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## Hometown girl appointed senior advisor to Indian Health Service director

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Elizabeth Carr is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and she was recently sworn in by the Biden administration as the senior advisor to the director of the Indian Health Service (IHS).

The IHS is an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, acting as the principal federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Carr said it's a huge honor to be a presidential appointee. "I think we have an extraordinary moment in time to embrace some of the equity issues President Biden has embraced, and be able to utilize that new outlook on equity to improve what is going on in Indian Country. I think a lot of times when equity is discussed we get left out of the conversation. With this president and his team at the White House we have been very looped-in, and we are excited to be able to work on some of these challenges with the support of not only the White House, but I think we have some broad bipartisan support on the Hill as well."

Carr has over 10 years of experience working with tribes, tribal colleges and universities, tribal organizations and urban Indian organizations. Her responsibilities as senior advisor to the director include implementation of strategic initiatives and activities and a variety of special analyses and high-level health policy matters.

Carr most recently held the position of senior Native affairs advisor with the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc., where she focused



Elizabeth Carr

on legislation and federal policy regarding the safety of Native women. "I served there for two years and volunteered for the Biden campaign working on policy as it relates to Indian Country around health care; including domestic and sexual violence and emergency management," she said.

She also served as the associate director for Tribal Affairs in the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In this position she provided expert analysis, advice and guidance to senior and political leadership on policy and regulatory and legislative issues that have a significant and direct impact on tribal governments and tribal organizations administering HHS programs.

Carr, the daughter of Gail Pavlat Carr and Brian Carr, grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and received most of her health care as a patient at the Sault Tribe Health Center. In college she forged a path towards athletic training, and in graduate school took some public health classes and decided that was more the route she wanted to take. "I

finished my masters at the U-M and moved home for about nine months and had the privilege and honor to work with the Sault Tribe Education Department on the Stay Alive Youth project," she said. "From there I made the jump to Washington, D.C., to do some program evaluations for the Administration for Native Americans. And then, because of my interest in public policy and public health, I made the jump over to the office of Intergovernmental External Affairs."

She said that as the senior advisor to Indian Health Service director, this is a really great opportunity for her to learn about how the White House and Congress engage with federal departments in relation to tribal priorities. "It's been a journey, and at the end of the day I am happy, privileged and honored to be able to work in this capacity," Carr said.

Growing up surrounded by strong Anishinabek women, Carr said, "I had many mentors and have looked up to many Native women in our community, including my mom and aunties, and also the likes of Cathy Abramson and folks who have really pushed me beyond thinking about how to affect change at a local level, to how to do that from a federal policy level as well."

She said she keeps up-to-date on what is going on in the Sault community so she can stay informed and be able to provide really good policy advice. "It's been a journey I never thought a little girl from Sault Ste. Marie would be able to do. Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine living and working in Washington, D.C.," she said. "I was fortunate to be surrounded by folks who understand there is opportunity outside of the Sault, and I was nudged that way with the idea that I would bring it back home someday, and that is my goal."

## HUD awards nearly \$15 million for affordable housing activities for Michigan's tribal communities

LANSING, Mich. – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced on Feb. 26 more than \$652 million in Indian Housing Block Grant formula funding for eligible American Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities to carry out affordable housing activities in tribal communities. This includes nearly \$15 million for the 12 tribes in Michigan.

Sault Tribe was awarded over \$5 million.

"The Indian Housing Block Grant program supports the commitment of tribes across the country to their communities through funding affordable

housing and housing activities," HUD Acting Secretary Matthew



E. Ammon said. "The U.S. government has a responsibility to carry out trust obligations to Indian tribes, and with this funding HUD is acting to meet these obligations."

The Indian Housing Block Grant Program is a formula grant that provides a range of affordable housing activities on reservations and related areas. Eligible activities include housing development, operation and modernization of existing housing, housing services to eligible families and individuals, crime prevention and safety and model activities that provide creative approaches to solving affordable housing problems.

## American Rescue Plan Act heads for president's desk; \$31B goes to tribes

The Senate passed the *American Rescue Act* March 6, but due to modifications, the act went back to the House, which passed it again March 10. The act provides \$1.9 trillion across all federal agencies to help respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. At press time, it was headed for the president's desk.

In addition to providing an additional \$1,400 to certain Americans and extending unemployment benefits to Sept. 6, the measure provides significant funding across all federal agencies to assist tribes to combat not only the health impacts of the pandemic but the severe economic impacts they have experienced, as well. The most exciting is that the measure provides \$20 billion

for the Tribal Coronavirus Relief Fund.

**New \$20 billion in the Tribal Coronavirus Relief Fund**

The measure provides \$20 billion for tribal governments through the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Tribal governments are defined as the recognized governing body of any "Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, community, component band or competent reservation individually identified (including parenthetically) in the list published most recently as the date of enactment of this Act pursuant to section 104 of the *Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994*."

In accordance with the language in the measure, \$1 billion

of this fund will be allocated equally among each tribe. The remaining \$19 billion will be allocated by a formula developed by Treasury. The measure mandates that the payments shall be issued within 60 days of enactment.

These funds may be used for costs incurred by a tribe since March 2020 through Dec. 31, 2024.

These new funds may be used to:

— respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as

See "Rescue Act," page 10

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# Fundraisers to help Sharon Hovie and family

As many of you already know, Sault Tribe elder and long-time employee Sharon Hovie has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). The development of her disease has recently taken her and her family to three different hospitals. She is currently in the neuro ICU at Henry Ford hospital in Detroit and her condition is critical but stable. There is no other information she is comfortable sharing at this point, so please respect her and our privacy. Her husband is staying in Detroit full-time and her daughters are taking turns being there them. The family has support in



Detroit and other family members and friends have come in to help out when needed.

There will be a need for monetary support for travel, accommo-

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dations, food and possibly medical equipment that may not be covered by insurance. Please rest assured that she is being taken care of to the highest degree and

it is our wish to be able to continue that and transition to hospice care for her either in her home or at a facility.

We ask everyone who knows and loves Sharon to consider a donation to help support them and fill in the gaps. If unable to help cope with this news — offer spiritual support, light a candle, say a prayer, tell stories, etc. The family is very thankful for any amount of support.

A GoFundMe or similar assistance avenue will be set up as well as a benefit spaghetti dinner organized by Barbara Parker at

the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Center on March 18 from 12 to 7 p.m. Please contact Barb to offer donations of food or otherwise, offer help or to donate items for a silent auction. Her number is (906) 630-2310, please call or text to help out or donate. We are doing what we can to navigate this process and will be working on getting these things in place.

If you know Sharon, then you know she loves you. Chi miigwech from Sharon and her family for the support of members of her community.

— From the family of Sharon Hovie

## Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program March 2021 Clinic Hours

Remaining March traditional medicine program dates for March. Please watch Sault Tribe's website or Facebook for complete monthly schedules.

### Gerard Sagassige

Sault Ste. Marie Health Center — March : 22, 23, 29, 30 and 31; Lori Gambardella at (906) 632-0236 or Annie Thibert at (906) 632-0220

### Munising Health Center —

March 24; (906) 387-4721 or (800) 236-4705

### Joe Syrette

Sault Ste. Marie Health Center — March 19, 24, 25 and 26; Lori

Gambardella at (906) 632-0236 or Annie Thibert at (906) 632-0220

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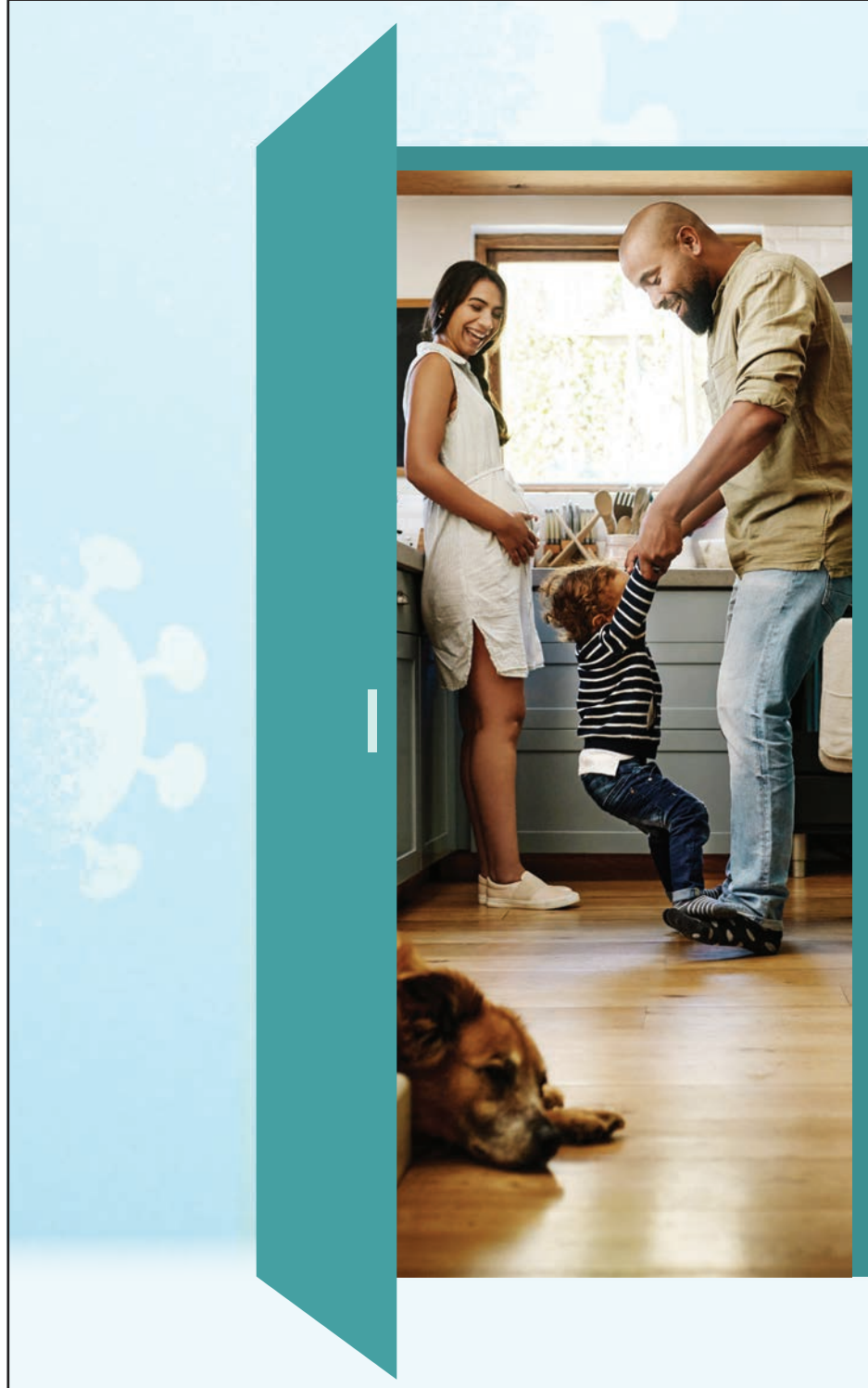
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## Committee vacancies

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

Anishinaabe Cultural Committee – six vacancies – three males (four-year term), three female (four-year term)

Child Welfare Committee – three vacancies (four-year term) one vacancy (expires May 23)

Conservation Committee – one vacancy – Fisheries (term expiring March 3, 2023)

Election Committee – four vacancies (four-year term)

Higher Education Committee – Two vacancies (four-year term)

Health Board – five vacancies (four-year term)

Housing Commission – one vacancy – Unit I (four-year term) one vacancy – Unit II (four-year term)

Special Needs/Enrollment Committee – six vacancies (two-year term)

## MSU Extension seeks educator

MSU Extension seeks candidates for an extension educator position focusing on tribal health and food safety. Please visit <https://careers.msu.edu> and search for posting 693170 to learn how you can become the next SPARTAN WHO WILL!

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## EUP Holy Week Mass schedule

Holy Thursday – April 1: St. Kateri, 10 a.m.; St. Isaac Jogues, noon; and Holy Family, 4 p.m.

Good Friday services – April 2: St. Kateri 10 a.m.; St. Isaac Jogues, noon; and Holy Family, 4 p.m.

Holy Saturday, Easter vigil – April 3: St. Kateri, 3 p.m.; St. Isaac Jogues, 6 p.m.; and Holy Family, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 4: St. Kateri, 12:30 p.m.; St. Isaac Jogues, 8 a.m.; and Holy Family, 10 a.m.

# ARC continues missing person awareness

BY JESS GILLOTTE-KING

Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) continues awareness about missing people in Indian County. One day in February and the month of May are dedicated to Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW) awareness. But with the staggering amount of recently updated information and resources available to support families in searches for missing family members, the ARC dedicates March 2021 to Missing Person Awareness.

About 600,000 people go missing each year. Often, they are runaways, crime victims or simply vanish. Michigan has 3,923 people reported missing. Among those missing are family and loved ones. Although almost 4,000 missing people seems like a high number in just Michigan, the number dropped by nearly 1,000 with new advances in technology, more awareness on the subject and more tools to help find the missing.

Among the tools, a nationwide website and database called NamUS, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System. NamUs is a program connecting criminal justice agencies and families with information and resources to resolve missing, unidentified and unclaimed persons cases. Funded by the National Institute of Justice, its resources are used at no cost to law enforcement, medical examiners, coroners, allied forensic professionals and families. The NamUs website (<https://www.namus.gov>) states that by bringing people, information, forensic science and technology together, NamUs helps resolve cases while providing support to victims and their families.

NamUs uses the Automated Fingerprint Identification System to scan and identify millions of fingerprints and it is one of the most effective ways to identify missing persons.

NamUs has an array of DNA analyses and forensic testing, including nuclear and mitochondrial DNA analyses. NamSso also specializes in forensic odontology. Dental records from agencies all over the country can be uploaded and scanned to help in identifying remains of the missing.

Forensic anthropology is another form of human identification that specializes in skeletal remains. Anthropologists can distinguish between ancient remains from modern remains. They can develop biological profiles – such as sex, ancestry, stature and age



**Yvonne Renee (nee Jones) Scott was last seen Jan. 3, 2004.**



**Robert "Bob" Dale was last seen in May 1996.**

loved ones are transported home. NamUs also provides help with exhumation, transportation of the deceased and re-interment.

Anyone may use the many NamUS services by simply creating an account at [www.NamUs.gov](http://www.NamUs.gov). If you have a missing loved one and wish to enter information into the NamUs database or search the website, it is an easy website to navigate.

The ARC is developing a MMIP toolkit designed to assist family members of missing persons in the unlikely event that a loved one goes missing. The toolkit will include step-by-step instructions on how to report a missing person and how to help law enforcement in conducting

the most thorough investigation. By providing accurate and detailed descriptions of the missing and maintaining logs of people and places they are known to frequent can be extremely helpful to authorities. The ARC is able to help families with printing and distributing missing person flyers in addition to providing other supportive services.

Throughout March, look for more helpful information on the ARC's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC](http://www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC) along with the ARC having an awareness display at the Kewadin Casino Art Gallery and at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Court building.

Please take a moment to recognize this issue continuing

## 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.

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

## Tribal members: need assistance?

Three membership liaisons work with the chairperson's office on membership issues and concerns across the service area. The liaisons respond to membership issues and follow up to ensure they are resolved. Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact the liaisons when they need help with tribal issues by emailing [membersconcerns@saulttribe.net](mailto:membersconcerns@saulttribe.net) or contacting them individually at:

Unit I – Sheila Berger,

Office of the Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, [sberger@saulttribe.net](mailto:sberger@saulttribe.net)

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

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to plague Indian Country. By staying educated, using available resources and taking active steps to help the community, our tribe can become stronger and more resilient for our future generations.

This article is dedicated to MMIW Yvonne Renee (nee Jones) Scott, last seen Jan. 3, 2004 at about 11 p.m. in Wyoming, Mich. She was 31 years old at the time of her disappearance and married with two sons. Any information about this Sault Tribe member would be welcomed by her family and may be provided to the City of Wyoming Police Department at (616) 530-7335.

With permission from his family, a dedication to Robert "Bob" Dale is also in order. Bob went missing in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., in May of 1996 after attending a wedding. On the night of his disappearance, Bob was last seen by multiple witnesses traveling northbound on Mackinac Trail (H-63) in a van driven by his wife, Kristi, to the Downtowner Bar in Sault Ste. Marie. He has not been seen or heard from since. Dale left behind a wife and three children, which family members say was out of character, as he is very family-oriented. He did not have more than \$5 or so in his pocket. Any information about Bob Dale can be forwarded to the Sault Ste. Marie Police Department at 632-3344.

If you'd like the ARC to share information about a missing family member, please message the ARC Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC](http://www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC).

For more information, you may also telephone the ARC at (906) 632-1808.

Jess Gilotte-King is a community educator for the Advocacy Resource Center.

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# Special health care insurance enrollment period opened until May 15 for Marketplace states

By Rick Smith

Due to the national coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19) public health crisis, President Joe Biden issued the *Executive Order on Strengthening Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act* on Jan. 28, which directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to consider establishing a special health care coverage enrollment period for uninsured and under-insured Americans. Later in the day, the HHS announced the opening of a special enrollment period from Feb. 15 to May 15 for individuals and

families in states with health care insurance Marketplaces served by the HealthCare.gov platform, state-based Marketplaces can take similar action.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a statement that the special enrollment period is available to people in 36 states served by Marketplaces that use the HealthCare.gov website, and CMS is going to reach out and encourage eligible folks to enroll in a health coverage option. In addition, the CMS strongly encouraged the 13 states with

their own Marketplace platforms to make similar enrollment opportunities to their citizens.

“In the 10 years since its enactment, the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA) has reduced the number of uninsured Americans by more than 20 million, extended critical consumer protections to more than 100 million people, and strengthened and improved the Nation’s healthcare system,” Biden said in the executive order. “At the same time, millions of people who are potentially eligible for coverage under the ACA or other laws remain uninsured,

and obtaining insurance benefits is more difficult than necessary. For these reasons, it is the policy of my administration to protect and strengthen Medicaid and the ACA and to make high-quality healthcare accessible and affordable for every American.”

The CMS said it will conduct an outreach campaign with community and stakeholder organizations to educate and raise awareness on the new opportunity of the special enrollment period. The campaign is going to use a mix of paid advertising and direct

outreach to people expected to cost about \$50 million.

Also reported by the CMS, some people may be eligible for other existing special enrollment periods, Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

In addition to opening the special enrollment period, Biden’s order directs the heads of all federal agencies to review practices and policies of their agencies with any connection to Medicaid and the ACA to ensure they are conducive to people taking advantage of the special enroll-

# IHS receives an additional \$1 billion for continued COVID-19 response

The Indian Health Service (IHS) announced on Feb. 2 the allocation decisions for \$1 billion recently received by the agency in additional COVID-19 funding to respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

Of the \$1 billion provided in the act, \$790 million will support testing, contact tracing, containment, mitigation, and related activities to monitor and suppress COVID-19 in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The bill also provides \$210 million for IHS, tribal, and urban Indian health programs to plan and prepare for coronavirus vaccines to ensure broad-based distribution, access, and vaccine coverage.

“The IHS sincerely values the support and the rapid and robust input from tribal and urban Indian

organization leaders as we work together on a significantly accelerated timeline,” said Acting IHS Director Elizabeth Fowler. “We will continue to work in partnership with our tribal and urban Indian organization partners to distribute these critical resources for the immediate support of our COVID-19 response.”

The *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act* (CRRSAA), which includes \$1 billion in funding for IHS, tribal and urban Indian health programs to prepare for, respond to, and recover from COVID-19, is the fifth round of supplemental COVID-19 funding.

IHS initiated tribal and urban consultation on Dec. 29, 2020, to seek rapid input regarding the allocation of funding for resources included in the bill.

The funds transferred to the IHS in the CRRSAA bring the total funding level for support of IHS’s COVID-19 response and recovery efforts to nearly \$3 billion. The IHS is grateful for funding that prioritizes resources

during this public health emergency for our tribal and urban Indian communities.

The IHS continues to work closely with our tribal and urban Indian organization partners, as well as state and local public

health officials, to coordinate a comprehensive public health response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. For more on the federal response in Indian Country, visit <https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/>.

# IHS announces new hotline to report suspected abuse

The Indian Health Service (IHS) announced a new hotline to report suspected child or sexual abuse in IHS facilities or by IHS staff members. The hotline allows specially trained personnel to take information to immediately route calls and reports of suspected child abuse or sexual abuse.

“Protecting our patients and our employees from sexual abuse in a supportive environment is a priority at the Indian Health Service,” said IHS Acting Director Elizabeth Fowler. “At the IHS, we strive for a culture of accountability in everything we do. This new hotline simplifies the reporting process allowing anyone who suspects child abuse or sexual abuse to have a direct line to personnel who are specially trained in responding to, and investigating this type of information.”

Working with the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General, the hotline’s Office of Investigations staff are specially trained by law enforcement personnel in obtaining information about suspected abuse. They answer calls between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday. Outside of these hours, callers may leave messages with information to report.

Callers report suspicions at (855) SAFE-HIS, (855) 723-3447 or by submitting complaints online on the IHS.gov website.

The hotline may be used to report any type of suspected child abuse in the Indian Health Service, or any type of sexual abuse regardless of the age of the victim. The person reporting by phone or online may remain anonymous.

Reporting child abuse to this hotline does not replace making reports to local law enforcement or child protective services as required under federal law. When child abuse is suspected or observed, mandatory reporters must still file reports of child abuse with appropriate local law enforcement or child protection agencies. Reporting to the hotline is an additional step to safeguard patients and alert the agency regarding abuse.

IHS implemented extensive measures to promote and enhance patient safety and accountability. In 2019, IHS released the Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse by Health Care Providers policy. The policy requires anyone with knowledge or suspicion of child abuse to report this information and provides guidance on where this information should be reported.

The IHS provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.6 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to 574 federally recognized tribes in 37 states. Follow the agency via social media on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

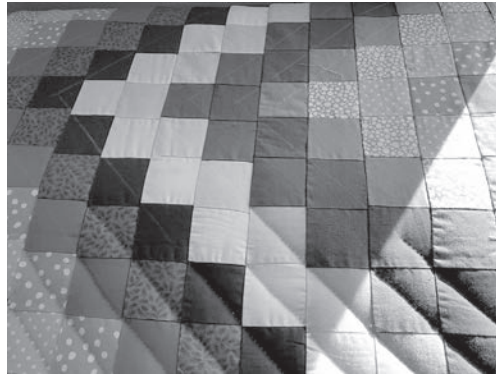
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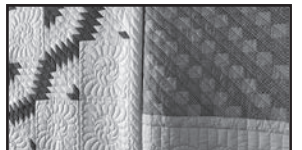
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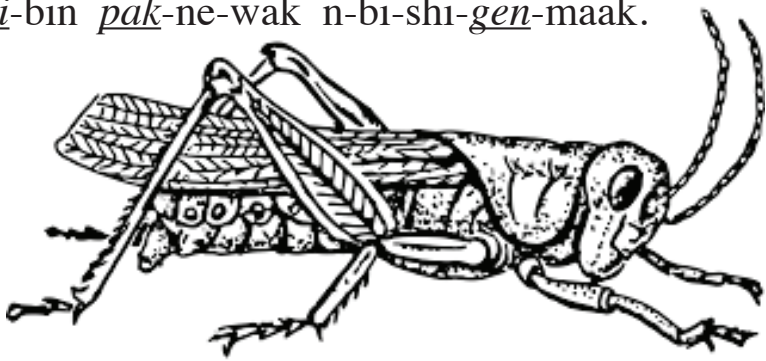
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 ba-gaa-nan n-bi-shi-gen-daan-an  
 I like nuts a lot.

**Memdage mitigminan**  
mem-da-ge mi-tig-min-an  
 especially acorns.  
*Notice the “an” ending, which makes non-living things plural. Leaving it off, you’re just talking about one thing.*



**Niib-                      in, paknewak n’bishi-**  
**genmaak.**  
nii-bin pak-ne-wak n-bi-shi-gen-maak.



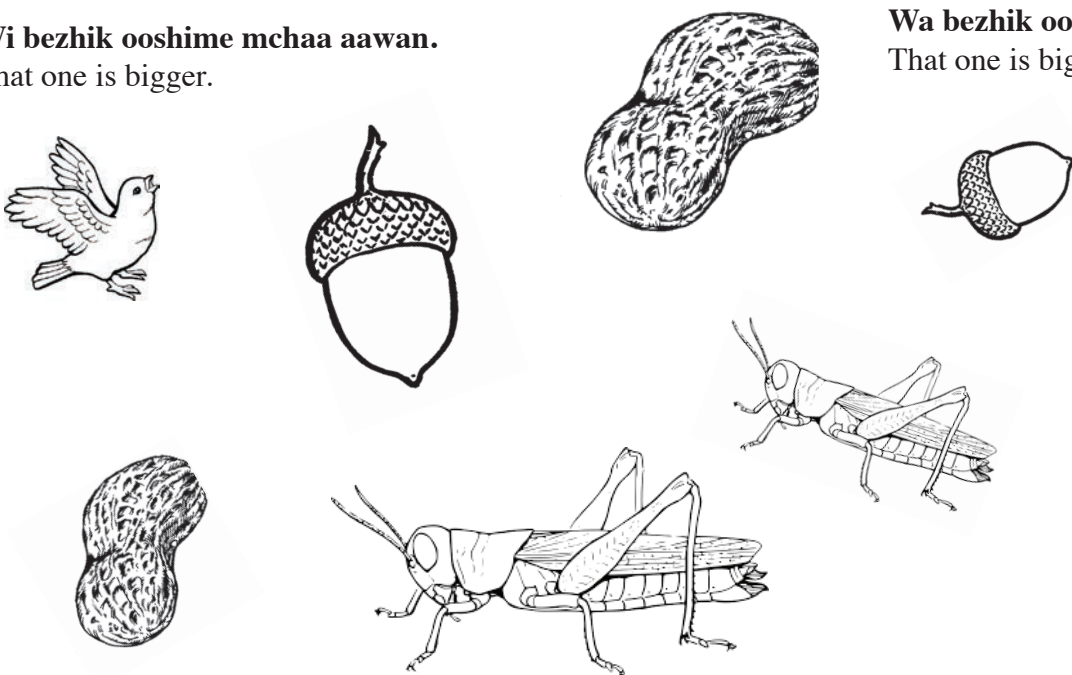
**Wegonesh ebishigendaman?**  
 we-gon-esh e-bi-shi-gen-da-man  
 What do you like a lot?

**FOR THINGS NOT ALIVE**  
**Aaniish ooshime mchaa pii dash wi bezhik?**  
 aa-niish oo-shi-me m-chaa pii dash wi be-zhik  
 Which is bigger than the other one?

**Wi bezhik ooshime mchaa aawan.**  
 That one is bigger.

**FOR LIVE BEINGS**  
**Aaniish ooshime mdido pii dash wa bezhik.**  
 aa-niish oo-shi-me m-di-do pii dash wa be-zhik.  
 Which is bigger than the other one?

**Wa bezhik ooshime mdido aawi.**  
 That one is bigger.



**Mak- ing our sounds** Most letters sound like in English.  
 Here are the exceptions.

**aa** sounds like the a in *awful*      **a** sounds like the a in *tuba*  
**ii** sounds like the e in *be*      **i** sounds like the i in *sip*  
**oo** sounds like the o in *go*      **o** sounds like the oo’s in *wood*  
**e** sounds like the e in *end*      **g** sounds ONLY like it does in *go*  
 Pronounce all the letters. *Italic type* will tell you which word-parts to stress. No italics in a word means the parts have equal stress. Long words are broken up with dashes (-); still, say each word smoothly. And notice “nh” has **NO SOUND** of its own. It is a sign to say the vowels just before it “through your nose.”

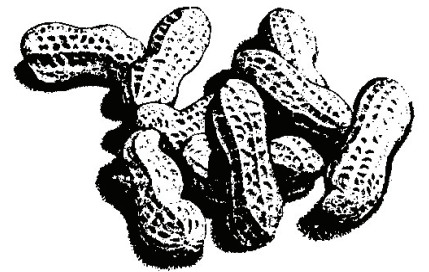
## Ziisbaakdoke Giizis Sugar-making Moon

by Susan Askwith



**Miinwaa bgaanenhsan n’bishigendaanan.**  
miin-waa ba-gaa-ne(nh\*)-san n-bi-shi-gen-daan-an  
 And I like peanuts a lot. \*Be sure to look at the pronunciation chart!

**Memdage biinji gshkapijigan.**  
mem-da-ge biin-ji gash-kap-i-ji-gan  
 especially in the shell.



**Just Do It!!** Until you have more words, substitute English words into these sentences. That way you get to use our language faster! For example: **Pizza n’bishigendaan.** I like pizza a lot. **Memdige with ham.** Especially with ham.

### Amazing!

\*\*Burr Oaks start making acorns after they’re 35 years old; red oaks after 20 years; white oaks start after 20 years but they don’t peak till after 50! Shtaatahaa!! (Jeepers Creepers!)  
 \*\*We don’t have a word for “favorite”. But we can like some things “a lot”!  
 \*\*Note the difference between nut and peanut is the “enhs” ending. That ending says “a little one.”

We divide the world into what’s alive and what’s not alive. **Find four differences** in those two ways to compare “big-ness” in the puzzle.

Do you want a brief explanation of what an acorn is?

*In a nutshell, it’s an oak tree.*

What’s the best way to make a tree laugh?

*Tell it acorn-y joke!*

What does D.I.E.T. mean?

*It’s short for “Did I eat that?”*

# State of Michigan receives grant to enhance legal services for rural and tribal victims

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan will develop a roadmap to ensure victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking have enhanced access to civil legal assistance in Michigan's rural and tribal communities thanks to a federal grant awarded to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Division of Victim Services.

Limited financial resources, geographic isolation and diverse cultural barriers currently inhibit many tribal and rural victims from accessing essential legal services and representation.

"Providing affordable, equitable and accessible civil legal representation to all victims

of crime is essential, and this project seeks to enhance these efforts for those living in rural and tribal communities," said Debi Cain, executive director of the MDHHS Division of Victim Services. "This multi-coalition partnership shows how important these efforts are to countless victims and their families, and we are grateful for this opportunity to work together on their behalf."

For several years the Division of Victim Services has provided funding for numerous legal initiatives that have identified significant gaps in services for tribal and rural victims. This project seeks to evaluate existing efforts to support these communities while creating

a comprehensive roadmap for future work to enhance the availability of meaningful legal assistance. The division has partnered with Michigan's tribal coalition, Uniting Three Fires Against Violence and the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence on this project.

"As someone who has worked for over 20 years representing rural victims of violence, I can personally attest to the deep lack of available resources for victims of crime," said Sarah Prout Rennie, J.D., executive director of the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. "I am proud to be part of this effort and am grateful to Debi Cain and

the Division of Victim Services for being such trailblazers in the ongoing work to ensure victims of crime have the support they need."

JoAnne Cook, J.D., will serve as the statewide victim liaison responsible for convening stakeholders in tribal communities and in specific rural communities to identify the needs, challenges, and solutions to providing legal assistance to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and related crimes. Cook, a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, has extensive experience on criminal justice and tribal issues, including service as a tribal court judge and

tribal council member.

"There is a great need for civil legal service that considers the complexities of access to safety and justice within tribal communities," said Rachel Carr, executive director of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence. "We're excited to be a part of this collaborative project and are hopeful that in the future, those seeking civil legal service will not experience the barriers that our tribal and rural communities have faced for so long."

To learn more about programs and services offered by the Michigan Division of Victim Services, visit [www.Michigan.gov/CrimeVictim](http://www.Michigan.gov/CrimeVictim).

# DOI welcomes newest members of leadership team

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Department of the Interior recently announced additional members of the agency leadership team working to steward America's natural, cultural and historic resources, and honor our nation-to-nation relationships with tribes.

"As we work to advance President Biden's vision for a clean energy future that creates good-paying jobs, protects the environment and powers our nation, we are thrilled to welcome our newest teammates. The diverse experiences of our staff will help us address the four intersecting challenges that the president has made a priority for his administration: COVID-19, economic recovery, racial equity and climate change — all of which disproportionately impact tribal communities with whom we have a critical trust responsibility," said Jennifer Van der Heide, chief of staff.

Interior's political team proudly reflects the diversity of America, with more than 50 percent identifying as BIPOC (black, Indigenous and people of color) and 80 percent as women.

The appointees, listed in alphabetical order along with their new role: Shakiyya Bland, Ed.D.

- Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow, Office of the Secretary; Daniel Cordalis - Deputy Solicitor, Water; Nada Culver - Deputy Director, Policy and Programs, Bureau of Land Management; and Bryan Newland - Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

Biographies are listed below: Shakiyya Bland, Ed.D. - Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow, Office of the Secretary – Shakiyya Bland is an educator, mathematics curriculum designer and equity leader with more than 10 years of experience. Shakiyya produces culturally responsive instructional strategies to support scholars' racial and cultural identities as contributors to STEM education. Shakiyya is an educational consultant, Institute for Teachers of Color mentor, BetterLesson, Inc. Master Teacher, KSDE Culturally Relevant Pedagogy Consultant, and Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow. She has served as a Congressional Policy Fellow for the past seven months in Representative Deb Haaland's office managing priority issues, conducting research, developing legislation and strategies for legislative priorities, and managing

and responding to constituent correspondence.

Daniel Cordalis - Deputy Solicitor, Water – Daniel Cordalis has more than a decade of experience working on natural resource and complex water and land management issues on behalf of tribal governments and conservation groups. Daniel most recently worked in private practice. He previously was an attorney with Earthjustice, the Yurok Tribe and clerked for the Colorado Supreme Court and the Native American Rights Fund. After graduating from Rice University, Daniel received an M.A. focused on hydrology and a J.D. from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Raised in southwest Colorado, Daniel is a Navajo tribal member and lives with his family outside Arcata, Calif.

Nada Culver - Deputy Director, Policy and Programs, Bureau of Land Management – Nada Wolff Culver most recently served as the Vice President, Public Lands and Senior Policy Counsel at the National Audubon Society. Prior to joining Audubon, Nada was the senior counsel and senior director for Policy and Planning at The Wilderness Society. Nada began her career in the private

sector, working on a variety of environmental issues including energy development and environmental remediation, and was a partner with the law firm of Patton Boggs. She is a graduate of Northwestern University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

Bryan Newland - Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs – Bryan Newland is a citizen of the Bay Mills Indian Community (Ojibwe),

where he recently completed his tenure as tribal president. Prior to that, Bryan served as chief judge of the Bay Mills Tribal Court. From 2009 to 2012, he served as a counselor and policy advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior – Indian Affairs. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and the Michigan State University College of Law. Bryan enjoys hiking and kayaking the shores of Lake Superior, and is a nature photography enthusiast.

# United Way phone donation drive helps connect people to needed resources

Do you have an old telephone you don't use anymore? The United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula is hosting a used phone donation drive through the end of March. These donations will benefit clients in recovery at Great Lakes Recovery Center Inc., as well as clients seeking help from other local human resource organizations.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on all of us and in this time of "by appointment only," being without a telephone becomes a barrier for those trying to schedule job interviews, participate in telehealth appointments, reconnect with family and many other necessities.

"A lot of our clients don't always have access to a telephone or the Internet, which complicates a lot of things, but especially dif-

icult for making appointments/filing claims with Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Secretary of State, Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency and et cetera," said William Mourufas, job development and resource specialist at Great Lakes Recovery Centers Inc. - Offender Success.

Drop off bins are stationed in Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties. To donate your used mobile telephone, please first be sure to delete any sensitive information and factory reset your phone.

Phones, along with chargers, can be dropped off at the following locations: The Hope Chest, 250 Ferry Lane, St. Ignace, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Newberry Community

Action Agency, 207 Newberry Ave., Newberry, Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; or outside the United Way office on the second floor of 511 Ashmun St. inside the Huntington Bank building in downtown Sault Ste. Marie. The building is accessible 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

All phones are accepted, "unlocked" or pay-as-you-go phones are preferred.

You may also donate prepaid phone cards. Cards should be mailed directly to the United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula, PO Box 451, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or dropped off at our office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information or questions, contact David Brey at [david@untiedwayeup.org](mailto:david@untiedwayeup.org) or call (906) 632-3700 ext. 4.



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# Sharp delivers 2021 State of Indian Nations address at Executive Council Winter Session

By RICK SMITH

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) President Fawn Sharp started the virtually arranged five-day 2021 Executive Council Winter Session by delivering the 19th annual State of the Indian Nations Address. Her speech was followed by a congressional response delivered by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska).

In her address, Sharp used the COVID-19 ravages to many tribes to illustrate typical shortfalls in the government-to-government relationships between tribes and the U.S. government. She also observed a moment of silence and prayer for those who have perished due to the pandemic and those who fell ill because of the virus.

Sharp explained a little about the history and purpose of the NCAI and the annual address before launching her address.

"The state of Indian nations is standing strong," Sharp said. "Our resolve is being tested by dire crises across multiple fronts.

But we are rising to the occasion undaunted, drawing on the strength, fortitude, wisdom and experience of our ancestors who overcame equally great challenges in their time to prepare us to meet the challenges of our time."

She described the recent elections as an indicator that most citizens of the United States wanted to go into a different direction than the country had been taking in recent years, a new direction which champions equity, diversity and inclusion. She also remarked on the unprecedented voter participation of Indian Country and how it helped the outcome of the election as well as showing that Indian Country is an "undeniable and rising" political force.

Greeting the new administration and an altered Congress, Sharp said they must come to terms with tribal nations to chart their own course so tribes can take their rightful places in contributing to overcoming the many challenges presented in these times. She also admonished the

federal government for not fully honoring treaties, which will never expire. The federal government must have the courage to acknowledge the past wrongs and support, as it should, tribal self-governance.

"So how do we get there from here?" she asked, "How does the United States help us forge this courageous future by reckoning with its past and heeding the expressed priorities of tribal nations today?"

Sharp said Indian Country is already encouraged by swift actions taken by the new administration that demonstrate intent to strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the U.S. and Indian Country, such as the historic

nomination of an American Indian, House Representative Debra Haaland, to lead the Department of the Interior, the president's recent memorandum on tribal consultation mandating federal agencies improve and observe policies on working with tribes on matters that concern tribes along with other measures.

While encouraging signs seem promising, Sharp recounted many issues harboring much room for improvements. "We need to know the federal government has our backs," she said.

Sharp remarked on a number of other matters before Murkowski delivered the congressional response. Murkowski gave an indigenous land acknowledgment at the beginning of her speech.

She focused on issues surrounding Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, health and infrastructure. She also pledged to pursue issues in a bipartisan manner as Congress could Murkowski also pledged to pursue issues in a bipartisan manner in her duties as vice chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

According to the NCAI, about 20 speakers participated in this year's winter session, mostly members of Congress and heads of federal agencies. One of the more notable speakers was Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and chief medical advisor to President Biden.

## SCIA elect new chairman and vice chairwoman

By RICK SMITH

The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs announced on Feb. 11 the unanimous elections of Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) as the committee's new chairman and returned Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) as the vice chairwoman for the 117th Congress (2021-22). Both Schatz and Murkowski were serving on the committee body as members prior to winning elections to their new posts.

The 12-member committee is evenly split with six Democrats and six Republicans who have jurisdiction in examining Senate legislative proposals dealing with circumstances peculiar to the country's Indigenous peoples. The committee is also charged with investigations into situations in areas such as Indigenous economic development, education, trust responsibilities, health care, land management and other concerns and proposing legislation for any issues.

Schatz also sits on the Senate Committee on Appropriations and several related subcommittees, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and a half-dozen related subcommittees, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs and two related subcommittees and the Senate Committee on Ethics.

In a prepared statement, Schatz said the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is unlike any other Senate committee. "On a bipartisan basis, it has always committed itself to the solidarity of Native people in Indian Country, in Alaska and in Hawaii," he said. "Through languages, cultures and knowledge systems, Native communities across the country have contributed in so many ways to our shared American history. Today, our

federal trust responsibility to American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians remains true, and should be the guiding light in our service on this committee."

In addition to her return to the vice chair post, Murkowski chairs both the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Interior-Environment Subcommittee. She sits on the Senate Appropriations Committee and several related subcommittees and is a member on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

"I am honored to again serve as vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs for the 117th Congress," Murkowski said in an announcement. "Being a long-time member of the committee, I will continue to support tribal communities by promoting economic recovery through job creation and workforce development, increasing public safety and law enforcement, enhancing health care access, addressing overcrowding and housing issues and developing better infrastructure and broadband capabilities for Alaskan Natives, Native Hawaiians and American Indians. The committee has a rich history of considering legislation in a bipartisan manner and I look forward to working with Chairman Schatz and the rest of the members this Congress to pass bills that help Native Americans."

In addition to electing the new chairman and vice chairwoman, the committee also adopted rules of procedures, open hearings, meetings, agendas, quorums, voting, sworn testimony and financial statements, confidential testimony, defamatory statements, broadcasting of hearings or meetings, authorizing subpoenas and amending the rules.

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# Native priorities explored in Senate committee hearing

By RICK SMITH

The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs conducted its first oversight hearing for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress (2021-22) on Feb. 24. Titled *A Call to Action: Native Communities' Priorities in Focus for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress*, the hearing was led by committee Chairman Brian Shatz (D-Hawaii) and Vice Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and focused on priorities of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. Witnesses who provided testimony to the committee via audio/visual telecommunications were National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) President Fawn Sharp, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians President Leonard Forsman, Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Chairwoman Carmen Lindsey and Alaska Federation of Natives President Julie Kikka.

"I'm honored to kick off the first oversight hearing as chairman of the committee, putting Native communities' priorities directly in the spotlight as our first order of business," said Shatz in his opening remarks. He further recounted the historical successful bipartisanship of the committee in helping Congress live up to the federal obligations to Indian Country.

Murkowski echoed the chairman's remarks and also spoke of past pieces of legislation and initiatives the committee and herself helped bring to passage. "And I think the work that we do to address the extraordinary diversity of tribes is an important priority and this committee will continue to do so," she said.

After introductory remarks, NCAI President Sharp came to her main point, "As the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress commences,

Indian Country is in a national emergency that—while intensified by the coronavirus-19 (COVID) pandemic — has its roots in the federal government's neglect of its fiduciary obligations to tribal nations and citizens," she said. "This situation was foreshadowed in 2018 by the United States Commission on Civil Rights' (USCCR) *Broken Promises* report which found that, '*Federal programs designed to support the social and economic well-being of Native Americans remain chronically underfunded and sometimes inefficiently structured, which leaves many basic needs in the Native American community unmet and contributes to the inequities observed in Native American communities.*'"

Sharp said Indian Country's foremost priority is COVID-19 relief, the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress

must also address chronically underfunded barriers to Indian Country public health and economic recovery. Evoking the Marshall Plan that helped restore the economy of Western Europe after World War II, Sharp pointed out the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is best situated to lead a "tribal Marshall Plan" to harness the power of Congress to support Indian Country development out of pre-pandemic existing third-world conditions.

She supported her assertion of chronic underfunding with details of underfunding of COVID-19 relief along with other examples of chronic shortages in funding for infrastructure, broadband access, housing, roads and transportation, health and education, economic development, protection and preservation of cultural affairs

and lands, climate change and energy, public safety and children's services. For every example cited, she also provided suggestions to the committee to remedy the conditions in each case.

"NCAI appreciates the opportunity to present Indian Country's priorities for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress to the committee. We look forward to working with the Indian Affairs Committee and its members during this Congress to advance the interests of tribal nations in accordance with the federal trust responsibility," Sharp concluded.

Witnesses Leonard Forsman, Carmen Lindsey and Julie Kikka followed Sharp in providing testimony on issues concerning the Indigenous people in their respective regions.

## DOI conducted series of tribal consultations to strengthen bonds

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Department of the Interior (DOI) hosted initial consultations with tribal leaders from March 8 to March 12. In addition to honoring and strengthening the nation-to-nation relationship, it is hoped these steps will help ensure that future White House and DOI efforts at addressing the four converging crises of our time — COVID-19, economic security, racial justice and climate change — are inclusive of tribal nations' priorities and recommendations.

The actions open a new chapter with tribal governments following President Biden's Jan. 26 memorandum, which noted that respect for tribal sovereignty and self-governance, fulfilling federal trust and treaty responsibilities to tribal nations and regular, meaningful and robust consultation with tribal officials are of the utmost priority for the administration. DOI invited federal agencies to send represen-

tatives to listen to the sessions to inform how they might facilitate their own agency-specific consultations.

"Honoring our nation-to-nation relationship with tribes and upholding the trust and treaty responsibilities to them are paramount to fulfilling DOI's mission. Meaningful consultations ensure we center tribal voices as we address the health, economic, racial justice and climate crises — all of which disproportionately impact American Indian and Alaska Natives," said Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes, DOI's designated Tribal Governance Officer and Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs.

Interior notified all federally recognized tribes of the consultation series and shared additional information to facilitate a productive, meaningful process. Interior conducted four tribal consultation sessions in March to hear tribal leaders' sugges-

tions for federal policy and departmental actions, including identifying additional best practices to improve consultation and fortify Interior's relationship with tribal governments. The sessions were conducted by Indian

Affairs' Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action via teleconference with tribes in each of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' 12 regions: Great Plains, Midwest and Rocky Mountain regions, Eastern,

Eastern Oklahoma and Southern Plains regions, Navajo, Southwest and Western regions and the Alaska, Northwest and Pacific Regions.

### \*Downpayment Assistance Program\*

**Sault Tribe Housing Authority, Downpayment Assistance Program will be open year round starting January 11, 2021. This will make it easier for applicants to purchase their first home when they are ready. The DPAP will stay open until funds are exhausted and open up immediately in January of the following year.**

**General Information about the Program:** The program is available to qualifying low-income tribal members who wish to purchase their first home in the Sault Tribe's seven (7) county service areas. The program provides financial assistance to first-time homebuyers to help with down payment and closing costs if you meet all of the program requirements. Members who wish to qualify to receive assistance under this program must meet the basic eligibility requirements outlined on the application. Sault Tribe Membership Assistance is only available to enrolled Sault Tribe members, applicant must be at least 18 years of age, have a minimum household income of at least \$25,000 annually, must qualify as a first-time homebuyer, and must be able to obtain a mortgage loan with a lender.

If you have any questions please contact Dana Piippo Homeownership Specialists at 906.495.1450 or 1.800.794.4072.

## Crosshatch Center for Art and Ecology emergency funding open to artists

After almost a year without concerts, fairs and festivals, artists in northwest lower Michigan are struggling from the economic impacts of the corona virus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Because we know that art is of the utmost importance in trying times, Crosshatch Center for Art and Ecology is looking out for our artists.

Thanks to a generous donor, additional funding has become available for the Artist Emergency Fund, so we are opening up a new application round.

Artists can apply right now — the application is short and simple. All we ask is that you have real need and meet the qualifying standards.

Applications for this round are due March 31; funds will be distributed by April 15. Artists may apply for \$500 and will be paid via our direct deposit system.

To apply or to make a donation, go to <https://crosshatch.submittable.com>.

And who is eligible? We are able to fund individual artists

(no non-profits or institutions) who earn 33 percent or more of their income from their arts, who have lost income because of COVID-19-related cancellations or restrictions and who live in one of the following northwest lower Michigan counties: Ant- rim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexfort.

These are emergency funds, to be used for hardship.

Priority will be given to the following populations: Artists who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color; LGBTQIA+ artists, artists from the disability community, including those who are immuno-compromised and artists outside of the above populations are welcome and encouraged to apply, and they will be placed into a pool for random selection through a lottery process.

To learn more about the Crosshatch Center for Art and Ecology, visit us online at [crosshatch.org](http://crosshatch.org).

## ATTENTION Sault Tribe Members

**The Sault Tribe Housing Authority's 2020 Annual Performance Report (APR) under NAHASDA Funding and the Tribal Cares Act ARP 2020 will be available for review at the Housing Office at 154 Parkside Drive, Kincheloe, Mich., beginning March 8, 2021. We ask that all Sault Tribe members assist us in the review by commenting on the outcome for each goal reported in this report.**

You can comment by calling Joni Talentino, Housing Director, at Sault Tribe Housing Authority at (906) 495-1450, by sending a fax to (906) 495-5891 or emailing [Housing@saulttribe.net](mailto:Housing@saulttribe.net).

You may also send your comments in writing to:  
Sault Tribe Housing Authority  
Joni Talentino  
APR/IHP FY 2019 Comments  
154 Parkside Drive  
Kincheloe, MI 49788

**Comments must be submitted no later than March 23, 2021.** All comments will be included in the APRs under Section 13: Public Availability (4). The completed APRs are forwarded to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Your participation is greatly appreciated!



# Senate American rescue plan includes \$31 billion for tribes

From “Rescue Act,” page 1

tourism, travel and hospitality;

- respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the tribal government who are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work (the measure defines “premium pay” and “eligible workers”);

- provide for government services to the extent the reduction in revenue of a Tribal government due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the tribal government prior the emergency; or

- make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Under the measure, a tribe could transfer some of these funds to private non-profit organizations, a tribal organization as defined under the *Indian Self-Determination and Education Act* or a public benefit corporation involved in the transportation of passengers or cargo.

In terms of compliance, while the measure does not require tribal governments (unlike state and local governments) to certify the use of these funds, it does require tribes to provide periodic reports with a detailed accounting of the use of the funds. If a tribe fails to use the funds in accordance with the measure, the Secretary of the Treasury can require the tribe to repay the funds.

Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

This measure also creates a \$10 billion Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for state, local and tribal governments to carry out

critical capital projects to enable work opportunities, education and health monitoring including remote options, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Of this amount, \$100 million would be reserved for tribal governments and the State of Hawaii. Under the measure, these funds are to be distributed in equal shares, with no tribal government to receive less than \$50,000 (and no less than \$50,000 and no more than \$200,000 to the State of Hawaii to assist Native Hawaiians). However, the Secretary of the Treasury is required to establish a grant application process within 60 days of enactment. Thus, it appears that to receive these funds, tribes will have to submit applications and will not receive an allocation automatically.

Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund

The measure also establishes a separate \$2 billion fund to make payments to counties and tribal governments in FY 2022 and FY 2023. Of this amount, \$500 million (\$250 million in FY 2022 and \$250 million in FY 2023) is reserved for tribal governments. The Secretary of Treasury is to allocate these funds based on the economic condition of each tribe. Under the measure, these funds may be used for any governmental purpose other than a lobbying activity.

Indian Health Service

The measure provides \$6.1 billion for IHS, including:

- \$2 billion for lost third-party revenues;
- \$1.5 billion for testing, contact tracing, and mitigation needs;
- \$600 million for vaccine-related activities;
- \$600 million for health

facilities;

- \$500 million for the provision of additional health care services, including through the Purchased/Referred Care program;

- \$420 million for mental and behavioral health prevention and treatment services;

- \$240 million to establish, expand and sustain a public health workforce;

- \$140 million for IT and telehealth infrastructure and the IHS electronic health records system;

- \$84 million for the Urban Indian Health programs;

- \$10 million for potable water delivery. In addition to direct funding to the Indian Health Service to assist in this, the measure provides \$500 million for drinking water and wastewater grants for states and tribes.

Bureau of Indian Affairs

The measure provides \$900 million to the BIA, including: \$772.5 million for tribal government services, public safety and justice, social services, child welfare assistance and other related expenses, \$100 million for tribal housing improvement, \$20 million to provide and deliver potable water and \$7.5 million for administrative costs and oversight.

Housing, education, child care and TANF

Housing — The measure provides \$750 million for housing assistance and supportive services programs for tribes, including \$455 million for Native American Housing Block Grant and Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant programs. Funds shall be distributed according to the funding formula used in FY2021 and \$280 million is available for Indian Community Development Block Grants. Tribes may use 100 per-

cent of funds for public service activities.

In addition to the funds within HUD, the measure establishes within Treasury a \$9.9 billion homeowner assistance fund, of which 5 percent is set aside for tribes.

Education — It provides \$850 million to the Bureau of Indian Education for bureau-funded schools and tribal colleges and universities (TCU). Funds must be allocated by the Interior Secretary within 45 days of enactment. It provides \$190 million for Indigenous education, including \$85 million in grants for state or local education agencies, tribes, federally supported elementary or secondary schools for Indian students, or TCUs for education of Indian youth and \$20 million in grants for tribal education agencies. Finally, it provides \$20 million in grants for Native American language preservation and maintenance.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Regarding TANF, the measure creates a \$1 billion Pandemic Emergency Fund for state, tribal and territorial TANF programs; 7.5 percent is set aside for tribal TANF programs and all five U.S. territories. Recipients are required to inform HHS whether they intend to spend the full amount within 90 days of enactment. Funds must be spent by the end of FY 2022. Unused funds will be reallocated to other state or tribal governments.

Child Care — The measure increases the annual funding for the child care entitlement to states to \$3.5 billion per year. Under

current statute, not less than 1 percent and not more than 2 percent of funds for this program are set aside for tribes.

In addition, the measure provides \$14.9 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant program. Under the measure, tribes may use these funds to provide child-care assistance to essential workers without regard for income eligibility requirements.

Economic Development — The measure provides \$500 million to tribal governments under Treasury’s *State Small Business Credit Initiative Act*, to be allocated at Treasury’s discretion with consideration to available employment and economic data. Tribes must inform Treasury of their intent to participate in the program within 30 days of enactment of the act.

In addition, the measure establishes a \$25 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund, including tribal business concerns.

Employer retention tax credit — The measure extends the employer retention tax credit that was set to expire on July 1 to Dec. 31, 2021.

*Families First Coronavirus Response Act* (FFCRA) paid leave credit — The measure extends the paid sick and expanded *Family and Medical Leave Act* tax credits, set to expire on March 31, through Sept. 30, 2021.

Again, the mandate for employers to provide this leave expired in December 2020, but if an employer chooses to provide this leave they can take advantage of this tax credit.

## 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.

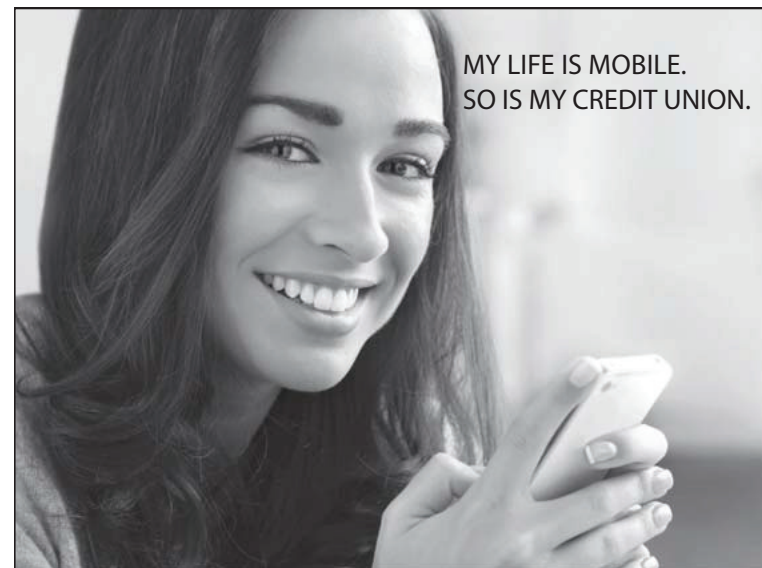
The Tribal Tax Office cannot register a member with the MI Department of Treasury unless these documents are included with the “Address Verification Card.”

### 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.



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# Advanced Manufacturing Expo growing exponentially

By Rick Smith

An annual trade exposition founded by a company owned by two Sault Tribe members evolved from yearly open house functions and the expos continue to gain momentum.

Mark Ermatinger, CEO of Industrial Control Service Inc., an automation specialty firm based in Zeeland, Mich., explained the firm conducted open house functions until, “In 2014 our open house was about 10,000 square feet of shoulder-to-shoulder customers and vendors collaborating. We had to expand.”

Ermatinger’s brother, Karl, is the other co-owner of the firm and serves as president of the company. The brothers Sault Tribe members.

They rented a large events facility in nearby Hudsonville. “This move made us think about expanding it to become a real automation show with technology that we didn’t sell,” said Ermatinger. “In order to do this, we came up with the website [www.advancedmanufacturingexpo.com](http://www.advancedmanufacturingexpo.com) and the logo.”

Calls went out inviting vendors to the inaugural expo. “Although Industrial Control runs the show, we try to spend all the show income on furthering the show for the community, without losing money, Ermatinger explained. “Most automation manufacturers love exhibiting at smaller local shows compared

to the very expensive shows in Chicago or Vegas. Michigan companies enjoy sending more employees to a local show to meet with experts from all over the world, compared to sending a smaller group long distances.”

The first expo in 2015 attracted 350 customers to visit 70 vendors’ booths, had a budget of \$30,000 and took up 11,000 square feet. The numbers for everything kept getting larger each year. In the 2019 expo, the function drew 2,400 people to browse 240 booths, had a budget of \$400,000 and took up 93,000 square feet.

As time went by, collaborations, innovations and changes helped fuel the momentum of the expos. One innovation began in 2018 as expo golf outings in support of For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics in Michigan high school program. “Expanding again in 2019, we worked with FIRST Robotics in Michigan and created a full competition field for the kids to compete all day in Novi during our show,” said Ermatinger. “This was a crazy experience having a concert-like environment. We brought in a lot of pizza and a keynote speaker for the students to get motivated. This was the first time that FIRST Robotics worked with a private company like ours, but the director of FIRST Robotics said it was the



Photo courtesy of Mark Ermatinger

**A test pilot is shown above in a British-built jet pack suit like the one that will be used to provide a live flight demonstration at the 2021 Advanced Manufacturing Expo scheduled for August. The expo logo is in the upper right corner.**

best event they have done.”

Industrial Control was preparing to rent 120,000 square feet in a facility in Grand Rapids for the 2020 expo until March came around. “Everything was going great until COVID-19 hit us in March and we cancelled the show,” said Ermatinger.

The company remains hopeful and is working on plans for the 2021 show in August along with

their partners and collaborators. Ermatinger said more innovations are set to be incorporated. One highlight in the plans is a live demonstration of the world’s fastest jet pack suit. “FIRST Robotics is committed to setup a full robotic competition field again so are bring in [www.gravity.co](http://www.gravity.co) from the UK to speak to the kids and demonstrate their jet pack suit.”

If all goes well, Ermatinger

said, “Should be a very exciting time to celebrate technology and automation in Michigan!”

The Ermatinger brother’s parents, John and Doris Ermatinger started Industrial Control out of their basement in the 1970s.

Karl and Mark Ermatinger took ownership of the firm in 2006 and sell over \$5.5 million in automation components and solutions annually.

## What can you do to avoid financial fraud? Be suspicious!

FROM MSUE

Millions of people become victims of countless forms of fraud each year. The Federal Trade Commission received more than 3.2 million reports of fraud in 2019. Criminals use a variety of methods to tempt you into sending money, purchasing products, or giving out personal information. During the COVID-19 pandemic, scammers are taking advantage of people to give up their money in times of uncertainty, according to the Consumer Financial Protect Bureau. As technology and disasters continue to change, we need to do our best

to stay informed about the new ways criminals try to get our personal information and our money.

The Federal Trade Commission offers the following tips to help you protect yourself.

1. Keep in mind that wiring money is like sending cash: once it is gone, you cannot get it back.
2. Do not send money to someone you do not know.
3. Do not respond to messages that ask for personal or financial information, regardless if the message comes from an email, phone call, text message, or advertisement.
4. Do not play a foreign lottery;

it is illegal to play a foreign lottery through the mail or the telephone.

5. Do not agree to deposit a check from someone you do not know and then wire money back, no matter how convincing the story.

6. Read your bills and statements at least monthly – both paper statements (if you still receive them) and online statements also.

7. After a natural disaster or crisis, only donate to established charities.

8. Educate yourself on the issues related to medical discount

plans and medical identity theft.

9. There is no such thing as a sure thing. Never pay fees first for the promise of a big pay-off later — whether it is for a loan, a job, a grant, or a so-called prize.

10. Understand who you’re dealing with. It’s challenging to really know where someone is calling from. Check out the Better Business Bureau or online reviews of the product and/or company.

Put your number on the National Do Not Call Registry. Visit [OnGuardOnline.gov](http://OnGuardOnline.gov) to learn additional tips on how to use

public Wi-Fi spots, understand mobile apps, what to do if your email gets hacked, how to secure your computer, protect your kids online and avoid scams. You can also sign up to receive online security updates via email.

Be alert for scams and fraud imposters to protect your identity and finances. Michigan State University Extension has more information about scams on its MIMoneyHealth website. In addition, you can find free webinars on various money management topics on MIMoneyHealth in the Events channel.

## Oregon court affirms Klamath Tribes’ water rights

FROM NARF

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. - On Feb. 24, 2021, in an order from Klamath County Circuit Court Judge Cameron F. Wogan, the Oregon court again affirmed the Klamath Tribes’ water and treaty rights. The Feb. 24 order rejected attacks on the tribes’ water rights determined by the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) during the administrative phase of the Klamath Basin Adjudication (KBA); affirmed the senior priority date of the Klamath Tribes’ water rights in the Klamath Basin; and upheld the need to maintain a healthy and productive habitat to meet the tribes’ treaty right to fish, hunt, trap and gather.

Klamath Tribes Chairman Don Gentry said, “We are pleased that Judge Wogan upheld the rulings from the administrative phase of the KBA. He reaffirmed that the 1864 treaty entered into between the Klamath Tribes and the United States reserved to the

tribes’ sufficient water to keep our fisheries and other aquatic resources healthy so that we can protect our natural resources and cultural traditions.”

“Judge Wogan correctly affirmed quantification of the tribal water rights based on the habitat needs of the fish, wildlife, and plants.” Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Staff Attorney Sue Noe said. “Although he ruled that opponents of the tribal rights will have another chance to try to reduce the amounts by showing the tribes don’t need all the water awarded by OWRD to meet their livelihood needs, Judge Wogan made clear in no uncertain terms that the amounts cannot be below what is necessary to provide healthy and productive habitat.”

Like all other courts that have considered the issue, Judge Wogan ruled that the Klamath Tribes’ water rights extend to Upper Klamath Lake. Upper

Klamath Lake forms part of the border of the former reservation and provides critical habitat for the endangered c’waam and koptu (Lost River and shortnose sucker fish), which are sacred fish species traditionally harvested by the tribes.

Represented by NARF, the Klamath Tribes successfully achieved recognition of their treaty-reserved water rights in federal court litigation in the 1970s and 1980s in *United States v. Adair*, but the federal courts left quantification of the water rights to the state adjudication in the KBA. After the successful conclusion of the KBA’s 38-year administrative phase, the tribes were able to begin enforcing their water rights for the first time in 2013. The administrative determinations are presently on review in the Klamath County Circuit Court and Judge Wogan’s ruling is the latest to come out of that process.

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This free, six-session workshop is for adults living with chronic pain and their family caregivers. Key components include; understanding the mind body connection, sleep, nutrition, physical activity, how to improve decision making, meeting with your health care provider, communication skills, positive thinking and making weekly personal action plans.

The program is taught by two trained and certified leaders who understand chronic illness and have a personal connection to chronic pain. To achieve the full benefit of the workshop, please plan to attend all six sessions. All sessions will be provided online via zoom.

Please note – An optional introductory Session Zero video is offered prior to the course

series start date – the video provides an of the program

The Online Chronic Pain PATH workshop is conducted via Zoom (download instructions sent upon registration) on March 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; and May 6, 2021.

Register at [https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E3279CA76F93E5C-0629DABB636390AA10DA9F-](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E3279CA76F93E5C-0629DABB636390AA10DA9F-0BCD092BAE65657928B8D-C039F3)

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The optional introductory online Chronic Pain PATH Session Zero video is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZOIwkuONWg>.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact Jim Harrington at (989) 619 4204 or [harr1626@msu.edu](mailto:harr1626@msu.edu).

## Early detection of colon cancer makes it easier to treat

SAULT STE. MARIE – Native American people are more likely to get certain cancers, including colorectal cancer, compared to non-Hispanic White people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In 2019, Christopher Polasky, a project director with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Sitka Tribe of Alaska member, shared his colorectal cancer survivorship story.

“If you feel like something’s wrong, talk to your doctor. Alcohol was the worst things I ever did to myself, and the second worst would be the tobacco. Those are what gave me the cancer. Get screened for the beautiful folk around you in your life,” Polasky said.

To lower cancer rates, the CDC recommends making sure Native Americans get cancer screening tests, which, can make some cancers, if detected early, easier to

treat. Quitting smoking, promoting healthy eating and keeping a healthy weight are also recommended by the CDC to help prevent cancer.

Tribal health providers currently use United States Preventive Services Taskforce (USPSTF) guidelines that recommend beginning regular screening at age 50 and continue through age 75. Common screening tests include colonoscopy, which can remove precancerous polyps as well as detect the presence of colon cancer and several stool-based tests, which can be performed at home.

With the COVID-19 pandemic putting stress on health systems, the home tests kits, such as the fecal immunochemical test (FIT) that uses antibodies to detect blood in the stool, may be a preferred option for some. However, the best test is the one that gets done. Call your health provider to decide which test is best for you.



To locate your nearest Sault Tribe health clinic, see below:

**Saint Ignace:** Sault Tribal Health and Human Services Center, 1140 N. State Street, Suite 2805, Saint Ignace, MI 49781; Phone: (906) 643-8689 or Toll Free: (877) 256-0135

**Munising:** Grand Island Chippewa Community Center, 622 West Superior Street, Munising, MI 49862; Phone: (906) 387-4721 or Toll Free: (800) 236-4705.

**Escanaba:** Escanaba Community Health Center, 1401

North 26th Street, Suite 105, Escanaba, MI 49829; Phone: (906) 786-2636.

**Main Health Center:** Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; Phone: (906) 632-5200 or Toll Free: (877) 256-0009.

**Hessel:** Hessel Community Health Center, 3355 N. 3 Mile Road, Hessel, MI 49745; Phone: (906) 484-2727.

**Manistique:** Manistique Tribal Community Center, 5698W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI 49854; Phone: (906) 341-8469 or Toll Free: (866) 401-0043.

**Newberry:** Newberry Community Health Center, 4935 Zeez Ba Tik Lane, Newberry, MI 49868; Phone: (906) 293-8181.

**Marquette:** Marquette Community Health Center, 1229 Washington Street, Marquette, MI 49855; Phone: (906) 225-1616.

## Ice Dams: What they are and how you can prevent them

DEARBORN, Mich., — Between the frigid temperatures outside and the heat cranked inside, conditions are ripe for the formation of ice dams. While icicles hanging from the roof may look pretty, they could be a sign of something ugly destroying your house.

“Ice dams can be a serious issue in Michigan, especially in homes with poor insulation,” says Adrienne Woodland, spokesperson, AAA – The Auto Club Group.

Ice dams form when heat inside the house enters the attic and melts snow on the roof. The melted snow drips down your roof and re-freezes when it reaches the colder eaves (the part of the roof that overhangs the wall). This ice accumulation is called an ice dam. As more melted snow travels down the roof, it

begins to re-freeze sooner, pushing its way under the shingles. The water then finds holes in the roof decking—between sheets of plywood or around nails—and begins to drip into your attic.

“Once the water is inside your house, it can cause paint to peel, floors to warp, and soggy insulation that could lead to mold and mildew,” Woodland continues. “Additionally, ice dams can cause major damage to the roof by loosening shingles or tearing off gutters.”

The key to ice dam prevention is to keep your roof the same temperature as your eaves. There are several ways to accomplish this before snow begins accumulating:

Increase attic ventilation through the use of soffit, gable and ridge vents to help circulate air through the attic, ensur-

ing a consistent temperature. Examine your insulation to make sure it’s not blocking the vents and check its depth.

Prevent heat from escaping into your attic by ensuring all attic ducts are sealed and properly insulated and any exhaust fans lead outdoors, not to the attic.

Consult a professional if your attic is a living space, you need vents installed or insulation added.

Remove snow from the first 3+ feet of the roof when possible to safely do so.

“Removing the first 3+ feet of snow off the roof gives the melting snow and ice a place to go without having it accumulate right at the gutter line,” says Derek Michalak, Claims Manager for AAA – The Auto Club Group.

For snow removal, AAA rec-

ommends hiring a professional to ensure the safety of everyone involved, but for capable homeowners who don’t wish to hire someone, using a telescoping roof rake, which is built like a reverse shovel, and staying clear of the falling snow is an alternative option. Additionally, it is wise to keep the gutters as clear as possible from snow and debris to help prevent ice from forming and water from spilling over.

“AAA never recommends that homeowners get up on the roof and shovel snow off,” Michalak continues. “And when using a roof rake, keep in mind that you are pulling snow off the roof. Make sure no one is underneath the location you are working on and that there is no fragile vegetation or objects that can be damaged by the weight of the

falling snow. Always watch out for overhead power lines when doing any type of home maintenance and stay away from that area.”

If an ice dam has already formed, AAA recommends that homeowners do not attempt to remove it themselves. It is a dangerous task to remove ice, and if not done properly homeowners risk causing more damage to their home and themselves. Instead, hire a professional contractor with experience removing ice dams to ensure it is done properly and safely.

For more information on preventing the formation of ice dams, read our AAA Living Ice Dam Prevention article. Visit the U.S. Department of Energy for more information about how much insulation you need.

## Cloverland Cares announces 2021 scholarship opportunity

DAFTER, Mich. — Students seeking scholarships for schools in the eastern Upper Peninsula have a new opportunity through Cloverland Cares, the non-profit foundation of Cloverland Electric Cooperative. One award recipient will be selected from each of the co-op’s three districts and announced in May. Cloverland Cares scholarship applications will be evaluated based on financial need, school involvement and achievements, community service and work experience, plus educational and career goals. An essay

and supporting letters of recommendation are also required.

Online applications can be completed on [cloverland.com](http://cloverland.com) by the March 31, 2021, deadline.

“We’re proud to continue an 18-year tradition of awarding scholarships,” said Cloverland Electric’s President and CEO, Mike Heise. “We’ve simply shifted from the cooperative’s previous Power of Excellence scholarship program to award need-based scholarships from our new Cloverland Cares non-profit foundation.”

To support eastern Upper Pen-

insula area schools, the scholarship must be used for educational purposes at Lake Superior State University, Bay Mills Community College or Les Cheneaux Culinary School. To support career paths like many at the cooperative, electric utility programs offered by Northern Michigan University, Alpena Community College or Lansing Community College are included in the Cloverland Cares scholarship opportunity. Applicants must be planning to enroll as a full-time student for the 2021 fall term.

“Our scholarship committee recognized the need for scholarships that award students whose financial need, community service and other strengths might be greater than academic standing,” said Allie Brawley, Cloverland Electric’s director of Business Development and Communications, who also serves as the Cloverland Cares Board president.

Award amounts will be determined based on financial need and available funds. Applicants’ parents or legal guardians must be Cloverland Electric Cooperative

members. There is no age limit so the scholarship accommodates those returning to school to complete a degree or those pursuing a new career path.

The spring 2021 grant cycle is also open to grant requests for food banks in Cloverland Electric’s service territory. Grant request forms and scholarship applications are available on [cloverland.com](http://cloverland.com).

To support Cloverland Cares, Cloverland Electric members can call (800) 562-4953, or opt-in on [cloverland.com](http://cloverland.com).

# JKL team wins second place in state competition

BY SUSAN SOLOMON

On Feb. 25, JKL Bahweting Anishinaabe School's Future City Team won second place in the state's Future City Engineering Competition. Future City has teams of middle school students from around the world. This is JKL's first time competing. The team members were Kamryn Corbiere (grade 7), Asia Jones (grade 6), Dean Roe (grade 6), Clark Suggitt (grade 6) and Emma Volrath-Bush (grade 6). Gifted and Talented teacher Mrs. Solomon led the team.

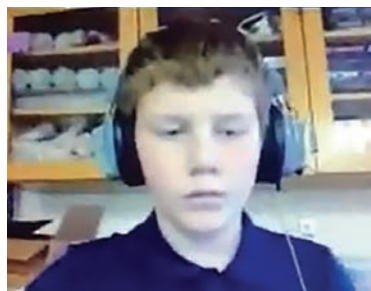
The Future City Competition uses the engineering design process as a framework to guide students through the creation of their cities. Within this framework, students apply specific project management methods to keep their projects on track. This structure gives students a real-world learning experience they can apply to future challenges in school, work and life.

This year's competition was virtual and had teams creating cities on the moon that exist at

least 100 years in the future. The competition is made up of five project deliverables: an essay, a scale model, a video presentation, a project plan and a question-and-answer session with a panel of judges.

Due to the pandemic, this team worked virtually and completed the project without ever being physically together. They were innovative, flexible and creative in how they accomplished each component while following JKL's strict safety precautions.

Susan Solomon is a National Board-Certified Teacher for the JKL Gifted and Talented Program.



Clark Suggitt



Asia Jones



Emma Volrath-Bush



Dean Roe



Kamryn Corbiere

JKL's Future City Team won second place in the state's Future City Engineering

# Sabatine retires from LSSU's Native American Center

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Lake Superior State University's (LSSU) Native American Center (NAC) is undergoing some changes with the recent retirement of its director, Stephanie Sabatine.

After being employed with LSSU for over 27 years, her last day on the job was Jan. 1, 2021.

Although she is now retired from LSSU, she has plenty to keep her busy; she will be working for herself as a real estate appraiser and rental property manager.

Sabatine said Professor Barbara Evans, Ph.D., has volunteered to manage the Native American Center, and her students will be maintaining the Garden of Sacred Medicines and working with tribal entities in the study and preparation of local fish.



"There is so much I want to tell students!" she said. "Pick a profession that sparks you. Follow your dreams. Be humble. Work hard. Be diligent in

your endeavors. Respect your elders and be grateful to the Creator for all that you have been given. And most importantly, treat others as you would have them treat you."

Going forward with the NAC, Sabatine said she would like to see the Native American

courses offered again. "I would like continued collaboration and partnerships in our community, region, state and country to deliver the best programs and offerings to students. I hope to see the Native American Center continue to be a home away from home for students and a welcoming gathering place for community."

One of Sabatine's passions is

a memorial scholarship fund she established in honor of a friend. "Several years ago, a very close friend of mine passed away. To honor her, I started the Carol L Barras Endowed Memorial Scholarship at LSSU," she said. "It is a goal for me to continue growing her scholarship until it

reaches \$25,000. I want people to remember Carol and her many contributions to make our community and our world a better place."

Sabatine also serves as a member on the Sault Tribe Business Alliance board. "I hope to make a difference providing

support for our entrepreneurial community," she said.

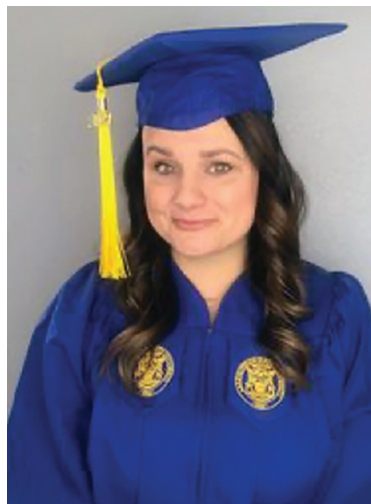
If you would like to have access to the Native American Center for student or meeting use, contact LSSU's Public Safety office at (906) 635-2100. There is an access list on file at their office Sabatine said.

# Bishop receives bachelor's

SUBMITTED BY SALLY WILLIS

Holly (Willis) Bishop is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and has always had a passion for Native health.

She has worked for the Sault Tribe Health Division in the Optical and Women's Health Care departments. More recently, she received her bachelor's degree in biology from Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Her thesis on diabetic retinopathy and patient compliance, along with her credentials, will greatly benefit the tribe in the near future.



Congrats, Holly, we love you!  
—Dad, Jodie, Mom, Mike, Slayden, Helana, Stewie, Sonny, Chris, Krysty, Jonathan, Sebastian, Xane, Chuck, Preston, Callaway, Clyde, Huey, and your forever diehard, Sal.

## Necklace Pouch Workshop

### Culture - The Key to Healing


The Advocacy Resource Center will be hosting Facebook workshops for interested participants. We will post a video to Facebook for you to follow along with on April 23rd, 2021. The first 30 people to message your address by April 14th, 2021 will receive a FREE kit in the mail.

**WHEN:** April 23rd, 2021 8:00 A.M.

**WHERE:** Advocacy Resource Center Facebook page.

**SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED**

To register, please contact Ashley Gravelle  
**Advocacy Resource Center Cultural Healing Educator**  
 at 906-632-1808  
 Between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.




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## ELIJAH WAYNE KABOOS

Elijah Wayne Kaboos, precious baby boy of Christopher and Elizabeth (Arnold) Kaboos, was born on Feb. 23, 2021, at Mercy Health-St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich., at 6:52



p.m. Elijah was born at 36 weeks, weighing 3 pounds, 2 ounces and was 16.25 inches in length. Elijah spent a very small amount of time with us on earth as he passed away at 8:06 p.m. on Feb. 23, 2021.

During this time, he was baptized and was able to meet his parents and grandparents. He was very loved and touched many lives before passing peacefully into the arms of the Lord. Our little angel will never be forgotten.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by grandparents Mary (Berden) Arnold of Wayland, and Christopher and Julie (Folkema) Kaboos of Middleville; great grandparents Sharon (Ostroske) Arnold of Cheboygan, Wayne Kaboos of Moline, Thomas and Ora (VanVuuren) Smith of Caledonia, and Kenneth and Laurie (Baldwin) Folkema of Corpus Christi; great-great-grandmother Louise (Johnson) Wood; uncles Tyler Arnold, Tomas Kaboos and Isaac Kaboos; aunts Alyssa Arnold, Georgia Kaboos and Kathleen Kaboos; cousins Leland, Abigale, Ellie and Audrie. He has several great aunts, uncles and extended family who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Kris Arnold; great grandparents Merle and Irma (Kroupa) Berden, Harold Arnold and Louise (Wood) Kaboos.

Christopher and Elizabeth would like to personally thank our nurses, Lucy and Hannah, and all of the doctors who helped with our care, for all of their love, compassion and support during this very tough time. We will be forever grateful.

A private service will be held at a later date with immediate family.

## EVERETT L. ACHILLES

Everett L. Achilles, 72, of Valrico, Fla., passed away on Feb. 4, 2021, with his wife Shirley by his side. Everett was born in Barnett, Vt., to the late Kermit "Pete" and Nancy (McCoY) Achilles. He grew up in Muskegon, Mich., and graduated from Mona Shores High School. He completed his undergraduate studies at Lyndon State College and went on to earn his M.Ed. from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. He was the beloved husband of Shirley (Pronovcha) Achilles, and they shared 50 years of marriage together. They reared their family in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and have lived in Florida for the last 17 years.

In addition to his wife, Everett is survived by his daughters, Nicole Heald of Lithia, Fla., Corinne Venizelos and her husband Nicholas of Oldsmar, Fla.; his grandchildren, Cami, Kaitlyn, and Parker Heald of Lithia, Fla.; sisters, Carole Achilles of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Jan Achilles

of Clearwater, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

Everett was predeceased by his parents; and siblings, Patricia Wagner and Richard, Ronald, Donna and Arnold Achilles.

Everett served in the U.S. Army, 101st Airborne Division, and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Early in his career, Everett taught health and physical education in Barnett, Vt., and coached basketball there. As a graduate assistant at UNLV, he taught archery and tennis. He was assistant basketball coach of men's basketball at Lyndon State College (LSC) , and at a later time was the coach of the women's basketball team at LSC. Always a skilled woodworker, he changed his career path when he fell in love with the historic restoration of covered bridges and historic barns. For many years he traveled extensively around the country working on restoration projects.

Everett was a member of The Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. In his younger years, Everett was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved restoring classic cars and talking about them to anyone who would listen. He had a quick smile, a many jokes and stories, and a really "big" and memorable personality. His daughters and grandchildren were the joys of his life. He will be missed but will live on in the hearts of all who love him.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Donate Life, Wounded Warrior Project or Lost Angels Animal Rescue, Inc., PO Box 260212, Tampa, FL 33685.

## KRIS W. ARNOLD

It is with deep sadness, we announce the passing of Kris Ward Arnold, 57, from Wayland, Mich., who went to be with his Heavenly Father on Feb. 6, 2021.

Kris was born to Harold and Sharon (Ostroske) Arnold on March 24, 1963, in Cheboygan, Mich. Kris graduated with honors from Cheboygan High School, class of 1981. In 1984, he graduated from the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City, Mich., as a marine engineer. His work took him sailing on the Great Lakes and every ocean (except the Indian Ocean). Upon finishing his career in Alaska's Bering Sea, he enjoyed his employment as the gun counter manager at Family Farm and Home in Wayland, claiming he was "arming America one gun sale at a time."

Kris was very enthusiastic about fishing and hunting, also a proud captain of Take 'n' Out Charters LLC. Kris took many people fishing and was responsible for the deaths of many fish (but no passengers). As an excellent cook and grill master, Kris always cooked for an army.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. His dad named him Sea Hawk, "Spirit of the Majestic Sea," in celebration of his tribal

heritage. Kris thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren; teaching them about fishing, hunting and cooking. He was a kind, loving and generous person. He was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Kris married the love of his life, his high school sweetheart, Mary Berden, on June 15, 1985.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; eldest daughter, Alyssa (Steve Simons) with grandchildren Leland, Abigale, Ellie, Audrie, Andrew and Ryan; brightest and only son, Tyler (Melony); youngest daughter, Elizabeth (Christopher) Kaboos, and soon to be baby boy; his mother, Sharon Arnold; his siblings, Kathryn (Albert) Carlson, Julie Bannatyne, Kent Arnold, Steve (Cathy) Berden, Dawn Korhorn and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Harold (Hal) Arnold; mother and father-in-law, Merle and Irma (Kroupa) Berden; brother-in-law, Dan Bannatyne; and nephew, Ryan Arnold.

A memorial service was held at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church in Wayland, Mich., Feb. 19.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at the service or please send memorial donations to: Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Attn: Sheila Berger-Jr. Police Academy Law Enforcement Dept., 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 The Jr. Police Academy offers a youth summer camp that teaches all outdoor skills that Kris loved. Many of the activities are on the water.

## RICHARD A. CAMPBELL

Richard Archie Campbell, 90, of Mackinaw City passed away on Feb. 13, 2021, at McLaren Hospice House in Cheboygan. Richard was born in Harbor Springs on Oct. 10, 1930, the son of John and Edna Campbell.



Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy; his sisters, Jane, Helen, Kathleen; and half-brother, Ron.

Richard is survived by his sister, Diana; sons, Ric and Steve (Debbie); and grandchildren Eric and Shannon (Ernie).

A service will be held in the spring at The Church of the Straits in Mackinaw City.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Church of the Straits or McLaren Hospice House in Cheboygan.

## BARBARA M. CHRISTIE

Barbara "Yaya" Christie, 65, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Feb. 19, 2021, at War Memorial Hospital.

Barbara was born on Oct. 14, 1955, in Sault Ste. Marie, to the late John and Dorothy (LaFaver) Murphy. Barbara was married to Richard Christie, also of



Sault Ste. Marie. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Barbara's favorite things in the world were her grandchildren and crocheting. She was also an avid reader.

Barbara is survived by her children, Troy (Leslie) Benoit of Grand Ledge, Mich., David (Siri) Christie of Seattle, Wash., and Danielle (Jason) Walcher of Sault Ste. Marie; and seven grandchildren: Tyler, Macie, Brooke, Bella, Tristan, Mia and Teagan. She is also survived by five sisters, Pat (Mike) Deuman, Pam Synett, Peggy (Rick) Maleport, Teri (Mike) Romano and Lori (Nick Mourufas) Murphy, all of Sault Ste. Marie; and a brother-in-law, Rick Clerc, of Sault Ste. Marie. Also, many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly!

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard Christie; a daughter, Sheree "Digga" Benoit; a sister, Sara Clerc; and a brother-in-law, Pete Synett.

According to Barbara's wishes, no public services will be held at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left 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](http://www.csmulder.com).

## DON CORP

Don Benjamin Corp, 88, of Munising, Mich., passed into the arms of the Lord on Feb. 19, 2021. Don Corp was a local icon and living legend, who embodied leading by example. Ambitious and grateful, he embraced every aspect of life with compassion and enthusiasm.



Don was born in Gros Cap, Mich., on March 12, 1932, to the late "Nellie" Riley Corp and Benjamin James Corp. Growing up in the countryside at the tail-end of the Great Depression, he learned from an early age to appreciate the simplicities of life. Relishing experience over possessions, he redefined the meaning of wealthy living. Growing up impoverished shaped his lifelong ideology to "waste not, want not," which he encompassed daily.

He attended grade school in Gros Cap, which took place at their town hall due to the initial school burning down. He then went to LaSalle High School in St. Ignace, which was seven miles away. An accomplished academic, he had an impeccable high school career. However, he did miss one question in the four years of his attendance and he never forgot about it. In his defense, he said he wasn't at school the day they learned what year the first scuba tests were done.

Math was his favorite subject, with him citing that it was "ridiculously easy." Language came a close second, for the same reason. He initially studied French and Latin, while ending up taking two years of German to receive an easy A. Ironically, the German he took would have more significance than he anticipated in his near future.

Despite his outstanding achievements in school, March of his senior year, an English teacher informed him he wasn't able to graduate because of a book report he didn't do. Asking if he could make it up, the teacher replied, "Not a chance." With a little sister still at home, he decided to quit school and join the military, resulting in an allotment of \$25 and a bond sent to his mother monthly, ensuring they would "eat good."

The school did issue him a degree after he returned from his service, which didn't prevent him from delivering his classic line, "not bad for a high school dropout."

At age 17, Don took a bus to the Sault, with full intentions of joining the Navy. Fate had other plans, as he was walking towards the office. He ending up ducking in a doorway to avoid an impending cyclone of heavy snow, which turned out to be the Army Recruitment Center. With his background in German, he ended up being transferred to Camp Funston in Austria, a German-speaking country. He remained in Europe during the Korean War, serving as military police, guarding munitions. While in Austria, he additionally learned Russian. Don rarely acknowledged his veteran status, out of respect for his comrades who were killed on the front lines.

After the Army, he moved to Detroit and got a job at a parts plant. It took him three months to realize that he wasn't cut out to be a "city slicker." However, it took almost a year for him to eventually make his way back up north to St. Ignace. While in Detroit, he attended Greene's Barber School, where he received his barber license.

Don Corp began barbering Feb. 15, 1954, which continued for the following 66 years of his life, until he decided to finally put down the shears and retire in September 2020.

While living in St. Ignace, he met the love of his life, Donna Marie Paquin, initiating a union spanning over 63 years. They met while she was waitressing at the Nicholai Hotel and Restaurant, which Don frequented regularly. The two lovebirds tied the knot in Gros Cap on August 31, 1955.

Five years married and four kids later, jobs in the area became scarce. Don had heard from a friend about a need for a barber in the town of Munising. They ended up relocating there in 1960, which became their forever community. While in Munising, they had an additional five children, resulting in nine total.

Alongside the barbershop, Don also doubled as the milkman at Bancroft Dairy for several years. He would wake up early and run his milk delivery route before opening his shop. All the while making sure to return home in between to make breakfast. Flapjacks were his specialty, with Don being an expert flapjack flipper. He would ask the kids to hold out their plates as he would flip the hot pancakes onto them. On Sundays, he would often play ukulele for the children during breakfast, typically singing songs where he would insert their names

into them.

Food was a staple of the Corp household and their residence became a popular hangout. There was a regular rotation of neighborhood kids who would frequent their four-bedroom home for meals. Don would bake six loaves of homemade bread for the family every couple of days, depending on the demand due to neighborhood friends smelling the delightful aroma off the back porch! There was a large garden in the backyard which included beans, tomatoes, carrots, raspberries, apples and plums, which he would use for homemade goods, including jams and pies. His pies eventually became famous in the community. True to the waste not, want not mantra, Don and Donna would can and freeze all of the excess produce to be used at a later date. There are several shelves still filled with the fruits of their labor.

Despite being a man of many talents, Don remained humble. When inquired about how many languages he fluently spoke, he'd laugh and say he didn't even speak fluent English. He ritually played several instruments, including the piano nightly. He also enjoyed the violin, guitar, banjo and mandolin.

Family was extremely important to him; he tried to be involved with his children as much as possible. He would sometimes take them along on his milk delivery route, or they would come and visit him at the barbershop. Most importantly, every Sunday was family day. Being a devout man of faith and tradition, he would begin the day by attending church.

When the children were younger they would proceed to go for a drive and have a picnic. When they got older, they turned it into a movie night. The whole family would attend, typically joined by additional friends. The evening would be complete with popcorn and homemade hot cocoa, compliments of Donna. They would start with watching Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, followed by whatever was on Disney. Another family tradition was their yearly trip to Copper Country in the Keweenaw Peninsula. How they transported 11 people 142 miles in a singular vehicle can be left up to the imagination.

Don lived with ambition and honor, dedicating himself to the service of others and never shying away from hard work. He remained an active member of the community arriving front and center for all Mustang games. He also would personally donate pies to all the community bake sales, eventually receiving the nickname, "The Pie Man." His pies became a coveted commodity and quick seller at any charity event. Being the town barber, he would go above and beyond to deliver haircuts. For years, he cut hair at the rest home every Monday and would make personalized house calls for the "old fogies" who were unable to make it down to him. All of these services free of charge.

He was a dedicated Lions Club member for 25 years, with model attendance. He also assumed the role of the cotton candy man at the annual Lions Club Carnival.

Don was a proud member of the Anishinaabe Indigenous Nation. Initially seeking fishing rights, they joined together, combining several indigenous bands (the

Corps being part of the Mackinac Island Band) that became the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, federally recognized in 1972. After that, he was made the first unit chief as his grandfathers were before him, Chief Anse and Chief Ambrose. For 24 years, he served on the housing commission overseeing over 300 tribal houses. The Sault Tribe honored him for his service by establishing a scholarship in his name.

A family man through and through, he often took a special interest in his 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, assuming the role of a prolific mentor in their lives. He would take them on long drives, or teach them to bake, or identify local flora, being an expert forager himself.

Hungry for knowledge, he never stopped learning, and encouraged others to follow suit. He would do his nightly crosswords and word puzzles to keep his mind sharp. He had a system with one of his grandchildren, where he would complete the crossword sections and they would do the logic problems. He consistently would make impromptu offerings of half-done puzzle books at their door.

In the later years, Don would make it a point to make his wife Donna tea every evening — he called it her "Tea Time." He would then proceed to play her piano as she enjoyed her beverage and tried to guess the tunes he was playing.

Don Corp was a larger-than-life character who was loved by all. His absence has struck an endless nerve, leaving behind an empty pair of shoes that will be incomparable to fill. He left behind a legacy, a beloved Munising icon, who personally raised the bar for the standard of living. Always put your creamer in your coffee first, it will self-mix when you add the coffee after. Relish the little things, because in the end, that is what you cherish and take with you and don't forget to save room for pie.

Don knew he was on his way out, his final words were, "I gotta go." Faithfully devoted to the end, he reminded his family, "I'm leaving now, but we'll be together for eternity."

Don was preceded in death by his wife Donna, and his daughters, Claire and Lisa.

He is survived by daughters, Wendy (Tedd) Cruz of Anchorage, Alaska, Ellen (Dan) Greer of Ishpeming, Mich., Melanie (Dennis) Reitano Waterford, Mich., Marnie (Steve) Sheffer, Munising; sons, Perry (Martha) of Waukesha, Wis., Stanley (Cecilia) of Bethel, Alaska, and Sam of Munising, along with 21 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Visitation was held at Bowerman Funeral Home Feb. 26, 2021.

Don's Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Michael Ocran on Feb. 27, 2021, at Sacred Heart Church in Munising. Interment will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery later this year.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Don's name may be made to the Munising Booster Club, or the Alger County Animal Shelter.

## BERNADETTE L. CONRAD

On Jan. 20, 2021, Bernadette Louise Conrad, 72, affectionately known as Bernie, passed away at home lovingly surrounded by her family.

Bernie was born on March 27, 1948, in Bay City, Mich., to Bernard and Florence (LaJoyce) Braun. On April 1, 1967, she married Douglas LeRoy Conrad, they were blessed with 53 years of marriage and raised two daughters, Michele (Bedford) Conrad of Romeo, Mich., and Amy Dillon of Grass Lake, Mich.

She shared a passion for being on their boat and embarking on boat trips that have taken them from Canada to Key West. During the several years as owner and operator of the Mud Creek Party Store, Bay Port, Mich., she knitted hundreds of pairs of gloves and mittens that she handed out to area children to ensure they had warm hands during the cold months. This care for community and compassion continued during her 14 years of work at the Saginaw LSD, from which she retired. She enjoyed baking, gardening, sewing and Friday night cards.

Her spirit is carried on by her husband, Doug; her two children, Michele and her children Hannah Bedford and Logan Bedford along with Amy and her husband Patrick and their children Brian Dillon and Tucker Dillon; siblings, Kenneth and wife Cindy Braun, Ronald Braun and partner Mary Schultz, Jackie and husband Micheal Schultz and Rachel and husband Craig Delaney; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved dog, Sammy.

A memorial service is being planned for the summertime, when her love of warm weather, sunshine and family can be enjoyed.

## BETTY A. FIZELL

Betty A. Fizell, 96, passed away on Feb. 19, 2021 at Coastal Manor after a brief illness with declining health. She lived independently at home with help from her son, Robert, through 2017. She was celebrated by all for her fun loving, adventurous, and happy free spirit while she traveled, traveled and traveled some more.



Betty was born in Sault Ste Marie, Mich., on Oct. 12, 1924, being next to the youngest daughter of 12 children of James Babcock and Mary May (Sawasky) Lewis. She attended a Sault Ste Marie elementary school through the elementary grades when she quit school to go to work to help the family.

In her youth, summers were spent roaming bare foot with cousins in Della, staying for the season with Uncle Huey and Aunt Sophia Lewis, on Sugar Island, Mich., in the middle of St. Marys River. Idle time was watching the lake freighters pass — either up-bound or down-bound and hailing the ships' captain for a horn blast.

She married Robert "Bob" Edward Fizzell I, of Bayfield, Wis., in 1948 in the Sault. Bob was a career military man serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, retiring in South Portland, Maine. They raised five children during their military assignments in Sault, Mich.; New

York, N.Y.; Groton, Conn.; and then South Portland, Maine, in 1957. Their five children traveled with them through the transfers, living in South Portland. Her love was cooking and providing for family and anyone in need. Her hobbies were tending to her garden of pansies, glads, irises and lilies. She found, Jesus as her Savior, as a communicant at Holy Cross Church. She sang for years in the choir and served, as needed, for the parish.

In her retirement, having no health issues, she was always on the go. If you found her at home, she was tending her garden, but it was a short visit and back on the road again. Traveling was her past time. She has traveled the world visiting Ireland, Alaska, Greece, Italy, Mexico and Thailand.

Cruised the Mediterranean and Caribbean on several occasions. Her travels across the United States were non-stop from coast to coast. For about the last 30 years she would return to the Sault, spending 3-6 months every summer to fall staying with her sister, Maybelle McPherson; life-long friend, Phyllis Amott; and cousins, Lucy "Cookie" Hank and Delia McKerchie.

Betty was proud of, and always celebrated her father's Native American heritage with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was one of the first to register for the "tribal roles" when the Indian Land Claims Settlement Act was signed and the tribe was organized. Returning each summer to attend the annual summer powwow watching nieces dancing in their hand-made jingle dresses and to visit family and friends from her youth. She was known at the tribal offices as "The Ring Lady" and welcomed in to show off and sell her boxes of rings. Her hobby of buying and selling rings for over 40 years. She had a jeweler's "eye" for real gems and stones which aided her buying and selling. Her antiquing was the best.

Betty is predeceased by both her parents; her siblings, Ellen Sterling McCrackin, Walter Sterling, Harry Sterling, Shirley Lewis Large, Francis Lewis Arnold, Margaret Lewis Trieschmann, Maybell Lewis McPherson, Edna Lewis Crowder, Marion Lewis Morrell, George Lewis, Robert Lewis, Alfred Lewis ; and her husband, Robert E. Fizzell I (1990).

She is survived by her children, Marion O'Connor, of Florida, Sharon Cooper, of Maine, Robert E and spouse Tony (Romano) Fizzell, Maine, Eugene and spouse Anna (Polvaine) Fizzell of Maine, Bruce and spouse Wasi of Florida. Betty was blessed with 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren as well as many nieces, nephews and especially Linda Palsky, Pa.; Bonnie Bright, Mich.; Clyde Morell, Va.; Donald Hag, Mich.; Leon Arnold, Mich.; Arthur Arnold, Wis., and special friends Donna Arnott Rogers and Gloria Arnott Atkins. The family gives the greatest thank you to the staff of Coastal Manor Home, Yarmouth for their nurturing and attentive care.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private family Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Holy Cross Church, South Portland. A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Maine Veteran's Cemetery, Augusta, Maine.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Conroy-Tully Walker Funeral Home, 1024 Broadway, South Portland, ME. To view Betty's memorial page, or to share an online condolence, please visit [www.ConroyTullyWalker.com](http://www.ConroyTullyWalker.com)

Those who wish may make contributions in Betty's memory to Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland, PO Box 336, Westbrook, ME 04092 or <http://www.arlp.org/donate> or the American Cancer Society, <https://donate3.cancer.org>.

CHARLES E. GOUDREAU  
Charles "Carl" Eugene Goudreau, 89, of Gros Cap, Mich., passed away peacefully in his sleep on Feb. 14, 2021, at Castle Rock Retirement Center. His wife Pat was by his side. He was born on May 7, 1931, in St. Ignace, Mich., to William David Goudreau and Edith Emma (Hill) Bertelsen.

Carl grew up in St. Ignace and graduated from LaSalle High School in 1951. After graduation, Carl enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served as Yeoman Second Class aboard the U.S.S. George K. Mackenzie from January 1952 to April 1955, and in the U.S. Naval Examining Center, Great Lakes, Ill., April 1955 - January 1957. Carl then attended Ferris Institute, earning a degree in HVAC. His service did not end after his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy. Carl went on to serve as a member of the SeaBees, a construction battalion, as a utilities man first class, from April 1974 to May 1992.

Carl met Ruth E. Branyan and they married on Aug. 8, 1953, in Battle Creek, Mich. After Carl's Navy career and HVAC tech school, he took a position in LaCrosse, Wis., at TRANE Cooling and Heating Systems and eventually moved his family home to Michigan, where he took a position with Kelvinator of Grand Rapids in 1964. The family made one more move to St. Joseph, Mich., where Carl bought their first home and took a position with Whirlpool Corporation, until his retirement from Whirlpool in 1979. Carl moved back to St. Ignace and took a job with the Mackinac Bridge Authority. In 2007, he married Patricia Olsen and they continued to live in Gros Cap.

Being born during the depression years shaped Carl's early life and resulted in a lifetime of living off the land he loved so much and being known as the "putterer" who could fix anything. He loved spending countless hours in his workshop and garage fixing, building and refurbishing things. Later in life, he could be found drinking his coffee next to his front window while tinkering on something that needed to be fixed. He built his beautiful retirement log home in Gros Cap from logs cut and milled near St. Ignace. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working with his hands and being outdoors.

He was very proud of his Native American heritage and a proud elder member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He loved feeding the birds, chipmunks and other

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critters at his home in Gros Cap and spending time at his hunting camp with his sons and their friends. Carl liked cutting wood, playing softball and cooking. He was famous for his fried perch dinners, fried venison steak and home baked wild blueberry pies with berries he and Pat picked during walks in the woods. The last couple years, Carl could often be found in the "puzzle room" working jigsaw puzzles with his fellow residents at Castle Rock or offering to fix things that were broken.

Carl expressed his love to his family and neighbors by helping and offering a hand when there was a need. He lovingly helped his four children with their various school projects during their early school years, including building a working steam shovel from a Quaker Oats canister, an elaborate solar system using an antique wagon wheel, and many Boy Scout Pinewood Derby cars.

Carl loved tumbling rocks in the garage from one of the many family rock hunting and camping adventures along the shores of the Great Lakes. He made several pieces of jewelry with the many beautiful agates and Petoskey stones he polished and cut. Sunday family drives, weekend camping outings and family vacations were always a highlight for the Goudreau family. Some favorites were: hunting and gathering asparagus along the country road fence lines in the spring, picking wild blueberries and blackberries near their extended family's farm in Wolverine, Mich., going smelt fishing in the spring, gathering night crawlers with his boys for fishing bait and traveling to Florida every Christmas to visit both Carl's and Ruth's extended family living there.

Carl also loved music and played alto and tenor saxophone in many bands including the Straits Area Municipal Band in his retirement years. He was a member of the St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church and enjoyed singing in the church choir with his wife, Patricia. Carl played piano by ear and spent countless hours playing piano and saxophone while his daughter, Denise, played along on her flute. Carl was always present at his children's school music concerts and Boy Scout events and

activities.

Carl is survived by his wife, Patricia Goudreau; sons, Charles (Rebecca) Goudreau Jr. of St. Ignace, Douglas (Paula) Goudreau of St. Ignace and Jon (Barb Eckels Rennie) of Traverse City, Mich.; daughters, Denise (Carlos) Martinez of Livermore, Calif., and stepdaughter Fawn Olsen of Florida; grandchildren, Jeremy (Jenny) Goudreau, Kyle (Amanda) Goudreau, Kathleen "Kate" Gardner, Andrew Dirks, Ashley Dirks, Peter Dirks, Jack Goudreau and James Goudreau; great-grandchild, Jaxson Gardner; brother, Richard "Dick" (Melinda) Goudreau of Cheboygan; sister-in-law, Joan Goudreau of Punta Gorda, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews, who referred to him as Uncle Carl.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents; brother, William "Bill" Goudreau; sister, Alice "Sis" Hayes; stepson, Paul Olsen; nephews, Mark Goudreau, Richard Goudreau, William "Billy" Goudreau III; and niece, Cari Branyan Jones.

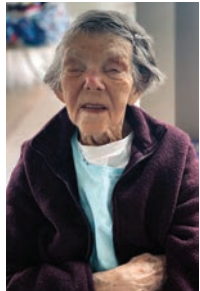
Carl's children would like to express their gratitude to Castle Rock Retirement Center for the loving and safe care they provided to their father during his last years of life, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

A celebration of Carl's life is being planned for a future date, when travel is safe for family members living far away. Interment will be at Gros Cap Cemetery in St. Ignace.

R. Galer Funeral Home of Pickford, Mich., served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

#### THERESA A. JOHNSON

Theresa Ann (White) Johnson, 88, walked on Feb. 4, 2021. Jim, her husband of 68 years, threw up his arms and yelled, "What took you so long!"



Theresa loved her family, cooking, baking banana bread, watching Rachel Ray, wearing her shirts inside out, Two and a Half Men reruns, crafts, figure skating, sewing Raggedy Anns, her close neighbors, pulling weeds, birds

that wore wigs, Chi Chi's, Dale Yee's, shopping at TJ Maxx, and making homemade ranch for her grandchildren.

She was a proud member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and loved reading about her community and Walking On in the *Win Awenen Nisitotung* newspaper.

Theresa loved to recall the story of when she and her dear sister, Ardith Pope, rented bikes on Mackinac Island. Theresa rode her bike over the foot of a man with a camera. If you are that man, please contact us!

Theresa was born to John and Alice White in St Ignace, Mich. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jim, and many family members and friends.

She is survived by her children, Michelle (Tom), Greg, and Toni (Samar); seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by two brothers and many nieces and nephews. As she always told us through the years, she is now pushing up daisies.

There will be a memorial service at Our Lady of Loretto, on June 11, at 10:30 a.m., followed by an outdoor luncheon. Masks and social distancing required. Condolences and donations can be sent in Theresa's name to Our Lady of Loretto Church, 17116 Olympia, Redford Twp., MI 48240.

#### NELMA J. MATTISON

Nelma June Mattison, 73, of St. Ignace, Mich., died on Jan. 31, 2021, in St. Ignace. She was born on June 3, 1947, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Edward Nilho and Carol Irene (Teeple) Soorus.



Nelma spent her early childhood in Sault Ste. Marie before she moved into a home in St. Ignace. She met Bert Hawkins in 1983. They married in 1984 and welcomed their daughter into the world in 1985. She was a well-known caregiver. She maintained her own home and would often baby-sit for many families because she was always home.

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

Nelma loved to watch TV, especially her soaps and Dog the Bounty Hunter. While she didn't like to cook, she loved food. She enjoyed spending time with her family and her little dog, Lucky. She was a simple, easy to please woman who didn't have a single mean bone in her body.

Nelma is survived by her daughter, Ida Mae Hawkins of St. Ignace; and grandchildren, Frederick Anthony Hastings V, Elsie Victoria-Nicole Sayles and Zoey Smith.

Nelma was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Carol; and husband, Gary Mattison.

The family will have graveside services planned for the spring.

R. Galer Funeral Home of Pickford, Mich., served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

#### THOMAS W. MORAN SR.

Thomas "TomCat" Webster Moran Sr., 73, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Feb. 16, 2021, at his home.



Thomas was born on July 3, 1947, to Hilliard and Marguerite (Hanna) Moran Sr. in Sault Ste. Marie. On Aug. 8, 1964, he married Christine Hutte in Sault Ste. Marie. Thomas was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, the Sons of the VFW and the Moose Lodge. He also was a foreman painter for the Mackinac Bridge for over 32 years. Thomas enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, golfing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 56 years, Christine Hutte; his children, Lisa Moran of Sault Ste. Marie, Tom (Becky) Moran of Alabama, Bonnie (Albert) Lehre of Sault Ste. Marie, Michael Moran of Sault Ste. Marie; and Dawn Moran of Sault Ste. Marie; nine grandchildren, Robert (Justine) Povey, Adam (Alyssa) Povey, Alan (Amanda) Lehre, Andrew (Patty) Lehre, Amanda (Ben) Simpkin, Aaron Lehre, Laura Moran, Karen Ann (Joe) Moran and Jakylyn Goodnoe; and his

18 great-grandchildren; siblings, Terry (Deanna) Moran, Jeff (Kathy) Moran, Eli Moran, Larry Moran, George (Jami) Moran and Hulda Moran, all of Sault Ste. Marie; Beverly (Elmer) Blemke of Alpena, Mich.; Patrick Perron of California and John (Kim) Clextion of Gladwin, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews; his father-in-law, Basil Willis; and brothers-in-law: David (Diane) Hutte, Jack (Carol) Hutte, Rodney (Renee) Hutte and Joe Mahoney.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Laura Moran; a sister, Mary Maron Hanna; a granddaughter, Jessica McKechnie; brother, Hiliard Moran Jr.; his mother-in-law, Betty Willis; and a sister-in-law, Cheryl Mahoney.

A celebration of Thomas's life will be held later this summer.

#### GAIL J. SMITH

Gail Jon Smith joined his parents, Noel "Smitty" Smith and Alice (Goudreau) Smith in heaven on Feb. 22, 2021.



Born on July 5, 1958, Gail touched the lives of many; our beloved, shining, happy, sweet brother, uncle and friend to so many lucky people. Gail was the light of our lives and star of our hearts. He has left us smiling through our tears. He will be missed and all who knew him loved his gentle soul.

Left to hold his precious memories are his brothers, Garrick (Pamela) Smith, George Smith, Gene (Cathy) Smith; sisters, Chris (Lawrence) Wing, Virginia DalPizzol, Ann (Rick) Tarrel, Robin (Robert) Krzeszewski and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Gail's family celebrates his joyful life on June 12, 2021, at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, in Waterford, Mich. All who knew and loved him are encouraged to join us.

In lieu of flowers, consider donation to the Special Olympics, the National Down Syndrome Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

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# Tips for online safety for children

BY LETISHA WILLETTE

The Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) is a set of mandatory minimum standards for all jurisdictions for sex offender registration and notification programs in the U.S., and one of those standards requires sex offenders to register and keep their information current in every jurisdiction they reside, work or attend school in.

One of SORNA's goals was to close potential sex offender registration and notification gaps and loopholes. One of the gaps or loopholes identified in the act was the lack of sex offender registration and notification programs on tribal lands, so the act extended registration jurisdiction to federally recognized tribes. The tribes would have the choice to become registration jurisdictions and if they choose not to, the registration responsibility would transfer to the state where the tribe is located. In resolution 2007-108, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors elected to become a registration jurisdiction under SORNA. Sault Tribe designated these responsibilities to Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE).

In 2019, Sault Tribe was awarded a three-year grant for continued substantial implementation of SORNA. As part of the grant, STLE indicated it would provide more in-person community education, but as we know, the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic prevented in-person gatherings. In order to comply with grant requirements, STLE will be doing periodical articles throughout 2021 to educate the community about child safety, sex offenders, sex offender registration and notification programs and other related information.

Last year's COVID-19 restrictions forced us all to change on how we complete common life activities such as work, school and interaction with friends and family. These changes have increased children's time online while many parents are working and not able to supervise these activities. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has developed tip sheets to assist parents in keeping children safer online which can be found on NCMEC's NetSmartz educational webpage located at <https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/resources/tipsheets>. The follow-

ing five tips are from the tip sheet Internet Safety at Home:

Tip 1) Keep the ground rules: Consider limiting time on devices, completing school work before other activities and setting specific time frames for being on devices or online.

Tip 2) Modify how you monitor: Consider having your child use common areas to be online where you can see them.

Tip 3) Engage with the platforms: When you are home take a break and join them in exploring their favorite app or playing a game online with them.

Tip 4) Chat IRL: Take time to sit down and talk to your child about their activities online and listen openly and calmly to what they have to say.

Tip 5) Don't take the tech: Consider just limiting the time, what type of activity or where they use their devices. With the limits put on in-person gatherings, technology is your child's way of socializing with friends.

Letisha Willette is the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement SORNA coordinator and can be contacted at: (906) 635-6065 or at [lwillette@saulttribe.net](mailto:lwillette@saulttribe.net).

# JKL holds Bill Morrison Shoshiimaan Tournament



Photo courtesy of Chris Gordon

JKL School was able to hold the annual shoshiimaan (snow snake) tournament this year even though the kids weren't able to make their own snow snakes. The game is played by sliding snow snakes down a smooth icy trail as far as one can. The school hopes to provide material before the school year ends so interested students can make a snow snake. Winners in the fifth grade were champion Cole Gordon with 82 feet, second place went to Ryder Vance with 75 feet and third place Teagon Bagley with 68 feet. Pictured from left to right are Cole, Ryder and Teagon.

# Nicole Sambrano hired as parent educator for ACFS

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Nicole Sambrano was hired recently by Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) as a parent educator.

According to Sambrano, a parent educator is responsible for supervising court ordered parenting time, and providing education regarding parenting, discipline and child development to assist parents with understanding and loving their children. She said, "I am excited and am looking forward to working with our parents in the community and helping them to grow as a nurturing parent."

Sambrano began working for the tribe in 2011 at the tribal day care center, and was there for a year and half before transferring to ACFS where she worked for the next six years as a case aide. When a resident service specialist position became available with Sault Tribe Housing, she applied for and was offered the job.

Prior to working for the tribe, she spent 15 years in lower



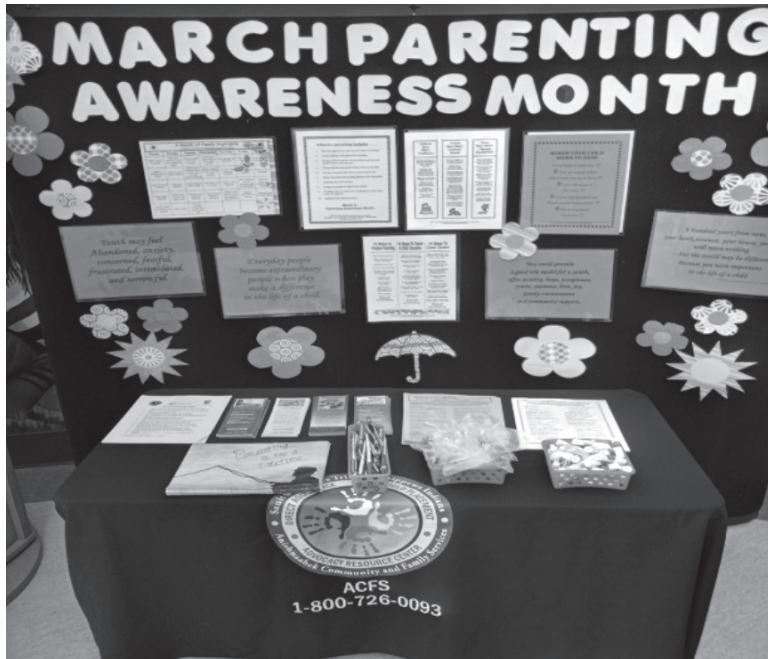
Michigan working with hospice as a medical assistant and working with elders with Alzheimer's and dementia. "I worked for 10 years in a privately owned hospice house, and five years at Sunrise Senior Living as a medication care manager. I love working for our tribe and helping families in need in our community. In my new position, I am hoping to help parents increase their parenting knowledge, understanding and skills," she said.

# March is National Parenting Awareness Month

March is National Parenting Awareness Month. The goal is to draw public attention to the critical importance of effective parenting and to help the public better understand the role parents play in the growth and development of their children. Informed and effective parenting is a key factor in alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention. Effective parenting is not easy and many call it "the hardest job on earth." The campaign reaches out to all parents, no matter what stage of parenting they are in.

The National Parenting Awareness campaign aims to help parents work through these changes and reminds parents that their role is vital. For free resources, tips and parenting stories, visit [www.parenting.org](http://www.parenting.org).

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child and becoming a foster or adoptive parent please contact Anishnaabek Community and Family Services at (800) 726-0093 or 632-5250.



**Have you noticed this bulletin board at the Sault Ste. Marie Health Center? It is displayed several times throughout the year with an awareness topic. Parenting Awareness is recognized during the month of March and is this month's topic. Please stop by and take a look and grab some promotional items! If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child and becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please contact Anishnaabek Community and Family Services at (800) 726-0093 or 632-5250.**

## From "Walking on," page 16 In memory of Kevin Rose March 26, 1963 to May 14, 2020

When we were growing up, Kevin would fill notebooks with his stories and poems. He wrote this four years ago as he was reflecting on growing older.

Happy first Heavenly birthday, brother, we all love and miss you.

—Walter and Brenda, Patti and Steve, Christie and Jerry, Melissa and Fred, Tim, Amy and Kurt, David and Krista; most of all, Mom and fiancé Robin.

### Introspection Sea

BY KEVIN ROSE

*I.* – Tired from climbing this same mountain, I rest  
I gaze out over this vast deep sea  
Looking for all the answers  
To all the questions  
People kept asking me  
Answers well hidden  
Among the ripple of the waves

Standing alone on that mountain  
Looking for once-proud, once-brave  
Asking the waves about him.

And looking to the sea,

For once-me  
Seeing that I am a long ways away  
From where those waves once began

Now they crash the rocky shores  
And are never heard from again...

*II.* – I am the traveler,  
Who has lost his way  
Finding myself, frequently, where I don't belong  
Unsure how I even ended up here  
This day  
But I know it has taken way too long  
I ran from rain that had yet to fall  
And fled from some storms



That just never happened at all  
Followed the rivers anywhere  
They have only led me  
Here from there  
Destiny stays elusive  
With no map to compare  
How far and which way  
To the wing and a prayer  
Now getting difficult to make out things  
I should be able to see  
Obscure visions blocking the path  
Right in front of me  
Feeling only empty space  
Where someone ought to be  
*III.* – I am the prophet  
Who could not always see all the warning flares  
Sometimes exiting the high road  
To take on enticing dares  
Could not always see the 'tried and true'  
Nor see the reason  
For another's point of view  
Now here on the mountain  
The sky, the sea,  
And me

All blue  
Watching waves  
As they come and go  
Once shallow, now deeper  
Once richer, now cheaper  
Joining the sunsets from yesterday  
With sunsets yet to be  
The ones that still set free  
The ones meant to be  
Yet sooner or later,  
They will all disappear  
Into Introspection Sea.  
*IV.* – I am the doubter  
Who watches the sun slowly rise,  
While questioning the new morning's peace  
For opening my eyes  
Life-lessons learned!  
It's that peace that lies  
Every good morning  
Turns into good night  
Seasons go by  
Becoming more grey,  
Less bright  
Even the winter snow  
Not as white  
The autumn has again yielded little

harvest  
The summer has given up little time for rest  
After the debut of spring  
Showed such promise...  
*V.* – And so,  
I am the dreamer  
Who wanders and wishes without cause  
Who journeys and dreams  
Just because  
But still anticipates  
And awaits  
His applause...  
Another ripple of waves  
Goes by unfound,  
Passes slowly,  
Without a sound  
Passes by without a doubt  
And without a song  
Never knowing if it was ever right or wrong  
Without fortune, and without a fight  
Surrounded by the mountain,  
The silent sea's ripple of waves  
Remained out of sight...

# Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Conservation 2021

BY ROBERT MARCHAND,  
CHIEF OF POLICE

## Inland hunting, fishing and gathering

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) has begun issuing 2021 inland hunting and fishing, and non-hunting harvest licenses! You will notice that a new application has been developed for 2021, a copy of which was included in the February tribal newspaper. It is also available on Sault Tribe's website saulttribe.com and at STLE's office.

Please note while it may not appear on the new application form, the requirement to submit a harvest report if you held a 2020 license has not changed. You will find this stated on the harvest report itself, as well as the letter that is provided each year with your licenses. These reports are required to be submitted, per *Tribal Code Chapter 21, Section 21.402 titled Harvest License Annual Report*, whether you engage in the allowable activity or not. Your 2020 licenses do not expire until March 31, 2021, but we always begin issuing the next year's licenses in advance of the expiration so there is no lapse in licensing coverage.

STLE has been getting a lot



of phone calls about bear and elk applications. Please note that the applications will be available in the April tribal newspaper in mid-April. The application period is typically May 1-31; however, because May 1 falls on a Saturday, and May 31 falls on Memorial Day this year, the application period will be April 30 through June 1 no later than 5 p.m. STLE will have applications available beginning Monday, April 26, at the office and on the Sault Tribe website.

Please be sure you are reviewing your rules and regulations to ensure you are engaging in allowable activity, regardless of which license you hold. Sault Tribe Law Enforcement continues to get calls asking if members can use their inland license to fish on

the Great Lakes. The answer is, and has been, "no." For members to fish the Great Lakes in Sault Tribe's 1836 Treaty Area, you must have one of the following: Sault Tribe's subsistence or subsistence and gillnet license, a State of Michigan fishing license or you are authorized per *CORA Code, Section XVII*, to use your tribal membership card by following State of Michigan rules.

### Great Lakes Licenses: Commercial and subsistence

Commercial fishermen are required to call and schedule an appointment to renew or obtain a captain's or helper's license. In order for Sault Tribe Law Enforcement to obtain accurate information and be able to process licenses timely, captains and helpers must call themselves to provide licensing staff with current and accurate information. We will no longer accept appointments made by anyone other than the license holder.

Even through the pandemic, your responsibility to submit monthly (or bi-weekly if you fall under the specific requirements under commercial) reports was never suspended. Please make sure if you hold the 2021 license that you are submitting the

required reports by the deadline. Monthly reports are due no later than the 10th of every month. For example, for the month of March 2021, your report is due no later than April 10. It must be received in Sault Tribe Law Enforcement's office by the due date. These reports are a requirement of *CORA Code, Section XXII – Harvest Report and Sampling*.

Reminder for commercial captains: If you did not renew and pick up your license or if you did not pay for it for the 2020 licensing year, you are still required to pay for this license each year. If you have questions, or are not sure if you have paid, please call Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and we'd be happy to help you figure that out. Please see *Tribal Code Chapter 20, Section 20.102 – Licensing of Commercial Treaty Fishing Activity*, subsection (10) – Any Sault Ste. Marie tribal license holder who fails to renew his tribal treaty fishing license for a period of one (1) year shall not thereafter be relicensed.

### General information

When tribal members obtain these licenses, it is understood that they will educate themselves on the rules and regulations associated with exercising their treaty

rights. Sault Tribe makes all tribal laws accessible on its website for easy access and reference. If members are unclear on any section of any treaty rights codes, we encourage them to contact Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and ask to speak to an officer. They are here to help our members understand these regulations and how they are enforced.

Tribal laws that regulate treaty licenses are available online at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com), Government, Tribal Code. Chapter 21 and 23 regulate inland hunting, fishing and gathering activity. Chapter 20 and the CORA code regulate subsistence, subsistence gill net, and commercial fishing activity. Maps, applications and other resource materials can be found on the website by selecting Membership Services, Natural Resources, and either click the downloads link to the left, or at the bottom of the page, in red letters, "For Applications Click Here."

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

## Michigan Senate resolution for wolf hunting doesn't consult tribes

Lansing, Mich., —The Anishinaabek Caucus of Michigan delivered written testimony on Feb. 25 to the Senate Natural Resources Committee on Resolution-15 which urges "the Natural Resources Commission to authorize...wolf hunting and trapping..." The caucus advised Committee Chair Senator McBroom that this resolution "erases the voices, wishes and sovereignty of Michigan's Anishinaabek community." The tribes were not consulted.

Michigan's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is in the process of updating Michigan's wolf management plan given that the wolf population has stabilized, deer herds are healthy and livestock losses have been minimal. The DNR recom-

mends tribal input on wolf management and hence wolf hunting. Yet, voices of the Michigan tribes and its citizens have been consistently ignored.

In 2014, Michigan voters soundly rejected two laws authorizing a wolf hunting and trapping season. Yet, a trophy hunting lobby group pushed through their own law, the *Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 2014*, to circumvent the will of the voters and of the tribes. The act created the seven-person Natural Resource Commission (NRC), which approves DNR rules relating to wildlife management. The NRC also has the authority to designate wolves as a games species and to authorize a wolf hunting and trapping season. In the intervening years, there has



Photo by Heye Jensen

not been a designated wolf hunting and trapping season, because wolves have been on the federal endangered species list.

Wolves were removed from

the endangered species list, effective January 2021. Removal was the final barrier to sport hunting wolves in Michigan. Resolution 15 serves as a nod from the

Michigan legislature to the NRC, to put things in motion for a wolf hunt. The NRC may move with haste, as there is pending legislation to restore federal protections for wolves.

The Anishinaabek Caucus advised the committee, that the NRC should adhere to the recommendations presented in the upcoming DNR wolf management plan. Given the speed with which hunting and trapping of ma'lingen is sought, the scientific underpinnings to which the NRC claims to value are clearly not the basis for this resolution.

The Anishinaabek Caucus of MDP is a political caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party advocating for the issues and concerns of the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan.

## Wild rice pilot restoration project in St. Marys River Munuscong Bay

### FROM THE SAULT TRIBE WILDLIFE PROGRAM

Manoomin (wild rice, *Zizania* spp.) has played an important role in the lives of Anishinaabe people for a long time. In the past, there were more manoomin beds in the eastern Upper Peninsula and throughout the 1836 Ceded Territory. Manoomin beds serve as nursery habitat for small fish and frogs, are a place for birds to feed and to lay their eggs, muskrats to build their lodges, people to gather together and harvest a sacred food, and a place where water quality is high. We've seen the number and health of manoomin beds decline over the past 100 to 200 years for many reasons (e.g., development, changes in hydrology, etc.).

The Wildlife Program is interested in restoring not only manoomin, but the entire web of relationships that make up the manoomin bed — those between people, the birds, the fish, the animals, the plants and the water.

Beginning in 2018, the Wildlife Program began a pilot manoomin restoration project in Munuscong Bay in the St. Marys River, in an area where we had been working to manage hybrid cattail. We saw some initial success in 2019 — the plants germinated and reached maturity. Since 2018, we've followed up seeding efforts in the same location each year. Wildlife Program staff carry out annual monitoring of this seeded location in an effort to understand the potential for large-scale manoomin restoration in Munuscong Bay moving forward. The Wildlife Program has also spent some time evaluating nearby waterbodies for existing manoomin plants and potential for restoration. Information gathered during this work will contribute to our future work.

The Wildlife Program is expanding our manoomin restoration efforts in 2021. Beginning during the upcoming field season, we will be working with

Loyola University of Chicago and the University of Wisconsin — Oshkosh to gain an understanding of manoomin restoration potential along the St. Marys River. We hope to better understand which specific locations in the St. Marys River might be best for restoring manoomin as well as to gain a better understanding for the challenges we will face as we work to restore manoomin (e.g., water quality issues, wave action impacts). We are also working together to develop the methods to monitor manoomin bed health and extent using small unmanned aircraft systems (i.e., drones). We hope to wrap up this coming field season by identifying further locations to begin restoration seeding in the St. Marys River and then work to identify a suitable seed source and begin that work.

Wildlife Program staff are involved in multiple inter-agency efforts focused on manoomin stewardship. Wildlife Program

staff are part of the Michigan Wild Rice Initiative Team and co-chair the statewide Monitoring and Restoration Subcommittee. This subcommittee is comprised of tribal, state, federal and university partners.

Recently, the subcommittee has been involved in documenting ongoing restoration efforts across the state, working with a student to develop a habitat suitability model for manoomin in Michigan, and providing networking opportunities to learn from others working toward manoomin protection and restoration.

Wildlife Program staff were involved with the NOAA Lake Superior Manoomin workgroup from 2018-20 and are currently involved with the NOAA Lake Michigan/Lake Huron workgroup. Specifically, staff are involved in the geospatial workgroup, which is focused on using hyperspectral, aircraft-collected imagery to identify and

map a number of plant species in manoomin beds. This work can be used for monitoring the extent of manoomin beds as well as to understand the plant species assemblages that comprise manoomin beds.

The Wildlife Program is aiming to carry out this work with the community. Moving forward, we would be grateful for community member guidance, shared stories, and involvement as we work to restore manoomin beds in the 1836 Ceded Territory. The more we know about manoomin and our shared history with her, the more informed our restoration efforts can be. As we expand our restoration, seeding and monitoring efforts, we hope that community members will be able to join us on the water.

Community members interested in being involved or talking about manoomin can reach out to the Wildlife Program. Contact Dani Fegan, (906) 632-6132 or [dfegan1@saulttribe.net](mailto:dfegan1@saulttribe.net).



# Invasive hemlock woolly adelgid found in Benzie County

## FROM MICHIGAN DNR

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development recently verified a new detection of invasive hemlock woolly adelgid at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in northern Benzie County. To date, a survey of the surrounding area has found just one infested tree in the Platte River Campground, a popular destination within the National Lakeshore.

Hemlock woolly adelgids are small insects that use their long, siphoning mouthparts to extract sap from hemlock trees. Their feeding weakens needles, shoots and branches. Over time, tree growth slows, and trees take on a grayish-green appearance. Without treatment, infested trees die within four to 10 years.

These insects are considered invasive because they are not native to Michigan and can cause significant harm to the state's hemlock resource, estimated at 170 million trees.

With support from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, National Lakeshore staff began surveying high-use areas throughout the park in January, looking for the invasive insect that, in October 2020, was detected in Ludington State Park, approximately 70 miles south of Sleeping Bear Dunes. The survey crew worked alongside a team from the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network (ISN), which has been surveying hemlock trees within 5 miles of Lake Michigan since 2018 as a part of a Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program early detection project.

On Feb. 4, surveyors found round, white ovisacs characteristic of the hemlock woolly adelgid on one tree in the Platte River Campground. A sample sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture was verified the fol-

lowing day.

Michigan has been combating hemlock woolly adelgid since 2006 and has current infestations in Allegan, Ottawa, Muskegon, Oceana and Mason counties.

How does it spread? – Hemlock woolly adelgid likely arrived in Michigan on infested nursery stock from northeastern states. Though the tiny insects don't move far on their own, they can be blown by wind or "hitch-hike" on birds or mammals that come into contact with an infested branch. In a similar way, cars, boats or RVs parked under infested trees may be able to transport the insects to new locations.

A statewide effort – In 2016, Michigan's Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Coordinating Committee brought together researchers, technicians and field staff from universities and federal, state and local agencies to develop and carry out a statewide response effort to protect hemlock trees, an important component of Michigan's northern forest ecosystem. The result has been a coordinated effort of research, outreach, surveying, data collection and targeted treatment on both public and private lands focused on slowing the spread of the invasive insect.

Rob Miller, an invasive species prevention and response specialist with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), coordinates the statewide program. According to Miller, this new detection underscores the importance of the survey effort, which spans the Lake Michigan shoreline from the Indiana border to the Upper Peninsula.

"While we never want to find a new infestation, discovering it early on, as in this case, when we have a reasonable chance of containing it and saving trees, is really the purpose of this program,"



Photo courtesy of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Surveyors recognized the small, white dots at the base of the needles on the underside of this infested branch in the Platte River Campground as a sign of hemlock woolly adelgids.

said Miller.

Response is underway – Since the initial detection at the National Lakeshore Feb. 4, crews have completed a survey of all hemlocks within an 800-foot radius of the infested tree as well as a grid search of the broader vicinity, finding no additional infestations so far. Partners are making plans to treat the infested tree and other nearby hemlocks in spring 2021.

Since January, ISN has logged 388 survey acres across its service area, which includes Manistee, Benzie, Leelanau and Grand Traverse counties, and those efforts will continue through early spring. Hemlock surveys in other lakeshore counties are being conducted by local Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas and state agency staff.

ISN is contacting private landowners within the vicinity of the Platte River Campground to request permission to survey for the invasive insect.

Free surveys available – All landowners and managers of properties within five miles of the Lake Michigan shoreline can take advantage of the no-cost hemlock

survey program. Residents in the ISN's service area can complete an online hemlock woolly adelgid survey request form or contact Audrey Menninga, invasive species specialist, at (231) 941-0960 ext. 18 or AMenninga@GTCD.org. Those in other counties should contact their local CISMA by visiting MichiganInvasives.org.

Help the survey effort – If you are planning to spend time outdoors this winter, you can help look for and report hemlock woolly adelgids. Look on the undersides of hemlock branches for evidence of round, white ovisacs near the base of the needles.

Up close, ovisacs look like balls of spun cotton and may appear alone or in clusters. The short video Hemlock Woolly Adelgid: Invasive Species in Michigan provides helpful identification tips.

Other, less damaging pests easily can be mistaken for hemlock woolly adelgid. Be sure to review photos and descriptions of common hemlock woolly adelgid look-alikes at Michigan.gov/HWA. Help in identifying eastern hemlock trees is also available at the same site.

How to report – Trees infested with hemlock woolly adelgid should be reported by one of the following means: Email the MDARD at MDA-Info@Michigan.gov; call the MDARD Customer Service Center at (800) 292-3939; use the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) online reporting tool; or download the MISIN smartphone app and report from your phone.

Be prepared to report the location of infested trees and, whenever possible, take one or two pictures of infested branches to help confirm identification. To avoid spreading hemlock woolly adelgid, do not collect sample branches or twigs.

The MISIN smartphone app will take a GPS location point if a report is made at the site, it also will allow you to upload photos with a report.

Prevent further spread – As more and more people take to the outdoors, the potential for spreading hemlock woolly adelgid and other invasive species also grows.

"While human movement isn't the only way invasive species spread, it is the most common," said Julie Christian, Natural Resource Division manager at the National Lakeshore. "If you're headed outdoors, it's more important than ever to take simple measures to protect the places we all love. 'Play, Clean, Go' is a good motto to remind us to clean gear and vehicles before we hit the road. Parking in designated areas and staying on trails also helps to protect natural areas. Remember to leave firewood at home and buy it locally at your destination."

For more information on hemlock woolly adelgid and other invasive species in Michigan, and to find out what you can do to help prevent them, visit Michigan.gov/Invasives.

# Invasive zebra mussels found hiding in aquarium plants for sale at pet stores – pet retailers need to be vigilant

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An observant employee at a Seattle Petco recently discovered zebra mussels in a shipment of marimo moss balls which are popular in fish aquariums and sometimes used as houseplants. The employee reported the findings in the United States Geological Survey Nonindigenous Aquatic Species database, alerting aquatic invasive species managers across the United States. Since the initial report, dozens of states have reported zebra mussels in moss balls available for sale at popular pet retailers including in Michigan. The products have since been removed from retail shelves. While invasive zebra mussels are now common in many waterbodies in Michigan, they still pose an invasion risk here, and are far less common in the western United States.

Do you have a moss ball in your aquarium? Not all aquarium moss balls need to be dis-

carded. However, because the infested moss balls have been distributed across the United States, you should inspect the contents of your aquarium for zebra mussels. Zebra mussels are striped and measure less than two inches in size. They attach to any hard surfaces such as metal, glass, plastic, stone, wood or rocks. They are extremely resistant to cold temperatures and many chemicals. Under state law, zebra mussels cannot be possessed alive in Michigan, so contaminated moss ball products must be disposed of properly.

If zebra mussels are found on any moss balls in containers or in aquariums, infested moss balls and packaging should be frozen for 24 hours, boiled for one full minute or submerged in bleach or vinegar for 20 minutes before double-bagging, sealing and disposing in the trash. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources also recommends that tank water from aquariums holding infested moss balls be decontaminated



Photo by Amanda Smith

Infested moss balls may be sold as large balls or separated and repackaged in smaller containers at retail stores.

by removing plants and pets, adding 1/10 cup bleach to every gallon of water and allowing at least 10 minutes of contact time before draining.

Discoveries of zebra mussels in retail stock or in household aquariums must be reported to the state. Reports should be made to Lucas Nathan, DNR aquatic invasive species coordinator at NathanL@Michigan.gov. You can also use this contact information for assistance

with inspection or proper disposal.

Retailers also serve as a trusted source of information for consumers and are typically the first to be contacted by a hobbyist looking to surrender an unwanted aquarium. In effort to educate retailers and hobbyists of invasive aquatic organisms, Michigan State University Extension in partnership with the Michigan Invasive Species Program developed the Reduce

Invasive Pet and Plant Escapes (RIPPLE) campaign. RIPPLE educates consumers and retailers about proper containment and disposal of aquatic plants and fish.

When you clean or dispose of aquariums, keep the following RIPPLE recommendations in mind. Remember, it is never safe to release aquarium water or its contents into waterways:

- Inspect and rinse new aquatic plants to rid them of seeds, plant fragments, snails and fish.
- Seal aquatic plants for disposal in a plastic bag in the trash. Do not compost.
- Give or trade unwanted fish or plants with another hobbyist, environmental learning center, aquarium or zoo.
- Contact a veterinarian or pet retailer for guidance on humane disposal of animals.

To learn more about the national response to this developing issue, visit <https://www.fws.gov/fisheries/ANS/zebra-mussel-disposal.html>.

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# Propane supply not an issue in Line 5 fight

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — On March 12, the Chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians praised the Whitmer administration for its responsible leadership regarding Line 5. Aaron Payment, responding to the Administration's release of its MI Propane Security Plan, reiterated the tribe's call to shut down Line 5.

The Whitmer Administration's plan is "a multiagency effort with the Michigan Public Service Commission; the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy; the Michigan Department

of Transportation, and the Department of Technology, Management and Budget." The five-point plan is focused on ensuring Michigan's energy needs are met when Enbridge's Line 5 oil pipelines that run through the Great Lakes shut down.

The tribe particularly appreciates the leadership for when the pipeline shuts down, as a spill similar to the Kalamazoo River disaster in 2010 would result in the pipeline being shut down for many months. With the pending shutdown of Line 5 by the administration's revocation of the Straits easement, the company is

fueling concerns about propane supply to the Upper Peninsula. This plan addresses the resilience of energy supply to the UP, following the recommendations of the UP Energy Task Force.

Payment said, "The Governor and AG Nessel promised to move to shut down Line 5 due to the catastrophic threat it represents to our natural resources in our traditional homelands and treaty territory. The scare tactics used by Enbridge regarding the price and supply of propane are dirty, manipulative — and, I might add, crude — politics, much like its industry. The Governor's assur-

ances and plan to ensure both the supply and stable price for propane cut the legs out from under Enbridge's machinations."

"Given what we have seen in Texas in recent weeks, work to ensure resilience of energy supply could not be more important or timely," Sault Tribe Environmental Director Kathleen Brosemer said. "Our members in the western UP need to know that

there will be heat on, whether this pipe breaks and spills or is shut down before the spill happens."

Payment added, "I applaud Governor Whitmer for her leadership here and ask that she even more affirmatively work to shut down Line 5. I am proud to continue to support that woman from Michigan."

## Environmental Department takes over precipitation monitoring

The Sault Tribe Environmental Department is proud to announce they will be participating in the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) under the National Trends Network (NTN). The NTN is the only network providing long term record of precipitation chemistry across the United States. This equipment was previously operated by the Hiawatha National Forest in Raco, Mich., since 1984. The Sault Tribe Environmental

Department has taken control of it and will be moving it closer to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The site operator follows standard operational procedures to help ensure NTN data comparability and representativeness. Samples will be collected weekly and sent to the Central Analytical Laboratory in Wisconsin for analysis, data entry, verification and screening.

To learn more of the NADP, please visit their web site at

<http://nadp.slh.wisc.edu/>. The site features information on all the networks that NADP currently runs, which include the national trends, mercury deposition, atmospheric mercury, ammonia monitoring and atmospheric integrated research monitoring. It also includes animated maps and data logs of all the past and current networks. If you have any questions, please call the Sault Tribe Environmental Department at (906) 632-5575.

## SAULT TRIBE COMMITTEE VACANCIES — JOIN A TRIBAL COMMITTEE

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

Anishinaabe Cultural - six vacancies - three males (4-year term), three female (4-year term)  
Child Welfare Committee -

three vacancies (4-year term) 1 vacancy (expires 5-23)  
Conservation Committee - one vacancy - Fisheries (term expiring 3/3/2023)  
Election Committee - four vacancies (4-year term)  
Higher Education Committee - two vacancies (4-year term)

### Kewadin Gift Shop seeks Sault Tribe artisans

Sault Kewadin Gift Shop is looking for Sault Tribe member artisans who make dreamcatchers, beadwork and other items and may be interested in selling them

Health Board - five vacancies (4-year term)  
Housing Commission - one vacancy - Unit 1 (4 year term) one vacancy - Unit 2 (4 year term)  
Special Needs/Enrollment - six vacancies (2-year term)

in the gift shop. If interested, please contact Gift Shop Manager Brittany Carlson, [bcarlson@sault-tribe.net](mailto:bcarlson@sault-tribe.net) or (906) 632-0530 for information.

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# ADVOCATING FOR FURTHER PANDEMIC RELIEF > \$100 MILLION!



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**Ahneen, Boozho, Negee:**

As I write this, the US Senate passed the American Rescue Plan. The final step is for the bill to go back to the US House concur so the President can sign the bill into law. When the \$1.9 Trillion relief package becomes law, tribes will get \$26 Billion! Approximately \$6 Billion will go for IHS, vaccines and pandemic related relief to tribes. \$1 Billion will be divided up evenly among tribes for roughly \$1.7 million each. Then the remaining \$19 Billion will be subject to Consultation with tribes advising how to distribute it.

My preliminary estimate is that the Sault Tribe will get over \$100 million. This sounds like a lot and it is. But our losses in terms of loss revenues is over \$105 million for last year with additional losses expected for this year as we are at roughly just 30% of our revenues compared to previous years due to the pandemic. I know some may not believe it but 100% of our net revenues from our gaming and enterprises are pledged to support tribal services. This is usually \$18 million annually. Years ago, the late Denny McKelvie and I introduced the tribal law that requires 100% of our net revenues for services. This is one of Denny's great legacies.

The culmination of our efforts as a Tribe is that we employ about 1,600 people for a total payroll of over \$85 million, provide scholarships, higher education and vocational aid, youth recreation, emergency needs, victims services, health care, implementation of treaty rights and operate as a government. Please understand not one penny comes from the federal government based our

Members outside of the 7 County Service Area but there is nothing in federal regulations that restrict us from serving All Members Everywhere. I realize and agree we can always do better and we will. I'm sorry we have not included all members everywhere yet and we need to.

I hope when we receive our new funding that we first stabilize our losses which are almost too big to imagine. Please recognize that we saved so many jobs during these tough times through revenue replacement. Our front line workers, health division and law enforcement officers are our angels. Please share in my appreciation to them. We hosted food trucks and did our best to continue service during one of the most difficult and deadly challenges in our lifetimes.

I also hope that our Board will open their hearts to provide need based aid to our people, our families, & our tribal members impacted by this pandemic no matter where you live. I realize after covering our losses to stabilize, it will not be a lot, but it will be more than if we do nothing. Where possible, I hope we can do at least a modest level of support for our tribal members who operate their own business and provide jobs to other members. I worked hard and secured a huge pot of funds for relief for our treaty fishers. More information is forthcoming.

With \$47 million secured last year in relief funds plus another \$13 million and at least another \$100 million by spring for over an estimated of over \$150 to \$160 million, this is about 7 to 10 years of the culmination of all our gaming and enterprises combined that fund tribal support. I am proud of this and while these efforts mean nothing to the few haters on our Board, I am pleased to be in a position to serve and deliver to our people. I am sorry for those who have little faith or belief that our Tribe has helped. I share your concerns sometimes when some in our tribal government look past your needs. My hope is with another large chunk of funds coming from the federal government that we find a way to reach more of our people.

To the right are highlights from the legislation that will benefit tribes. I played an active role in formulating these funds. I will be very active to ensure we get our share of these funds but also to assist all tribes and Indian people benefit as that is our way.

**Chi McGwitch, Negee!**

## **Title V – COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT & REFORM**

**Sec. 5001. Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds:** Provides \$20 billion to tribal governments in direct relief, with \$1 billion to be divided equally and the remaining \$19 billion to be allocated among each tribal government in the amount determined by the Secretary of the Department of Treasury. Funding should be allocated no later than 60 days after a tribal government submits certification that they are in need of federal assistance for: COVID-19 responses, lost revenue, and costs incurred due to the public health emergency. Tribal government is defined as described below.

## **TITLE III – COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & COMMERCE**

### **Sec. 3041. Funding for Indian Health**

\$6.094 billion for Indian Health Service, including:

- \$2 billion for lost reimbursements in the I/T/U system;
- \$500 million for additional health care services, and services provided through the PRS program;
- \$140 million for information technology, telehealth infrastructure, and the Indian Health Service electronic health records system;
- \$84 million for Urban Indian Health Programs;
- \$600 million for necessary expenses to plan, prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, and track COVID-19 vaccines;
- \$1.5 billion to detect, diagnose, trace, and monitor COVID-19 infections, and activities necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID-19;
- \$240 to establish, expand, and sustain a public health workforce to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19;
- \$420 million for mental and behavioral health prevention and treatment services;
- \$600 million for lease, purchase, construction, alteration, renovation, or equipping of health facilities to respond to COVID-19, and for maintenance and improvement projects necessary to respond to COVID-19; and
- \$10 million for potable water delivery.

**Sec. 3106.** Extends full (100 %) Federal Medical Assistance Percentage to Urban Indian Health Organizations

## **TITLE IV – COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**Sec. 4204. Housing Assistance and Supportive Services Programs for Native Americans:** Provides \$750 million to remain available until September 30, 2025, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus, for activities and assistance authorized under title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 15 4111 et seq.).

- \$450 million for Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG);
- \$5 million for Native Hawaiian Block Grants;
- \$280 million for Indian Community Development Block (ICDB) grants;
- \$10 million for training and technical assistance to tribes and TDHEs; and
- \$5 million for administrative costs.

**Sec. 4207. Homeowner Assistance Fund:** Provides approximately \$9.9 billion to the Homeowner Assistance Fund to remain available until September 30, 2025, includes a 5 percent set aside (approximately \$498 million) for tribal governments, TDHE's, and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands to be distributed in the same manner as the ERA program in H.R. 133.

**Sec. 4301. Reauthorization of The State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010:** Reauthorizes the State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010 (SBCRIA) and amends the SBCRIA to include a \$5 million set aside for tribal governments. Requires Tribal Nations to file a notice of intent to participate within 30 days and directs funds be allocated within 60 days.

## **TITLE IX – COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Sec. 9012. Extension of Emergency Unemployment Relief for Governmental Entities:** Extends a provision in the CARES Act which covers 50% of the costs of state unemployment for reimbursement employers, including tribal governments through August 29, 2021.

**Sec. 9210. Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families:** Creates a \$1 billion "Pandemic Emergency Fund" and allocates \$74.85 million for non-recurrent short-term benefits to territories and Indian tribes that are otherwise eligible for a TANF grant. The Secretary of Health and Human Services has the discretion to distribute funds to each tribe or territory based on the needs of the territory or tribe involved.

**Sec. 9641. Extension of Credits for Paid Sick and Family Leave:** Extends the refundable payroll tax credits for paid sick and family leave, enacted in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, through September 30, 2021.

**Sec. 9651. Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC):** Sec. 9651. extends the ERTC, eligible to tribal governments and their enterprises, through January 1, 2022, with the following amendments: Beginning after June 30, 2021, the credit will be structured as a refundable payroll tax credit against the hospital insurance tax (e.g., employer share of Medicare taxes) which is 1.45 percent. The previous credit was against the employer share of Social Security taxes which is a 6.2 percent age rate.

**Sec. 9801. Child Care Assistance Programs:** Provides \$100 million to Indian tribes and tribal organizations under the Administration for Children and Families and the Child Care and Development Program

## **TITLE II – COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & LABOR**

**Sec. 2005. Bureau of Indian Education:** Provides \$850 million to be allocated by the Secretary of the Interior within 30 days for programs operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Education, Bureau-funded schools, and Tribal Colleges or Universities.

**Sec. 2206 Programs for Survivors:** Provides \$18 million in additional funding for FY 2021 to tribal communities under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act.

\$1 million each FY to support Indian communities under the National Domestic Violence Hotline Grant.

**Sec. 2024. COVID-19 Response Resources for the Preservation and Maintenance of Native American Languages:** Provides \$10 million in emergency funding for Native American language preservation and maintenance grants to be awarded by the Secretary of Health and Human Services within 180 days.

**Sec. 2203. Child Care and Development Block Grant Program:** Provides \$14.99 billion to remain available through September 30, 2021, to carry out the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990. Indian tribes, and tribal organizations are authorized to use funds to provide childcare assistance to health care section employees, emergency responders, sanitation works, and other works deemed essential during the response to the coronavirus, without income eligibility requirements.

**Sec. 2204. Child Care Stabilization:** Provides \$23.975 billion to remain available through September 30, 2021 for eligible childcare providers of Indian tribes and tribal organizations in accordance with the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990.

## **TITLE I – COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Sec. 1011. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):** Extends the 15% SNAP benefit increase through September 30, 2021.

**Sec. 1014. Commodity Supplemental Food Program:** Appropriates \$37 million to support the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

## **MANAGERS AMENDMENT: NATURAL RESOURCES**

\$900 million for DOI – Indian Affairs to remain available until expended, of which:

- \$100 million shall be for tribal housing improvement;
- \$772.5 million shall be for tribal government services, public safety and justice, social services, child welfare assistance, and other related expenses;
- \$7.5 million shall be for related federal administrative costs and oversight; and
- \$20 million shall be to provide and deliver potable water.

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# Reviewing issues of importance to our tribe



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

The board recently voted on the schedule C budget, which is the largest budget and includes the revenue we take from the casinos. The casinos have been heavily impacted by COVID, in part because of restrictions, being closed for periods of time and the closure of the Canadian

border has really impacted the Sault casino. The budget included a \$6.5 million deficit. There was no way I could support that when the casinos can't give us the \$17 million, they are counting on not filling all positions (for which we usually have yearly savings) and the chair is saying we will get funding. The vote was a 6-6 tie and the chair broke the tie by voting to approve the budget.

I hope everyone took the time to read last month's newspaper on the history of the Land's Claim Fund (elder fund). This always seems to be a political football and the board seems to always be blamed for cutting the amounts of the checks. I do not blame members for being confused because many times people talk out both sides of their mouths so the membership will vote for them. The CFO did a great job putting together all the numbers and information for this article.

I am excited that the table

games are opening back up at our casinos. I believe it is time for us to start moving forward with business as usual while maintaining safety precautions. Music performers are itching to be back playing and customers want to get out and have some fun.

Thankfully the positivity rates are going down and vaccinations are moving fairly quickly in the U.P.

The Sault Tribe Health Division has set an extremely high standard for their efforts with reaching out to members to schedule them, the smooth process of the clinics and not wasting any vaccines. We are also going to receive some Johnson and Johnson vaccines this week, which is a one dose vaccine and perfect for those members who live out of state. This will be easier than making two trips up north. I am very proud of our team for all the demands this pandemic has placed on them. Chi miigwich!

I have had elders contact me with frustrations of being on a waiting list for the elder complex in St. Ignace for possibly several years. There are only 20 apartments and many elders moved from other units when the building was built. For the most part, vacancies only occur when an elder passes-on or relocates to an assisted living complex.

The internship program will be accepting applications soon. I participated in the program in 2002 and very much enjoyed the program. Watch for further information on our website, Facebook or the newspaper.

The self-sufficiency incentive award checks should be going out in the next month for those college students who applied.

Students wanting to apply for the Sault Tribe scholarships should visit the Education Division on the Sault Tribe website as applications are due in June.

High school students interested

in going to college should download the Sault Tribe Journey to College checklist on the Education Division downloads with tips beginning in students freshmen year.

Any questions for Higher Education can be directed to the Higher Education specialist Diane Maleport, with an office in Big Bear Arena. Call (906) 635-7784 or email [dmaleport1@saulttribe.net](mailto:dmaleport1@saulttribe.net).

Please pray for tribal elder Sharon Hovie as she is experiencing some health issues, as well as Dr. Garlinghouse and for those suffering from cancer or other ailments.

Anyone going on spring break, stay safe and enjoy your time away from work or home and happy Easter to everyone!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [bsorenson@saulttribe.net](mailto:bsorenson@saulttribe.net), [bridgett91@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgett91@yahoo.com) or (906) 430-0536.

## Power must never be trusted without a check



**AUSTIN LOWES  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aniin, I would like to begin this unit report by thanking the staff at the health center. Over the course of the pandemic, they have conducted several vaccination clinics, which have administered

a total of 6,635 doses. This has significantly reduced the positivity rate in our tribal community, which was less than one percent when I wrote this report. Running these clinics is hard work. One worker's step-counter estimated that she walked 12 miles during her shift. If you have contributed to one of these clinics, thank you! Your hard work will allow us to return to normal one day. If you are interested in becoming vaccinated, you can register online at [www.saulttribehealth.com](http://www.saulttribehealth.com).

I would now like to discuss reforms that should occur. I have always believed that when political power is concentrated within one body, despotism will occur. As John Adams said, "Power must never be trusted without a check." That is what our tribal

government needs: checks and balances. Power is currently isolated to the board of directors. Tribal members have no standing in tribal court, and the chairperson's role has been greatly diminished. Unless changes are made, power will continue to be unequally distributed.

I would now like to offer an apology. Although power is concentrated to the board, this authority should only exist when the board acts as a whole through majority vote. It is absolutely inappropriate for rogue board members to push their weight around. Unfortunately, this has occurred throughout our tribe's history. It has allowed the family and friends of those in power to be hired for jobs they were unqualified for, and it has

allowed them to receive better services than others. It continues today with reports of bullying team members, harassing contractors and micromanaging the staff at JKL. Although I will never be a part of this, I would still like to apologize.

I'd like to conclude with the following statement: open the damn meetings up. Chippewa County's 14-day positivity rate is less than 1 percent. The tribe has provided its members with double vaccinations of Moderna and Pfizer, which are 95 percent effective. We have the space to accommodate social distancing and temperature checks and mask wearing can occur. Part of being a leader is not requiring others to do something you're not willing to do yourself. If we've deemed

the casinos, hotels, restaurants, gas stations, health centers, child-care centers and enterprises safe for our team members, then our meetings should be safe as well.

Tribal members have a right to participate in the political process — simple as that. Board meetings have been closed for one year with no sign of re-opening in sight. The tribe has a phase system based on county positivity rates. These percentages determine openings and closures. Board meetings are not included in this, which needs to change. As long as our team members are required to show up in person, I'll continue to do the same.

As always, it's a pleasure to serve you.

Austin Lowes

## COVID-19 relief bill will help us break even



**KEITH MASSAWAY,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Working from home has been a great challenge for many people and so it has been for me. I thrive on interaction and discussions that we have with others. The virtual conversations we have had have always lacked the personal feel that I think we need. Saying that, we are still meeting virtually for the tribe but we hope soon that will be coming to an end. Please visit the tribe's website for information on how you can participate with the tribe and the tribal board.

We have just heard that the latest COVID-19 bill has passed both the U.S. House and Senate.

We are awaiting the president's signature and then comes the reading and understanding of what has been written. We anticipate the tribes will receive some stimulus for the revenue that has been lost to the tribe's enterprises over the last year. We anticipate this will, for the most part, make us break even with our enterprises and help us continue to get the tribe back on its feet.

These COVID-19 dollars will come with restrictions and mandates that will have to be followed and will be audited after they are expended. We have to be careful on how we document and spend these dollars. This is another part of the process we have been struggling to get on solid ground and that is the budgets for next year. This COVID-19 relief bill will allow us to now work on more stable footings to make sure all our services won't be drastically impacted by a lack of revenue. Let us hope things will return to normal quickly so we can work towards making sure all our tribal members are being taken care of as best we can.

On our negotiations on the fishing consent decree, we are steadily moving forward. I hope the tribes and the state can forge

a new consent decree that will make all the parties happy and feel like we have done what is best for all. These discussions have worked so far as all parties have worked to find common ground but some large issues still remain unresolved and will take more time to iron out. We are diligently working to have the parties recognize and include our

treaty rights along with the need to conserve and protect our environment.

Our casino operations are still running at a very limited level. We are being careful not to get ahead of ourselves in opening up too quickly. The casino revenues have been down considerably but that is due mostly to the fact that the bridge to Canada has

been closed to public traffic by the Canadian government. We hope soon that the restriction on Canadians traveling to the U.S. will end.

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

Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace, MI 49781; [kmassaway@msn.com](mailto:kmassaway@msn.com); (906) 643-698

## Spring ceremonies at Marry Murray Culture Building from April 29 through May 9

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For more information or if you are planning to attend, please call

Lori Gambardella at (906) 632-0236 or Annie Thibert at (906) 632-0220.

**WOMEN'S FAST FOR  
MOTHER EARTH  
Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Fasting begins at sunrise and ends at sunset, followed by sweat lodge and feast.

Mary Murray Culture Camp,  
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For more information or to register, please call Lori or Annie at (906) 632-0236.

# Wildlife Program works to bring back manoomin



**KIMBERLE GRAVELLE**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Hello, March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month! This cancer affects both men and women and is the second leading cause of death from cancer in the United States. Our health professionals strongly recommend a colonoscopy when you turn 50 or earlier if you have a family history of colorectal cancer. If colon cancer is found early enough, there is a 90 percent chance of a cure so please be diligent with your screening options.

I am a colon cancer survivor

and, believe me, the screening is nothing compared to the treatment if colon cancer is found and has advanced to the stage of surgery and chemo treatment. Everyone has different symptoms that could be a sign of this cancer. Some symptoms are similar to gall bladder pain along with weight loss. Again, if found early enough your chances of avoiding anything other than the removal of a cancerous polyp are very high. Please get tested!

I would like to add more information about our Natural Resources Department/Wildlife Program and their work with the restoration and understanding of manoomin (wild rice) restoration in the 1836 Ceded Territory that I spoke about in my last unit report.

Over the past hundred or so years, the number and health of manoomin beds has declined for a number of reasons (e.g., development, changes in hydrology, etc...). The Wildlife Program is interested in restoring not only manoomin, but the entire web of relationships that make up the manoomin bed — those between

people, birds, fish, animals, plants and the water.

Manoomin has played an important role in the lives of the Anishinaabe people for a long time. Manoomin beds serve as nursery habitat for small fish and frogs, are a place for birds to feed and to lay their eggs, muskrats to build their lodges, people to gather together in ceremony and harvest a sacred food, and a place where water quality is high.

Beginning in 2018, the Wildlife Program began a pilot manoomin restoration project in the St. Marys River with some initial success. The plants germinated and reached maturity. The program has followed up seeding efforts in the same location each year. The staff carry out annual monitoring of this seeded location in an effort to understand the potential for large-scale manoomin restoration. They have also spent some time evaluating nearby water bodies for existing manoomin plants and potential for restoration.

This work involves multiple inter-agency efforts that are

focused on manoomin stewardship. The Wildlife Program staff is a part of the Michigan Wild Rice Initiative Team and co-chair the statewide Monitoring and Restoration Subcommittee, which is comprised of tribal, state, federal and university partners. Staff are also involved in the geospatial workgroup, which is focused on using hyperspectral, aircraft-collected imagery to identify and map a number of plant species in manoomin beds. This work can be used for monitoring the extent of manoomin beds as well as to understand the plant species assemblages that comprise manoomin beds.

They also work together to develop the methods to monitor manoomin bed health and extent using small unmanned aircraft systems (i.e., drones). They hope to identify further locations to begin restoration seeding in the St. Marys River and then work to identify a suitable seed source that will work in these areas.

The Wildlife Program is aiming to carry out this work with the community. They would be grateful for community member

guidance, shared stories and involvement as they work to restore manoomin beds in the 1836 Ceded Territory. The more they know about manoomin and our shared history with her, the more informed our restoration efforts can be. As we expand our restoration, seeding and monitoring efforts, we hope that community members will be able to join them on the water. Community members who are interested in being involved or talking about manoomin can reach out to the Wildlife Program (Contact Dani Fegan, (906) 632-6132 or [dfegan1@saulttribe.net](mailto:dfegan1@saulttribe.net)).

As always, I would like to thank team members for your dedication and hard work.

As always, please keep the men and women in the armed forces in your prayers and thoughts for a safe return to their families.

Please feel free to call me at (906) 203-6083 and leave a message or e-mail me at [kkgravelle@saulttribe.net](mailto:kkgravelle@saulttribe.net).

Thank you,  
Kim Gravelle

# Tribal members need a voice in our government



**BETTY FREIHEIT,**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Hello tribal members, we have good reason to feel hopeful. Vaccinations are happening across the country and especially in our own tribal communities. Our health staff have done an outstanding job in mobilizing and executing clinics. They deserve thanks and praise for their actions in keeping

our communities safe.

Our tribe does many things for members. We have health care, housing, food assistance and variety of social programs to assist those in need. As a board, we need to always remember our role is to serve the needs and interests of members. I believe the members of our tribe should have a say in all major decisions of the board, even if this input goes against what individual or collective board members want. Members should also be able to hold board members accountable for their actions. We are elected to serve the members and if we fail to adhere to this fact and start operating under our own agendas members need a means to redirect us. Our Constitution gives members rights to do this through removal and referendum.

However, over the years, the tribal board has added so many restrictions to members' use of

these rights they can be difficult to execute. And, even more discouraging, the board added a clause that gives themselves final approval for the rights to even proceed. We need to review and roll back restrictions on current members' rights that hinder utilization.

These rights were put into the Constitution by our ancestors to ensure members had a voice in our government. We also need to add the rights of recall and initiative to our Constitution. Four years is too long to wait to remove a director who does not act in the best interest of the members. The current Removal Code requires a board member to be convicted of a crime, and even then, the board can vote to dismiss a removal petition. Members need a secure process to use to petition a recall election for board who have not lived up to campaign promises or who are

not responsive to members' needs. The right to recall would provide members an important tool in board oversight as it would prevent elected board from abandoning campaign promises, becoming detached from members or sitting back for three years before action is taken, because they know they are safe.

Members also deserve the right of initiative. Through this right, the voters of the tribe could enact, by signed petitions, a law or rule of action to be undertaken by the board. The right of initiative provides an important means for members to participate in operation of the tribe.

It seems that our board operations have become less visible to members. Decisions are made by committees or CEOs as opposed to the board in open meetings, communication is often delayed, rights have been diminished over the years, members have

been shut out of meetings with no timeframe of when they can return. Yes, some of this is due to COVID but rights are decreasing and board have all been designated for vaccinations. And, we still expect staff to work. We are here to serve members. We should not rise above them, lock them out of decision making or hinder their participation by diluting their rights. Remind your representatives of this fact and if they do not listen, then look for candidates who will in the next election.

Thanks to all the members who contact me with their support and suggestions. Please continue to let me know what you want to see happen in our tribe.

Please stay healthy, look out for our elders and help your neighbor anytime you can.

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# Team members have adapted to provide services



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

I want to thank the many programs that have reached out to try and mitigate the isolation that many of us are feeling during this pandemic. I see our cultural and language being utilized and

available online through many different opportunities and I am grateful. I've had the joy of attending a few of these and I would highly recommend checking them out if you haven't had the chance — language classes, community leader discussions, as well as making traditional regalia and crafts. Be sure to check out the many pages offering these events: Language and Cultural, Anishnaabek Community and Family Services, Youth Education and Activities, among others.

Our staff has demonstrated the ability to adapt and provide these opportunities during these troubling times and it is amazing. As spring is fast approaching and powwows are being discussed, please keep in mind, things will look different and your cooperation will be needed. Many of us

desperately want our gatherings to return, but we have to remember that we are not out of the clear yet. Although health care workers are doing an excellent job and our communities are stepping up and getting vaccinated, we still have a long way to go. If (big IF) we are able to hold powwows, they will look different and they will be limited. This will not be an easy task; families will want to participate, watch, shop and eat the Anishnaabe way, but it will be different. I ask all those who may be interested in attending to show patience and understanding as the powwow committees navigate how to hold these gatherings while still respecting the community and keeping everyone safe.

On that note, I want to thank our community drum, Bahwet-ing Singers and Josh Biron, for

maintaining drumming sessions during the pandemic. He has held online teachings and recently re-introduced in-person teachings maintaining social distances while using hand drums. I am especially appreciative to see so many young men partake in the teachings. We recently held practice and many healing songs were sung for the community. They sounded amazing, so long as you tuned out my tone-deaf attempts at singing. Chi miigwech, Josh and the Bahwet-ing Singers. Hopefully, we can all hear you guys under an arbor this summer.

I also wanted to take a moment and thank the many members who contribute to our Great Lakes Fishing Negotiating Team. We continue to meet three to four times per week and have a rather large delegation of board

members, community members, Conservation Committee members, team members and fishers that have been meeting for the past few years trying to work with the other tribes, the state and the federal government on a consent decree. This has been a huge honor to continue our fight for these treaty rights and the group has given invaluable insight to our legal team and to the board. We only have a few more months to wrap up negotiations and come to an agreement and I thank you for all the hard work and many hours you put in.

As always, I encourage members to get in touch with me and help come up with solutions to the many issues our tribe still faces. Send me an email ([mmckerchie@saulttribe.net](mailto:mmckerchie@saulttribe.net)) or text (906) 440-7768. Chi miigwech.

# You don't have to have a lump to have inflammatory breast cancer



**DARCY MORROW,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

When you hear the word cancer it makes you take a step back. Early 2020 my husband was diagnosed with thyroid cancer at Mayo Clinic. He had surgery to remove his thyroid and at this time he goes back and forth for checkups to ensure the cancer was all contained and removed. We are very thankful for the doctors, surgeons, and staff at Mayo clinic, and we are so thankful they found it.

At the end of 2020, I found a lump and immediately got an appointment at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. I knew going into

my appointment it was something serious. I had this feeling in my gut; I just knew. On Dec. 3, I was again faced with cancer diagnosis, but this time it was inflammatory breast cancer. I was lucky that I had a lump, because with inflammatory breast cancer you don't have to have a lump to have breast cancer. I am very blessed to have the team of professionals I have for my health care. This is just another challenge in my life the creator has set in front of me, and I will come out the winner! I would like to thank my family and friends for all their support. I would like to thank the elders and members who have offered me and my family prayers we greatly appreciate all your support!

I have provided information on Inflammatory Breast Cancer (IBC), please take a minute; read the information; do research on the websites provided. Cancer is our tribes' number one disease! For years, diabetes was our number one disease that affected our members, not any more cancer has surpassed that in our people. Listen to your body, you know when something is not right. Bring your issues to your doctor and if you do not get answers find another doc-

tor! My hope is by providing this information more people become aware of the disease and share it with as many women as they can so we can help save lives!

**Inflammatory breast cancer**

Remember, you don't have to have a lump to have Inflammatory Breast Cancer (IBC).

IBC accounts for 1-5 percent of all breast cancers and is the most aggressive form of breast cancer. Symptoms come on quickly in one breast, often in a matter of weeks. These symptoms could also indicate an infection or some other problem. ANY change to your breasts should be checked out if it doesn't clear up in a few weeks.

Most IBC patients experience a combination of: redness or discoloration, rapid increase in breast size, skin dimpling like an orange peel, pain or unusual tenderness and swollen lymph nodes. Other symptoms may include: breast warmth, nipple inversion or discharge, breast lump, persistent itching. See IBC photos at [ibcresearch.org/photos-of-ibc](http://ibcresearch.org/photos-of-ibc).

IBC grows in tumor cell clusters that clog lymphatic channels of the breast skin, resulting in the characteristic symptoms of IBC.

A diagnosis is made with imaging and biopsies. Learn more at [ibcresearch.org/diagnosis](http://ibcresearch.org/diagnosis).

IBC is typically treated with chemotherapy, surgery and radiation in that order. Treatment may include anti-estrogens and HER2 directed therapies. Learn more at [ibcresearch.org/treatment](http://ibcresearch.org/treatment).

For More information: [www.ibcresearch.org](http://www.ibcresearch.org), (877) 786-7422, Twitter @IBCRResearch, Facebook Inflammatory Breast Cancer (IBC) Research Foundation. COVID-19

The Health Division is holding more COVID-19 clinics, if you would like to find out how to receive your vaccine, please call your nearest health center: Manistique clinic (906) 341-8469, Escanaba health (906) 341-1836, Munising clinic (906) 387-4721 and Marquette health (906) 225-1616.

**2020 fishing consent decree**

Throughout COVID, we are still meeting on our 2020 fishing consent decree. I am suggesting to any member who has questions on our commercial or subsistence fishing to please get involved.

**How can you get involved?**

Please contact Joanne Carr or Linda Grossett at the administra-

tion office, (906) 635-6050, and ask them to send you the confidential release to sign and send back to them. After you have that release signed you will be able to find out what the tribe is doing moving forward and as a board member, I will be able to discuss the consent decree with you also! Don't you want to know what the tribe is doing with our fishing rights?! How are they preserving our next 7 generations? Please get involved! We know from the 1985 decree to the 2000 decree we lost some of our traditional fishing grounds! The state placed refugees in our traditional waters and moved us out. We lost 14 million feet of gill nets — how do we make up for that?

We lost enough in the 2000 Consent decree! Please get involved or we will end up stuck with a document like we are locked into for life the 2007 Inland Consent decree! Think about all the problems you have with our inland decree! Please get involved!

If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 298-1888. Thank you.

Darcy Morrow

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## Generating revenue in these pandemic times



**LANA CAUSLEY-SMITH,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

In my last report, I explained the exceptional job our health staff have done with delivering the vaccines. We continue to request and schedule vaccination clinics and will remain diligent and a front runner in this endeavor. Every week, the department makes changes as to how we do things to increase productivity and make it easier for our members to become safer during this time. If you have not received your vaccination and would like to, please call the health center to schedule, or get a form from [www.saulttribehealth.com](http://www.saulttribehealth.com). Sault-tribe.com has the latest information posted for any changes.

There are many new ways projects are being completed, implemented and serving members the past few months. We have had to change and learn new ways to host meetings, trainings, cultural workshops, language programs, behavioral health services, routine care, etc., that we are implementing or in the works of implementing. If you have a specific need, please contact your provider or

the department to discuss items or specific information, all are working very hard to continue to accommodate. If you have needs please call me — we are still not 100 percent completely effective on the timely way we get communication out so feel free to reach me and I will help. I'm very excited to see that some venues are starting to open back up but we are not completely up and running on everything. We still are in a state of emergency based upon levels the spread of the virus per county. We have levels and procedures that we follow for each and our health clinic and team monitor those weekly to make changes as needed.

As for the legislative address on the funding; our chair, board and staff are working to educate and directly seek out and provide testimony and data needed for our tribe. They all do a very good job and know that this work is done on a daily basis.

As I have written in almost every update, we have invested in numerous other revenue-generating business in different areas of the tribe. I hope that members have seen the additional areas we have advanced in the past two years that have increased tribal revenue. It has been a very long time to be able to report successful endeavors of which I'm proud. These are not losing businesses or inside deals, they are valuable to us to hire additional team members (we have many open positions for you and yours to apply) as well as securing financially to continue to improve for the future. There are many more being vetted with your fellow tribal members dedicating countless hours

on a volunteering including those with our Sault Tribe Business Alliance and other boards and committees. This will bring additional advancement to us as a tribe and it's very exciting. I receive many calls about things people hear or nonfactual information, so I just wanted to assure you that so many members are involved in these projects. Please go to our website for updates as well as articles inside our paper. Again, all these come with hours of vetting and agreeable and often disagreeable discussions at our table but many members work very hard to get us to a point of success. I explained some of those successes with online/sports betting and cannabis just to name a couple — both have brought additional revenue that exceeded our first budget projections.

Another successful example is Gitchi Sales. When we first introduced this, many thought it was not worthy of us to pursue. Last year we made over \$3 million and I'm very happy to announce that it exceeded expectations and now we will be gaining additional positions in that business. This is successful and it is growth. We become part of the leading business community again and, at the end of the day, working to better our economy and development of jobs and businesses. Nothing ever comes easy to us as a tribe, whether it's the treaty rights responsibility funding already owed to us or our tribe starting up businesses, we have so much red-tape and educational work to get there. I am thankful to be able to report good work on behalf of our team members and staff who work hard.

With all the above informa-

tion, I do want to express the concern I have about our latest passing of our governmental budgets for 2021. With a vote of 6 to 6 at the board level, we passed a deficit spending budget of almost \$6 million dollars, I could not support this. I expressed taking more time to revise as I've said for a decade that we need to base our spending on what is priority and what is servicing the members the most — but we have never set this kind of presentation or review up, there is not enough support to hold the presentations that way. I'm concerned that we are counting on the relief funds more than we should and with the real struggles we are seeing in our casinos — we are down in all of them, major factors are obviously the Canadian bridge closure and the pandemic — with these factors and counting on a certain amount from them as well, I'm afraid we will find it real hard to recover totally in 2021. I will be cautious and that's why the above information about new endeavors is so very important to our financial well-being. We need to continue to pursue new ways to do business and new businesses in general.

Inside our unit, we still have not completely opened for business as usual but our elders meal program is running smooth and, in fact, second in highest numbers for service. The ladies in our community work very hard to make sure you have what you need; no one is turned away in our unit. For those not close to the location at the Hessel center, arrangements can be made for pick-up of frozen meals. This can be discussed with our Elder Service program; they will assess

and try to accommodate (you can also call me) — I am proud of that program. I can tell you, on occasions I am called in to help, it's a service that is amazing to our elders.

As for the other meals and elder meetings in locations Newberry and Naubinway, for large sit-down meals we are still in a state of emergency as a tribe. I await the Elder Service Division's recommendations on when it's safe to begin the meetings and sit-down meals again. None of our elder groups are meeting and the elderly program will make the decision when to have meetings. We all want to begin to gather again but will do so when your safety is certain.

Our youth events are starting but they are small and with many changes.

Lastly, our powwow committee is starting to discuss safe ways we can have gatherings this year in our unit. It will be different but we are speaking of ways we can have our powwows and still keep people safe. I will report on this as things are planned. I know everyone is ready to see one another and I certainly am ready for this. I suggested old school — drums, dancing and a fire. Will keep all posted.

Enjoy the spring, as its going to be early, and all the new beginnings it's going to bring.

Please contact me if you need me or would like to meet: (906) 484-2954, (906) 322-3818, [lcausley@saulttribe.net](mailto:lcausley@saulttribe.net). Stay safe and take good care of each other.

Baamaapii,

Lana Causley-Smith

Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors



# Sings of spring are on the way in Michigan's UP!



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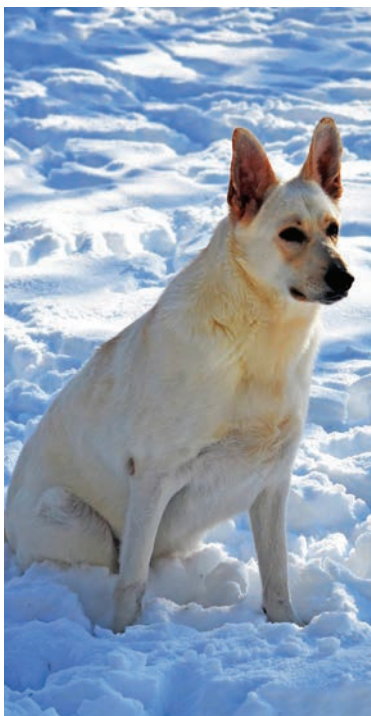
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Young female eagle on the hunt.



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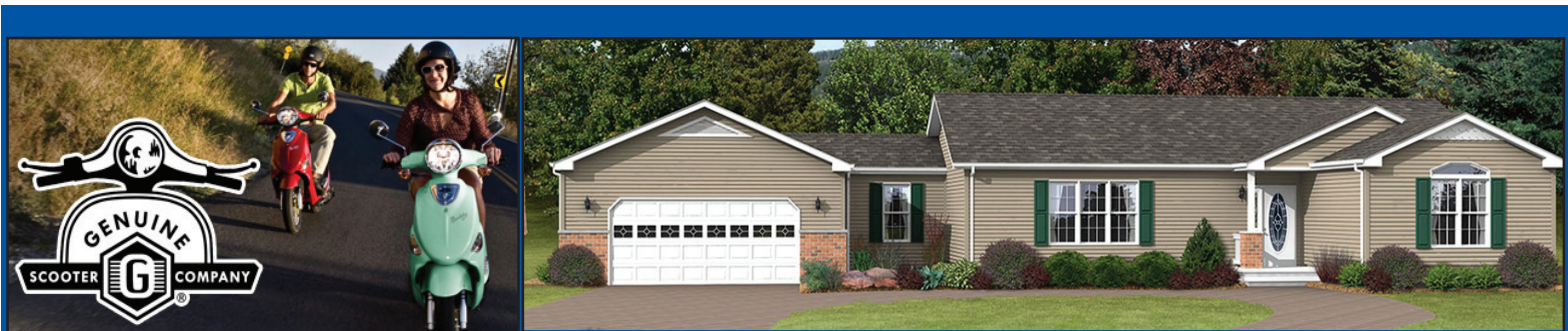
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