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Sault Tribe member appointed IHS Bemidji Area director

BEMIDJI, Minn. — On Dec. 20, the Indian Health Service (IHS) announced the appointment of Daniel Frye as director of the IHS Bemidji Area. As area director, he is responsible for providing leadership in the administration of a comprehensive federal, tribal and urban Indian health care system.



Daniel Frye

“I want to congratulate Daniel Frye on his selection as area director for the IHS Bemidji Area,” Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee, IHS principal deputy director, said. “Under his leadership, we will continue to improve and provide access to quality health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives throughout Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.”

Frye, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, began his IHS career in 2017 at the White Earth Service Unit where he served as the clinical services administrator. In June 2018, he accepted the position of CEO at the White Earth Service Unit in the Bemidji Area. Prior to working for the IHS, Frye worked as a quality improvement specialist and data analyst for the Health Division of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians where he was involved with special projects, including a tribal action plan and conducting a tribal census.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of

Directors Chairperson Aaron Payment said, “I am immensely proud of Sault Tribe citizen

Daniel Frye. Dan previously served the Sault Tribe Health Center as a data analysis expert and has had a rapid rise in the Indian health circles due to his great talent, ability and sheer hard work.”

“I’m excited for this opportunity to lead the IHS Bemidji Area,” Frye said. “I look forward to continuing the great progress staff across the region has made in improving and sustaining quality health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives.”

Frye holds a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a Master of Health Administration from Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Mich. He completed the IHS Executive Leadership Development Program in January 2018.

Frye added, “As a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, I plan on carrying on a strong tradition of Sault Tribe members giving back to the Native people.”

With a patient population of more than 110,500, the Bemidji Area provides clinical service and support to 34 federally recognized tribes and six urban Indian programs in Illinois, Indiana Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.



Photo by Michael McLeod

Natalie Rain McLeod, 3, sits on Santa's (George Snider) lap at the Sault Ste. Marie Children's Christmas party last month. The tribe had 12 children's Christmas parties across the seven-county service area in the eastern U.P. See photos starting on page 11.

Tribes receive \$200 million in HUD housing grants

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

On Dec. 10, the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded nearly \$200 million to 52 tribes across the country for new construction under the Indian Housing Block Program. More than 200 tribes applied for HUD funding. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Bay Mills Indian Community both received grants.

Sault Tribe received \$5 million for a four-year project to build 40 units on its housing development, Odenaang. Ojibwe for “a place of many hearts,” Odenaang is a 300-acre development just south of the city limits purchased in 1996.

Sault Tribe Board Chairperson Aaron Payment said, “The treaties with Indian tribes provide for ‘health, education and social welfare’ into perpetuity. The Sault Tribe and Bay Mills Indian Community, along with three other tribes, ceded 14 million acres of land in 1836 that allowed Michigan to become a state in 1837. The recently awarded HUD grants to provide for safe and affordable housing is the federal government fulfilling their treaty and trust responsibility. I am grateful to our Housing team for their successful efforts to secure these funds competitively.”

According to Sault Tribe Housing Authority Operations Manager Veronica Beaumont, the 40 units will be a combination of single-family units throughout Odenaang and a multi-family four-unit “quad.” The homes will be a combination of two-bedroom and three-bedroom modular and stick built homes with some going up each year of the 2020-23 project term. Of those, eight units are planned for elders, three units will be completely handicap accessible and 26 will be low rent units. Two single-family, three-bedrooms homes are planned for transition recovery housing for post-treatment sober living.

All the homes will be furnished with Energy Star appliances, LED lighting and high efficiency water conservation plumbing fixtures, said Beaumont. Sault Tribe Housing Force Account crew, all Sault Tribe members, will construct all stick built homes.

The stick built homes will be constructed with structural insulated panels (SIPs), a high performance building system made of an insulating foam core sandwiched between two structural facings, according to the Structural Insulated Panel Association. SIPs are strong, energy efficient and cost effective

due to labor savings and less jobsite waste. Sault Tribe Force Account used SIPs to construct the St. Ignace Elder Housing Complex.

The Housing Authority leveraged just under \$1.7 million to obtain the grant. Total project cost is \$6,666,667 for the projected 40 homes. All leveraged funds are coming from Indian Housing Block grant monies and Housing Authority program income, according to Beaumont.

The four-year project will start in 2020 with eight modular units, said Beaumont. In 2021, 10 modular units and six stick-built units are planned. In 2022, six modular homes and five stick built units will go up, and in 2023, three modular and two stick built are planned. The plans could fluctuate depending on the cost of the prior year's construction.

Plans to build a senior housing development in the Bay Mills Indian Community also received a boost from HUD on Dec. 10. According to a press release, a \$1.8 million grant will be used to construct eight 900-square-foot elder homes in Bay Mills. The two-bedroom, two-bath homes will be located near community resources on the Bay Mills reservation, such as the new health center and Bay Mills Police Department.

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New Year's Eve celebrated with annual powwow



Above: As part of the powwow's grand entry, veterans are asked to be flag carriers and an honor song is played by the drum (left). Below: Enjoying grand entry together.



Veterans carrying flags during the honor song.



Retiring the flags after the 7 p.m. grand entry.



Photos by Brenda Austin

The 2019-20 New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow was held on Dec. 31 at Big Bear Arena in the Sault. Grand entries were at 1 and 7 p.m., with a traditional feast at 5 p.m. A sobriety countdown began at 10 p.m., and the powwow continued until midnight. Those who wanted to continue the celebration were invited to ring in the new year at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building, from 12 to 2 a.m. The powwow offers a safe and sober environment with a sacred fire, hot chocolate and snacks. Officials were head veteran, Don Chosa Jr.; arena director, Cecil Pavlat Sr.; host drum, Four Thunders; head male, Joe Syrette; head female, Heather Syrette; head junior male, Tyler Bedell; head junior female, Aubrey Pine; and master of ceremonies, Gerard Saggasige.



Participants in the evening grand entry.



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Head Junior Female Aubrey Pine



Lou Anne McNally Bush (center).



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Elders enjoy annual Christmas camaraderie



Tribal elders throughout the tribe's service area once again enjoyed the Christmas spirit in holiday gatherings during November and December. The celebrations started in Marquette for Unit V on Nov. 5 followed by a party in Munising on Nov. 14. The Unit IV celebration in Manistique took place on Dec. 5. Elders from units I, II and III enjoyed the festive Christmas luncheon on Dec. 10 in Sault Ste. Marie. Unit IV had a second gathering in Escanaba on Dec. 12, wrapping up the gatherings for the season. Seen here, members of elders' committees from units I, II and III took advantage of the annual attraction in Sault Ste. Marie to do some fund raising with raffles and other inducements.



Live music provided by Gentleman George and Friends set the mood at the luncheon. From left, Rolland Mayer on fiddle, Stephanie Sabatine on upright bass and George Snider on guitar.

Photos by Rick Smith



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These ladies enjoy the live music along with each other's company. From left, Donna Wilcox, Beverly Dalgleish, Bobbie Preston and Gloria McKinney.



An overview of the scene at the elders' Christmas luncheon in Sault Ste. Marie on Dec. 10.



Along with company and music, the attending elders enjoyed relish trays, roast beef and mashed potatoes with gravy, buttered corn, beverages and pumpkin cheesecake with whipped cream.

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Trust land technician hired

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe's Natural Resource Department Wildlife Division recently hired Tyler Hess as a trust land technician. The position is a newly created one within the department, focusing on issues related to trust lands, including community education regarding bears and other wildlife, and doing forest inventory on trust lands.

Hess is a tribal member who grew up in the Sault and graduated from Sault Area High School in 2007. He began working for the Sault Tribe Natural Resource Department in early 2018 as a field technician. Hess said he had been enrolled in a construction technology program to be a contractor, and found out after two years that it wasn't what he thought it was going to be, and decided to apply for the field tech position.

"I loved it from the first day on the job," he said.

Hess said Natural Resource Biologist and Wildlife Division Manager Eric Clark encouraged him to enroll in the Wildlife Conservation bachelor degree program at Lake Superior State University after seeing how much he enjoyed the job. "He is the one who gave me the opportunity to continue working full time while I take my general education classes online, because he knew it would be hard for me to go to school full time right now," Hess said. "He went out of his way to make it work for the department and



Tyler Hess

myself."

Hess said that as a field tech he would be trapping snowshoe hare one day and the next be trapping marten. "It's a fun job, you never know what you will be doing; from marsh bird counts in Munscong in a boat, to spending time on snow machines. If someone calls in sick I can jump in with whatever crew needs an extra field tech, since I have that experience," he said.

Hess said he hopes to eventually be hired by the department as an assistant biologist.

His past work experience includes working for R&G Sugar Bush in Rudyard, Mich., and on heavy equipment for over two years in Wyoming, where he moved after graduating from high school.

Membership liaisons' January schedule

Unit I
Sheila Berger, (906) 635-6050, ext. 26359
(906) 259-2983 (cell)
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sault Tribe Administration, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie

Unit II and III
Clarence Hudak, (906) 430-2004
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sault Tribe Lambert Center, 225 Wa Seh Dr., St. Ignace, (906)

643-2124 (office)
Units IV and V
Mary Jenerou, (906) 450-7011
Jan. 21 and 28 at Munising Health Center, (906) 387-4721
Jan. 13, 14, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31 at Manistique Health Center, (906) 341-8469
Jan. 20 at Escanaba Penn Star, (906) 786-2636
Jan. 27 at Marquette Tribal Health Center, (906) 225-1616

Youth openings with tribal WIOA

Sault Tribe WIOA still has openings in the Work Experience Program. Youth looking for after school employment may contact the WIOA Office.

Applicants must be Native Americans aged of 16 to 21 and

reside in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians service area.

Applications may be picked up at 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or by contacting Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767.

Training opportunities available for eligible applicants

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

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

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

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

Apply at the WIOA office at the Big Bear Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or call Brenda Cadreau at 635-4767 for more information.

State park campground hosts connect with visitors, camp for free

For many people who love spending time in Michigan state parks, serving as a campground host just might be the perfect gig. Right now, the DNR is accepting applications for campground hosts at many locations across the state.

Volunteer campground hosts enjoy waived camping fees, in exchange for 30 hours of service per week, handling things like helping people find their campsites, planning campground activities and performing light maintenance duties.

"These campground hosting spots are great opportunities for people to give back in a meaningful way to the parks that are special to them," Michelle Coss, fund and resource development specialist with DNR Parks and Recreation, said.

"Many of our veteran campers love this program because it gives them a chance to help shape the experience for some people who are brand new to the magic of state parks."

Anyone seeking more information about this program is encouraged to contact Michelle Coss at (517) 881-5884.

Learn more about all hosting opportunities at Michigan.gov/DNRHosts.

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MORE BETTER - All Sites - Fridays in February (excludes Feb. 14)

Hot Seat Draws 2 p.m.-10 p.m. Progressive CASH Draws. Win up to \$500 CASH

PUPPY LOVE - All Sites - Friday, February 14

Hot Seat Draws 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Win a stuffed puppy and the prize it's carrying

CASH draws starting at 10 p.m. Win a jumbo stuffed puppy and its prize

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\$22,500 Mega Bingo - March 7

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\$5,000 Blackjack Tournament - March 20-21

Point requirements for all promotions. See Northern Rewards Club to register and for more details.

BFN asserts jurisdiction, opposes ferrochrome development

FROM BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario – After months of discussions, the chief and council of Batchewana First Nation (BFN) reached a decision not to endorse the proposed ferrochrome development.

The decision did not come lightly and was reached in accordance with Anishnaabek law, inherent jurisdiction, culture and traditions. The council feels, as the caretakers of the land and waterways, they must prohibit the construction of a ferrochrome smelter plant to be built in the

BFN territory. Furthermore, the council feels, as caretakers of the lands and waterways, there are environmental concerns that are not clear-cut and defined and the First Nation leadership must have safeguards for any impacts to the lands and people in the area.

The BFN chief and council adhere to a number of policies that helped formulate their decision. Policies such as the Chiefs of Ontario Water Declaration, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and BFN's own Notice of Assertions.

The Water Declaration developed in 2008 states, "First Nations in Ontario through the teachings of women have the responsibility to care for the land and the waters by our Creator and; First Nations in Ontario know that we need to respect, honour and share the spirit of the waters in the ceremonies given to us by the Creator and; First Nations in Ontario have a direct relationship with all water – fresh and salt that must be taken care of to ensure that water provides for humans on a daily basis and; First Nations in Ontario have the

laws and the protocols to ensure clean waters for all living things and; First Nations in Ontario have ceremonies from birth to death that related to the care of the waters."

Article 26 of the UNDRIP, which is consistent with the custom of BFN, states, "1. Indigenous peoples have the right to the lands, territories and resources, which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired.

"2. Indigenous peoples have the right to own, use, develop and control the land, territories and resources that they possess by reason of traditional ownership or use, as well as those which they have otherwise acquired.

"3. States shall give legal recognition and protection to these lands, territories and resources. Such recognition shall be conducted with due respect to the customs, traditions and land tenure systems of the indigenous

peoples concerned."

Batchewana's Notice of Assertions states, "BFN by its chief and council, gives formal notice to other governments, to resource users and developers, to its neighbors and to the general public of the rights and interests it asserts and will continue to assert in its original, traditional and historic territory... BFN maintains and asserts its rights to resources, resource-sharing and resource management within its traditional territory. In addition to substantive rights to manage and conserve, BFN asserts its right to be engaged about development, exploitation or proposals that will impact these resources, the environment or the rights and interests of BFN. The object of these consultations would be the free, prior and informed consent of BFN."

BFN chief and council will continue to monitor the project to ensure the protection of the lands and waters.

BFN acquires opioid treatment facility

On Dec. 18, 2019, Batchewana First Nation (BFN) chief and council announced the purchase of the Salzburger Hof Lakeshore Resort. BFN will repurpose and operate the facility as an opiates focused residential mental health and addictions treatment center to combat the rampant opiate drug abuse plaguing our communities.

The facility is approximately 47 miles north of Sault Ste Marie, Ont., on the shores of Lake Superior. The facility can accommodate up to 24 residents

at a time and the model of recovery will be based on the holistic Ojibway water teachings of Lake Superior.

BFN leaders are hopeful this new mental health and addictions treatment facility will be operational by the summer of 2020.

"Our People and all who reside in our territory deserve a good quality of life. Everyone deserves access to good quality addiction recovery programs in a timely manner. This facility will relieve the pressure on the waiting lists

for treatment," said Chief Dean Sayers.

Batchewana elected Councillor Mark McCoy further stated, "Our elders have a wealth of cultural teachings and knowledge that can complement the work needed to help with the healing of our people – all people. All we have to do is seek it out and give it life".

For more information please contact Alex Syrette, communications coordinator, Batchewana First Nation, at (705) 255-8407.

CUMC donates \$15K to teen foster home

BY LINDA BOUVET FOR CCFP

The Chippewa County Family Project (CCFP) took a leap of faith when it set out to build a \$1.2 million teen foster home in Sault Ste. Marie. Central United Methodist Church (CMUC) contributed \$15,000 toward the CCFP's mission, hoping it will inspire others to support this community-minded project.

CUMC's Endowment Fund Committee seeks local ministries and outreach opportunities. Church member Bob Arfstrom has supported the CCFP since its infancy and asked the committee if the church would consider a financial gift.

"The church wanted to see us be a leader and inspire people," noted CUMC Endowment Fund Committee member Ray Bell.

"Hopefully others will be inspired by it."

The request was channeled through the church's formal allocation process and heartily approved by the CUMC Administrative Board, according to committee member Ben Jones.

"It worked out well for both sides, and we are pleased to be a part of it," said Jones, noting that the common concern whether a donation is going to a worthwhile and necessary cause wasn't a factor in this instance. CUMC also sponsors a large backpack ministry.

"The congregation is doing the footwork," said Rev. Vickie Hadaway in regard to church outreach, "but sometimes you need to write a check."

The CCFP's 5,000-square-foot

teen foster home is under construction on its 3-Mile Road property and slated to open in June, 2020. It will assist some of the estimated 100 homeless teens in the area by providing long-term accommodations for up to 12 teens (six boys and six girls) and emergency shelter for siblings.

The CCFP formed in 2016 and broke ground on the home last August.

"Sometimes you have to take a leap of faith because it's the right thing to do," said CCFP President Tracey Holt. "Gifts like this give the community a sense of ownership and make them feel a part of it."

To support the CCFP, contact Holt, tholt@hospiceoftheeup.com, or email chippewacounty-familyproject@gmail.com.

Vacancies on Sault Tribe committees

The following roster is a listing of committees of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians that currently 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 any questions.

ANISHINAABE CULTURAL COMMITTEE – six vacancies –three males (4-year term), three female (4-year term)

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE – three vacancies (4-year term)

ELECTION COMMITTEE – five vacancies (4-year term)

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Two vacancies (4-year term)

HEALTH BOARD – five vacancies (4-year term)

HOUSING COMMITTEE – Unit 4 one vacancy (4 year term)

SPECIAL NEEDS/ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE – five vacancies (2-year term)

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – four vacancies-Inland (4-year terms), four vacancies-Fisheries (4-year terms)

ELDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Unit I – Sault (4-year term), one regular vacancy and one alternate vacancy

Unit II – Hessel (4-year term), one alternate vacancy

Unit II – Newberry (4-year term), one alternate vacancy

Unit III – St. Ignace (4-year

term), one alternate vacancy

Unit IV – Escanaba (4 year term) one regular vacancy

Unit V – Munising (4-year term), one alternate vacancy

Unit V – Marquette (4-year term), one alternate vacancy

ELDER SUBCOMMITTEE

Unit I – Sault (4-year terms), two regular seat vacancy, two alternate seat vacancies

Unit II – Hessel (4-year terms), two regular seat vacancies, one alternate vacancy

Unit III – St. Ignace (4-year term), one alternate seat vacancy

Unit IV – Escanaba (4-year term), three regular seat vacancies

Unit V – Munising (4-year term), three regular seat vacancies

Unit V – Marquette (4-year term), one regular seat vacancy, one alternate seat vacancy

Wishing everyone a very happy 2020 with prosperity, love and fulfillment in the months ahead and the years to come!

Loopholes closed in U.S. animal cruelty laws

BY RICK SMITH

Bipartisan bills to close loopholes in laws covering animal cruelty offenses were recently enacted with the Nov. 25 passage of the *Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act* on Dec. 1 in Washington, D.C. In addition to closing certain loopholes, the PACT Act makes animal cruelty violations punishable by fines, imprisonment for up to seven years or both.

Essentially, the new law improves on the federal 2010 *Animal Crush Video Prohibition Act*, which banned the creation and distribution of animal torture videos on federal lands but didn't prohibit the actual act of torturing animals. So, those inclined to abuse animals could do so without fear of possible federal action

against them, as long as the acts weren't recorded. The PACT Act corrects that oversight in the 2010 law.

Prior to passage of the PACT Act most animal cruelty offenses were covered by state laws only, except for federal laws banning the so-called "crush videos," animal fighting, puppy mills and the treatment of animals used in entertainment and research. The PACT Act does not interfere with state animal cruelty laws and is limited to interstate commerce and federal property.

Crush videos, according to federal sources, fill a niche in certain pornography markets. Apparently, some fetishists find titillation in the sights and sounds of animals suffering torture inflicted by certain devices.

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A drum could be an instrument made with rawhide buckskin stretched over a round frame and held tight there by sinew. This drum could be a hand drum with a diameter probably not more than 18 inches or so. It is played by women or men for personal expression, prayer, lullabies, a sunrise ceremony etc. Or the drum may be 3 or 4 feet across and played by a group of men who drum and sing. This instrument with its players is called a drum.

Our drummers learn that long ago Creator taught a woman about this, and the woman gave the gift of the drum to the men. Until today Anishinaabe men gather to sound the drum, the heartbeat of the Anishinaabek, of Mother Earth, of the Creator and of each person. And often the drum includes some women who circle behind the men, adding their voices, their strength and support.

The drum is part of all our ceremonies, calling us together for healing, remembering, joy and fun — it is truly a medicine. It is bringing, giving of what we have and taking what we need.

<i>waawaashkeshi-weyaan</i>	deer hide/buckskin
<i>dewegan</i>	drum/Drum
<i>deweganaatig</i>	drumstick
<i>jiitad</i>	sinew
<i>nini/niniwok</i>	man/men
<i>kwe/kwewok</i>	woman/women
<i>de</i>	heart
<i>waawye'aa</i>	circle
<i>Gzhemanido</i>	Creator
<i>ngamwin</i>	song
<i>mii go genii</i>	me too
<i>mishkiki</i>	medicine
<i>maagweng</i>	gift

Mii go genii You can learn traditional drumming ways — understanding and commitment. You can also simply use rhythm and your voice as a medicine for yourself and others.

No drum?

You can create rhythm by gently clapping, tapping your leg, using two sticks together, or a stick with a pan. And our tribe offers drum making workshops sometimes. Think of our old ones in times when our culture and its drums were forbidden, and how they made do in their own private ways.

No words?

Many songs have only a few repeated words but chant sounds that have no particular meaning, like “way-a” and “hey-a.” Use sounds that mean something to you, and maybe words from these newspaper pages. Make up a melody like one you’ve heard at powwows. It’s OK to let the goodness in you sing out into the air. It is said that birds were the ones who inspired our first songs. We can follow their example.



Manidoo Giizis Spirit Moon

by Susan Askwith

Learning how to speak about NOW and IN THE PAST (already)

Dewegan n'noondwaa.

I hear the drum.

Dewegan n'**gii** noondwaa zhaazhi.

I heard the drum already.

Ngamwin n'noondaan.

I hear the song.

Ngamwin n'**gii** noondaan zhaazhi.

I heard the song already.

Newe kidwinan n'noondaanan.

I hear (them) those words.

Newe kidwinan n'**gii** noondaanan zhaazhi.

I heard those words already.

Niniwok ngamwag.

The men are singing.

Niniwok **gii** ngamwag zhaazhi.

The men sang already.

Kwewok ngamwak.

The women are singing.

Kwewok **gii** ngamwag zhaazhi.

The women sang already.

N'wii ngam, mii go genii.

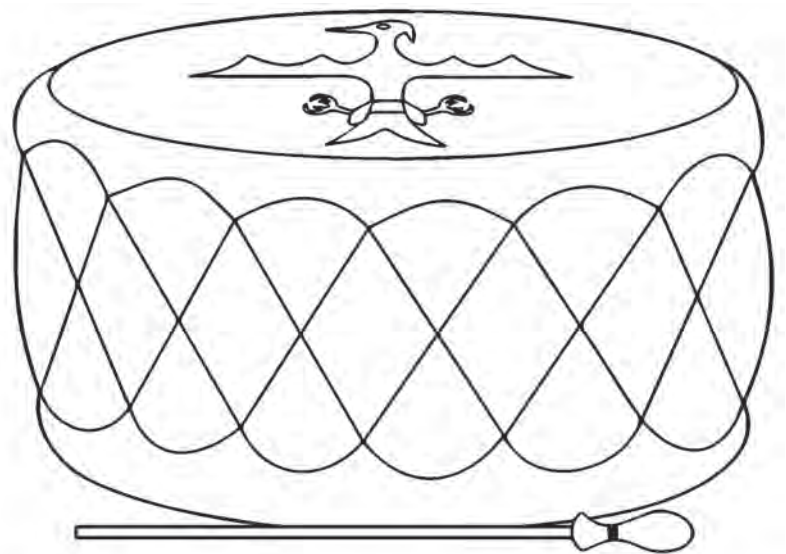
I want to sing too.

Dewegan n'wii mdewechege mii go genii.

I want to play the drum too.



Tisigen maaba dewegan. Baaweting Anishinaabek naandek: miskwaa, waabshkaa, mkadewaa miinwaa zaawaa. Color this drum. Sault Tribe colors: red, white black and yellow.



Weweni n'wii baamase nongwa.

I will walk in a good way today.

Miigwech, Gzhemanido

Thank you, Creator.

Pronunciation guide — How to sound really good:

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

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

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.

House hears testimony on Indian Country funding failures

BY RICK SMITH
 Indian Country leaders provided testimony before House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States on Nov. 19 regarding *Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans*, a 302-page report submitted in Dec. 20, 2018, by the United States Commission On Civil Rights to White House and U.S. House leadership. The report examines the situation surrounding the federal government meeting its trust responsibilities and explores budgets of agencies with tribal programs and services. It follows up a 2003 report in which the commission first studied failures of funding for tribal programs.

Office, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of the Interior, National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Health Board, National Council of Urban Indian Health, United South and Easter Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund and the Muscogee Creek Nation.

The 2003 report, *A Quite Crisis: Federal Funding and Unmet Needs In Indian Country* confirmed Indian Country complaints of chronic underfunding in federal programs for tribes. Commission Vice Chair Patricia Timmons-Goodson said the 2018 report shows little improvement in the 15 years since the 2003 report.

Stacey A. Bohlen, a Sault Tribe member who is executive director of the National Indian Health Board called for the federal government to honor treaties and trust responsibilities in oral

testimony and a 12-page written testament. She noted in her written testimony, "The findings of the *Broken Promises* report reaffirm what American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) peoples have endured first-hand for centuries: one, that the United States federal government has never fully honored its treaty and trust obligations to tribal nations and AI/AN peoples; and two, that the federal government's failure to honor its Treaty obligations continues to adversely impact the health, welfare, livelihood, and economic vitality of Indian Country."

In her oral presentation, Bohlen told the subcommittee that while Congress has provided funding increases to the Indian Health Service (IHS) over the last 10 years, the increases keep failing to keep

up with medical inflation and appropriations continue to fall significantly below need. "Tribal representatives are testifying today in unison about future steps on how systems changes will secure and demonstrate the United States' commitment to long-term, sustained and tribally-informed investment in several areas to address the astounding health disparities across Indian Country," she said.

She highlighted a few of the recommended investments:

- Full needs-based funding for the HIS at the levels at levels identified by the National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup;
- Enacting advance appropriations for American Indian programs;
- Making long-term and committed investments into tribal health and public health infra-

structure, capacity and services — including for facilities, sanitation, water and modernization of health information technology;

- Rebuilding American Indian communities and Alaska Native communities;
- Protecting the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and the Indian-specific policies in the Affordable Care Act and;
- Advancing self determination and self-governance to all AI/AN programs.

Similar testimony from others appearing before the subcommittee delved into areas of chronically underfunded federal trust and treaty obligations to Indian Country.

Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans can be seen in its entirety at <https://www.usccr.gov/pubs/2018/12-20-Broken-Promises.pdf>.

Blower doors help assess indoor air quality



Photo by Rick Smith

Specialist Robin Bouschor of the Environmental Department demonstrates a blower door in a doorway at the department's 10th annual open house on Dec. 20 at their offices at the corner of Greenough Street and Portage Avenue in Sault, Mich. In addition to learning about blower doors, visitors had opportunities to learn about the department's coming projects and activities along with getting the latest information surrounding Line 5, the proposed chromium smelter and other subjects.

BY ROBIN BOUSCHOR

A blower door is a diagnostic tool for indoor air quality assessments. It measures how much air filters out of a home by using a powerful fan that mounts into the frames of exterior doors, which pulls air out of houses, lowering the air pressure inside the homes. The higher air pressure outside of the home will then flow into the home from all the unsealed cracks and openings. Then the environmental specialist conducting the assessment can determine the air infiltration rate of the home through the air pressure gauge measurements.

A blower door is used by energy auditors to test the effectiveness (or the need) of any air-sealing jobs by conducting a test before and after. This in turn can potentially help save the homeowner on heating and cooling bills. However, a balance needs to be met. A home is supposed to leak to allow the exchange of fresh outside air with indoor air.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, "A growing body of scientific evidence has indicated that the air within homes and other buildings can be more seriously polluted than the outdoor air in even the largest and most industrialized cities."

This is very concerning considering how long people spend time inside.

The blower door is one of the diagnostic tools the Sault Tribe Environmental Department uses to understand how the home is breathing and to verify that the rates are satisfactory for the homes occupants.

If you have any question, or would like to set up an indoor air quality assessment appointment (only available to Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians members living in the seven-county service area), please contact Robin Bouschor at rbouschor1@saulttribe.net, or (906) 632-5575.

Michigan History Center conducting survey for first Michigan Anishinabe Heritage Day coming on Sept. 26

The Michigan History Center asks tribe members across the state to complete a survey for the state's first Michigan Anishinabe Heritage Day on Sept. 26, 2020, in conjunction with Michigan Indian Day.

The center received grant funding to work cooperatively and collaboratively with the state's 12 federally-recognized and two state-recognized tribes and related organizations to develop an annual program celebrating Michigan's rich indigenous histories and cultures, past and present.

The center is committed to providing a venue and platform in the state's museum system for indigenous peoples to share their

histories and cultures from their unique worldview.

The project involves convening a broad group from tribes and related organizations to develop goals, objectives and deliverables.

A survey created by center staff and an advisory committee

will help gather information to guide the development of the program and activities. The survey is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6LWC58Q>.

Direct questions to Tobi Voigt at VoigtT@Michigan.gov or (517) 241-1442.

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Open Enrollment

Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School
 2020-2021 School Year Open Enrollment and
 Lottery Information



Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School is a public school academy where all students attend free of charge. Open enrollment for the 2020-2021 School Year begins on January 28, 2020, and ends on February 11, 2020, at 4 p.m. (EST), with extended hours from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5.

Only those who complete and turn in an enrollment application to the school office during the Open Enrollment period will be considered for the lottery. The lottery will be held in the school cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, for those wishing to attend. Attendance at the lottery is not mandatory.

Applications may be picked up from the school office or from the school website at www.jklschool.org beginning January 28, 2019.

Those selected from the lottery will be eligible to attend the 2020-2021 school year provided they *respond within three school days* of notification. If the deadline is not met, those children will be dropped from next year's roster and the next name on the waiting list will be accepted.



Missler receives prestigious Milken Educator Award

BY RICK SMITH

The Milken Family Foundation named Sault Tribe member Rebecca Missler as a recipient of a 2019-20 Milken Educator Award. Missler is a science teacher at the North Pole High School in North Pole, Alaska, near Fairbanks. The national Milken Educator Awards come with unrestricted \$25,000 cash prizes. According to an announcement from the Milken Family Foundation, the sponsoring organization for the awards, Missler is the only award winner from Alaska this year and one of up to 40 honorees for 2019-20.

Some compare the Milken Educator Awards for educators with prestigious honors in other fields, such as Nobel Prizes, Oscar awards, Grammy awards and so on.

The foundation said the awards alternate annually between elementary and secondary educators. Unlike most teaching honors, educators cannot apply for this honor and do not even know they are under consideration. Candidates are found through a confidential selection process and then are reviewed by blue ribbon panels appointed by state departments of education. Those most exceptional are recommended for the awards with final selection made by the Milken Family Foundation. So it came as a big but happy shock to Missler when the senior vice president of the Milken Educator Awards and

the deputy commissioner of the Alaska Department of Education presented the award to her in a surprise school assembly.

"It felt like a dream sequence," said Missler, "I had tunnel vision and heard name and saw my name, but it didn't seem real. I was in complete shock. I was trebling uncontrollably as I stood in front of our packed gymnasium and the dignitaries from around the state. The Milken representative kept stalling until I could compose myself enough to speak on the microphone."

Those who become Milken Educators are selected at a point in their careers for their achievements and their promises for what they may yet accomplish, according to the foundation. In addition to the cash prizes and public recognition, the honors also bestow membership in the National Milken Educator Network, an organization of more than 2,800 leading teachers, principals and specialists dedicated to strengthening education.

The foundation cited Missler for her many tireless and varied efforts at providing strong educational experiences through continuing attention to details such as making lessons relevant to all of her students, helping to secure grants, mentoring other teachers with new technologies and chaperoning student exploratory trips to foreign countries to name just a few.

Understandably, Missler's



Photo courtesy of the Milken Family Foundation

Sault Tribe member Rebecca Missler, a recipient of a coveted 2019-20 Milken Educator Award standing in her science classroom in North Pole High School in North Pole, Alaska, near Fairbanks.

parents are proud of her achievement. Her mother, Sault Tribe member Linda Missler of Cadillac, Mich., said, "I knew my daughter was a good teacher when I toured her lab at North Pole High School. She became excited when discussing the different experiments they performed. Her favorite subject to teach is paleontology because she has had the opportunity to camp in Denali National Park and actually find dinosaur tracks."

Her father, Edward Missler, who lives in Fairbanks, Alaska, remarked, "She is a dedicated teacher who cares about her students and works very hard at giving them the best education." He added he is equally proud of his daughter, Jacqueline, who works with the Alaska Native-owned non-profit Southcentral Foundation, serving the needs of Alaska Natives and American Indians in the Anchorage area. "Both of my girls are proud mem-

bers of the Sault Tribe," he said.

Rebecca said pointed among many relatives living throughout the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, she has a grandmother who lives in Manistique, Lillian Hoerz.

The Milken Family Foundation reports Rebecca Missler earned a Bachelor of Science in geology from Lake Superior State University in 2004 and a master's in secondary education from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks in 2016.

Intro to the Sault Tribe Early Head Start Home-Based Program

Many members don't know about the tribe's home-based Early Head Start program that serves Chippewa and Mackinac counties. Here, we take a look at the program through the eyes of Early Head Start home visiting teacher, Kathy Witkowski:

Through the Early Head Start Home-Based Program I provide weekly in-home learning experiences for parents and their children from infants through 3 years of age.

The philosophy of the home-based program is that parents are a child's first teacher. So my job is to encourage, support and enhance a parent and child's developmental growth and learning.

Just like the center-based Early Head Start teachers, I also follow a lesson plan; home-based uses the Parents As Teachers curriculum and I use developmental assessments to track a child's growth and progress.

A benefit for parents and children participating in any of our tribal Early Head Start or Head Start programs is that we partner with the tribe's cultural departments (Language and Culture, Traditional Medicine and Community Health) in order to create cultural learning experiences that coincide with the seasonal events happening in our tribal community.

Parents and children enjoy learning activities that involve our cultural ways. For instance, in the home-based program around Thanksgiving, parents and I talked about foods original to North America, hunting and foraging and our treaty rights to hunt, forage, and fish.

The child activity was to hide plastic play foods (potatoes, corn, berries, fish and chicken legs) around the living room and have the children "hunt" for them. One little activity like that exposes both the parents and children to so much of our culture, develops awareness of our rights and the skills still helpful to this day to survive.

Also, the territory I serve is from Sault Ste. Marie to St. Ignace. I have provided home visits to families in St. Ignace, Kincheloe, Hessel, Moran and, of course, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The home-based program is especially important for those where there is no center-based Early Head Start program — for those parents who want their babies, toddlers and preschool children to have educational experiences to prepare them for preschool and kindergarten.

We have openings in our Sault Tribe Early Head Start Home-Based Program and are currently accepting applications.

Services are offered to infants, toddlers and pregnant women in their homes once a week for a minimum of an hour and a half.

What happens during a visit: You and your home visitor will foster your child's development by engaging your child in fun activities in these areas:

- Large muscle (crawling, climbing, running);
- Small muscle (grasping, pulling, tearing);
- Cognitive (puzzles, shape sorters, etc.);
- Social/emotional (taking turns, self-help skills);
- Language (books, rhymes, finger plays, songs);

- Health (hand washing, tooth brushing);
- Nutrition (healthy snacks);
- Culture (Ojibwe language, stories, legends);

If you or someone you know may be interested in participating in the Sault Tribe Early Head Start Home-Based Program, please call (906) 635-7722 for

more information.

The same telephone number can be used to learn more about other Head Start or Early Head Start programs.

KINDERGARTEN Round Up



Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School Kindergarten Round Up for the 2020-2021 School Year



Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School is holding Kindergarten Round Up for the upcoming 2020-2021 School Year. Only those who complete and turn in an enrollment application during the Open Enrollment period will be considered for the lottery. The Open Enrollment dates are from January 28, 2020, through February 11, 2020, with extended hours from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Applications may be picked up from the school office or from the school website at www.jklschool.org beginning January 28, 2020.

All applications must be received by the school office by 4 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone) on February 11, 2020.

The lottery will be held in the school cafeteria on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., for those wishing to attend. Attendance at the lottery is not mandatory.

The parents of those children selected from the lottery will be notified by phone to set up the appointment for Round Up. Tentative dates for Round Up are Tuesday, March 10, and Wednesday, March 11.

JKL students visit Health Education program

BY CHARLEE BRISSETTE AND MIKE GOETZ, HEALTH EDUCATORS

On Dec. 17, the eighth grade career readiness class from JKL Bahweting middle school came to job shadow the Community Health Physical Activity Referral Program as part of its class curriculum. This job shadowing experience allowed students to get an idea of what a career with an exercise science or public health/health promotion degree might look like.

Certified exercise physiologists, Mike Goetz and Charlee Brissette, led students through components of the initial physical fitness assessments patients typically experience upon entering the program. Students experienced state-of-the-art equipment, including the Inbody

machine, which analyzes body water content and body composition, and the Biodex Balance System, which tests coordination and balance. Students also participated in a sit-and-reach flexibility test, a dynamic strength test and functional movement screening.

The class enjoyed the experience so much that a new set of JKL eighth graders will be back to shadow at the end of January. Many students had questions to learn more about the Physical Activity Referral Program, and some even expressed interests in pursuing jobs in this field in the future.

To learn more about the Physical Activity Referral Program, call Sault Tribe Community Health Education at (906) 632-5210.



Renewing your motivation to quit

FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH

Asemaa, or tobacco, is the first of the four sacred medicines given by the Creator. It was given to the people to be used as a way to communicate with the spirit world. The other medicines are sage, sweetgrass and cedar. All can be used to smudge, to purify an area and for ceremony. According to one story from Anishinaabe Elders, it is said that people of the earth were not living their lives in a respectful manner and so the Creator was going to do away with them. Migizii, the Eagle, interceded on their behalf and now goes out each day to ensure that the people are offering their asemaa every day and living in a good way. Mino bimaadizii-yin!

Nowadays, many people have lost touch with the traditional uses of asemaa. Commercial tobacco use has become a serious health issue for most tribal nations, ours included. It is the leading cause of preventable disease, disability and death in the United States. Commercial tobacco smoke contains 7,000 chemicals, hundreds that are toxic, and about 70 that can cause cancer. Prolonged exposure of these chemicals damage DNA and inflame cells, which can lead to cancer, stroke and heart disease. Exposure to tobacco smoke increases your heart rate and blood pressure, and children can experience more frequent ear

and respiratory infections and trigger asthma attacks. Smoke that clings to walls, ceilings, carpets, curtains, furniture, and clothing can harm other adults, children, infants, and even pets. Smoking can cause problems for a woman trying to become pregnant or who is already pregnant and for her baby before and after birth. (CDC – *Health Effects of Smoking & Tobacco Use, 2017*)

Community Health Education offers the Nicotine Dependence Program (NDP) to assist in members efforts to quit commercial tobacco. In the NDP, members have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a Tobacco Treatment Specialist, who has been specifically trained in the area of nicotine addiction, to collaborate and develop an individualized treatment plan. Quitting is one of the most important steps one can take to improve your health and overall well-being.

Quitting commercial tobacco use has benefits at any age (CDC – *Benefits of Quitting, 2016*):

- SHORT-TERM BENEFITS:**
- 20 minutes after quitting, your heart rate drops to normal
 - 12 hours after quitting, carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal
 - 2 weeks-3 months after quitting, your heart attack risk begins to drop and your lung function begins to improve
 - 1-9 months after quitting,

your coughing and shortness of breath decrease

LONG-TERM BENEFITS:

- 1 year after quitting, your added risk of coronary heart disease is half that of a smoker's
- 2-5 years after quitting, your stroke risk is reduced to that of a nonsmoker's and within 5 years, your risk of cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus, and bladder is cut in half
- 10 years after quitting, your lung cancer death rate is about half of that of a smoker's and your risk of cancers of the kidney and pancreas decreases
- 15 years after quitting, your risk of coronary heart disease is back to that of a nonsmoker.

The beginning of a new year is a great opportunity to re-identify with traditional asemaa uses and to encourage the proper use of tobacco for yourself or your loved ones.

If you or someone you know wants to quit, contact your local Sault Tribe Health Center.

- Escanaba, 786-2636
- Hessel, 484-2727
- Manistique, 341-8469
- Marquette, 225-1616
- Munising, 387-4614
- Newberry, 293-8181
- Sault Ste. Marie, 632-5210
- St. Ignace, 643-8689

For more information on the Sault Tribe Health Division and Community Health, please visit <http://health.saulttribe.com/>.

O'Dell named Health Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Jenni O'Dell for being named the Sault Tribe Health Division November Employee of the Month. O'Dell's continued dedication to the health center's mission is undeniable. She is a wonderful team member and patient advocate.



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Inland and subsistence licenses reminders

BY ROBERT MARCHAND
SAULT TRIBE POLICE CHIEF

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) would like to wish all of our members a very happy new year! Following are some reminders of things to take care of if you held any treaty licenses through the tribe in 2019.

STLE is excited to announce that members obtaining any of the treaty licenses it issues will be able to submit reports online in the very near future!

STLE has been working with the tribe's IT Security Department and will be working with its Communications Department to implement this added method of submitting required monthly, bi-weekly and annual reports — frequency of submission depends on the type of license you receive. More information will be coming soon.

Inland hunting, fishing, and gathering licenses

The last day of deer hunting was on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020.

If you held an inland hunting or non-hunting harvest license, please make sure you complete and submit a 2019 harvest report. You are required to submit this report whether you engaged in any activity or had any catch or kill if you did engage in treaty hunting, fishing or gathering.

These reports are due to the Natural Resource Department by Feb. 1, 2020.

The mailing address is located on the report itself. If you need to have one mailed to you, please contact Sault Tribe Law Enforcement at (906) 635-6065 and one will be sent to you.

Please note that if you held the 2019 licenses, you will not be able to obtain the 2020 licenses until this report is received. 2020 licenses will be available at the beginning of March 2020.

Remember that your harvest card is valid through March 31, 2020, for activities such as fishing and gathering.

Fishing activity under this

license can only be conducted on inland lakes and streams within Sault Tribe's 1836 treaty area. For any other authorized activity, please consult Tribal Code Chapter 21 or the *2019 Inland Harvest Guide*. Both documents are located at www.saulttribe.com. Chapter 21 is located under "Government," and from that drop down list, select "Tribal Code."

The harvest guide is under "Membership Services," and from that drop down list, select "Natural Resources." Once on that page, either select "Downloads" to the left, or at the bottom of the page, in red letters, select "For Applications Click Here."

Subsistence and subsistence gillnetting licenses

These licenses are authorized only on the Great Lakes within Sault Tribe's 1836 treaty area. All licenses issued in 2019 are now expired, effective Dec. 31, 2019. Unless you have renewed for

2020, you are not authorized to engage in subsistence or subsistence and gillnetting activity following Sault Tribe's Tribal Code Chapter 20 and Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) Code. 2020 licenses are available now. If you would like a packet mailed to you, please call STLE. If you had a license in December 2019, you were required to submit a catch report for the month of December no later than Jan. 10, 2020.

Please remember that if you receive the gillnetting license, you must also have the general subsistence license and carry both while you are engaged in the activity. At any time during the licensing year, if you are no longer fishing under these licenses, you are able to turn them in to STLE with a final catch report and you will not be responsible for any further reporting, unless you pick the license(s) back up at any time during that licensing year. Gillnet fishers must turn

in both the general subsistence license and the subsistence gillnet license.

Sault Tribe members are authorized to engage in recreational fishing in the 1836 treaty area using just their tribal membership cards and abiding by state of Michigan rules, including seasons and methods.

Commercial licenses

All licenses issued in 2019 are now expired, effective Dec. 31, 2019. Unless you have renewed for 2020, you are not authorized to engage in commercial fishing activity. STLE began issuing 2020 commercial licenses the last week of December 2019. If you have not yet renewed this year, please call our office and schedule an appointment to do so.

General information

As always, if members have any questions regarding any of the treaty licensing requirements, please feel free to call STLE at (906) 635-6065 and we will put you in touch with an officer.

Applications sought for youth birders camp

OKEMOS, Mich. — Michigan Audubon is recruiting middle and high school students to join the week-long Michigan Young Birders Camp (MYBC) taking place June 21-26, 2020.

Students will practice and improve their bird identification skills, learn about ecology and conservation and build friendships and connections with other nature lovers in their peer group from around the state.

This overnight camp will be based at the Alma College campus and will involve day trips to several sites in mid-Michigan. Students of all skill levels of bird identification are encouraged to apply.

Applications opened Dec. 16, 2019, and the deadline to apply is March 31, 2020.

With the use of technology on the rise in youth, coupled with a decline in exposure to the outdoors, programs such as the Michigan Youth Birders Camp are invaluable for promoting and maintaining a desire to protect the natural world.

"Michigan Audubon is fostering an informed connection to the

natural world with this birding immersion camp," said Executive Director Heather Good. "This collaborative effort gives adolescents memorable, experiential learning about native ecologies, habitats, birds, wildlife — knowledge that will likely stay with them for life."

Facilitated by a passionate group of volunteer leaders and camp counselors resulting in ample one-on-one guidance, MYBC 2020 helps students understand the environment around them while gaining fun and unforgettable skills and experiences.

Without direct experiences in nature, research findings suggest that children are missing opportunities to enhance their health and well-being, and to develop responsible long-term environmental behavior. "Time in nature is not leisure time; it's an essential investment in our children's health and in the future of our planet," Good said.

The week will begin with activities and an overview of birding basics and etiquette, and will continue with several excit-



Students of the 2019 Youth Birders Camp based on the Alma College campus.

ing field trips to various nature centers and venues, including the renowned, Smithsonian-affiliated museum at Michigan State University to experience its elaborate avian specimen collection.

The MYBC is designed and implemented with partnerships through Alma College and U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service. The cost of the camp is \$500 per student, which includes lodging, food and supplies.

Scholarships are available based on need and availability.

For those interested in attending MYBC 2020, please contact Lindsay Cain at lcain@michiganaudubon.org or call

(517) 580-7364.

If you would like to donate to MYBC 2020 to help keep this registration cost low and ensure scholarships are available for students who would not be able to attend otherwise, please visit www.michiganaudubon.org/learn/young-birders/.

Michigan's wild birds use forests for habitat

BY BILL COOK, MSU EXTENSION FORESTER/BIOLOGIST

Next to deer, birds are probably the most popular group of forest wildlife. At least half of Michigan's 300 or so bird species use forests of one type or another to meet their habitat requirements.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, wildlife watching in Michigan is estimated to be over a \$2 billion activity. Birding, alone, attracts about 2 million people. These aren't huge numbers but they're significant in the natural resources world.

Roughly half of all birds in Michigan use at least one kind of forest. Different habitats serve different functions, and at different times.

For example, the ruffed grouse likes thick "brushy" conditions

to nest and raise young. In winter, mature aspen and the male flowers are preferred food. Young sapling stands offer critical escape cover from predators. The males like to have large logs from which they "drum" to attract mates and establish territory. So, in a landscape of a few acres, a diversity of forest characteristics is needed for optimum habitat.

There are about 150 bird species that use Great Lakes states forests, not to mention the other vertebrate taxa and the mind-boggling numbers of invertebrates. Every species has a unique set of habitat requirements.

Forest conditions tend to run along gradients such as age, size, density and composition. Proximity to different habitats is important. There's also upland vs. lowland, and deciduous vs.

conifer. To make assessments more interesting, all these things change with time. Then, many bird species change their preferences with the season.

What can forest owners do?

— Learn what sort of forests you have from a "bird's-eye" view. Assess conditions from a larger landscape perspective. Consider managing for something different from the prevailing set of forest conditions.

— Encourage understory growth of shrubs and tree saplings. Think of a "green wall" in the summer time. This can be nearly impossible in areas where deer numbers are high.

— Maintain or create large dead trees. Biologists call these areas "snags."

— Underplant conifer species in stands dominated by hard-

woods (deciduous trees). You'll likely need to cage them from deer and rabbits.

— Plant woody species that produce berries, nuts and similar fruits. This food source is called "mast."

— Large logs on the ground are valuable habitat components.

— Protecting those spring season puddles (vernal pools) is important.

— Build or maintain corridors between different habitats. These are ribbons of vegetation types where birds (and other animals) like to travel from one place to another.

— Create young forests, which are declining across the Great Lakes states along with many of the bird species that use them regularly. Be warned, this involves clear cutting.

— If you have several acres of "scrubland," a mix of grasses and shrubs, then you're really fortunate! Consider prescribed fire to maintain these conditions.

While each bird species has different requirements, suites of species can be aggregated into groups. One suite of birds will prefer young forests. Another suite is more readily found in forests of old trees. Other suites will occupy lowland forests, upland forests and so on.

The names for most of these birds are unknown to most forest owners. Regardless, identifying bird species and learning their habitat preferences can be an addictive past-time and a great way to teach forest and wildlife appreciation to kids. Ultimately, actively managing forests with birds in mind is highly rewarding.

Mongene graduates

Noelle Mongene, formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, graduated from Oakland University in December 2019 with a Master of Science degree in psychology with a concentration in behavioral health. Noelle first graduated from Bay Mills Community College where she earned an associate degree, and Lake

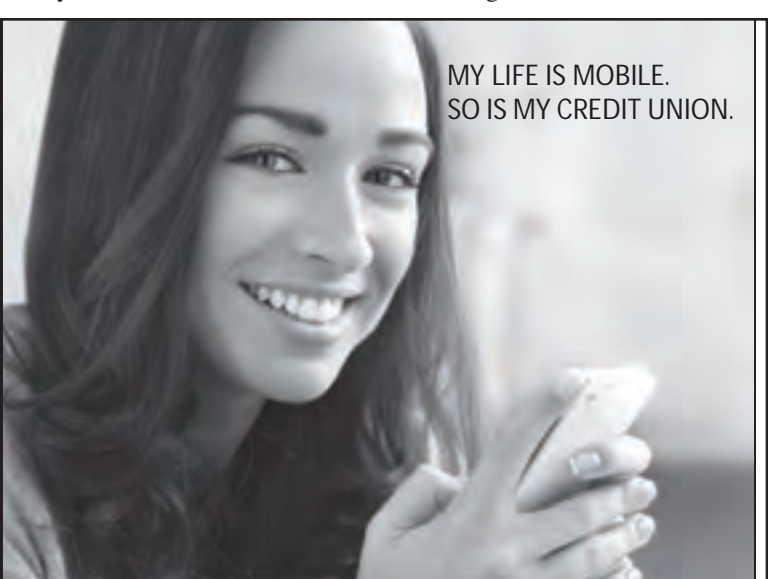
Superior State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. Noelle was awarded the King-Chavez-Parks (KCP) Future Faculty Fellowship to continue working toward a PhD. in psychology at Oakland University. Noelle is the daughter of Jerry and Glenda King of Barbeau, Mich.



Chippewa graduates



On Dec. 14, 2019, Sault Tribe member Rebecca Chippewa graduated with a Bachelor of Science majoring in psychology from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. She is the daughter of Robert Chippewa and Lori Ferguson, the granddaughter of John and Roberta Chippewa and the great-granddaughter of Fanny Aslin. Rebecca is weighing her next educational steps as she works at First National Bank of America and raises her 15-month-old daughter Bailey with her father, Josh Busch, in Lansing, Mich.



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SO IS MY CREDIT UNION.

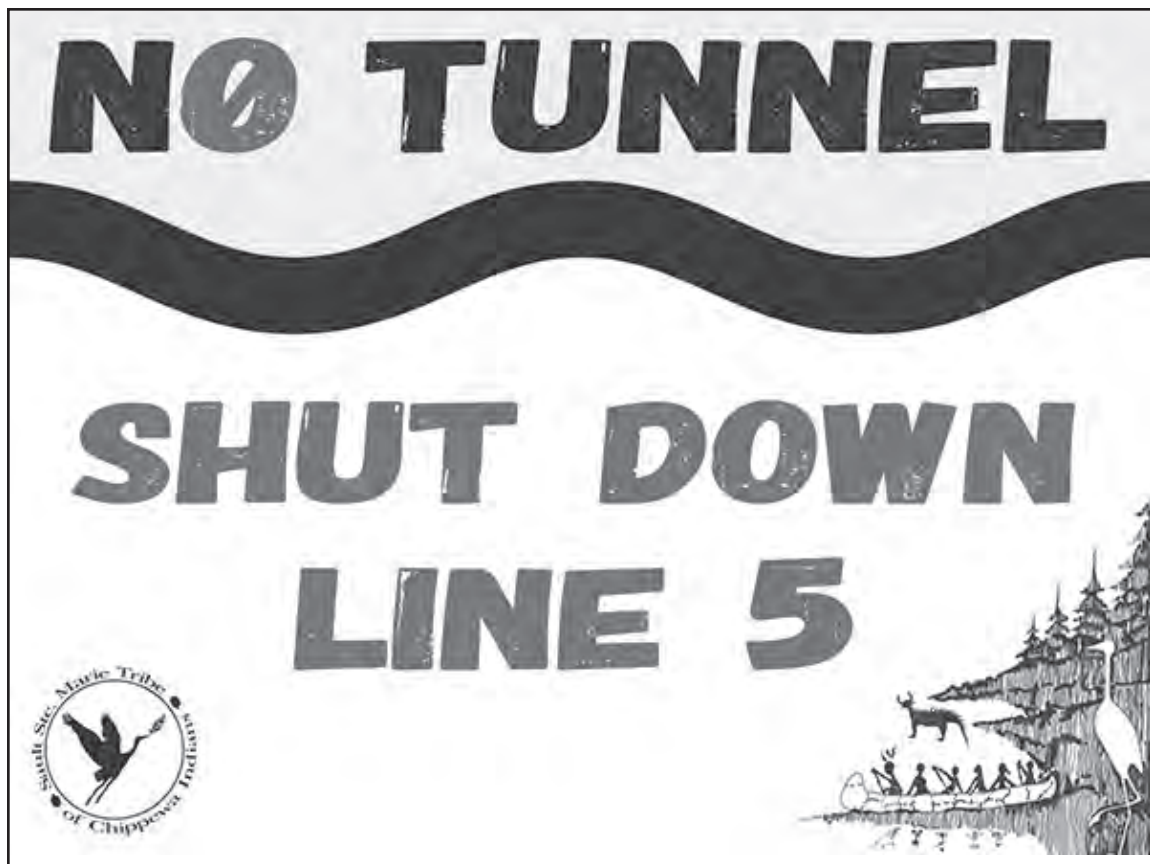
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Printed by Sault Tribe Environmental Program, "No Tunnel - Shut Down Line 5" lawn signs are now available. Get your own at the following locations ST Environmental Office, 206 Greenough St. in the Sault; Big Bear Arena, ask at the desk; St. Ignace Health Center, ask reception; Kewadin Shores, ask Security; Hessel Community Center, ask Reception; Manistique Tribal Center, ask Tribal Liaison Mary Jenerou. Environmental is working on more locations, if you can help, or need a sign, please contact the department at 906- 632-5575.

Winter Storytelling this February in Hessel, Munising, St. Ignace, and Manistique

Join Sault Tribe Language and Culture Department for Winter Storytelling in Anishinaabemowin!

A chance to hear stories told in the language.

Munising Unit VI, Feb. 18
4-6 p.m. at the Munising Tribal

Center, 622 W. Superior St.

St. Ignace Unit III, Feb.

20 3-5 p.m. at the St. Ignace

Elder Housing Complex, 3017

Mackinac Trail

Hessel Unit II, Feb. 20 6-8

p.m. at the Hessel Community

Tribal Center, 335 N. 3 Mile Rd.

Manistique Unit IV, Feb.

27 4-6 p.m., Manistique Tribal

Community Center, 5698 W US

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For more information please

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saulttribe.net.

Tribal farmer scholarships available for conference

Scholarships are available to tribal farmers for both Farm School and the Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference. Read more on the 2020 conference and session descriptions: www.small-farmconference.com. Contact Kat Jacques at [\[ne94@msu.edu\]\(mailto:ne94@msu.edu\) or \(906\) 280-1786 to apply for scholarships.](mailto:odon-</p>
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The Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference is Jan. 24-25 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Mich.

TRIBAL MEMBER REGISTRATION IN THE TAX AGREEMENT AREA

TRIBAL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

(Including the Issuance of Certificates of Exemptions)

INITIAL REGISTRATION AND OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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

Newberry/Naubinway/Engadine children's Christmas party



Newberry's children's Christmas party was on Dec. 6 for children in Unit II living in Newberry, Naubinway and Engadine.



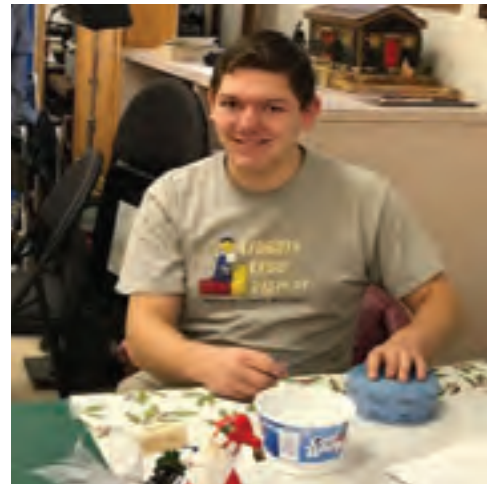
Photos by April Masters, April Morgan and Lisa Burnside



DeTour and Hessel children's Christmas party



Photos by Lisa Burnside



Annual children's Christmas parties held in Kinross and Sault Ste. Marie mid-December

Children and their families lined up at the Kinross Recreation Center on Dec. 7 for a chance to visit with Santa and receive gifts. There was also pizza and snacks, games and vendors selling their goods.

Children in Sault Ste. Marie got to visit with Santa and receive gifts at Big Bear Arena on Dec. 14. They were also treated to free pizza, snacks, games, ice skating, crafts and other activities. There were also drawings for prizes such as bicycles and other gifts.



JR Carroll, 7, Ava Carroll, 9, and James Carroll, 12, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.
Photos by Brenda Austin



Tobias Tyson, 8.



Micheal Kozeyah and son, Micheal Kozeyah, 8, with Unit I Board Representative Betty Freiheit and Board Chairperson Aaron Payment.



Elijah Parr, Jayden Parr and Trinity Shaw.



Olivia Grace Bourne-Phillips, 9, reviewing her list with Santa.



Karina, Jon and Jazlynn Shumbarger.



Johanna and Andrew Dickson.



Leo Falu, 3 months.



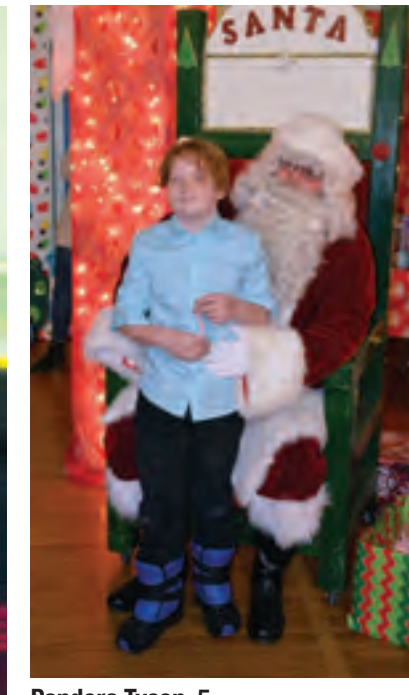
Photos by Brenda Austin



Dad Tony Kaminski, mom Danielle and son Maxson Kaminski, 10 months, and grandmother Deb Nurse, holding Carson, 2.5 years.



Luna Waldie, 1, and dad Ethan Waldie.



Pandora Tyson, 5.



Happy with her Santa visit and gift. Dalton Jago, 8 months.



Rylee Daley-Dysinger, 5.



Easton Tadjerson, 5.



Gabrielle Monck, 5, and Chloe Monck, 2.



Jaxson Baker, 6.



Ayden Chambers, 14 months



Landon Spence, 8, Nova Mattson, 4. Kylee, 6, and Brooklyn Smart, 10.



Makenna Bazinaw, 3.



Keera Goff, 6.



Tara and newborn Colton Paquin, 10 days old.



Keera Goff, 6, Makenna Bazinaw, 3, and Easton Tadjerson, 5.



Steven, 4 on New Years eve, Danny with Maria, 1, and Erika Quintana.

St. Ignace and Sault kids celebrate Christmas



These two had a fun visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Braedin Kinney



Zoey Phillips and Ryleigh Gamble color and have snacks.

Photos by Bridgette Sorenson and Keith Massaway



Staff also had a fun time during the event.



James Pollard as the Grinch!



Davyn Kinney



Keith Massaway, James Pollard and Bridgette Sorenson.



Two little artists were happy with their gifts. The St. Ignace children's Christmas party was held Dec. 15 at the Kewadin Shores Event Center.



Bridgette Sorenson, bike winner Solla Grogan and Keith Massaway.

Sault party photos by Jill Lawson



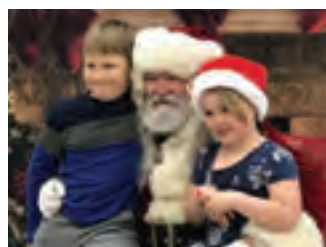
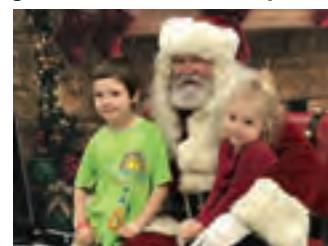
These young girls enjoyed a nice visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Below, participants enjoying the party.



Santa was a busy man at the Sault Children's Christmas party listening to all the wishes of youngsters who sat on his lap.



Damien Everette, Scott Garcia and Geezhik McCoy.



Aiden and Anna Lawson

Munising children's Christmas party held



Photos by Makayla McNally-Palmer



Children and their families gathered Dec. 7 at the Munising Tribal Center for a fun-filled Christmas party. In addition to pizza, drinks and snacks, children saw Santa and were given age appropriate gifts.

Escanaba Children's Christmas party a hit!

Photos by Darcy Morrow and Denise Chase



The Escanaba children's Christmas party was held Dec. 7 at the Escanaba Civic Center.



Manistique kids enjoy annual Christmas party



Kids and their families gathered for the annual Manistique Children's Christmas party on Dec. 8 at the Manistique Tribal Center.

Photos by Darcy Morrow and Denise Chase



STHA recognizes team member milestones



Cathie Erickson and Veronica Beaumont congratulate Rhonna Calkins.

BY HEATHER SMITH, STHA COMMUNITY SPECIALIST

Sault Tribe Housing Authority (STHA) was happy to recognize team members as they achieved employment milestones.

Recently recognized as achieving 10 years employment with the STHA were Veronica Beaumont, Tony McKerchie, Richard Smart, and Nick Erickson. Rhonna Calkins marks 20 years at STHA and Mariea Mongene and Dan Malport celebrated their “silver anniversary” with 25 years. This recognition is only for the time frame that team members have been employed with STHA.

In addition, the following awards were handed out at the year-end training. Employee of the Year is project assistant, Kim Huskey; Crew of the Year is David Shields and Dan Malport; and Manager of the Year is assistant director, Mariea Mongene. These awards are part of the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Recognition Program, an incentive program that recognizes, reinforces and motivates behaviors. The recognition period covers the fourth quarter of the prior year and the first three quarters of the current year.

Any STHA team member can be nominated for the Employee of the Year and Crew of the Year award. Then all STHA team members are encouraged to vote for the candidate they feel best meets the following criteria: team player, positive attitude, excellent attendance, excels at job, completes tasks in timely manner and has no safety violations. All managers are listed on the ballot with STHA team members voting for Manager of the Year. The manager criteria include the following skills: communication, action, dedication, openness and fairness.



Employee of the Year Kim Huskey is a project assistant with Housing.



10-year veteran Richard Smart congratulated by Beaumont.



Dan Malport congratulated by Erickson and Beaumont on 25 years.



Tony McKerchie congratulated for 10 years employment by Beaumont.



Erickson congratulates Veronica Beaumont on 10 years employment.



Cathie Erickson congratulates Nick Erickson on 10 years employment.



Crew of the Year David Shields (middle) and Dan Malport (right), congratulated by McKerchie and Beaumont.

Walking On

DANIEL P. JOHNSON

Daniel Peter Johnson, 89, of Manistique, Mich., passed away peacefully on Dec. 23, 2019, at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility with his family by his side.



He was born on Nov. 1, 1930, in Fayette, Mich., the son of Benjamin and Bertha (Jensen) Johnson. He attended Manistique High School. After graduation, he became a route salesman for a milk company, then for a bread company. He also worked for Penrod Hiawatha Company, selling souvenirs around the U.P., until his retirement.

Daniel met and married the love of his life, the former Eva Tennyson, in Manistique on Nov. 1, 1952. Together they raised four children in Manistique.

Daniel enjoyed camping and playing his guitar. He was a member of a horseshoe and pool league in his younger years. He liked to spend time playing cards, hunting and loved the opportunity to travel. Daniel valued the time he spent with his family, especially his children.

He is survived by his loving wife, Eva; children, Daniel (Charlene) Johnson of Elk Rapids, Mich., Steven (Star) Johnson of Princeton, Texas, Richard (Julie) Johnson of Laingsburg, Mich., and Laurie (Rob) Schnurer of Manistique; brother Michael Johnson of Manistique; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Daniel was preceded in death by his siblings, Bertha Peterson, Carol Dagnault, Margarette Smith and Gerald Johnson.

Visitation was at the Fausett Family Funeral Home in Manistique on Dec. 30, 2019, followed by a funeral service with Pastor Jay Martin officiating. Burial will take place in the spring.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family for future designation.

Fausett Family Funeral Homes of Manistique assisted the family with arrangements. Friends and family may send condolences or share a memory at Fausettffh.com.

THOMAS I. KELLY

Thomas Ivan Kelly, 75, of Drummond Island, died on Nov. 22, 2019, in Petoskey. He was born on Nov. 24, 1943, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Merlin Thomas Kelly and Lorna Ellen (nee Ellis) Kelly.



He grew up on Drummond Island, attended DeTour Schools, and was a member of the St. Florence Catholic Church. He graduated from DeTour High School with the class of 1963. After high school, he moved to Kalamazoo, where he worked in construction until hired by Gibson until 1986, when he moved back to Drummond Island and started Kelly Construction, which he operated for many years. Mr. Kelly enjoyed breeding,

raising and showing California rabbits. He traveled with them throughout the U.S. for years, winning many awards and becoming distinguished in the field. Mr. Kelly liked to work. He had a dry sense of humor and could always make people laugh. Family members said he was an easygoing guy who never complained.

He is survived by his wife, Martha "Jane" Kelly, whom he married July 28, 2007, on Drummond Island. He is also survived by a daughter, Tina Kelly Arnot of San Antonio, Texas; a son and his family, Thomas Junior and Stephanie Kelly of Richmond, Ind.; two stepsons, David Dillman of Dayton, Ohio, and John Dillman of Atlanta, Ga.; 10 grandchildren, Michael, Nicholas, and Jake Arnot, Cody and Zack Kelly, Caryn Lefeld, Christina Barnett, Andrew, Timothy, and Kaile Dillman; a sister and her family, Connie and Al Schopp of Drummond Island; and brothers and their families, Pat and Missy Kelly of Drummond Island, Lyle and Theresa Kelly of Moore Haven, Florida, Ron and Keri Kelly of Drummond Island, and Jim and Sue Kelly of Drummond Island.

His parents and a stepson, Michael Dillman, preceded him in death.

A service will take place at a later date. Interment will be in Drummond Island Cemetery.

R. Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

TROY D. LEHRE JR.

Troy Dean Lehre Jr., passed away on Jan. 2, 2020, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Troy was born on Jan. 22, 1993, to Mary and Troy Lehre Sr.

He leaves behind the love of his life, Krystal Barrette and daughter, Aubree Lehre. He is survived by his parents; his brothers, Travis and Thomas; his niece, Aaliyah Lehre; grandmother, Ellen Lehre; cousins, Timmy, Derek and Jeremy (who were like brothers); his mother-in-law, Merry Barrette; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.



Troy was preceded in death by his grandparents, Sam Rogan, Helen and Albert Lehre; and his special uncle, Tim.

Troy loved the outdoors — hunting, fishing and mudding with his big truck. He was also a problem-solver who often took on difficult and unwanted projects at work and around the house. He enjoyed playing with his baby girl and teaching her to stand up for herself. He was looking forward to teaching her about the outdoors and wildlife.

He was a Sault Tribe member and worked for Sault Tribe Fisheries. He took pride in his work and enjoyed caring for the baby fish at the hatcheries.

A celebration of life took place at the Sault Tribe ceremonial building on Jan. 11, 2020.

A special thank you to Aunt Joanne, CCHD and hospice for their care. In lieu of flowers,

please donate to help with funeral expenses.

Arrangements were in the care of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

LARRY R. MCCALL

Larry R. McCall, 71, of St. Ignace, passed away peacefully on Nov. 23, 2019, at a hospice center in Petoskey, with his brother, Steve Utter, at his side. He was born in St. Ignace to Ray McCall and Evelyn Utter.



Mr. McCall grew up in St. Ignace and he loved the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and loved the open water and ice fishing. He also loved to garden.

He joined the United States Navy and did part of his tour aboard the USS Hollister off the coastal waters of Vietnam, providing gunfire support for friendly forces ashore.

After being discharged from the service, Mr. McCall worked as an ironworker, traveling where he was needed. He lived in Minnesota for years, where he worked as a tour guide on fishing boats. He moved back to St. Ignace in 2012 to be closer to his family.

He was proud of his Native American heritage. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and VFW Post 5114.

He is survived by three brothers and their families, Jim and Helen Utter of Vachon, Wash., Bill and Lisa Utter of Manistique and Steve Utter of St. Ignace; three sisters and their families, Lynne and Mike Clark of Rapid River, Debbie and Farald Guilbeau of Moselle, Miss., and Ruth and Jim VanderVeen of Hastings; his stepmother, Arvilla McCall, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Robert McCall; and two brothers, Mike McCall and Terry Utter.

A memorial is planned for this summer.

EDWARD A. MOORE

A brave man was silenced when he lost his fight with pancreatic cancer on Nov. 29, 2019, he was surrounded by his loving wife and daughters at his home on the AuTrain River. Edward Arnold Moore was born to Donald and Ellen (McCullum) Moore on Feb. 3, 1947, in Munising, Mich.



He grew up in AuTrain and graduated from Wm. G. Mather High School in 1965. Ed was quieter when he was young. He was at his best when he was helping the young and especially the elderly. The outdoors was very special to him. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps when he was 18. In the corps, Ed learned to speak out more, to laugh more, to always persevere, to always have courage and to never take no for

an answer. A Marine, active or inactive, he always will be. After his time in Vietnam, where he earned many medals, badges and ribbons, including the Combat Action Presidential Citation, Ed returned home to marry Muriel Swajanan on Oct. 5, 1968, and together they moved to Beaufort, S.C., where he finished his time with the Marines. Ed pushed forward going to Manpower Institute in Milwaukee to study computer programming. He would go on to work many years with computers. During this time, his first daughter, Tracy, was born. Moving back to AuTrain, their family grew with the birth of their second daughter, Chris. Ed worked 19 years as a computer programmer and department manager for Bunny Bread. He and Muriel moved to Menominee, Mich., where Ed was the information systems manager for Lloyd Flanders Furniture. In August 2006, he retired on a Friday and was back in AuTrain on Saturday morning.

In his younger years, Ed played guitar, played cards, did card tricks and liked hunting, trapping and fishing. Fishing was always his favorite and he went on a fishing trip to Canada in 2018. Along the way, Ed built a house, remodeled a house, and did woodworking projects like the crib for his grandchildren and a little table. Ed was a member of Sion Lutheran Church, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, a life member of the USMC League, DAV, VFW, VVA, American Legion, and was member of the Masonic Lodge in Munising and Menominee. He and Muriel enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, California and Alaska, but the best trip was in 2012 when the 10 family members went to Disney World together. Ed was happiest when he was sitting outside of his AuTrain home, smiling and waving to people he knew or visiting when someone stopped by. Ed will be missed.

He is survived by his wife of over 51 years, Muriel Moore of AuTrain; their daughters and sons-in-law, Tracy and Bob Wing and Chris and Bob Marinoff, all of AuTrain; grandchildren, Macalah Marinoff, Amanda Marinoff, T.J. Wing and Elizabeth Wing; sister, Mary (Andy) Shepley; brother, Ralph Moore; in-laws, DeeDee (Greg) Janiszewski, Milly (Larry) Johnson, Phyllis (Scott) Hillier, Tim (Heidi) Swajanan, Sheryl (Paul Cromell) Revord, Carol (Vern) Ehle and Jim Moulds; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Don Moore and Ellen Moore; grandparents on the McCollum side, grandparents, William and Jesse Moore; siblings, Bruce, Bill and Frances; baby grandson, Robert Wing Jr.; niece, Michelle Shepley; parents-in-law, Willie and Dorothy Swajanan; in-laws, Greg Revord and Sandy Moulds; and nephews, Adam Revord and Justin Swajanan.

Visitation was at the Bowerman Funeral Home on Dec. 4, with military honors conducted by the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard. A visitation also took place at the Sion

Lutheran Church in Chatham prior to funeral services on Dec. 5 with Pastor Paul Kelto officiating. Interment will be in the spring at the Serenity Pines Cemetery in AuTrain.

Donations in Ed's memory may be made to Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice, 914 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, MI 49855 or the George "Toogs" St. Martin Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 233, Munising, MI 49862. Condolences may be left at <https://www.bowermanfuneralhome.net/notices/Edward-Moore>.

DOROTHY A.M. MURPHY

Dorothy Allyn Marie Murphy passed away on Dec. 13, 2019, at home, surrounded by her loved ones.

Dorothy was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on May 14, 1927, the daughter of the late Clinton and Julia (Pidgeon) LaFaver. She graduated from Loretto Catholic High School with the class of 1945. On May 5, 1951, Dorothy married John Thomas Patrick Murphy in Sault Ste. Marie.



Dorothy enjoyed scratching Bingo tickets, working word searches, dancing and singing. She had a "million" Christmas decorations, but also had a great fondness of St. Patrick's Day and enjoying the spirits. She absolutely loved to spend time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dorothy attended St. Mary's Catholic Church and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Dorothy is survived by six daughters, Patricia (Michael) Deuman, Pamela Synett, Barbara Christie, Margaret "Peggy" (Kenneth) Maleport, Teri (Michael) Romano and Lori (Nicholas Mourufas) Murphy, all of Sault Ste. Marie; a son-in-law, Richard Clerc of Sault Ste. Marie; 16 grandchildren, Troy (Leslie), Julie (Jeff), John, Robert, Michael (Jill), Michelle (Jason), Jennifer, Peter "Pee-Wee," Mark, Jaci (Ryan), Nicole (Phil), Danielle (Jason), Ronald (Heather), Caitlyn, Shawn (Amanda) and David (Siri); and 20 great-grandchildren, Brooke, Isabella, Tyler, Tristan, Teagan, Sydney, Kenedy, Emelya, Bailey, Tanner, Harper, Camden, Talan, Paityn, Colton, Mark, Alexis, Macie, Mia and Cassandra; and great-great-grandchildren, Sebastian and Ashtyn.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and her husband; daughter, Saralyn Clerc; granddaughter, Sheree "Digga" Benoit; sons-in-law, Richard Christie and Peter Syentt; sisters, Shirley, Alice, Elda, Catherine, Marlene and Carol; and a brother, Clinton.

A funeral service took place on Dec. 18, 2019, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home, preceded by visitation. Burial will be in the spring at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

Kewadin helps communities



Above, left, Christmas Casinos staffers Stephanie and Erica Segerstrom (left and right) delivered food items to the Alger Community Food Pantry collected at the Christmas Kewadin Casino. They also presented a check for \$500. Volunteer Pantry Food Manager Kim Swanberg (middle) was excited to receive the donations. Swanberg said the pantry's sole means of support comes from tribal and community donations; the food pantry operates with 100 percent volunteers. The tribe also gave the pantry \$5,000 in 2 percent this fall. Above, Sault Salvation Army corp officer Captain Dan Voss accepts a \$500 check from Sault Kewadin General Manager Allen Kerridge. At left, Unit I Director Michael McKerchie helps load donated canned goods.

Language lessons



Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor Paul Blondeau (L) teaches Ojibwe numbers to students Ernie and Pam Demmon (right, L-R) by playing Bingo. Join the Unit IV Escanaba Anishinaabemowin class on Wednesday nights at 5:30 at YEA building on Wigob St. on the Escanaba reservation. (Students not pictured, Betty Majestic and Tess Brazeau.)

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MICHAEL L. WINTERS

Michael Lee Winters, 65, died Dec. 16, 2019, at Spectrum Health and Rehab in Grand Rapids. He was born on Aug. 31, 1954, to the late Oscar and Ann (LaPoint) Winters in Bay City, Mich.



Michael served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Enterprise and rose to the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class. He worked on the off shore oil rigs while living in Louisiana and California and then worked for the Texas State Department of Transportation. Mike spent the better part of the last two decades working for the Michigan Department of Transportation in the engineering area. Mike loved working with his family of friends at MDOT. He was an avid builder of model ships dedicating countless hours to researching and constructing precise and detailed large scale model naval and commercial vessels. Mike donated ships to museums in several states including Louisiana, Texas and Michigan. Mike has long been a dedicated motorcyclist. His garage has always held an Ultra Glide, Softail and other Harley models. He spent his summers traveling throughout Michigan including the Upper Peninsula to visit relatives in Newberry and DeTour. He was a member in good standing of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians. Mike was a lover of animals and had two beloved cats that were his best friends.

Mike leaves two sons, Ryan and fiancée Brandy Zapata of Sawyer, Mich., and Russell of Deland, Fla.; two grandchildren, Matthew Ryan Winters and Alana Anne Winters; five siblings, Jane (David) Smith, Linda (Ray) Vermeesch, Patricia (Robert) Halleck, Susan (Bruce) Bushong and Thomas (Norma) Winters; several nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Ann Winters.

A memorial service took place on Jan. 11, 2020, at the Lakeview Baptist Church in Lakeview, Mich., Dr. Zane Abberger officiating. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Humane Society of "Mid-Michigan," P.O. Box 577, Stanton, MI 48888. For online sentiments, visit www.trahanfc.com.

Students make blankets for foster care



CCSS Kincheloe Alternative School students Deyanna McMillan, Jessica Betlem and Amaya Stiver (L-R) participated in a service learning project where they made blankets and donated them to children in foster care through Sault Tribe ACFS.

Grondin honored



St. Ignace Head Start cook Brad Grondin is December 2019 Early Childhood Programs employee of the month.

Stevenson earns Minnesota horse club's recognition



The Minnesota state chapter of the National Ponies of the Americas Club (MN POAC) and its board of directors presented its President's Award to Pat Stevenson of Sparta recently.

Stevenson is one of the organization's frequent trail judges, who judges for many breeds and is known for his exceptional knowledge of horses.

The MN POAC recognized Stevenson for his contributions to the organization and its exhibitors. He is often seen chatting with lead-line exhibitors or giving them special treats, said a club representative.

Stevenson has helped the organization with providing trail obstacles as well as setting up the trail patterns. This year he contributed a trail bridge to the MN POAC that he built for the club when it struggled with having enough obstacles for multiple trail patterns.

At the club's recent Spooktacular, he even volunteered to judge the stall-decorating contest. MN POAC is grateful for Stevenson's contributions to the club.

2020 new year's resolution — Foster a child

January is known for new year's resolutions. We all know the typical go-to resolutions, such as losing weight or quitting a bad habit. Anishnaabek Community and Family Services asks you to do something extraordinary for your new year's resolution and make a difference in a child's life by fostering.

Helping children in foster care

is a resolution of which everyone can be proud. Fostering is a way to make a positive difference in a child's life by providing a stable and loving home with the support and encouragement the child needs to flourish and do well. Anyone wishing to find out more about becoming a foster parent and/or adoptive parent can contact ACFS at (906) 632-5250.

OUR TRIBE: LEADING INTO 2020 & BEYOND



**Dr. Aaron A. Payment,
Tribal Chairperson**

*Representing
All Members Everywhere*

Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

Entering a new year and decade allows us to start anew. My Gram, Maria Bouley used to say, "whatever you are doing at midnight on New Year's Eve, you'll be doing all year". I know of no better way to start fresh than to celebrate our Anishinabe Biimaadziwin at our annual sobriety pow wow with "clean hands and strait eyes". I volunteered throughout the day with Board Members Kim Gravelle and Mike McKerchie. I appreciate all of the volunteers and Pow Wow Committee. Below are pictures of two of my cousins - Abe Bouschor and Rita Bouley who have practiced this way of life for their whole lives. They inspire me.



As we enter the final year of my current term of office as your Chairperson, I think back to the day I celebrated with my mom - Gonnee (Bouley) Payment. The picture above is from my 2004 swearing-in; just one year before she passed. I pray to her every day and to our ancestors for direction in my service to our people as your Tribal Chair. It means a great deal to me to fight for and to have the support of our people to serve in the role of this sacred public trust. I love serving as Chair and will continue to look forward to do my best. In the spirit of new year resolutions, I list a few here for my continued commitment to you - the Tribal Citizens:

GAMING EXPANSION

Our efforts here are often misunderstood. We have had some false starts and made some mistakes. Please realize that with the federal government only fulfilling about 50% of our identified need in our service area and nothing for the overall needs of all of our Tribal citizens outside of the UP, we simply need greater resources. Our Tribe is again venturing out in economic development. To ensure accountability and profitability, I will be introducing a resolution to require release of an ROI (return on investment) for all of our businesses.

In the meantime, we are reliant on the \$17 million cash sweeps from 100% of our net casino revenues to support services. While it sounds like a lot, it is not enough to keep pace with inflation, cost of living for team members, health insurance costs and does not allow for any services expansion. Gaming expansion is critical. The Mayor of Lansing's lack of support for a down town casino represents a challenge. We are not, however, giving up and will look to find an option he supports. We have been stalled by the Trump Administration's denial of our Mandatory Trust request and are in litigation. I will look for

ADVANCED APPROPRIATIONS

The majority of our funding for services and operations comes from the federal government. It is not welfare or reparations but is based on the 14,000,000 acres we ceded in 1836 that promised, "health, education and social welfare" into perpetuity. Retired Board Member Cathy Abramson coined the term, "pre-paid" in full for every penny. During the government shut down, I did over 25 interviews to remind Congress and the President of their continued duty to honor the treaties and not interrupt our funding. In part, my efforts instigated three Congressional hearings for which I testified for Indian Country. I am hopeful we will have the votes to approve advanced appropriations this year. Testifying in Congress and advocating with the Presidential Administration (no matter who is President) is one of my strengths for which I am grateful to the Creator so I can fight for our people. In January this year, I was a special guest on National Public Radio as a follow up to an interview I did last year. Please search the title below if you want to hear the interview.

2020 CONSENT DECREE

A consent decree is how we govern our continued exercise of our treaty rights. It is ordered by a judge and while we would rather have full authority to manage our treaty resource, this is how it is done. I grew up in a fishing household so this is very important to me. It defines who we are as a Nation. In 2000, one person led the charge to negotiate and did not include our governing Board, our commercial fishers, our subsistence fishers or our tribal citizens. It matters who is Chairperson. Thus far, we have held dozens of community meetings to gather input and have a negotiations team made up of two fishers, three Tribal Board reps and myself. I am grateful that the Board recently voted to acknowledge my role as our lead negotiator. While our Board entered a confidentiality agreement covering negotiations, I can tell you that we have the upper hand as I secured a commitment from the Department of Interior as our trustee and \$478K in litigation support. Again, advocating for you at the highest levels matters and is what I do best.

I am humbled by your support and I absolutely love the sacred trust of serving as your Tribal Chairperson. I hope we all have a safe, healthy and prosperous new year and new decade.

Chi McGwitch, Negee!

2019 Sault Tribe Children's Christmas Party Contributors \$12,000 Total!

Chi McGwitch to those listed below who contributed to the 2019 Sault Tribe Children's Christmas Parties bringing Christmas presents to Sault Tribe youth. We appreciate every contribution and the volunteers (including Board Members) who consistently volunteer!

\$ 1,025	Aaron Payment
\$ 500	Betty Freiheit
\$ 500	Plaths Meats Inc
\$ 500	Stuart Development Enterprises, Inc
\$ 500	J&M Printing, Inc.
\$ 500	Kandler Reed Khoury Muchmore LLC
\$ 500	Allen Kerridge
\$ 500	Leo Chugunov
\$ 300	Allen Kerridge
\$ 300	Mumps Audiofax Inc
\$ 300	David P Esslin
\$ 250	DataSpade Inc
\$ 250	Intertribal Council of Michigan, Inc
\$ 250	Sault Tribe Housing Authority
\$ 250	Joel and Melissa Schultz
\$ 200	Dynamic Impressions Inc
\$ 200	Interstate Maintenance, Inc.
\$ 200	O'Connor's
\$ 200	CB Mobile Home Repair Inc
\$ 200	Great Lakes Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
\$ 200	Midwest Truck Driving School
\$ 150	Albert Heating & Cooling
\$ 100	Kim and Will Gravelle
\$ 100	Catherine Hollowell
\$ 100	Keith Massaway
\$ 100	Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC
\$ 100	Ashmun Creek Apartments
\$ 100	Bay Pharmacy
\$ 100	Billy Mills Speaker Bureau
\$ 100	Bruce R Greene & Associates LLC
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\$ 100	Hunter Brooks
\$ 100	Cheryl Bartos
\$ 100	Premier Learning
\$ 100	GHL
\$ 100	Mike McCoy
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\$ 50	Marks Tire
\$ 25	Alan B Reamer

Type in the following title to hear my interview on NPR's On-Point. My part appears at 30:48 and extends for about 8 minutes.



"Turning The Page To 2020, With Some Of Our Favorite Guests From 2019"

Director Chase reports to Unit IV membership



**DENISE CHASE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

As you are aware, under the current agreement with the state of Michigan for gaming revenue sharing, 2 percent of the tribe's gaming revenue is set aside and made available to local units of government as determined by the

Sault Tribe.

The 2 percent funding is distributed twice a year in the spring and fall to various projects throughout our units.

The amount of available Unit IV short term 2 percent funding distributed in fall 2019 was \$57,817.97. Each of the five units received that same amount to distribute among their projects.

Projects are awarded funding based on a number of factors, like the availability of funds at the end of each 2 percent cycle, the project merit and the potential benefit to the communities. There may be other factors considered as well, such as project sustainability.

Projects awarded fall 2 percent funding for a total of \$57,817.97: Rapid River Schools, betterment of youth, \$4,000; Gladstone Schools, Title VI, \$4,000; Escanaba Schools,

Title VI, \$4,000; Masonville Township, air fill station, \$8,817.97; Inwood Township, powered ambulance cot, \$10,000; Delta and Schoolcraft School District; building trades, \$3,000; Gwinn Schools, Title VI, \$4,000; Ishpeming Schools, Title VI, \$4,000; Negaunee Schools, Title VI, \$4,000; Manistique Schools, Title VI, \$4,000; City of Manistique, Little Bear West Ice Arena, \$6,000; and Manistique High School, pool usage, \$2,000.

The 2 percent funding was spread out over 13 projects, which cover a variety of programs and services throughout our unit, such as: EMS powered ambulance lift cot; cultural awareness and understanding support for Indian Education programs and staff; cultural activities; tutoring programs and services; stipends for cultural pre-

senters and teachings; fire department enclosed air fill station and compression system; cultural presentations and community events; craft supplies and classes; spring and fall community feasts; field trips; after school culture classes; educational cultural classes; awards for academic success; cultural advisor and assistant; guest presenters, professional world musician lesson on Native drum and principals; newsletters; Habitat for Humanity building trades project; ice arena; school pool; and exercise and health/recreational opportunities.

The next round of 2 percent applications for consideration must be received no later than March 31 in order to be considered for the spring distribution cycle.

In October, Director Morrow and I attended a Manistique Township Board meeting. Under new business a group of concerned township residents attended the meeting to discuss and bring their issues forward regarding the unsafe speed limit on U.S. 2 (a 2.8 mile stretch of road starting at the city limits to the Duck Inn Road) just past our casino.

Its very concerning for the tribe as our reservation, community/medical center, casino, tribal team members, tribal and local community members and area businesses enter and exit that stretch of road with traffic coming at them at 70-75-80 miles an hour.

As reported by Director Morrow in her last unit report we collaborated with Jean Frankovich, Schoolcraft County Road Commission director, on behalf of Manistique township board to hold and organize a community input session at the Manistique tribal center.

Jean Frankovich reached out and invited Rep. Sara Cambensy

and Senator Ed McBroom to attend the meeting on Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. at the Manistique Tribal Center. The meeting focused on the need to lower the speed limit on U.S. 2 back down to a safer 55 miles an hour, with no passing zones, and additional turn lanes on that 2.8 mile stretch of road. Thompson and Doyle townships, the city, state and tribal police all share our same issues. Thank you to all the staff who helped with the meeting; Junita Bye, ACFS director, Joni Talentino, housing director, Mike McCoy, legislative director, Larry Jacques, director of strategic planning, Wendy Hoffman, director of transportation, Allen Kerridge, Kewadin CEO, Shawn Carlson, marketing director, Marlene Glaesman, western end clinic director, Shianne Cadreau, MIS, Cindy Stevenson, admin asst., Todd Archambeau, maintenance manager, Jeremy Sitkoski, maintenance worker.

By now most of you received your tribal census for the seven-county service area from the tribe. If you did not receive one, please contact Larry Jacques, director of strategic planning, at (906) 635-6050. Please take the time to fill out the census and please return them by Jan. 31, 2020. It is important to fill the census out; this is a way for the tribe to see what the membership needs are for future programs and services.

I am glad to announce we have a new dentist, Dr. Madison is joining Dr. Drew Lubsey, dental director and our Manistique dental team, he will be starting in February 2020.

Thank you to the children's Christmas party volunteers. Happy new year to you and your families. If you need to reach me, call (906) 203-2471. Denise Chase, Unit IV representative.

Director Matson reports to Unit V membership



**CHARLES MATSON SR.,
DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Aanii. We made it through the holidays. It was an amazing time at the children's Christmas parties. Watching the kids have pizza and enjoying their gifts is always one of the highlights of the season. The holidays can be a bittersweet time of the year. There are the times when we miss our loved ones who have walked on and the struggles families face to make ends meet during this time of the year. But there is nothing better than having family around us as we enjoy the holidays.

As we look forward to this year, I believe there is room for more business opportunities in our area. Snowmobile season has begun and the snow is here in

the U.P. I am eager to see how the tribes purchase of the White Pine Hotel adds to our businesses portfolio. Diversification of our businesses will help us to be not so reliant on the gaming industry. It is my belief that we will need to seek even more opportunities to bring the snowmobilers and tourists to our businesses. If we reach out to the large snowmobile, ATV, and UTV manufacturers to do promotional/demo shows at our facility it should help to increase occupancy and bring more patrons into our gaming establishments.

I have a series of meetings this year with the United States Forest Service to keep working towards possible sights to establish a permanent powwow grounds here in Unit V. We feel it is very important for our community to have a more permanent area to hold our events and promote our culture for our people. I am optimistic that we can achieve this goal by working with the Forest Service and educating them on the treaties that assured us usage of certain lands.

It is not about how the land was taken, it is about our people having the ability for usage of the lands that were secured to us by our ancestors in the 1836 Treaty of Washington.

There will be more cultural teachings workshops scheduled

this year. My thinking is to try to steer some of these classes towards our younger generation. We need a push to educate our youth in the area on their culture and our teachings. They are our future and will be the ones to carry on our traditions.

Consent Decree negotiations have and will really start to intensify as we approach the end of the 2000 Consent Decree's expiration in August 2020. It is needless to say that we will not be hurried or pushed into an agreement that we might feel is not in the best interest of tribes members just to have it done before the decrees expiration. But on that same line of thought I believe we are moving forward in the right direction and if we keep moving this way we could come to an agreement before the 2000 Consent Decrees expiration date. We will be traveling around the state attending negotiation meeting as each party has a chance to host these negotiations.

I look forward to serving our people in the upcoming year and ask the creator to help guide our leaders in making the right decisions for our people.

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

Respectfully,
Charles J. Matson Sr.

USDA Food Program expands



**KIMBERLE GRAVELLE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello,

I hope everyone's holidays were safe and peaceful.

The Sault Tribe's USDA Food Distribution Program has been in existence since 1980 and is currently undergoing a major construction and remodel project of their warehouse.

On Jan. 2, 2020, USDA completed its new warehouse addition, which includes the installation of a new freezer and cooler equipment. The store

section has been moved to the new additional in order to allow for the complete remodel of the building, which is expected to be finished March 2020.

Hopefully in the future we can have a warehouse in each of our outlying units. This would alleviate the uncertainty of the USDA crew making it to the delivery sites during imcelemt weather.

The Sault Tribe New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow was well attended and it was nice to see family and friends enjoying themselves. I enjoy working in the kitchen preparing food for the feast because this allows me to share lots of laughter and stories with those helping out or just stopping by to see if there's anything they can do.

I want to thank our team members for their hard work and the men and women in our armed forces.

If you have questions or comments, call (906) 203-6083 or kkgravelle@saulttribe.net.

Baamaa,
Kim Gravelle

CLM Conservation District 2020 winter/spring forestry series

Timber harvest tour — Jan. 18, 10 a.m., Superior Township Hall, Brimley, bring your own lunch.

Fruit tree pruning workshop — Feb. 15, 1 p.m., Ojibwe Charter School Orchard.

Invasive species in our forests — Feb. 22, 2 p.m., Pickford Township Hall.

Timber tax workshop — Feb. 29, 1 p.m., St. Ignace Public Library.

Maple syrup workshop — March 14, 10 a.m., Bay Mills Culture Center.

For information, call (906) 635-1278, or email: dylan.parker@macd.org, or jennifer.parks@macd.org, or visit www.clmcd.org.

The March 17, 2020, Board of Directors meeting has been changed to March 24, 2020. The meeting location will still be in Manistique, Mich.

McLeod says: It's all about caring for people



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin, Anishnaabek! As a member of the board of directors, there are many ways we care for our people and our communities: Ensuring tribal services are funded (food, medicine, housing, etc.), holding the federal government accountable for treaty obligations (hunting, fishing, health, education, etc.), involvement in community activities and meetings (sponsoring events like Easter and Christmas parties, sitting on local community boards), speaking on behalf of our tribe in various national meetings and federal consultations and more. But, for me, what matters most, is the opportunity to do things for people that are direct. Not part of a program, not out of an office, but real time, one on one, face to face work that helps people. Recently, I was given the opportunity to work in this good way.

The week between Christmas and New Year's Eve, Mother Nature gifted us with an ice storm unlike any I've experienced in my 64 years of living, and the worse it got, the more help people needed. Across the entire Upper Peninsula, trees went down, utility poles snapped, lines broke, roads were closed and power went out — for days. People got cold. People lost food. But, people rallied and helped each other.

I live on Sugar Island. It is the place where many feel our tribe began. It is an amazing island with an equally amazing history and is still home to hundreds of Sault Tribe citizens. It is a special place in the hearts of our people. We have a culture camp there named after Mary Murray (the tribal citizen who donated the land to our tribe). It has an emergency propane powered

generator, and our tribe opened the camp up for ALL to use. Showers, laundry, kitchen and sleeping quarters for up to 36 people was a blessing to islanders. I was so proud our tribe was able to help in this way. Many people were able to use our camp and were so happy!

During the SEVEN-DAY power outage, there was an outpouring of love and support from so many people! The Sugar Island Community Center became the base of operations for people to warm up, eat a hot meal (breakfast, lunch AND dinner), connect to wi-fi, charge phones and computers, sit and work, children to play, as well as swap “no power” stories and hear updates from the Cloverland Electric Company. Donations of food, warm clothing, soaps, shampoos and other necessities came pouring in from organizations and private citizens alike, even JKL Bahwating School sent over huge trays of cooked chicken and mashed potatoes! I was privileged to be a part of the effort to help people. I offered to make soup and fry bread, and as soon as the words “fry bread” got out, it took on a life of its own! I was thinking a batch of 30 pieces, a big pot of potato and ham soup, um, NOPE! It immediately turned into INDIAN TACOS! It was heartwarming to see people so excited! “I've got the taco meat covered!” “I'll get the lettuce, and other stuff, my wife will chop it up!” At first, I was a little worried, I had never made quite so many pieces before! But I made fry bread until I ran out of ingredients! Literally hundreds of pieces! On that day, I felt like the “fry bread queen!” We had over 100 people come for dinner that night. I came out of the kitchen at one point and looked around at the smiling faces with full tummies and was rejuvenated! I was so grateful that I was able to be a part of putting some “joy” into an otherwise miserable situation.

I was just a small part of the huge effort, and there are numerous people to thank for their hard work, and dedication to caring for people. Debra Cox, Dave Pine, Jim Handziak, Greg Blankstrom, Becky Pine, Julie Wilson, Mark Polczynski, Adrienne Beckham, Heather LaPointe, Barb Harrington, Julie Wilson



and Haley Sebastian. I apologize for any that I've missed. I also want to do a special shout-out to Kewadin Casinos for their generous donation of free buffet meals to emergency personnel and lines workers. A shout-out also to Kristen Corbiere for coordinating the huge food donations through Feeding America.

That week was all about CARING FOR PEOPLE, and in my very favorite way — one on one, face to face. All of the other work we do is important too and I mean no disrespect at all, but the most gratifying, straight to my heart connection comes from being there when people need me. This winter is far from over, and we may find ourselves in similar circumstances again. But no matter, I will consider myself blessed at any time that I am able to help. It is how I was taught.

Stay safe and warm everyone! Anishnaabe gageget! (Anishnaabe for always!),

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Director Sorenson provides updates on issues



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I hope everyone had the pleasure of spending quality time with their friends and family during the holidays. My favorite part growing up was having all of my family come together and share all the good food. Over the years, many of my cousins now have families of their own and cannot always make it home and family members have falling outs and things just aren't the same. I am grateful for the time and family that were able to be together.

On Dec. 15, we had our Unit III children's Christmas party at the Shores Events Center. The activities included a movie theater with popcorn, face painting, ornament making, coloring, cake walk, presents with Santa and Mrs. Claus and a visit from the Grinch and Frosty the Snowman. This is always such a large and great event, because of our location we get kids from all over,

below the bridge to Manistique, Hessel and Kinross, etc. We went through well over 100 cakes and 600 hot dogs in 1.5 hours. It takes a lot of work done by the Kewadin Shores team members and a lot of fundraising from our customers, corporate businesses, Kewadin Casino and other sponsors. The better the party becomes, the more people we tend to draw. I know the party has evolved so much since my kids were little and glad I can be a part of that.

I would also like to thank all the team members who pay to dress down during the year to benefit our members. Some of those funds are given out for emergency assistance and others are used by departments to adopt families with gifts and food baskets. We have so many caring staff that makes our members life better.

I have been attending the St. Ignace Area Schools Title VI for quite a few years now; sadly, there is not a lot of parent participation. We meet twice a year in the middle school library and the meetings are open to all parents and grandparents of tribal children. The meeting notices are always in the local newspaper as well news and notes from the school.

We have a very high number of Native children in our school system, which is about 57 percent. We also have a high rate of Native graduates, which is 96 percent, compared to others being 97 percent. There is no

significant difference in our kids grades compared to the others as well. I feel our students are doing really well compared to other areas, especially in the percentage of graduating students. This year's Title VI funds were \$68,160, which unfortunately has declined several thousand dollars over the years. Much of this funding is used for cultural education as well as teacher aides in the classrooms.

It seems every winter we have issues with storms that question when or if to close down the health center or other offices. It's not always an easy decision because we know members have appointments that are not always easy to reschedule. We also have to consider the safety of our team members. Managers and supervisors are supposed to work with staff to accommodate such conditions especially at our casinos and other businesses that remain open.

The big concern this year seemed to be with the power outages. We had several hundred members who had no power for many days who lived both on our reservations and off reservation. We do not have enough hotel rooms to accommodate everyone. Many of the rooms were already reserved by patrons because of the New Year's Eve holiday. Many communities came together and offered places for people to get warm, shower and some even provided meals.

I have received some calls about a possible resolution

regarding increasing the elders' checks. This item is not listed on our Jan. 7 meeting agenda. I would like to remind everyone that we are coming into an election and there will be pie in the sky ideas or resolutions put out there to gain support. Keep in mind that the Notice of Election is near and the campaigning will be in full force as some has already started. Anyone up for election will be limited to 500 words beginning in February.

There is not a board member that would not love to be able to give more to the elders, members or team members, but we also have to be held accountable for our spending and balance all the needs of the tribe as well. It is not always fun or easy but we have to make those decisions. When and if we get the land into trust for either or both of the downstate casinos we could do more, but right now our revenues are not increasing, especially with the Mackinaw City casino open, Ojibwa casino in Marquette addition and the Manistique casino competing with the Islands casino in Escanaba.

These are the reasons it is so important for us to diversify. Joel Schultz, Economic Development Director, is making headway in this area and is very involved with the economics of the U.P. I hear members frequently questioning some of our purchases and new businesses and criticizing numbers. Anyone in business knows that it takes

about five years for a business to start showing a profit. I was not on the board when all the past business ventures were made but I feel very confident that Joel is vetting everything that we consider. I will ask him to publish some statistics in an upcoming issue of the newspaper.

In December, we met with a group that has proposed ways to make our health delivery system more efficient for our members and I look forward to our board making those necessary decisions to facilitate those changes. We are very lucky with what we can provide our members but there is also so much more we could do and also make better.

I have seen posts saying that no board members support single housing units and that is not true. I also sit on the Housing Commission and that is a concern of ours. We have many members who are not yet elders and are single people who could really benefit from this type of housing. We try our best to build or purchase to accommodate as many members as we can and usually that means families. The best scenario would be having mixed housing units as apartment buildings, with 1-3 bedrooms units. We also always consider the land we have and the waiting lists in each of the units for need.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.

Proud of our community during power outage



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

I hope you enjoyed your holidays and time spent with family and friends. Many in the eastern

Upper Peninsula started the new year without power, and although it was stressful on many and, many had to struggle with keeping their homes warm, it also provided some time to come together as a community and strengthen our families by bonding. There is something to be said about overcoming struggles. It was nice to see families opening up their homes, wallets, fridges and time to help one another. I am and always have been very proud of our community, but I think it was especially joyful to see so many check on each other. I hope the sense of community stays strong throughout the year and we continue to check in on each other—power outage or not.

I got to spend some time at our New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow. Although the weather did not cooperate, it was really nice to see so many faces join us. I love listening to our drum and am very thankful to those who continue to teach our songs to our youth. This would be a good time to start planning a family gathering for our summer gathering and powwow held in the Sault. The Powwow Committee will start meeting soon; any ideas or suggestions, please contact me or anyone in the Cultural Department.

It's the winter months, so now is the time to share knowledge and stories. Just like anything else, teachings have to be taken

care of and respected or we will lose them. So put semah down, smudge yourself and get to preserving our way of life — teach the young ones as soon as you can so it's part of everyday life. If you don't know what to do, ask an elder. Although shaming has its place in teaching, learning our cultural ways shouldn't be one of them. Many are trying to reclaim our identities and everyone should be welcoming that. I've said this to many before, but my mother used to say, "The only wrong way to do anything culturally is by not doing it all." Obviously, there are some wrong ways to do things. What I always got out of it was that we should be honoring our ancestors by

trying. Always trying to do things the right way, I think if so long as we do things with a good heart and try our best, we will make them proud.

Although we are starting a new year, we still have many of last year's problems. Open positions and accountability continue to plague our tribe. I am very grateful for our team members who stick it out and try their best to help our community to get through this stressful time. I received several compliments during the power outage and throughout the holiday season of our team members providing excellent service and hospitality. It is not always easy working in a fast-paced, high-stress environment and we do not say it nearly enough — but thank you to all of our team members for continuing to make our tribe successful.

As always, if anyone wants to discuss issues or concerns that our communities face, please contact me at (906) 440-7768. Chi miigwech.

Kicking off 2020 with questions



**BETTY FREIHEIT,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello, tribal members, now that the holidays are behind me,

it's time for me to get back to work. I only have five months remaining to take some action with our platform.

I definitely want you to know that I enjoy sitting at the tribal table representing you, because now, "I have a voice, a voice that will open the door to the truth!"

Starting with our chief financial officer management team, I have informed our CEO of the tribe that I want all notifications on all bid openings, date, time, place, etc.

Speaking of bids, "I HAVE QUESTIONS!" I'm curious how an electrical contractor was awarded a federal government bid without possessing a license.

Is this how our tribe ensures high quality, fair and unbiased decisions that are made when our tribe accepts "grant funding?"

It's this kind of conduct that reflects my questions, specifically pertaining to honesty and ethics.

I'm learning how to draft a resolution. I have never done this before, so it's all new to me. I just need to keep in mind that a resolution is a very long sentence, broken down into small parts. I will learn this. So members, I am asking you to please be patient with me, while I'm on the resolution mission!

I have had several complaints that demand serious consider-

ation within our own organizational chart. Our employees do not deserve to be treated with abusive language and unprofessional conduct. This is precisely the sort of behavior that does not belong in any room of this tribe. Is this the way of dealing with people that has brought us to this point? How much more pain from this sort of treatment can our own people endure, before we see a revolution for change? This situation is just a tinderbox, waiting to be ignited if we don't take corrective action!

With that, please feel free to contact me at (906) 379-8745 or email me at bfreiheit@saulttribe.net or sootribe@gmail.com.

Moving?

You don't have to miss a single issue of your tribal paper! Contact the newspaper office at (906) 632-6398 or slucas@saulttribe.net to update your address.

Causley-Smith gives update on recovery facility



LANA CAUSLEY-SMITH,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

As stated in the last report, I wanted to give an update on the recovery facility in planning. During these past months, meeting with the Health Division and committee involved it was updated that the contact for the business plan is approved and in the process as well as an agreement with Betty Ford Recovery Hospital for members to use this service soon. I have asked many questions about the service and the timelines for members and would like to remind all that we have funding for recovery services you need, outpatient or inpatient. We have funding for transportation assistance and also a timeline of how the process works once you or a family member agrees to seek the treatment. If you have problems with this, please call me or another representative that you feel you can speak to. With the funding we have approved, members should have no problem obtaining the services needed and I will help you through this. We also have the recovery homes opening in the area and if you are interested in securing this, please call our Behavioral Health program and request information and process for this and if you need assistance please call me. These are services you have access to and with our means you should have no problems with obtaining them, I want to do everything I can to assist as I've heard the problems and worries from you so please don't hesitate to ask for help if you need the service, being placed on a list or waiting for a call back is not acceptable. Call me and we will get you through it with the right people.

Also on the subject of health, below is the clip and save article that was in the last edition of the paper. I wanted to add this again in case anyone has missed this and would like to refer to the information for service, we have means in place for access to health care, if the care you are receiving is in question or you feel that things aren't being answered. I would ask that you immediately contact Joel Lumsden to discuss this with him as many items are private and he can and will see you through the concerns that you are having with providers. Each patient has unique health care needs so each and every one of us deserve to feel like our health is priority, so there are many things we can do to make this happen and have a healthier life. We are working on a plan to restructure our health care

delivery system and I'm very excited about seeing this time line and new up-to-date ways to provide health care. This is my priority and I will work and see this through. With that being said I am also awaiting our budgets to pass and get moving on increased access in outlying areas, along with other board members.

From Sault Tribe Health Division

Dear Sault Tribe members, It is important for you have access to medical care and advice even when our tribal health centers are closed. Because of this, Health Division has established contracts with local walk-in/urgent care clinics across the Upper Peninsula to provide after-hours and weekend/holiday access to urgent care services. We have also implemented an after-hours telephone triage nurse service for patients to use when our tribal health centers are closed. Patients are now able to talk directly with a registered nurse to receive advice and direction on the care they need. Please, call your local tribal health center if you have any questions about this service.

How do I access the after-hours triage nurse?

To obtain care when our tribal health centers are closed, you may call the center where your primary care provider is located. You will be given options to fill medications or to talk to the after-hours triage nurse. The nurse will ask you about the medical issue you're having and provide you with medical advice. You may receive a variety of recommendations from how to manage your concern from home or whether you should seek care from a local walk-in/urgent care service or emergency department. To access the after-hours triage nurse, please call one of the following tribal health center telephone numbers:

Sault Tribe Health Center (906) 632-5200

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

Manistique Tribal Health Center (906) 341-8469

Munising Tribal Health Center (906) 387-4721

What is after-hours walk-in medical care?

If you are told to seek care at a local health facility after hours, the walk-in/urgent care clinics will provide basic medical services. These services include evaluation and treatment of cold and flu symptoms, minor ailments or illnesses and treatment for less severe physical injuries. All routine medical care should be obtained through your primary care provider during regular tribal health center's hours.

How are payments made for the walk-in/urgent care and emergency services?

Payment for after-hours services is covered through Purchased Referred Care (PRC) ONLY IF:

1. Tribal member is enrolled in PRC—to verify enrollment, please call (906) 632-5220 or (800) 922-0582.

2. Tribal members call the

after-hours telephone triage nurse and are referred to a walk-in/urgent care clinic or emergency room.

Reminders:

• If you are seeking treatment after-hours, you must call the after-hours triage nurse for medical advice before seeking care elsewhere for possible payment by the tribe's PRC program. THE ONLY EXCEPTION is if you are having a medical emergency and do not have time to call the triage nurse, i.e. symptoms of a heart attack, please go directly to the nearest emergency room and after that you or your family will have 72 hours to contact PRC for help with medical expenses.

• Call early if you can, please don't wait for a condition to get worse. Please, be very descriptive of the symptoms. If you are waiting for a call back from the triage nurse and the patient gets worse during that time — please, call again! Also, if the patient is not ill enough to visit a walk-in/urgent care clinic, but you are still looking for some information on how you can relieve the symptoms, please call the after-hours triage nurse. This is a service and added benefit to you. Please don't hesitate to use it. The triage nurse is there to help.

Locations where tribal members can get after-hours walk-in or urgent care services:

Sault Tribal Health Center – Walk-in Clinic, 2864 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Closed: Weekends and tribal holidays

Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Redi-Care Rural Health Clinic, 7870 U.S. 2 Hwy Manistique, MI 49854. HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed: Sundays and holidays

War Memorial Hospital Community Care Clinic, 409 Osborne Blvd. Suite 160, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. HOURS: Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Closed: Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

Munising Memorial Hospital Bay Care Urgent Care Clinic, 1500 Sandpoint Road Munising, MI 49862. HOURS: Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Closed: Holidays

Mackinac Straits Walk In Clinic, 1140 N. State Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781. HOURS: Monday-Friday, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Closed: Saturday and Sunday

St. Francis Hospital and Medical Group, 3401 Ludington Street Escanaba, MI 49829. HOURS: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Helen Newberry Joy Hospital Gibson Family Health Center, 502 W. Harrie Street Newberry, MI 49868. HOURS: Monday-Sunday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Superior Walk In and Family Health Clinic, 1414 West Fair Avenue Marquette, MI 49855. HOURS: Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Just before Christmas last month (I was sorry to miss the Newberry elders Christmas party and that special event this year) but I had the opportunity to travel for a two-day meeting with the

United States, the other CORA tribes in Michigan and our local fisherman to discuss and prepare for our coming 2020 negotiations. I cannot say how pleased I am with the involvement from our units' fishermen (the most in the room) and the team we have compiled. I believe our seat and voice are being represented well and look forward to the coming months to have input and keep focused on what needs to be changed and holding our rights a priority in the next consent decree.

This past month, I was asked by a team member about the cost of living (COLA) increases for our employees (ALL). I want to assure you that we did budget for the annual COLA increase along with the annual longevity based on the years of service so this will reflect in 2020 in your checks. I do understand it does not seem like it amounts to much but it's annual and a percent increase each and every year and a commitment to you when you decide to remain that we value your work with the longevity increase as well. Thank you for all the hard work throughout the year. I also understand it's not always easy in our organization but I'm at the table knowing and hearing what you say and advocating for better always.

During the holidays this year we had many community members take part and host our children's three separate Christmas parties in the unit. These things would not happen without their hard work and dedication to our communities. There are many to name so in fear of missing anyone I just want to take the time to say "chi-miigwech." Many members know and see you there working and I know I speak for them as well in the kindness you show in making this happen for our families. There have been many suggestions about changes for next year and look forward to making it easier for people to get to the parties on a time frame that is easier for you. It has been suggested that we have one huge unit party and bus children and families to this. If we can find a large enough place and system to get families there, I'm hoping this can be accomplished, but we will gather YEA staff, parents and community members together to discuss this and, as always, contact us with ideas and suggestions that would be easier for you and your families. Thankfully, we have a whole year to work on this. :)

Also, it was very nice to see so many of our elders at the annual elders holiday luncheon. There are so many I miss seeing and visiting with and just hope that you all have a healthy coming year. With that, as many know we have secured a new Elder Division director, Holly Kibble. She is already working to improve communications and assist our groups with needs. Her motto is "I'm here to make your (elders) lives easier." Please reach out to her if you need program services or have questions or needs. She will take the time to assist each of you and your

feedback and recommendations/needs will be communicated directly to us from her perspective and from your needs for the future of the services and our programs. As stated, I missed some in unit parties this year but I will see you all this month at your individual meetings.

It was brought to my attention last month that we had not had the means or it was not consistent on our delivery system for food commodities from our program. I assure you our department is looking for ways to improve that and has made immediate change to a delivery process. If you are homebound due to medical circumstances and cannot get to the identified areas to pick up, we have a system worked out that those can be delivered to you. Please contact the USDA office if you have special circumstances and request this service and they will walk you through that.

As most know, there was some concern about cuts to rural area school systems and I was contacted from concerns parents in the DeTour/Drummond area about the possibility of budgets cuts for the schools. I personally contacted both Lee Chatfield's and Wayne Schmidt's offices and also asked our legislative director to assist us if needed with any follow up letters or materials needed to state our concerns. I'm pleased to say with all the help of the school administration and concerned community members getting involved as well, things will not change and the budgets will not be negatively impacted.

I also met with the school's administration and tribal parents about the needs in the school system, including a tutor to assist students report that our Education Department is attempting to accommodate that on a needs basis. I'm glad many reached out to me on this and glad it turned out with no impact on our students education needs. There is much credit to go around and all things that we can do together can be positive for our rural areas. Good job, DeTour and Drummond.

And with that said, my day-to-day includes putting out fires sometimes but each and every call I get brings awareness and opportunity to a problem that we can work toward to change and for things to get better. Above is just one single example of that. Many changes have been made by simply identifying problems and have a solid discussion and communication for a fix. Please don't ever hesitate to call and talk with me.

In closing, I hope everyone had a very blessed holiday. We have a busy year ahead with new development plans and items to resolve for the future. As always, I look forward to that and welcome the challenge. Please contact me at lcausley@saulttribe.net (906) 484-2954 or (906) 322-3818. We can talk on the phone or meet.

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Lana Causley-Smith,
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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians Board of
Directors

Legion Auxiliary brings Christmas to Sault area veterans



Photo by Rick Smith

Project volunteers took a moment for a photo with some of the gift baskets just before taking them to veterans in assisted living facilities. In back from left, Larry Coullard, Gary Dietrick, Sophie Dietrick, Harold Goetz, Kathleen Coullard, Tracy Baron, Ty Baron (child behind basket), Paul Steinkohl and Poppy Princess Jessy Baron. In front from left, John Leigh, Auxiliary President Bonnie Taylor-Vazquez and Maggie Merchberger.

BY RICK SMITH

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — For the second year in a row, the American Legion Ira D. MacLachlan Post Ladies Auxiliary Unit 3 led a drive to prepare and deliver gift baskets to veterans currently residing in assisted living facilities in the Sault.

Last year, 62 baskets were distributed, this year it was bumped up 75 baskets prepared for distribution. The baskets contain items suitable for male or female veterans such as gloves, hats, scarves, lap blankets, puzzle books, toiletries, drinking tumblers and Christmas tree ornaments bearing patriotic designs.

Auxiliary President Bonnie Taylor-Vazquez described this year's drive as a community effort. The Yarn Workers of the U.P. made and contributed scarves, a Rudyard grade school class filled out cards and Michigan Youth Opportunity Initiative tied 10 fleece blankets. Funding to support the drive came from fundraisers like a recent Veterans Harvest Dinner, Poppy Days donation, contributions from the Sons of the American Legion and other contributors who preferred anonymity.

"I have had the honor and privilege of being a part of this wonderful experience for the past two years," said Taylor-Vazquez. "Being able to acknowledge our veterans whom have given so much for our freedom, I can't begin to explain the emotion that sweeps through my heart on delivery day. This is a project that we definitely hope to continue for many years to come. God bless them all!"

The baskets were prepared on the night of Thursday, Dec. 12, and distributed during the morning of Saturday, Dec. 14.

The ladies of the post's auxiliary unit received help with distributing the baskets from the Ira D. MacLachlan Post Color Guard, the Poppy Princess and members of the post.

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Early Childhood Education puts on fifth STEAM workshop in Sault



Photos by Rick Smith
 Many youngsters enjoyed dinner, winning prizes and a whole lot of educational fun during the most recent Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) workshop in Sault Ste. Marie where Early Head Start and Head Start teachers combined serious education with play.

Above left, teachers at the function helped students learn about subjects in a half-dozen areas of STEAM, standing from left, Karla

McLeod, Dawn Beamish, Margaret Bray and Amie Lawson; kneeling from left, Catherine Wilson, Michaela McLeod and Amanda

Rinna; reclining, Emily McKerchie. Above right, McLeod guides Caliana Bouschor and Sylas Roberts with engineering projects

using marshmallows and straws as construction materials, introducing the youngsters to aspects of building science.

BY RICK SMITH
 Sault Tribe Early Head Start and Head Start staff and students in Sault Ste. Marie convened for the 2019 annual Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) workshop on Dec. 17. STEAM is an advanced form of education, a step-up from the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

According to the Institute for Arts Integration and STEAM, the evolution of STEM education to STEAM education has been growing in popularity over the last several years. Simply put, STEAM incorporates application, creation and ingenuity of the arts into the disciplines of STEM.

The young students had a blast with teachers while they experimented with “ice age digging,” mixing primary colors, building with marshmallows, tie dying, magnetic and non-magnetic fishing and building art bots, which are simple homemade robots supported by pens or markers that use vibrations to make art.

In addition to all of the fun experimentation, students had chances to win drawing prizes of toys and books to promote STEAM education in their homes. Parents could take part in a contest to make the best snowflake.

Head Start family services coordinator Tammy Bumstead said, “Our first event was held on Nov. 18, 2015, and each and every year, we seem to gain more and more families from our program who want to participate in this event. We even have parents and families from outside our program who wish they could be a part of this. It would be a great community event if there is ever funding for such an event.”

Bumstead added that 17 families attended this year — 23 parents and 32 children — and were helped by 10 staff members. “Every year we look for ways to make it bigger and better for the families that Early Childhood Education serves,” she said.

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