are held in some communities to announce a person's name. For example, in some Longhouse traditions, children born during the year are brought to the mid-winter or to the harvest festival to receive their names. A circle dance is performed, the father introduces the baby to the community, and the name is given.

In some Anishinaabe communities, the Naming Ceremony would be held before sundown. Food would be placed on a blanket on the floor. The child would be held by the parents facing the person who is going to name the infant. Then, taking the child, this person tells the child his or her name, colors, spirit helpers and what offerings to make.

Many traditional people say that when you receive your

name, you should announce it to the community and the Four Directions of the universe. Those attending the ceremony come up to you, shake your hand and call you by your name.

Your family gives out gifts to the people and everyone enjoys the feast you have prepared.

Often you will have three or four sponsors. Sponsors are like grandparents to you. When they accept responsibility for being your sponsor, they know it is for life, both yours and theirs. Your sponsors can be your relatives or others whom you respect.

Those who give names

A person who gives names has earned that right. He or she should know the spirit, ceremonies and the power that your name carries.

This person will be able to give you instructions on how to take care of your name and what your name means. People who give names say that the spirits give the name through them. We can express our gratitude to the person who gives us our name by our offering of tobacco and gifts.

Colors

Everything in Creation has a color that represents a certain type of power. For example, a spirit name such as "Bringer of the First Light" has to do with the morning, with the colors purple and yellow which are the first colors that appear in the morning. This is the time that this person would do ceremonies because at this time she will gain strength and gifts.

When you wear your colors, (i.e. ribbons) it is considered the Good Life that keeps you straight and walking in a good way.

Colors are as important as your name. It is said that your colors should come with your name. They represent your powers, you receive guidance from them and they help you focus.

You can hang your colors in your room if you are on a healing

journey. You can make your dancing regalia with your colors in beads and material.

Honoring your Name and Colors

You need to find a path to honor your spirit name. You can honor it through different ceremonies. You can make food offerings during the year for your name.

These can be monthly with the moon cycle or four times a year, at the changing of the seasons, or once a year.

Your colors are associated with your name and when you feast your name you are also including your colors.

Referrals to Healers, Elders and Medicine People

As our awareness and knowledge of our traditions and culture increases, so does our honor and respect for these ways. This has not always been the case in our communities.

There are always those who present themselves as Healers, Elders or Medicine People who have not earned that title and may use the teachings and medicines in the wrong way. It is important

for everyone, especially young people, to be aware of this and to exercise caution when they seek healing, teachings or advice. It is advisable to consult with people whom you trust to get referrals to respected and recognized Traditional Healers, Elders and Medicine People.

To obtain a referral to a Healer, Elder or Medicine Person in your area, or to make an appointment in the seven-county service area, call Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine at (906) 632-5200, option 9.

Special acknowledgement is given to the following Healers and Elders who contributed their knowledge and understanding of the traditions and culture in the preparation of the brochures from which this article was taken: Jake Aguonia, Garnett Councillor, Harlan Downwind, Roger Jones, Rose Logan, Mary Louie, Dorothy Sam, Nelson (SugarBear) Shognosh, Geraldine Standup and Ella Waukey.

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Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program 2022 May Clinic Hours

Traditional Medicine hours are limited due to Fasting and Releasing Camp, May 4-9. Any questions, please call Traditional Medicine Program at (906) 632-0236 or (906) 632-0220.

GERARD SAGASSIGE






Sault Ste. Marie Health Center – May 16, 18, 23, 25; (906) 632-0236 Lori Gambardella

St. Ignace Health Center – May 17; (906) 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135

Manistique Health Center – May 24; (906) 341-8469 or (866) 401-0043

Munising Health Center – May 31; (906) 387-4721 or (800) 236-4705

WAASKOONE GIIZIS - FLOWER MOON - MAY 2022

NIIZHWAASO GIIZHIGAT	NTAM GIIZHIGAT	NIIZHO GIIZHIGAT	NSWO GIIZHIGAT	NIIWO GIIZHIGAT	NAANO GIIZHIGAT	NGODWAASWO GIIZHIGAT
1 zhaashkwedoonan (mushrooms)	2 bineshiinhag (birds)	3 jidamoozowan (yarrow)	4 miishkoonhsan (grass)	5 magakiinhsag (spring peepers)	6 ojii (house fly)	7 wiikenh (sweetflag)
8 Gashi Giizhigak (Mother's Day)	9 gyaashk (seagull)	10 jiijaakook (sandhill cranes)	11 pakiinooon (blooming)	12 Zhishkiiiaaboo (It is muddy.)	13 biipiige (nuthatch/ warbler)	14 kaadiginebik (salamander/ lizard)
15 Gitige. (S/he is planting.)	16  Mooshkaneshin Dibiki Giizis (It is a full moon.)	17 zigimeg (mosquitoes)	18 mooshkas (crane)	19 shki-niibiishan (new leaves)	20 zhiginaawshag (worms)	21 namebagoniin (trout lily)
22 saskwaajmi'ag (leeches)	23 Aabowaa. (It is mild.) [as in weather]	24 zhiishiib (duck)	25 baapaase (woodpecker)	26 maang (loon)	27 ginii (wild rose)	28 mishiiminaatig (apple tree)
29 nka (Canadian goose)	30 Makwenmagaazook Giizhigak (Memorial Day)	31 Mino giizhigat. (It is a fine, sunny day.)				

Unit I Sault Tribe board candidate profiles

SHEILA BERGER

Greetings fellow tribal members. I am running for a Unit 1 board seat. My name is Sheila Berger (Clement) and I was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. I lived down state for about 10 years, but when I came back, I worked for Sault Tribe Housing Authority. I worked for Housing for about 10 years. After that I returned to school and received my bachelor's degree in business administration — management and then I went to work for Sault Tribe again in 2015 as the executive assistant/membership liaison. I worked as the liaison for over six years and have assisted many members with issues (barriers) they faced trying to receive assistance through the tribe.

I lived down state near Flint, Mich. for about 10 years and I moved back to the Sault to be close to my family in 2002. I have been involved in the tribe in one way or another since I graduated from high school. I worked for the tribe when Greenough was the only office building the tribe owned and operated out of. I attended the board meetings for many years.

Working as the member liaison



I have learned the needs of our members and now would like to serve and represent you directly. I am as concerned as most members are for our tribal government going forward into the future.

I support having an independent appeal process and get the board out of the process, it has become too political and unfair to employees. I know this firsthand and want to be part of the change.

I have assisted members from all over the world and I don't intend to change that. I don't care where you live if you are a member who needs assistance, I will be there to point you in the right direction to receive the assistance you need.

I believe the board and executives have forgotten why we worked so hard to be recognized as a tribal nation. Our members have worked too hard and for too long to be forgotten about and I do not plan on letting our members be forgotten.

It is time the members were once again listened to. As a member I expect my board representatives to not only listen to me but engage in conversation. I want the members to know that I care about what they have to say. I want the members to know that I intend to answer all their questions.

I want our board to be more transparent and take the time to inform the members of why they

did what they did. Not everything this tribe does is top secret. We as members have a right to know what our money is being spent on and why. Unit reports should contain the information that members want to know; not how many people attended a powwow. Members want to know what you are doing to move the tribe forward in a good way.

NICHOLE CAUSLEY

Power to the People

As a Master of Public Administration degree holder, I understand the importance of managing public finances, the federal budgeting process, state budgeting process and the importance of tribal sovereignty. I wrote my thesis on it. Tribes have had to fight for the recognition of sovereign nations and the subsequent government-to-government negotiations, also called consultations. This is where the discussions about mandatory funding, treaty rights, tribal needs, and discretionary funding are discussed.

With each president's memorandum to the federal agencies, starting back in the early '90s, presidents of the United States have issued memos stating they must comply with consultations



with federally recognized tribes. Memos had to be issued because federal agencies and departments did not view tribes as sovereign entities. Sault Tribe is now at a place where these consultations between federal agencies and departments are becoming more widespread among federal agencies, giving us a voice at the funding table. All Sault Tribe must do is show up with an elected leader to take advantage of this.

I remember President Clinton's April 29, 1994, memorandum to federal agencies and departments and then Executive Order 13175 (2000), these were successful turning points in Sault Tribe's sovereignty and exercising its right to self-govern. As a tribe, our sovereignty and integrity are lost with the current censorship of the elected chairman and current social media attacks on tribal members who speak out.

The censorship not only erodes the respectability of our tribe, it also reduces our ability to ensure membership services continue to be funded with mandated federal funds. For example, when the elected chairperson of a tribe is the first one to speak during government-to-government consultations, and that person is not there, due to a governing board censorship — WE LOST OUR VOICE AT THE FUNDING TABLE. The federal government

is already talking about FY 2023 and FY 2024 — who from our governing board is sitting on the government-to-government consultations, while the chairman is being censured? How much of our governing operating budget is reliant on MANDATORY TREATY RIGHT FUNDING?

Putting the power back in the people's hands, using checks and balances, as described in the proposed new constitution, ensures the integrity of Sault Tribe's governmental system.

The current governmental structure is crumbling with the weight of power seated within the board of directors. Board of director resolutions and motions have demonstrated that its power is so great, it can supersede the will of the people and your vote. The censorship of the chairman, who was elected in 2020 with a 15 percent margin win, the highest in our voting history, demonstrates a disregard for our democratic process, a disregard for the federal budgeting process and a disregard for members who rely on the membership services to support their families during times of need.

As late Justice Ginsburg said, "Enough of this nonsense. We should work together for the good of the people..." Vote Nichole Causley, Unit 1 Board of Director, 2022.

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We Endorse Tyler LaPlaunt Unit 5

It was such an honor to serve Our Unit 5 Sault Members as your Unit 5 Tribal Board Member.

In the up coming 2022 Tribal Board Election...



Retired Unit 5 Director Anita Nelson & Tyler LaPlaunt Volunteering at a Feeding America Event in Munising Tyler Helped Coordinate. He has helped coordinate several events like this in Unit 5 (Munising & Marquette).

I proudly Endorse:

Tyler LaPlaunt

for the Unit 5 Tribal Board of Directors

~ Anita Nelson

With the lingering impacts of the pandemic, our Elders and Members of all ages are suffering and need the support of our tribe. I always acted as an independent Board Member to represent our people's best interest. I believe Tyler will do the same and work hard to help all of our tribal members in need including the following:

- **Improved Cultural/ Traditional Services**
- **Enhance/ Expand Elder Meals & Recreation**
- **Increase Housing to Include All ST Members**
- **Equal COVID Relief & Rescue Act Funds**
- **Treaty Fishing Rights and Relief Funds**

~ Chi Megwittch, Anita Nelson



Tyler with Marquette Mayor Pro-Tem Cody Mayer

"I made the decision to endorse Tyler because I genuinely believe he is the real deal. He cares about our people, and he shows up when leadership is needed. He has been a long time advocate for our people and proactively wants to build government-to-government partnerships. If Tyler is elected, I'm confident that myself and other elected leaders can work with him to advance priorities to make a more prosperous, healthy, and culturally accepting future for our people."

— Cody Mayer, Mayor Pro-Tem of Marquette & Sault Tribe Member.

- **Creating economic opportunity to retain Tribal members in our ancestral homelands.**
- **Tribal Health center in Marquette County.**
- **Increased collaboration to bring cultural teachings to all our people.**

Unit I Sault Tribe board candidate profiles

ASHLEY DALEY



Do you want better services for members? Maybe you disagree with the way business is being handled. Are you tired of watching our culture slip away? Aanii, my name is Ashley Daley. I was born and raised primarily in the Sault Ste. Marie and Kincheloe areas. I currently work at Sault Tribe Housing as the Accounts Receivable Clerk. Believe me when I say I hear the pleas for help on a daily basis. I plan to work on bridging this divide between membership (needs) and board (growth). I have many years of experience where it was a large aspect of my job(s) to close the gap between front line and management as well as having personally gone from front line employee to management positions, everywhere from big cities to tiny towns, both in and out of state. Not only do I have unique experience in closing communication and functional gaps, but I can personally relate to a vast array of the many big issues that plague so many of us.

To bring the cultural aspects we so desperately lack back into decision making, I will participate with the seven teachings at the forefront of all my efforts. I will stand with the members seeking to meld the Seven Grandfathers into the code of conduct. And by continuing to better incorporate our culture in the education of our youth, I feel that this will help prevent the lack of advancement our tribe has been dealing with for so long.

I plan to push for the big changes and ask all the hard questions. Separation of powers, pensions, term limits, micromanagement, expanding access to cultural education, protection of

treaty rights...With the help of each tribal member, by helping you understand your rights and when and how to use those rights, teach you where to address your concerns so they might no longer fall on deaf ears. I will ask YOU, as members, for help when needed because even as a board member, we're all just one tribal member. So, when my efforts alone aren't enough, together we can put in a combined effort to achieve the changes we seek.

When I say "our tribe" or "the tribe," please know that I am referring to us as a people. I do not mean the governmental entity, or business enterprise. For me, it is our people that are "our tribe" and should be our shared driving force.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I look forward to learning more about what you support this election season.

KIM GRAVELLE

Aanii, My name is Kim (Sams) Gravelle. I am respectfully asking for your vote as a Unit 1 representative.



My parents are Carol (Leask)-McGee Smith and Billy Sams. I was raised on Sugar Island, working our family farm. Good work ethics were instilled early. I've been married for 41 years to Buck Gravelle and have two sons and three grandchildren. I am the second oldest of eight children. My grandparents are Joe-Dolly (McCoy) Leask, great-grandparents Paul-Mary (Myotte) Leask and Angus-Mary Jane McCoy.

During my 31 years of service with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) (retired), I've had extensive tribal trainings that included: tribal elections, basic Indian law, tribal enrollment, freedom of information and privacy act, ethics, supervisor management

skills/techniques and records management. I've found my training and experience with the BIA was extremely beneficial during my time as a BOD. I've been active in our tribal and local community for over 40 years, serving on several different committees. Currently, I'm the vice president for the Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society, past chairperson of the Title IX Indian Education Committee, former community member on the Native American Retention Task Force and past secretary for the American Red Cross Committee, to name a few. I have acquired vast knowledge of tribal government, history, enrollment issues, not only locally, but throughout Michigan and the United States. These diversified training/experiences are an asset as a board of director.

Before my career with the BIA, I've worked a number of different jobs: waitressing, cook, dishwasher, store clerk, motel maid, Sault Tribe YCC Youth Leader and a summer on a fishing tug in Lake Superior. Because of this varied experience, I understand the hard work and dedication our team members provide to keep our tribal businesses running.

I'm a full-time board member and serve with integrity. I promise to make the best decisions for the membership and to stand up for what I believe and not abstain from a vote unless it affects me directly.

As a board, we were able to initiate the annual COLA, \$3 per

hour raise, the reinstatement of our 401K Plan, also a new day-care center, additional housing and expanded economic development.

When elected, we are there to serve the membership, not our own agenda. I will make every effort to improve our government through leadership that values your opinions and ensures your concerns are heard. As an elder, I will make every effort to improve our tribal government with respect and honor.

You can contact me at (906) 632-1944, kkgavelle@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Kimberle Gravelle.

I sincerely thank you for your support.

VOTE KIM GRAVELLE – UNIT 1

Kimberle Gravelle – Unit 1 Director

- Early Head Start
- TAP Advisory
- Special Needs/Enrollment
- Recovery Hospital
- Ad Hoc Health Access Exploratory Group
- Title VII Indian Education
- JKL Fiduciary
- Native American Retention
- Powwow Committee
- Sault Tribe Wellness
- Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society
- Combined Federal Campaign
- River of History Museum
- American Red Cross
- CATS District Court
- LSSU Native Advisory Committee
- Gaming Authority/Commis-

sion – VFW Auxiliary.

DJ HOFFMAN



Hello, my name is DJ Hoffman. I am the son of Lauri (nee McCoy) Henry and Donald "Joe" Hoffman, both tribal members. My grandfather, Ken McCoy (a past board member), and my grandmother, Helen (Gurnoe) McCoy (a direct descendant on the Durant Roll), were both born and raised on Sugar Island. Herman and Arbutus Kempf (Biron), tribal member, were my grandparents on my father's side. I have one sister, Kristi Hoffman, and one brother, Bob. My wife, Tan-A, and I are blessed to be the parents of two sons, Thalen and Keenan Hoffman. My mother raised us to know and be proud of who we are, to be true to ourselves, give to others within our abilities, and appreciate the richness of our heritage and to strive to give back to our community. Through her self-determination, I was encouraged to follow the path to college graduating from MSU with a bachelor's in HR and from LSSU with a degree in business. I have continued my graduate education by completing my master's degree from NMU's MPA program, as well as an MBA from CMU.

I am an outspoken advocate See "Profiles," page 10



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Brenda ^{Vote} KINNART Unit 4

Time for Change!

UNIT 4 I WILL ADVOCATE TO:

- Establish an Escanaba Community Center for Tribal Activities with all services under one roof.
- Balance Unit #4 by improving unmet needs in Escanaba and surrounding areas.
- Expand and improve Tribal housing to include Elder Apartments/Assisted Living facility.
- Expand Services within the YEA Program.
- Establish satellite clinics for rural members in the northern counties of Unit 4.

TRIBAL-NATION-WIDE I WILL ADVOCATE TO:

- Increase Elder resources, funds and housing.
- Strengthen our Education Program and promote and support Indigenous Education.
- Require regular updates while respecting Elder Advisory Board and Subcommittee recommendations.
- Defend ALL Treaty rights. Ensure that our Consent Decree is in the best interest of all tribal members.
- Diversify and expand our revenue sources.
- Amend our Constitution.
- Collaborate with other Tribal Nations to secure funding and expand health care.

EXPERIENCE:

- Indian Health Service Urban Clinic Executive Team Member
- Behavioral Health & Social Services Dept. Coordinator, AODA & Addiction Recovery
- Human Resources Coordinator
- Contract negotiations with Health Care Providers & Agencies
- Grant Writer & Strategic Planning
- Parent Committee Member for the Indian Education Program in Gladstone for 12 years.
- 30+ Years Cultural experience emphasizing teachings in Wabeno, Sweat Lodges, and ceremonies.

EDUCATION:

- College credits in Criminal Law, Psychology, and Office Management at NMU and Bay College.
- Several Leadership & Project Management EU Hours.

YOUTUBE: BRENDA KINNART UNIT 4 FACEBOOK.COM/BKUNIT4 WABOX4@GMAIL.COM

This ad is endorsed by Brenda Kinnart

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for economic development and diversification, education, health-care, culture and accountability. These items have become the staples of essentially every new campaign ad; however, I have a track record of working with fellow elected leaders to move the tribe forward and get results.

Over the past three-plus years, OUR Tribe has:

— Ensured our staff and community was put first during a global pandemic, paid our staff during pandemic-related closures and distributed checks to all tribal members for the first time in tribal history for pandemic relief.

— Expanded and diversified our tribe's economic development progressing into new business opportunities, including our tribe's first 8(a) certified company. Our Corporate Charter (STI) provided its first dividend in 2021 of \$3.2 million, and expects \$5 million in distribution in 2022.

— Continued COLA increases for our employees, increased 401k contributions, permanently added a \$3 increase to all positions.

— Enhanced educational and cultural opportunities for our membership with new tribal tax revenues, grant funding and the hard work of staff members fundraising abilities.

— Invested into our tribe by building a new child care center (attached to Big Bear) and new state-of-the-art dental facility.

— Enhanced the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting School by academic and administrative additions, including COVID-safe systems.

— Increased the tribe's land base (hundreds of acres).

While these are not the only accomplishments of our tribe, it should be noted they were achieved by the board of directors working collectively to achieve results. Finally, I understand our tribe's most valuable assets are our children and elders. Our elders are the foundation of our tribe, and our children are our future. We need to make sure the tribe prioritizes both. Please use one of your two votes on a candidate who delivers positive change based upon results and active involvement, not political promises.

Sincerely, DJ Hoffman, (906) 203-0510, djwhoffman@hotmail.com, www.djhoffman.com.

ISAAC MCKECHNIE

Aneen, my name is Isaac McKechnie, and I am asking for your support in this election. My mother (Ann) and my father (Isaac "Ike") raised me, and my 7-siblings in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. My grandmother was Mary Pine



(Boulley) she was born and raised on Sugar Island, she was a very traditional and spiritual lady. I am married and have five children and one grandson. I currently own and operate Kaynecom Communications which we specialize in Information Technology. I have dedicated my life to our community and pledge that I will

continue to do so when elected. Now, given the economic impact that the global pandemic and inflation have had on our communities, we need strong leadership to prosper! We need a leader with a good heart and true passion to advance our communities. We need a leader who we can trust. A leader

who sees the Sault Tribe as one family and will work to serve everyone, regardless of geography. With your support, I can bring a unique mixture of skills, ideas, and energy to lift our community and work to solve these challenges. We have many issues

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Vote for Paul Barbeaux

Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit 2

For Honesty and Transparency in Tribal Government

An Experienced Leader

- 35 years as a successful business owner in the Eastern U.P.
- 35 years of real life marketing, accounting, and budgeting experience
- 15 years serving you on the tribe's conservation committee including chair
- 3+ years actively participating in negotiations for our treaty commercial and subsistence fishing rights with the 5 tribes of the 1836 treaty ceded waters, federal government, and State of Michigan
- 33 years married, Proud Anishinaabeg father of 3 and grandfather of 2



Working for You

- Equal representation for all Unit 2 members and communities
- Sovereignty: defend, protect, enhance!
- Increasing tribal revenue through diversification of tribal businesses
- Taking care of all our Elders from emergency assistance to housing
- Supporting and funding youth and young adult programs from YEA to college grants
- Increasing tribal investment in skilled trades training for all members
- Enhancing access to cultural awareness in school curriculum
- Improving local availability to community health services

Paid for by the committee to elect Paul Barbeaux



Please Vote:

ROB McRORIE

Unit 1 ~ Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Endorsed by Rob McRorie

Tribal Members are concerned about the Unequal Distribution of Resources, Back Door Business Deals, Hiring a Sole Source Prime Contractor, and lack of transparency in business and operations. I support inviting tribal voters to make major decisions through referendums like Board Salaries, Term Limits and Board Pensions. I pledge to push for greater transparency in our tribal government and businesses.

Our Tribe ~ Our Platform:

I humbly ask for your support and vote ~ Rob McRorie

- Increased Elder Funds & Elder Recreation
- Greater Scholarships for Higher Education
- Funds for Job Training & Apprenticeships
- Real Separation of Powers ~ Judicial Branch
- Protection of our Treaty Rights
- Board & Chair Salary Voted on by You
- Term Limits Voted on by Referendum
- Referendum Votes on Key Issues
- Long Term Plan for "At Large" Member Benefit
- Tribal Ethics Code ~ No Conflicts of Interest
- Tribal Labor Laws to Protect Employees
- Employee Appeal & Grievance Legal Rights
- Employment Policies Apply to the Board
- Tribal Board Job Description and Duties
- Monthly Unit Meetings with Tribal Members
- Sound Economic Diversification

"I Enjoy Helping Others ~ Now I want to Serve Our People!"

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that need critical attention and must be addressed with a rational, long-term approach. The lack of transparency in our government, living wages, business diversification, economic development, enhancement of health care, elder support, education (Pre-K through college), fishing & hunting rights, substance abuse, environmental conservation, technical training programs, liability claims, treaty rights and more. To meet these challenges, we need to work together to create a strategic plan to ensure our tribe is prosperous and our culture is transferred to the next generation. To accomplish this, we need to engage members who can contribute their talents through effective committees and task forces while empowering tribal employees to contribute their best. Among our community, we have the talent, intellect, and passion to make this happen. I have witnessed what enthusiastic people can do when they set their minds to it by serving on tribal committees. I currently serve on the Housing Commission and have served on the Child Welfare, Enrollment, Election, and Health committees.

I served as President of the JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School Board for more than a decade and currently serve as a board member, we have and will always collaborate with our parents, educators, staff, and the community to transform our school into one of the best schools in Michigan and in Indian Country. Some of the collective accomplishments include: a long term compensation package for our employees, a self-contained special education program, acquired land to develop the Marquette Avenue parking lot and the area that now houses the bus garage and track, adopted the Everyday Math and CMP3 Math Programs, collaborated to develop strategies for exiting the Focus School Designation, collaborated with tribal leadership and the fiduciary to build a new gymnasium and for facility maintenance, supported Reading Recovery and LLI reading training for K-2 staff, worked vigorously with the Northern Michigan University authorizer to support all areas of the school, volunteered for many extra-curricular JKL activities such as the annual Back to School Barbeque and Ice Cream Social, and my proudest accomplishment - raised academic achievement in all areas.

The key to moving our tribe forward is having leadership that will be inclusive, communicate, transparency, and engage its members to create a community we can all benefit from and be proud of. I am pledging to be that leader. I am committed to devoting all my energy into transforming our tribe into one of prosperity that is member driven. I appreciate your support. Feel free to call me anytime to discuss how we can make this happen together.

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Look me up on Facebook.

ROBERT MCRORIE

What is sovereignty? By definition, sovereignty is, "The authority of a people to govern themselves." However, sovereignty is not only the right to self-govern, but also a responsibility to become self-sustainable. The Board of Directors has failed miserably at achieving self-sustainability. Each year, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians becomes more reliant on federal funding to provide services to our members, while overall net revenues decline



annually. This should be alarming to every Sault Tribe member. I do not believe our ancestors fought and suffered for our right to self-govern for us to run to the federal government with our hands out. I believe they fought so hard for our right to self-govern because they envisioned a time when we, their offspring, would overcome, achieve true self-sustainability, and hold our heads up high, proud of who we are as a people. That time is now, and it is up to us, the members, to replace the current leadership, who have become content as distributors of federal funds. It is time to replace them with leaders that hold true to a long-term plan of true self-sustainability.

My name is Robert McRorie. I am the proud son of Randy

McRorie, who has always taught me the value of hard work and that there is no substitute for hard work. My beautiful mother is the late Vanda Kay Nolan. I am very thankful that I inherited her warm heart and genuine compassion to help anyone in need. My amazing stepmother is Heather Corbiere-McRorie, who has never stopped believing in me and has taught me to never give up on my dreams. It has always been a dream of mine to serve my people. I receive my Sault Tribe lineage from my grandpa, John "Muggo" Nolan and Grandmother Shirley Nolan (Krull), who have always taught all of us, their grandchildren, to be tough and to stand up for what is right.

I was raised primarily on our reservation and know many

of the struggles our members face. I attended our Tribe's YEA Program where I served two terms as the Sault Tribe Youth Council president and represented our people at national leadership conferences. I have worked in the education field as well as the mental health field. In 2016, I was chosen by Billy Mills and Team Running Strong to be one of 10 Native American Youth Dream starters. I am the co-founder of the nonprofit organization called, "Addiction Sucks," which provides free one-on-one and group support to those struggling with addiction and their families. Over the past five years, I have established three profitable businesses, including a martial arts-based health and

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McKECHNIE

Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit 1

Miigwech to the Sault Tribe Voters that helped move me into the general election in 2020 as one of your top candidates. With you and your family's continued support we can win the 2022 election. By voting for me, you will bring someone with fresh ideas to the board who will push for positive change for our tribe.

Elders Our Elders are sacred keepers and teachers of traditional values. We need to respect and care for them. I will do everything possible to make sure the money borrowed from the Elder Fund is paid back with an annual increase to this fund. I will protect your money from being used in inappropriate ways in the future. I will work to institute a plan for increasing this fund so that your dividend checks will be increased.

Independent I will be open to fellow board members' opinions and ideas as long as their opinions and ideas align with the tribe's strategic plan. When elected to the board, I will do what is right for ALL members wherever they reside. I will not compromise my integrity or the tribe's integrity just for a vote.

Team Members As a former employee, I understand your frustration with the lack of appreciation and respect. When elected, I will push for policies ensuring that our employees are free to speak without worrying about retribution and that all employment vacancies are posted so qualified members are considered for these positions. I will work to implement a long-term compensation package to include annual wage grid increases like we just implemented at JKL Bahweting School. I will make sure that the health and safety of our team members is our tribe's top employment priority.

Community Focused I have lived in our community most of my life and continue to volunteer my time for the betterment of our community. I currently serve on the JKL Bahweting School Board and Sault Tribe Housing Commission and have served on the Child Welfare, Elections, Enrollment, and Health committees. I also serve on the Community Foundation Board. I know and respect many of our members in our community, their resolute and sacrifice should never be questioned.

Board Salary

I support reducing the board's salary but please keep in mind the career politicians will need to support this resolution to reduce their own salary. I will donate a portion of my wages to help our Elder's and Youth.

Term Limits

I support 2 four year terms for the Board and will pledge to only serve two terms on the board if elected. We've had enough career politicians who become comfortable and unwilling to change.

Sound Business

I support sound economic business decisions. As a businessman, I believe sole source contracting eliminates competition and disadvantages our tribal Members who own their own businesses.

I respectfully ask for you and your family's continued support. We have 50,000 members and its time that your voice is heard. Please excise your right vote and vote for Isaac McKechnie, your candidate for Unit I Board of Directors. To show your support, ask questions, or help please contact me and remember there are only two open seats for unit 1.

~Miigwech, Isaac McKechnie

Primary Ballots Mailed: April 28th ~ General Election Ballots Mailed: June 1st

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 business program, a digital marketing service company with over 100 clients, as well as co-own a real estate investment company that provides affordable housing to the elderly or disabled.

I humbly ask for your vote, so I can use my skills in leadership, public service and business to serve you, the members, with a members first approach to leadership.

PAUL BARBEAUX

Vote for Paul Barbeaux Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit 2 For Honesty and Transparency in Tribal Government



- An Experienced Leader
- 35 years as a successful business owner in the Eastern U.P.
- 35 years of real-life marketing, accounting and budgeting experience
- 15 years serving you on the tribe's conservation committee, including chair
- 3-plus years actively participating in negotiations for our treaty commercial and subsistence fishing rights with the five tribes of the 1836 treaty ceded waters, federal government and state of Michigan
- 33 years married, proud Anishinaabeg father of three and

- grandfather of two
- Working for You
- Equal representation for all Unit 2 members and communities
- Sovereignty: defend, protect, enhance!
- Increasing tribal revenue through diversification of tribal businesses
- Taking care of all our Elders from emergency assistance to housing
- Supporting and funding youth and young adult programs from YEA to college grants
- Increasing tribal investment in skilled trades training for all members
- Enhancing access to cultural awareness in school curriculum
- Improving local availability to community health services

KATTI GOUZA

Hello fellow tribal members, Katti Gouza here!

I am running for the Unit 2 Board of Directors Seat. A little background about me: I have been a successful business owner grooming dogs for 14 years. Grooming and helping others are two of my passions in life. I'm married but the Lord didn't create me to have children of my own, so my five hound dogs fill that void. I love taking care of my small farm and



garden supplying us with fresh eggs, veggies and meat. Which leads me to think a community garden would be something that could be beneficial to all tribal members.

I enjoy everything the outdoors has to offer; therefore, I will make sure our treaty rights stay protected allowing us to enjoy all the outdoor activities we currently have. Getting our youth more involved in the outdoors, learning the tribal language and interacting with others is needed.

I would also like to address the respect issue we have going on in our youth. Courtesy is another word that has been forgotten, selfish has taken its place. Kindness is a thing of the past. Our elderly depend on the youth to make wise decisions and stand up for what they believed in and worked so hard to create. Carrying on their traditional values and ways of life.

Having the Native language available for every age to learn and community activities should be a focus. Many families aren't following the original ways and they have let this high-tech life get in the way, we need to get back to the basics.

A lot of members are upset with the tax agreement area and feel it is very unfair only certain members get this opportunity; I will continue to research this issue. Another concern is the housing. Not only more homes

but updates for current homeowners in need. Our elderly started out with a lot less than we have today and deserve better. They had to be hard working individuals and jack of all trades, which brings me to our trade jobs. These jobs are just as important as those with degrees. I am for colleges, but college isn't for everyone. We must have a balance; trade jobs are what started this country and are the backbone of it. I don't see much offered for our young adults to learn a trade. Why is this? Trade school will have benefits for years and for everyone. Are you with me? Can I make a difference? I am going to do my best if you give me a chance!!

KIMBERLY LEE

As a collective membership, we have a responsibility to stand up, band together and maintain OUR TRIBE, as this is what our ancestors fought and died to make sure that we as members had for one another and future generations. To uphold our present and future members while honoring our past. By serving with integrity, transparency and accountability, is the approach I will take.

I am committed to fighting and advocating for our unit



at the board table. Our unit is spread far, with many small communities within. As your representative, I will prioritize ensuring that all of Unit 2 areas are a priority and taken care of. I will work with local organizations and governments to strengthen services for the greater good of our youth, elders, and families within our unit.

I support:

- Outlying membership programs and support
- Member's right to vote on board salary, term limits and other vital issues
- Prioritizing increased elder funds to support and reserve resources
- Revitalizing our Youth Education and Activities programs (YEA)
- Protection of our treaty rights and natural resources
- Introduction to the idea of starting a food sovereignty program
- Fair labor advancement opportunities and employee rights
- Economic investment expansions that increase revenue and strengthen our ability to achieve true self-sustainability
- Increasing trade employment, training, and internship opportunities
- Work to develop an emergency response plan in place and ready to respond to crises

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VOTE DJ HOFFMAN
UNIT 1 BOARD of DIRECTORS

Executive Education Management Certificate • National Indian Gaming Association Certificate • MASB Certified School Board Member • Commissioner, Sault Tribe Housing Authority • Gaming Commissioner, Gaming Authority Member • Conservation Committee Member During last Consent Decree (1997-2001)

VISIT ME ON THE WEB AT: WWW.MEMBERSHIP-FIRST.COM

Over the Past 3.5 years, Our Tribe has:

- ◆ Re-established an Economic Development department steadily progressing into new, diverse business opportunities for OUR Tribe (Billboards, Storage Units, Dealerships, Trailer Parks, Expanded Rentals, Real Estate)
- ◆ Added an annual COLA for OUR Employee's (6.9% in 3 years, 2.1% next year), and 401k Match
- ◆ Amended Tribal Code to ensure that Children's Tribal Cards do not expire
- ◆ Enhanced educational opportunities for OUR Tribal Membership with new Tribal Hotel Tax Revenues (nearly \$180,000 annually), grant funding, and Staff Members fundraising abilities
- ◆ Enhanced and expanded the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting School by adding nearly 35,000 square feet (New Gymnasium and Middle School) - paid for from school lease revenues
- ◆ Enhanced OUR Land Holdings and Fishing access with hundreds of new acres of Tribal Land
- ◆ Adopted amendments to Tribal Code, Chapter 71: Criminal Procedure to incorporate VAWA into OUR Tribal Laws
- ◆ Adopted Chapter 15, Tribal Freedom of Information Act
- ◆ Reduced the Tribes Casino debt to just under \$7 million with a projected pay off date
- ◆ Commenced Defense of OUR Treaty Fishing Rights well in advance of the 2020 Consent Decree

VOTE HOFFMAN
UNIT 1 BOARD of DIRECTORS

With your support we will continue, and expand upon this progress!

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 Paid for by the committee to elect DJ Hoffman

Units II, III, and IV Sault Tribe board candidate profiles

JOHN ROBERT SMITH

My name is John Robert Smith, and I am honored to respectfully ask for your support in running for the Unit II Board of Directors of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. My parents are Robert Smith and Marguerite (Muggs) Johnson. I graduated with the class of the 1984 at Manistique High School and continued my education at Bay de Noc Community College. I've been married to Beatrice Hursh for 33 years, and have four children together: Joseph, Abbielle, Robert, and Amber; and 11 grandchildren.

I have been employed at Kewadin Casinos for 27 years, in which I currently am still working in a management position right now. I spent my greater part of my life raising my children, and I'm ready to take on bigger active responsibilities as a tribal member, coming in with an open view. If elected for the board of directors, I will respectfully resign my position at Kewadin Casinos and accept responsibility on the Tribal Board as a full time position.

I want to be Unit II's voice, and I will not let our voice go unheard. NO question is insignificant. I will work to the best of my ability to make sure that our members needs are met, perfect attendance at meetings to ensure our concerns are heard. We need to diversify our tribal businesses and stop solely relying on our casinos to fund us. Our children are our future, we need to invest in them. Our elders are our eyes to our past. We need to protect our rights, sanctioned within the 1836 Treaty. Let's embrace our culture and not let it go to the sidelines.

Strengthen our sovereign nation.
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SHAWN BOROWICZ

Fellow Tribal Citizens,

My name is Shawn Joseph Borowicz and I am the third born child of Thomas Borowicz and Joyce Preseau-Borowicz and grandchild of Beatrice Geroux, where I get my Native blood.

After much thought and discussion with my wife Tamara and other family members, I've decided to run for the Unit III board of directors. I have thought of doing this for a long time and at this time in my life it seems like the perfect time to help heal and move this tribe in a more positive direction.

With my college education and work experience as a firefighter, police officer, paramedic, heavy equipment operator and neonatal critical care technician and as a husband, dad and brother, I believe I have the knowledge and experience to be on the board of directors representing tribal members in Unit III and all tribal members where ever you may



live.

After working over 30 years in public safety downstate, we moved to St. Ignace where I took a job as a security supervisor at the Shores Casino in 2019. When COVID hit and casino was shut down I was laid off and I took a job with the road commission.

Me and my wife Tamara raised six children who are all working adults and are spread all over in Michigan, Texas and Tennessee. We love the St. Ignace area and all it has to offer and all of the new residents we meet.

Some of the issues that need to be addressed is expanding the tribal tax agreement area, the separation of powers, board pensions, renegotiate the Michigan Indian Tuition waiver program and do away with the blood quantum requirement, better working conditions for our employees, substance abuse and new programs for our elders and our youth. When the above issues are handled and the tribe moves in a more positive direction then maybe we can work on other programs like child care for workers and our own tribal license plates for our vehicles. These are only a few issues that need to be addressed and I will always be open, transparent with integrity at the top of my list.

Respectfully asking for your vote for the Unit III board of directors. A vote for change and a new direction for the tribe and for all tribal citizens no matter where you work or reside.

I can always be reached at (906) 430-7612, salvageinsp@aol.com or on Facebook.

Respectfully,
Shawn Joseph Borowicz

KEITH MASSAWAY

My name is Keith Massaway and I am running for re-election to the Board of Directors for Unit 3.

I am a lifelong resident of St. Ignace and a successful businessman. My parents were Wallace and Evelyn Massaway; I grew up working in the family businesses. I graduated from Ferris State University and returned home to raise my family. I had owned the Zodiac Party Store for over 30 years.

When first elected, I promised to be a full-time board member and I have kept that promise and will continue to hold that promise to you. Over my tenure, I have been on many committees and boards. I have found my niche and it is grounded in the fiscal and financial accountability of the tribe. I am the current Treasurer and have maintained that executive seat for eight years. It is voted on every two years. I am the chairman of the Audit Committee and take that very seriously. I make sure our tribe and all its departments are following our codes and laws. I am also the chairman of the Tax Committee.

Our tribe has gone through some very tough times over the last few years because of COVID and now the looming economic recession that could be coming.



We need to stay on track and understand our missteps of the past and work on new opportunities to again steady the tribe's financial future. Working with our subsidiary, Sault Tribe Inc., we are going to expand our 8a status and find a large new revenue stream to support our tribe through contracts for services to the United States government.

I will work to expand our online gaming partnership and seek out new ways to keep our tribe relevant in this quickly and ever-changing business landscape. I have learned a lot over my tenure and I have shown that I will always be a positive leader and not digress to actions unbecoming of my board seat. I will always be moving the tribe forward and never forgetting who the people are that I serve.

If you have any questions or clarifications, please contact me at (906) 322 3802 or kmasaway@saulttribe.net .

Chi Miigwech for your support.

DENISE CHASE

I would like to announce that I am running for re-election for the Unit 4 board seat.

I have been a lifelong member of Unit 4 and raised my two children here. I now enjoy watching my three grandchildren grow up and participate within our community.

I am very dedicated to our tribe, community and people. I have been involved and volunteered for our tribe and community events long before I ran and became a board member.

Since being elected, I have continued to advocate for and address the needs and services for Unit 4 members and membership needs, regardless of where they live.

In November 2012, I sponsored a resolution to establish an Ad hoc Health Access Exploratory Committee. This committee was formed to revitalize services and put back Escanaba, Marquette and other areas needing access to health. In 2013, services were reestablished in Escanaba and Marquette.

I am happy to announce we have purchased a building in Gladstone, Mich., for the new Escanaba Tribal Health Center. This building will house the current health staff at the Penstar building in Escanaba. It will allow for an expansion of health services. It will also have an exercise facility incorporated in the building. Members who currently use the DATA bus and Manistique Transit to access free rides to the Manistique Tribal Center will now be able to access free rides on the DATA bus to this facility.

I continue to push to expand health services and community centers for Gwinn, Negaunee and Ishpeming areas. I have pushed for the purchase of a mobile dental RV along with a mammogram/X-ray mobile RV. Both



mobile RVs would be able to service many members right in their own hometowns.

Pleased to announce through the Hotel Tax dollars we have been able to fund the Escanaba U.P. Fair children's wristband giveaway and the successful cultural teachings that have been held throughout Unit 4 in Manistique, Escanaba and Gwinn areas. Due to COVID, they have been paused, but soon we are hoping to start again.

Coming soon, a new exercise facility to be built next to the Manistique Tribal Health Center and a Community Center to be built in Escanaba on the reservation.

Our 2020 Consent Decree has been a full-time job to ensure all fishers are treated equal. Our way is to look out for everyone and that is what I am here to do! Now is the time to make sure strong, persistent board members remain seated to ensure members' benefits. With our 2020 Consent Decree expired and now on two extensions, we need to ensure strong board members with historical treaty knowledge remain at the board table to ensure we do not lose anymore fishing/treaty rights!

From my heart I would like to thank you, the Unit 4 members, for allowing me to serve and represent you. I will continue to work hard to represent your needs. I respectfully ask for your continued support and vote.

Thank you again,
Denise Chase
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KIMBERLY HAMPTON

Aanii Kina Waya. Boozhoo. I would like to introduce myself as a Unit 4 candidate for the Sault Tribe Board of Directors. My name is Kimberly Hampton, White Buffalo Woman of the Turtle Clan. I come to all of you with positive thoughts that I am not the only member who desires change for our tribe and Indian country. I am asking for support during this election with the promise of working tirelessly to bring positive changes short term and long term.

I would like to touch base on just a few items that are important to me. I stand for the representation of all Sault Tribe members whether they are in our service area or at large. I will represent all and advocate on your behalf. I stand for improved compensation for Sault Tribe employees as well expanding territory of opportunities such as remote/hybrid employment opportunities. I stand for investing net revenues into the Elder Fund to increase the annual elder dividend. I stand for collaborating with other tribes and urban Indian centers to secure new funding and expanding health care. I stand for increasing funds for substance



abuse treatment and supports. I stand for enhanced recreational and socialization programming to provide safe outlets for children. I stand for greater focus on education with higher education and vocational technical futures. I stand for affordable, subsidized and expanded tribal child care. I stand for creating a pathway for those members to earn their GED through virtual and digital formats. I stand for establishing a virtual high school for those who otherwise may not graduate from high school. I stand for promoting powwows in all communities in the service area as welcome home events for all members. I stand for providing scholarships to allow for travel and lodging to attend cultural events. I stand for increasing tribal emergency funds so they do not run out within months of opening. I stand for contracting with local motels to provide shelters for short-term and longer-term lodging for those who are without a home. I stand for increasing the number of housing units within the service area. I stand for requiring all meetings of the tribal board of directors including workshops to be held in open session. I stand for continuing open and public meetings with virtual options for unlimited attendees. I stand for responses to tribal member questions posed at tribal board meetings. I stand for not allowing the tribal board of directors in voting to conduct investigations or imposing sanctions in violation of the tribal Constitution. I stand for a required statement of no conflicts of interest and disclosure of any economic, proprietary, or investment interests that may be considered a conflict with the federal Office of Government Ethics Form 450 as a guide.

If you stand for these items, plus many more, vote for me, Kimberly Hampton. Vote for Change. I will work with YOU, for YOU.

You are all welcome to call anytime at (906) 450-4309. Miigwech.

BRENDA KINNART

Aanii to my fellow Unit 4, and all my relations.

I am Wau-bak si Quay, Ripples at

Dawn Woman, I am Bear Clan and named by Grandfather Nowatin and his mate Waubgonese. My Anishinaabe family name is Hardwick from Nahma and descendants of the Cadottes and Cadreaus, from Sugar Island. I was born and raised in the Gladstone/Rapid River area, now residing in Escanaba. My daughter Lacey Kinnart ran four years ago for Unit 4, and has now accepted and started a new position with the National Boarding School Coalition (NABS) in Minneapolis this past week; she'll be a huge asset as she follows her passions as I do.

My experience is vast, from Gladstone's Title IX Parent

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Committee for 12 years, presentations on our culture, IHS-funded Urban Indian Clinic in Milwaukee working my way up from Client Support Specialist to the Executive Team and All Nations Wellness Coordinator of our social services, counseling, psychiatry and AODA groups along with several social services serving all federally recognized tribes. Human Resource Interim Coordinator (1.5 years), instituted Microsoft interdepartmental communications, along with date reporting, BOD reports and liaison. I attended many IHS conferences across the country for mental health and urban IHS sites.

Our culture, language, teachings and ways of life have always been a priority of mine for the past 30-plus years after my first lodge and spring ceremonies when I was named. I am very experienced in our sweat lodges, wabeno, fasting and our many ceremonies. Our culture is precious to me and important to our community's health and healing. Those battling addiction, mental health issues, domestic violence and family issues need a place to gather with our Grandfather Misho, I know that our ways healed me and I want that for all our members. I want to greatly improve and simplify access in recovery with added counselors, groups, in-patient care and long-term resources for sobriety and success. We also need to exponentially embrace technology to better serve our members. Transparency, clarity and integrity must be an absolute priority for anyone in our governing boards serving our members. My first allegiance is to our sovereign nation and its members and will stand for those on this far western end advocating for our multiple needs. Recently retired and will devote my full attention to our needs in Unit 4 and as tribe as a whole. Escanaba Area is in desperate

need of a tribal center with the capabilities to serve our Elders Committee, BOD area meetings, create programs for our youth, Elders and move our Penstar staff to house us under one roof.

It is time to bring our nation together for we have been divided too long. It's time to heal our Intergenerational Trauma, to understand and heal these long-standing hard feelings in our tribe. The Time for Change is NOW!

For more information, see Brenda Kinnart Unit 4 Candidate on YOUTUBE.

I humbly ask for your VOTE and support.

Chi miigwech

Brenda "Wabox" Kinnart

TYLER LAPLAUNT

Boozhoo!

Chi miigwech to everyone who not only took the time out of their busy days to sign

my nominating petition, but more importantly, opened their homes to share their thoughts and concerns for our tribe. I continue to learn so much from you. From our youth to our elders, we are blessed to have so much talent and knowledge in our tribal community.

Over the years, we have heard so many promises that continue to be unfulfilled from our tribal politicians. I don't blame the membership for losing hope and becoming frustrated. Four years ago, the following was stated in the May 4, 2018, tribal newspaper: "Transparency in government will be key to bringing confidence in our tribe back to our people. An easier path to our tribe's public information, financial records, and assets will help to replace mistrust."

I agree with this statement, but where has the transparency been?



We received hundreds of millions of dollars from the Cares Act and the American Rescue Plan Act, but we don't know how the money was spent. This is unacceptable. These funds were the largest infusion of federal funding for Indian Country in the history of the United States. If properly managed, they could have sustained our tribe for the next seven generations, but we don't even know how much money is left.

This is not the only issue we've had with lack of transparency. A majority of the board also voted to transfer the management of our EDC assets to Sault Tribe Inc. This is problematic because the membership is purposefully left in the dark regarding Sault Tribe Inc. We don't know who is on their board, if they're tribal members, how much they're paid, or what's in their corporate charter.

More troubling, members have been denied Freedom of Information Act Requests to obtain this information. We therefore don't know how these assets are being managed. This includes Northern Hospitality, the Midjim gas stations, our agreement with Lume, our online gaming agreement with Wynn, the hundreds of rentals we have through Demawating, and our other tribal businesses. In four years, our elected leadership has provided very little transparency and have appeared to regress.

If elected, I will make transparency my priority. I will update the membership every month in my unit reports pertinent to my duties as an elected official, and I will make myself available to the membership as often as needed. Most importantly, I will also show up for you in the Board room and in the community. If team members are required to show up to work in person, I will do the same.

To conclude, miigwech for

your continued support. I will be a board member that fights for you. I will work tirelessly to strengthen our culture, health-care, elder services, economy, housing, and commercial fishing and all Treaty rights. Most importantly, I'll never forget that I work for you. It's our Tribe! Let's take it back!

Tyler "Migizii Migwan" LaPlaut, MS

CHARLES MATSON SR.

Aanii. I am Charles Matson Sr., current Sault Tribe director and I am seeking re-election for



Unit 5. I am the son of former long-time board member Victor Sr. and Lizet Matson, father of three adult children and grandfather of three grandchildren.

It has been an honor and a humbling experience to serve our people during my term. It has been an amazing opportunity to be a part of the decision-making factor to move our tribe forward into the future. We were brought up to respect others, work hard, provide the best you can for your family and help those less fortunate than yourself. I was always taught to listen to others concerns and do the best you can to help them.

As a person, I will not participate in slandering or bashing other tribal members or their families we have enough groups trying to do that for us. Instead, I will focus on bringing forward my ideas of what I believe will help our people now and well into the future.

As a board member, I have and always will believe that business diversification is key to our success. We as a tribe need to maximize our revenues in our bricks and mortar gaming establishments but we

need to become less reliant on traditional gaming venues. It is becoming harder to stand out in the crowded casino market. By diversifying our business portfolio, it provides us much needed multiple revenue streams and helps stabilize our revenues during highs and lows in the economy. Any business investments need to be well researched and thoroughly vetted to offer the greatest chances for success and profitability. The more revenues we can bring in the more services we can offer going out. The less reliant we become on government funds, the more opportunity we have as a tribe to control our own destiny and move towards the vision of our past leaders of achieving self-sufficiency, thus controlling our own path in the future.

It is my belief that affordable housing shortages are growing to be one of the biggest problems our communities are facing. Rising construction costs, increased land values, rising rental costs and lack of availability are ever increasing. Homeownership is becoming a dream that is increasingly harder to achieve. The need to increase housing units has never been more apparent. Getting the infrastructure in place and homes on that infrastructure has and always will be one of my top priorities as an elected representative.

In closing, let me say once again how honored my feelings are for having the opportunity to represent Unit 5 and all Sault Tribe members. It has been a term filled with adversity, successes, failures, and a sense of pride. I look forward for an opportunity to possibly represent our people for another term and humbly ask for your support.

Respectfully,

Charles J. Matson Sr.

StrongHearts Native Helpline honoring missing, murdered May 5

FROM STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

As a helpline dedicated to serving Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence, StrongHearts Native Helpline honors our relatives and communities impacted by Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) and those working to end this crisis.

StrongHearts understands the issues of MMIR are related to domestic, dating and sexual violence.

Research shows that women are more likely to be killed by an intimate partner (husband, boyfriend, same-sex partner, or ex) than by anyone else. Over 84 percent of Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime. Nationally, across all racial and ethnic groups, approximately two out of five female murder victims are killed by an intimate partner. Many killings linked to domestic violence occur right after recent breakups or during separations.

Leaving an abusive relationship is the most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Native peoples also face being killed by strangers. For Native male victims, 12.3 percent of the time, the suspect is a person known to the victim but the exact nature of the relationship was unclear. For Native female victims, 7.9 percent of the time, the suspect was or is a person known to the victim but the exact nature of the relationship was unclear.

Complicated legal systems, jurisdictional confusion, and lack of resources continue to leave many Native victims of violence and their families without support or justice.

When Native American and Alaska Native victims of intimate partner violence and sexual violence have access to culturally-appropriate advocacy, they are less likely to end up in a situation where they murdered. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a safe, anonymous

and confidential helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. StrongHearts advocates understand the unique barriers to safety and justice that Native peoples face.

Advocates are available 24/7 by texting or calling 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or via online chat at strongheartshelpline.org. Advocates can provide lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse.

How you can help

— Wear red on May 5 and post a photo on social media with the hashtag #MMIR

— Read How to Support a Loved One in an Abusive Relationship

— Read Colonization and Domestic Violence

— View and share these three new short MMIR PSAs on StrongHearts' YouTube channel.

— Like, follow and share organizations working on the

MMIR crisis on social media

— Learn about the cross-jurisdictional issues facing missing and murdered Native peoples

— Learn about your area's MMIR, their names and MMIR open and closed cases.

— Learn about your local law enforcement's definition of a missing person (child or adult) and how to advocate for yourself and your missing loved one when talking to the police. Although it's understandably a very stressful situation when you need to report a missing relative, it's important to be calm, state the facts, and be prepared to offer any helpful information that will aid a search (list of friends and acquaintances who might have information, clothing description and recent photographs).

— Engage with your local news media about MMIR

When a relative goes missing, contact your local news media to encourage them to get the word out.

— Volunteer to join searches for missing persons. Searching for a missing relative can be an emotional, overwhelming experience and especially traumatic if they are found murdered.

Talking with friends, family members, tribal and spiritual leaders, or a professional therapist can be comforting and provide strategies for processing grief.

— Attend, support or organize a community event in your area to raise awareness of MMIR — a community walk or run, vigil or fundraiser/awareness event.

— Donate to organizations working on the MMIR crisis. Organizations

— Center BIPOC voices on your platforms

— Donate to organizations doing the work

— Partner with organizations doing work on events, calls to action and awareness campaigns

— Provide information and support via employment assistance programs.

Elders enjoy in-person lunch gatherings again



Photos by Elder Service Division staff

St. Ignace elders gather for good food and company.



Sault Ste. Marie elders happy to be back to having in-person lunches.



Manistique elders gathered in person recently for their meal.



Hessel elders enjoying their afternoon meal together.



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West Point Society of Michigan sponsors STEAM event

By BRENDA AUSTIN

JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School middle school students were recently treated to a science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) event. The event was sponsored by the West Point Society of Michigan (WPSMI).

Doug McDowell, chairman of outreach efforts for the WPSMI and Vice President of McDowell & Associates, helped bring together representatives from the West Point Center for Diversity and Leadership, along with STEAM teams from Michigan State University (MSU), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and McDowell & Associates.

Students were organized into five groups, with each group completing a STEAM related task. West Point and MSU STEAM representatives had students working with circuitry and robotics; McDowell & Associates taught students about landfills and how to design and build one; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sent representatives from their office in Sault Ste. Marie and had

students designing and building bridges.

McDowell, a 1986 graduate of West Point, said this was the West Point program's first time coming to a Native American population in the U.P. "We (West Point Society of Michigan) have been looking how to diversify outreach in Michigan for some time, and I was part of a meeting with West Point about outreach to Native American students," he said. "Lee Davis from our team found the JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School, made contact, and with school leadership support, we were able to bring this event together."

McDowell said the purpose of the event was to expose students to STEAM career paths, and that West Point and MSU also used the event as an outreach opportunity to encourage students to look at different options for college.

JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School principal Carolyn S. Dale, Ph.D., told students the event was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for them to learn and ask questions about STEAM fields and specialties.



Photos by Brenda Austin
Above: Doug McDowell, chairman of outreach efforts for the West Point Society of Michigan and Vice President of McDowell & Associates, hands out t-shirts and hats to JKL Middle School students prior to the STEAM event. Right: Owen Pierce of McDowell & Associates demonstrates how to build and maintain a landfill. Students were given kits to design and build their own and competed to see whose was the best design.



Canada transfers 875,000 documents

Harvey Bell, 76, member of the Chiefs of Ontario Elders Council, lives on the US side of the border with his wife, Lisa Dietz. He held a four-day fire on the Sault Tribe reservation in anticipation of a records transfer from the Canadian government to the Centre for Truth and Reconciliation in Winnipeg.

"The government wanted to destroy these records," Bell said. "We are still finding unmarked graves," he added.

On the fourth day, Bell and his siblings Diane Boutilier, Wayne (Annette) King, his nephew Dave Kucharczyk, and Boutilier's son Harvey Hammock, joined with Language and Culture Director Cathy DeVoy, her nephew Hunter Pine and community elder Bud Biron, to end the fire with an honor song and a traveling song, sung by Biron.

Bell held the ceremony "in



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton
Harvey Bell says a prayer for all those who went to boarding schools, with his brother Wayne King to the left.

memory of all those who went to boarding schools and some who didn't make it back," said Bell. He remembered his relatives taking

the train to Spanish, bound for boarding schools.

In a January 2022 CBC Power and Politics interview, Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Marc Miller said 11 school "narratives" were being handed over. Those are documents collected throughout the school's history compiled into a report, or narrative.

The school narratives released to the center were for Assumption Indian Residential School (IRS), Fort Vermilion IRS, Grouard IRS, Sturgeon Lake IRS, Kamloops IRS, Kuper Island IRS, St. Mary's IRS, Mistassini Hostels IRS, Kivalliq Hall IRS, Fort George Anglican (St. Phillips) IRS and Norway House (United) IRS, totaling over 875,000 documents. The documents were previously withheld due to "third-party obligations" to "Catholic entities."

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Flute workshop held in Unit 1



Photos by Bud Biron
A flute making workshop was held March 19, sponsored by Unit 1 board members. Above, Robear Assinewe-Beaupre (left), Lake Superior State University's Native American Center student support advisor, joined other tribal members in making a flute. Left: Janet Liedel sands her flute. Below: Completed flutes.




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Rudyard Area School students make moccasins



Pictures by Jackie Minton

Rudyard 7-8 grade Native American Culture Class Teacher Andrew Curtis and moccasin and Anishinaabe arts helper Jackie Minton taught students how to make moccasins in January. The teachings were based on walking in our traditional 'shoes' along with how to work and sew leather, in this instance it was elk. Above left: Jasmine Hickman working on making her moccasin. Above right: Sitting L-R: Jasmine Hickman, Mayson Moses, and standing (L-R) is Nicki LaPonsie, June St. Andrew, Amber Vieau, and Kurin Barrett. Below: Mayson Moses works to follow Minton's instructions on how to make his moccasins.

Students make elk leather moccasins

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities (YEA) Coordinator for Rudyard Area Schools, Dawn Griffin, said students in her Native American Class at Rudyard Area Schools have been working on several different crafts this school year. In March they made their own leather moccasins. "We are the only public school that has done this in Michigan, possibly nationwide," she said.

Griffin has been the Rudyard Area Schools YEA coordinator for the past 14 years. Prior to her taking the position, there was a YEA coordinator located at the Kinross Recreation Center.

Griffin said the YEA program offers academic tutoring for Native students (K-12), the Tribal Youth Council (representing tribal students in the school), information for college and scholarships, field trips, the Circle of Life and Little Learners summer programs. They also have a Native Culture Class within Rudyard Area Schools that students can get credit for.

Griffin said Jackie Minton has recently accepted the position of YEA Student Assistant. If you would like information about the Rudyard Schools YEA program, email Dawn Griffin at dgriffin@saulttribe.net.



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Montana Ziems and Hanna Hensley graduate

MONTANA ZIEMS

On May 14, 2022, Sault Tribal member Montana Ziems will graduate from the University of Illinois at Champaign, Urbana. Montana will receive her Master's in Library Science from the University of Illinois, the number one rated school of library science in the United States. She is graduating with a 3.5 G.P.A.

Montana previously completed her Bachelor of Science studies, graduating from Michigan State University with a G.P.A. of 3.7 in December 2020.

While in East Lansing, she was active in the Spartan Science



Olympiad Club and the MSU History Scholars organization.

Montana has one sister, Gabriella, who lives in Rapid

River, Mich. She is the daughter of Merry Gibbons of Skandia, Mich., and the granddaughter of Mary and Robert Gibbons of Christmas, Mich.

All the ladies and much of her extended family are proud members of the Sault Tribe living throughout the Upper Peninsula.

Montana completed her high school education at Superior Central.

HANNA HENSLEY

Hanna Hensley is a dual enrolled student at Whittemore Prescott High School and Kirtland Community College. She is

the co-valedictorian of Whittemore Prescott's 2022 graduating class. Hanna is the daughter of Larry Jr. and Dana Hensley of Prescott, Mich. She is the granddaughter of Connie and Don Powell of Sterling, Mich., and Larry and Cheryl Hensley of Prescott. Hanna plans to complete her coursework at Kirtland Community College and earn an Associate of Science and Arts degree.



Training opportunities available

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

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

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

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

Please apply at WIOA at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or call Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767 for more information.

Peggy Barlett selected for 2022's 40 under 40 award

Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that Peggy Barlett has been selected as a 2022 recipient of the Native American 40 Under 40 award from The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED).

The award, established in 2009, acknowledges emerging Native American, Alaska Native and First Nation citizens between 18-39 who have demonstrated leadership, initiative and dedication to achieve significant contributions to Native communities throughout

North America.

Barlett is senior counsel for the firm's Healthcare group and is based in its Madison office. She focuses her practice on healthcare transactions and healthcare contracts counseling. She is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The mission of The NCAIED is to develop and expand the American Indian/Alaska Native private sector by providing and facilitating high-quality development and support services to



native-owned businesses, tribal enterprises and individuals.

Elder Employment Program positions announcement

If interested in the following jobs, please reply to: WIOA / Senior Employment Program Attention: Brenda Cadreau, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783, (906) 635-4767, bcadreau@saulttribe.net.

Kincheloe:

Job title: Office Support
Location: ACFS, 60 Kincheloe, Kincheloe, Mich.
Classification: Part-time/regular (14 hours per week)

Position summary:
Responsible for providing clerical support services to all Anishnaabek Community and Family Services Staff.

Job Specifications: Must be a Sault Tribe member age 60 or over and reside within the seven-county service area. Must have a basic knowledge of how to work all office equipment and able to lift up to 20 pounds. Must undergo a Criminal background

investigation and complete and pass pre-employment drug testing.

Pay: \$13.072 per hour. Open until filled.

St. Ignace:

Job title: Office support
Location: Sault Tribe Health and Human Services, 1140 N. State St., St. Ignace, Mich.
Classification: Part-time/regular (14 hours per week)

Directly responsible for providing clerical support services to all Health and Human Services staff.

Job specifications: Must be a Sault Tribe member age 60 or over and reside within the seven-county service area. Must have a basic knowledge of how to work all office equipment and able to lift up to 20 pounds. Must undergo a criminal background investigation and complete and pass pre-employment drug test-

ing.

Pay: \$13.072 per hour. Open until filled.

Marquette:

Job title: Community Health Program Clerk
Classification: Part-Time/Regular - (14 Hours per week)
Location: Marquette Tribal Community Health Center, 1229 West Washington Street, Suite 1

Program: Senior Employment

Position summary:
Responsible for providing clerical support and program resource, consultation and coordination services to the Community Health Program and staff located at the center.

Must be a Sault Tribe member age 60 or over and reside within the seven-county service area, undergo a criminal background investigation and pre-employment drug testing.

Pay: \$13.07 per hour.

Gas Stations offering Sault Tribe member discounts

The following gas stations are offering discounts to Sault Tribe members.

Tribally owned — Offering Gas and Cigarette Discounts

MidJim Convenience Store, 2205 Shunk Rd, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

MidJim Convenience Store II, 3045 Mackinac Trail, St Ignace, MI 49781

Tribally owned — Offering Gas discount only

White Pine Lodge, 7889 E, W. M-28, Christmas, MI 49862

Non Tribal owned Stations — Offering Gas discount only

Newberry BP Express Mart, 13975 M-28, Newberry, MI 49868

Freedom Value Center, 501 W. Washington St., Marquette,

MI 49855

Manistique Oil company, 216 Deer St., Manistique, MI 46854

Carnes BP, 2300 Ludington St. Escanaba, MI 49837

Kinross BP Local Express, 4440 Tone Rd, Kincheloe, MI 49788

Cedar Pantry, 159 W M-134, Cedarville, MI 49719

USA Demolition Derby 2022: Night of Destruction

USA Demolition Derby is back for a Night of Destruction on Saturday, July 16, at Kewadin Casino St. Ignace! The gate opens at 4 p.m. and the destruction starts at 8 p.m. Come early to enjoy local food truck vendors and the beverage tent!

By definition, a demolition derby is full of hard hitting action with the main goal of being the last car moving. You won't want to miss this night of destruction!

This is an all ages event located outdoor at Kewadin Casino St. Ignace.

On-site parking available at no extra cost.

Ticket Prices: Adult (13 & Up): \$16 USD. Child (3-12): \$9 USD. Kids age two and below are free. Ticket fee included in price. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit tickets.kewadin.com or www.kewadin.com.

Bahweting Singers Open Drum Practice

Sundays @ 3:00pm

At the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building.

Aaniin Kina'weya (Hello Everyone).

For over 30 years, the Bahweting Singers have been an integral part of this community. We have provided a safe place to learn about our Anishinaabe Biimaadiziiwin (Traditional Life) and Ceremonies throughout this time. We invite our people to join us each week. Our youth who attend will have the opportunity to learn about who they are as Anishinaabe, as well as our Traditional and Ceremonial teachings. We promote sobriety and healing for our people, and ask those who attend to do so as well with respect and acceptance for all.

For more information, please contact Josh at 906-748-0377 or Bud at 906-203-7920

Dental program director Dr. Drockton receives award

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Health Division Director Dr. Leo Chugunov nominated Dr. David Drockton, director of the health division's dental program, for a Bemidji Area Indian Health Service (IHS) director's award. Drockton was nominated for exceptional leadership in carrying out a historic upgrade of the Sault Tribe Health Center's Dental Department.

Drockton will be accepting his award June 10 at an official IHS ceremony in Minneapolis, Minn.

Following is the narrative that Chugunov submitted nominating Drockton for the award: In 2021, Dr. Drockton led the dental team through a major and much needed upgrade of the dental department in the Sault Tribe Health Center. Dr. Drockton carefully planned the renovation to ensure that service to tribal patients would not be interrupted. He established a temporary clinic on a different floor. Because of Dr. Drockton's exceptional organizational skills, the transition



Photo by Emma Wallis

Dental Assistant Jenine Brown and Dental Director Dr. David Drockton working on a patient.

went smoothly. All of this was accomplished at a record time in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain crisis. Dr. Drockton's vision for the project allowed the dental depart-

ment to expand services without utilizing any new space in the tribal health center. Dr. Drockton brought the latest and best technologies to the renovated dental department. Once reopened in

Dec. 2021, the state-of-the-art dental department clearly exceeded expectations of both tribal patients and team members.

Drockton said, "This award really belongs to all of the people who made the renovation possible. The support of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, (Executive Director) Christine McPherson and Dr. Chugunov facilitated the renovation of the dental space that had been built in 1995. We were also very appreciative of the dental staff and patients who endured many months of delays and inconveniences. We could not have done this without help from Joel Lumsden, Charlie Waucaush and his staff to coordinate the work of the contractors. In the end, we have a wonderful, new dental treatment area in Sault Ste. Marie that uses many of the newest technologies to provide safe care in a pleasant, clean environment."

The Bemidji Area Director's Award recognizes service signifi-

cantly advancing the IHS mission and goals through enhancements supporting IHS strategic goals, which include ensuring comprehensive, culturally appropriate personal and public health services are available and accessible to tribal members; promoting excellence and quality through innovation; and strengthening IHS program management and operations.

Criteria for nomination include: Exceptional initiative and leadership in carrying out projects to improve program operations; unusual acts of competence, compassion, or heroism; outstanding contributions to a committee or task force addressing Bemidji Area-wide policies, procedures, or operations; outstanding efforts in applying technical or clerical support skills to accomplish the IHS mission; skill and leadership in administration, knowledge dissemination, technology transfer, skill building; displays of management ability, proficiency, and customer service.

Behavioral Health offers help for substance use treatment

As rates of substance use and mental health disorders among Native Americans and Alaska Natives continue to climb, the importance of access to proper care is becoming increasingly obvious. Many factors contribute to the high rates of substance use and mental health disorder among Indigenous populations, including exposure to traumatic events, generational trauma, family disruptions, lateral violence, low socioeconomic status, and experiencing ongoing discrimination, racism

and continued social injustices.

As our community continues to heal from generational trauma, violence and the COVID-19 pandemic, we must also help those who are still in need. The Sault Tribe Health Division strives to improve access to patient-centered care that is grounded in cultural values and beliefs. The Sault Tribe Behavioral Health and Traditional Medicine departments recognize the benefits of integrating cultural practices into mental health and substance use

treatment. Compassionate staff support community members in working to reduce trauma symptoms or substance misuse. We strive to assist members in building healthy communication skills, fostering greater self-acceptance and self-esteem, and receiving support for spiritual, mental, physical and emotional needs. These help to provide the foundation for healthy lifestyles and relationships. We value an accepting and positive approach to harm reduction services in order to promote health in a way

that meets individuals where they are at. We offer information regarding harm reduction resources in the area and have Narcan Nasal Spray available to community members free of charge.

The Behavioral Health Department offers resources for substance use treatment, as well as Peer Recovery Coaching to support individuals in each stage of their recovery journey. Wellbriety is a 12-step approach to sobriety and recovery in the Native American way. Meetings

are offered each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Niigaanagizhik Cultural Building, 11 Ice Circle in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

It is with these goals in mind that we offer cultural approaches to mental health and substance use treatment and recovery. If you would like more information on the services and support available to you or someone you know, please call Sault Tribe Behavioral Health or Traditional Medicine at (906) 632-5200.

April 2022 is recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month

BY ASHLEY MORROW, PROJECT SPECIALIST, ANISHNAABEK COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES

April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is observed to raise public awareness about child abuse and neglect.

Child abuse and neglect often takes place in the home at the hands of a person the child knows well, and could include a parent, grandparent, babysitter, live together partner, or friend of the family.

There are four major types of child maltreatment, and many times they occur concurrently. Each state and tribe is responsible for establishing its own definitions of child abuse and neglect that meet federal minimum standards.

Most include the following:

- Neglect is failure to provide for a child's basic needs.
- Physical abuse is physical injury as a result of hitting, kicking, shaking, burning, or otherwise harming a child.
- Sexual abuse is any situation where a child is used for sexual gratification. This may include indecent exposure, fondling, rape, or commercial exploitation.
- Emotional abuse is any

pattern of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development of sense of self-worth, including constant criticism, threats, and rejection.

How can I help?

— Be a nurturing parent, children need to know that they are loved and capable.

— Parenting isn't easy, help a friend, neighbor, or relative when needed.

— Help yourself, take a break when you need one.

— Get involved in your community to help meet the needs of children and families.

— Report suspected abuse or neglect.

Making a report of suspected abuse or neglect can often lead to getting parents and children the necessary services and assistance to improve their current circumstances, and ensure a safe environment for the entire family. Parenting is one of the hardest and most important jobs anyone can do. We all have a stake in ensuring parents have access to the support they need to be successful.

Children who are abused and neglected may suffer immediate physical injuries such as cuts, bruises, or broken bones. They may also have emotional and psychological problems, such as anxiety or post-traumatic

stress. The impact of abuse is far greater than its immediate, visible effects. Over the long term, children who are abused or neglected are also at increased risk for experiencing future violence, victimization, substance abuse, delayed brain development, lower educational attainment, and limited employment opportunities. Chronic abuse may result in toxic stress, which can change brain development and increase the risk for problems like posttraumatic stress disorder and learning, attention and memory difficulties.

There are a number of family support programs

offered through Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) that are in place to assist children and families within the tribe's seven-county service area. The primary goal of these programs is to help parents of tribal children with a variety of resources and support to ensure that their children are safe, protected, and cared for.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about family support programs or requesting services offered through ACFS please call (800) 726-0093 or (906) 632-5250.

To report a case of suspected abuse or neglect of a child

please contact the Michigan Department of Human Services Child Protective Services 24-hour intake hotline at (855) 444-3911, or ACFS at (800) 726-0093. All calls are confidential and reporting sources are protected by law.

Child Abuse Prevention Month is an opportunity to highlight the role we all can play to support parents and families. We all share the responsibility to protect children from abuse and neglect. They might seem like small steps, but your help is essential in order for children, families and communities to get the help they need, and start to heal.

Sexual violence intersectionality with intimate partner violence

Sexual violence is a widespread epidemic that takes many forms which may be perpetrated either by strangers or by individuals that the victim knows.

Enforcement of strict gender roles, body shaming, groping, covert condom removal and unconsented sharing of sexual photographs are only a few types of power and control tactics used to perpetrate sexual violence within intimate relationships.

A major societal misconception is that sexual violence does not happen within intimate partner relationships. Historically, women were seen as property, which perpetuated the faulty belief that being married or being in a committed relationship automatically implied consent to any and all types of sexual activity. This misconception could not be farther from the truth. Any unwanted sexual

activity that a person experiences from another person, whether a stranger or someone the victim knows, is a sexual assault, sexual abuse, or rape. Period.

If you are a victim of any type of sexual violence, the Advocacy Resource Center has a variety of available supportive services.

For more information, contact the Advocacy Resource Center at (906) 632-1808 or toll free (877) 639-7820.

Walking on...

ROBERT HUGH DERUSHA

Robert Hugh DeRusha, 79, of St. Ignace, Mich., died on April 8, 2022, in Petoskey, Mich. He was born on Feb. 8, 1943, in Detroit, Mich., to Donald Robert "Peg" and Jane Eileen (McDonnell) DeRusha.



Bob grew up in St. Clair Shores, Mich. After high school he attended Michigan State University. He eventually moved to the Eastern Upper Peninsula and settled in St. Ignace.

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

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating. He liked to be outdoors or driving in his truck.

Bob is survived by his cousin, Robert McDonnell of Livonia, Mich.; sons, Danny DeRusha of Marine City, Mich., and Eric DeRusha of West Bloomfield, Mich.; grandchildren, Danielle and Lily and his sisters, Beverly Moscatello of California and Barbara (Bob Livieratos) DeRusha of Florida.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, a brother-in-law, Ory Moscatello, and many close cousins and family members.

A celebration of life was held on April 21, 2022, at the Caffey Cemetery in Rexton, Mich.,

where Robert will be laid to rest.

Memorial contributions may be made to U.S. Vets at National Office c/o Development Office, 800 W. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Galer Funeral Homes and Cremation of Pickford, Mich., handled services for the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneral-homes.com.

WILLIAM "BILL" FRANCIS TOLAN

William "Bill" Francis Tolan, 79, passed away in Muskegon on Thursday, March 17, 2022. Bill was born in Lansing, Mich., on July 3, 1942, to his parents Harold and Bernice (Anderson) Tolan.



He graduated from Resurrection High School in Lansing in 1961 and then served in the Army as a Supply Specialist from 1961 to 1963 at Fort Richardson in Alaska. After his service, he went to Wayne State University, from which he graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts in education. On April 8, 1967, Bill married the former Lorene "Lori" Schuster and they spent nearly 50 wonderful years together in marriage until she preceded him in death

in 2016. Bill taught in multiple schools throughout his career, but most notable was the 28 years he spent teaching industrial arts for Whitehall Public Schools. Bill also was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Bill loved to play cards, especially cribbage. He liked fishing and woodworking, and he was a fan of classic country music and pineapple upside down cake, but more than anything else he loved to spend time with his family.

Bill will be lovingly remembered by his son, Greg (Vicki) Tolan; two granddaughters, Haley and Jordyn Tolan; four siblings, Mary (Jack) Weber, Jim Tolan, Joe (Alaine) Tolan and Catherine Hollowell; Lori's four siblings, Marlene Burke, William (Carol) Schuster, Darlene Koskyn and Ron Schuster; former sister-in-law, Judie Tolan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lori; sister, Anne Tolan; siblings-in-law, Gloria Tolan and Richard Hollowell; and two of Lori's siblings-in-law, Norman Koskyn and Teddi Schuster. The family would like to give special thanks to Bill's caretaker, Shelby Schmidt, for her compassionate care over the last few years. A visitation for Bill took place April 9 at the Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services in Norton Shores, Mich. A Funeral Mass was held on April 11 at St. James Catholic Church in Montague, Mich., with

visitation an hour prior. Military Honors were held at Fruitland Township Cemetery after the mass. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory can be made out to the American Legion Post #69. Please sign the family's online guestbook and share memories at sytsmafah.com.

BRIAN R. KELLY

Brian R. Kelly, 68, of Aurora, Illinois, passed away suddenly on Jan. 7, 2022, at Rush Copley Hospital. Brian was a resident of Aurora for 38 years. He was the founder and proud owner of BDK Floor Sanding. Brian loved all the Chicago Sports teams: Cubs, Hawks, Bears, all except the White Sox, and he despised the Green Bay Packers! Brian loved his movies and was an avid follower of the Three Stooges and The Honeymooners. He was also a fan and follower of the Star Wars movies.



Brian was the beloved husband of Deborah (nee Banks) for 47 years; son of Marjorie L. Kelly and the late William R. Kelly; loving brother of Delora J. (Isaac) Davenport of Warrenville, Janiece L. Kelly of Villa Park, Annette F. (Edward) Kelly of Plainfield, Ill., Caryn R. (George) Arnold of Lombard, Ill., Sharon L. (Paul

Bojan) of Lombard, Ill., and Shawn W. (Jennifer) Kelly of South Elgin, Ill., and the late Mark O. Kelly of Warrenville.

Brian was dearly loved by his many nieces and nephews; Jodi, LaReyna, Jason and Tim Davenport; Eric, Katelyn, Michelle and Scotty Kelly; Alyssa, Breanna, Kaylee and Mason Arnold; Alex, Mitchell, Jacob and Joshua Bojan; Lisa Kelly; Liam, Kiera and Sawyer Kelly, along with many great nieces and nephews. A special mention for Deborah's cousins Joanna and James Jancik, whom Brian cared for dearly. Brian especially loved his two dogs, Snowy and Lacey. Brian was a very loving husband, son, brother, and uncle who will be missed terribly. Visitation was held on Jan. 18 at Brust Funeral Home in Lombard. A brief prayer service followed. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, Attn: Memorial/Tribute Processing Center, 3816 Paysphere Cir., Chicago, IL 60674, would be appreciated.

NANCY J. FLYNN

Nancy J. Flynn, 72, of Gladstone, Mich., passed away surrounded by her family on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba, Mich.

She was born June 21, 1949, at home in St. Ignace, Mich., the daughter of Francis and Ethel

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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE VOTE KIM GRAVELLE UNIT 1

It has been an honor to serve as your Unit 1 Board Representative for the past four years. I would appreciate your support for re-election. We need to focus expansion on our elder programs, programs for our youth (education, budgeting employment, health). Soon enough this generation will be our future leaders. Family and culture are some of the most important resources in a tribal community.

Working with my fellow Board of Directors we were instrumental in passing a resolution that guaranteed tribal employees a COLA annually (one of my top priorities) a match for our 401K Retirement Plan, a \$3.00 ph raise, a new day care center and additional housing. We've purchased land to enhance the JKL Bahweting Anishnabe PSA. I've stayed at the forefront of the opioid crisis that's affecting Indian Country and our nation and will ensure we are fighting for and staying on top this epidemic. As a tribal member, with a family that is actively involved in our community, I am committed to the members, cultural and history of our Tribe. I'm hard-working and dedicated and will represent all tribal members with integrity professionalism. With the right leadership we have a bright future.

Tribal Committees:

Early Head Start
Gaming Authority
Gaming Commission
TAP Advisory
JKL Fiduciary
Special Needs Enrollment
Sault Tribe Wellness Committee
Pow Wow Planning Group

Experience/Trainings:

Tribal Elections Training
Basic Indian Law
Tribal Enrollment Training
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act
Ethics Training
Supervisor Management Skills
Records Management
American Genealogy Course
VFW Volunteer
Retired BIA Employee

Committees:

Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society
LSSU Native American Advisory Council
Title VII Indian Education Program
ative American Retention Task Force
LSSU Native Conference Committee
Constitution Convention Committee
Combined Federal Campaign
American Red Cross Committee
Lifetime VFW Auxiliary Member
River of History Museum

PRIORITIES

- *Improve our government through leadership that respects your opinion and ensures your voice is heard.
- *Allow our program directors to do their jobs without interference.
- *Invest in all tribal families through improved housing & child care.
- *Invest in our youth through better funding for education/programs. (Trade/Vocational Schools)
- *Invest in our elders by increasing services.
- *Diversify our businesses and enhance casino operations. (Promote Class III Gaming)
- *Strategic Planning for future generations.

You can contact me at:
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I sincerely thank you for your support and respectfully ask for your vote and the vote of your family members. We can accomplish great things if we focus and work together. Miigwech.

This ad is endorsed by Kim Gravelle.

Walking on...

From "Walking on," page 21 (Ney) LaJoice. Nancy attended Ursuline Academy Catholic



School and graduated from LaSalle High School in 1967. She was united in marriage to Thomas Flynn on Sept. 2, 1967, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church and together they welcomed three daughters, Rebecca, Shelley and Kathleen.

Nancy worked at Pemble's Grocery in St. Ignace until the family moved to Lapeer, Mich., and eventually made their permanent home in Gladstone. She enjoyed reading, bird watching and spending time with her family. She enjoyed traveling with her husband Tom and her favorite place to be was Disney land. Nancy was an excellent cook and her fried chicken and baked beans will be missed.

She is survived by her husband, Tom of Gladstone; her three daughters, Rebecca (Roger) Swiger, Kathleen (Bryan) Gray and Shelley (Randy) Baumgartner; grandchildren, Heather (Kevin) Magness, Hannah, Harmon and Holden Swiger, Ariel (Damon) Huston,

Nicholas (Hika) Flynn, Kyle (Jaclyn) Luft, Avery Luft and Nicole Baumgartner; five great-grandchildren, Parker, Sophia, Rhyland, Bellamy and Emily; and several nieces and nephews. Nancy was especially close to her nieces, Lori and Stephanie.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Greg, David and Michael.

The family received friends at the Skradski Funeral Home in Gladstone on April 9 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Perkins, Mich., with Fr. William Ssozi officiating. Nancy will be laid to rest in the St. Ignatius Loyola Cemetery in St. Ignace.

For additional information or to leave a message of condolence, go to www.skradskifuneralhomes.com.

WILLIAM "BILL" TODD GREEN

William "Bill" Todd Green, 51, passed away on March 10, 2022, at his home in St. Ignace, Mich., with his family by his side. He was born on June 19, 1970, in St. Ignace, to parents Joseph Gerald and Patricia Elizabeth (Closs) Green.

Bill grew up in his hometown



of St. Ignace where he graduated from LaSalle High School. After graduation, he started working with Tom Huskey Construction and after many years, he opened his own construction business, Bill Green Builders, and raised his two sons. He was a master carpenter for most of his career, working alongside his close family and friends.

Bill was a hard worker and an amazing person. His work included doing anything that needed to be taken care of and helping anyone that needed help—no matter the time or place. He always had a positive attitude, which touched countless lives. Bill especially loved to spend time with friends and family who will miss him dearly.

Bill is survived by his sons, Bill Green Jr. of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Gavin Green of St. Ignace; daughters, Jasmine and Joselyn Convery of St. Ignace; brothers, Joseph (Tiffany) Green of Moran, Mich., and Brian (Linda) Green of St. Ignace; sisters, Kim (Dennis) Murphy of Howell, Mich., and Crystal (Mike) McGrath of St. Ignace, as well as many nieces and nephews and great friends.

Bill is preceded in death by his grandparents and many aunts and uncles.

Memorial Services were held at Galer Dodson's Funeral Home in St. Ignace, on March 25, 2022, with the service following. A celebration of life was held at the

VFW following his service. Memorial donations in Bill's memory may be left to Crystal McGrath for funeral expenses. Galer Funeral Homes and Cremation in Pickford, Mich., served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

JOHN "JACK" PRUITT

Born March 7, 1932, in Detroit, Mich., to John and Loretta (Gerux) Pruitt, John "Jack" Pruitt, long-time Port Orford resident, beloved father, retired firefighter, wood sculptor, Korean War veteran, skilled carpenter and local activist, passed away peacefully Feb. 28, 2022.



A free spirit who lived for the west nearly 50 years ago, Jack, animated by his love of nature, could often be seen walking his beloved border collie, Annie, at Battle Rock beach. His many friends who showed up at a memorial held at the Port Orford Library a day before what would have been his 90th birthday, attested to Jack's oversized presence, his spirited conversationalism, love of family, and the many distinctive skills he possessed, amongst which were the homes he constructed in and around Port Orford and the gazebo he donated

to the library.

In his late-70s, captivated by the headlands, Jack took on the role of caretaker at the Cape Blanco Lighthouse where he was responsible for maintaining the 59-foot tower and providing guided tours to visitors.

The many peace signs and hearts he painted along Hwy 101 captured his maverick spirit. A committed member of the local chapter of Indivisible, Jack refused to tolerate even the slightest hint of creeping fascism. His convictions were renowned, but even some of his fiercest critics admired the vigor with which he held to his beliefs. Even in later years when getting around presented a challenge, Jack could often be found at Port Orford rallies in support of the many progressive causes he championed. A descendant of Irish immigrants and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Jack would witness the Detroit Race Riot of 1943 firsthand. Almost a quarter century later, in the throes of a series of four-alarm fires that would engulf his city during the July 1967 riots, Jack, a member of the Detroit Fire Department, would spring into action with the weight of rawhide hoses, receiving commendations for heroic bravery.

Even half a century after his Midwest departure, his many nieces and nephews back in Michigan speak fondly of their

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VOTE NICHOLE CAUSLEY

Unit 1 Board of Director Candidate



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Transparency

- ✓ Code of Ethics with Financial Sanctions.
- ✓ Open meetings, shared recordings of meetings, financials audits
- ✓ Increase out of service area participation through technology.

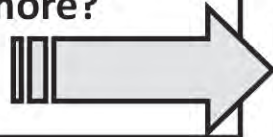
Diversification

- ✓ Sustainable Energy Sources: Wind Energy, Solar Energy, Recycling.
- ✓ Food Sovereignty. Agricultural greenhouses, gardens, hydro planting.
- ✓ Increased Return on Investments.

Vision for the Next 7 Generations

- ✓ Implement minimum wage at \$15 hr, adjust other wages accordingly
- ✓ Increase & Expand Educational/Vocational Training Opportunities for all members
- ✓ Increase out of service area participation in cultural revitalization using technology
- ✓ Increased YEA Funding
- ✓ Teen / Cultural Drop In Centers, Agreements
- ✓ Increase Return on Investments

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Endorsed by Committee to Elect Nichole Causley

Walking on continued

From "Walking on," page 22 much beloved "Uncle Johnny." Jack's greatest joy was his family. His eldest child, Echo, inherited his passion for social justice and devotion to family as the mother to his two grandsons, Clark and Altan, who listed grandpa Jack as their "favorite real-life hero." Through his son Jasper, his love of adventure and wandering spirit lives on. His youngest, MarVi, who shares his rabble-rousing spirit, was his partner in activism. He loved his children unconditionally and would say, "Any day that I get to talk to my kids is a day worth living."

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister. He is survived by his three children, two grandchildren, the mother of his children, a sister and two brothers. He will be deeply missed for the rest of our days.

JOHN W. MCDONALD

John William McDonald, 73, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away Jan. 25, 2022, at War



Memorial Hospital.

John was born on July 13, 1948, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to the late John and Fern (Boville) McDonald. He graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1969. He served his country in the U.S. Airforce during the Vietnam War spending most of his time in Italy. Later he joined the Army National Guard.

On June 7, 1975, he married Phyllis Darr at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. John enjoyed being outside and going camping. John loved being with his grandchildren. John was an avid bowler. He bowled in two different leagues. He enjoyed watching

wrestling, traveling, camping and swimming with his grandchildren. He loved his dog, Baby Girl. He was also a member of the Sault Tribe.

John is survived by his wife Phyllis McDonald, three sons John (Tiffany Krusell) McDonald of Onaway, Joe (Holly Brooks) McDonald of Sault Ste. Marie, and James (Jessica Cunneen) McDonald of Sault Ste. Marie; his grandchildren Felicia, Aden, John, Geoffrey, Shawn, Damon, Raven, Rhiannon, Jayden, Charles, Colton and Jaslynn; and his great-grandchildren Viktor, Desmond, Asher and Kaden. He is also survived by his siblings Brian (Margaret) Bell, Sandy McClellan, Janet McDonald, Danny McDonald, Catherine (Steve) McDonald and Lori McDonald, all of Sault Ste. Marie, and Lynn (Donald) Marble of Brimley.

John is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Christine McDonald.

A memorial service was held

at Niigaanagizhik Cultural Center on Jan. 30, 2022. Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in the spring.

PEARL T. MENARD

Pearl Theresa (McCoy) Menard, 93, of Sugar Island, Mich., passed away April 4, 2022, in White Wiles Assisted Living's Hospice Room in Rudyard, Mich.



Pearl was born on June 14, 1928, on Sugar Island to the late Fred P. and Emma B. (Rickley) McCoy. On Aug. 17, 1946, Pearl married Alvin J. Menard at Holy Angels Church on Sugar Island with Father Joseph Lawless officiating. She was a member of the of Sault Tribe, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Ladies Guild and St. Anthony's Guild at St. Joseph Church. Her family was everything to her. Pearl enjoyed playing

the guitar, piano and singing with her family. She was an avid reader and a devout Catholic.

Pearl is survived by her husband, Alvin J. Menard; her children, Sue (Jim) Young, Alvin B. Menard, Fred Menard and Irene Menard, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., David (Leona) Menard of Sugar Island, Catherine (Dan) Erickson of Kincheloe, Mich., Annette (Don) Smith of Indiana and Michelle (Mike) Hults of New York; 25 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents; two children, Terry Menard and Antoinette Menard; two brothers and seven sisters.

A Memorial Mass was held April 11 at the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church with Father Nick Thompson as celebrant.

C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services handled the arrangements. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

Sault Tribe board approves March resolutions

A regular meeting of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors was held March 15, 2022, in Sault Ste. Marie at the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center. The board discussed and passed 13 resolutions, 11 by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-85:

Continuing Funding Authority for Fiscal Year 2023, April to March — The board approved continuing funding for the specified cost centers for fiscal year 2023, at their 2022 spending levels, for a period not to exceed 90 days.

86: Buildings – Child Advocacy Center, Establish FY 2022 Budget — The board approved the establishment of a FY 2022 budget for the new Child Advocacy Center Building with Other Revenue monies of \$31,456.44.

87: ACFS – OVC Tribal Victim Services Set Aside CC12411, FY 2022 Budget Modification — The board approved the FY 2022 budget modification for OVC Tribal Victim Services Set Aside to decrease Department of Justice Federal Revenue monies \$73,289.54. This budget modification will change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses.

88: ACFS – OVC Tribal Victim Services Set Aside CC12071, FY 2022 Budget Modification — The board approved the FY 2022 budget modification for OVC Tribal Victim Services Set Aside to increase Department of Justice Federal Revenue monies \$17,137.87. This budget modification will change the personnel and reallocate expenses.

89: Economic Development FY 2022 Budget Modification — The board approved the FY 2022 budget modification to EDC for a decrease in Tribal Support of \$483,307.60, and an increase in Other Revenue of \$537,209.45.

90: Authorizing Construction Management Services Agreement — Sault Tribe Inc. owns 51 percent of Binesi Contracting LCC, a contracting company with large construction and project man-

agement capabilities. The tribe has determined it is in the best interest of the tribe and tribal membership to streamline the procurement and construction process to facilitate current and future construction projects, aide in addressing the current work load on existing tribal staff, and maximize cost savings by utilizing the expertise of Binesi Construction. The board authorized a sole source award to Binesi Construction LLC to provide construction management services to the Sault Tribe, as negotiated between the tribe's CFO and Binesi Contracting LLC.

91: Sault Tribe Corporate Charter Board Appointment Approval — Rod Blanchard has

been appointed to the Corporate Board of Directors of Sault Tribe Inc. for a term expiring June 30, 2023, replacing the vacant seat of Scott LaVictor.

92: Trust Land Lease Cancellation for 2300 Shawano Dr. — Cancellation approved.

93: Trust Land Lease for 2300 Shawano Dr. — Lease approved.

94: Authorization to Negotiate, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Property Acquisition — Property purchase approved.

95: U.S. Department of the Treasury, FY 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Policy Amended — The purpose of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program is to provide financial assistance and housing stability services to eligible tribal families,

including but not limited to, rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs and utilities and home energy cost arrears, for persons of low income.


The board approved the FY 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Policy, as it was presented. Due to the frequently updated Treasury guidance on implementation requirements of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, the board delegated to STHA the authority to revise the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Policy as necessary to carry out the program and maintain compliance with federal requirements. The board also authorized the Emergency Rental Assistance

Program eligibility open to all enrolled members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians residing within the United States who qualify for the program.

96: Opposition to Senate Bill 251 — The board finds that State of Michigan Senate Bill 251 is directly adverse to the treaty fishing rights and interests of the tribe and opposes Senate Bill 251.

97: Authorization to Negotiate Property Acquisition, 5722 W. US 2, Manistique, Mich. — The board approved the purchase of the property.

To view these and previously passed resolutions in their entirety, go to www.saulttribe.com.



Vote: Sheila BERGER

Unit 1 - Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Dear Sault Tribe Members: After years of serving you as a Membership Liaison in the Tribal Chairperson's Office, I have learned the needs of our Members and now wish to serve & represent you directly. I believe our Tribal government has lost its way & service ethic. My education (Bachelor's in Business) & Experience has prepared me to serve you. A vote for me is a vote to return our sense of community. I would appreciate your vote when the ballots are mailed on April 28th.

~ Thank you, Sheila

RESPECT OUR ELDER'S

- Fully Replenish Tribal Elder Fund
- Increase Annual Elder Checks
- Add to the Elder Fund Principal
- Medicare Health Supplemental
- Increase Elder Heating/ Cooling
- Expand Elder Recreation Funds
- Expand Elder Meal Program
- Elder Video Historical Archives

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

- Vastly Expand Free Childcare
- After School Services for Unit 1
- Cultural Teachings & Recreation
- Child College-Fund Contribution
- Family Supports & Counseling
- New Family Financial Planning
- Mortgage Down Payment Funds
- Expand Higher Ed Funds by 3X

TRIBAL GOVT REFORMS

- 3 Branch Separation of Powers
- Real Due Process Guarantee
- Elected Judges with Law Degrees
- Elected Tribal Attorney General
- Transparency & Real F.O.I.A.
- Enact Tribal Labor Laws
- Termination Appeal Rights & Laws
- Tribal Member Promotion Policy

AT LARGE MEMBERS

- Enact Revenue Allocation Plan
- Strategic Plan to Benefit All
- Equity in Federal Relief Funding
- Automatic Voter Registration
- Add Unit 6 & At Large Unit Rep
- Bi-Annual At Large Meetings
- At Large Member Health Access
- At Large Membership Liaisons

"I Would Appreciate the Opportunity to Advocate for All Members Everywhere!"

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Sault Tribe Thrive Business Directory

Thank you to all the Sault Tribe member-owned businesses who have reached out and contacted us so far. Another month of continued GROWTH! If your business is not listed, please contact us so we can get you or your business set up with our office and into the directory going forward. We will update the list as needed and republishing every month to ensure new members and changes are seen consistently. The Sault Tribe Thrive office is here to help any and all Sault Tribe member-owned businesses.

If you have not already please check out our new website and social media sites at <https://saulttribethrive.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/saulttribethrive>.
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At this point, I believe the censure process should be turned over to the U.S. Attorney's Office and Department of Justice and to investigate anyone who may have conspired with removal petitioners to undo your elective choice for chairperson. — Chairperson Aaron A Payment.

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Aaniin, Boozhoo, Nijii:

First, let's start with a positive. When I served as president of United Tribes of Michigan, I proposed for the new Michigan Economic Development Chief Executive Officer Quentin Messer to meet with each tribal chair at our reservations to discuss how the MEDC could better serve our tribal economies as a critical part of the economic engine for Michigan and as an integral component of Pure Michigan with value added by marketing our powwows, arts and crafts and cultural teachings as tourist plan their vacation destinations.

I was able to share the history of the role of the original 1993 Indian Gaming Compacts for creating the Michigan Strategic Fund which evolved into the MEDC. I also reminded the MEDC CEO to honor and give fidelity to tribes for our role in creating this fund. He was appreciative and announced the hire back to the MEDC of our tribal member Terri Fitzpatrick who is the MEDC Chief Real Estate Development and Engagement Officer. Terri is from St. Ignace and has long been a friend. I am excited about how this will evolve opportunities for tribes. I invited all of the members of the board of directors to attend and was joined by Board Reps Betty Freiheit and Austin Lowes.

**SOUND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT?**

Recently, you are seeing a lot election time spin to boast about how successful our economic development has been over the last few years. Make no mistake, this is more about tooting your own horn during election time than a more substantive read out of our successes. Of course, we want to be successful but operating blissfully ignorant with blinders on is no different today than the mid-1990s when the tribe spent over \$50 million on race cars, airplanes or 50/50



L to R: Board Reps. Austin Lowes & Betty Freiheit, CEO Quentin Messer, me and Terri Fitzpatrick with MEDC

partnerships where the partners put no money down. The wasteful and foolish way the tribe went about "developing" economics was what is called "supply side" economic development where an organization covers all of the start-up or fixed costs then claims success in looking only at gross revenues. Anyone can portray economic success if they never have to deduct the fix costs from the demand curve in an economic development calculation.

While we all want to believe the best and to have a positive orientation of how your elected leaders are acting in your best interests, we must never become complacent and blissfully ignorant to the facts. I noticed last fall, several board members touting the success of Sault Tribe Inc. in presenting a large check over to the tribe. It is important to note that 99 percent of this check and the photo opp was due to our Internet gaming project for which WinnBet is managing our Internet gaming. If you didn't know better, you'd imagine that the ST Inc. generated millions and presented a check to the tribe. I want them to be successful, but this appeared nothing more than a smoke and mirrors stunt. The more informed question to ask is, what is the net gain outside of Internet gaming the EDC or ST Inc. can point to from any new EDC initiatives. When I say net, this should include deductions for staff salaries that the tribal governmental side paid as start up for the last five years.

**HARVARD PROJECT?
TRIBAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Lately, I have heard the empty justification that we are following the "Harvard Project" for tribal economic development, which portends to insulated sound economic development decision making from a lay board of directors who are elected based on politics where no one ever determines if candidates can even balance a check book. We are in an election cycle but a fair question to ask is if any decision makers have ever filed for bankruptcy or found their names in legal notices for failure to pay their bills.

Early in my professional career and doctoral studies, I examined the Harvard Tribal Economic Development model. Additionally, over the years, I have come to personally know Joseph Kalt, who heads the American Indian Economic Development Project at Harvard. I have worked with him on var-

ious projects through NCAI.

While I agree with the concept of keeping lay board members with no personal business experience far from tribal investments, I know that he would cringe at the structure we have set up that divorces our tribal Board of Directors from their fiduciary duty in ensuring our tribal assets and capital are invested wisely.

**DIRECTOR McKELVIE
WARNED US!**

When setting up the contract between Sault Tribe Inc. and the tribe's EDC, ST Inc. hesitated entering the contract when the tribe's attorney insisted we have full access to our own books. Our own financial books! Not only is this inexcusable, it is a serious red flag. When I left office in 2008, Director Denny McKelvie watched-dog several transactions that concerned him. One of these was the idea to establish a tribal economic development charter from an arcane and antiquated provision in the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act. He also warned me about select board members having side bar conversations with the Greeks and a new developer from the Pinnacle Race Track Debacle (Google it). Director McKelvie then left office and was horrified when the tribe once again entered a deal with our current developer who is suing our tribe for hundreds of millions along with one of the Greeks who got paid out over \$60 million but who was also suing our tribe for over \$160 million! Think about it, we willingly went into business with someone who had a \$160 million lawsuit over our heads. This was 12 years ago (when I was not in office but several incumbents were and still are) so this should be ancient history right?

**JLLJ SUING US FOR
MILLIONS!**

The same developer the members rejected via referendum in 2010 (a petition Denny McKelvie and I co-authored) is suing us for hundreds of millions. If this wasn't so serious and tragic, it would be comical — a comedy of errors. There is a common element in all this but given we are in an election cycle, I am barred from speaking more candidly.

**GAMING EXPANSION ON
HOLD OR DEAD?!**

For this topic, I'll have to talk carefully so as not to reveal

any confidential information.

What I can say is that the option the tribe had with the City of Lansing for a downtown casino, expired. Thus, a Lansing Casino is currently not in the offing. However, given the membership voted via referendum in 2012 to support such a project, I believe it would behoove us to try to secure a new and better agreement without our former developers (who again are suing us — Google JLLJ Dev, LLC v Kewadin Casino Gaming Authority). I have a solid rapport with Mayor Andy Schor so I am confident I could revise such a project. However, since the censure, the tribal Board of Directors removed me from serving on the Gaming Expansion Internal Committee. Thus, I am not privy to any activity here if there even is any. Thus, a Lansing project appears to be in limbo or outright dead.

**REMOVED FROM
CONSENT DECREE
NEGOTIATIONS TEAM**

Again, if the outcome of the censure were not so serious, it would be comical. When the board imposed the censure on the sole individual elected by all the members, they removed me from serving on the Consent Decree Negotiations Team — an internal committee of the tribe. For over a month, while I await Legal to clear me to at least attend these negotiations sessions, I did not attend for fear I would be fined. This is a not an irrational fear as a group of anonymous board members placed on the March 1 board meeting agenda an item that read, "Compliance with Censure." This was right after removal petitions posted on social media that I be punished for violating the Censure. No detail was circulated to all board members to comply with the Constitutional requirement for notice. Like the censure itself, when Directors Freiheit and Lowes asked for a copy of the proposed actions, they were denied. This violates the tribal Constitution and is itself — REMOVABLE. While only Directors Hoffman and Sorenson voted to fine me \$5,000, the fact that an anonymous and unclear item could be placed on the agenda in violation of the tribal Constitution would make anyone concerned about what next might result in a fine or disciplinary action of

the board devoid of any semblance of due process.

While I am permitted to attend inter-tribal caucuses and to witness the multi-party negotiations with the feds and state, it is unclear who our lead negotiator is. During my elected career, I have attended nearly all Sault Tribe Conservation Committee meetings and all Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority meetings so I am well versed and experienced on our treaty rights. My step dad was a tribal commercial fisher so I grew up in this lifestyle. While all board members benefit from a 20 percent federal treaty rights tax exemption, most have never once attend a Conservation Committee or CORA meeting. Not once!

**LACK OF NATIONAL
LEVEL LEADERSHIP**

While I have been barred from serving at the National Congress of American Indians, Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes and United Tribes of Michigan levels, none of the 10 who voted to censure me, have stepped up or even attended meetings of NCAI, MAST or UTM! None. On key resolutions voted on by these organizations, the Sault Tribe has failed to even respond. This is embarrassing and shows a self-serving lack of leadership. It is one thing to punish me if the board felt cause existed (no cause has ever been presented), but to punish our tribe by pulling our elected chairperson from officer positions in each Native organization is embarrassing to our tribe and only reduces our political capital.

Finally, I was asked by the so-called investigators if I would agree to be interviewed. I agreed as I have nothing to hide. But explained that my attorney, a former Assistant U.S. Attorney and Indian Law Expert would also attend. The response? Radio silence. Why? Could it be they know there is nothing legal about what they are doing? Put more simply, that there is no there, there?

In the meantime, I will keep advocating for our tribe and our members the best I can for as long as I can.

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Chi Miigwech, Nijii,
Aaron

Long-time team member heads tribal youth program



LANA CAUSLEY-SMITH,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

I am pleased to announce that we have a new Youth Education and Activities Manager for our program. Lisa Burnside has accepted the greater role in managing all the YEA programs. Lisa has been working in her current role as the YEA Unit II Coordinator for over two decades and she has done an amazing job; I am looking so forward to her using her knowledge to advance all our programming. She has already taken it upon herself to try and recruit for many needed positions, the wages are very competitive and the work is very rewarding if anyone is interested. If you are interested in working with our youth in any of the areas, please contact our Human Resources Department for open positions. Congratulations on the new position, Lisa!

I try to make comment about our Economic Development as it has always been my priority from the start for me to diversify. We

have gained so much in the last few years and we have increased our revenue stream in the amounts of millions. This took hard work and dedication from knowledgeable and experience fellow tribal members. As a tribe, we have been known to be "land poor" this has started to change as we acquired an additional 309 acres of land in 2021. We have also purchased additional city lots amounting to around 24 acres and are in the process of building new buildings and have acquired an additional 16 emergency housing units; some are located in our unit and have members residing there. I look forward to the start of many other items in the wheelhouse. We are currently building our Crane Industrial Suites that is expected to be ready to lease by July 2022 in Sault Ste. Marie and have tribal member businesses located in our Tamarack Business Center downtown. Remember, a few short years ago, this space was a ghost town. We have our properties management excelling as well (Demawating, Sawyer Village, White Pine Lodge, etc.) The existing enterprises that we have are doing very well and a combined revenue that is always expanding which included — Midjim, Northern Hospitality, Gitchi Auto, etc. I am proud of the members and staff that made this happen. You can view the entire EDC year in review report please see it at saulttribe.com. I will always continue to support us doing better and getting better in the way we make and operate our properties and businesses.

The past few months, Director Hollowell and I have been discussing and planning with our Housing Dept. what is needed for additional housing in our area. We are thoughtfully planning to locate property that we own to build housing and also have requested information on waiting lists for our Housing sites in our unit. To date, we have a waiting list of about 36 families or Elders who have completed applications for housing. I know that there are many more in need. Selections on homes are not made by how long you have been on the list — this is a misnomer. The Housing Authority makes the selections based on a point system and this is fluid as everyone's circumstances may change (homeless, emergency, family size, etc.). I say all this to state, it's very important that anyone who needs housing should ALWAYS complete an application so that we have the real data on the real amount of families in need. We will continue to seek our property and meet to discuss plans for additional housing. The need is real across all our communities.

Our golf course in Hessel has also been working to be open for business this summer. We want to make it a destination for our local communities and to be used as a great amenity to our existing casino properties. The position for a golf course manager is posted at this time and will be open until we can recruit one and we are seeking qualified individuals to open our course for the upcoming season. Please be patient with our

staff as this course has not been open for the last two years due to COVID so there are many factors to assess to get to the point of recruiting staff, assessing the grounds, maintenance and ordering equipment, accounting needs, etc. This will be an amazing venture for the area and the casinos to diversify and use as a tool for our existing properties.

The latest update I have received about the DeTour Clinic from our Heath Division is that the engineers are being contacted to meet to formulate a plan for renovation and that job descriptions are being developed and awaiting signatures for approval. I am certainly hoping that renovation will begin this spring and those interested in applying for open positions; please keep your eye on our website for immediate release on those.

Elder meetings are set to begin in the month of May again. Our Elder director is reaching out to all committees to set schedules and begin again. I am looking forward to attending and spending time with everyone and hope that we can keep this going and all remain safe and healthy this way. I would like to remind you as Elders — it is not totally safe for all. If you have a compromised immune system or underlying conditions please continue to wear a mask at these functions just to protect yourselves. Keep safe and can't wait to see you all.

I am very happy to report that our unit is working toward the two powwows that we hold each year. Hessel Powwow

Committee has met and decided on dates and we will keep those dates the same as always being held the third week in August, Aug. 19, 20 and 21. We plan to hold Friday as a spiritual gathering and activities and set up on the grounds; we encourage all to attend and take part. On Saturday, we will hold our regular Grand Entries and Sunday will be an open powwow day to dance, drum and gather. Our flyers are being worked on now but please save the date. Newberry is forming a committee and group again as well. The Newberry area has tentatively set a date for Sept. 16, prep day, Sept. 17, powwow and the Sept. 18, cleanup. Lois Bryant has been instrumental in assisting with planning our powwow in that area so if you would like to be involved and help make this happen, please reach out to her at (906) 293-8181. The community is always needed to assist with all the work that is put into these gatherings so if you would like to learn and take part, now this is the time. We have many amazing members that help with these powwows and its time we are all able to gather and celebrate who we are again and I am looking forward to our times this year.

If you would like to meet, discuss or need help, please contact me at (906) 322-3818 or (906) 484-2954.

Baamaapii,
Lana Causley-Smith, Unit 2
Representative

Tribal elections stressful for candidates, membership



CHARLES MATSON SR.
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

Aanii, tribal election season is upon us and winter is holding on as long as it can. Elections can be a very stressful time for candidates, their families and all tribal members alike. We need to follow our teachings and be respectful of one another and understand that we will have a difference of opinions but that does not mean that we can't be respectful of one another.

The Sault Tribe's EDC report is online and can be viewed on

Sault Tribe's official website saulttribe.com. I recommend that all members review it when they get a chance. It shows the growth of our EDC and the many past and current projects that are in the works. It is good to see that the business ventures we are invested in are happening throughout all units. We need to keep investing in areas that have the best chance of success and base those decisions on what is the most profitable and not what is most popular. With the tribe operating under our 8a status, we are afforded many more businesses opportunities. Using this same business model, Cherokee Nation Business wrote a check to the Cherokee Nation for \$300 million and has annual average revenues of \$150 million. Not saying we will attain those numbers, but it shows what is possible. It gives us a chance to partner with other successful businesses and bid on larger scale contracts. The economic engine of the tribe is running again and if we keep moving in this direction we can grow to once again be an economic powerhouse in the

region.

I will be pushing to expand our tribal housing availability in Unit 5. One of the most expensive pieces of expanding our housing at our sites is the cost of the infrastructure needed. Roads, driveways and utility hookups can be a large part of the costs. We need to get our share of tribal and government funds that are appropriated to us to get the land prepared to start purchasing houses. Without stable housing for our people in our unit, how can we expect them to raise a family or get meaningful employment for our members when they don't even have a roof over their heads?

I am currently researching and looking for a suitable facility to establish a community and tribal center in Marquette that can be used to hold our meetings and cultural workshops. Hopefully,

in time, we will also house our community and emergency needs and health services there, also. I am also searching for suitable property in the Munising area to establish permanent cultural grounds that could house our powwow grounds and community center for our events in the area. These projects would be a huge step in the right direction for our communities in Unit 5.

I want to say thank you to everyone who supported me

through my current term and for all the outpouring of support this election. It has been an honor and a humbling experience. We hope everyone stays safe and well during these trying times.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at (906) 450-5094 or cmatson@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully,
Charles J. Matson Sr.
Unit 5 Sault Tribe Board of
Directors

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Sorenson questions recovery hospital options



BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

I hope you all were able to spend Easter with your family or friends. So much has changed in the last two years with my own family and things just are not the same. You take for granted the holidays you do have and then when you realize things are not the same, you wish you could go back. Life is a precious gift and like my dad would say, "We are here for a good time, not a long time."

I wish I had information to report on the investigation of the chairman's censure. I hope that we get the information soon so we as a tribe can move forward. It is unfortunate it is also during an election, so this is being used against some people.

I like to stay out of the elections but I have to say that it really bothers me when candidates

do not fact find before they post or use as a platform. Some need to remember that they are one person and need to convince at least six other board members to pass any legislation. All candidates should also run on their own merit and not on the coattails of others. I see some ads and platforms that resemble a certain person's words and design. If you can't be your own person then you will be ineffective in this role.

I find it despicable of those who are continuously dogging our EDC and STI. Another case of not fact finding. The same people who complain that the board should not be running our businesses because we are not experts are the same ones complaining that STI reports to another board of Sault Tribe business people and a former LSSU Business professor. You cannot have it both ways. We are trying to diversify and grow this tribe. Some of us do not want to be dependent on the federal government. Does the federal government owe Native Americans? Absolutely, but that does not mean that we want to beg for aid and count on their help.

The board continues to work on the planning of the \$25 million recovery hospital to be built on the property the tribe owns in Dafter. The more I think about this project, the more I question it. I have concerns that we will not be able to build it for \$25

million with the costs of goods and services and that staffing it will definitely be a challenge with current circumstances with nationwide shortages in the medical field. I have talked to some of my fellow board members, and with the entire board, about these concerns and an idea of splitting up that \$25 million for each unit to buy or build a large house or small center to accommodate our needs.

Many members cannot afford to take ample time off work for a 28-day program. People also do not want to go far away to receive treatment. How about a 40-acre farm that a patient can receive counseling, medical treatment, education, services on a smaller, local scale. They could also maybe learn farming or a trade for self-sufficiency. We need to start thinking out of the boxes of ways to help our people succeed with addictions as well as trauma.

The housing emergency rental assistance program has helped over 1,000 families in the service area and across the United States. The application process has been closed, which means all the federal funding will be spent out by the deadline. This is the first time we have been able to service members outside the service area in this respect.

It looks like all of our areas will be hosting their summer powwows, which is great news. Look for dates in the tribal newspaper and online. St. Ignace

Museum of Ojibwa Culture will be hosting the Native American Festival on Saturday, May 28. This is always a great event to kick off the season. The Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow will be August 26-28.

The annual cleanup of the Wequayoc Cemetery will be Saturday, May 14. We usually start around 10 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. Buckets and scrub brushes are encouraged to clean headstones and a dish to pass is also appreciated.

On April 5 I had my left knee replaced, four months after having my right knee replaced. I am looking forward to pain free living this summer with biking, kayaking and hiking. I encourage anyone who is suffering to consider seeing Dr. Daniel Wilcox at Mackinac Straits Hospital for a consult. Both of my surgeries have taken place at Mackinac Straits Hospital. I can't say enough about the service and overall experience when it comes to surgery and hospital stays.

Congratulations to Allecia and Robert Gallo on their recent purchase of Jose's Cantina in St. Ignace. Robert is a wonderful chef and Allecia is an awesome waitress. These two are truly a success story of a couple that moved here from California, lived on the reservation, worked hard, bought a house and now purchased the restaurant they have been working at for years. I love to see our members succeed

and become self-sufficient! I also know they are looking for some good help.

I encourage any high school graduates to apply for scholarships through the tribe. Information can be found on our website www.saulttribe.com under Membership Services and then the Education tab. We also have openings on the Higher Education Committee. If anyone would be interested in serving on the committee please contact tribal administration, Joanne Carr, (906) 635-6050 with your letter of intent and three reference letters.

Congratulations to all of the college graduates! We hope you may consider coming to work for your tribe. Please check the job openings at saulttribe.com

I am excited that the elder meals are back in person and meetings will start again. I have missed our monthly chats and I am sure the elders did too. Keith and I also continue to have our monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month at the McCann School at 6 p.m. You can come with questions or we can provide updates on what is happening.

As always, any questions or concerns you can contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536. Email, text messages or messenger are usually a quicker response time for me with the many meetings I attend.

Supporting memberships right of referendum



BETTY FREIHEIT,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Hello Tribal Members,

As of this writing, a member driven referendum petition has been submitted to overturn board resolution 2022-90 "Authorizing Construction Management Service Agreement."

Basically, this resolution authorized a sole source award to Binesi Construction LLC to provide construction management service to the Sault Tribe.

The referendum process is a right guaranteed to our members in the Constitution. As such, board who claim to uphold the Constitution should support the process. But all too often we find board advocating against referendums. Claiming they are a waste of money and engaging in a flurry of articles as to why the initial resolution was appropriate and necessary. Let us hope that does not happen this time.

I did not support the resolution granting an exclusive construction management agreement to

Binesi. There are too many unanswered questions and members and even the board were not fully appraised of all details. Does not matter that some limited information is coming out now. What has been posted is not complete and leads to false impressions.

Questions such as: Who decided to sell 49 percent of Binesi? Why? How much was the tribe paid? Who decided that Tribal Ventures LLC (owned by Ted Moore of Moore/Trosper Construction) should be the one to buy into Binesi? Why weren't other tribally own construction companies made aware of this option and given an opportunity to buy in as well, or engaged in a competitive bid process? And, who determined it was in the tribe's best interest to develop this exclusive relationship with Binesi?

Exactly how much will the tribe make from this arrangement? I know that some in the tribe keep repeating that Binesi is 51 percent tribally owned, but is it owned by Sault Tribe Inc. They will get 51 percent of the profit. And, then, I believe pay a percentage of that to the tribe. But how much?

I am in full support of expanding our economic development opportunities. I also support a fair and equitable process for selecting partners and associates, as opposed to making selective choices based on reasons only known to some.

Several years ago, many of us worked hard to establish an open and fair competitive bid process. We should continue to be fair to

all tribal member contractors as they are all just as important and worthy of our assistance.

I also need to mention that there does exist a conflict between our tribal Constitution and the Tribal Code in regard to referendum petitions.

In the tribal Constitution,

once the required signatures are obtained, the issue goes to a vote of the members. But at some time, the board inserted an extra step into the process by giving themselves the authority to determine the validity of a referendum petition. I think we may need a broader legal opinion on this.

As always, please take care of yourself and your family. Help your neighbors anytime you can. Please help take care of our elders!

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TRIBAL MEMBER REGISTRATION IN THE TAX AGREEMENT AREA

TRIBAL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

(Including the Issuance of Certificates of Exemptions)

INITIAL REGISTRATION AND OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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

Tribe purchases building for Gladstone clinic



**DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Director Chase and I are glad to announce the tribe has purchased a building in Gladstone, Mich., for our new clinic! (See photos on page 27.) This has been a long time in the making! Director Chase and I, along with staff, have searched continuously for the right building to house our new clinic. We are very pleased with this purchase, and we are sure the members will be, too! We would like to also thank all the staff involved with making this purchase happen.

Director Chase and I would like to see this medical facility have the addition of two full-time doctors along with more support staff. The hours of operation would run nights and weekends with scheduled appointments along with walk-ins. This would make it more convenient for members who work during the day to get services in the eve-

ning.

The new health building is 7,411 square feet, it will house all the health staff currently at the Penstar building along with room for expansion to services. Not only will it house the new clinic, but it will also house a new exercise facility with state-of-the-art equipment. The new exercise facility will be accessible 24-hours a day with key fob access. Director Chase and I will keep you informed and let you know when the staff are moved in and open for business.

New facilities for Manistique and Escanaba coming soon

More exciting news for Unit 4, with the AARPA funds Director Chase and I have decided on building a new exercise facility in Manistique, Mich. This new facility will be built next to and compliment our existing Manistique Tribal Health Center. This facility will have changing rooms, showers, basketball court, walking track, state-of-the-art exercise equipment, yoga/massage room and 24-hour key fob access. (See rendering on page 27.)

The other project Director Chase and I are pleased to announce is the much needed and long-awaited Escanaba Community Center. This project will be built on the Escanaba reservation. (See rendering on page 27.) Director Chase and I have been meeting with staff and an engineering and architect firm to work on both of these large projects. The new community center

will have a Traditional Medicine healers' room. Director Chase and I would like to thank Dr. Leo Chugunov, Traditional Medicine Healer Gerard Sagassige and Traditional Medicine Supervisor Lori Gambardella for meeting with us to give us their input on the beautiful new healers' room and building. The center will also have office space, a board room and a commercial kitchen to house an Elder meal program and then a meal delivery program in the future. This facility will be big enough to hold our monthly elder meetings, community events like elder and children's Christmas parties, powwows, traditional teachings, etc. The community members will be able to sign the building out for birthday parties, baby showers, family get togethers, community events, etc.

I would like to remind everyone the Cultural Department has offered full-time weekly language classes around the service area since 2019. When COVID hit at the end of 2020, they had to improvise and start providing virtual weekly online classes. These classes were brought out to Units 4 and 5 by the Language and Culture Division because Director Chase and I listened to the members requesting classes in our area and we continued to advocate until these services were made available to the membership.

The goal of the Language Program is to teach Anishinaabemowin (the sound of the Ojibwe Language) to

our communities and provide learning opportunities for those who would like to learn the language and preserve sovereignty. The Language Department staff provide in-person community language classes across the seven-county service area, livestream lessons, Facebook lessons, and assists with many translations, projects and events. All classes are free and open to the public. To access archived Anishinaabemowin lessons, please visit their Livestream and Facebook pages: www.livestream.com/saulttribelanguage and www.facebook.com/saulttribelanguageculture. All their weekly live language classes are currently virtual:

Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. with Susan Askwith and Paul Blondeau, join with this link: www.tinyurl.com/susanpaul or join by phone at (312)-626-6799 (Meeting ID:926 5838 7956; Passcode: 631691).
Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with Shirley Recollet and Cecil E. Pavlat Sr., join with this link: www.tinyurl.com/shirleycecil or join by phone at (646)-558-8656 (Meeting ID: 951 9196 1173; Passcode: 346018). Any questions please contact the main office at (906) 635-6050 or language@saulttribe.net.

Some individuals would have you believe we have no language or cultural classes available. The Language and Culture Division has made it as easy as sitting in your home learning our language. Take the opportunity; go check

out the archives or participate in a live Zoom class.

A reminder of free services for tribal members and their households at the Delta County YMCA (Please see flyer in this paper for services.): located at 2000 N. 30th Street, Escanaba, Mich. Contact information: (906)789-0005 or www.nylmaca.com/delta. Hours of operation: Monday to Friday 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday: closed. They have a new location with a fitness center, sauna, youth and family room, gymnasium, and a walking track. In the original building, located at 2001 N. Lincoln Road there is a pool, hot tub, locker rooms, etc., Sault Tribe members can use for free, and their immediate family can use the YMCA for FREE when accompanied by the Sault Tribe member. Please present your tribal ID to the desk attendant.

With election season upon us, please make sure you investigate these promises being made. Without new revenue sources all these promises mean nothing! We have \$17 million available and completely budgeted for the current services we have. Their only choice would be to close down your services to make their promises come true.

I would like to remind members if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (906)298-1888.

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

Chase updates Unit IV membership on projects



**DENISE CHASE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

I am happy to share the two proposed renditions of the projects Director Morrow and myself have been meeting on with staff, engineering, and architect firm.

In keeping with the resolu-

tion language in which the Sault Tribe Board of Directors had identified housing and community centers as essential to the health and wellness of its membership, across the units, the projects Director Morrow and I have selected does exactly this. We would like to thank the tribal board for approving the funding from the COVID American Recovery Act Funding for all units. Our unit received \$8 million dollars which is why we are able to do these much-needed projects.

Update on projects from the Covid American Recovery Act Funds of \$8 million dollars.

I am so excited to see these long-awaited projects finally happening. These projects have been unmet needs in our unit for so long. The tribe has

paid out for years to lease space in the Delta County area which did provide staff office space, but very little space for community events. For years we have had to lease space for the limited community health services provided. And we have always had to pay to rent building space to hold any of our community parties, elder dinners, or cultural teachings. With the new projects we will no longer have to rent space.

ESCANABA COMMUNITY CENTER:

The new build Escanaba Community Center will be built on the Escanaba reservation and will be available for all kinds of community events: like the Senior Meal Program, cultural teachings/language classes and events gatherings, pow-

wows, drum social, ceremonies, Traditional medicine, YEA youth activities, children and elder Christmas parties, USDA distribution, members can use it for baby showers, birthday parties, and more. The building will also be used as an emergency shelter, it will have a generator and showers in case of a loss of electricity. It will have a commercial kitchen and more.

MANISTIQUE EXERCISE FACILITY:

A 24-hour key fob access exercise fitness center will be built next to our existing Manistique Community Center. This facility will have an exercise room with state-of-the-art exercise equipment, a separate yoga/massage room, a walking track and basketball court, locker rooms with showers. This

building will also be used as an emergency shelter, it will have a generator in case of a loss of electricity. This building will help complement our YEA program so in the winter months our children will have a beautiful facility to run around and wear off their energy while staying healthy. It will be able to be used for many group events and classes also.

I am limited to a 500-word report during the election cycle. I will report on Gladstone health building purchase next month.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (906) 203-2471 or dchase@saulttribe.net.

Thank you, I hope you and your family had a nice Easter Holiday, take care and stay safe!

Denise Chase
Unit 4 Board Representative

Affordable housing at forefront of board discussions



**KEITH MASSAWAY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Housing is in the forefront of every town, city and village. We don't have enough affordable housing for our people. This is a major discussion amongst the tribal board. We have and are beginning to work on that problem. We are in the phase of trying to identify areas where we can add housing. The problem is making it affordable. The construction cost is getting way out of hand and that is even if you can find anyone to build it. We assure you that the tribe is working on this problem and we are looking at every unit.

The tribe has had some success in hiring in all positions, yet we still need many more of our people to help out. We have started to post positions with the wages we intend to hire at. Please review our tribal Human Resources page if you are looking for a job. We are hiring for the casino and tribal government programs. We are also hiring for our enterprises, including the new golf courses in Sault Ste. Marie and Hessel. We will be hiring many full time and part time employees all over in the tribe for the summer.

The tribe will have two more audits finalized by the end of April and we will be closing out our end of the year. It is a good time to put much of the last two years behind us and begin again to put things back on a more normal footing.

COVID will go down in history as a very challenging time and we have made it through it and now we have to look forward to how we are going to rise above it and come out as strong as we can.

Thank you for all the calls and e-mails.

Keith Massaway, (906) 322-

3802, kmassaway@saulttribe.net.

Moving?

Call Sault Tribe Enrollment Department at (800) 251-6597, or (906) 635-3396 to update your new address. If you are a patient at the Sault Tribe Health Center, call (906) 632-5200 to update your address. Contact the Sault Tribe Newspaper (Win Awenen Nisitotung) to continue receiving your paper in the mail, call (906) 632-6398.



New Unit 4 Buildings

Photos by Darcy Morrow
The tribe has purchased a building in Gladstone, Mich., for a new tribal medical facility. The 7,411 square foot building will house Health staff with room for expansion to services, along with a new exercise facility with state-of-the-art equipment.



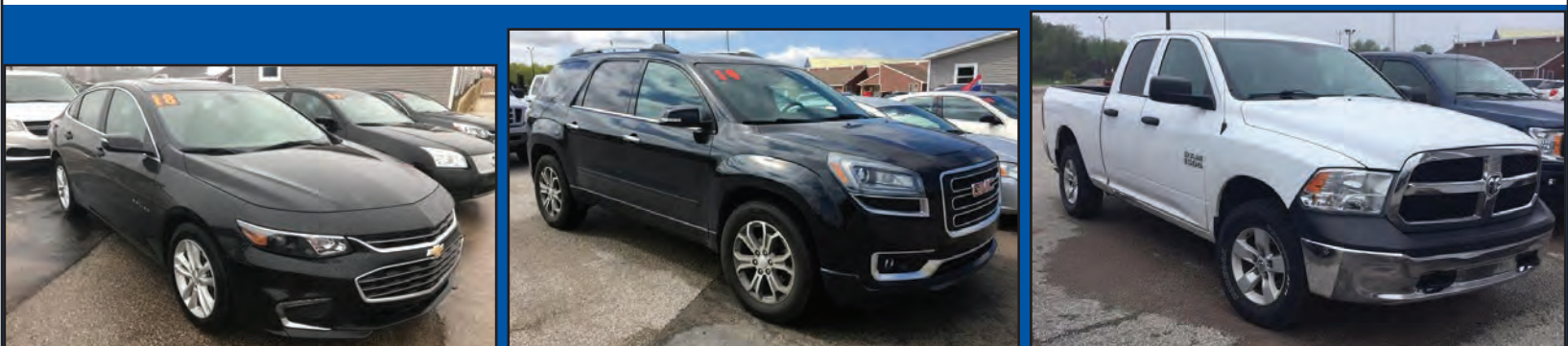
Rendering of the Escanaba Community Center to be built



Rendering of the Manistique Fitness Center to be built

Above, left, is the project to be built on the Escanaba reservation. The new community center will have a Traditional Medicine healers' room, office space, a board room and a commercial kitchen to house an Elder meal program and plenty of room for community events. Above, right is the project to be built next to the existing Manistique Tribal Health Center. This facility will have changing rooms, showers, basketball court, walking track, state-of-the-art exercise equipment, yoga/massage room and 24-hour key fob access.

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Collaborative Water Quality Board study recommends improvements to nuclear power plant retirement plans

The International Joint Commission's Great Lakes Water Quality Board brought together advocates and critics of nuclear energy to recommend improvements to nuclear power plant retirement plans to better protect the environment. The board studied the issue of aging nuclear facilities in the Great Lakes and their impacts on water quality. The board's report, "Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Facilities in the Great Lakes Basin," recommends higher standards for retiring nuclear power plants around the Great Lakes' coast.

Board member panelists will summarize report recommendations and answer audience questions during a 60-minute Zoom webinar on April 29, 2022, starting at 11:30 a.m. ET. Advance registration is required for this free public webinar: bit.ly/GLWQB-Nuclear.

"The Great Lakes unite us, even on a topic as polarizing as nuclear energy," said Gayle Wood, Water Quality Board Canadian co-chair and retired Conservation Authorities chief administrative officer.

The Canadian and U.S. federal governments regulate nuclear decommissioning.



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