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Crooked Music opens in Michigan Sault

By RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Zac Crook was a long-time client of Grooves Music in Sault Ste. Marie when he learned the shop was closing and up for sale. Crook and his wife, Christy, saw the situation as a sad turn of events as Grooves, the only shop of its kind in town, supports musicians from beginners to seasoned performers. The store serves as an asset in many ways for the regional music scene. So, Zac and Christy decided to save it.

The couple bought out Grooves Music, renamed it Crooked Music and had their grand opening on June 5. The shop is at 540 Ashmun Street in the downtown area. They retain the services and stock offered by the previous operation, such as selling new equipment and accessories, selling instruments on consignment, trades, rentals, working with customers on special orders, offering guitar and bass guitar



Photo by Rick Smith

Sault Tribe member Zac Crook (above) and his wife Christy bought Grooves Music store in downtown Soo and renamed it Crooked Music. They held a grand opening June 5.

lessons, doing or arranging for repair work on instruments and other services. In addition, they added band T-shirts (from toddler to adult) and records — as in vinyl records — record sleeves,

turntables, needles, accessory equipment and other gear to their inventory.

Speaking of the instruments available through the store, Zac said, “We have quite a diverse

array, the vendors we get guitars through carry a lot of different brands. And, also, we have a big push for used instruments.” Zac explained used instruments often present a better fit and bargain for buyers, depending on the customer’s needs.

The shop can help just about anyone interested in becoming a musician, honing musical skills or getting some gear for one’s next gig.

Zac has been involved in music for about 10 years, he plays guitar, bass guitar and has done lead vocals in rock bands and solo work. He has worked with cover bands, bands performing mixtures of covers and original compositions. Some of his original work can be heard on YouTube, listeners will find his songs have a folk-rock feel, some of it soothing and some of it soul-searching, but all of it pleasing to hear. Logging on to YouTube to find his tunes,

one finds videos by another Zac Crook as well. To hear Zac Crook of Crooked Music, look for the fellow standing in what appears to be the doorway of an old gothic building of some sort, perhaps a cathedral. Currently, he is working on a CD album of original music.

In addition to her partnership in Crooked Music, Christy is also an avid collector of vinyl records and has some background in playing music on violin and piano. Both Zac and Christy look forward to helping others and contributing to the regional music scene as best as they are able by providing a source of supplies, knowledge and information.

Those interested in learning more can stop by the shop from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, call them at 259-7400 or find them on Facebook/CrookedMusicStore.

LSSU Upward Bound awaits funding news

By BRENDA AUSTIN

On June 2, a gathering of parents, students, faculty and family lined Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie from the Sault Tribe administration building and north to Portage Ave. and west to the Soo Locks, to show their concern about Lake Superior State University’s Upward Bound Program not making the Department of Education’s (DOE) list of fully funded programs.

LSSU’s Upward Bound Services coordinator Susan Kirkman said, “We are waiting to hear if we received any funding.” Kirkman said she considers the lack of Upward Bound funding a bias against rural education.

Upward Bound began at Lake Superior State University in the 60s, providing low-income and first-generation high school students a college preparation program to help them be successful. The U.S. Department of Education typically gives the program \$400,000 a year.

The gathering was timed in conjunction with a visit from members of Michigan’s congressional delegation, U.S. Reps. David Trott, R-Birmingham, Brenda Lawrence, D-Southfield, Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-East Lansing, U.S. Rep. Jack Bergman, R-Watersmeet, Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph and U.S.

Army Corp of Engineers Lt. Col. Dennis Sugrue and Gov. Rick Snyder, who headed to the Upper Peninsula to tour the deteriorating Soo Locks. As the Kewadin Casino bus with the delegates on board headed down Ashmun Street towards the Locks, participants held up signs in support of the Upward Bound program. Also on the bus was Sault Tribe

Chairperson, Aaron Payment.

One of the program’s supporters, Tiffany Bergstrom, said her daughter Jorgia, who is a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community, received help and inspiration through the Upward Bound Program and is looking forward to a fulfilling career because of the encouragement she received while participating

in the program.

Upward Bound Director Heidi Witucki said, “We wrote our proposals for the next five years funding. Our program funding ended May 31, and summer session is slated to start soon and we have no definitive answers. These kids need this program — they

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AAARRRGGGH! COME ABOARD, MATEYS! WE BE MAKIN’ PIRATE’S GOLD SLIME! From left, Sault Tribe Early Childhood Programs coordinator Sam Gardner Jr. and administrative assistants Shondra Gervais and Rachel Odbert operate a kiosk on the grounds of city hall in Sault Ste. Marie on June 30. They involved youngsters in making “pirate’s gold slime” as part of the Arts, Crafts and Family Fun Fair. The fair featured an array of vending and information stands run by local groups, businesses, artists, performers, individuals and families. The function coincided with the 2017 Soo Locks Engineers Day activities along West Portage Avenue and Water Street.

When to notify the tribal tax office, enrollment

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

State Tribal Tax Agreement Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Status

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

The procedure for tribal members to receive their RTM status is only through the submission

(to the Tribal Tax Office) of an address verification card along with the required supporting documentation verifying their address is within the boundaries of the agreement areas. It is the **responsibility of the members** to submit this information to the Tribal Tax Office.

A member living in an agreement area is **not automatically registered**. Though a member may have lived in the agreement area prior to registering with the Tribal Tax Office, their RTM status will not begin until the Michigan Department of Treasury has been notified that the member has proven through documentation their principal place of residence is within the boundaries of the tax agreement areas. The Michigan Department of Treasury will then recognize their RTM status (exempt from state income and sales tax) on the first of the following month.

Once a member is registered and given RTM status, it is

imperative that any changes to the member's address is reported to the Tribal Tax Office. Per Tribal Code 43: Tribal Tax Code Section 43.1103,

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

— **Tribal members must fill out an "Address Verification Card," and provide two proofs of the address stated on the card.** A valid Michigan driver's license or Michigan state identification card must be one of the proofs of address. The address on the identification card must have member's current address. The Tribal Tax Office will not process/register members without an identification card.

— **Tribal members who are minors.** If the minor has a Michigan driver's license or Michigan state identification card, a copy must accompany the "Address Verification

Card." If they do not have state identification cards, then two utility bills with their parent's name and address (matching the minors stated address) are required. The Tribal Tax Office will not process/register without this information.

— **Tribal member parents are responsible to request their minor children (under 14 years of age) be registered for sales tax exemptions on motor fuel purchases.** This does not require proof of address if only for motor fuel purchases.

For all Tribal Tax Office

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

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

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

ATTENTION SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

As of July 1, 2017, the Sault Tribe will no longer assist in paying for walk-in/emergency room services to an outside entity when our Tribal Health Clinics are open, unless you have been referred from the clinic. If you are seeking treatment when our clinics are closed, you **MUST** call the After Hour Telephone Nurse for medical advice before seeking

care elsewhere for possible payment by the Tribe.

To access the After Hours Telephone Nurse, call the Tribal Clinic that you receive your primary care at:

Sault Tribal Health Center (906) 632-5200.

St. Ignace Health Center (906) 643-8689.

Manistique Health Center

(906) 341-8469.

Munising Health Center (906) 387-4721.

If you are sent to an outside entity for care, you must call Purchased Referred Care (formerly known as Contract Health) at (906) 632-5220 or (800) 922-0582 within 72 hours for your urgent/emergent voucher request.

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Membership liaison for Units IV and V July hours

Liaison Mary Jenerou's July availability schedule for help with member's concerns is as follows:

Manistique Health Center, July 14, 18, 25, and 27, call 341-8469.

Munising Health Center, July 13, 17, 19, 24, 26, and 28, call 387-4721.

Escanaba Penn Star, July 20, call 786-2636.

Marquette Community Tribal Center, July 31, call 225-1616.

Cell phone, 450-7011.

Applications sought for low income housing

Sault Tribe Housing Authority is accepting applications for low income housing in the seven-county service area. Download an application at www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/housing/low-income-rental or contact

Vicki Sumner at (906) 495-1450 or vsumner@saulttribe.net.

Submit completed applications to Vicki Sumner, occupancy specialist, 154 Parkside, Kincheloe, MI 49788. No faxed or emailed applications accepted.

Multicultural Poetry Slam

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

July 22nd, 2017

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August 19-Newberry

September 16-Rudyard

October 21-Sault

November 18-Brimley

Seasonal topic and food at each location

For detailed location information please contact MSUE

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Line 5 feedback sessions set — PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ONLINE

LANSING, Mich. — A draft report that analyzes possible alternatives to Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P.'s Line 5 below the Straits of Mackinac is available to the public. The preliminary report can be found at the Michigan Petroleum Pipelines web site (michiganpetroleumpipelines.com).

A 30-day public comment period on the report developed by independent contractor Dynamic Risk Assessment Systems, Inc. opened on July 6. Comments can be submitted online at the Michigan Petroleum Pipelines website by email through the website, or by standard mail sent to Michigan Agency for Energy, Attn: Line 5 Pipeline Study, P.O. Box 30221, 7109 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917. After the initial 30-day comment period, the public will have another 15 days to reply to posted comments.

In addition to the comment period, one public information session and three public feedback sessions also have been scheduled in the Lansing area, Traverse City and St. Ignace (see details below).

While the draft report was prepared independently by Dynamic Risk for the State of Michigan, the work and judgment are the views of the contractor and not those of the state. The state recognizes there still are questions that need to be addressed before the report is fully developed and it will be submitting comments publicly on the Michigan Petroleum Pipelines website following the same schedule as members of the public. As explained in a statement accompanying the report, the state has already sought clarification regarding the "worst case" spill assumptions and the independent engineering analysis of the pipeline to better understand whether

and how the report aligns with the statement of work.

The final alternatives report, expected to be submitted in the fall, will help to inform decisions by the state about the future of the pipeline. The public will have opportunities after the report is completed to make comments about those decisions. This comment process is intended to ensure the informational basis for any decision is robust and complete.

Dynamic Risk representatives will present the company's analysis of alternatives at a public information session July 6 at Holt High School, 5885 Holt Road, Holt, beginning at 5 p.m. Attendees will be able to ask questions of the company representatives. The session will be livestreamed, though questions will not be able to be accepted electronically. A taped recording of the session will be made available online.

Three public feedback sessions are scheduled for later in July. No formal presentation will be made at the sessions but representatives from Dynamic Risk and the State will be present to hear comments:

- Monday, July 24: Holt High School, 5885 Holt Road, Holt, beginning at 8 a.m.

- Monday, July 24: Hagerty Center at Northwestern Michigan College, 715 East Front St., Traverse City, starting at 6 p.m.

- Tuesday, July 25: Little Bear East Arena, 275 Marquette St., St. Ignace, beginning at 6 p.m.

Attendees are advised that no weapons, noisemakers or signs will be allowed at the sessions. Large bags will be subject to search by security officers.

All four sessions are open to the public and all locations are handicapped-accessible. Speakers will be allowed three minutes to make comments on a first-come,

first-served basis. Yielding time to another speaker will not be allowed. Speakers are asked to make comments at only one public session, to give everyone a chance to offer their thoughts.

The state last week terminated its contract with Det Norske Veritas (U.S.A.) Inc., which was performing a risk analysis on the pipeline, due to a conflict of

interest that arose with a DNV GL employee. Therefore, no risk analysis is being offered for public comment today. The state is exploring its options for gaining the necessary information and no decisions have been made at this time regarding how to proceed with a risk analysis.

Enbridge funded an escrow account that is to be used to fund

both the risk and the alternatives studies. Control of the money and selection of the contractor lies solely with the state.

Line 5 is a 645-mile pipeline built in 1953 and runs from Superior, Wis., to Sarnia, Canada. It transports up to 540,000 barrels a day of light crude oil and natural gas liquids.

Sault Tribe jobs available

Governmental openings

Sault Ste. Marie and Kincheloe

Accountant — STHC — full time / regular - open until filled
Health education supervisor — full time/regular — open until filled

Employee specialists (2) — full time/regular — open until filled
Physician — full time/regular — open until filled

Division director (health) — full time/regular — open until filled
Diabetes program manager — full time/regular — open until filled

Child care aides (3) — part time/regular — open until filled
Early Head Start instructor — full time/regular — open until filled

Early childhood education teacher/mentors (2) — full time/regular — open until filled

Sovereignty in Education Program manager — full time/regular — open until filled

Tribal action plan (tap) coordinator — full time/regular — open until filled

Chief financial officer — full time/regular — open until filled
GIS technician — full time/regular — open until filled

Police officer — full time/regular — open until filled
Caseworkers (2) — full time/regular — open until filled

USDA truck driver — full time/regular — open until filled
Optometrist — STHC — part time/regular — open until filled

Student services assistant — rudyard — part time/seasonal — open until filled

Hessel, St. Ignace, Escanaba, Manistique, Marquette, Munising and Newberry
Chief solo dentist (Manistique) — full time/regular — open until

filled
Community Health Program manager — rural (Munising) — full time/regular — open until filled

Diabetes case coordinator (St. Ignace) — full time/regular — open until filled

Student services assistant (Hessel) — full time/regular — open until filled

Registered dental hygienist (St. Ignace) — full time/regular — open until filled

Caseworker (Manistique) — full time/regular — open until filled

Staff dentist (Manistique) — full time/regular — open until filled

Licensed practical nurse (Munising) — full time/regular — open until filled

Chief solo dentist (St. Ignace) — full time/regular — open until filled

Student services assistant (Munising) — part time/seasonal — open until filled

Maintenance technician (St. Ignace) — part time/regular — open until filled

Kewadin Casinos openings
Sault Ste. Marie
Guest room attendant — part time / regular — open until filled

Casino general manager — full time / regular — open until filled

Catering manager-full time/regular-open until filled

Food operations manager-full time/regular — open until filled

VP of food and beverage — full time/regular — open until filled

Surveillance operator-full time/regular-open until filled

Surveillance technician-full time/regular-open until filled

St. Ignace
Bell valet attendant — full time/regular — open until filled

Restaurant cashier — part time/regular — open until filled

Restaurant cashier — full time/regular — open until filled

Restaurant server — part time/regular — open until filled

Line cooks — full time/regular — open until filled

Guest room attendants - (3) full time/regular — open until filled

Bar server — full time/regular — open until filled

Bartenders — (3) full time/regular — open until filled

Deli cooks — (2) full time/regular — open until filled

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Dishwasher — part time/regular — open until filled

Cook server — full time/regular — open until filled

Manistique
Cook — part time/temporary — open until filled

Cage cashier — full time/regular — open until filled

Surveillance operator — full time/regular — open until filled

Christmas
Casino manager III — full time/regular — open until filled

Bar server — full time/regular — open until filled

Line cooks — (3) full time/regular — open until filled

Gaming dealer trainee — full time/regular — open until filled

Gift shop cashier — full time/regular — open until filled



Photo by Kim Swanberg

LOVELY LADIES — Congratulations to 2017 Munising Elder Volunteers of the Year, from left, Deb McNeil and Kathy Syers.

Tribal members: need assistance?

Three membership liaisons work with the chairperson's office on membership issues and concerns across the service area. The liaisons respond to membership issues and follow up to ensure they are resolved. Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact the liaisons when they need help with tribal issues by

emailing membersconcerns@saulttribe.net or contacting them individually at:

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

Units II and III — Clarence Hudak, Lambert Center, St.

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

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Sault Tribe family at school, work and play



Photo by Rick Smith

The tribe's Cultural Department hosted the annual Baawting Ojibwe Language Conference in Sault Ste. Marie June 9-10 at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building. Above, the participants have a feast. Folks from all over, near and far, convened to learn from nearly a dozen folks presenting stories, songs and instruction in Anishinabemowin and observe ceremonies. The conference committee expressed gratitude to volunteers and donors who contributed in some form to making the conference possible.



Photo by Rick Smith

Language instructor Shirley Recollet leads a workshop at the language conference. Other workshop instructors were Michele Wellman-Teepie, Josh Eshkawkogan, Barbara Peltier and Ted Recollet. Storytellers were Leonard Kimewon, Paul Blondeau and Cheryl Bernier.



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

This year's girl's warrior camp at the Sugar Island Mary Murray Camp brought young women from Manistique, Bay Mills, Sault Ste. Marie, Mackinac Island and St. Ignace. Camp coordinator Jackie Minton, YEA student service assistant Kim Mattson and YEA coordinator Patty Teeple held the event for the 13 young women. Above, woman leaders and professionals from across the tribe visit with the girls and lend them some wise words from their own experiences.



Photo by Rick Smith

Susan Askwith performed songs in Anishinaabemowin during the conference welcome feast. The Sugar Bush Singers concluded the conference during a closing ceremony.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Kewadin Casino of Sault Ste. Marie hosted a job fair on June 1, accepting applications for all positions with possible on-site interviews. Employment representative Dusty TenEyck (right) takes a completed job application from Krishell Harmon, who was interviewed within minutes of turning it in and was later offered and accepted a position. HR employment clerk Mary McLean said the casino is offering job fairs twice a year. Future job fairs will be announced on Sault Tribe's Facebook page, at Michigan Works! and on local radio stations.



Tribal members Antonina (first from left, standing) and Jack Poplar (in front of Antonina, sitting) taking part in the end of year powwow at the Indian Community School of Milwaukee.

Hopes are high for StrongHearts Native Helpline

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

If you are a Native American victim of domestic or dating violence, there is a new helpline made and staffed by Native Americans at StrongHearts Native Helpline - in collaboration with the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline - that offers free confidential crisis intervention, safety planning and referrals to local resources tailored to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence.

The helpline is culturally relevant, and is the first national hotline dedicated to helping Native American victims of domestic and dating violence.

StrongHearts is in the process of creating the first national data-

base of Native specific services offered to victims of domestic and dating violence. In order to get the information they need, staff from StrongHearts is doing extensive outreach to Native organizations and tribal communities with the help of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center. To make that process more efficient, they have divided the country into nine regions, and have rolled out the Helpline's full services to residents of Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska — where Native specific services have been identified and stored in their database.

Included in the database are tribal programs developed and administered by a tribe, or an organization with a specific mission to serve Native Americans. In some areas, small tribes have banded together to create a service to serve more than one tribe, or they use a non-profit that serves their tribe.

As the database is being built, staff are looking specifically for tribal programs that have been developed around domestic and dating violence — such as sexual assault counselors, transitional housing programs, and legal representation that may be available to victims.

Victims will be able to connect one-on-one, at no cost, with knowledgeable StrongHearts advocates who can provide support, help with safety planning and connect them with local resources based on their tribal affiliation. Callers outside of the three initial states can still call StrongHearts and talk with an advocate while the helpline continues to develop its services network. The helpline is available

**Native Victims of Domestic and Dating Violence Hotline
(844) 7NATIVE
or (844) 762-8483**

by dialing (844) 7NATIVE, or (844) 762-8483, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Callers after hours will have the option to connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline or to call back the next business day.

Assistant Director of StrongHearts, Lori Jump (Sault Tribe), said, "About six years ago the staff at the National Domestic Violence Hotline became concerned because they realized that in spite of the fact that Native Americans have the highest rates of victimization in domestic violence, very few were actually calling the Hotline."

The National Domestic Violence Hotline reached out to the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, said Jump, and started to talk about that.

Those conversations led to focus groups, roundtables and bringing people in from across the country who were working in the field. StrongHearts is the outcome of those meetings.

Jump said, "They determined the best way to meet the needs of Native American victims of domestic violence was to establish our own hotline that would be culturally appropriate and built for Native Americans by Native Americans. So that is what we are doing."

Jump said that when Native callers dial into the National Domestic Violence Hotline, their advocates can provide support as well as offer StrongHearts' number and information. "We are a referral source in the national hotline database for people who identify themselves as Native American."

StrongHearts advocates have a strong understanding of domestic violence, Native cultures, and an understanding of tribal sovereignty and law and the jurisdictional issues that victims in Indian

Country are facing.

Jump said, "We are here to help our relatives across the country and even though our database isn't completely built yet, we are going to do our best to connect them with resources that are going to increase their safety. Some tribal communities don't have domestic violence programs - and for those we are just a call away. Our advocates understand Indian Country and the issues that are unique to our communities, and I think it's really helpful to have someone who understands there are differences and possibly additional barriers because you are calling from a tribal community. We are here to help and serve."

One program at a time, the database of services for survivors continues to grow — allowing the hotline to direct clients to local services and programs pertaining to their individual situation. Programs interested in serving as a referral for StrongHearts callers can send an email info@strongheartshelpline.org.

McCave medals at Jr. Olympics



Raelyn Sue McCave, 8, daughter of Tanya Pavlat McCave of Leslie, Mich., and Troy McCave of Michigan Center, Mich., competed at the USGA Jr. Olympics State Competition on April 28-30, 2017, in Utica, Mich.

McCave started gymnastics at just 2 years of age and instantly fell in love with the sport. At that time, she attended class one day per week at the Jackson YMCA. By 3 years old, she became a member of the Gedderts Twisters in Lansing, Mich. She now practices 4.5 hours per day, six days per week, year round.

At the state competition she medaled in all four events; placed third on uneven bars, fifth on floor, sixth on beam and is the state champion on vault. Her scores resulted in a third place overall finish for level 3. Her vault score at 9.550 contributed to the overall team score, with Twisters taking first place out of all 47 teams. Twisters level 3 ended the season undefeated at all 9 competitions.

Raelyn is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Her grandparents are Rudy and M. Sue Pavlat of Sault Ste. Marie, and Dan and Pam McCave of Michigan Center. Great grandparents are Joyce and the late Arthur "Nugs" McCoy and Rudolph and the late Barbara Pavlat, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Norma Jean and the late Harry Herman of Michigan Center and Eunice and the late Preil Zakzewskis of Jackson, Mich.

Raelyn will be attending the World Olympic Gymnastics Academy in Frisco, Texas, in July.



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2002 Jeep Liberty Sport 123,630 Miles	2218 Shunk Rd. ACFS, SSM
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2003 Ford Windstar 172,681 Miles	1111-1/2 Easterday Ave. Old Truck Stop, SSM
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Heavy Equipment	
1991 Cat Excavator EL300B 9,271 Hours	3375 S. M-129 ST Construction, SSM

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Vehicles are sold "As Is"

All bids MUST be submitted by Monday, July 31, 2017 at 12 p.m. Noon
Bidders MUST include Year / Make / Model of vehicle

Bids must be submitted to: **Sault Tribe Purchasing
Lori Gambardella/Vehicles
2186 Shunk Rd.
Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783**

For more information please contact Lori Gambardella at (906) 635-7035

Anishinaabemowin 2017

I may not be there yet, but I'm closer than I was yesterday! I'm learning.

*Miin Giizis
Blueberry Moon*

Susan Askwith produces these pages with guidance from our language teachers Leonard Kimewon and Shirley Recollet. If you have questions or suggestions, contact Sault Tribe Cultural Department, 635-6050. Our goal is to help everyone begin to speak at least a little of our language every day.

Health Comments of the Month

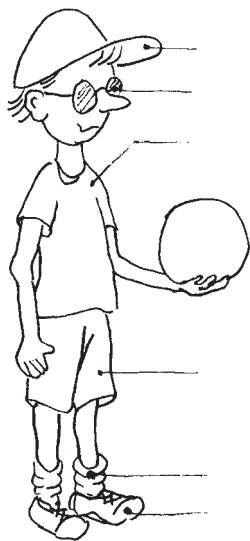
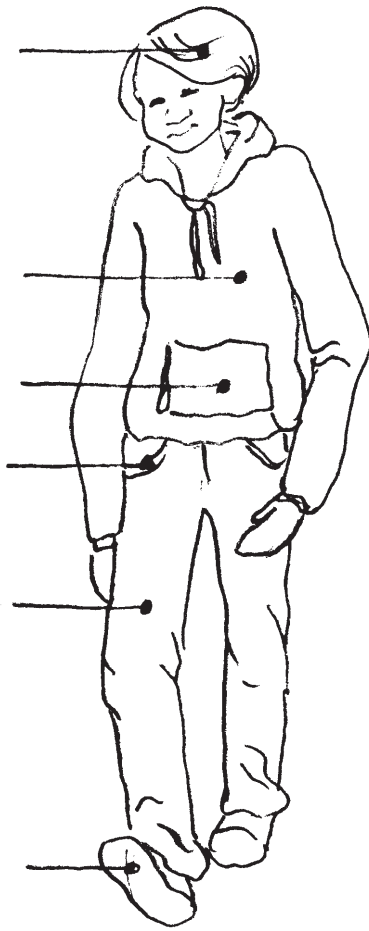
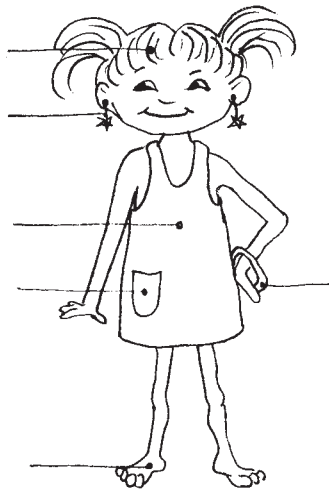
Nda yekoz. I'm tired.
N'dekwe. I have a headache.

Weather Comments of the Month

Tikeyaa dibikak. It's cool at night.
Gzhaate. It's a hot day.

Time to use those words!

- Write the Anish word to label the items on these kids.
- Then circle the kid who's dressed to say "Gzhaate."
- Put a big star by the kid dressed to say "Tikeyaa dibikak."
- Draw a **gabadoon** on the **wiikwaan**.



Pronunciation guide, how to sound really good:

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

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

a	sounds like U in cup	o	sounds like OO in book
i	sounds like I in fit	e	sounds like E in fed
aa	sounds like A in fall	oo	sounds like O in grow
ii	sounds like EE in feed	g	sounds only like g in go

nh has no sound at all; it is only a SIGN that the vowel in front of it is said in a nasal way.

Aren't **YOU** lookin' good!!

Enwek sinaa maandaakwe'o (said to a **gal**)
Enwek sinaa maandaagnini (said to a **guy**)

- N'bishigendaan **godaas** gaawiin nagwayan daasiin.
I like it that the **dress** has no sleeves.
- Taahaa! Wiisigaande T-**bagwa'an**!
Wow! That T-**shirt** has really bright colors!
- Newe **baaygaashan** kaminkaanan.
Those **jeans** fit just right.
- N'mbegish **dkoogaade'aak miiknoot**
biindaagane kaadegaba.
I wish the **shorts** had **pockets**.
- Aambiish gaa n'dinman **bwezoo-bagwa'an**.
Where did you get that **sweatshirt**?
- Aapaji gwa baapsikaan **bagizoyaan**!
That **swimsuit** is pretty skimpy!
- Newe **mdaasan** miinwaa **makazinan** geget
mino-zhaa-yaa biiskamaa.
These **socks** and **shoes** are really comfortable.
- Mino yaa gwa pii baamaseyaanh **mitakozide'aanh**.
It feels good to walk **bare foot** in the summer.
- N'bishigenmaak **gabadooyik kwiikwaan**ing.
I like those **buttons** on your **hat**.
- Pane biiskonye giizis **shkiizhigokaajiganan**
biiskaanan.
She always wears **sunglasses**.
- G'**minjizan** n'bishigendaan enaabiigaman.
I like your **hair** like that.
- N'daa gii n'**shkaankwekwas** gwenemaa.
I should probably **get my hair cut**.
- Newe **naabshebzowinan** gnaajinoon.
Those **earrings** are really pretty.
- Oonh, g'biiskaan **kishkinkebzowin** nangwa.
Oh, you're wearing a **bracelet** today!
- G'**zaawaas**! K'minowaas.
You have a **tan**! You look great!

They used our word!!

We say makazin for shoe (makazinan for shoes). English speakers liked the word and use it for comfy shoes.

We use their word!!

English speakers thought it clever to say Oshkosh by Gosh to name some overalls/jeans, because they were originally made in Oshkosh, Wisc. Today, they make kids' clothes. We liked that so some of us call jeans baaygaashan. The word for pants in general is miiknoot (see #4).

Going further

Here's another YouTube place. Kenn Pitawanakwat has a channel called KennNishCorner. He used to teach the language at Northern Michigan University. You can look up his channel for many videos. This month you might like Nish Yatzee.mov, where a couple young men (Kenn's students at the time) play Yatzee. They speak only in Anishinaabemowin, and the words they use are written on the screen. Just under them are the English equivalents. Lots of reasons to like this one! One of them is that the guys are focusing on using numbers.

Cookie cutter pattern (thank goodness!)

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

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

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

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

Now you can play BINGO, CRIBBAGE and YATZEE

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

Board of directors meet in St. Ignace on June 6

A regular meeting of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors was held at the Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace on June 6. Absent from the meeting were Kim Gravelle, Denise Chase and Darcy Morrow.

A total of 15 resolutions were passed, 13 by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2017-104: GLRI Tribal Initiative Establishment of 2018 Budget: Approved with Federal EPA monies in the amount of \$36,056.41.

Res. 2017-105: Epoufette Harbor and Trap Net Consent Decree 2017 Budget Modifications: Both modifications were approved. The FY 2017 budget modification to Epoufette Harbor increased Other Revenue monies by \$247,422 and the FY 2017 budget modi-

fication to the Trap Net Consent Decree increased Other Revenue monies by \$41,250.

Res. 2017-106: ACFS – USDA FY 2107 Budget Modification: A decrease in Tribal Support of \$23,478.74 was approved.

Res. 2017-107: ACFS – Child Care Development Fund and Education – Child Care Center FY 2017 budget modifications: Both budget modifications were approved. The Child Care Development Fund had an increase in Federal HHS monies of \$37,076 and the Child Care Center had an increase in Other Revenue monies of \$18,498.

Res. 2017-108: ACFS – Victim's Assistance FY 2017 Budget Modification: ACFS – Victim's Assistance FY 2017 Budget Modification: A decrease in Tribal Support of \$12,333.01

was approved.

Res. 2017-109: Health Center – Medical/Nursing 2017 Budget Modification: A reallocation of expenses was approved with a change to the personnel sheet.

Res. 2017-110: Health Center – Optical 2017 Budget Modification: Expenses were reallocated with a change to the personnel sheet.

Res. 2017-111: Health Center – Pharmacy 2017 Budget Modification: Expenses were reallocated with a change to the personnel sheet.

Res. 2017-112: Health Center – Purchased and Referred Care 2017 Budget Modification: An increase in Federal IHS monies was approved for \$1,269,025.04 and Third Party Revenue of \$481,073.

Res. 2017-113: Transportation

– IRR Roads Maintenance and IRR Roads FY 2017 Budget Modifications: Both modifications were approved. The FY 2017 modification to the IRR Road Maintenance was approved for an increase in Federal BIA monies of \$21,000 and to IRR Roads for an increase in Federal BIA monies of \$335,000.

Res. 2017-114: Establishing Negotiation Committee in RE Greentown Holdings Bankruptcy Court Case: The board created a settlement and mediation committee, with the Chairperson authorized to name alternate directors if necessary. Named to the committee are: Dennis McKelvie, Jennifer McLeod, DJ Hoffman and Michael McKerchie.

Res. 2017-115: Authorizing Lease Agreement Lamar Advertising Company: The tribe signed a lease allowing Lamar Advertising Company to place three billboards on the tribe's land.

Res. 2017-116: Authorizing Agreement to Construct and Manage Billboards Wetmore Properties LLC: The tribe and Wetmore Properties, LLC have entered into an agreement for Wetmore to construct no less than 10 billboards on tribal lands and manage the sale of advertising space on the billboards.

Res. 2017-117: Authorizing Settlement of Huron Township Tax Appeal: The tribe accepted the Township's offer of settlement in this matter to make annual payments in lieu of taxes in agreed on amounts pending formal designation of trust status for the four parcels recently acquired by the tribe in Huron Township.

Res. 2017-118: Authorization to Purchase Real Estate Parcel Marquette Avenue: The purchase of a parcel of land (1.67 acres) adjacent to tribal trust property was approved.

To see the resolutions in their entirety, visit the Sault Tribe webpage at: www.saulttribe.com.

Resolutions of the June 20 meeting

BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors convened for a meeting on June 20 in Escanaba, Mich. All were present and the minutes of the May 22 meeting were passed.

Measures passed included establishing three budgets, a government audit, two grant applications, purchase of two land parcels and a change in regulations on tribal fishery co-captain licenses. The board tabled a resolution on buying a 16-acre land parcel and referred another resolution on re-establishing the Conservation Committee back to relevant committees.

A fiscal year 2017 budget was established for DeMawating Development for property management from a revenue account in the amount of \$17,838.71 with no effect on tribal support. Another resolution established a fiscal year 2017 budget for the Economic Development Commission sign board with revenue funding of \$62,300 and no effect on tribal support. A third fiscal year 2017 budget covered home improvements funding from the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs for \$46,203.35 with no effect on tribal support.

An annual tribal governmental audit was approved for 2016 as prepared by the firm of Dennis, Gartland and Niergarth.

Support was approved for submission of a grant to the Office of Head Start, American Indian and Alaska Natives Program for a one-percent cost of living increase for the tribe's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Submission

of a new grant application was approved to the Administration for Native Americans language preservation and maintenance funding for \$600,000 over three years, including tribal in-kind support. Funding would support language immersion programs for the youngest members of the tribe.

The tribe's Economic Development Commission director was authorized to buy Mackinac Trail Storage at the intersection of M-134 and Mackinac Trail and to execute the agreement for an amount unspecified in the resolution. The board also authorized the board chairman, treasurer or designated staff to negotiate and execute the purchase of the Seaman private marina in Fairport, Mich., for an amount undisclosed in the resolution. The funding source for the acquisition derives from the tribal fishers' fund.

A resolution to re-establish the Conservation Committee along with rules and procedures was referred back to the Great Lakes Conservation Committee and the Inland Conservation Committee. According to the resolution, the original Conservation Committee was established in 1978 to provide regulatory and policy guidance on conducting treaty rights to the board. The committee was split in 2010 into the Great Lakes Conservation Committee and the Inland Conservation Committee. The Great Lakes committee oversees tribal commercial and subsistence fishing while the Inland committee tends to inland fishing, hunting, trapping and gathering functions. The split was made

to improve proper regulation of inland treaty rights. By merging the committees back into one committee with no more than six members of the committee affiliated with the tribal commercial fishery, a balance is sought in covering the needs of both committees.

The final resolution to pass during the meeting concerned amending *Tribal Code Chapter 20: Great Lakes and St. Marys River Treaty Fishing Regulations, Section 20.106*, regarding co-captains. The first paragraph of the section read, *A captain may delegate his commercial fishing activity to an eligible individual by obtaining for that individual a co-captain's license for any reason.* The amendment replaces the word *any* with adds, *the following reasons: (a) a temporary illness or injury to the captain or a member of their immediate family; or (b) any military activity where the captain, due to the activity, would be reasonably unable to operate their fishery; or (c) any educational activity where the captain, due to the activity, would be reasonably unable to operate his fishery. (d) Administration is authorized to issue up to a seven-day co-captain license for emergencies and shall promulgate policy and procedures to effectuate the foregoing.*

Resolutions and voting records from meetings can be viewed in their entirety online at www.saulttribe.com, place cursor on the *Government* drop-down menu, select *Board of Directors*, select *Downloads* from the menu, then open *Board Meeting Votes and Approved Resolutions*.

Sault Tribe Committee vacancies

The following committees have vacant seats. Sault Tribe members interested in filling these vacancies should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from other members to Joanne Carr or Linda Grossett, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783. Call (906) 635-6050 with questions.

- Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Three vacancies - men, (four-year term)
- Child Welfare Committee - Five vacancies (four-year term)
- Election Committee - Seven vacancies (four-year term)
- Great Lakes Conservation

- Committee - Three vacancies - large vessel (four-year term)
- Higher Education Committee - Two vacancies (four-year term)
- Health Board - Two vacancies (four-year term)
- Housing Committee - One vacancy Unit V (four-year term)
- Special Needs/Enrollment Committee - Eight vacancies (two-year term)
- Elder Advisory Committee - Three regular vacancies- one - Sault Unit I (four-year term), one Marquette Unit V (four-year term), one Naubinway Unit II (four-year term), two alternate vacancies, one Sault Unit I (four-

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

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St. Ignace elder creates pair of children's books

More stories coming as series in progress

BY RICK SMITH

Paula J. McNamara-Underwood, a Sault Tribe elder from St. Ignace, Mich., is the author and illustrator of a delightful pair of recently released children's books. It appears the books are the beginning of a continuing series conveying life lessons, history and entertainment in the colorful realm of Lily Framboise, an adventurous mouse.

Five generations of her ancestors lived on Mackinac Island. She draws on some of her more recent island relatives to set Lily's background. As well, the author lends some of her own knowledge and experiences to Lily. The books are part reminiscence and part history combined with present-day adventures. "Lily is me," McNamara laughs. "The nice me. Well, actually, I'm pretty nice."

All pages of both books feature prints of original artwork created by the author using acrylic, ink, glitter and sequins. The setting for both books is mainly on Mackinac Island. The first book published, *Lily's Tales*, centers on adventure in which the little mouse learns something about self-perception and helping others. In the second book, *Lily's Secret*, she takes her friend, Maxwell de Baude, on an adventure touring Mackinac Island. The story includes a bit of Anishinabe lore about how the island came to be and the significance of its name, as well it

takes readers along to highlights of their tour. The story has a bit of mystery surrounding a magic mirror and a hidden button laden with secrets and memories.

Some of the future editions of a series in progress based on the life and times of Lily Framboise include stories of the her ancestors as they made their way from Europe to Quebec and formed relationships with American Indians, some of whom eventually became family, as they came into the straits area of the Great Lakes.

The books are ideal for adults to read aloud while youngsters who haven't learned to read yet follow along looking at all of the colorful imagery on the pages. Children able to read would most likely find the books intriguing as well. Actually, some adults might even find them fun to read.

The author said many of the places on Mackinac Island mentioned in the books have links to her relatives, such as a former school for American Indians her mother attended, the Grand Hotel which her grandfather helped to build, an uncle who had a restaurant on Main Street and a great-great-great-grandfather who was a commander at Fort Mackinac.

The adventurous mouse also has a following on Facebook. "Everybody loves her," the author explained how once she finishes paintings of Lily's adventures, she posts photos of the works on the site, which usually draw appreciative comments.



Photo by Rick Smith

Paula J. McNamara-Underwood holds copies of her creations, *Lily's Tales* and *Lily's Secret*.

Lily's Tales and *Lily's Secret* are currently available through the Fort de Baude Museum in St. Ignace and exploration for other outlets is in progress. The books were published with the help of the print shop crew of the *St. Ignace News*.

McNamara-Underwood is also the mother of television and film writer, producer and creator, John McNamara, who has credits as a writer for 19 programs broadcast on ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, Syfy and USA and consulting

producer, co-producer, executive producer or producer for another 18 programs on the same networks. He also wrote and co-produced the 2015 film, *Trumbo*, nominated by the Writers Guild of America for best adapted screenplay and garnered a Paul Selvin Award for McNamara. The Selvin Award honors writers whose work promotes the spirit of the U.S. Constitution and civil rights that are the bedrock of free writers everywhere. Bryan Cranston, who played the lead

character in the film as the black-listed Hollywood screenwriter Dalton Trumbo, was nominated for an Academy Award.

Her daughter, Molly Anne, is an interior designer and decorator in East Grand Rapids, Mich.

In all, McNamara-Underwood has four grandchildren. While she is proud of her children and grandchildren, it is important to her they take pride in her as well, so she strives to that end as she also works on leaving them a lasting legacy.

Annual Ailing Memorial Scramble held at Oaks

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The fourth annual Jim Ailing Memorial Scramble was held Saturday, June 10 at the Oaks in Kincheloe, Michigan. Proceeds from the event (over \$2,000) went to Hospice of the EUP and the Road to Recovery, and \$45 from the 50/50 drawing was donated to the new Sault Dog Park in memory of Don "String" Kelly.

The cost to play was \$65 per person; a four-person team includes golf, cart and BBQ style dinner.

There were prizes for first, second and third places, proxies, raffles, silent auctions and hole-in-one prizes. Those registering early for the event received a free t-shirt.

Sheri Ailing said her husband, Jim, was an avid golfer who was known by many at area courses, golfing six to seven days a week when he was healthy. Together they participated in many tournaments supporting numerous causes over the years, so she said a golf scramble seemed like a perfect way to raise money in his honor.

This year's fundraiser saw a few less teams than previous years, but still had a good turnout with 19 participants making up five teams.

Ailing said putting together the scramble requires a lot of work. She said, "I started in March and put over a thousand miles on the van, and hundreds of hours into getting over 450 flyers out in the Sault, Rudyard, Pickford, Brimley

and Bay Mills areas — asking for donations and to hang the flyer. Then going back for the donations, organizing and figuring everything out."

Ailing said, "I'd like to thank my family for helping design the flyer and making the hole sponsor signs, Bob Norton and his staff at the Oaks for allowing the scramble to be there. To the 80 friends and businesses that graciously donated items and to the 23 friends and businesses that donated to be a hole sponsor I am truly amazed at their graciousness and generosity! To the 19 golfers who came out in the drizzle to support the charities close to Jim's heart. (We had 14 less golfers this year.) Last but not least, to Janet and George Rye and Kari O'Gorman who helped me set up. Kari was a huge help, staying all day watching our hole in one, keeping me sane, being my voice when I got emotional and couldn't talk, selling raffle and 50/50 tickets and drawing all the tickets. Thank you! I honestly couldn't hold the scramble without each and every one of you."

At right, faces at the fourth annual Jim Ailing Memorial Scramble was held Saturday, June 10, at the Oaks in Kincheloe, Mich. Proceeds from the event (over \$2,000) went to Hospice of the EUP and Road to Recovery, and \$45 from the 50/50 was donated to the Sault dog park in memory of Don "String" Kelly.



The winning team of the 2017 Ailing scramble, pictured above, received medals, a foursome at the Oaks and get their names on the plaque. From left, Del and Mary Shagen, John Causley and Kristi Harwood-Causley.



Early detection critical in controlling invasive species

Report invasive species with a new application

FROM MDNR

LANSING — A team of technical experts is poised and ready for action whenever a call or email reports a potential sighting of one of Michigan's Watch List invasive species. These experts are a part of Michigan's Invasive Species Program, a collaborative effort of the departments of Environmental Quality, Natural Resources, and Agriculture and Rural Development.

"Preventing invasive species from entering the state is the first goal of the invasive species program, but when invaders slip through the cracks the next step is early detection and response," said Sarah LeSage, aquatic invasive species coordinator for the Department of Environmental Quality.

This process involves finding, reporting, confirming and then choosing a course of action to manage new or emerging invasive species that pose a significant threat to Michigan's environment, economy or human health.

Michigan's Watch List

High-threat invasive species are classified on Michigan's Watch List. Currently 28 species are on the watch list:

- 10 aquatic plants
- Six terrestrial plants
- Five fish
- Three insects
- One tree disease
- The red swamp crayfish
- The nutria (a mammal)
- The New Zealand mudsnail

Of the 10 aquatic plants on the watch list, six have been detected in limited areas in Michigan. Plants including yellow floating heart, water lettuce, European frogbit and parrot feather have been found by staff during monitoring activities, as well as by members of the public, Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area staff and lake management companies.

Sightings of aquatic plants on the watch list are reported to DEQ's Aquatic Nuisance Control office or through Midwest Invasive Species Information Network's website or smartphone app, at www.misin.msu.edu.

Early detection and response

Once a watch list species is reported, staff begin the early detection and response processes. The report is investigated and photos or specimens are examined by experts. If identification is positive, a site visit is made

to determine the extent of the invasion. For aquatic plants, a boat survey of the water body and connecting waters usually is undertaken.

The state's aquatic invasive plant early detection and response team has been active since 2011 with support from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

"The team conducts investigations and responds to positively identified detections by assessing the risk posed by the invading plant, reviewing response options and, if feasible, planning and implementing a response," said LeSage.

A story map, *Aquatic Invasive Species: Early Detection in Michigan*, displays locations where surveys for aquatic watch list species have occurred and describes response actions that were taken when positive identifications were confirmed.

Responses are tailored to the situation. A large infestation, such as the widespread areas of European frogbit along the Lake Huron shoreline, may require multiple partners like Cooperative Invasive Species Management areas, volunteers and contracted pesticide applicators working together over time to manage it. A smaller discovery, like the 2016 detection of European frogbit in Reeds Lake in East Grand Rapids, may provide the opportunity to eradicate the plant from the area using chemical application.

"Early detection and response is truly a statewide effort," said LeSage. "It relies on detection and reporting from citizens across Michigan, as well as monitoring and management support from the local management areas, landowners, local governments and the private sector."

Awareness, identification are key

Gov. Rick Snyder has pro-



Below left, yellow floating heart. Above, Barton. Below, parrot feather.



claimed the first week of July 2017 Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week. Everyone can help in early detection of invasive species by becoming familiar with Michigan's Watch List and other invasive plants, insects and animals and reporting any sightings.

Descriptions of watch list species can be found at www.michigan.gov/invasivespecies. Short identification tutorials for many invasive species are available at www.misin.msu.edu.

MDEQ Minute is a new video series designed to help identify aquatic invasive species. Get a 60-second tutorial on yellow floating heart or New Zealand mudsnail by visiting the Invasive Species website media center.

To report aquatic invasive plants, call or email DEQ Aquatic Nuisance Control at (517) 284-5593 or deq-wrd-anc@michigan.gov. Online reporting is available at www.misin.msu.edu, or download the MISIN app to your smartphone.



DIY composting: An environmentally wise way to reduce waste around the house or work place

Looking for a way to reduce your waste? Composting can decrease household waste by around 25 percent, add that to recycling you could reduce waste by over half. Compost has many useful properties, such as fertilizer for gardens, nutrients for household plants and beneficial organisms for your soil.

Making compost also helps reduce the amount of materials going to landfills. Landfills throughout the United States are filling up rapidly, many have filled and closed down. Composting is one of the ways we can turn our waste into something beneficial.

In Sault Ste. Marie, where we have to purchase garbage tags, if you average two 35-gallon cans of garbage each week you spend about \$175 a year. If you start to recycle and compost you will save almost \$90 per year.

Composting is easy and doesn't really add that much time on to food prep, kitchen clean up or even waste removal. If you are able to throw left over scraps into garbage then you can throw them



into a compost bag or container and then add to your compost outside.

Sometimes people think composting is too difficult and that is why they steer away from it. Here are some basic rules of compost.

You don't have to spend a lot of money on a fancy composter. There are brands that can turn with a handle, they have some

that are standing upright with proper vents for air circulation that do not need turning, or you can make your own by using old scrap lumber or pallet wood. When it comes to which one to use, follow your personal preference. You could forego the actual composter itself and opt to designate a specific spot in your yard to compost in.

What can be added

When starting your compost you need to remember to have a balance between carbon and nitrogen, or as they say, green (nitrogen) and brown (carbon). A balanced ratio for breakdown:

Green (nitrogen) — Table scraps, vegetable and fruit scraps, grass clippings, coffee grounds or tea leaves, seaweed kelp, corn stalks, very small amounts of meat if any.

Brown (carbon) — Dry leaves, straw or hay, wood ash, newspaper (shredded smaller), paper products or cardboard (shredded or cut into smaller pieces), potting soil, pinecones and pine needles (small amount).

Eggshells are also a good addition to your compost. There are so many household items that you can add into your compost, such as stale crackers from the pantry, stale bread, tortillas, used napkins, almond and coconut milk, paper towel rolls, even tissues.

What to keep out

There are also things you should avoid adding to your compost, such as diseased

plants, meat or bones, anything inorganic, pet feces, black walnut (any part of the tree or nut), dairy products, anything treated with pesticides and invasive species.

Many invasive species in our area can be transmitted through fragmentation, which means a small piece from the living plant can drop and start a new infestation in a new area. If you are not clear if a plant is an invasive species, please try to look it up or contact someone in your area that would be able to answer. Sault Tribe Environmental Department can be reached at (906) 632-5575. We'd also be more than happy to answering your composting questions.

If you would like more information on composting, these sites contain some great information:

http://eartheasy.com/grow_compost.htm

<http://homecompostingmadeeasy.com/carbonnitrogenratio.html>

<http://www.motherearthnews.com/nature-and-environment>

Discover the fun and health of spiralized food

BY GAIL SULANDER

A new cooking technique was shared in Manistique with funding from Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country.

Spiralizing has been known to too few people for too long, so it was decided to share this fun kitchen technique with tribal families.

A spiralizer is a kitchen tool that turns vegetables and fruits into noodles and chip ribbons. Simply by changing the shape of any food, we can improve the texture, taste and eye appeal.

This is a great way to increase fruit and vegetable acceptance by those who struggle to eat produce as often as recommended.

Spiralizing is not simply a way to substitute vegetable noodles

for pasta made from grain, it is actually a creative option for those tired of the same old thing when it comes to using produce. It is also a great way to integrate fruits and vegetables into a basic recipe without having to completely change the way your family meals are prepared.

So many fruits and vegetables can be spiralized. Perhaps this is just the technique to use for discovering never-before tried produce.

If you missed the spiralizer workshops offered recently in Manistique or Munising, feel free to contact a Sault Tribe registered dietitian for information.

Also, watch for announcements about these classes and others.



Donis Grove, Laurilee Richmond, Bobbie Winters and Faith Richmond eating noodles.



Hand spiralizer grandma, Marlene Miske. Spiralizing is not only a fresh way to enjoy your food, it's an easy form of exercise.

Manistique clinicians in mushroom identification class

Gail Sulander and Kelly Silkworth of the Manistique tribal clinic staff attended a recent wild-foraged mushroom identification certification program, thanks to financial support of Sault Tribe's Tribal Food Sovereignty Collaborative - UP4Health. Sulander, a registered dietitian, and Silkworth, a nursing aid, traveled to Bay Mills Community College for the one-day program.

Both are currently working toward Expert Mushroom Identifier cards issued by Michigan Department of

Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). Prior to 2015, only seven who were granted this high honor.

Working in partnership with the Michigan Farmers Market Association and the Institute for Sustainable Living, Art and Natural Design, and in cooperation with the MDARD, Midwest American Mycological Information designed a workshop program that, if successfully completed, qualifies participants as expert mushroom identifiers.

The program helps participants to understand and meet

Michigan's regulations regarding the sale of wild-foraged mushrooms. Through this workshop, participants have the opportunity to become familiar with the varieties of wild mushrooms that may be collected and sold in Michigan, meet with noted mycologists, review mushroom identification, become acquainted with MDARD regulations and much more. At the end of the workshop, participants take a test, which if successfully completed qualifies participants to receive expert mushroom Identifier cards issued by MDARD.



Sault Ste. Marie clinic adds live plants to interior setting

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Patients and clients who visit the Sault Tribe Health Center will notice a change in the décor. In place of artificial plants, there are now beautiful potted live plants throughout the building.

Operations Manager Joanne Umbrasas is the driving force behind the change, and said, "We are trying to create a healthy, friendly, inviting and uplifting environment." Umbrasas put together a proposal outlining the types of plants and a care schedule for administrative consideration. Once approved, the plants were ordered and placed in the health center in May. Master Gardener, Cindy Malski takes care of the plants on a weekly basis, ensuring the plants stay vibrant and healthy. Malski is co-owner of Living Art and provided consultation for the selection and placement of the plants inside, as well as, designed and planted all of the flowers and barrels that are at the front entrance of the health center, free of charge. Umbrasas said the health center maintenance team continues to be very helpful with this project; Jeff Pellagrino built all of the platforms for the mulch, Supervisor Chris Toms helped with placement of the tree philodendron and Mike Krull provides a helping hand for Malski when needed.

Sault Clinic Manager, Tony Abramson, said, "The health



center's motto is "Health for a lifetime" and it is our sincere hope that the replacement of plastic plants with lush live foliage will have customers feeling that they have entered a peaceful, welcoming environment. I would like to acknowledge Cindy and Joanne for doing a wonderful job beautifying our health center with live plants, both outside and now inside, and also a special thank you to the maintenance staff that continue to provide support for this project."

Funding for the project comes

from the health center's budget and paid for the plants, pots, soil, rubber mulch and lumber – coming in at just under \$1,000.

Umbrasas said there are other initiatives they are working on in the health center, with the live plants being one piece of that process. "As you walk in we have new flooring, and the walls have all been painted. We are also in the process of changing out some cabinetry in our reception and patient registration areas," she said. "One of the projects Tony and I are working on is signage. We wanted to



really rethink what we did with it and what it's for, so we created three levels of signage. The first level is completed, with very uniform signs on the outside of every door. The next level of signage is departmental - hanging directional signage that will direct you to the department you are looking for. The third level is going to be a freestanding three-sided kiosk that has a detailed directory by department and floor. There is a huge array of services, for example, offered under Community Health that the directory will list, such as foot care. The kiosk will be located in the lobby of the first floor and there will also be large placards on the wall by the elevator on the second and third floors." Umbrasas said they hope to have that all in place by August.

The lobby will also spotlight Native art in showcases and on the wall – such as black ash basketry purchased from local

artisans and paintings by area artists.

The last of the live plants will be put in place soon and will be located on the second floor but will be visible from the lobby of the first floor, where they will be cascading down the wall in the seating area.

As you walk in on the ground floor, you will see the crane statute and surrounding it you will find foxtail ferns, bird of paradise (also known as the crane plant), Buddha belly bamboo and at the table is a rubber tree. As you walk up the staircase to the second floor you will see a tree philodendron, variegated greenback, croton, rubber tree and sensation peace lily. On the third floor is a Norfolk pine.

The next time you walk through the doors of the Sault health center, take a moment to notice the new look and live plants – they were placed there to welcome you.

ACFS offers Sault Tribe members numerous direct assistance services, explore options

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) have three components under their umbrella, which in turn offer numerous services and programs to tribal families. Those three components are Child Placement, Advocacy Resource Center and Direct Assistance.

This article addresses what is offered under the Direct Assistance component of ACFS. Their programs are income based and include: General Assistance, Native Employment Works, Emergency Assistance, Child Care and Development Fund, Employee Assistance, USDA Food and Distribution, Funeral Assistance, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (heating, crisis and cooling), and Weatherization.

Target households for all the above programs are ones that have a documented disability, are 60 years of age or older or have a child under the age of six in the home.

If you aren't familiar with the different programs, a brief

Phone numbers to contact Anishnaabek Community and Family Services Direct Assistance offices are as follows:

Sault Ste. Marie, 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093;
Kincheloe, 495-1232;
St. Ignace, 643-3689;
Munising, 387-3906; and
Manistique, 341-6993.

description of each is provided here for you.

General Assistance provides temporary financial help for tribal members with limited to no income. Recipients receive help developing a action plan that will help identify goals to self-sufficiency.

Native Employment Works assists parents of tribal children by offering supportive services and outreach assistance to help remove obstacles to maintaining employment, obtaining a higher paying job, or attending a certificate program with an approved educational program.

The Child Care and Development Fund operates on a sliding fee schedule and provides childcare assistance to eligible families. The program allows parent's access to quality child care providers and also provides licensing and regulatory services to homes and centers on the reservation or on land held in trust for the tribe.

Employee Assistance is emergency financial assistance available to all employees of the tribe who have completed their probationary period of employment. There are no income limits to access this program. Assistance

can include help with medical travel, loss due to fire, natural disaster, homelessness or at-risk of being homeless. The program provides financial help for employees who are faced with an unexpected crisis due to no fault of their own.

USDA Food and Distribution provides fresh nutritious foods to income eligible tribal households that are on or near the tribe's reservations. Counties served include Alger, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Delta, Emmet, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Schoolcraft, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Manistee. Tailgate sites where food is delivered include Manistique, Marquette, Newberry, Hessel, DeTour, Kinross, Rapid River, Munising, Cheboygan and St. Ignace.

Funeral Assistance Fund offers up to \$1,000 to assist with funeral costs upon the death of a Sault Tribe member. You must reside in the United States, be income eligible and be a member of the Sault Tribe to receive assistance.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program offers assistance with high-energy bills and to increase energy efficiency of eligible tribal households. This program provides help with heating bills, crisis assistance to prevent shut-offs and cooling for households with members who are medically fragile.

And lastly, the **Weatherization** program is open all year and provides assistance with furnace repair or replacement based on available funding. You must own your home or have a land contract agreement in place. A deed or land contract along with a current property tax document is required to participate.

To contact ACFS Direct Assistance in Sault Ste. Marie, call 632-5250 or 800-726-0093. To contact the Kincheloe ACFS office, call 495-1232; St. Ignace 643-8689; Munising 387-3906; and Manistique 341-6993. Satellite office hours are available for the Direct Assistance component at the Hessel and Escanaba tribal centers.

Movie review: Now and Forever (2002) It's excellent!

BY AL BOULLEY

There comes a point in every person's existence in which they have to travel to the "other side." Usually, this trip isn't scheduled according to any plan. Under rare circumstances, the traveler knows they'll be leaving soon. With such a change in location, mystery may seem to be the only companion. Who is to say what is and isn't possible? An aspect of what is so amazing about life is that some portion of it might persist through time and space. If so, can that portion actually affect the people and places on "this side?"

There's often another passenger along for the fateful ride, and it is love. Whether husband or wife, parent or child, the most powerful bonds we have with our loved ones can last beyond our physical presence on Earth. In their greatest moments of need, people all across the world have experienced a contact of some sort by a person they "knew" to be gone. It could be the sensation of

hearing their voice, or smelling their favorite perfume/cologne; real or imagined, this contact altered the course of the message recipient's life.

"Now & Forever" is a movie that pulls hard on the viewer's heartstrings. It is happy and sad, joyful and tragic. Adam Beach is the leading male, a Cree from Saskatchewan named John Myron. Gordon Tootoosis plays his father, the vision elder of their tribe who is known as Ghost Fox. (As an aside, Tootoosis happens to be Cree and has even served as the chief of his band.) At the age of 14, John's father desired for his son to "understand the white man and his world". Thus, John begins going to school off-reservation and attending a local church. On the day he receives First Communion something happens that causes him to meet his soul mate, a white girl named Angela Wilson.

This girl shows herself to have the spirit of a warrior, in no



small part because of the love life she has persevered through. She becomes friends with both John and his father, who is quickly the strong male figure in her life. Angela continually seeks a way out of the small town she has such contempt for, and pours herself into theatre during high school. John is her best friend; although he wanted to be more almost as soon as they met,

she wouldn't allow it. And yet, he's very happy with the bond they develop.

Angela's boyfriend, T.J. Bolt, is older than her and isn't the right type of person for her. John doesn't approve of him and at one point gives in to his anger, when T.J. makes some distasteful comments about his own girlfriend. This causes Angela to be put on the spot and choose between her boyfriend and her best friend. At the time, she chooses correctly, but a few days later gives in to T.J.'s machinations. The decision proves to be one that drastically changes the course of all their lives.

After leaving town, Angela earned a reputation as a very successful actress but she never forgot John. Her letters to him don't elicit a response—as the months and years pass, the two former best friends grow worlds apart. Then again, it's only a matter of time before they're reunited. Although it isn't the best of

circumstances, they pick up right where they left off. John helps Angela during the most difficult situation of her life, as one would expect him to. He doesn't fault her for leaving town because ultimately that decision makes their reunion possible.

I trust you find this review of "Now & Forever" somewhat mysterious, as it's my utmost goal to pique your curiosity.

The Sault Ste. Marie Family Video doesn't have this movie, but a larger video rental store might. I love this movie so much that I bought and donated a copy to the Bayliss Public Library, so people here in the Soo can check it out!

The experience of watching this excellent film should definitely be shared with loved ones. You may cry, laugh, and cry, but I believe you won't be disappointed. Expect to be entertained and uplifted by a story that will make you question if there's anything that can stop true love.



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Hartwig interviews Pygmies in Democratic Republic of the Congo

BY KALVIN HARTWIG

After the Congo Wars ended in 2003, the country fell into a civil war. Much of the conflict is now isolated in certain swaths of the eastern regions of the country. I lived there for about a year. The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is one of the least developed countries in the world. Despite these things, everyday people work hard to make a livelihood and carry on with life. It is not uncommon to meet people who can speak three, four or even more languages due to the country's many ethnic groups, tribes and neighbors.

I moved to the Congo, in part, to be with my then-partner, who worked for the United Nations as a humanitarian. I eventually found volunteer work teaching English and in development, managing facilities that produced fair trade garments made for consumption in southern California. Before finding work, I was studying French, the national language of the DRC. At that time, one of our friends and colleagues learned that I was interested in indigenous rights, and mentioned he was a volunteer for a local organization, translated in English as the Collective of United NGOs for the Sustainable Development of Associations for the Direction of Idle and Vulnerable Persons (COUD), that among other areas promoted rights and development of the region's tribal people, the Pygmies. He offered to take me and meet with the Pygmies to learn of their situation.

The Pygmies are the native peoples of the DRC, Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda. They lived in the region for many, many generations before Bantu peoples of northern Africa migrated south. Eventually Europeans also came, first interested in trade, and then in conquering new lands and peoples for their colonial ambitions.

It was necessary to take a 4x4

to get to the village where we were meeting with one group of Pygmies that already had relations with COUD. It took two times getting stuck in mud and about half a day to travel to that region. The Pygmies who lived in the village where I visited had originally been forest people. In the 1970s their forest was closed to people to become a national park and all the Pygmies were ousted. They weren't offered land in return and so they moved to the countryside and attempted to become farmers. I got to meet with the community elders and leaders, who offered to tell us their story and what they hope to gain. The following is a short passage of what was said.

Kalvin: *Where do you loan fields and which kinds of food do you eat the most?*

Head of Pygmies: *We loan portion of lands in some white men's farms and sometimes from rich men of Bukavu (the nearest large city) having large farms here. They grow cassava, beans, sweet potatoes, sorghum, maize and so on. These are food we eat the most.*

Kalvin: *Do you still hunt animals in the park? If not, what do you do in order to get meat?*

Pygmy President: *After being chased in the park, we went on hunting, but nowadays we no longer hunt... We stopped hunting, which was one of the three main activities of our lives. Then we suffer a lot as we no longer eat meat. In the park, we were not suffering but we are [now] suffering at any time because we don't eat enough meat as usual. You know animals eat herbs that are our traditional medicine. So when we eat the meat, we take as well what is [in] the animal and it protects us from many illness.*

Solving the problem of illnesses we need a small hospital of our own; because we have not money, and once being sick we don't

know what to do.

It seemed as though the Pygmies wanted to go back to the forest, but felt endangered if they were to go back. They spoke of being arrested for simply walking near the forest and saddened that half their crops go towards their rent and the other half goes towards paying their children's school fees. They showed me the little mud huts in which many of them live. I asked them what they thought would bring them relief.

Leader Bolingo: *Firstly, we would like to have a large portion of land of our own where we can [practice] our agricultural activities, where we can live permanently because so many of ours are scattered all around this district [where we are lacking security]. Secondly we would like [COUD] to build an office for us where we can meet regularly. Thirdly we would like [COUD] to build houses for us so as we can live as other people live in good conditions. We need as well a school for our children, jobs [COUD] can train us in..., a hall in which we can organize our ceremonies [and] also a place for business activity.*

COUD representative: *Briefly, you need a hall that can make money for you when people organize ceremonies in it.*

Several Pygmies in unison: *Of course, yes.*

Leader Bolingo: *We need as well a hospital that can take care of our health.*

I was only able to spend a couple hours with the Pygmies before I had to return to Bukavu, but they were grateful to have met me, and hopeful they could one day find some resolution to their troubles.

You can learn more about COUD here: <https://coudgrandlac.wordpress.com>.

Kalvin Hatwig is a Sault Tribe member.



A farmer shows off some of his crops.



Walking through the village to the schoolhouse.



Community members gathered in a village schoolhouse.

Nation needs to know what's funded, what's not, in education

From "Upward Bound," Page 1 live on campus in the dorms for six weeks and take classes every day. Some students are taught by local teachers and some by university faculty. This program is one of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society program and we have several well-

known alums including Sault Tribe Chairman Aaron Payment, Sault Tribe Unit I Representative DJ Hoffman and Mary Beth Belonga Skupien, Ph.D. One of our more recent students (2011) finished his doctorate in physics at Berkley and just about a week ago one of our alums finished

her degree at Wellesley. We are hosted by Lake State and are one of three programs in Michigan that has not heard anything yet. We want to be funded and be able to serve our students."

More than three weeks (June 27) after the gathering on June 2, Witucki provided an update

and said, "We still have not heard from The U.S. Department of Education about our appeal. Rather than have these kids lose out on having their program, LSSU pulled together enough money for us to run the summer session for our students.

Witucki added, "If folks

are interested in supporting Upward Bound at LSSU, they should contact our federal legislators and ask them to urge the Department of Education to 'fund down the slate' with the extra money that the DOE already has for TRIO programs."

FREE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has arrangements for free recreational services for

members across the service area. Members work out, swim or even take a sauna after climbing

an indoor wall, all free of charge. Places in the EUP where members can recreate include Lake Superior

State University, Manistique High School pool, Escanaba YMCA, Northern Michigan University and

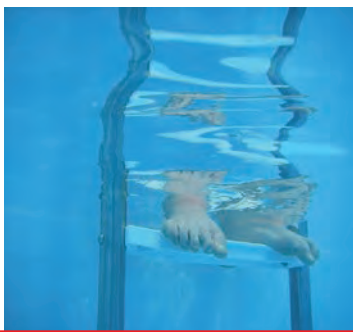
Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Each site has its own features! Summer Hours below.

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- LSSU basketball tickets**
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Escanaba Northern Lights YMCA

- Fitness center
- Pool
- Hot tub
- Sauna
- Gymnasium

Sault Tribe members also receive the discounted member rate for all programs at the YMCA.
 Present tribal card to desk attendant. Age restrictions may apply.
Summer hours
 Monday-Friday 5 a.m.-10 p.m.
 Saturday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Sunday: CLOSED
 2001 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, (906) 789-0005
www.nylmca.com
 (Select Delta Program Center)



LSSU Student Activity Center, Norris Center pool

Student Activity Center
 Fitness center
 Track
 Gymnasium
 Present tribal card to desk monitor. Age restrictions may apply.
Summer hours
 Monday-Friday: 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Saturday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Sunday: CLOSED

Norris Center pool
 Present tribal card to desk monitor.
Summer hours
 Monday thru Friday:
 • 6-10am (Lap/open swim)
 • 11am-3pm (Lap/open swim)
 • 3-7pm (Open swim)
 Saturday-Sunday: CLOSED
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Marquette NMU facilities

Physical education and instructional facility

- Fitness center
- Lap pool
- Diving tank
- Saunas
- Basketball and volleyball gymnasiums
- Indoor climbing wall
- Racquetball and wallyball courts
- Group fitness classes
- Cycling classes

Sault Tribe members also receive discounts on outdoor equipment rentals, locker and towel service as well as personal training.
 Present tribal card to desk attendant. Age restrictions may apply.

Summer hours

Monday-Thursday 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
 Friday 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Sunday: CLOSED

Pool hours, sauna hours and Outdoor Rec Center hours vary, visit website for details.

Berry Events Center

- Walking track
- Present tribal card to desk attendant. Age restrictions may apply.

Summer hours

Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Saturday-Sunday, open during rentals only, call for details.

Superior dome

- Basketball and volleyball Gymnasiums
- Indoor track
- Indoor tennis courts
- Turf and floor

Present tribal card to desk attendant. Age restrictions may apply.

Summer hours

Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
 (Turf/floor unavailable when rented)
 Saturday and Sunday CLOSED
 Closed Aug. 22-25

Intramural sports also available to Sault Tribe members aged 16 and older, information available on the website.

<http://www.nmu.edu/recsports/memberships>

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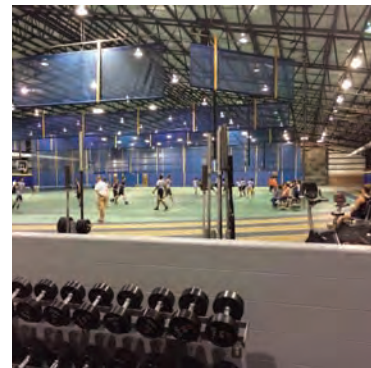
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- Fitness center
- Track
- Basketball and volleyball gymnasiums
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Present tribal card to desk monitor and complete appropriate paperwork. Age restrictions may apply.

Summer hours

Monday-Friday: 5 a.m.-9 p.m.
 Saturday: CLOSED
 Sunday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Located inside Chi Mukwa Two Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie
 (906) 635-4935



Sault Ste. Marie Chi Mukwa Center

Summer hours

Monday-Friday 5 a.m.-9 p.m.
 Saturday: CLOSED
 Sunday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Public skating and skate rentals

Sunday 2:30-3:50 p.m.
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Basketball and volleyball gymnasiums

Call for availability.
 Present tribal card to reception desk

Open gym for tribal youth

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Walking track

Monday-Friday 5 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Nature trail/playground

Seven days a week during daylight.
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MANISTIQUE HOSTS 11TH ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS POWWOW OVER JUNE 10-11

Photos by Stephen King



From left, Alejah and Brenden Pierce.



Host drum, Mukwa Giizhik.



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Traditional dancer.



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August 24th	Picking	Munising Tribal Health Center (Lower Level)



September 2017		
September 28th	Veggies	Munising Tribal Health Center (Lower Level)

Instructor Cassie Steinhoff, RD, from Community Health will be facilitating the workshops.

To register or for more information, please contact Cassie Steinhoff at (906) 387-4721 or at csteinhoff@saulttribe.net

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Biron brings driftwood to life in sculptures

By RICK SMITH

What began about five years ago as a way to support his grandson's hockey pursuits evolved into original and unique driftwood sculptures taking Sault Tribe member Gene Biron into exciting adventures in the regional world of art.

Biron often walks along the shore of northern Lake Huron near Hessel, Mich., to collect driftwood and enjoy the wonders of Mother Earth. When he learned his grandson wanted to play on hockey teams, Biron turned to making and selling birdhouses as a way to support his grandson's hockey endeavors. It went well, Biron said he generated about \$500 to help his grandson get on the ice.

Turning his imagination loose on his collection of driftwood, Biron began building eye-catching replicas of sailing ships from the driftwood as well as as box sculptures depicting stylized fish, sailboats and birds. "It's a stress reliever for me," Biron said in his shop, which doubles as his garage, "a big stress reliever. I can sit out here for hours and putter around with it."

Each of the ships he builds evokes an individual character. The material and construction of his first ship, for example, suggests a ship plying heavy seas, bringing to mind the old saying, "A ship in a harbor is safe, but that is not what they are built for." Another more recently completed ship seems to command admiration for its handsome black sails and graceful lines.

Biron put in an appearance at

the Rudyard Christian School to introduce about 20 students to the pleasures of creating art with driftwood and some of his works were shown in the Bawating Art Gallery of the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino complex.

Involved in starting Mukwa Giizhik, the drum group of Hessel, Biron also built hand drums and big drums, which included steaming and shaping the wooden frames.

He plans on displaying and selling his works this summer at assorted functions such as powwows, sidewalk sales, craft fairs, expos and similar events where people congregate. He's also looking into involvement with established regional art galleries and competitions. Appropriately enough, his first sales display of his driftwood art went up at the inaugural Honoring the Waters and Her Protectors Powwow in St. Ignace over last March 11-12.

But, in what must surely be his most thrilling step into the art world so far, Biron is competing in the 2017 Michigan ArtPrize in Grand Rapids, Mich., from Sept. 8 to Sept. 17. The ArtPrize is described on the organization's web site as an open, independently organized international art competition, which takes place for 19 days each fall. Competitors vie for more than \$500,000 in prizes.

Those interested in learning more may direct questions to the artist via telephone at (906) 430-1059, send email to driftwoodsbygpb@gmail.com or find photos of samples of his works on Facebook.com by searching for Gene P Biron.



Photos by Rick Smith

Driftwood sculptor Gene Biron stands in his Hessel workshop with his latest creation still in progress. Biron builds likenesses of all kinds of sailing ships and birds with driftwood he finds on the shore of Lake Huron.



Above, the curve of a section of the driftwood hull on this handsome piece suggests the ship passing through a swell as it plies a sea. Below, the likeness of a Viking sailing ship (Photo by Gene Biron).



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Inaugural sobriety conference hosted in Sault

By Rick Smith

A group founded six years ago by Sault Tribe member Patrick McCoy sponsored the first Walking the Red Road Indigenous Sobriety Conference at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., over the weekend of June 16-18. McCoy said the purpose of the conference is to help regional folks with recovery from alcoholism and drug addiction.

Registration and opening ceremonies took place on the evening of the first day of the conference. According to a schedule, attendees heard from the Sober Indianz Peacekeepers and enjoyed a performance by stand-up comedian, Don Burnstick, a Cree member of the Alexander First Nation near Edmonton, Alberta, in Canada.

The following day, June 17, was a full day of functions beginning with a sunrise ceremony and listening to a line-up of speakers from panels of elders, sober chiefs and spiritualists. Featured speakers were Isaac Murdock and Dennis J. Banks. Murdock, an Ojibwe member of the Serpent River First Nation of Ontario, Canada, an educator with Project Helping Our Mother Earth (HOME) and an artist in the Onaman Collective. Project HOME is a Canada-wide organization that helps teachers and schools to spread the message among students about protecting Mother Earth while the Onaman Collective is an indigenous

grassroots initiative based in Cutler, Ont., and largely promotes traditional Anishinaabe knowledge and language. Banks is an Anishinaabe of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in northern Minnesota. He is a co-founder of the American Indian Movement and remains an impassioned activist for the rights of American Indians.

Later in the evening, attendees heard Calisto "Silverfox" Lopez II, an Apache originally from Texas, playing music on American Indian flutes. A dance in celebration of sobriety capped the events of the day.

A closing ceremony concluded the conference on the morning of June 18.

While Sault Tribe Board Chairman Aaron Payment was prevented from attending the conference due to other obligations, he did leave a letter of welcome for all attendees and voiced his support for the spirit of the conference. "I want to give a personal acknowledgement and thanks to Patrick McCoy," Payment wrote, "for having the vision to bring this convening to life. I hope this conference will be a new beginning to annually share strategies for how to awaken the sleeping giant and address sobriety in all aspects of life for without it, we cannot be truly fulfilled."

More about Sober Indianz can be found on a Facebook search for Sober Indianz or visit www.soberindianz.org.



Photos by Rick Smith

Above, Sober Indianz founder and chief executive, Patrick McCoy, speaks at the conference. Sober Indianz shows a following of over 50,000 members on Facebook. Below, Marlene Martin of the Moose Cree First Nation, sold copper and wood wares at the conference. She and her husband operate Frank's Copper Mine in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.



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McNally earns doctorate, gives thanks to tribe



Above, from left, Donna, Baillie and Dan McNally.

Baillie Rae McNally, daughter of Dan and Donna McNally of Burrillville, R.I., and granddaughter of the late Raymond and Ruth McNally of Munising, Mich., graduated on May 11, 2017, from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, Mass., with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in materials science and engineering.

Baillie completed a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering in 2013 at WPI and continued on for her Ph.D., focusing her research on alumi-

num powder development for an additive manufacturing technique called cold spray.

Dr. McNally was recently hired as an additive manufacturing process engineer by VRC Metal Systems, L.L.C., in Rapid City, S.D. VRC Metal Systems manufactures cold spray equipment. She will be responsible for process and product development at a branch in Massachusetts.

Dr. McNally sincerely thanks the tribe for their support while she attended college.

Fox graduates, bestowed with an associate degree



Jessica Lynn Fox, a Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians member, graduated from Monroe County Community College with an associate degree of science in respiratory therapy on April 28, 2017.

Jessica passed her second national board exam on June 19, 2017, and earned her registered respiratory therapist credential.

She plans to further her education by pursuing a bachelor's degree in respiratory care.

Her family is very proud of her commitment and accomplishments.

Good job, our American Indian girl!

Bemidji State's new scholarship program provides support for nursing students

Starting in July, Bemidji State University will begin a four-year project to improve diversity in the nation's nursing workforce by offering significant scholarships and financial support to as many as 12 American Indian nursing students.

Bemidji State's Niganawenimaanaanig (ni-gah'-nah-when-nee-mah-nah'-neg) project — an Ojibwe word meaning "we take care of them" — is funded by a \$499,887 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's (HHS) Nursing Workforce Diversity program, which could extend to a total of nearly \$2 million for three additional years based on available funding and satisfactory progress.

BSU's grant is one of 29 distributed by the HHS Nursing Workforce Diversity program for 2017 valued at more than \$13.16 million. HHS has been funding Nursing Workforce Diversity projects since 2012.

American Indian nursing students can begin taking advantage of BSU's program beginning this fall. The Department of Nursing hopes the program will help grow its American Indian enrollment to nearly two dozen over the course of the four-year project. "Our goal is to increase the enrollment of American Indian nurses at BSU by 25 percent in the second year of the grant, by 50 percent in the third year and 75 percent in the fourth," said Dr. Misty

Wilkie, an associate professor of nursing who led BSU's effort to secure the grant.

Eligible students participating in Niganawenimaanaanig will receive scholarships valued at \$4,000 — approximately one-half of BSU's annual tuition cost — and monthly \$500 stipends for meeting specific program requirements such as weekly meetings and goal-setting sessions with a faculty mentor, participation in scheduled activities and attending tutoring or study sessions for courses in which they have a grade of C or lower. Students will also be provided with supplies required by the nursing program.

All program participants will travel to partner tribal nations

in the Bemidji region to participate in cultural activities such as harvesting wild rice or maple sugar or gathering birch bark. In addition, six upper-class grant students will be selected to attend a national conference with the program's faculty leaders.

Bemidji State University's Department of Nursing is a fully accredited program which has been providing baccalaureate-educated nurses to the northern Minnesota region for more than 30 years. BSU offers two tracks to complete a bachelor's degree — a four-year track for students just beginning their educations and a two-year degree completion program for students who already are licensed Registered Nurses.

High school graduation announcements

Haynes



Sault Tribe member Lauren M. Haynes graduated on May 19, 2017, from Lakota West High School in West Chester, Ohio. Lauren was ranked in the top 25 of her class of 697 students. She is attending the University of Dayton in the fall of 2017, studying electrical engineering through UD's Honors Program.

Lauren's parents are Brian and Shelly (tribal member) Haynes, grandparents are tribal elder Diana (nee Berden) Sova and the late Lawrence Sova.

Sylvester



The family of Mikena M. Sylvester is excited to announce his graduation from Malcolm High School on May 25, 2017. Mikena is the son of Barbara Sylvester-Brand and Reno Brand. His grandparents are Lynn and Marsha Ailing and he has a very special auntie, Billi Jo Sylvester. Congratulations Mikena, we are all proud of your accomplishment.

Kelly



Sault Tribe member Lauren Renee Kelly graduated from Port Huron Northern High School on June 7, 2017, with a 3.75 GPA.

Lauren is attending S.C.C.C.C. and is one year away from completing her associate degree before moving on to Saginaw Valley State University in the fall of 2018 to pursue her bachelor's degree in either business, nursing or both. Lauren has been a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians since 2006.

She is the daughter of Jeff and Nancy Kelly and Karen Stoldt.

While attending high school, Lauren played softball as well as girls' ice hockey. She was the ice hockey team captain for the past two years and led the team in scoring all three seasons she participated. She tallied 27 goals in her senior season alone.

We are all so very proud of all of Lauren's accomplishments and wish her all the best in her future plans and goals. We love you, Lauren.

McKerchie

Sault Tribe member Katelyn Niccole McKerchie graduated from Baker High School in Mobile, Ala., on May 18. She maintained an above 4.0 GPA throughout her high school years, was in Honors Society and received academic lettering. Katelyn also volunteered at a pet rescue center and attended teen youth nights at a local church.

Katelyn will be attending the University of South Alabama in the fall pursuing an english literature degree. Katelyn will further her education by applying to the College of Physical Therapy/Sports Therapy Program.

Parents are Todd and Amber McKerchie of Mobile. Grandparents are Harold "Bud" McKerchie Jr. and Linda McKerchie of Mobile and the late Lisa Nichols. Paternal



great-grandparents are the late Harold "Cub" McKerchie and Mary McKerchie of Sugar Island and the late Dorothy Watt.

Porter



Sault Tribe member Alyssa Porter, 17, graduated with honors from Cheboygan High School this spring. She plans to attend North Central Michigan College this fall, then transfer to Lake Superior State University to finish her education in nursing.

She is the daughter of Sonya Grondin and Dave Porter.

Year-round Pell grants now available

Changes increase flexibility for college bound students

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recently announced year-round Pell grants became available to students beginning on July 1, 2017.

This policy change will ensure hundreds of thousands of college students have the resources needed to finish their coursework in a timeframe that meets their individual needs.

“This decision is about

empowering students and giving them the flexibility and support needed to achieve their goals,” said Secretary DeVos. “Expanding access to the Pell program, so that students who need additional resources can graduate more quickly and with less debt, is the right thing to do.”

This change in the federal Pell Grant Program will allow an eligible student to receive up to 150 percent of the student’s fed-

eral Pell Grant scheduled award beginning with the 2017–2018 award year.

To be eligible for the additional Pell Grant funds, the student must be otherwise eligible to receive Pell Grant funds for the payment period and must be enrolled at least half-time.

For a student who is eligible for the additional Pell Grant funds, the institution must pay the student all of the student’s

eligible Pell Grant funds, up to 150 percent of the student’s Pell Grant Scheduled Award for the award year.

Unless the student has remaining eligibility from the 2016–2017 award year, the Department strongly recommends that institutions award Pell Grant funds for this summer out of the 2017–2018 award year since the additional funding will be available later in the year (e.g., spring or summer

of 2018).

Although institutions have the flexibility to assign crossover payment periods to either of the relevant award years, the new law provides that an institution must make the assignment “as it determines is most beneficial to students.” Therefore, that decision should be based on what is in the best interest of the student and maximizes the student’s eligibility over the two award years.

Help your child develop early math skills

You can help your child learn about simple math skills. Doing it as part of daily routines and using common games and rhymes makes learning into play. It’s fun and easy for families to highlight the math in every-day activities.

How important are math skills to young children?

Lots of parents have been reading about how to improve their child’s language skills so they will be better prepared when it comes to reading in school. Math skills are important, too. In fact, Amy Parks of the Michigan State University College of Education says early math skills may be just as or more important than language skills.

Other researchers agree. The study “Early Math Matters: Kindergarten Number Competence and Later Mathematics Outcomes,” published in *Developmental Psychology*, recommends early experience with math talk and games to strengthen **math achievement** in later years.

What are basic concepts of math skills for young children?

“Help Your Child Develop Early Math Skills” by Zero to Three lists the following basic math skills young children will need to build a strong foundation for math achievement later on:

- Understanding one-to-one correspondence.
- Identifying more and less of a quantity.
- Counting verbally (rote counting).
- Counting objects.

How can parents help children learn basic concepts?

We already know children learn skills more easily when they are taught as part of the child’s regular routines. MSU Extension suggests one way families can include some math learning is to let your young child help set the table for a meal. Children learn about one-to-one correspondence, a basic math concept, by making sure there is one place setting for each person who is going to be at the meal.

With very young children, you may want to begin with unbreakable items such as forks, spoons and napkins. As children grow older and can handle more fragile items like glassware or dinner plates, you can ask them to prepare an entire place setting

for each person. Another way to teach one-to-one correspondence is to ask children to pass out food items at a meal or snack—one cookie per person.

To teach about more and less, you could continue the “mealtime math” learning experience. Maybe dad wants two cookies—two is more than one. Baby brother is too young for cookies—none is less than one. At the same time, you can also teach counting by pointing to each cookie and naming the number. This is the beginning of number sense, another basic math concept.

Rote counting and counting objects

Rote counting is one of the first mathematical skills children learn. It is simply naming numbers beginning with zero or one from memory. Most parents teach this skill in an informal way by reciting a rhyme such as “One, two, buckle my shoe” or “One potato, two potato.”

With rote counting, you can count objects such as cookies at snack time, steps on the stairs or anything interesting in the child’s world. One of the favorite things to count is fingers and toes.

Playing board games

Once children know how to count objects, you can begin playing simple board games with them. Games such as Chutes and Ladders and Candyland require players to move their counter the number of spaces indicated on the spinner dial. After moving their counter along, they reach the final goal and win the game.

With young children, it is often better to play brief games and let everyone reach the final goal. The point of the activity is to let children have experience with numbers rather than be winners or losers. Once they enter kindergarten, they often become more interested in competitions, but toddlers and preschoolers mostly want the chance to play along with everyone else.

With fun as your goal, your children will be learning the math skills they will need to build on in the future.

This article was written by Kittie Butcher, Michigan State University Extension, and Janet Pletcher, Lansing Community College. For more information, visit <http://www.msue.msu.edu>.

JKL students learn tanning

Students at JKL Bawheting Public School Academy receive hands-on instruction in turning raw deer hide into soft, pliable buckskin. Below, a pair of students use a handrail to stretch a hide as their instructor, Dr. Chris Gordon, observes (Photos by Rick Smith). Next, students work hides on stretching and softening racks (Photo by Chris Gordon). Students have been learning about tanning deer hides for the past three consecutive years. They also learn about other skills such as knapping. At bottom, two teams of students are seen stretching hides.



Fellow Sault Tribe members walking on . . .

JANICE BELLANT

Janice Bellant of Lake Orion passed away on May 10, 2017. She was born on Dec. 7, 1958, to Clarence and Marie Bellant. She was born an extra special person and lived at home with her mom, in Clarkston, until mom (Marie) passed away of a heart attack in 1989. She then went to live at the Liedich group Home in Lake Orion. She was very happy there.

Janice was a very happy person and enjoyed sharing a cup of tea with any company that happened by and she enjoyed a cold beer after work on Friday nights. Janice had a special pet (a bird), named Bob. Bob would miss her when she was at work and would dance and sing for her when she would return.

The night Janice passed away, the Liedich Home informed the family that Bob also passed away. The home said Janice stopped on her way to Heaven to pick up Bob and to take him with her.

Janice was predeceased by her parents, Clarence and Marie; and a brother, Wayne, who passed away in 1965. She will be sadly missed by her four surviving siblings, two brothers, Charles (Roseanne) of Clarkston, and John (Sherry) of Waterford; two sisters, Carol (Gordon) Elkins of Fenton, and Sandy (Mark) Blakely of Newberry; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Janice was a member of Sault Tribe and was buried in Epoufette Cemetery on June 14 with pipe carrier, Leslie Ailing, and his wife celebrating a traditional ceremony. A luncheon followed at the Rexton Township Hall.

RAYMOND P. BURLEW

Raymond "Red" Burlew, 66, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on June 9, 2017, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.



Red was born on Jan. 6, 1951, in Hessel, Mich., the son of the late Eugene and Agnes (nee McLeod) Burlew. In March 1977, he married Kim Ailing at St. James Episcopal Church. Red worked for more than 35 years as a taxi driver, most recently for Soo Line. He was an avid reader who also enjoyed Michigan football and Tigers baseball. Most of all, he enjoyed being with family.

Red is survived by his two daughters, Corey Shipman and Kathy Burlew both of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Audra, Maliik, Micah, Jeremy, Kaylea, Brandon and ChGiiizhigong; and one great-grandchild, Amerie; two brothers, James Burlew and Eugene (Charlotte) Burlew, both of Hessel; a special niece, Marcy Fisher of Brighton, Mich.; a special nephew, Jimmy Burlew of North Carolina; and many other nieces and nephews.

Red was preceded in death by his parents; two grandchildren, Kelsey Theut and Zaagidwin Shipman; five siblings, Clarence Catling, Darrel Burlew, Catherine Burlew, Lorne Burlew and Opal Mathews; and two uncles, Raymond McLeod and Norman McLeod.

A funeral service took place on June 12, 2017, at the

Niigaanagiiizhik Ceremonial Building. Visitation began June 10, 2017 continued until the funeral service.

Burial is at Will Walk Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to help with funeral expenses. Arrangements are in the care of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at <http://www.csmulder.com>.

LINDA M. KRULL

Linda Marie Krull, 52, of Alger Mich., died at home peacefully on May 5, 2017, surrounded by her family and loved ones. She was born Oct. 20, 1964, in Petoskey, Mich., to Kenneth and Sally (nee Vallier) Crawford.

During her life, Linda enjoyed quality time with loved ones, reading with her tea, occasionally visiting the penny slots and galivanting the countryside in search of good garage sales or places to explore. She never turned down an opportunity to play keno or scratch-off tickets. Linda had a fondness for spending time on the lakes and rivers. She was a true lover of nature and animals.

Linda was always making room in her home and her heart for others. She dared to live life her own way, prided herself on being independent, always found a way to make things work and faced many odds with grace and humor. Her loving spirit and infectious smile will be forever remembered and greatly missed.

Linda is survived by her two children, Dawn Krull of Novi and Kenneth Crawford of Alger; three sisters, Kendra (Glen) Siebert, Laurel Beaver and Sharon (Steve) Bohr; her longtime partner, Douglas Middlebrook; several nieces and nephews; as well as her beloved lab, Penny, and tuxedo cat, Baby.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

At Linda's request, no service will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be sent to Heartland Hospice in her memory at 564 Progress Street, West Branch, MI 48661. Condolences can also be expressed to the family online through www.cremationsociety-midmi.com.

ORVILLE T. LEASK

Orville Thomas Leask, 89, of Cheboygan, Mich., passed away on June 8, 2017, at Tendercare Rogers City, Rogers City, Mich. He was born on March 8, 1928, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Thomas and Adelaide (nee McCoy) Leask.

Orville was employed as a threadgrinder for 34 years at Detroit Tap and Tool and retired in 1986. Gardening, country music and his family were some of his greatest joys.

He is survived by his children, Chal (Gloria) Leask of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., Cleland (Pat) Leask of Gaylord, Mich., Kimberly (Michael) Duch of Chebovgan, Randalee (Tony)



Grubinski of Cheboygan, Shandalee (Joel) Legato of Cheboygan and Corey Leask of Rogers City; three sisters, Monica (Dago) Vallance of Flint, Mich., Judy Maxwell of Cheboygan and Gerry Bussler of Cheboygan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine; daughter, Linda Tallman; two brothers; five sisters; and his parents.

A memorial Mass took at Sacred Heart Church in Cheboygan on June 16. Memorials may be given to Hospice House of Cheboygan in memory of Orville Leask.

Arrangements were by Beck Funeral Home. Online condolences may be addressed through www.beckfuneralhome.org.

LYNDA F. LAWRENCE

Lynda F. Lawrence, 70, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on June 17, 2017, at the Hospice of the EUP – Hospice House. She was born on Sept. 27, 1946, in Sault Ste. Marie.

Lynda will be greatly missed by her family.

Arrangements were handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

SILAS J. MCTIVER

Silas James McTiver, 6, of Newberry, Mich., departed from this life on June 14, 2017. Silas was born on Feb. 1, 2011, at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey, Mich., son of Scott and Shelly (nee Archambeau) McTiver.



Silas was a kindergartener at Newberry Elementary School, where he was well liked by his teachers and peers, and his favorite subject was math. Silas enjoyed T-ball and was a member of Natures Kennel's T-ball team. Silas enjoyed playing with his friends and cousins and also enjoyed off roading, snowmobiling, fishing, arts, crafts and farming.

Survivors include his loving parents; paternal grandparents Larry "Ike" (Sandy) McTiver of Newberry; maternal grandparents James (Mary) Archambeau of Newberry; maternal great-grandfather Raymond Archambeau of Engadine, Mich.; uncle, Stewart (Carol) McTiver of Newberry; aunt, Susan (Ken) Jewell of McMillan, Mich.; and cousins, Mark and Layla McTiver and Anna and Chelsea Jewell.

Silas is preceded in death by paternal great-grandparents Stuart (June) McTiver, Bud (Merida) Davis and maternal great-grandmother Julia Archambeau.

Visitation and services took place at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Engadine on June 19 with Pastor Arthur Bode officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the family in his memory. Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family.

EDWARD M. NEDEAU

Edward Michael Nedeau, 62, of St. James City, Fla., died on March 24, 2017, at Cape Coral, Hospital in Florida. He was born

on April 5, 1954, in Gladstone, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 31 years, Kathleen Nedeau; his parents, Edgar Nedeau and Luella Sackett; his granddaughter, Kathleen Amber Nedeau; and his sister, Mary Ann Deverney.

He is survived by his son, Edward Michael Nedeau, II; daughters, Karen Arthur, Francois Frye (Roy) and Amy Schultz; three granddaughters; four grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

Loving family, Gene Bozilic (Boro), Patricia Caron (Conrad), Luella Brown and brother Bradley Nedeau (Debra); many nieces and nephews; and loving friends of many years Tim and Leanne Shallow and family.

Family and friends may leave a condolence message by visiting www.horizonfunerals.com. Affordable Cremations and Horizon Funeral Home made arrangements.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and took a lot of pride in his Native American heritage.

FRANCIS J. O'NEIL

Francis James O'Neil, of Roscommon, passed away on June 1, 2017. He was born in Manistique on May 27, 1934, the first born of Frank and Evelyn (nee Corey) O'Neil of Gilchrist. He graduated high school in Engadine in 1952.



He was employed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for 27 years, retiring from the Forest Fire Division in Roscommon in 1991. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, and loved to hunt and fish for rainbow trout in his beloved Upper Peninsula.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Clarissa "Cookie," and a daughter, Stacy Ann O'Neil; he is survived by daughters, Tanya (nee O'Neil) Sloan of Missouri and Natalie O'Neil of Roscommon; two grandsons and four great-grandsons; sister, Janice (nee O'Neil) King of Gulliver; brothers, James (Eirnella) O'Neil of Gould City, Keith (Harriett) O'Neil of Elmira and Gary (Kathy) O'Neil of Carp Lake.

A private family service takes place at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 830 S. Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735.

Arrangements are by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

"Giga-waabamin-menawaa," until we meet again.

THOMAS J. PAQUIN SR.

Thomas "Tommy" James Paquin Sr. passed away on May 23, 2017, at his daughters home in Baraga, Mich. Tom was born on July 17, 1950, to Tom and (Gloria) "Shine" Paquin of Millecoquins Lake, Mich.



Tom first went to school in Newberry, Mich. Then the family moved to Garnet where he attend-

ed school in Rexton until eighth grade, then finished and graduated from Engadine High School. While attending Engadine school he had a special interest in shop taught by Mr. Russell Schultz. Russ also helped him along with the many talents he had.

At that time, Tom loved making cutting boards with beautiful wildlife scenes drawn on them as well as wood burned wild life on the many cribbage boards. He also whittled guns also he was quite the artist making beautiful cards.

After school, he worked in Brownings Shingle Mill in Garnet, working there summers until he joined the U.S. Marines. After he was discharged, he moved to Baraga, where he raised his family. Tom was a proud of being member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and USMC as well as a commercial fisherman. He loved people, fishing, his heritage, the outdoors and all of his family. He will be missed greatly.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents Tom and Shine Paquin; a son, Tom Paquin Jr.; a sister, Rose Paquin; and great-nephew, Lawrence T.D. Fultz Jr.

Survivors include his children, Tahala Davis, Anelle Paquin, Joseph Paquin and David Paquin; and several grandchildren. Also surviving is one brother, David Paquin, of Rexton, and one sister, Connie Paquin, of Garnet, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A Native American service took place in Baraga, Mich., followed by cremation, as was his wish.

MARJEAN E. SANFORD

Marjean Edna Sanford, 83, of Fibre, Mich., died on June 7, 2017, at the home of her daughter in Lansing, Mich. She and her twin sister, Marjorie, were born on Dec. 9, 1933, at home in Fibre to Louis Victor and Edna M. (nee Steele) Sylvester.



Marjean grew up in Fibre where she attended a one-room schoolhouse and then she attended and graduated from Rudyard High School. She married Alonzo William Sanford on Feb. 14, 1953, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. They made their home in Fibre and had three children. When the children were all in school, Marjean worked for the Intermediate School District as the secretary to the superintendent for several years. With the children grown, she traveled with Alonzo as he worked around the country as job supervisor on large construction jobs. She worked as bookkeeper and payroll secretary on the same projects Alonzo worked. Fibre was always home so that was where they returned when they retired.

Marjean was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She was very active and enjoyed physical activities like cross country skiing and biking, but also faithfully used indoor exercise equipment when the weather outdoors didn't cooperate. She enjoyed knitting, cro-

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Barbeaux receives awards for federal fisheries work



Above, Dr. Steven Barbeaux at work recording data aboard the F/V Muir Milach during a cooperative acoustic survey in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska.

Sault Tribe member Dr. Steven Barbeaux was twice honored this month by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Work conducted by Barbeaux and team members in the careful analysis of new measures to manage Alaska fisheries while protecting endangered sea lions were awarded the Bronze Medal for Distinguished Achievement in the Federal Service. Barbeaux was also awarded NOAA employee of the year for 2016 for his achievements in developing new stock assessment approaches for the Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod fisheries and research on the impacts of climate change on the distribution of marine fishes in the Bering Sea.

Barbeaux began his career in fisheries while working for his father, tribal elder and fisherman Sylvester "Butch" Barbeaux and his start in fisheries biology as an intern with Sault Tribe Fisheries Department while on summer break from college. He has been employed by NOAA Fisheries since leaving the United States Peace Corps in 1995 where he had served as an aquaculture extension agent in rural Cameroon in central Africa for two and a half years. For NOAA Fisheries he first worked as a contracted at-sea observer on board commercial fishing vessels in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska, then as a staff biological technician with the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC).

After completing a Master's degree in natural resource management at the University of Washington's School of Marine Affairs in 2002 he switched roles at the AFSC and became a research fisheries biologist developing stock assessment models for managing federal fisheries resources in the Alaska region. In 2012 Barbeaux earned a Ph.D. in fisheries management from the University of Washington's School of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences with his dissertation work focusing on cooperative research involving fishing industry and community partners in data collection for monitoring fisheries resources and impacts of climate change on those resources.

In 2015 his team was awarded a Gold Medal for Scientific and Engineering Achievement for their work in leading the most comprehensive integrated ecosystem assessment ever completed. More than 30 NOAA scientists partnered with the National Science Foundation, the North Pacific Research Board, academia, and federal, state, and tribal agencies to conduct field research and ecosystem modeling that links climate, physical oceanography, plankton, fishes, seabirds, marine mammals, humans, and economic outcomes.

Barbeaux is the son of tribal elder Sylvester "Butch" Barbeaux and Janet Barbeaux (née Coulombe), brother of tribal fisherman Paul Barbeaux of DeTour Village and grandson of the late tribal elder Ruby Bockerney (née Gedder).

In memory of Christine A. McDonald

On July 9, 1995, the Lord wrapped you in His arms and took your pain away and now you are in Heaven watching over your children and family. There is not a day that goes by that us kids don't think of you and wish we still had you here with us.



We now cherish the good memories we had and hold them close to our hearts. We thank the Lord for the time we did have. Your love for us was so heartfelt. You were loved so very much by your children and your family. We miss you so very much.

—Love, Your Kids, John, Chas, Anthony and Brenda & family

Laura Ailing, Tyler Bouschor wed

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Bouschor married on June 2, 2017, in Brimley, Mich. David and Michelle Lawrence are the parents of the groom, Tyler Bouschor. Leslie and Tracy Ailing are the parents of the bride, Laura (nee Ailing) Bouschor.

The happy couple met in first grade while attending JKL Bahweting Anishnabe Public School Academy. Tyler proposed to Laura at the same school on their sixth year anniversary, on Nov. 2, 2016.

The wedding took place at the Old Soo Line Grade Lodge with Bucko Teeple officiating a traditional ceremony. The wedding party included Jeremy Theut as the groom's best man, Luci Jo Devoy as the bride's maid of honor, Bob Guilmette as the groomsman and Lacey Ailing as the bridesmaid.

The bride and groom are business students at Lake Superior State University and graduate in the spring of 2018. Both are Sault Tribe members and live in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



WALKING ON . . .

From "Walking on," page 20 cheting and playing cards, often with friends in a card club.

Marjean is survived by her son, Herbert (Addie) Sanford of Port Huron, Mich.; daughter, Sherry Markey of Lansing; grandchildren, Jean Huntley, David (Holly) Sanford, Alyssa Sanford, Alonzo Sanford, Jennifer Markey, Amanda (Johnny) Synett, Richard Markey, Dennis Markey and John Markey; and great-grandchildren, Alexis, Justin, Clay, Savannah, Jacob, Eli, Autumn, Shelly, Allan, Noah, Corinne, Cassandra, Cole and Carter. She is also survived by her sister, Barbara Desrocher of Sault Ste. Marie; twin sister, Marjorie St. Louis of Fibre; two brothers, Roger Sylvester of Fibre and Ronald Sylvester of New Jersey; many nieces and nephews; and her very special friend, Edward Nuding of Ceresco, Mich.

Marjean was preceded in death by her husband, Alonzo, in 2000; son, Dennis William Sanford, in 1971; and sisters, Eileen Kemp and Diane McDaniel.

Services took place on June 19 at the R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Mich. Pastor Rod Case conducted the service. Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Mich.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

ESTHER R. SCHULTZ

Esther Ruth (nee Lahti)

Schultz of Sugar Island, Mich., passed away on July 1, 2017, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Esther was born April 15, 1948, in Sault Ste. Marie, the daughter of Encino and Emily Lahti.

Esther was a member of 2460 Fenton Eagles Auxiliary and Fenton VFW Auxiliary. She loved to bowl, cruising around Sugar Island and happy hour with family and friends. She talked a lot and was known as "Gabby." Esther was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She also loved to be a granny and great granny. Esther's family would like to give a special thanks to the nurses and staff at War Memorial Hospital ICU.

She is survived by her husband Franze A. Schultz; a son, Frank (Gayle) Schultz; three daughters, Jackie (Doug)

Cameron, Stacy (Jack) Morlock and Evelyn Schultz; a sister, Evelyn (Dennis) McKelvie; a brother, Ernest (Anita) Lahti; grandchildren TJ Hoffman, Shauna Williams, Nicole Schultz, Gavin Schultz and Bareck Schultz; great-grandson, Daxon Williams; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Edward Lahti and Emil Lahti; and two sisters, Elma Brendel and Ethel Shannon.

Visitation and services took place on July 5, 2017, at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Brother John Hascall officiating. Final resting place is Wilwalk Cemetery Sugar Island, Mich. In lieu of flowers please do something nice for someone in memory of Mom. The family suggests donations to the Sugar Island Lions or Lioness clubs.

Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

SUZAN L. SMITH

Suzan Lynn "Sue" Smith, 56, of Newberry, Mich., died on June 24, 2017, at her residence. Sue was airlifted to Ann Arbor, Mich., on June 19, 2017, then transported home where she died peacefully with her loving family.



Born on Aug. 15, 1960, in Kankakee, Ill., daughter of the late Clifford and Beatrice (nee Paquin) Hanson. Sue was a lifelong resident of Newberry. For more than 20 years Sue was a cashier at Mac's Market and Rahilly IGA.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and friends. Her hobbies included putting puzzles together, watching movies, fishing and the outdoors.

Survivors include her loving husband, Pete, of Newberry; sons, Mauricio Navarro and Eugene (Peggy) Navarro, all of Newberry; grandchildren, Oliver, Kali and Elias Navarro; siblings, Gloria (Rex) Matchinski of Newberry, Helen Hunter of Gladstone, Mich., Betty (Al) Maratta of East Liverpool, Ohio, Sandi (Stuart) Morrison of McMillan, Mich., Sally Miller of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Clifford (Loretta) Brown of Little Lake, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Sue was preceded in death by her

brother, Gary Wittenmyer.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation services have taken place. A gathering of family and friends celebrating her life took place on July 1, 2017, at the Newberry Eagles Club.

Memorials may be directed to the family in her memory.

Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family.

RUSSELL JAMES MORROW

Russell (Rusty) James Morrow Jr., 83, passed away peacefully at his home

in Clarkston, Mich., on June 14, 2017, with his loving wife, Mary Ann Sheets Morrow, and his family, by his side.



Born in Pontiac, Mich., Rusty was the son of the late Russell James Morrow Sr. and Katherine Mary Toshan Morrow. Rusty, fondly known by his brothers and sisters as Jim, was the eldest sibling of the late Sandra Marie Morrow LaBarge (Ronald), Lawrence Dale Morrow (Rosary), Michael Davis Morrow (Patricia), the late Robert Lynn Morrow (Ann), and Shari Ann Morrow deBeauclair (Donn).

Rusty was a graduate of Saint Frederick's Catholic High School in Pontiac, Mich., and enlisted in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1954. While stationed in Norfolk, Va., he met the love of his life, the late Madelyn Rose Collier Morrow. They resided in Virginia Beach, Va., until her passing in 1993. Following his Navy career, Rusty became an apprentice with Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 110 in Norfolk, Va., in 1955 and retired as a journeyman in 1994. He was a 60-year member of the United Association of Plumbers and Fitters.

Rusty was the proud and beloved father of Michael Anthony Morrow (Beth) of Chesapeake, Va., Christopher James Morrow (Molly) of Virginia Beach and Terry Morrow Collier (Tim) of Peoria, Ariz.; he was also proud of his 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Rusty is also survived by loving nieces and nephews to whom he was known as their Uncle Jimmy. He was a member of Saint Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Pontiac.

"Go rest high on that mountain, your work on earth is done; go to Heaven a-shoutin' love for the Father and the Son."

1 of 8 INVITED TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S 1st MEETING WITH TRIBES: STILL NO STAFF AT ALL!



W/ Congressman Jack Bergman

Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

First, let me introduce you to the newest member of the Congressional Native American Caucus, Congressman Jack Bergman. I have explained before that when I represent our tribal interests at the National level, I do so in a non-partisan way. Upon presiding over the most recent United Tribes Meeting as UTM President, I urged the UP Congressman to join the Native Caucus. I am happy to report he did as he has eight tribes in his district. While the Congressman and I have many different ideological views, we have pledged to work together to represent our mutually beneficial interests. Upon hearing of my invitation by President Donald J. Trump to be one of the first tribal leaders to meet with him in the White House, Congressman Bergman invited me to meet with him to give me some tips and ideas to share and listened intently to ours issues. I appreciate this.

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP

As you may have heard, I was invited by the Trump administration to be one of the first eight tribal leaders to meet with President Trump. I believe I was the only tribal leader in attendance not from an oil or other energy rich territory. Nonetheless, I was asked for my input on how to streamline the bureaucracy to allow for greater tribal energy independence while sustainably managing our resources. I believe I was invited to give a balanced view and for my background in public policy and governance. My input was for federal guidelines to serve as drivers but for tribes to create their own self-determined energy policy, permitting and leasing of tribal lands. I was pleased to hear the President say he supported ensuring a continued level of oversight.

MIGRATE EPA FUNDS FOR TREATY RIGHTS

Among the guests for this meeting were seven other tribal leaders from across the country (see above), four State Governors, Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, EPA Adminis-

trator Pruitt, and representatives from the Department of Interior, which oversees the BIA among other agencies. My input was to mend not end funding from the EPA to uphold the treaty and trust obligations by migrating funding from the EPA to the Department of Interior and then compact with tribes though self-governance so we self-manage. While Native people are generally environmentalist as evidenced in our *ethos* to protect *Aki* and *Nibi* (Mother Earth and our her life blood ~ water) we must be cognizant of the political climate in



(LtoR) Chair Duncan (Ute Nation Uintah and Ouray), unknown, Chair Honanie (Hopi), Chair Not Afraid (Crow), Governor Anoatubby (Chickasaw), Chair Mark Fox (Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara), Chief Batton (Choctaw), and me. Speaker Bates (Navajo) not pictured.

which we find our selves and put our tribal interests first to protect our Natural resources above partisanship or ideology. Still, no amount a science denial will change the fact that

the Earth is round and climate change is real. Our priority, must be to preserve the federal funds to our Environmental Team, which otherwise is slated to be eliminated without

EPA funds becoming Tribal Treaty Right Protection funds.

WE ELECTED A CHAIRPERSON NOT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!

The Board Members who stripped the Chair of all authority have sent an embarrassing message to our entire Tribal citizens, other tribes and the U.S government. It is a message of instability and anti - democracy as "one man, one vote" has become meaningless. Some do not want me to supervise anyone or have any role in our tribal operations but still expect me to be responsible for the outcome.

I don't blame our current Executive Director or Executive team as they are just following orders. With key personnel seemingly targeted for termination through so called investigations, I don't blame them for being fearful for their jobs. I might be naive, but I have always believed I had a good relationship with my former Executive Team. The Executive Director, however, has vastly more authority than the Chair you elected. What carries more weight? The votes of over 3,500 or a simple majority of the Tribal Board to undo what you just put in place during the 2016 election?

How can they think they will get re-elected after vetoing your choice for Chair. Even my 2016 opponent Keith Massaway or 2008 Primary opponent Dennis McKelvie didn't vote for this. Consider, for all intents and purposes, the Executive Director is the Chairperson of the Tribe but without any democratic process granting such authority as your vote for Chairperson was ultimately meaningless. I actually have to request permission for any support as my role as Chair is inarguably subordinate to a paid staff member.

I am confident the Tribal voters will reset the authority of the Chair though the Tribal Board elections next year. In the mean time, I will continue to do my level best to represent you at the highest levels.

Chi McGwitch, Negee!

~ Chairperson Aaron A. Payment

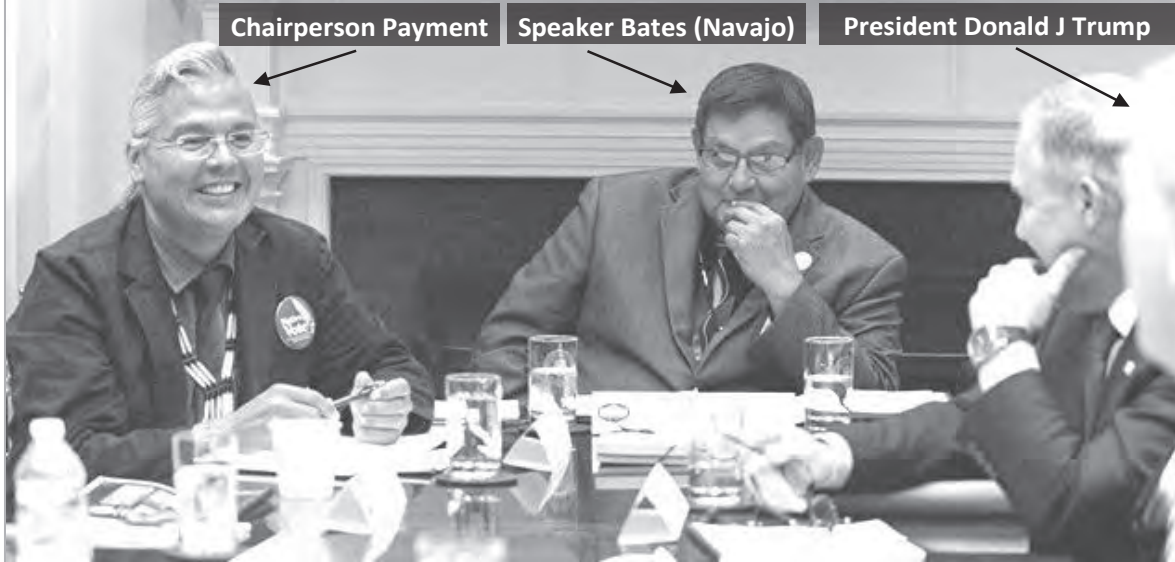


President Donald J Trump

EPA Administrator Pruitt

Energy Secretary Rick Perry

KellyAnne Conway



Chairperson Payment

Speaker Bates (Navajo)

President Donald J Trump

Honoring the federal trust responsibility and treaty obligation and funding to tribes is NOT welfare, based on race, or even reparations.

It is based on a negotiated cessation of millions of acres of land and water to the federal government in exchange for health, education, social welfare, and usufructuary rights into perpetuity. Nearly 14 million acres alone is attributed to the 1836 Treaty of Washington of which the Sault Tribe is a signatory.

If a government is only as good as its word, respecting our role and authority over our natural resources and fully funding the treaty and trust obligation will be the measure of the honor of this Great American Nation and our President.

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Words on a number of issues facing our tribe



DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

I would like to thank everyone who attended the annual Nahma Indian Point Cemetery clean up in May (see photos on page 27). Director Chase and I would like to thank the Manistique casino for donating to this event and to Beau Rochefort for cooking up lunch. It was a great day and everyone has a good time visiting and getting to know each other. Thank you, Ernest and Pamela Demmon, John Perkins, Ron and Brenda Nelson, Beau Rochefort, Judy Hansen, Viola Neadow and Denise Chase.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our very cold and windy powwow this year. Despite the bad weather we did have quite the attendance. Thank you to all the dancers, drummers and participants — it was a great event this year. Once again, a great feast was prepared by the kitchen volunteers. A big “thank you” to Denise Chase

— her frybread was a hit again this year in the taco food booth! Thank you to Viola Neadow, Denise Chase, Mary Jenerou, Susan Snyder, Karen Lindblad, Aimee Anderson, Liz Knoph, Levi Morrow, John Helton, Emeric Rochefort and our very own frybread cooks Billy Perry and David Morrow — without any of you this event would not happen. Thank you to everyone who donated a dish to pass at the feast and/or donated to our silent auction. If I have missed anyone I apologize in advance.

When I think things can't get any worse they do. Director Sorenson brought forward a resolution to use \$25,000 for 10 years a total of \$250,000 from 2 percent long term for a fire hall in St. Ignace. Not that I am or was against this project, but it's the underhanded way some board members do things. When Director Sorenson and myself discussed it about a month before this resolution was put on the agenda, Director Sorenson said she wanted to use some of Unit I's long-term money because their agreements were expired and she hoped enough board members came on board. When this came to the table I was expecting it to be discussed as looking at Unit I's expired long-term agreements, but instead of that proposal she brought forward one to use \$12,500 each 2 percent cycle for 10 years. By doing this and entering into a long-term agreement it now affects all unit's short-term 2 percent dis-

tribution. I knew it was already planned when Director McKelvie motioned to double the amount to \$50,000 a year. And enough board members voted to approve that amount. The \$25,000 a year was devastating enough to our little units. But then he really does damage by using \$50,000 for the next five years. We try each 2 percent short-term cycle to spread the dollars around all our communities especially the schools and now this was just more devastation to the smaller units. For example, in our last 2 percent short-term cycle there was \$53,876.48 per unit. Now we will need to deduct \$5,000 from that amount for the next 10 cycles. The board members who voted for this showed their true colors when it comes to affecting our little communities and, unfortunately, they have the numbers to keep doing it.

Every tribal head of household should have received the letter concerning the tribal board announcing the completion of the fisheries investigation and the reorganization of tribal Natural Resources Department. This letter came from a motion approved by the board at the Munising meeting. I wanted you the membership to know the truth. Unfortunately, the letter was watered down due to Legal and apparently several board members input. The membership needs to be made aware of all the issues, especially when it comes to our treaty rights! The chairman was all over social media saying

this was a waste of money, the investigation cost \$200,000 and it was a witch-hunt. Why would the chair not want the members to be informed? In the letter under investigation resulted in the following findings: Supervision at ITFAP was lax at best and sometimes non-existent by the supervisor, manager and executive management. Up until Dec. 13, 2016, Chairman Payment was the executive director (executive management) for the ITFAP program, maybe that is why he didn't want the membership to know there was something going on in that program. The actual cost for the investigation to date was under \$60,000. Some board members have said they are done with the investigation for the ITFAP program, but there are a few of us that have been vocal about the fact that we are not done and more investigation needs to be done.

At the Escanaba meeting held June 20, the resolution “Amending Chapter 20: Great Lakes and St. Mary's River Treaty Fishing Regulation Co-Captain Regulations Military, Medical, Education & Emergency” was presented again to the board. Dennis McKelvie motioned for it and DJ Hoffman seconded it to put it on the floor. The board had different views on the resolution. One key issue is now 98 tribal members will be out of work effective Dec. 31, 2017. This not only affects the ones working on the boats but also their family members.

Director Gravelle made the statement they can get different jobs somewhere else. Maybe in Sault Ste. Marie there are more opportunities for jobs but out in areas like Naubinway and Fairport where jobs are scarce, fishing is what keeps our members and their families going. The board members who voted “yes” were Directors McKerchie, Gravelle, McKelvie, Hoffman, McLeod and Massaway and the “no” votes were Directors Chase, Causey-Smith, Hollowell, Sorenson, Morrow and Nelson. With six “yes” votes and six “no” votes, Chairman Payment broke the tie and he voted “YES” to approve the resolution. The Chairman along with the six board members who voted “yes” just put our members out of work come Dec. 31, 2017.

We also kicked off our community meetings with Mr. Morisset starting on June 26. Director Chase and I attended the St. Ignace input session on June 27 and the Manistique input session held on June 29. Members gave a lot of good input at both sessions. The tribe will continue to hold sessions with Mr. Morisset. So if you were unable to attend the first round, you will have another chance to give input.

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

Thank you
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Schmidt introduces bill banning “Redskins” mascots

By RICK SMITH

State Senator Wayne Schmidt (R-Traverse City) recently introduced a bill that would ban the term “Redskins” for use as school mascots or nicknames by any group affiliated with public schools.

Schmidt represents Michigan's 37th State Senate District, which is Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Luce and Mackinac counties.

Senate Bill 487 was introduced on June 22 and referred to the Committee on Government Operations. The bill would enact Section 1348 to the state's school code. The added section, if passed into law, would go into effect on Sept. 1, 2018.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the term “Redskins” for use as a mascot, name or nickname of a school or athletic team, student group or club, or any other entity operated or sanctioned by a pub-

lic school.

Schools using the troublesome term prior to the enactment of the bill would be required to comply with the new law by Jan. 1, 2019.

Schools would be required to take the following measures:

- Change to a new mascot, school or athletic team name or nickname and discontinue using the term “Redskins.”
- Stop buying or acquiring uniforms, yearbooks, newspapers, programs or other material bear-

ing the banned term for distribution or sale.

- Cease buying, acquiring or building marquees, signs, scoreboards, banners or other fixtures bearing “Redskins” name.
- Refrain from distributing sponsorships or fund-raising materials that include the term “Redskins.”
- Stop using the “Redskins” term on websites or social media maintained by public schools.
- Develop and implement

plans to discontinue and replace any and all school items that reference the term “Redskins.”

The bill makes no mention of other school sports mascots and nicknames that reference American Indians, such as Braves, Chiefs, Indians and Warriors.

The United Tribes of Michigan passed a resolution last May condemning the use of the term “redskins” by any Michigan education institution or sports team.

Senate bill would address national tribal housing needs

WASHINGTON — Senator John Hoeven (R-N.D.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, recently introduced S. 1275, the *Building Useful Initiatives for Indian Land Development Act*.

The bill will give Indian tribes greater ability to address tribal members' housing needs by streamlining the federal process for developing housing projects on Indian lands and empowering tribes to have more control over the development of these projects. It will also reauthorize vital housing programs created by the *Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act* (NAHASDA).

The legislation is based on input from tribes, tribally designated housing entities, national tribal housing organizations and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“For many individuals and

families throughout Indian Country, housing options are often limited, inadequate or unsafe,” said Hoeven. “This bill will provide tribes with the flexibility and resources to efficiently develop housing projects and meet critical, increasing housing needs in their communities. Most importantly, this legislation will reauthorize the Indian Housing Block Grant and the Loan Guarantee Program. These programs are essential for improving tribal members' access to safe and affordable homes.”

Specifically, the legislation will enhance tribal housing initiatives by:

- Reauthorizing the NAHASDA's Indian Housing Block Grant and the 184 Loan Guarantee Program through 2025;
- Eliminating duplicative requirements that occur when multiple agencies are involved in a tribal housing project, such as meeting additional environmental

review standards;

- Encouraging investment by extending leaseholds on trust or restricted lands from 50 years to 99 years;
- Providing training and technical assistance to Indian housing authorities and tribally designated entities; and
- Allowing Indian tribes to leverage their NAHASDA Indian Housing Block Grant funds for the purpose of meeting matching or cost participation requirements under other federal and non-federal housing programs.

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 reorganized federal housing aid that Native Americans received. The reorganization empowered tribes by replacing several separate assistance programs with block grant and loan guarantee programs.

In 2002 and in 2008, the NAHASDA was reauthorized for

five years. Authorization of the act expired on Sept. 30, 2013.

This bill intends to reauthorize and improve upon NAHASDA provisions that empower tribes

to address homelessness and under-housing needs in Indian Country, including the block grant and loan guarantee programs.



Photo by Brenda Austin

A turkey on a recent stroll near the Ch Mukwa Recreation Center.

McLeod gives testimony to federal government



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin Anishnaabek, I continue to be very concerned about the future of tribes under the new federal administration. The news that we receive has not been favorable, and tribes everywhere are doing their best to educate the Trump administration to the trust responsibility between the United States and tribal nations. The loss of dollars to the federal programs that serve our people in the areas of food, housing and medicine would be devastating, let alone any of the other programs our tribe has that are federally funded (Law Enforcement, Justice, Environment and others). Unfortunately, this has meant traveling to THEM, because they don't come to us. It has meant meeting after meeting, being at "the table" and sounding our voice. We must be visible and at every "decision table" we can possibly get to. There was a time when we were never included, we cannot go back to being invisible. The risk is too great not to be at those meetings, wherever they may be, face to face with those who make the decisions that affect our people. All across Indian Country, tribes are putting their heads together identifying issues, identifying key people, and looking for the right approach, the right wording, the right timing, to make certain we are seen and heard.

Last month, I testified to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This is not just an issue of everyone having access to the Internet. There are serious issues of tribal sovereignty that are being considered, that could allow non-tribal corporations to install towers and facilities on tribal lands, WITHOUT the approval of the tribes. Sacred grounds could be destroyed because it is advantageous to a non-tribal corporation, and tribes could find themselves in a position where they have no voice over what happens on their own land. Although the ability to have internet access everywhere is an attractive proposal, private companies determining to come on to tribal lands without a tribe's approval to install equipment could be just the beginning of more breeches of tribal sovereignty.

Below is an abbreviated version of the formal testimony I provided to the FCC during their "tribal consultation." I was disappointed with "how" the consultation was organized and conducted and made my thoughts known. It felt more like a "town meeting" than a consultation

between nations. THEY sat at tables in the front, and WE sat in a large group, raising our hands to be called upon, without so much as a microphone to help our words be heard. Luckily, I have a "teachers voice," they heard what I had to say. I want to take a moment to thank all the wonderful people we have working for us. They did a fine job preparing the testimony for me to read. I was very proud.

After the "consultation," I had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with the chairman of the FCC, Ajit Pai. At first, I was going to simply repeat the message contained in our testimony. But his sincerity caused me to rethink my strategy and I shifted gears. I handed him the written testimony and told him that I was certain that he, or definitely one of his staff, would be sure to read it. He nodded, and agreed with an "absolutely." I said, "Good, because I would like to talk to you about a matter that is so important, that we wouldn't need to be here in this meeting if it existed. I want to talk to you about RESPECT." I went on to explain that if tribes were truly respected as nations, things would be very different. That the federal government already knows how to consult with foreign governments, and that same respect, care and concern should be automatically afforded to tribes. My conversation was educational, direct, but also friendly. He seemed grateful, and appreciative. I just hope he learned and that my words helped in his understanding of his responsibility to tribes.

**Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Comments to and testimony before the Federal Communications Commission on the notice of proposed rulemaking on "Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment."**

(Abridged.)

"Jennifer McLeod, n'dizhnikaaaz. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ndoo-debendaagoz. Kina Baawaa'ting Anishinaabek Omaa go nda Onji-kida. Wijiwaagwining, nda-wijnokiimaayek. My name is Jennifer McLeod. As a member and as a leader of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, I am speaking on behalf of the tribe. As always, my tribe and I want to work in partnership with you. In addition to my comments and testimony today, my tribe will submit final comments.

"Please note that my tribe strongly agrees with and supports the comments made on the same matter by the National Congress of American Indians, the United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers.

"My tribe is pleased with the intent of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "the commission") to expand broadband to Indian Country, but my tribe insists that

it be done in a manner that does not harm tribal cultural resources, historic sites or sacred areas.

"Currently, the FCC proposes to streamline and limit Tribal Section 106 review when considering the impacts of wireless infrastructure on historic and cultural properties. My tribe does not support this. Not only would the proposed changes have the potential to harm a largely functional tribal review process as well as tribal cultural resources and sacred sites, the changes run counter to the intent of many laws, including the *National Historic Preservation Act*.

"Instead of moving forward with the proposed policy changes contained within the NPRM, we urge the FCC to work with the tribes to "tweak" the TCNS so that it works more smoothly and efficiently. Tweaking the system, rather than extinguishing it and going through the process of creating a new system, will be more cost-effective and timely.

"The FCC and the wireless industry have indicated that delay in the tribal review of proposed sites is a significant impediment to wireless deployment. Such statements, however, neglect to explain that tribal delay is due to the receipt of incomplete packets.

"Tribes agree that reasonable timelines and deadlines are necessary.

"To achieve this, all parties must meet accountability standards. Tribal nations can list their requirements for review within the TCNS and applicants must provide the necessary information in a timely fashion.

"The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians also understands that there have been complaints regarding the costs of tribal review. It is standard practice to charge fees for government services. As sovereign governments, it's appropriate for tribes to assess reasonable fees.

"As sovereign governments, tribal nations determine for themselves what reasonable costs are for providing government services, in this case reviewing the impacts to historical and cultural of wireless infrastructure. Just as each state may determine and assess fees for government services on an individual basis, the same should be recognized for sovereign tribal governments. In 2015, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors passed resolution 2015-41 that established the fee-based consultation practice of this office. This office charges a nominal fee of \$150 for historical/cultural records research and \$150 for archaeological records research. This is a total of \$300 per project, per section of land.

"We understand that the commission may be reacting to a few tribes that are charging exorbitant fees. To this we state that the commission needs to handle those situations on a case-by-case basis, instead of making sweeping changes to the federal policy. The federal trust responsibility requires that the government work in the best interest of all tribes.

"Certifying areas of interest

assumes tribal nations are not the best keepers of their own history and past. If the commission has reason to believe that an individual tribal nation is expanding their area of interest in an unreasonable way to take advantage of the TCNS system, it is the duty of the FCC to remedy the situation directly with that individual tribal nation.

"The Sault Tribe would reject an attempt at certifying areas of interest because it violates the government-to-government relationship that the United States federal government has with tribal nations and impede on the individual sovereignty that each tribal nation has. Asking tribal nations to quantify culture and provide documentation when attempting to protect historic and cultural properties rejects tribal sovereignty and the history of government-to-government relations between the U.S. and tribal nations.

"The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians does not support applicants self-certifying their own compliance with Section 106. Not only would applicant self-certification violate the *National Historic Preservation Act*, but it would also violate the federal trust responsibility to the tribes. Additionally, self-certification will likely encourage bad actors. Tribal nations have already expressed their concerns regarding some members of the wireless industry not working in good faith with tribal nations.

"The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians wishes to continue to be consulted even if exclusion is adopted for facilities constructed in utility or communications rights of way on historic properties. Because the commission is looking to permit new federal undertakings on known historic properties, by law, the commission needs to consult with tribes.

"Of the 567 tribal nations in the US, there are may be 567 opinions on the potential effects of collocations on historic and cultural properties. This is why it is so important for the commission to consult on major changes in policy directly with Indian tribal nations. One tribal nation may view collocation exclusion favorably while another may not. It is up to the applicant to contact each individual tribe and see which collocation towers the tribal nation is interested in reviewing.

"We suggest that the commission work directly with individual tribal nations to come to an agreement on collocations. If a tower has already been found to have no effects to tribal historic and cultural properties, and an applicant wishes to collocate on that same tower, without any new ground disturbance, the FCC should work with the tribal nation to find agreement on which towers or buildings the tribal nation would no longer like to review. This would satisfy industry by allowing for known areas or towers that can be developed without the involvement of the Tribal Section 106 review, after the tribal nation has agreed with the FCC that it

has no interest in that tower or area.

"We understand that the FCC prefers Industry work out issues with tribal nations first, but with the process of finding exclusions, the government-to-government relationship trumps the commission's preference to defer to industry.

"In conclusion, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians does not support the policy changes proposed within the NPRM. Instead, we urge the FCC to work in partnership with the federally recognized tribes in an effort to improve the existing process.

"If the federal government decides to move forward to make significant changes to Section 106 review process, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians expects consultation between the federal government and all 567 tribal nations.

"This is my testimony. I speak on behalf of my tribe, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

"Do you have any questions for me?"

"Thank you for your time."

I am also very concerned about the lack of planning for any of these eventualities and continue to push our board of directors to take the time to make a plan. I have been saying this for years now: "What are we going to do, if federal programs are reduced, or completely cut? How are we going to spend the dollars that we earn ourselves through our enterprises? What are our PRIORITIES?" The silence in response is deafening, but I will continue to ask these hard questions and will continue to push for answers. It is better to plan ahead than to be caught off guard and making decisions in the middle of a crisis.

This past month, my work finds me continuing to mentor tribal youth, expanding my educational outreach to the Kinross area, and working hard on our school's expansion project. I have attended early childhood education meetings, our elders meeting, as well as my regular duties as a board member. I have tried something new, as a result of recommendations from our members — I have started to make video reports! They are rough in nature (being shot from my iphone), but as long as the people like them and think they have value, I will continue. I see this as a part of my responsibility to communicate with our membership and appreciated the suggestion. (I just hope I get better at it! Lol.)

As always, if you have any questions, or need my help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Games, politics, nepotism, cronyism, lack of action



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

At the June 20 meeting in Escanaba, the resolution to combine the Great Lakes Committee with the Inland Hunting and Fishing Committee was once again on the agenda. There was a motion to refer the resolution back to the committees, which is pointless. The committees are subcommittees of the board and just because you don't want to make the decision, doesn't mean you kick the can down the road. The vote was 6-6 with the chair voting to send the resolution back to the committees.

At the same meeting, there was discussion that the co-captain resolution was supposed to be on the agenda since the board had tabled it at the St. Ignace meeting on June 6. That was the action and it was left off the five-day notice of the agenda so the chair said it was on the agenda. I do agree that we agreed to table it but I do not agree with the fact of just adding it without the membership knowing it was on the agenda. We do from time to

time add items to the agenda but normally they are not contentious like the co-captain has been. If the fishermen knew it was on the agenda, many more would have come.

Once again, the vote was 6-6 with the chair voting "yes" to end co-captains by Dec. 31 unless under extenuating circumstances. I was not in favor of this because to this day nobody has been able to tell me what the impact to the harvest is going to be. So, if a commercial fishing license holder had a co-captain and that is no longer allowed and the captain (license holder) must go on the lake, we still have the same number of licenses being used and no guarantee that the harvest will be less. This action also hurts the members who fish for extra money during the spring or fall and those who can't afford a boat and license but can fish with someone else's license.

Even though this has been a hot topic there are still no procedures on how captains can get a co-captain for medical or educational purposes (some of the exemptions). How long will they have to wait to get someone to fill in for them? Whose discretion will it be to approve a co-captain? If an emergency happens and the office is closed for a weekend or holiday does the entire business suffer and not be able to fish? These were all concerns brought forward in Munising and have yet to be answered.

It seems that some want to micromanage the fishermen's business instead of protecting the resource. This is also a good way to limit your competition so you use your political influence to

convince unit one board members that the co-captains are to blame for over fishing. I was told that some of us "no" votes should have abstained so there would not have been a tie. I guess if I was a game player I would vote like that but I believe abstentions are for conflicts of interest or lack of knowledge. I would think that those affected will be submitting a referendum.

Our job postings are ridiculous for this time of year. I do not know how the casino can provide good customer service with being so short-staffed. I have many opinions on why we are struggling. (1) We can't continue to pay minimum wage in areas that are paying \$2-\$3 more an hour. (2) Many people are not applying because they were overlooked for so long. (3) There is no accountability. (4) There is minimal training. (5) Policies and procedures are not followed. (6) Nothing ever changes; moral has been an issue for years. The survey that Darcy and I did was ignored.

At this point in time, I could not be more frustrated in the political B.S. that continues to cripple our businesses and services. There are people who are being protected because of who they are not what they do for the company or membership. Some are very much a detriment to the tribe. Being a member of management or a decision maker is not always glamorous but if you can't or refuse to make the tough decisions then why do we need you? The ultimate reason we are in business is to provide services to our members, so if people are negatively impacting this mission then it is time to move on. We

are not in the business of making friends. Many people are paid very well to make those tough decisions and be leaders.

The board voted to implement the HR audit findings (May meeting in Newberry) and I haven't seen any changes. I know many team members are disappointed that once again they participated in a survey and have seen zero changes. So we spent over \$50,000 for RedW to tell us much of the same information many of us already knew, black and white and in writing still doesn't matter. How many times do you hear to put it in writing or it must be documented? Well, it was, so now what is the excuse? Before I was elected there were recommendations made about the structure and process of Human Resources from a business professional and no action was taken then either. I am unsure at this point if I feel that moving forward with a Health audit is even worth the time and money if recommendations are not implemented.

I honestly feel like the tribe is falling apart. I feel sorry for our team members who work in these atmospheres where there seems to be no hope. When our team members suffer, our membership suffers. I think these issues and concerns affect me more than others since I was on the front line working with many of these people for 10 years. I know how things used to be and how they currently are. You continue to tell them to hang in there, that things will get better, but will it ever?

At the board meetings, there is a sheet passed around to the board to discuss any concerns we

have. Responses to those concerns are far and few between. There needs to be a better system with accountability. All the issues should be put on an Excel spreadsheet and sent to the manager or division director to get the answer, investigate the situation or resolve the issue in a timely manner and the matter conveyed to the board. We cannot do our job if we don't get answers. On the casino side, we used to have quality control meetings and the concerns were put into a report and the answers were provided by the next meeting.

I am really sorry that this report is very negative. I do not like to feel or think this way. I am only writing about these things so the membership is aware of the reality of the organization.

I have asked that our Health Division look into funding for tribal members to be able to use the fitness center in the Little Bear East in St. Ignace. Many members are confused that the gym is free at the Big Bear and wonder why the Little Bear is not. The difference is the tribe owns the Big Bear and the City of St. Ignace owns the Little Bear. I would like to see our members benefit from using the fitness center. There should be a grant or third-party revenue that can be used to accomplish this.

In closing, I will say that I will continue to fight for the team members and membership as long as I am here. They need a voice and I will never lose mine. Please feel free to contact me with you questions or concerns at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.

Don't play the numbers game, planning is a must



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

As with any government, our tribe has problems due to the politics of a situation rather than the substance. Many people are tempted to play the numbers game, meaning they would rather appeal to just enough board members to get something passed rather than collective discussing and compromising.

There are several problems with this method: It drives a wedge between communities, creates coalitions that might feel compelled to vote certain ways due to loyalty rather than the issue, creates managers who feel and act untouchable, among many other issues.

Our tribe is a large tribe, we have many members spread out over a large area; but we are still a tribe and I think we can get

past the numbers game and vote on each topic.

I urge team members, managers and directors to not play the numbers game; it's an unnecessary short cut to healthy debate and compromise.

Trying to get fellow directors to see your point of view is not an easy chore, especially in our environment. Our meetings have ups and downs, often times we are engaged in good discussions without interruptions, but many of the times too many conversations are going on and we lose decorum.

We need healthy debate, we need to compromise and have those discussions for the betterment of our tribe as a whole or we will continue to have these issues.

It only takes one disagreement to shatter a coalition and then it becomes chaotic to govern. Vote on the issues, let them be what's best for the tribe.

Planning ahead is crucial. The board still needs to address tribal priorities.

As discussed before, often times we are reacting to situations and many of those monopolize our time and several items get bumped off our agenda. We need to do a better job sticking to agenda items and getting through a lot of the smaller issues before we tackle the more controversial and time-consuming ones.

We need to be respectful of everyone's time and not have managers and team members waiting hours to see us on workshop days. I believe we are doing better than before but we still have a long ways to go.

Our tribe needs to prioritize and come up with a plan, our recent audit of our government services illustrates a concerning trend of spending more and receiving less funds.

Several areas are doing great financially and have shown success in obtaining funds and providing more services, but several areas are not and have been tapping into their reserves without replenishing them for operating costs.

At current spending levels, we will be in a crisis within a few years. Business as usual for struggling programs cannot continue. We need to hear from our managers and directors on innovative plans and ideas. And I urge all team members to share those ideas.

And do not be dissuaded with "the board said no," I've heard this a few times on a couple of issues when "the board" hadn't even discussed, or many times it's one board member that opposes. Continue to share ideas and find solutions to help our tribe move forward.

Lastly, our tribe is facing big

obstacles for the 2020 Consent Decree negotiations. Our lawyers recently held community meetings to help identify issues and gather community input. With several changes that took place this year at CORA and in our own organization, we have a lot of work to do.

I would like to thank the team members who have stepped up and assisted during this change. The board recently voted to change the co-captain regulation back to its original intent and

thus allowing captain of commercial fishing operations to continue using co-captains for emergency and family medical needs, as well as military leave. The tribe still needs to address licenses and find what will work best for our tribe, but I believe this to be a step in the right direction.

See you all at the coming powwows. Please contact me to further discuss issues at (906) 440-7768.

Chi Miigwech,
Michael McKerchie



Photo by Rick Smith

The Great Race hustled into Sault Ste. Marie on July 1 and took over the 500 block of downtown Ashmun Street. Seen here is a vintage police cruiser taking a parking spot in front of Sault Tribe headquarters. All manner of vintage and collector cars and trucks traveled the Dixie Highway from Jacksonville, Fla., to Sault Ste. Marie. The race started on June 24 and ended in Traverse City on July 2. More about the Great Race and its organization can be found online at www.greatrace.com.

Notes on fisheries investigation and findings



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer. Lots of rain, wind and power outages this past month and it played havoc with our gas tax discount system at the gas station in Cedarville. I want to thank everyone for their patience during the disruptions. I know it was very inconvenient to tribal customers and store clerks as well. I also want to thank our IT staff who logged plenty of road trips to get the system back up and running.

Fisheries letter

I want to report on developments in treaty rights protection as we ramp up for 2020 Great Lakes Consent Decree. A few weeks ago, you received a first class letter in the mail that reported out the conclusion of an unfortunate incident out of our fisheries division. In order to keep politics out of it, the executive director was the principle lead. She handled it as an employee conduct issue and made a wise decision to engage outside third party investigators to conduct the fact-finding.

Alas, politics did show its face. There were some classic stunts orchestrated to distract and discredit. You had the chairman running around in public venues, rallying troops and calling this a "witch-hunt" before conclusions were in. Although it was a unanimous decision of tribal council

that the allegations needed to be investigated, political pressure was such that by its conclusion, some did not want a letter to go out. But government has an obligation to be transparent with our citizens and stakeholders. To do otherwise is to be complicit in "cover up." I'm sure you are going to hear "no crimes were found;" it was overblown and unnecessary. I strongly disagree.

By design, the fact-finding was contained to employee conduct (there was no forensic investigation). But it did reveal a very serious "conflict of interest." I'm still having a hard time understanding how this situation was allowed to exist for close to 10 years and no one in key positions saw fit to red flag it as unethical.

Effective management of our treaty-protected natural resources requires good science based on accurate reporting and data collection. That requires a level of trust between our commercial fishermen, government agents tasked with those duties and tribal government that makes policy decisions based department staff analysis. It's not whether a crime was committed. It's whether we as a government are willing to tolerate a scenario that leaves us vulnerable to the potential of corruption. As stated in a research paper out of the Fisheries Economics Centre at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver:

"Weak governments that do not control their agencies often experience high levels of corruption (Shleifer & Vishny 1993)... Corruption can alter the utilization and fair distribution of any good, but corruption is particularly prevalent when dealing with open-access resources... "corruption in natural resource management is defined as the use or overuse of community natural resources with the consent of a state agent by those not legally entitled to it." Thus, at every link in the natural resources supply

chain, the potential for corruption exists. Corruption can lead to failures in the achievement of management goals and so it is therefore important to identify where it exists and how it might be eliminated. Here we explore corruption at different stages of fisheries management, illustrated with case studies, and compile several suggestions on how to mitigate fisheries corruption." That's the gist of it in a nutshell—the potential for corruption.

I want to applaud executive staff who kept a cool head during this critical period, as the investigators assessed the scope of the investigation—since it included shutting down our Great Lakes Conservation Committee and the work activity related to contract obligations to the other tribes who are party to 1836 treaty rights while fact-finding was underway. The letter you received in the mail marks the conclusion of this unfortunate chapter.

Now we begin anew and I'm happy to report some pretty cool things going on as we merge our natural resource division under one umbrella. Our hatcheries are healthy and productive, we've secured fish reporting data on our own tribal secured platforms, chains of data custody are in place, we've moved operations into our own quarters (rather than shared space with CORA) and good policy direction by the acting division director is under consideration. All this as we face the approaching negotiation of a consent decree that will be in place long after most of us are gone (staff, elected reps and even fishers).

What will the next 20 years look like? I don't think anyone believes our current "winners and losers" approach to resource allocation and management is sustainable. I'm pretty sick and tired of the political powerhouses using treaty rights protection for their own political gain by continuing

to drive a wedge into our communities. That's got to stop and it doesn't move us one step closer to devising a consent decree that will protect the resource or the economy the resource supports. The decisions we make right now will have long term ramifications for the future. More next month on that.

We retained Mason Morisset from the law firm Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak and Somerville out of Seattle as our lead for consent decree negotiations. Mason has a strong record in Indian Law including before the Supreme Court and will serve us well in protecting and defending our treaty rights on the Great Lakes. Thanks to all staff who introduced Mason to the membership through a series of scheduled community meetings throughout the Upper Peninsula. This allowed the membership the opportunity to meet council and directly address their questions, comments and concerns. Very grateful to see membership response. Not only commercial fishing rights, but anglers, and subsistence fishers. Folks exercise their treaty protected fishing rights throughout the 1836 treaty area and it was good to have their input, too. It was very important for our legal counsel to hear directly from everyone. We will schedule more community meetings in the future as well.

Not everything is great and I'm concerned about what it foretells for resource management moving forward. A couple of resolutions having to do with co-captains and conservation committees were recently passed or will be considered before you receive this newspaper. Those issues are serious and I will address in my next unit report. For now, let me just say that we've reached a fork in the road when it comes to tribal governance. What steps we take now will determine the approach to consent decree negotiations. The

health, prosperity and sustainability fisheries and the communities that rely on tribal fishing industry depend on us to make good policy decisions. Which road we take is going to profoundly influence the next 20 years of fishing on the Great Lakes.

Ending on a happy note—it's summer time and I want to thank all our staff who are involved in creating awesome opportunities for our tribal youth. Last week we held the Ogichidaakwe Camp for our young women. I was sorry I could not attend the leadership luncheon but want to express my heartfelt appreciation to staff, Jackie Minton, Colleen Medicine and Lisa Corbiere-Moran for organizing this camp. I hate to mention people by name for fear of missing someone—so thank you and congratulations to all. A special thanks to Lana Causley for attending on behalf of the women on tribal council. But that's not all. Thanks to YEA staff throughout our units for the summer programs that benefit our youth. Check out Facebook page "Sault Tribe Youth Education & Activities" to see all the great happenings and future events. The 14th annual Youth Empowerment Powwow is on Saturday, July 29, at Rexton Township Park. Grand entry at 1 p.m.

And finally, the 25th annual "Gathering of the Eagles" in Hessel is Aug. 18-20. We have a spiritual gathering and potluck on Friday and powwow on Saturday and Sunday. It's a great time to visit with friends and family from all of our communities and I hope to see you there. Enjoy your summer!

Got questions or concerns? Please give me a call: (906) 430-5551.

When Bad Gets Worse: Corruption and Fisheries. Ussif Rashid Sumaila and Jennifer Jacquet, Sea Around Us Project and Fisheries Economics Research Unit, Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia.

Working on array of issues



KEITH MASSAWAY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

The tribal board has been working very hard on many items in the recent months.

The board worked closely with our new EDC director. We are very pleased with the moves he has made and the direction he is leading the tribe. We have always sought alternatives for economic diversification for our tribe and he seems to be an important part to making that happen.

We purchased some strategic property and some storage facil-

ities that will bring a cash flow to the tribe and exploring model homes and using current properties for signboards. These are at least a fresh approach to look at and evaluate. I support most of these items and look forward to seeing them happen.

The board again is making our language a key item to move forward on. We are making available several different ways for members to learn our Native language. Although it is difficult to learn, it is an exciting way to connect to our heritage and culture.

These last few months have had lots of discussions on our 2020 fishing Consent Decree. We are starting to ramp up negotiations with the principle participants the federal government, the State of Michigan and the other tribes all have to come to an agreement on how the Great Lakes commercial and sportsman fishing will be structured. They will also have many other items to tackle, like invasive species and pollution, catch limits and harvest means, enforcement of rules and lake restrictions on

where fishing can be done. Those are only a few of them but each participant definitely has views on how each should be handled, and they don't necessarily agree yet on how it should be done.

We have hired a legal team out of Seattle, Wash., that has been involved in treaty rights fishing for over 40 years. They are currently having community meetings and gathering input from every facet of the tribe so decisions that are made in the negotiations will come as close as possible to the needs and wishes of our members.

We are still in a wait and see pattern with the federal government on how the tribes will be treated in the next budget. We fear that large cuts will be coming in many areas. We are trying to prepare ourselves but we really are unsure what will happen.

Thank you for all the e-mails and phone calls.

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Powwow preparations for the 36th annual gathering



Photo by Brenda Austin

Project Powwow Clean Up Day was on June 22 beginning at 9 a.m. The tribe's maintenance crew gathered to discuss what needed to be done while waiting for volunteers. From left, facilities housekeeping maintenance technicians Joe Pine and Travis Gardner, volunteer Anthony King and culture camp maintenance supervisor Randy Menard. Menard said the crew will be doing repairs to the buildings on the powwow grounds due to kids breaking in and causing damage, cutting grass and weed wacking, they will stand the bleachers up and cut the grass under them, pick up trash and drag the circle. Menard said that continuous maintenance throughout the year has allowed them to keep up with most of the needed repairs this year.

Concerns over resolution on fisheries licenses



**DENISE CHASE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

The tribal board recently approved an addendum to the existing lease with Penstar Inc., the current landlord for the Escanaba Tribal Community Health space. The addendum and budget modification will allow for the addition of one office and meeting room. The additional space would be utilized to provide public health services and other direct care services for an active tribal member user population of approximately 1,500 members who reside in and around Delta County. Services will include diabetes support grant activities, health fairs, wellness and health education gath-

erings and immunization clinics, and will allow for confidential meeting spaces for tribal liaison, ACFS, Behavioral Health and Nutrition Education staff.

There seemed to be some controversy at the Escanaba meeting whether the following resolution was supported to be on the agenda for action.

Amending Chapter 20: Great Lakes and St. Mary's River Treaty Fishing Regulations Co-Captain Regulations Military, Medical, Education & Emergency

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Directors amends Tribal Code Chapter 20, Section 20.106 Co-Captain as follows:

"20.106 Co-Captain.

(1) A Captain may delegate his commercial fishing activity to an eligible individual by obtaining for that individual a Co-Captain's license for any the following reasons:

(a) a temporary illness or injury to the Captain or a member of their immediate family; or

(b) any military activity where the Captain, due to the activity, would be reasonably unable to operate their fishery; or

(c) any educational activity where the Captain, due to the

activity, would be reasonably unable to operate his fishery.

(d) Administration is authorized issue up to a seven day Co-Captain license for emergencies and shall promulgate policy and procedures to the effectuate the forgoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that this amendment shall become effective Dec. 31, 2017.*

The issue is the resolution wasn't noticed to the membership as an actionable agenda item five days in advance. The board secretary said it was tabled from the prior board meeting to Escanaba's meeting.

The resolution was voted on and passed, with a vote of six for, six against and the chairman breaking the tie. Unfortunately, with this action taking effect Dec. 31, 2017, about 98 individuals (co-captains and helpers) will lose their livelihoods and jobs. This saddens me because not only will they be put out of a job, it will also affect their families by the loss of income. I said this at the meeting before it was passed and in prior discussions, you will not only affect those 98 individual who fish for a living but also their families. How will they pay their bills, heat their homes, clothe and feed their children?

And amazingly some of those board members who voted to pass this resolution have argued vehemently to keep tribal enterprise businesses open with very little or negative income to keep people in their jobs and employed. If you go with that mindset, I don't see why they would vote to put up to 98 individuals out of their fishing jobs. It's not a financial decision they made; the tribe does not pay any of their wages.

By now you have received the letter regarding the fisheries investigation. A couple of weeks ago we were asked to review a draft letter and give a consensus to send it out or give input. Although it didn't contain enough teeth in it about the findings of the investigation, I did give my input, but it wasn't included in the letter.

Needless to say the final letter that was sent out is not the draft version that a majority of board members approved for the mailing.

It contains too much fluff in my eyes. I guess a number of board members and Legal gave input to make changes from the final version approved and to send out a different letter. Those individuals investigated were found to have violated and

ignored HR personnel and tribal policies. This investigation into fisheries has uncovered a number of violations that very well could warrant a further investigation and a number of us think it should.

Another rumor regarding the fishing investigation cost I would like to put to rest, Chairman Payment put out on social media that the cost of the investigation was \$200,000. That is not accurate information. I got the total amount from our CFO Mr. Connelly. Total cost was \$51,433.96, including the mailer you received, which cost \$5,098.

Powwow

I would like to thank everyone who attended and volunteered to work at our powwow. Special thanks to the kitchen helpers who prepared the food and set up and to everyone who brought a dish for the feast meal. Thanks to the food booth helpers and frybread cooks. Also would like to mention and thank the following powwow committee members: Darcy Morrow, Mary Jenerou and Viola Neadow for their organization and dedication.

Please contact me at (906) 203-2471.

Thank you,
Denise Chase

Folks in Unit IV tidy up Cemetery at Nahma Point



View of Nahma Point Cemetery.



Cleaning crew, from left, Ron Olsen, John Perkin, Viola Neadow, Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Beau Rochefort, Brenda Nelson, Ernest Demmon and Pam Demmon. Missing from photo: Judy Hansen.

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