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Ancestral remains from Germany repatriated

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

On Monday, July 27, an eight-year journey for the Sault Tribe repatriation of ancestral remains that started in a museum in Saxony, Germany, ended in Bahweting. After nearly a century in a German museum, a Native American ancestor was escorted over the Atlantic and through Michigan by U.S. Embassy Cultural Attache, Public Affairs, David Mees. That morning, a repatriation interment ceremony was held and the ancestor was placed in a safe, protected location. His spirit, and other ancestors waiting to return home from other institutions, were honored with a spirit feast that evening.

The return of the partial remains was possible, in part, because of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), a U.S. federal law enacted in 1990. The Act requires federal agencies and institutions that receive federal funding to return Native American cultural items to include human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony. The intent of NAGPRA is to address long-standing claims by federally recognized tribes for the return of human remains and cultural objects unlawfully obtained from precontact, post-contact, former and current Native American homelands.

According to Mees, the tribe's request to have the remains returned also aligned with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which both the United States and Germany support. Mees said the assumed origin of the remains is based on the account of a collector who purchased the partial remains during a trip to the United States in the first decade of the 20th century.



Photo by Grey Shea

From left to right, Sault Tribe Repatriation Officer Marie Richards, the tribe's first repatriation officer, Cecil Pavlat, U.S. Embassy Cultural Attache David Mees and Richard's predecessor, Colleen Medicine.

Mees said the Embassy was made aware in 2013 of a claim by the Sault Tribe against the Karl May Foundation in Radebeul, State of Saxony, Germany, to repatriate a partial human remain in its collection. Aiding in that effort was the U.S. Department of State, Cultural Heritage Center of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, that facilitates engagements between Native American tribes and foreign institutions to promote the repatriation of ancestral remains and other sensitive items. On April 12, 2021, the United States Government, represented by the United States Department of State, received the partial remains on behalf of the Sault Tribe.

The tribe was first notified of the ancestral remain in 2013 by a concerned U.S. citizen living

in Germany after a visit to the Karl May Museum. Mark Worth notified Cecil Pavlat, Sr., repatriation specialist at the time, of an ancestor on display in the museum, and a year later Pavlat Sr. was in Germany to meet with museum officials.

Sault Tribe Repatriation and Historic Preservation Specialist Marie Richards said Pavlat's trip resulted in a Letter of Understanding and agreement over how to proceed.

During the next few years, Cecil Pavlat Sr. and Colleen Medicine gathered research, evidence, and support from other Anishinaabek nations for reclaiming this ancestor, whose remains were identified as being Chippewa by the original collector who included that information in his description.

By 2019, the United States State Department became involved and opened lines of communications between the tribe and German governments. Earlier this year, Richards said conversations shifted to a timeline for the ancestor to be escorted back to Anishinaabek homelands. She said, "We want to issue a chi miigwech and our gratitude to the individual who escorted the ancestor from Germany to Bahweting, David Mees. This repatriation would not be possible without the work and dedication of the following people. Chi miigwech: U.S. citizen Mark Worth; U.S. Department of State: Executive Director, Cultural Property Advisory Committee, Allison Davis, and Indigenous Affairs Officer, Ashley Fry; U.S. Embassy Berlin: former Chargé d'Affaires, Robin Quinville, former Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs, Christina Higgins, and

Cultural Affairs Officer, David Mees; U.S. Consulate Leipzig: Consul General, Ken Toko, former Consul General, Tim Eydelnant, former Consul, Emily Norris, and Cultural Affairs Spe-

cialist, Geertje Huendorf; Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany: Director General, Cultural, and Communications, Andreas Goergen, Deputy Director General, Culture and Communications, Irmgard Maria Fellner, and Senior Advisor, Culture and Communications, Bernd Reindl; State Government of Saxony, Germany: Minister President, Michael Kretschmer, and State Minister for Culture and Tourism, Barbara Klepsch; Karl May Foundation: Chairman of the Board, Dr. Volkmar Kunze, and other members of the board." Richards said the Sault Tribe Repatriation Office and the Language and Culture Department would like to thank and acknowledge the dedication of both Cecil Pavlat, Sr. and Colleen Medicine for their efforts to keep a promise to all ancestors that they are not forgotten, and that they will be returned home. "Chi miigwech, Wes Andrews and our Anishinaabek repatriation community partners for their support in this process. We would also like to thank countless community members and leadership for their support in all repatriation efforts, past and present."

Reporter Rick Smith walks on

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON, EDITOR



Rick L. Smith, *Win Awenen Nisitotung* 20-year veteran reporter and photographer, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 8. He was our colleague and our friend.

These pages represent his last work.

Rick started at the tribal newspaper in June 2001 when he was 45. He said at the time, "I've been wanting to do this for a long time but I was always obligated elsewhere when the opportunity arose. I believe that, in time, I can make significant contributions that will benefit us all."

And he did. Besides his excellent writing and photography skills, I depended on him as my copy editor, my layout assistant and photographer along with his fellow reporter Brenda Austin, and my breaking news writer. He had a great eye for photography and layout. He specialized in

national and legislative news but he could write on any subject.

Secretary Sherrie Lucas depended on him for proofing her website posts and coming up with headlines for them. Rick and Brenda worked well together, splitting up assignments and laying out their sections of our newspaper.

Rick was great to work with — he had a wicked sense of humor and was always ready to help out. He was here every day like clockwork. He usually forgot all about holidays. Sherrie knew this and would remind him, "Rick, did you know we have Monday off?" He would answer, "No — hot damn!"

We are sure going to miss him.

Rick grew up on Sugar Island and graduated from Sault High in 1973. After graduation, he sailed with U.S. Steel's Great Lakes iron ore ships. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1975 and trained as a radioman, touring in California, Alaska and Louisiana. While stationed in Kodiak, Alaska, he took journalism classes. When the call went out for local public relations ideas, he proposed a weekly local column, which was accepted as long as he wrote it. He also wrote articles for the U.S. Naval Institute's magazine Proceedings.

Rick was an award winning journalist, three time winner of the Good News Awards, are awarded annually to UP news

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From Lake to Table - filleting and preparing

Sponsored by the Sault Tribe and Michigan State University Extension, guest speakers from the tribe's Language and Culture Department and Fisheries and Wildlife Department showed those attending the From Lake to Table demonstration how to fillet fresh-caught fish and prepare it for consumption. The event was held Aug. 24 at the tribe's ceremonial building under tents set up outside. After filleting the fish, participants were able to cook their fillet on a covered grill and season it to their taste. There were also fresh vegetables available to use as toppings and asparagus to plate with the fish.



Sault Tribe Natural Resources Lead Biologist Brad Silet demonstrates two different ways to fillet fish.



Charlee Brissette takes a turn filleting a fish after watching the demonstration.



Larry Jacques, with his 4-year-old son Larry III, watching Silet fillet a fish.

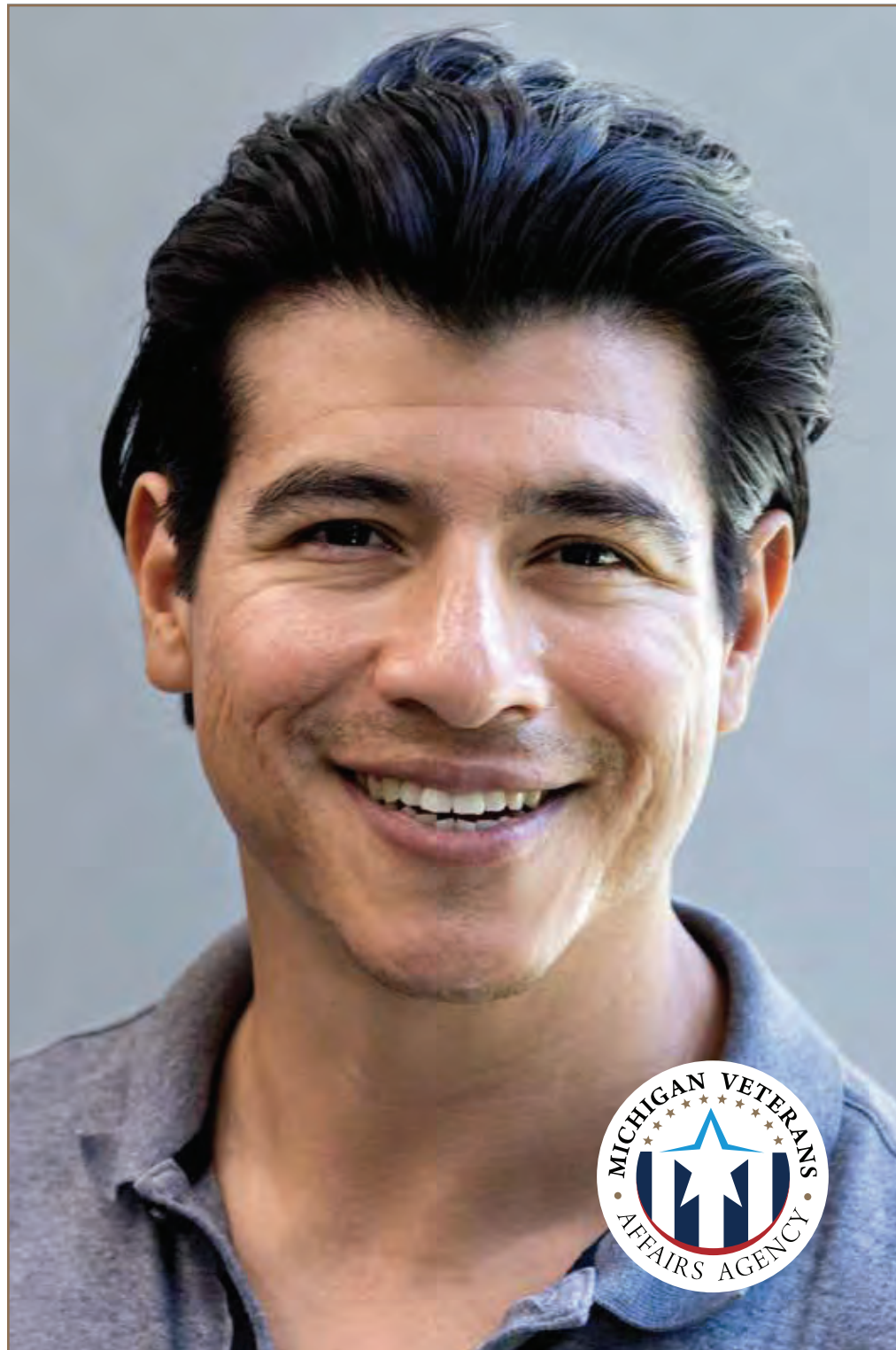


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Seeking information about Missing and Murdered Sault Tribe members

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

The information provided does not be current information. The ARC is seeking information for ALL missing or

From "Rick Smith," Page 1 media organizations.

Smith was the eldest son of the late Cora and Billy Lee Smith. His daughter, Holly Smith, lives in Oregon.

His hobbies included playing the guitar, harmonica and fiddle. He was a prodigious reader and loved cats.

murdered tribal members including the seven-county service area and tribal members across the world.

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

If messaging the ARC Facebook page (www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC), please leave the following information: First/middle/last name, date of

birth, date of death, murdered/when/where, and perpetrator name, if applicable.

If missing: Nickname/alias, date last seen/went missing, physical description, distinctive physical features, and any vehicle information.

Any information would be appreciated.

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

Miigwech

To all the staff at Sault Tribe who worked so hard to produce the COVID relief checks, we thank you.

We appreciate all your time and hard work.

Chi miigwech,

Sault Tribe Members Everywhere

Senior Employment Youth Elder Worker sought

Youth Elder Worker, Manistique YEA Program, Senior Employment, Part-Time/Regular (14 Hours per Week). Assist YEA staff with chaperoning activities, field trips and outings and ensuring that youth are in a safe environment; assist tutor with homework labs; prepare snacks; assist with cleaning and office tasks. Wage is \$9.87 hour. Contact WIOA/Senior Employment Program, Attn: Brenda Cadreau, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (906) 635-4767.

Training opportunities available

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

The program may be able to provide tuition assistance for skills training if it leads to an industry-recognized certification or under OJT, the program may reimburse an employer 50 percent of your wage for a specified training period.

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

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

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Sault schools to start Ojibwe language programs

By RICK SMITH

Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools recently received \$26,000 in grant funding from the Native American Heritage Fund (NAHF) to establish a language program and create signs in English and Ojibwe in its schools.

“The NAHF Board of Directors is proud to announce that 11 different entities received funding from the Native American Heritage Fund,” said NAHF Chairperson Jamie Stuck in an announcement. “This year, 17 different organizations applied for funding through the NAHF. We are honored that

so many organizations want to enact change and improve relationships between Natives and non-Natives in our home state of Michigan.”

Stuck also serves as the chairperson for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Council.

According to Amy Scott Kronemeyer, superintendent and human resources director for Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools, a team comprised of American Indian advisors and the Sault Tribe Language and Culture Department worked with the Michigan Department of Education director of stu-

dent achievement worked with the Michigan Department of Education director of student achievement putting a grant application together, which was submitted last June.

“We will have options for high school students to take full classes and K-8 students learn the terms as part of the developed curriculum,” said Scott Kronemeyer. “We would like more, but there is a shortage of certified language teachers.”

She said the additional language features should begin within the school year. “We want to ensure stakeholders contribute to the planning and implementa-

tion of the signs and curricular components,” she added.

The identification of locations, sign content and the curriculum that goes with the signs will include the school principals, the Indian Education Parent Committee, Sault Tribe Language and Culture Department and American Indian advisors.

Scott Kronemeyer described the project as a multi-year endeavor with all buildings included to some level from the start. Further, both the Bay Mills Indian Community and Sault Tribe are invited to provide needed guidance and leadership.

The NAHF was established in 2016 as part of the tribal-state gaming compact between the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi and the State of Michigan, which allows for a portion of the band’s annual state revenue sharing payment to be deposited into the fund. The fund is a resource to promote positive relationships between public and private K-12 schools, colleges, universities, local units of government and Michigan’s federally recognized American Indian tribes.

In all, the band distributed over \$480,000 in a virtual session on July 16.

StrongHearts Native Helpline releases sexual violence advocacy report

EAGAN, Minn. – While Native Americans and Alaska Natives experience the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence in America, the disparity in services and available resources has not only contributed to the continued perpetuation of violence, it has hindered the healing process needed to recover.

A tool of colonization and subjugation, sexual violence continues to impact Indigenous peoples today. Within four years of operation, StrongHearts Native Helpline identified sexual violence support as an unmet need and took action. In August 2020, StrongHearts advocates completed specialized training and StrongHearts added sexual

violence advocacy to their list of services.

“Sexual violence has plagued Native communities for centuries and a disparity of services and resources renders the victim invisible,” said Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), StrongHearts Native Helpline director. “In order to assist our relatives on their healing journey, we must address violence on every level.”

Sexual violence is an umbrella term that refers to any sexual contact without the consent of all parties.

One year after launching sexual violence advocacy, StrongHearts is releasing the data it has collected about this issue among

our contacts. Out of all Native American victim-survivors who sought help for sexual violence, 90 percent identified as female. The report also charted the following age demographics and areas of need.

Of all Native American and Alaska Native contacts who experienced sexual violence:

— 35 percent were 25 to 36 years of age.

— 32 percent were 37 to 48 years of age.

— 19 percent were 13 to 24 years of age.

— 15 percent were 49 to 60+ years of age.

The top three needs of Native American and Alaska Native sexual violence victim survivors

are listed in order of prevalence:

— 64 percent needed peer support.

— 33 percent needed legal advocacy.

— 28 percent needed shelter.

Based on the data collected, sexual violence survivors who reached out to StrongHearts are mostly females between the ages of 25 to 48 who have been hurt by their intimate partner and are seeking peer support.

“The information gleaned from these numbers will be used to further develop advocate training and to gear it toward meeting the needs of victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence,” Jump said. “Native peoples have been under served with little

to no access to resources. We intend to bridge the gap between victim services and those who need them.”

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally-appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, available by calling or texting (844) 762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon at strongheartshelpline.org. Advocates offer peer support, crisis intervention, safety planning and referrals to Native-centered services. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a proud partner of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center.

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Anne Suggitt Early Childhood Center opens

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe's latest large construction project officially opened in a ceremony as the Anne Suggitt Early Childhood Center on Aug. 10, 2021, adjacent to the Big Bear Arena in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The new building provides 20,250-square-feet of usable space according to U.P. Engineers and Architects, one of nearly 30 area contractors involved in the project.

A pamphlet distributed at the ceremony noted former child care services functioned for years out of two structures near the Sault Kewadin Casino. A need was seen, however, to have an improved centralized building to better facilitate excellence in child care.

Anne Suggitt led a life dedicated to caring for the youngest folks. She started as a babysitter in her early years and later opened a daycare service which provided over 30 years of ser-



Photos by Rick Smith

The Anne Suggitt Early Childhood Center opened on Aug. 10, with representatives from the tribe's board and center staff on hand.

vice to Sault Tribe. She was offered and accepted a position as a Head Start teacher in 1989 and worked her way up to Early Childhood Programs manager, a position she held until her retirement in 2020.

Funding for the construction

project was provided through the tribe and a federal grant.

Key Sault Tribe personnel on the project were Lisa Bumstead of Anishinaabek Community and Family Services, Larry Jacques of Planning and Development, Cody Jodoin of Education,



Anne Suggitt (above), who the building is named for, retired in 2020 as the Early Childhood Programs manager for the Sault Tribe.

Tammy Graham of the Big Bear, Suggitt, Juanita Bye of Anishinaabek Community and Family Services and Shondra

Gearvais of Education. Of course, the tribe's board of directors and executive director also had hands in the project.

August board meeting briefs

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met on Aug. 3 with all present, except for directors Causley and Hollowell, and passed the following resolutions.

Resolution No. 2021-184 – Authorizing Execution for Lume Operations – Approved measures to fulfill tribe's requirements regarding Lume's operations in furtherance of tribal economic development in Christmas, Manistique, Newberry and St. Ignace.

185 – Permitting State Inspection and Law Enforcement State Licensed Facilities - Christmas – Waived tribal rights for appropriate state agencies to monitor and control adherence to laws regarding marijuana handling and transactions.

186 – Permitting State Inspection and Law Enforcement State Licensed Facilities - Manistique – Waived tribal rights for appropriate state agencies to monitor and control adherence to laws regarding marijuana handling and transactions.

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188 – Permitting State Inspection and Law Enforcement State Licensed Facilities - St. Ignace – Waived tribal rights for appropriate state agencies to monitor and control adherence to laws regarding marijuana handling and transactions.

189 – Manistique Medical Nursing FY 2021 Budget Modification – Approved for a change in the personnel sheet and to reallocate expenses with no effect on tribal support.

190 – Sanitation BE-19-K53 Establishment of FY 2022 Budget – Approved for Indian Health Service funds of \$296,707.72 with no effect on tribal support.

191 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Head Start and Early Head Start Establishment of FY 2022 Budget – Approved for Health and Human Services funding of \$132,009.65 with no effect on tribal support.

192 – Approve Application for NITA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Grant – Approved submission of a grant to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

193 – Authorization to Apply to the State of Michigan - Land Bank Authority Property Acquisitions – Approved previously arranged land transactions with the state.

194 – Partial Waiver of Conviction – Approved.

195 – COVID-19 ARPA Funds - Casino Revenue Replacement – Approved for up to \$39,000,000 in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

196 – COVID-19 ARPA Funds - Tribal Government and EDC Revenue Replacement – Approved for up to \$2,000,000 in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

197 – EDC - Salary Increase Allocation – Approved \$500,000

for temporary \$3/hour salary increases to tribe's EDC employees to address COVID-19 wage inflation.

198 – Tribal Government - Salary Increase Allocation – Approved \$1.5 million for temporary \$3/hour salary increases to tribe's governmental employees to address COVID-19 wage inflation.

The board reconvened on Aug. 17 with all present and passed the following resolutions.

199 – Interim Assistant Prosecutor – Appointed an interim assistant prosecutor until a replacement is hired along with a five percent increase in salary effective immediately.

200 – Re-appointment of Appellate Court Judges: Elisabeth Dietz and Rick Corbiere – Approved for four-year terms.

201 – Education - Early Head Start and Head Start Budget Modifications – Approved closures of certain cost centers to establish new cost centers for FY 2022.

202 – Approve 2021 Broadband Connectivity Survey – Approved survey and dissemination of survey as necessary.

203 – Amending Team Member Manual Vacation Policy – Amended policy for governmental, enterprise and casino team members manuals that, for the calendar year 2021, due to emergency COVID-19 related issues, team members shall be allowed to carry over into 2022 an additional 20. Days (120 hours).

Visit the tribe's web site to find resolutions in their entirety.

Attention Sault Tribe households

The Sault Tribe Food Distribution Program would like to announce that we are open to Sault Tribe households and members of other federally recognized tribes in the 15-county service area, and are accepting new applicants.

Our office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and our store is now open by appointment for clients to come

in and shop. We ask that everyone still keep social distancing in mind and to also wear a mask if not fully vaccinated. We would also like everyone to know that we now have a variety of seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as other new items.

There has been some confusion regarding eligibility and the extra pandemic money. Our program does not use the extra

\$300 pandemic unemployment compensation, the recent child tax credit payments, or any past stimulus payments to determine eligibility.

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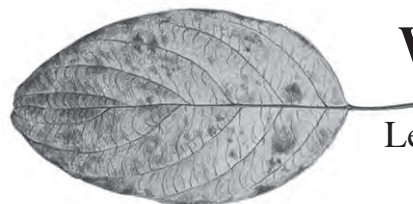
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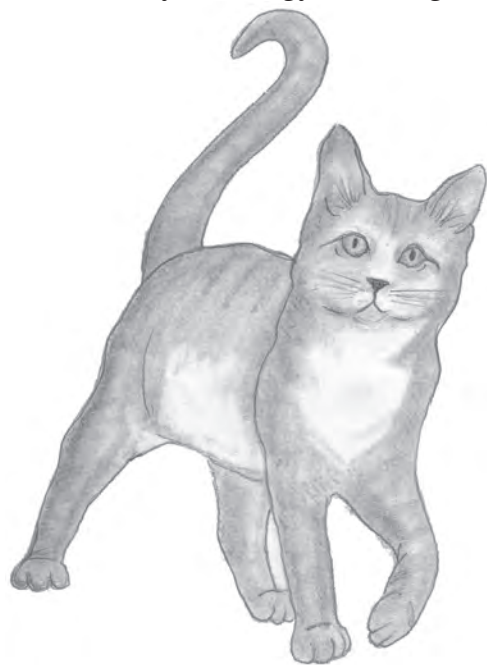
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Leaves Changing Color Moon

by Susan Askwith

Change begins at the end of your comfort zone. And the secret to change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old but building the new.



Aanii kina waya! Niin sa miinwaa, Genii Gaazhikenhs!

aa-*nii* *ki*-na *way*-a niin sa *miin*-waa ge-*nii* gaa-zhi-*e(nh)s*
Hi everyone! It's me again, Me-too Cat!

N'gchi-nendam miinwaa waabminaa!

n-gi-chi-*nen*-dam *miin*-waa *waab*-min-*aa*
I'm glad to see you again!

Dgwaagi! Gnaajiwana nangwa giizhigak?

dag-*waa*-gi ga-*naa*-ji-wan na *nan*-gwa *gii*-zhi-gak?
It's fall! It's a beautiful day today, isn't it?

N'wii oo-baamase mitigwaaking.

n-*wii* oo-*baa*-ma-se mi-*tig*-waa-*king*
I'm going to go for a walk in the woods.

Gdaa baa wiijiwan na?

ga *daa* baa *wii*-jiwan na
Would you like to come with me?

Naangodnang sawii gwa

naan-god-nang sa-*wii* gwa
But sometimes . . .

Nangwa minozhide, mizhakwad miinwaa mina-maagwad noodin.

nan-gwa *mino*-zhi-de mi-*zhak*-wad *miin*-waa mina-*maag*-wad *noo*-din
Today it's nicely warm, the sky is clear and the air smells good.

Aankwadoon, gimiwan miinwaa waasesewok nimkiik.

aan-kwa-doon gi-*mi*-wan *miin*-waa waa-*se*-se-wok *nim*-kiik.
it is cloudy, it is raining and there is lightning with thunder.

Niibina giizhigak tkeyaa miinwaa noodin dgwaagig.

nii-bi-na *gii*-zhi-gak ti-*ke*-yaa *miin*-waa *noo*-din dag-*waa*-gig
Many days it is cool and it is windy in the fall.

Eshkam, giizis wii zaage'we oshime wiika, miinwaa wii nibingishmok oshime wiiba.

esh-kam *gii*-zis wii *zaa*-ge-we *o*-shi-me *wii*-ka *miin*-waa wii ni-*bin*-gish-mok *o*-shi-me *wii*-ba
Gradually the sun will come up later and will go down earlier.

Ni waabaabigaanoo nanda niibiishan.

ni waa-*baa*-bi-gaa-*noon* *nan*-da nii-*biish*-an
These leaves are changing color.

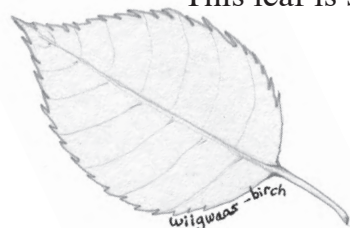
Tisigen niibiishan.

ti-si-gen nii-*biish*-an
Color the leaves.

Strategy: Choose the parts of this conversation that fit your life, and use them often. It's a great way to learn!

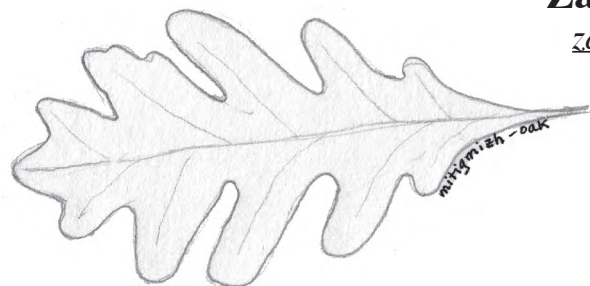
Geyaabi zhaawshkwaa maanda niibiish

ge-*yaa*-bi *zhaaw*-sh-kwaa *maan*-da nii-*biish*
This leaf is still green.



Akii'aande maanda niibiish.

a-*kii*-aan-de *maan*-da nii-*biish*
This leaf is earth colored.(brown)



Zaawaa maanda niibiish.

zaa-waa *maan*-da nii-*biish*
This leaf is yellow.

Zaawmingaande maanda niibiish.

zaaw-min-gaan-de *maan*-da nii-*biish*
This leaf is orange colored.



Miskwaa maanda niibiish.

mis-kwaa *maan*-da nii-*biish*
This leaf is red.

How do trees get on the internet? They log in.
Why was the robot couple's anniversary in the fall? They were autumn mated.

What type of vehicle should you use for a fall hayride? An autumn mobile of course!

What is the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter? Pumpkin Pi

Why do trees hate math questions like that so much? They get stumped on the answers.

What did the ghost teacher say to her class? "Watch the board and I'll go through it again."

Who won the skeleton beauty contest? No body.

Making our Sounds Most letters sound like in English.

Here are the exceptions.

aa sounds like the a in *awesome* **a** sounds like the a in *about*

ii sounds like the e in *be*

i sounds like the i in *dip*

oo sounds like the o in *go*

o sounds like the oo's in *wood*

e sounds like the e in *end*

g sounds **ONLY** like it does in *go*

nh has no sound; it says "pronounce the previous vowel nasally"

Otherwise, 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. Take time to enjoy the words, even the long ones. Roll the sounds around in your mouth. The sounds of our language have been voiced for generations. Keep them going!

Sault Tribe Committee vacancies to be filled

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 - nine vacancies - four males (4-year term), five female (4-year term)

Child Welfare Committee - two vacancies (4-year term), 1 vacancy (expires May 2023)

Election Committee - four vacancies (4-year term)

Higher Education Committee - four vacancies (4-year term)

Health Board - four vacancies (4-year term)

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

Elder Advisory Committee
Unit I - Sault (4-year term),

one regular vacancy and one alternate vacancy

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

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

Unit III - St. Ignace (4-year term), two alternate vacancy

Unit IV - Escanaba (4-year term) one regular vacancy and one alternate vacancy

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

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

Elder Subcommittee
Unit I - Sault (4-year term), one alternate seat vacancy

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

Unit II - Newberry (4-year term), one regular seat vacancies, one alternate vacancy

Unit II - Naubinway (4-year term), two regular seat vacancies
Unit IV - Escanaba (4-year term),

three regular seat vacancies, two alternate vacancies

Unit V - Munising (4-year term),

Traditional Medicine Program October Clinics

Please call for questions or to schedule an appointment.

Gerard Sagassige

Sault Ste. Marie Health Center—Oct. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 19, 25 and 26; Lori Gambardella at (906) 632-0236 or Annie Thibert at (906) 632-0220.

Escanaba Community Center—Oct. 5; Lori Gambardella at (906) 632-0236 or Annie Thibert at (906) 632-0220.

St. Ignace Health Center—Oct. 12; (906) 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135.

Manistique Health Center—Oct. 20; (906) 341-8469 or (866) 401-0043.

Munising Health Center—Oct. 27; (906) 387-4721 or (800) 236-

one regular seat vacancies, one alternate seat vacancy

Unit V - Marquette (4-year term),

Traditional Medicine Program October Clinics

4705.

Joe Syrette

Sault Ste. Marie Health Center—Oct. 1, 8, 15, 20, 22, 27, 28 and 29; Lori Gambardella at (906) 632-0236 or Annie Thibert at (906) 632-0220.

Manistique Health Center—Oct. 6; (906) 341-8469 or (866) 401-0043.

Hessel Community Center—Oct. 7; (906) 484-2727.

Munising Health Center—Oct. 13; (906) 387-4721 or (800) 236-4705.

Newberry Community Center—Oct. 14; (906) 293-8181

St. Ignace Health Center—Oct. 21; (906) 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135.

two regular seat vacancies, one alternate seat vacancy



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WHEN: October 1st, 2021 8:00A.M.

WHERE: Advocacy Resource Center Facebook page.

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED
To register, please call Ashley Gravelle
Advocacy Resource Center Cultural Healing Educator
at 906-632-1808
Between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00P.M. Mon-Fri

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Child safety reminder - statistics on abductions

BY LATISHA WILLETTE, SAULT TRIBE LAW ENFORCEMENT

As the 2021-22 school year begins, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) would like to remind parents about the statistics on attempted abductions (www.missingkids.org/theissues/nonfamily). The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has tracked

and analyzed attempted abductions for the last 10 years, and according to their findings school age children are at the greatest risk for attempted abductions on school days before and after school (7-9 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.) and after dinner (6-7 p.m.). Please remember to discuss with your children the most common lures offender's use: offering a ride,

offering treats and/or money, asking questions, using animals.

NCMEC has found that children escaped offenders in a variety of ways including ignoring or refusing them, using their cell phones to threaten intervention, fighting and screaming or making noise. The data found that screaming or making noise was the only behavior that increased the likelihood of an offender's arrest because it increased the chances of adult intervention. (www.missingkids.org/theissues/nonfamily)

NCMEC and Honeywell have teamed up to create KidSmartz Personal Safety Program (missingkids.org/education/kidsmartz). It's a program to educate families about preventing abductions and shows K-5 aged children how to practice safer behaviors. The program teaches "The 4 rules of Personal Safety" by using fun and engaging videos and activities. The 4 Rules of Personal Safety are: check with parent or adult first, take a friend, it is ok to tell people "No" and tell a trusted

adult.

In addition to the attempted abduction statistics, STLE would like also share information about children being home alone. NCMEC has prepared a pamphlet about staying home alone (www.missingkids.org/ourwork/publications). The information is as follows:

You should assess your child. Make sure he or she is mature enough to handle this responsibility. Ask your child how he or she feels about being alone. Define rules and expectations to help ensure your child maintains a daily routine while home alone. Keep a list of numbers close to the telephone (or place that is easy for your child to find and read) including those for you, other trusted adults, 911 and other emergency services. Create practice situations and be sure your child understands what to do in specific emergencies such as a fire or loss of electricity.

Make sure your child knows his or her full name, address and telephone number along with

your full name and how to reach you. He or she should never open the door for someone unless that person is on a pre-approved list of trusted adults you have provided.

Also make sure your child knows how to contact 911 in case of an emergency. Carry his or her key so it is hidden and secure. Lock the door after entering and make sure the home is secure. Tell callers you're unavailable instead of say he or she is home alone. Check with you immediately upon returning home to let you know he or she has safely arrived.

If anyone would like more information about child safety please visit Nation Center for Missing and Exploited Children's different educational websites located at kidsmartz.org, missingkids.org, and missingkids.org/netsmartz.

For questions about Sault Tribe's sex offender registration and notification requirements, contact Latisha Willette at (906) 635-6065 or at lwillette@saulttribe.net.

Walking on...

DAVID W. CHINGWA

David Wayne Chingwa, 44, of St. Ignace, Mich., died unexpectedly on Aug. 18, 2021, in Petoskey, Mich. He was born on Aug. 8, 1977, in St. Ignace to Cara Denise Chingwa.

David grew up and lived in St. Ignace all of his life.

He attended LaSalle High School and worked in many restaurants as a cook. He was most recently known for his cooking at the St. Ignace Truck Stop Restaurant.

David enjoyed golf along with hunting and fishing with his uncle, Dewey, and best friend, Robert Lee. He was a huge movie buff and always bought the DVD of the most recent films as soon as released. You could also catch him playing many sports related video games.

David is survived by his son, David Wayne Chingwa Jr.; his aunts, Mary and Cora; uncle, Dewey; nieces, Kachine, Tiara and Brihonna; cousin, Charles; and many other beloved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

David was preceded in death by his mother, Cara; and sister, Courtney "Coco" Shreeves.

The family held a private tribal traditional closing for him on Aug. 21, 2021.

Galer Dodson Funeral Home and Cremation in St. Ignace, Mich., served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

JUDITH A. FRECHETTE

Judith Ann "Judy" Frechette, of Sugar Island, Mich., passed away un-

expectedly on Aug. 4, 2021, at War Memorial Hospital. Judy was born on Nov. 8, 1943, to the late Roger and Mary (Shannon) Pudil in Lansing, Mich.

She was a member of St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church. Judy worked in Security at Kewadin Casino for 15 years, meeting many celebrities over the years. Judy's pride and joy were her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed reading, country music, watching her "soaps," jigsaw puzzles, bird watching and feeding the fox.

Judy is survived by her husband, Melvin, whom she married on March 16, 1964; her children, Lori (Russell) Tyner of Neebish Island, Mich., Daniel

(Erika) Frechette of Naples, Fla., Jacquelyn Frechette of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Darren (Diane) Frechette of Traverse City, Mich.; grandchildren, Courtney Tyner, Michaela (Austin) Clow, Autumn Kinnear, Hunter (Emilee) Tyner, Daniel Frechette, Jacob Frechette, Mel Frechette, Tyler Frechette and Emilie Frechette; and great-grandchildren, Colton Clow and one on the way; siblings: Diane Shannon of Lansing, Pat LaBranche of Sault Ste. Marie, Terry (James) Patterson of Grand Blanc, Mich., Billie Jo Pudil of Lansing, Mike Shannon of Lansing, Mark Shannon of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Sylvia Stephenson of Sault Ste. Marie.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Rocky Pudil; and granddaughter, Theresa Ann Frechette.

A funeral Mass took place on Aug. 11, 2021, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie with Fr. Dominic Yamoah as Celebrant. A tribal ceremony was conducted before services.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations which will be directed to the Bayliss Public Library. Condolences may be left online at <http://www.csmulder.com>.

JAMES F. HOWICK

Capt. James Francis Howick, USN (Ret.), passed away gracefully on Aug. 18, 2021, in the presence of his lov-

ing family. He lived an extraordinary life and is now with his beloved wife, Ginny; his grandson, Hunter; and his parents, James and Maxine.

Jim was born on May 17, 1939, in Alpena, Mich. He was the oldest of five siblings. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Jim accomplished much in his lifetime. At 17 years old, he helped build the Mackinac Bridge, known as the "Mighty Mac," in Michigan. In November 1958, at the age of 19, Jim left home to join the U.S. Navy.

On July 15, 1961, Jim married Virginia Leonore Taylor and they began their life together serving the United States Navy and raising a family of five children. In addition to traveling around the world the Howick family found many adventures living in Michigan, California, New York, Utah, Connecticut, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Jacksonville, Fla., where Jim and Virginia retired in 1993.

Jim began his U.S. Navy

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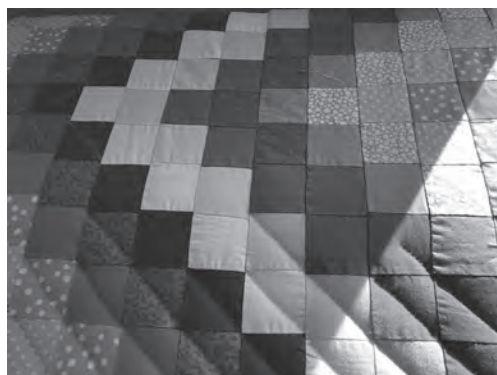
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Walking on, continued...

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 career as an enlisted electronics technician serving in the U.S. submarine fleet aboard the USS Menhaden (SS-377) followed by Nuclear Power Training in Ballston Spa, N.Y., where he subsequently deployed to the USS Triton (SSN-586). After qualifying as a chief petty officer, he participated in the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) at the University of Utah and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in mathematics. From there he attended Officer Candidate School (OCS) and was commissioned as an ensign in the surface warfare community. His tours of duty afloat were numerous including service aboard the USS Constellation (CVA-64); USS Newport (LST-1179) (plank owner); and USS Boulder (LST-1190) (executive officer). He served as commanding officer of the USS Apache (ATF-67); USS Chowanoc (ATF-100); USS Impervious (MSO-449); USS Newport (LST-1179) and USS Charleston (LKA-113). Other afloat and shore duty assignments included admin officer of Naval Station Mayport, Fla.; chief staff officer, Amphibious Squadron Six; executive assistant for commander-in-chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; executive assistant, joint staff tour in Washington, D.C. (J6/C4); senior officer Material Readiness School at Amphibious Warfare Center Little Creek, Va.; and assistant chief of staff, (N3): Operations and Plans with Commander Amphibious Group Two, USS Guadalcanal (LPH-7).

In 1972, Jim attended the Navy's Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif. where he earned his Master's Degree in computer science which he used to give birth to the Joint Operational Tactical System (JOTS) during the Cold War and the U.S. military's TRICARE Program designed to coordinate the health care needs of military dependents across the nation. TRICARE was his final military assignment where he served as the program director and launched the healthcare informatics program online in early 1993. For this accomplishment, Jim received the Defense Superior Service Medal (DSSM) from the Secretary of Defense.

Other service ribbons and medals include the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal (2 Gold Stars); Navy and Marine Corp Commendations (Gold Star); Navy and Marine Achievement Medal; Combat Action Ribbon (Gold Star); Joint Meritorious Unit Award (Bronze Oak Leaf); Navy Unit Commendations (Bronze Star); Navy Merit Unit Commendation (Bronze Star); Navy E Ribbon; Navy Good Conduct Medal (Bronze Star); Navy Expeditionary Medal; National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Star); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Two Bronze Stars); Vietnam Service Medal (5 Bronze Stars); Humanitarian Service Medal (Bronze Star); Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

Jim is survived by his five children, James Franklin Howick (Felissa); Bradford Louis Howick (Priscilla); Brenda Jean Hudnall (Tim); Holly Carol Molter and Cynthia Maxine Howick; grandchildren (who affectionately referred to him as Gramps, Bradford Howick, II; Rebekah Hudnall; James Howick, V, MD (Shelby); Stephanie Howick; Timothy Hudnall, II; Matthew Howick; Alexis Howick; Kristopher Molter (Susan); Catherine Hudnall; Kyle Howick; Kyle Molter; Kory Molter; Jordan Howick; Annelise Howick; Kameron Molter; Kali Molter; Dylan Howick and Peyton Howick; two great-grandsons, Cooper Howick and James Howick, VI; and one great-granddaughter, Mia Howick; siblings, Mary Vandenbosch, Tom Howick, Cathy Sherman Bittrick (Barry), Pat Howick (Lyn) and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 54 years, Virginia (2016), and his grandson Hunter Howick (2016).

Viewing took place on Aug. 27, 2021, at Hardage-Giddens Greenlawn Funeral Home in Jacksonville, Fla. Mass of Christian Burial was conducted on Aug. 28, 2021, in Jacksonville with Father Remek, officiating. Interment took place at Greenlawn Cemetery in Jacksonville and a reception and celebratpm dinner followed at Maggiano's Town Center.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to either the fight to end Alzheimer's at ALZ.org or to the Angelman's Syndrome Foundation at Angelmans.org.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.GreenlawnJacksonville.com for the Howick family.

FRANK KELLER

World War II veteran Frank "Bud," "Tom" Keller, 94 of Gould City, passed on Aug. 7, 2021, at Jacobetti Home for Veterans, attended by family, friends, and caring staff members.



An elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Eagle Clan, Ogema Onakwet (Chief Cloud) was born on Aug. 23, 1926, to William (Bill) and Bethel (Ward) Keller, then of Milliken, Mich. The family moved to Gould City when his father, a lighthouse keeper, was assigned to Lansing Shoals Lighthouse. Frank attended school in Gould City until the 10th grade, when he went to work for the Mackinac County Road Commission.

In 1944, Frank enlisted in the Navy, training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center and ATB Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va., before assignment to LST974. He served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater, island hopping to Japan. One memorable event was hearing "Keller, report to the bridge," where he took the helm to guide the vessel to safety during the typhoon off Okinawa because he

never got seasick.

After Japan surrendered, LST974 remained in the South China Sea, transporting Japanese prisoners from China to Japan. Nicknamed the Padre by his fellow sailors he received his discharge "ruptured duck" in June 1946 and returned to Gould City. Mr. Keller has a brick in his honor at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans and was aboard the Inaugural Upper Peninsula Honor Flight on Sept. 22, 2011, to Washington, D.C.

He married Phyllis (Peggy) Irwin on June 21, 1947, and raised three children in Gould City. Many hours were spent camping at Scott's Point and the Steak Fry in Simmons Woods, fishing, hunting, cutting wood and playing pool while enjoying beverages with friends. He was an avid Detroit Tigers fan, enjoyed raising tomatoes and visits to the casino. In his younger days, he played baseball with the local teams, tossed horseshoes and participated in the annual "Battle of the Bars" golf tournament.

Mr. Keller worked in road construction and drove truck hauling logs, gravel and picking up fish from the local fishermen, where he earned the title, "Godfather of Fish" from the young "fellas" in the fish sheds. After retirement, not able to stay away from driving, he drove for the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Elder Services and he also transported the Gould City Golden Girls to social events.

A lifelong member of Engadine VFW Post 8372, and American Legion Post 290's last WWII veteran, he was the flag bearer in the Honor Guard, marched in parades, and cut fish for the Friday fish fry. In addition, Mr.

Keller was a member of the Gould City Community Church, Manistique Eagles, Newton Township Historical Society the Naubinway Elders group and formerly served on the Gould City School Board.

He is survived by his older sister, Kathleen Vogl of St. Johns; his two daughters and their families, Vickie and Dan Griggs of Livingston, Texas, and Tammy and Bill Johnson of Middleville, Mich.; daughter-in-law, Carole Keller of Gould City; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy; his son, Jeffrey; and special friend, Shirley Fisher Gunders.

Graveside services with military honors along with traditional Native American rites took place on Aug. 21, 2021, at Newton Township Cemetery. A Celebration of Life followed at the Scott's Point pavilion with meats, drinks and music. Bring a dish to pass, if desired. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Frank's name to Gould City Community Church or the Newton Township Historical Society Veterans Memorial fund.

Fausett Family Funeral Homes of Manistique assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences can be posted on their website at <https://www.fausettfh.com/obits>.

OWEN PEDLEY KELLY

Owen Pedley Kelly of Berryville, Ark., was born on Oct. 28, 1934, to John and Lavina (Van Dusan) Kelly in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Owen passed away on Aug. 20, 2021, in Fayetteville,

Ark., at the age of 86.

On Feb. 22, 1958, Owen was united in marriage Elinor Marie (Backous) Kelly who survives him of the home. He is also survived by his brother, Edward Kelly; two nephews, Frank Lee and John Kelly III; along with several other relatives and friends.

Owen is preceded in death by his parents, John and Lavina Kelly; brothers Tony, Leslie, John, Alphonse; sister, Lavina Lee.

A memorial service took place on Aug. 28, 2021, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville with Fred Woehl officiating. Memorial donations may be made to American Legion Post 44, 411 South Pine Street, Harrison, AR 72601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

LINDA J. KELLEY

Linda Joy Kelly, 74, lifelong resident of Port Huron and elder member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, died on July 19, 2021. She was born July 6, 1947 in Port Huron to the late Fred Sr. and Estelle Kelly.



Linda was a graduate of
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TRIBAL MEMBER REGISTRATION IN THE TAX AGREEMENT AREA

TRIBAL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

(Including the Issuance of Certificates of Exemptions)

INITIAL REGISTRATION AND OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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

Couple celebrate their 50th anniversary



Tribal member Weston Schrader and his spouse, Marian Schrader, celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Aug. 21, 2021. Weston was originally of Sault Ste. Marie and moved to Waukegan, Ill., at the age of 12. They share two adult children, Jamie (Jeanne) Schrader of Antioch, Ill., and Lucinda Schrader and her husband Ryan of Grayslake, Ill. Their five beautiful grandchildren includes a set of triplets. A surprise luncheon was given by their children. Many family and friends attended.

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Port Huron High School in 1965. She was employed at Huron Manufacturing in the early seventies until rheumatoid arthritis made it impossible to work, thus beginning her fight with this disease for fifty years.

Linda was the youngest of her family and became the preferred babysitter for her 14 nieces and nephews and the favored aunt, earning her the name "Mean Aunt Linda," but was said jokingly over the years and she loved it. Linda has 31 great, 28 great-great and two great-great-great nieces and nephews and will be missed by all. She was an honorary "aunt" for many non-relative friends as well.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Fred Kelly Jr.; four sisters-in-law; and one brother-in-law.

She is survived by her sister, Sally Smith; brothers, Harry (Rose) Kelly, Neil (Charlotte) Kelly and Richard Kelly; and her special friend and cousin, Jackie McCoy-Morgan of N. Las Vegas.

Arrangements were provided by Pollack-Randall Funeral Home. A private celebration of life took place on Aug. 7, 2021.

THOMAS W. STAFFORD

Thomas W. Stafford, 93, of Muskegon passed away on July 21, 2021. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Nov. 8, 1927, to Thomas and Mae (McGowan) Stafford.

Tom grew up on Sugar Island and on Shunk Rd. He played where the casino now stands. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. In July 1946, Tom was a participant in the first post-Hiroshima blasts "Operation Cross-roads" off Bikini Atoll in the South Pacific. Tom served a total of 20 years including his years in the Naval Reserve for his country.

Tom was self-employed as an air conditioning and refrigeration contractor and worked as a pipefitter with Local 174 West Michigan Plumbers and



Fitters. Tom was past commander of the VFW Don Rae Post 8846 and Disabled American Veterans of Muskegon Chapter 11. He served on the honor guard for Muskegon County and Don Rae Post. Tom was a past member of the Muskegon Rotary Club, Muskegon Elks Club, Muskegon Masonic Temple and past president of "The Old Newsies." He loved hunting, fishing and tending to his flowers. Tom was proud to be an elder member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. At family gatherings, Tom enjoyed going on walks. He taught the children where to find more mushrooms, how to make a good walking stick, and to be quiet so we could see animals.

He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Ethel; beloved children, Tom and Mai Stafford, Debra (Lynn) Mosier and Diana (David) Timmer; grandchildren, Linda Stafford, Katie Reeves, Meredith (Henry) Muehlhausen and Tammy (Freddy) Buitron; Lydia Rodriguez, Dylan Timmer and Davis (Annie) Timmer; six grandchildren; brothers, Samuel and Raymond; sisters, Evelyn Blondeau, Maebelle (Arlen) Brooks and Carolyn Thiele; and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Mae Stafford of Hart, Mich.;

two brothers, Charles and Clarence Stafford; and two sisters, Pauline Moll and Linda Shepherd.

NICK J. OSHELSKI

Nick J. Oshelski, a resident of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away peacefully on Aug. 25, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family. Nick was born on Aug. 22, 1947, in Youngstown, Ohio. He moved to Sault Ste. Marie in 1971 and eventually moved his parents here making Sault Ste. Marie his home town.

Nick was a kind and loving husband for over 45 years to his wife, Patti. He was also an amazing father to his daughter, Lynn (David) Ross, and his son, Chris (Sabrina) Oshelski. Nick's greatest joy was his four grandchildren, Tyler (Danielle) Wollan, Ryan (Taylor) Wollan, Carter and Ahnaka Oshelski. Nick was a family man who spent much time with his mother-in-law, Phyllis Jones, sisters-in-law, Terri (Steve) Peller, Jan Walton (Curtis Crawford), Tami (Jeff) Baldwin and Connie Wallis. Nieces and nephew include Todd Peller, Dale LaBombard (Stephanie), Jill Peller, Michael Baldwin (Emily) and James Walton. Great-nephews and nieces include Brandon, Kolbe, Logan, Canyon and Elise.

Nick was preceded in death by his parents, Nick and Barbara Oshelski and father-in-law Robert Jones.

Nick was truly an extraordinary man. He was so caring, hardworking and loved to serve others. Nick touched the lives of countless children and adults who had the privilege of knowing him and the honor of having his guidance, teaching and leadership in their lives. Nick was in education for over 45 years as a teacher, principal and superintendent. He worked for Sault Area Public Schools, JKL Bahweting, EUPISD and Lake Superior State University. He was affectionately known as "Mr. O" to staff and students. You could always find Nick welcoming kids and par-

Tribal members: need assistance?

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

Unit I — Sheila Berger,

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

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

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

Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

St. Ignace — Sept. 14 (Pfizer).
Manistique Tribal Health Center — Sept. 16, 9 -12 p.m., 1-3 p.m.

Marquette Tribal Community Health Center — Sept. 22, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Munising Tribal Health Center — Sept. 22, 1:30-4 p.m.

Sault (Big Bear) — Sept. 23, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

Escanaba Tribal Community Health Center — Sept. 29, 1:30-4

St. Ignace — Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2 (Tentatively booster — Pfizer)

St. Ignace — Oct 14, 15, 16 (Tentatively booster — Moderna)
COVID-19 Vaccinations and Flu Vaccinations
(All doses of COVID-19 vaccine will be Pfizer.)

St. Ignace — Sept. 16

Kinross — Sept. 20

Sault — Sept. 27

St. Ignace — Sept. 29

Hessel — Sept. 30

DeTour — Sept. 30

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ents every morning with a smile, joke or hug. Nick spent countless hours volunteering at Tender Care Nursing Home and Big Brothers Big Sisters. He also spent time visiting friends at War Memorial Long-Term Care. Nick supported the community in many ways, he especially loved attending Sault High athletic events and youth events.

We were all so blessed to have Nick touch our hearts. He was so easy to love and adore. His presence will be truly missed because he was always the one to light up the room. Nick was a man of many accomplishments, but becoming a grandpa was what made him the most proud and happy for these past 30 years.

A private memorial service has taken place. Memorials may be given in Nick's name to Sault High athletics or EUP Hospice. Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

ROSE MARIE (BONNEAU) MILBURN

Rose Marie (Bonneau) Milburn, age 72, of Manistique, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 8, 2021, at her home. She was born on March 19, 1949, in Marquette, Mich., the daughter of Rufus Julius and Angeline Marian (Sagatoe) Bonneau. She attended Munising Public Schools.

Rose, who was a proud member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, came to Manistique in 1990. Her work experience included painting houses for the Sault Tribe and working at the casino bussing tables in the restaurant. She was a member of the Manistique Eagles Club, enjoyed attending the elder dinners at the Sault Tribe, and attending the Sault Tribe YEA activities for kids.

Rose loved people and welcoming neighbors over for coffee,

cookies, and other treats daily.

She liked sitting outside to enjoy nature and the changing weather. Rose loved to sew household decorations and kept a cozy, well decorated and welcoming home. She liked to grow flowers and vegetables, loved grocery shopping, was a great cook and happily provided meals for everyone. She was known and loved as "grandma" at the reservation.

A friend to all, she especially loved her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.

Rose is survived in death by her son Ronald Bonneau of Munising, Mich.; daughters Patricia (Scott) Steinhoff of Munising, Mich., Laura Segerstrom of Munising, Mich., Karen Lindblad of Manistique, Mich., and Sue (Michael) Snyder of Manistique, Mich.; brothers Leroy (Emily Peters) Bonneau of Wetmore, Mich., Michael Bonneau of Wetmore, Mich.; sisters Helen Bonneau of Manistique, Mich., and Lorraine (Dave Rukkila) Bonneau of Manistique, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; Jessica, Larry, Zach, Cassie, Michelle, Michael, Patricia, Cody, Christopher, Erica, Stephanie, Maddy, Sydney, Les, Talon, Michael; 18 great-grandchildren, and former husband and friend David Lindblad.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers Robert Williams, Julius Bonneau, Joseph Bonneau; sisters Lena Mannisto, Elizabeth Young, and significant other Glenn Love.

Visitation and traditional Anishinaabe funeral services were held on Sept. 17, at Fausett Family Funeral Homes in Manistique, Mich.

Memorial contributions in Rose's name can be sent to the YEA Program at the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, 1160N Zbigag, Manistique, MI 49854.

Fausett Family Funeral Homes in Manistique, Mich., assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be posted on their website at www.fausettffh.com.



Outdoor concerts held at Kewadin Casino St. Ignace

Kewadin Casinos St. Ignace held an outdoor concert on the waterfront Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. Hot off the June 25 release of their album "Rarities," the Goo Goo Dolls, and special guest Cheap Trick, rocked the outdoor stage.



The Goo Goo Dolls took the stage Aug. 19 for an outdoor concert at Kewadin Casino St. Ignace.



Cheap Trick takes the stage to the delight of the crowd.



Cheap Trick was a special guest to the Goo Goo Dolls at Kewadin St. Ignace at an outdoor concert Aug. 19.

This cute guy is 1!



Tribal member Mason Fox celebrated his 1st birthday Aug. 28, 2021. Mason is the son of Areka Foutch and Dylan Fox.

Sault Tribe Health Division Employee of the Month



Congratulations to July's Employee of the Month, Ashley Vogel, standing left of Health Director Leo Chugunov.

Chippewa and Mackinac County elders - Are you a low-income adult over the age of 60? You can receive fresh fruits and vegetables through participating local farmers' markets through the Senior Project Fresh program. Contact us at 635-6368 or msue.chippewa@county.msu.edu.

Sault Tribe Community Health 2021 Flu Clinics

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



FREE flu shots for:

- Sault Tribe members
- Members of a federally recognized tribe
- Health Division Employees

FLU SHOTS ARE A \$10 CO-PAY FOR NON-NATIVE SPOUSES

ESCANABA AREA
DRIVE THRU - 18 years and Older
Escanaba YEA Building • 1226 Wigob
Friday, Oct. 1.....10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 810 a.m. - 3 p.m.

HESSEL, DETOUR, DRUMMOND AREA
DRIVE -THRU FLU CLINIC & HEALTH INFO
(18 years old and older)
DeTour Village Memorial Hall
Thursday, Sept. 30.....9 - 11 a.m.
Hessel Tribal Health Center
Thursday, Sept. 30.....1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

MANISTIQUE AREA
DRIVE THRU - 18 years and Older
Manistique Tribal Health Center
Monday, Oct. 4.....9-12 a.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 11.....9-12 a.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.

MARQUETTE AREA
DRIVE THRU - 18 years and Older
Marquette Tribal Health Center
Behind the building -1229 W Washington St.
Saturday, Oct. 210 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 14.....1 - 4 p.m.

MUNISING AREA
DRIVE THRU - 18 years and Older
Munising Tribal Health Center
North parking lot off of M-28
Saturday, Oct. 910 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 13 ...1 - 4 p.m.

NEWBERRY AREA
DRIVE THRU - 18 years and Older
Newberry Tribal Health Center
Saturday, Oct. 16.....10 - 2 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 18.....1 - 4 p.m.

SAULT / KINROSS AREA
DRIVE -THRU FLU CLINIC & HEALTH INFO
(18 years old and older)
Kinross Rec Center
Monday, Sept. 201 - 3 p.m.
Big Bear Arena Parking Lot
Monday, Sept. 2711 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ST. IGNACE AREA
DRIVE -THRU FLU CLINIC & HEALTH INFO
(18 years old and older)
Little Bear Arena
Wednesday, Sept. 29...11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



ADULTS: If you are not able to attend our drive-thru flu clinics, please call your clinic below to schedule an appointment:

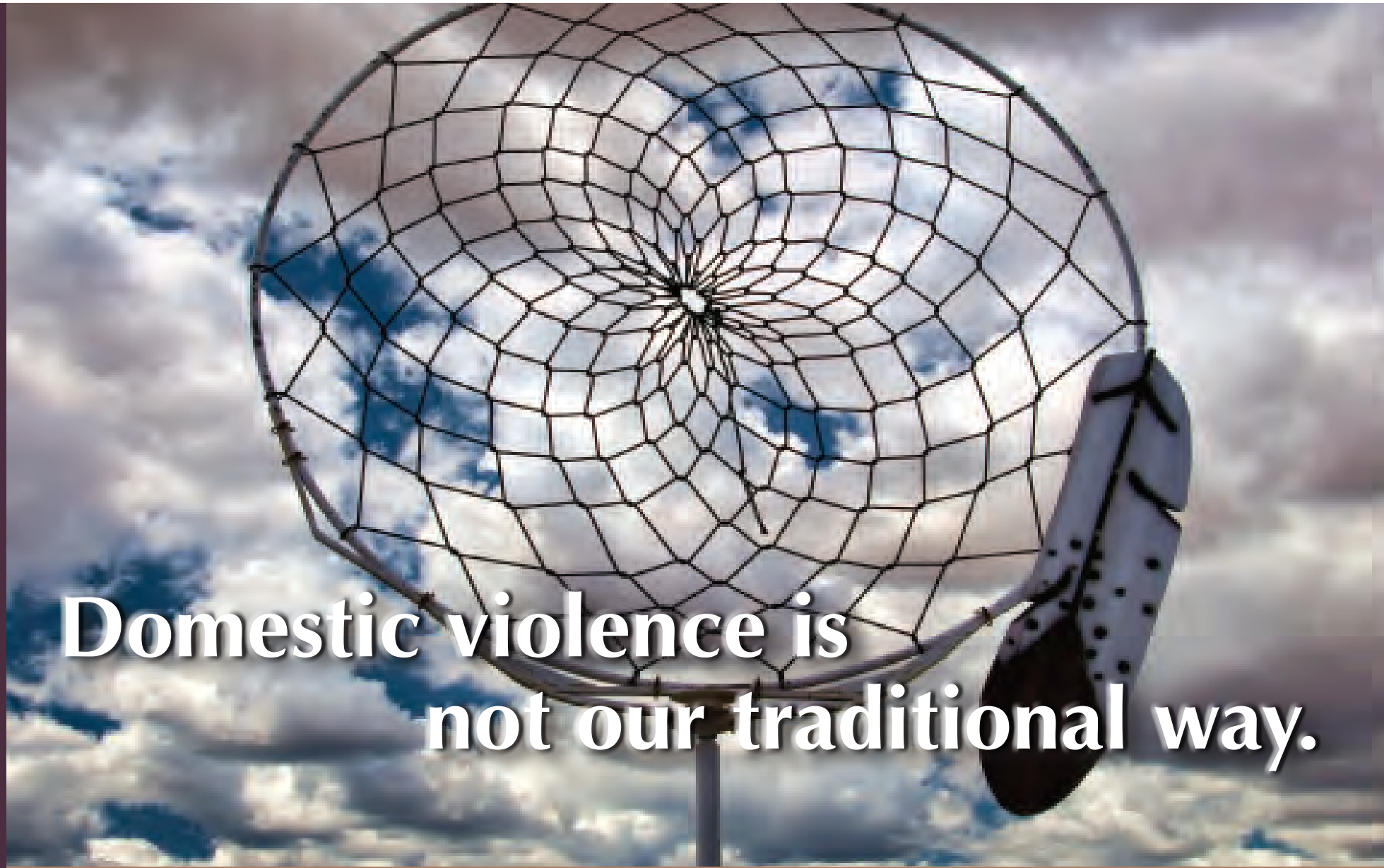
CHILDREN needing a flu vaccine: please call your clinic to schedule an appointment on an alternate day.

Escanaba Health Center341-1836
Hessel Tribal Health Center.....484-2727
Manistique Tribal Health Center ...341-8469
Marquette Tribal Health Center ...225-1616

Munising Tribal Health Center387-4721
Newberry Tribal Health Center293-8181
Sault/Kinross Community Health..632-5210
St. Ignace Tribal Health Center ...643-8689, ext. 34531

CLIP & SAVE





Domestic violence is not our traditional way.

Does your partner:

- Frequently insult or criticize you?
- Act extremely jealous or possessive?
- Isolate you from relatives or friends?
- Physically harm you or force you to have sex?
- Keep you from your Native culture or spirituality?

If you answered **yes** to any of these questions, you may be in an *unhealthy* or *abusive relationship*.



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16 Signs of Emotional Abuse in a Relationship

No one expects to find themselves in an abusive relationship. Most relationships begin in a good way with kind words and compliments, but they can turn harmful and emotionally abusive at any time. Emotional abuse is a type of domestic violence that often flies under the radar, but it should always be taken seriously as a form of abuse. When emotional abuse is present in a relationship, a partner will criticize, threaten or isolate their partner as a way to manipulate and control them. Emotional abuse can be degrading, humiliating and terrifying, often leaving long-lasting scars on one's spirit and self-esteem.

So, how do you know if you're in an abusive relationship? What can you do when a loved one is being emotionally abused? Let's start with recognizing the tactics of emotional abuse.

Signs of Emotional Abuse

In an intimate relationship, emotional abuse can look like when a partner:

- CONSTANTLY CALLS YOU HURTFUL OR DEGRADING NAMES, INSULTS YOU OR CRITICIZES YOU
- ACTS EXTREMELY JEALOUS OR POSSESSIVE OF YOU
- HUMILIATES YOU IN ANY WAY, OR SHAMES YOU
- ISOLATES YOU FROM YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS OR COMMUNITY
- BLOCKS YOU FROM MAKING NEW FRIENDS OR JOINING SOCIAL GROUPS
- IGNORES YOUR PRESENCE FOR SEVERAL HOURS, DAYS OR WEEKS
- REFUSES TO LISTEN, SPEAK OR RESPOND TO YOU (E.G. SILENT TREATMENT)
- EXPLODES IN ANGER TOWARD YOU OR IS CONSTANTLY ANGRY AT EVERYTHING YOU DO
- PRESSURES YOU TO COMMIT AND BECOMES ANGRY OR SULKS WHEN YOU DON'T COMMIT
- THREATENS TO HURT YOU OR THEMSELVES, OR USES WEAPONS TO SCARE YOU
- THREATENS TO HURT YOUR CHILDREN, FAMILY MEMBERS OR PETS
- THREATENS TO TAKE YOUR CHILDREN AWAY FROM YOU OR CALL CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) ON YOU
- REPEATEDLY LIES ABOUT WHERE THEY ARE, WHAT THEY'RE DOING OR WHO THEY'RE WITH
- CALLS YOU "CRAZY," "TOO SENSITIVE," OR DENIES ABUSE IS HAPPENING WHEN CONFRONTED (E.G. GASLIGHTING)
- CHEATS ON YOU OR FLIRTS WITH OTHER PEOPLE TO INTENTIONALLY HURT YOU
- ACCUSES YOU OF CHEATING IN THE RELATIONSHIP

When emotional abuse is present in a relationship, you may feel off-balance, like you're walking on eggshells, or question your judgment more than usual. This is because an abusive partner uses harmful behaviors like the tactics above to manipulate and control their partner so they feel powerless. That's why it is so important to trust your instincts when your partner does or says something that doesn't feel right to you.

Emotional abuse is extremely dangerous and detrimental to a person's wellbeing and often has lifelong psychological effects. An abusive partner's behavior is likely to escalate as time goes on, and they will often use emotional abuse in combination with other abuse types and tactics to obtain and maintain power in the relationship. People in abusive relationships tend to blame themselves for the abuse or believe they must have done something to deserve criticism or attacks. No one ever deserves to be abused. And no matter the abusive partner's reasoning for the abuse, domestic violence goes against our traditional ways as Native people. It is never acceptable to hurt a partner or spouse in any way.

Getting Help

Recognizing the signs of emotional abuse is the first step to getting help. If you or someone you know is being hurt in a relationship, know that you are not alone. There are people who want to support you, including advocates at StrongHearts Native Helpline.

By contacting StrongHearts, you can connect anonymously with an advocate who can offer a listening ear and support with whatever is happening in your relationship. You can share as much as you feel comfortable, and our advocates will listen without judgment or blame.

Advocates also offer crisis intervention, assistance with finding ways to stay safe, and a connection to Native-centered resources, if needed. We can also assist concerned friends or family members with ways to help a loved one who is being abused, as well as people who are worried they might be abusing their partner.

It can also be incredibly helpful to lean on relatives and your cultural roots for support. Never forget that you have the strength and courage of your ancestors, too, who dreamed of a world where every one of their relatives would live in safety, happiness, and harmony. You deserve to feel safe in your relationship, no matter what.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is available 24/7 by calling or texting 1-844-7NATIVE or by visiting strongheartshelpline.org and clicking on the chat icon.

MSUE explores Anishinaabe realm aboard S/V Inland Seas

By RICK SMITH

Michigan college and university students were invited aboard the Michigan State University Extension's S/V Inland Seas for three, four-hour tours from July 25 to Aug. 7 to examine the region's heritage as applicable to the Anishinaabe.

The tours launched out of Houghton on July 25, Marquette on Aug. 1 and Sault Ste. Marie on Aug. 7. The tours included

historical notes and information on fishery work, wild rice endeavors and other subjects.

Preference was given to participants with tribal affiliation and a limited number of stipends were also available to help cover expenses.

The excursions were made possible through the Inland Seas Education Association, Michigan State University Extension, Sea Grant Michigan

and the Michigan Technological University Great Lakes Research Center.

According to Eliot Nelson, Michigan Sea Grant educator, the program was initiated by MSU Extension and Michigan Sea Grant. "We received some internal funds to help support virtual programming and to help support diverse programming across Michigan," he said of the Sault excursion. "As part of

this program we at Michigan Sea Grant knew we had the opportunity to charter the Inland Seas vessel for some half-day programs. I then contacted individuals I knew in the Sault Tribe natural resources programs and asked if they would want to help develop an educational program for participants that we could also record for virtual learning. They were great and came up with lots of great ideas on teach-

ings they would be willing to share. Together we crafted the educational program, and I coordinated with Inland Seas for the details of the day."

Eliot said the two programs based in Marquette and Houghton were collaborations between the Michigan Sea Grant folks in those towns who worked to craft their own programs with local tribal partners aboard the S/V Inland Seas.



The S/V Inland Seas at dockside adjacent to the M/V Valley Camp in Sault Ste. Marie.



Students on the deck of the underway S/V Inland Seas.



Rachel Ratliff, Inland Seas Education Association zooplankton educator, helps youngsters clean a trap net.



A ship's mate stands by to help with raising sails.



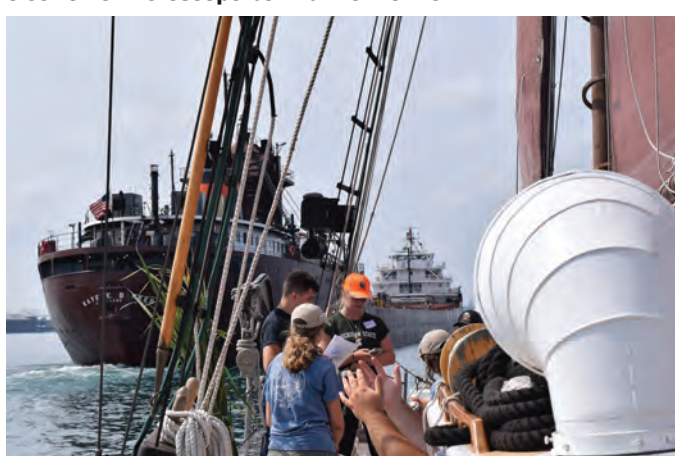
Jason Smith of the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department points out matters of interest from a slide as seen through an electronic microscope behind the monitor.



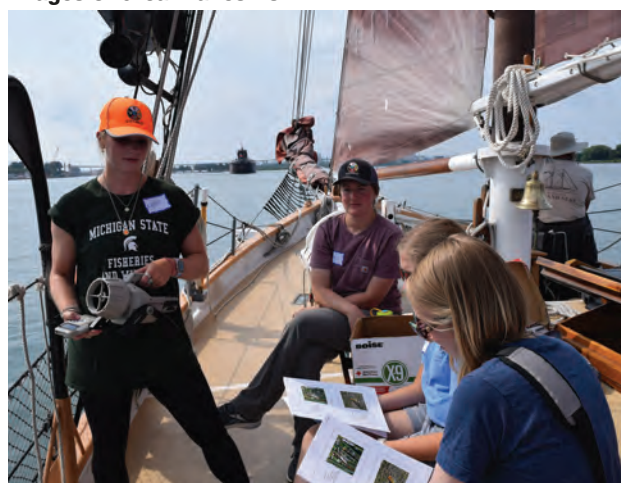
Amanda Stoneham of the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department helps students with identifying life-sized images of Great Lakes fish.



S/V Inland Seas captain, Dan Hale, and mate, Rebecca Hancock.



Iron ore M/V Kaye E. Barker overtakes the Inland Seas as it nears the Soo Locks.



Studying bird identification and listening to calls.

Photos by Rick Smith



A student looks over a stuffed version of a local bird as Dani Fegan of the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department looks on.

Orange Shirt Day is September 30. Please show your support and wear orange for the 150,000 children who endured the residential school system and the trauma that continues to present today.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY CONTEST

Hosted by: **ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER**

CONTEST RULES:

- 1.) Contact the ARC with your shirt order; T-SHIRT SIZES and # of ORANGE SHIRTS needed-ARC will deliver shirts to offices and local residents *
Contact Community Educator Jess Gilotte-King jgillotte@saulttribe.net or 906.632.1808
- 2.) Create an educational display about Residential Boarding Schools to help educate others in the community. You can display your work all month or on 9/30 for Orange Shirt Day. Submit a photo on 9/30 on ARC's Facebook page with your group wearing your orange shirt around your display. Get creative and educate others about those who survived the schools and those who did not return home.

*Can deliver to Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac County

GROUP WINNER WILL RECEIVE A PIZZA PARTY VALUED AT \$ 100
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Orange Shirts Provided by ARC and Cultural and Language Department **SIZES SMALL-4X AVAILABLE**



Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Conservation

SUBMITTED BY: ROBERT MARCHAND, CHIEF OF POLICE

Inland Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering: Early firearm deer season began Sept. 7, and will run through Oct. 31, 2021. During early firearm season, license holders are authorized to fill only two of the five tags issued, and one may be antlered. Quiet time is Nov. 1-14, during which time you cannot hunt with a firearm but you can use a bow and arrow or cross-bow. Late firearm deer season begins Nov. 15, and runs through Jan. 9, 2022, during which time license holders are authorized to fill all five tags (if they did not fill any during early season).

Bear season began Sept. 8, and runs through Oct. 26, 2021. Please remember that you can check your bear at a State DNR station or at Sault Tribe Natural Resource Department.

You must be at least 10 years of age to hunt bear and elk. Regardless of where you check your bear, you are required to contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 632-6132 within 72 hours to report that you filled your tag. They will advise any other requirements, if any, at that time.

Fall Turkey season begins Sept. 15 and runs through Nov. 14, 2021. There are no bag limits or specific seasons for coyotes.

Ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare, and squirrel season began Sept. 1. Sharp-tailed grouse, bobcat, badger, grey fox, red fox, muskrat, raccoon, mink, fisher, marten, otter, and beaver seasons begin Oct. 1. Make sure you have the required tags if you are trapping/hunting bobcat, fisher, marten, and otter. The other species may be taken with your hunting harvest license under small game.

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:

If you are looking to obtain a Commercial Helper's license and have not held one previously, please make sure you call as early as possible as you are required to obtain your enrollment file from Sault Tribe Enrollment, and there are only certain days of the week that new applicants can be processed at the Bureau of Indian Affairs. For more information on the requirements to obtain a Commercial Helper license, please contact STLE at (906) 635-6065.

If you are renewing your Commercial captain or helper card for 2021, please contact STLE to schedule an appoint-

ment. 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.

Make sure if you hold the 2021 Captain 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 September, your report is due no later than October 10. There are special reporting requirements for different fishing areas. If you are not sure how often you are required to submit catch reports,

please call STLE at the number above. Reports 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.

General Information and Reminders

Sault Tribe youth 16 years of age and younger are not required to have a fishing license to fish Inland or Great Lakes in the State of Michigan. If youth are fishing Inland lakes and streams in Sault Tribe's Treaty Area, they may apply for a Non-Hunting Inland license which allows fishing and general gathering. If youth are interested in the hunting portion and have not had a license through

Sault Tribe, they are required to provide proof of hunter safety to obtain their hunting licenses. Youth 16 and under are free of charge until they turn 17 years old.

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 their 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, Government, Tribal Code: Chapter 21 and 23 regulate Inland Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering activity. Chapter 20 and 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.

For questions, call Sault Tribe Law Enforcement at (906) 635-6065.



**Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Anishnaabek Community and Family Services
Child Care and Development Fund**

ACFS has Child Care Assistance Applications for CCDF Subsidies for:

- **Income Based**
- **Essential Employees (Income Waived)**

Eligible families have the right to choose from high quality child care services that best meet their needs for child care without regard to cost. Applications can be found at <https://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs/direct-services/child-care-development-fund> or can be obtained by mail, fax, or email. Our number is 906-632-5250 or email us at apeer@saulttribe.net or psterling@saulttribe.net.

Eligible families must be working, attending an educational program or in a job training program. The child in need of care must be a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians between the ages of birth through 12 years.

You can choose from the following types of providers:

1. State Licensed Child Care Center;
2. Tribal Licensed Child Care Center;
3. State Licensed Family/Group Home Providers;
4. Relative Care Provider;
5. In-Home Aide.

If you are choosing a **Relative Care Provider** they must meet the following criteria prior to providing care:

- must be a relative of the child(ren) needing care (Grandparent, Great Grandparent, Uncle, Aunt, Sibling)
- be of at least 18 years of age; -live in a separate residence; -must care only for children they are related to;
- obtain a clear MDHHS Clearance; -obtain a clear ICHAT (ACFS runs this report);
- obtain a clear Tribal Registry Clearance (ACFS runs this report); -Provide a signed Open Door Policy, Provider Registration Form, and a signed Client/Provider Agreement; -follow the CCDF Payment schedule and payment paperwork requirements; -complete initial Home Visit with CCDF Coordinator.

If you are choosing an **In-Home Aide** they must meet the following criteria prior to providing care:

- be of at least 18 years of age; -live in a separate residence; -must provide care in the child's home and only provide care for children listed on Child Care Certificate; -obtain and pass FBI fingerprint background check;
- obtain clear MDHHS Clearance; -obtain a clear ICHAT (ACFS runs this report);
- obtain a clear Tribal Registry Clearance (ACFS runs this report); -Provide a signed Open Door Policy, Provider Registration Form, and a signed Client/Provider Agreement; -follow the CCDF Payment schedule and payment paperwork requirements; on-line Health and Safety training; -CPR and 1st Aid; -complete initial Home Visit with CCDF Coordinator.

Sault Tribe Thrive Business Directory

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

If you have not already please check out our new website and social media sites at <https://saulttribethrive.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/saulttribethrive>.

Sault Tribe Thrive Office: Info@saulttribethrive.com, (906) 635-6050, ext. 26121.

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DRIVE-THRU FALL HEALTH FAIRS

COVID & Flu Vaccines • Health Information • Giveaways

9/20/21 - KINROSS REC CENTER 1-3
9/27/21 - SAULT BIG BEAR 11-2
9/29/21 - ST. IGNACE LITTLE BEAR 11-2
9/30/21 - DETOUR MEMORIAL HALL 9-11
9/30/21 - HESSEL HEALTH CENTER 1:30-3:30

Flu shots available to Sault Tribe Members, other federally recognized tribes, non-native spouses, and Sault Tribe employees.

Pfizer COVID vaccine available to the public at no charge. Please bring your COVID vaccination cards. No need to pre-register.

Don't forget to wear short sleeves.

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2021 Paddle Out Protest with Senator Jeff Irwin

Representing All Members Everywhere

Ahneen, Boozho, Negee:

Advocating for our tribal nations and our people through participation in the political process is one of the most important choices we can make. We are not R or D but I for Indian. It is up to each of us to participate in the political process beyond partisanship. At the core of our participation is voting and informing oneself of which federal candidates will protect our treaty rights. Protecting these rights is a dynamic not a static concept. Our funding is not charity, welfare or even reparations but pre-paid with over 500 million acres of Indian ceded lands. Upholding the treaty and trust obligation is only as real or protected as the next federal election.

Early American political activist Thomas Payne once said, "The right [to vote] ... is the primary right by which other rights are protected". As the last US citizens to be granted the right to vote in 1924, American Indians know best how the act of limiting our rights serves to disenfranchise and marginalize a whole population. Not until the *Civil Rights Act of 1965* was enacted, however, did some semblance of a true equal right to vote emerge.

Again, as a dynamic process, our very right to vote is threatened at the state level by disallowing early voting, automatic voter registration, mail in balloting, drop boxes, disallowing rural routes and reservation addresses, and refusing to accept Tribal IDs as legitimate forms of ID. Each of these limitations are proffered as reasonable rational objective standards but make no mistake, the effect is to limit voter participation by the "haves" over the "have nots". Thomas Payne also said, "To take away this right [to vote] is to reduce a man to slavery, for slavery consists in being subject to the will of another and he that has not a vote in the election of representatives..."

As tragic as the pandemic had been, a ray of sunshine was the sheer necessity of allowing mail-in balloting and other means to make it easier for Americans to exercise our Constitutional right to vote. During our American history, the resistance to the full exercise of this right through poll tests, creating barriers to voting by limiting voting times, long lines that disadvantage the 9 to 5 working class, and not establishing a paid voting holiday, all serve to maintain the status quo ~ a system which shields the wealthy to not pay their fair share of taxes, and to reject Great Society-like social programs to aid needy Americans. The true welfare state is the tax inequity of the top 1%, corporate welfare, and subsidies to corporations who pay less in taxes than average Americans. Corporate campaign contributions protect inequities at the expense of average Americans. This phenomenon is strange as Americans are lulled into complacency or brainwashed into believing corporate welfare benefits them through trickledown economics.

HR1 ~ the *For The People Act*, was recently approved to address voting rights, campaign finance, redistricting and ethics reforms. The *John Lewis Voting Rights Amendment* would restore elements of the *Voting Rights Act of 1965* gutted by Supreme Court conservatives. The *Native American Voting Rights Act* (a bi-partisan bill) was introduced by Reps. Sharice Davids (Ho-Chunk; D-Kan.) and Tom Cole (Chickasaw; R-Okla.), and in the Senate by Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.) as a stand-alone bill that will hopefully be included in any final Senate ~ House voting rights compromise. Senate Republicans are hiding behind the *Jim Crow* filibuster and unfortunately two democratic US Senators ~ Manchin (D-Virginia) and Sinema (D-Arizona) ~ fail to see the historic nature of the need for such reforms. Voter suppression bills in states like Texas are a reaction to large voter turnouts. Sadly, our democracy is in peril while Senators Manchin and Sinema wait for some epiphany. You can be that epiphany for Senators Manchin, Sinema, Murkowski and others. Call them and insist they end the filibuster and vote to enact sweeping voting rights legislation including Native voting rights.

FISHER RELIEF MILLION \$ SUCCESS!

In May of 2020, when Members of Congress were soliciting from National Native Organizations what our needs were as a result of the pandemic, I specifically addressed the need for funding to support our tribal fishers as they were not able to get their fish to market. The federal government last year ignored our needs in the Great Lakes. Then Bay Mills President Bryan Newland, Red Lake Band Chair Darryl Seki, and I all protested this and testified to the unfairness of this.

After the fall 2020 election, then Minority Senate Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi and our MI Congressman Dan Kildee, held several sessions to take our input on what was needed in not only the American Rescue Act but also to revisit the disparity of not providing for our Great Lake Fishing Tribes. Soon after the Democrats took the Senate and after Biden was inaugurated, we were successful in enacting a bill to appropriate \$30 million more

I realize my haters on the Board like to claim that I have nothing to do with any of these successes. They denounce the over \$255 Million we got under the American Rescue Act, the \$1 Billion I directly lobbied for with Vice President Harris for Broadband for all tribes, or the \$15 Billion tribes will get directly in the infrastructure bill and the hundreds of millions we



Dear Honorable Chairperson Payment,

We are pleased to inform you that NOAA Fisheries has determined individual allocations of Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Act) coronavirus response and relief funding. The total amount of funding available to Tribes was \$30,000,000. Forty-six eligible Federally-recognized Tribes submitted applications for funding by the July 12, 2021 deadline. As stated in the application form, NOAA Fisheries allocated half of those funds for commercial, charter, aquaculture, and seafood sector impacts and the other half for cultural/ceremonial/ subsistence impacts.

NOAA Fisheries proportionally allocated funds to individual Tribes based on information you provided about commercial, charter/for hire, aquaculture and seafood sector revenue losses between January 1 and December 31, 2020 as compared with the same time period over the last five years. NOAA Fisheries evenly distributed the cultural/ ceremonial/subsistence funds between all Tribes that experienced a negative impact to cultural/ceremonial/subsistence fisheries due to COVID. In both cases, prior COVID relief funding was taken into consideration.

Based on the information you have provided and the above-described approach, NOAA Fisheries has allocated **\$647,169 for commercial fishers** and **\$506,644.75 for cultural/ceremonial, and subsistence** impacts due to COVID-19 to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The total allocation, of this one time funding, to your Tribe is \$1,153,814.02. This total amount includes required Hollings assessments by NOAA. However, the final amount on your contract will be slightly reduced for administrative fees by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries
NOAA Fisheries | U.S. Department of Commerce

can complete for along with States, Territories and Tribes, but I can tell you I had a direct role in fighting to right the wrong of excluding our Great Lakes fishers in 2020, and pushing to get the \$30 million enacted which resulted in an award amount of \$1,153,812 for our Fishers!

Watch closely as I believe some Board Members may push to **NOT DISBURSE** any of these funds to our fishers. The legislative intent of these funds is to directly benefit the fishers for their losses. The application expertly submitted by our Fisheries Manager Brad Silet (Sault Tribe Member), used

actual data of what our fishers caught on average across all species for five years prior to the pandemic and a calculation of what they were unable to earn during the pandemic.

Let me be clear, **my priority** is to make whole those Tribal Fishers who were not able to sustain a catch during the pandemic equal to the five year average they would have caught if not for the pandemic. I love fighting for our people, even if it means at the Board table as this is what you elect me to do!

Chi McGwitch, Negee,
Chi McGwitch

Some Say While Others Do!



I am so grateful for these two on our Board. Betty and Austin were double digits ahead of all competition in the last election. Further, they draw over 2X as many votes as some other Board Members. They are here to stay. They are not up for reelection until 2024. After we got our \$211 million in the Rescue Act, they joined me in two tribal town halls to get input on how to use these funds to help our people. We had about 60 people attend and give input. Conversely, not one Tribal Member attended the Board Town Hall.

Held three months later. Betty, Austin and I proposed to equalize relief to all Members which in the end would be \$3,000 each. Always remember the 30,000 members who were denied this amount while Board members who opposed each got \$3,000.

The Board refused an equal \$3,000 and published a fabricated claim that we could not do so. To this day, it remains true that **NOT ONCE** has legal given a legal opinion restricting use of these funds from the At Large Members nor has the US Treasury or any other federal agency ever told us that we could discriminate against our At Large Members.

Thank you Betty and Austin for being excellent Board Members, remembering where you came from and joining me in fighting for our people - even at the Board table.

Betty and Austin won their seats in an entirely different

league than others. This tells me that their approach to fighting for our people is what Members want. I supported Betty and Austin and will do the same for anyone who will help us make change to benefit of our people.

Finally, thank you Betty and Austin in our collective \$6,000 donation for tribal scholarships. This is wonderful and has real and direct benefits. I welcome other Board to donate.

Sault Tribe

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Scholarship Classic

To Donate to Support a ST College Student:

Please contact
Sberger@saulttribe.net or call
Sheila at 906-635-6050.

Call: 800-793-0660 Cell: 906-203-5159 Email: aaronpayment@yahoo.com Facebook 'Aaron Payment'

AT LARGE MEMBERS CAN REGISTER TO VOTE BY CALLING :

1-800-251-6597

Reporting on Unit IV issues, events, priorities



**DENISE CHASE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Sault Tribe Rescue Act Membership Assistance Program Funds

I have been receiving calls from parents and guardians on why it is taking so long for their minor children to get enrolled and why they haven't received their Rescue Act checks yet. I would like to remind you to please have patience as the Enrollment Dept.

has to verify that every applicant who applied for the tribe's COVID-19 Rescue Act funds meets both eligibility requirements.

Once I receive these calls, I forward your inquiry and contact information to Enrollment for them to follow up with you. They are inundated with phone calls and emails at this time.

I was also informed that the new Enrollment applications for minor children will not be processed until after the next round of checks are processed and mailed out the week of Sept. 20.

Please remember, the children have until Dec. 31, 2021, for parents to apply for their checks.

Enrollment will start processing the children's applications to be enrolled after the week of Sept. 20. There are about 1,000 applications for minors to become enrolled members and then the Rescue Act checks will be processed and mailed. For tribal adults ages 18 and older their

applications must be submitted by Sept. 30, 2021.

If you contact Enrollment, leave a message with your name and phone number and they will respond back as soon as possible, or you can also email them.

Children's Christmas Parties

I have received several calls about the children's Christmas parties this year.

Our Christmas Party Planning Committee has not met yet to have the discussion if we will be holding parties or doing a mailer to the children like we did last year. Unfortunately, with the increase of the highly contagious new COVID-19 variant cases we will more than likely have to make the decision again to cancel the in-person children parties. We had to make the hard decision to cancel our powwow gathering again this summer because of health and safety concerns. We will keep you informed on any final decision we make. Take care and stay safe!

Native American Day - U.P.

State Fair

Director Morrow and I would like to say thank you to the following individuals who distributed the free wrist bands to the children. Miigwech to Viola Neadow, Rachel Joslin and Krystal Martin. We appreciate your assistance and dedication.

According to the volunteers, there was a great attendance of children and families. In all, there were about 570 visitors who stopped by their info tables and 370 of them were children who received the free ride wristbands.

We are happy that families were not only able to enjoy the fair, but also attend the powwow going on under the big tent. The families and children were able to attend the social gathering and join in the dancing, singing and visiting with friends.

Westside Flannel Fest

I was asked by one of our tribal elders, Tom Tufnell, to share the following information for a community event in Manistique. The

third annual West Side Flannel Fest will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a kid's corner with bounce houses, yard games and family mural. The Harvest Market will have over 20 local vendors and there will be live music, face painting and a chance to win prizes.

The Flannel Fest is hosted by Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce, which is looking for sponsors and donors to help fund the pumpkins, kids' corner, advertising and donations of gift baskets items.

Please stop down and visit the Manistique tribal elders as they will have a craft and bake sale table at this event.

For more information, visit www.discovermanistique.com/flannelfest.

Thank you, if you need to contact me please call (906) 203-2471 or by email at dchase@saulttribe.net.

Denise Chase

Tribal members can get health care across the state



**BETTY FREIHEIT,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello Tribal Members,

By the time this report is published most if not all members who applied for the Rescue Act Funds should have received their checks. I am happy the board was able to provide these funds and hope they help members deal with financial impacts of COVID. Again, thank you to the Enrollment staff, they are doing an outstanding job.

One of the most frequent con-

cerns I hear from members is the need to have access to affordable and comprehensive healthcare. As a board we have worked hard to provide services within reasonable access in all service areas. Although we have made great progress we have a long way to go to provide assistance to members beyond these borders. My hope is someday we will be able to do more.

However, members should know that they can receive medical and dental care at any of our tribal clinics if they are able to transport themselves. Visit our Health Center website to find the nearest clinic:

<https://www.saulttribehealth.com/health-centers>.

Enrolled tribal members are also eligible to receive medical care at one or more of the numerous Indian Health Service clinics located on or near reservations across the country, provided the facility has staff and capability to provide the medical care.

If you live near enough to commute to a reservation, call the main administration and ask for

the contact numbers of their IHS facility. You will need to prepare to present documentation of your tribal enrollment. If you are not aware of the nearest IHS facility you can use this facility locator on the IHS website: <https://www.ihs.gov/find/healthcare/>.

As an enrolled tribal member, you are also eligible for medical, dental, or behavior health services at one of the Urban Indian Health Programs located across the country.

Urban Indian Health Programs provide care to Natives generally with or without insurance and on a sliding fee scale. In Michigan, we have the American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern Michigan. They provide medical, behavioral health, substance-abuse and wellness services. They are located at 4880 Lawndale St., Detroit, MI 48210/AIHFS Mailing: P.O. Box 810 Dearborn, MI 48121, Clinic: (313) 846-6030. Here is a link to their website for more information: <https://www.aihfs.org/contact.html>.

The following link provides

information on locations, contact numbers, and additional information on each Urban Indian Health Program throughout the country. <https://www.ihs.gov/urban-Indian-organizations>. For downstate members who cannot travel to one of the Sault Tribe Health Centers, here's a listing of federal recognized tribes to contact to inquire about their healthcare facilities:

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa/Chippewa Indians
2605 N. West Bay Shore Dr.
Peshawbeston, MI 49682
(231) 534-7103

Little Rivers Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Gov Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
(888) 723-8288

Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, Michigan 49832
(231) 242-1400

Gun Lake Tribe

2558 20th St.
Hopkins, MI 49328
(269) 793-8980

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians
1474 Mno-Bmadzewen Way
Fulton, MI 49052
(269) 729-5151

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
58620 Sink Rd
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(800) 517-0777

Saginaw Chippewa Indians
7070 E. Broadway Rd
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
(989) 775-4000

My Unit Report is a little dry this month, but I hope you find it informational.

Please take care of yourself and family, help your neighbor anytime you can and take care of our elders.

Betty F Freiheit
Unit 1 Director
bfreiheit@saulttribe.net
(906) 379-8745

Dir. Morrow gives updates on ongoing issues



**DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Director Chase and I would like to say Miigwech to Crystal Martin, Racheal Joslin and Viola Neadow for handing out the children's wrist bands on Native American Day at the Escanaba fair for us this year. The children

and both of us are grateful for your help, it was really appreciated!

The Health Division still has COVID vaccines available, 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.

I do not support mandatory COVID vaccines. I think we could have found a way to allow people who do not want the vaccine to continue to work but have alternatives for them, for example, always wearing a mask at work. I know people are apprehensive about taking the COVID vaccine and that is their right.

Due to COVID, we have not

been able to hold any community gathering events this year. We did not want to have anyone get sick from a gathering. Since COVID, the Cultural Division has been working on and holding weekly language classes online for any member to participate. They are also holding weekly talking circles along with cultural crafts and teachings. If you want any information on these, you can find it on the official Sault Tribe website or the official Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Facebook page.

Update on the 2020 Consent Decree — we continue to meet weekly as a group to go through information and give input. My opinion is we will not be better off with this decree then we were in 2000! You have several board members who have never attended a fishing meeting — how can

they make an educated vote on fishing when they do not participate in any of it!

The Sault Tribe board held two membership input sessions for the American Rescue Plan dollars via Zoom on Sept. 2 and 3 to gather input on what members see as a priority. Unfortunately, not one member showed up to input session. Miigwech to the staff that worked at putting this event together.

I would also like to clear up a lie that the chairman has put out there about his nonofficial member input session. He held a nonofficial member input session on Facebook and every board member was NOT invited to this event except Betty and Austin! He likes to keep turmoil going within the tribe! The chairman should be a person to create a

stable working environment not an unstable one.

I would like to say miigwech to everyone who has sent a card, flowers, or laid tobacco down in a pray during my fight with inflammatory breast cancer. I would also like to say Miigwech to my family for all their help and support, especially my mom, husband, son, dad and Aunt Vi.

I would also like to remind everyone October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Please make your appointment today, get in and get your yearly physical and mammogram, DO NOT put it off!

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

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

Sorenson disagrees with mandatory vaccines



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

As many of you are aware, COVID cases are once again on the rise in our state and our communities. This has led to our Health Director mandating vaccines for health team members. The board had passed resolution 2020-261 last October giving the Health Director authority over our buildings and lands as he sees fit. I did not support the resolu-

tion at that time and believe four others did not as well. One of my reasons is that when we passed the emergency order in March 2020, we created a task force for executives to make decisions in a timely manner, instead of waiting for board votes. I believe it is a lot for one person to take on. Dr. Chugunov has the weight of the world on his shoulders and already puts in about 15 hours a day. I am sure he is being told behind the scenes that he better shut this down and mandate that because the board has enough votes to fire him.

That is unfortunately the behavior and mentality of some that they can bully people into supporting their agenda. I had added to the last board meeting (Sept. 7) to rescind the resolution so that there was more than one person making the decisions. Currently, the health director informs the executive task force what his plans are. Many things they have not agreed with him on, but they have no authority to override his

Facebook attacks meant to divide us



**KIMBERLE GRAVELLE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello,
I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather. We are lucky to live in the Upper Peninsula, one of the most beautiful areas in Michigan.

Our unit reports are a great way to reach out and update the membership. This gives the membership a chance to sift through information and decide what is fact and what is fiction. I'm not one to speak badly about individuals in a public forum but I have found I can't sit back and let the misinformation continue. I have said in a previous unit report that the continued Facebook posts and verbal attacks on the membership and Board of Directors (BOD) are filled with half-truths. I believe these attacks are meant to separate and divide us. It's not easy when 13 people have different agenda items. I will always listen to new ideas and not deter anyone from bringing fresh ones to the table. We live in a democracy and there is nothing wrong with having different ideas and opinions.

The same three individuals on our BOD resort to name calling, using profanity and threatening other directors. There is no control during our meetings, which is the job of the chairperson. When this kind of behavior starts, it is hard to focus and complete important tribal business. Furthermore, we are publicly chastised by the

chairman about what groups we chose to make donations to. I feel this is a private matter and some wish to stay anonymous. Humility is one of our Seven Grandfather Teachings.

Another misleading statement from Facebook was that the entire BOD was invited to the town hall meetings that our chairman set up earlier in the summer. He makes the statement that only two BOD bothered to show up. This is a quote verbatim from our tribal chairman, "All board members were invited but only Betty and Austin bothered." To be clear, they were the only two invited. I was in a meeting when the chairman said he had to leave because he had another obligation. I later learned this was one of his town hall meetings that he set up without notifying the other 10 BOD. So, if you notice that 10 of us are always wrong, please call and get the facts.

Our casinos are holding their own through the COVID pandemic. We miss our Canadian neighbors; every time we get a date for the border opening, it gets pushed back another month. We are keeping a close eye on this so we can prepare to welcome them back.

On a sad note, we lost one of our Win Awenen Nisitotung staff, Rick Smith, who passed away unexpectedly last week. Rick was a childhood friend from Sugar Island and he will be missed. My sympathy and prayers go out to his family.

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

Please keep the men and women in the armed forces in your prayers and thoughts for a safe return to their families.

If you have any questions or comments you can contact me at (906) 203-6083 or at KKGravelle@saulttribe.net.

Stay safe and healthy.
Thank you,
Kim Gravelle

decisions. As soon as I had added this to the agenda, the chairman was on social media posting that it was a vote of no confidence and it was a plan to terminate the health director. He went on to bash me by saying I was power hungry, won the tribal lottery with my BS degree and I work at a rest stop. All of which is ridiculous.

Any board member can request to add something to a meeting agenda. If you don't agree with it, speak when it is your turn to speak, vote when it is your chance to vote. All the drama and name calling is not needed. I have a lot of respect for the Health Director. I know he works very hard and very long hours and has a ton of compassion for our tribal community and membership. With that being said, I am sure he doesn't get much rest, time off or peace of mind being the main decision maker during a pandemic. I have communicated with him my opinions on the matter. I do it either during a meeting or workshop or in an email to everyone. I don't brow beat him in private.

During the workshop that afternoon, board members voiced their concerns over mandatory vaccines but most did not want to rescind the resolution. Some cited not wanting the board to have that authority (which I never proposed). After the agenda was read, I asked to suspend the rules and add mandatory vaccines to the agenda. (It takes a vote of at least nine to add something to the agenda after the five-day notice.) The board voted to allow the item on the agenda.

The chairman decided to play politics and put that vote before the action to rescind resolution 2020-261. He said I was playing politics to add it, but moving it where it is convenient for him is. The board did vote to suspend the mandatory vaccines until after the health director could meet next Tuesday with the board to discuss. I believe all were in favor but one abstention. When the vote came to rescind the resolution, I made the motion but

no one seconded it. I was disappointed because some did say they would support it but more so that nobody gave me the chance to discuss it. I did not go out on social media and pout about it. I listened to members and team members concerned and brought it forward to the board and a decision was made. I did my job.

I do not personally support mandating vaccines. I got the shot but that was my choice. I understand why people are concerned with the vaccines. There is so much misinformation out there from all sides, many health professionals refusing to be vaccinated and just plain mistrust in government. It is a shame the world is the way it is right now. I personally don't like to watch or listen to all the news out there. Along with that is all the hate brewing because someone has a difference of opinion or believes it should be their choice. Many of these team members have worked for us for years and worked through the pandemic, some have already had COVID and some would rather have natural immunity. I am not here to judge their choice because I was able to make mine.

So, on Tuesday (Sept. 14) the board will meet with the Health Director on mandatory vaccines. I think what some board members are thinking is that if they don't want mandatory vaccines, this will end. The reality is that he still has the authority to make this and other decisions regardless of what we say or think.

If the mandatory vaccines still are required I am sure we are going to be losing many staff members and we already have a long list of vacancies. I also will not feel comfortable if someone dies or has some bad side effects. If it is their choice, the responsibility is on them. I hope things do not come down to forcing people.

Many members have contacted me about their \$2,000 checks. There are about 1,000 checks of children that are being screened for custody issues. We are trying to make sure the money goes to the proper person. Another batch

of checks is going out very soon as well if you have not received yours yet. (Some were flagged as incomplete with missing or inaccurate information and they will be contacted). Please continue to have patience with the enrollment office as they are literally dealing with hundreds of emails and phone calls. There were four people in the office and they are down to three and trying to hire a few more staff as well.

I would like to express my sympathy to the family of Rick Smith as a former reporter of our tribal paper for many years. Rick walked on last week unexpectedly.

I would also like to express my sympathy to the family of Evelyn Massaway, Keith's mother, on her walking on.

I would like to wish all the returning and new college/trade school students good luck in their studies, and remember hard work will pay off.



I would like to congratulate **Alayna Lester** for receiving my annual scholarship. Alayna is a freshman at Northern Michigan University and will pursue forensic science with a minor in psychology.

As always please contact me with your comments or questions at bsorenson@saulttribe.com, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.

Tribe applies for high speed Internet planning grant



**KEITH MASSAWAY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

The tribe has started a new project of trying to bring high speed Internet to our members in the Upper Peninsula. We have written for a grant to explore and build the infrastructure so our

rural areas and cities can have connection speeds that would exceed minimum requirements to do business and educational activities at home. Our society is changing and less and less people have to travel to go to work. Staying at home will greatly improve many workers lives.

Schools have all instituted online classes. We are entering an age where you will not have to leave your house to work, shop or learn. Our greatest obstacle to this is that very few of our cites and none of our rural areas are wired for high speed. We are trying to lead the charge to remedy that.

So, the grant could provide the tribe with \$50 million to start the process. We will then continue to write more grants and submit them for hundreds of millions so we can complete it for everyone.

Working on our budgets is a never ending job. We have, so far, since the pandemic started, made our way through without any disastrous outcomes. Our recent tribe wide audit showed that we did a good job and have not had any missteps. It was a clean audit. With the Canadian border still closed our businesses are greatly impacted. This severely impacts our budget projections and forecasts. Our businesses contribute significantly to our government, so we have to be careful. As of now none of our services are planned to be cut back or eliminated. The tribe is working hard to make sure no cuts happen.

Thank you for all the messages and phone calls.

Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, kmasaway@msn.com, (906) 643-6981

Causley-Smith discusses tribe's top priorities



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

As stated in my last report, we have been meeting and continue to meet to discuss items that have been priority for our tribe. The latest we have allocated to give all our team members an increase of \$3 per hour. This amount will be temporary until we finish the "up" to date comprehensive wage study, we have completed them in that past and we want all factors and job descriptions up to date and accurate.

The increase is retroactive back to when we first approved the expenditure, and, again, I hope this is a way to retain our dedicated workers and recruit others to become employed. This has been a long time coming and I was relieved that we came to a quick decision that was retroactive to help our workers. My hope is that with the additional funds we do have, we plan so there will be infrastructure, premium wage structure, revenue replacement (so we do not have to lay off in future) housing and our recovery facility.

I think it's going as well as expected, and, again, with the requests and need, we totaled over \$350 million in requests. All the funding we budget and approve is done in open session and I will continue to advocate and make sure that communications are done as necessary so that you all know what we are providing and allocating out. Many things change through the treasury, and as I said in the

last unit report, we should never plan to spend the money without first being notified of the accurate amount. We did expect more than we have actually been noticed of receiving. This is why waiting until the actual amounts are in the bank before we plan. In the end, the members will be provided the totals we receive and spend.

We held a virtual meeting inviting the members to discuss how this should be prioritized. I had hopes that it could also steer us into the future as to what members needs are that are not being met, gathering input from members everywhere was my hope. But once again, Director Hollowell and I made priorities by gathering input from those that we represent and submitted it. I appreciate all the discussions I have had on the things that are voiced for each other and our tribe. Hopefully, there will be an update in this edition of the paper about the use/obligation of the funds this far, but, just in case, here is the list presented as of today (Sept. 2, 2021) presented during a membership virtual meeting.

\$91 million - Direct payments to members

\$10 million - COVID wage inflation

\$25 million - Tribal recovery facility

\$50 million - Revenue replacement

We have additional money to allocate, and once all input is collected for review and prioritized, I look forward to helping members during this pandemic and beyond (I state this like it's a real easy task, yet it's a nightmare due to politics, which is normal. Unfortunately, I have learned that's the way it is and I do nothing but push forward and always will.) A reminder: we have many more programs that help within the tribe's departments, so please call me or a Direct Service worker for a specific need.

I do want to report that discussions did come up about us replenishing the lands claims

funds, we cannot do this as stated at a recorded membership meeting. This is not allowable and has to be used for direct services to the members. This is for pandemic relief and is what the funds must be used for.

This is a good time to take a moment and recap about our Land Claims fund; some refer to this as the "Elder fund." This was initially set up decades ago to ensure that the interest made off the funds would be distributed to each Elder, once they turn 60 years of age, and also a way to sustain the funds well into the future. When the governing body elected to borrow as an internal loan from the tribe (with an inflated interest rate) it helps put extra money in our Elders' pockets.

Here is the latest factual update:

We have approximately \$37.5 million in assets in this fund. We currently have \$2.2 million in internal loans that yield a 10 percent and 12 percent interest rate. As always stated, if we were to pay that internal loan back this interest rate would drop drastically as would the amount we pay us to each Elder in the yearly dividend check. I would like to remind all members that this is a good thing and ensures that each have a higher amount from interest earned, as that is the amount we can distribute.

I have advocated that we do a factual update each year in our tribal newspaper as well so that you are aware that the assets are solid, the interest is being paid each year to Elders and my priority remains to add when we can to that Land Claims fund to go well into the future for all. There are many steps in place before we can borrow or use those funds so be assured the steps are in place. If there is any funny business, also be assured I will be at the table — not only do I look out for the members and Elders today, I have grandchildren and I want to be assured that these funds are secure and increase for decades to come. This is why our past

leaders made this very wise decision. The number of Elders increase each year as well, this is the reason the number is always not the same. We could do a much better job on making sure all members are aware of how this works but, unfortunately, we lack at communicating to the members in a collective voice. It's truly one of my biggest frustrations and I am always advocating that we do better. I will continue to do that.

I finally have an update about clinic availability for the DeTour/Drummond area. We have waited many long years to get this up and running again in this area and the Heath staff have been planning to bring this to the board for review. I hope that after years of advocating the need, it will go forward without any hiccups. We have demonstrated the need and have the funds to accommodate this (Heath funds, not COVID funds). For the last two years, we have budgeted the funds and it had never been completed. We have now identified a building (which was one of the barriers) and have a plan to move forward.

At this time, I would also like give a Chi Miigwech to our staff who coordinated new sidewalks and street lights at our housing sites within the tribe. Growing up there, I know and appreciate the need, so thank you to all staff and I hope all the little kids enjoy using the new digs. That is going to be the best. Safe, well-lit areas to walk and play. In the future, we will be doing the new asphalt, and, as reported to me, the labor is not available to complete at this time not the inflated price of the materials, that's a national issue not just our tribe so please bear with us as we continue to work toward that.

In closing, I want to let the members in our unit know that we have and will continue to work toward any advancement that we can for our lands and people. I know we will never meet all the needs for everyone everywhere but enhancing what

we have and continuing to move forward is all we can aim to do.

I do not get caught up in all the other BS as I have been there and done that; I know what is needed and I advocate for that directly. Every single decision that is made I understand and appreciate — some approve and some do not. I can take the information and input on the topic and evaluate its worth to our tribe, I do that with great understanding and frugal thinking as I have learned the very hard way.

In the coming months I hope that we can continue to announce greater advancements for our people and the lands. All projects take much work and time for our staff to gather and assist to get us to a point of action. We have numerous items in the hopper and it's very exciting but worth the wait to discuss as property and contracts are mostly proprietary until the close. These are in codes that we have to follow, it's difficult when some things are leaked and we cannot discuss outright — it's very hard at times but the threat to "get ya" is always looming. This report does have an undertone of the politics that we have to endure but in the end, I have it and will work toward a future for our tribe in all ways that I can. If we look real close there are many, many great things happening. I appreciate those who work toward this every single day.

Please contact me if you would like to meet or discuss anything. We are seeing more restrictions due to the increase of COVID cases and we make chances based on this so please be patient with our staff when it comes to making appointments or needing face-to-face contact. You can contact me at lcausley@saulttribe.net, (906) 322-3818 or (906) 484-2954. Enjoy the change of weather and keep each other safe.

Baamaapii,
Lana Causley-Smith
Sault Ste Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians Board of
Directors
Unit 2 Director

Promoting health and change in communities



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Well, I'd like to say our tribe has turned a corner away from micromanagement and over-involvement by the board, but it hasn't. It has only intensified in recent months, and if you've heard "the board said" at work chances are very good it was

not the majority. Often time, no consensus is taken, and most likely it was one or two board members upset with an individual manager and somehow that translates into "the board said" to do this or that. Which is the opposite of what we're supposed to be doing. There is no "the board said," there is only tribal law, policies, etc. If the "board said" then there should be a resolution for it, if no resolution then the "board said" doesn't exist.

So why does this continue? You could say directors and managers allow it, and are just trying to make some board members happy. But the consequences run deeper than that. Whenever someone tries to play a numbers game of keeping certain board members happy, it's not good management and it's not good governance. And

managers or directors will never be able to keep and juggle that many board members to keep them happy in this type of environment, nor should they! They are hired to follow tribal law and tribal policies to help our communities flourish.

If a policy or law isn't working the way someone feels like it should be, then they need to propose a change (resolution), discuss it at a workshop and gain support to change the policy or law.

The board is here to create laws to help our tribe prosper and our people flourish. It's not supposed to be used as a means to get our way or micromanage.

Some people are going to respect our laws and some are not. You can argue about the definitions or look for reasons to get around laws, or just respect the law and what its intentions

are. I choose to respect our tribal laws. I will never be the guy that toots his own horn or points out where others are wrong, in this digital age of instant information and judgment — I do not engage in every battle and don't add my two cents on every little thing for my own well-being. Life is too short for squabbling.

I will continue to promote health and change in our communities. I will continue to thank those that promote our culture and identity as a tribe. I invite any healthy discussions on matters that we disagree on.

I am not a hater of any of my fellow board members or chair; however, I have and will continue to disagree with any one of them when I do not believe it to be in the best interest of the membership. Simply disagreeing with other members shouldn't

be cause for such turmoil and chaos. Chaos only helps continue the divide and works as a great campaign tool. Hopefully, all will see that it doesn't help our tribe. We should continue to move forward and respectfully disagree on issues without all the divisiveness.

Miigwech to the staff and volunteers that organized the Remembrance walk.

Congrats to the Sault Tribe Business Alliance for a successful conference, I'm excited to see where these new networking and business opportunities may lead too.

Thank you to my fellow negotiating team that continues to meet three to four times a week as negotiations for Great Lakes Fishing continues.

Any questions or you want to discuss anything please contact me at (906) 440-7768.

Foster parent appreciation picnic held in Sault

On August 19, the EUP AFPRR (Adoptive Foster Parent Recruitment and Retention) Coalition held a Foster Parent Appreciation Picnic at Sherman Park in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Participating agencies included DHHS, Great Lakes Recovery, Anishnaabek Community and Family Services, and UP Kids. Sault Police Department, Sault Fire, Chippewa County Sheriff's Office, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, and "Spot" the ice cream truck, all provided fun activities and treats for the foster families.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent and making a difference in the life of a child, please contact Anishnaabek Community and Family Services at (906) 632-5250, 1-800-726-0093 or by email at acfs-fosterhomes@saulttribe.net.



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Non-profit in Sault looking for paid interns

Cressandra Thibodeau, tribal member and award winning filmmaker, along with her mother Marilyn Thibodeau, are both excited to be new residents of Sault Ste Marie, Mich. "My grandma Adelaide Leask was born and raised on Sugar Island," Cressandra said. "We've been visiting the Sault for decades, and during COVID my mom almost died and now she has dementia, and so we moved back to her family's area while she could still remember why she loves it so much."

In July 2021, Thibodeau created her new nonprofit called Tribal Voices, which supports, nurtures and celebrates tribal voices through the media arts. "The plan is every year we will create a short film highlighting a tribal member. This year we are creating a short film on tribal member George Snider, renowned musician known as Gentleman George," she said. Tribal Voices is looking for paid internships to help create their website, all social media platforms, and marketing. The paid internship is \$15 hr. Must have experience with marketing and creating websites. Send resumes and cover letters to Cressandra@mac.com.



Cressandra Thibodeau with her mother, Marilyn Thibodeau, whose mother Adelaide Leask was born and raised on Sugar Island.

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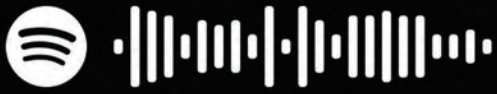
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