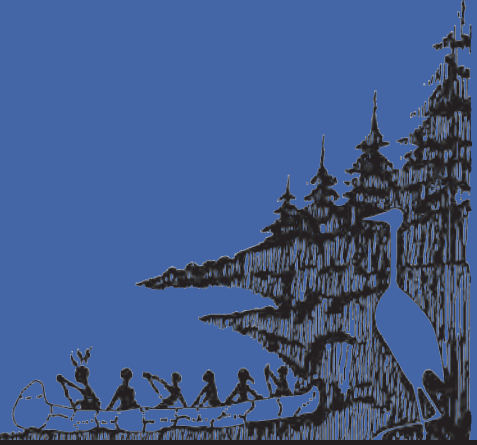




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New elected board members take oath of office

Newly elected Sault Tribe board representatives took their oath of office July 5 at the Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom—Isaac McKechnie and Robert McRorie for Unit I, Kimberly Lee for Unit II, Shawn Borowicz for Unit III, Kimberly Hampton for Unit IV and Tyler LaPlaunt for Unit V. The oaths were administered by Election Committee members Diane Moore and James McKerchie.

The new board consists of Unit I Directors Mike McKerchie, Austin Lowes, Betty Freiheit, Isaac McKechnie and Robert McRorie, Unit II Directors Lana Causley and Kimberly Lee, Unit III Directors Bridgett Sorenson and Shawn Borowicz, Unit IV Directors Darcy Morrow and Kimberly Hampton and Unit V Director Tyler LaPlaunt.

Following the swearing in, the new board held its first meeting to elect board officers. Kim Hampton was elected secretary, Tyler LaPlaunt was elected treasurer, and Austin Lowes was elected vice chairman.

At WAN's last press time, the election was tied and recounts were requested by Unit I and Unit III candidates. Recount results were as follows: Unit I: Robert McRorie, 1,417; Isaac McKechnie, 1,239; Nichole Causley, 1,238; and Kim Gravelle, 1,238. Unit III: Shawn Borowicz, 620; Keith Massaway, 619.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Pictured from left to right are Unit V Director Tyler LaPlaunt, Unit III Director Shawn Borowicz, Unit II Director Kimberly Lee, Unit I Director Isaac McKechnie, Unit IV Director Kimberly Hampton, and Unit I Director Robert McRorie, inducted July 5 at the Sault Kewadin Casino.

Sault Tribe piloting effort to restore whitefish

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Natural Resource Department biologists are exploring whitefish rearing methods at tribal hatcheries and ponds, looking for ways to stock the fish in the future. The tribe's Fisheries Management Program started an experimental project to rear whitefish in 2018, funded

by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

As part of those efforts, whitefish brood stock was collected from Lake Huron in late 2019, 2020, and 2021. These fish were spawned out at the Nunns Creek Fisheries Enhancement Facility near Hessel, Mich. The eggs were hatched on site and the fish were

raised there all winter and into the summer.

The Fisheries team used multiple methods to raise the fish, looking at the feasibility of rearing whitefish to different sizes and life stages. In 2021, whitefish were then reared in an earthen pond with promising results — the 28,000 1-inch whitefish grew fast and showed natural food gathering abilities. Water temperatures, oxygen levels, phytoplankton, and zooplankton were checked each week.

In October 2021 the pond was netted to retrieve the surviving fish, with 7,747 whitefish that averaged nearly 6.5 inches and weighing over an ounce each.

The fish came out of the pond 3.5 times longer than they went in and an impressive 30 times heavier — the largest whitefish reared in a hatchery setting ever in North America, according to Sault Tribe Lead Fisheries Biologist Brad Silet.

Silet said the tribe's whitefish program has gotten the attention of the regional Bureau of Indian Affairs office, which acknowledged the advancements the tribe has had in the rearing of whitefish.

The whitefish rearing pro-



Photo by Brenda Austin

Whitefish fingerlings are netted and checked weekly for growth rates, and the pond is also checked weekly for water temperatures, oxygen levels, phytoplankton, and zooplankton.

gram has also gained international attention for this success and with numerous partners, including the Nature Conservancy, hopes to continue and expand their work with the project.

Over the next three years, the Nature Conservancy, awarded a \$1 million grant from the DTE Foundation for environmental

efforts across Mich., is partnering with tribal governments and state agencies to pilot an experimental effort to restore whitefish in rivers flowing into Lakes Michigan and Huron.

The tribes include the Sault Tribe and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Sault Tribe's Natural

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Resources Department is also looking into local rivers and streams for any remaining populations of spawning whitefish. These populations disappeared from rivers around the same time as the heavy logging a century ago.

Using traditional ecological knowledge, the department is looking at rivers that were known to traditionally hold whitefish. If populations are not found, an option may be to stock these rivers with either fish or fertilized eggs. Streams where whitefish might be stocked include the Carp, Pine, and Bear rivers.

The Fisheries Management Program is the biological program within the Sault Tribe Natural Resource Department charged with implementing fisheries management aspects of the 2000 and 2007 Consent Decrees. Fisheries has four focus areas that all play an important role in protecting and enhancing tribal members' ability to access treaty fishing rights, those are: interagency fisheries management, harvest management and assessment, adaptive ecosystem management, and public outreach.

Sault Tribe Board passes Vote of No Confidence in DJ Hoffman at July 12 meeting

At its July 12 special meeting, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors passed a resolution, "Vote of No Confidence in DJ Hoffman Serving as Chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Suspension of Duties Effective Immediately and Until Further Notice."

The resolution suspends DJ Hoffman of any and all duties assigned by resolution, ordinance, motion, or any other action of the board of directors in his previous role as vice chairperson and his current role as chairperson including all internal and external committees and communications, not including consent decree negotiations, until further notice, temporarily assigning the duties to Vice Chairperson Austin Lowes.

Hoffman was appointed chairperson June 27 by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, covering the remainder of the chairperson term until the next election in 2024. Former Chairperson Aaron Payment resigned May 10.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Assistant Fisheries Biologist Kate Bentgen and Fisheries Enhancement Coordinator Rusty Aikens use a specialized net to capture 10 whitefish fingerlings each week to check their growth rates and monitor how well they and their food sources are doing in the stocked pond.

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COVID lottery winner Bob Bannasch appreciative



Being able to enter into the lottery was an additional bonus and to be a selected was a fantastic surprise.

The winnings could not have come at a better time and will be used towards some much-needed home improvements. We additionally have allocated some of this gift for charity as well.

I am grateful to work for a wonderful employer the Sault Tribe in conjunction with the Kewadin Christmas Casino. I am lucky to have a good job, excellent benefits and am surrounded by an exceptional staff and coworkers."

"I am greatly appreciative for the clinic that the Sault Tribe had at Northern Michigan University which allowed myself and my family to get the vaccination.

NOTICE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

Tax exemption Certificates and Michigan Secretary of State appointments

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

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

The Tribal Tax Office is not responsible for a delay in obtaining the registration for vehicles, recreational vehicles, motor homes, etc., due to the Resident Tribal Member not requesting the Certificate of Exemption in a timely manner.

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Cedar Pantry, 159 W M-134, Cedarville

Baby Garnet cold case gets closure after 25 years

MACKINAC COUNTY — It took 25 years but it appears as though the Mackinac County Sheriff's Office and Michigan State Police have finally solved the case of Baby Garnet.

In the summer of 1997, the remains of an unidentified infant were found in a vault toilet at the Garnet Lake Campground in Mackinac County's Hudson Township, according to a press release from Mackinac County Sheriff Edward Wilk. The infant, who had not been identified, was named "Baby Garnet"

by local officials.

As the months and years passed, the case eventually became a cold one until the summer of 2017, when sheriff deputies and state troopers turned to a relatively new technique — Forensic Genetic Genealogy — hoping to garner new leads. Working with DNA evidence, the genealogist was eventually able to determine family blood lines, according to the press release, and even provided the name of Baby Garnet's mother.

Investigators reportedly followed up on that information traveling to Wyoming where a 58-year-old woman confirmed she was the birth mother of Baby Garnet.

The woman, who has not been officially identified by law enforcement, has been arrested on a charge of open murder and is awaiting extradition back to Michigan to face charge.

Investigators believe the Wyoming woman was a resident living in the Garnet area at the time she gave birth.

Tribe's Odenaang subdivision holds community yard sale

Sault Tribe's Odenaang subdivision is having its first community-wide garage sale July 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Odenaang is located between Shunk and Seymour roads off

of 4 1/2 Mile Rd. With over 80 homes located within the subdivision, many homes are participating.

Everything from household items, camping equipment, tools

and clothing for all sizes and ages — from newborn to elder — will be for sale.

There will be a tent set up on the corner of Timberwolf, with a map of the homes having sales.

Committee vacancies posted

The following Sault Tribe Committees have vacant seats. Sault Tribe members interested in filling these vacancies should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from other members to Joanne Carr or Katelynn Griffin at 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783.

Call (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

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

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

Conservation Committee - One vacancy (4-year term)

Election Committee - Two vacancies (4-year term)

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

Health Board - Three vacancies (4-year term)

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Utility Authority - Four vacancies (4-year term)

Special Needs/Enrollment Committee - Five vacancies (2-year term) Unit I: 2 vacancies, Unit II: 1 vacancy, Unit III: 2 vacancies

Elder Advisory Committee Unit I - Sault - One alternate vacancy (4-year term)

Unit II - Hessel - One alternate vacancy (4-year term)

Unit III - St. Ignace - One alternate vacancies (4-year term)

Unit IV - Escanaba - One reg-

ular vacancy (4-year term)

Unit V - Munising - One alternate vacancy (4-year term)

Unit V - Marquette - One alternate vacancy (4-year term)

Elder Subcommittees Unit I - Sault - Two alternate seat vacancies (4-year term)

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

Unit IV - Escanaba - Three regular seat vacancies, two alternate vacancies (4-year term)

Unit V - Munising - One alternate seat vacancy (4-year term)



Tribal program now offering funding for on-the-job training

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 Big Bear Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or call Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767 for more information.

Tribal members: need assistance?

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

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

saulttribe.net or contacting them individually at:

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

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

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Sault Tribe Inc. hires COO Rachel Heckel

Sault Tribe Inc. is pleased to announce the addition of a new Chief Operating Officer for Government Contracting and Subsidiary Development, Rachel Heckel.

Her work will focus on developing STI's various subsidiaries through government contract acquisition strategies available to tribally-owned enterprises.

Heckel says that STI's commitment to a long-term growth strategy influenced her decision to join the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Section 17 Corporation over other employment opportunities.

"I wanted to work with STI



Rachel Heckel

after seeing how committed they

are to building a successful, long-term government contracting enterprise," Heckel said. "It takes time and dedication to see returns on investments, but I've seen firsthand the benefits a thriving government contracting division can bring to a tribe. I'm thrilled to be a part of STI's journey toward success in building sustainable revenues and job creation."

Heckel has nearly a decade of experience developing tribally-owned companies through 8(a), HubZone, and government contracting vehicles. Before joining STI, she served as President/Operations General Manager for

a portfolio of six tribal subsidiaries, generating over \$65 million in annual revenues.

"There's so much opportunity out there for STI to grow significantly faster than a standard 8(a) government contractor, Heckel said. "Thanks to Joel Schultz and the board, STI's subsidiaries and joint ventures are in an excellent position. With my experience and strong relationships, we expect sustainable growth in multiple business verticals."

Heckel has a reputation for her ability to set up and manage complex contracts of all sizes. In 2021, she ran operations to establish a 2,500-bed emergency shel-

ter for unaccompanied immigrant children and was responsible for hiring and training 3,000 staff and reuniting approximately 8,000 children with their families, all in a six month period.

Her work received recognition from the Cherokee Nation, the Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

"I am a very mission-focused person," said Heckel. "I appreciate the opportunity to serve the missions of the federal and tribal governments. I love seeing the benefits that result from our work."

Sgt. Harmon presented with commissioned officer sword

United States Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Tyler Harmon of Chillicothe, Mo. was awarded a commissioned officer sword on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in April. The guest of honor, presenting the sword during the formal ceremony, was Sault Tribe member and State Senator Jeff Irwin.

This award, established in 2019, recognizes a graduating senior from the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) for their achievements and serves as a symbol of the Native American's commitment to the military. This is fully funded through an endowment which continues to grow and it is

anticipated that by 2025 the program will allow for the additional purchase of swords to be awarded to graduating seniors in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force.

Under the endowment, the principal remains intact in perpetuity, and continues to grow with projections showing the fund should double in value every 20 years.

Donations may be made through the University of Michigan Website at leadersandbest.umich.edu with the fund code listed as 701483.

Sault tribe members who are interested in attending future ceremonies or participating in the sword ceremony can contact Hal LaLonde at lalondea@gmail.com.



State Senator and Sault Tribe member Jeff Irwin presented Staff Sgt. Tyler Harmon with a commissioned officer sword during an April ceremony.

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Priority placed on violent crime in Indian country

WASHINGTON – During remarks at the Trilateral Working Group on Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls, Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco announced a directive to all U.S. Attorneys and law enforcement component heads addressing public safety in Indian country, including violence directed at indigenous women, youth and children.

In a memorandum, Deputy Attorney General Monaco declared it a priority of the Department of Justice to address the disproportionately high rates of violence experienced by American Indians and Alaska Natives, and relatedly, the high rates of indigenous persons reported missing. The memorandum directs each U.S. Attorney with Indian country jurisdiction — along with their law enforce-

ment partners at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the FBI and the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) — to update and develop new plans for addressing public safety in Indian country.

“With this memorandum, we are reaffirming the department’s unwavering commitment to promoting public safety in Indian Country and to respecting Tribal sovereignty,” said Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco. “Tribes know best how to make their communities safer, and Tribal engagement has thus been the cornerstone of the department’s review of its policies and procedures. Federal law enforcement agencies will continue to work diligently with our Tribal partners in support of

public safety in Indian Country.” In November 2021, the department established a Steering Committee dedicated to marshaling the department’s resources and personnel to address public safety and the issues of missing or murdered indigenous persons. The Steering Committee undertook a review — in close consultation with Tribal leaders and stakeholders — of the department’s relevant guidance, policies and practices to improve the law enforcement response in Indian country.

This memorandum marks the first guidance from the Deputy Attorney General to U.S. Attorneys in Indian country since 2010, when then-Deputy Attorney General David Ogden required each U.S. Attorney with Indian country jurisdiction to establish a structure and plan

for addressing public safety in Indian country. Deputy Attorney General Monaco’s memorandum sets forth needed updates, which account for significant legal and legislative developments in the intervening decade, including the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, Savanna’s Act, the Not Invisible Act of 2019 and the 2013 and 2022 reauthorizations of the Violence Against Women Act. The memorandum also recognizes that the department’s law enforcement components are essential to investigating crimes in Indian country, and it directs those agencies to adopt their own guidelines, policies and protocols to address the unique public safety challenges in Indian country.

In particular, the memorandum instructs department prosecutors and law enforcement offi-

cers to update their operational plans, policies, and protocols to:

- Coordinate with Tribal, State and local law enforcement officers, as well as other federal agencies;
- Support victims, survivors and their families in a victim-centered and culturally-appropriate manner; and
- Address cases, including unresolved cases, involving missing or murdered indigenous people.

The memorandum also directs U.S. Attorneys Offices and law enforcement agencies to engage with Tribes to better address priority public safety issues, including combatting violence against women, youth and children and addressing the devastating consequences of drug trafficking and substance use disorder in Indian country.

Native American Heritage Fund awards a \$55,000 grant

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) has been awarded a \$55,000 grant from the Native American Heritage Fund (NAHF) to improve completion rates at Michigan’s three tribal colleges. MCAN’s College Completion Corps initiative will use the funding to support AmeriCorps members at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College and Bay Mills Community College.

Launched in 2020, College Completion Corps places AmeriCorps members who serve as coaches on campuses across Michigan, supporting students by helping them foster connections, establish a sense of belonging and build self-efficacy as they navigate the college experience. The program’s goal is to increase retention and completion rates, with a focus on first-generation college-going students, low-income students and students of color. College Completion Corps currently supports 22 members on 18 partner campuses.

“It’s an honor to continue this partnership with Michigan’s tribal colleges to support Indigenous students,” said Ryan Fewins-Bliss, MCAN executive director. “We’re thankful for the continued support of the Native American Heritage Fund, which is helping us move the needle on postsecondary completion for tribal colleges students and giving more Indigenous students access to greater economic opportunities after they graduate.”

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College have hosted College Completion Corps coaches since the program’s launch, with Bay Mills Community College joining in 2021.

“We are very excited about our renewed partnership with MCAN and the assistance from the NAHF grant, which will allow us to continue to provide additional high-quality student support services and resources that are specific to the demographics and experiences of our student population,” said

Wendy Heyrman, vice president of student affairs for Bay Mills Community College. “These

support services will help us increase the number of students achieving their educational goals

and success here at Bay Mills Community College. Our coach has been able to provide person-

alized assistance and support for students while building improved connections.”



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Successful people ask better questions and as a result they get better answers.

Kwii kwejimaa na waya?

Do you want to ask someone a question?

In conversations, there is a natural flow of information between people. Questions, answers, comments and embellishments are made.

In Anishinaabemowin, the easiest way to ask a question is to make a comment, and put “na” in it. It’s like saying, “right?” Example: **Kii baap.** (You laughed.) To make that a question, say: “**Kii baap na?**” (Did you laugh? = You laughed, right?) The answer to this kind of question is going to be yes (**enh**) or no (**kaa**). These questions could lead to an awkward conversation, so you *hope* the other person will add more details!

Kii minwendaagoz na?

Did you have fun?

Wiindimooshin kina gego.

Tell me everything!

Wenesh gaa giigidoyin?

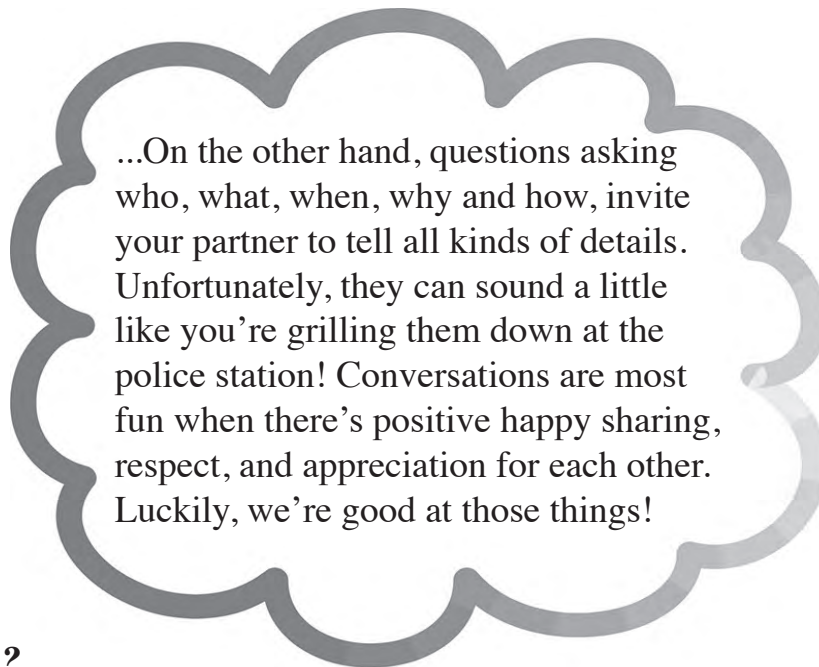
Who did you talk to?

Wegonesh gaa zhichigeyin?

What did you do?

Aaniish pii gaa biskaabiyyin?

When did you come back?



Wegonesh gaa giishpinadooyin?

What did you buy?

Puzzle it out!

 Answer in Anishinaabemowin where possible.

1. What are the 4 words whose 3-letter endings say “you”? _____, _____, _____, _____
2. What did someone ask if you listened to? _____
3. What is the name of the August moon? _____
4. What are the 2 possible answers to all the ‘na’ questions?

5. What does ‘wiindimooshin’ mean in English? _____
6. What word says “have fun”? _____
7. What topic do all the questions on the page refer to? _____
8. What word says “over there”? _____
9. What are the words for the 2 items that are ‘beautiful’? _____
10. What does “kii” mean in the 7 sentences that include it? _____

Pronunciation?? Like last few months, you’ll find these words pronounced at this FaceBook link:

www.facebook.com/saultribelanguageandculture.

The words in the calendar on the page facing this one are there too. Or you can use the guide below!

Making our Sounds Most letters sound like in English.

Here are the exceptions.

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

We underlined the syllables that get the emphasis.

Pronounce all the letters. Big deal: “nh” has NO SOUND of its own. It’s a sign to say the vowels just before it in a nasal way - as if you had a stuffed up nose from a cold.

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Nji sa Jiingtamok ...

About the Pow Wow...

Kii gnawaabmaag na gnaajiwana nokaajiganan?

Did you look at the beautiful crafts?

Kii waabmaa na gnaajiwana niimi-gwiwinaan?

Did you see the beautiful regalia?

Kii bizindaan na nagamowinan?

Did you listen to the songs?

Yaawag na niibinaa e-daawejig?

Were there a lot of traders?

Kii gbe-yaa na?

Did you stay for the whole time?

Wegonesh gaa waamdaman?

What did you see?

Kii wiisin na odi?

Did you eat over there?

Kii nim na?

Did you dance?



Getting complete and accurate data on a problem makes a solution clearer!

A girl fell off a 50 foot ladder but didn’t get hurt.

How come?

How many seconds are there in a year?

What 5-letter word gets shorter when you add two letters to it?

What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in a thousand years?

How can a person go 25 days without sleep?

(She fell off the bottom rung.) (12; January second, Feb. second, etc...) (short) (the letter M) (They sleep at night.)

Fasting: seeking answers through ceremony

Fasting is one of the many ceremonies that have been practiced in First Nations and tribal communities for thousands of years. In the past, the elders of a community would take the young people out to fast in order to help them find their direction in life. Today, as our cultural traditions and ways of healing are being revived in our communities, more Native people are seeking answers through the ceremony of fasting.

Reasons for going on a fast

When you choose to go on a fast, it is with a purpose in mind. You may go out to seek direction in your life or you may go out to learn more about our ways

and about creation. You may fast for your spirit name and colors. Healers may fast in order to find and gain permission to use a certain plant medicine. You may fast for many other reasons. Whatever the reason for your fast, you prepare yourself beforehand through prayer and tobacco.

It is said that when you fast you are sacrificing yourself for all, for your family and for your community, by denying yourself the basic comforts of shelter, water, nourishment and companionship.

Different places and ways fasts are conducted

Fasts are conducted in many different ways and in many dif-

ferent places. You may be put out to fast deep in the woods, in a field, on an island or a mountain.

Fasters may stay in a fasting lodge that they themselves have constructed of saplings and tarps, they may sit on a platform in a tree with a tarpaulin to keep them dry if it rains, or they may stay in a fasting hut. Wherever they spend their one, two, three or more days of fasting, they will bring with them the medicines — tobacco, cedar, sage, sweetgrass or other plant medicines that may be used in their region and their sacred items such as a drum, pipe, smudge bowl, feathers and ribbons of their colors.

Spring and fall are generally the times for fasting. Some teachings say that you fast in the fall to take away negative energy and you fast in the spring to replenish yourself with new energy. Healers and elders say that fasting has a cleansing and healing effect. Fasting has also been described as a healing way where the first person we face when we fast is ourselves.

Offerings are made before the fast. This may be food offerings as well as tobacco. Very often, fasters will go into the sweat lodge before they are taken out to their fasting spot and later, when they are brought in from their fast. The fasting conductor lets the fasters know the duration of their fast through the connection he or she has with the spirit world.

Firekeepers tend the sacred fire at the base camp for the duration of your fast. The person who has put you out on your fast looks after you while you are out.

Your fasting site might be encircled with cedar and with tobacco ties. You might build a sacred fire at your site where you offer your tobacco. However your fasting site is set up, you are in the care of Mother Earth

and our first family.

Fasting experiences

Everything you see on a fast is important, even the little bugs around your fasting area. You may find yourself feeling closer to the sky world than you have ever felt before when the sacred light from the moon and stars brightens the night sky. You may gain an increased awareness of the beauty of the natural world, our first family.

Your dreams and visions are all part of the journey. It is said that fasting brings you closer to the spirit world and that your spirit wakes up when you are on a fast. You may feel that the questions you were asking have been answered.

When you are on your fast, you have your sacred items with you — your drum so that you can sing the traditional songs you have learned and the sacred medicines to help you in your prayers. It is said that when you call on the spirits with a song, they will hear it and come to help you.

Ending a fast

At the end of a fast, when the person who has taken you out to fast comes to get you, you may be taken into a sweat lodge where you have the opportunity to talk about your fasting experience. Your fast may be ended by drinking spring water or cedar water and berries. A traditional feast is prepared for the fasters in celebration of the spiritual journey the fasters have experienced.

Fasting conductors

The conductor of fasts has been trained and has earned the right to take people out on a fast. The conductor does this in a certain way, in the way that he or she has been taught. The conductor of a fast is able to tell you the traditional teachings of the fast they are taking people out on.

The fasting conductor should be informed of any health condition you have before

you go out on a fast.

The conductor of a fast watches over the physical and spiritual well-being of the fasters whom he or she takes out to fast. The conductor of a fast should be able to interpret the dreams, visions and gifts that have come to you and to offer guidance about your fasting experience.

Referrals to Healers, Elders and Medicine People

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

There are always those who present themselves as Healers, elders or medicine people who have not earned that title and may use the teachings and medicines in the wrong way. It is important for everyone, especially young people, to be aware of this and to exercise caution when they seek healing, teachings or advice. It is advisable to consult with people whom you trust to get referrals to respected and recognized traditional healers, elders and medicine people.

To obtain a referral to a healer, elder or medicine person in your area, or to make an appointment in the seven-county service area, call Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine at 906-632-5200, option 9.

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

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The Four Sacred Medicines



Saama (Tobacco)

Geezhik (Cedar)

Mashkodewashk (Sage)

Weengush (Sweetgrass)

To learn about these sacred medicines, offer tobacco to your tribal elder, traditional healer or spiritual leader.

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7 Maanwang (fruit)	8 Mskomin (raspberry)	9 Miin (blueberry)	10 Wiigwaasmin (cherry)	11 Mooshkaneshin Dibiki Giizis (It is a full moon.)	12 Shkode (fire)	13 Makade miskomin / datgaagmin (blackberry)
14 Jiimaan (canoe/boat)	15 Zhebwe (s/he is rowing)	16 Googii (s/he is diving)	17 Damina (s/he is playing)	18 Biimskowebshkige (s/he is riding a bike)	19 Zaam-aate (too hot)	20 Gwojiing wiisini (s/he is having a picnic)
21 Boodwe (s/he is making a fire)	22 Ngaasmoon-gamigwe (s/he is camping)	23 Giigoonhke (s/he is fishing)	24 Ziibling (at the river)	25 Zaag'iganing (at the lake)	26 Wiikwedong (at the bay)	27 Noopiming (in the woods)
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Sault Tribe members join Association on American Indian Affairs

The Association on American Indian Affairs (the Association), the oldest non-profit serving Indian Country, is excited to welcome Ericca "CC" Hovie and Ashley Samuelson, both Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians citizens, to serve in important executive positions, leading the organization into its next 100 years of service to Indian Country.

Hovie will be serving as the Association's new Public Affairs and Communications Director. This is a brand-new permanent position for the organization. She will lead the organization's outreach and media efforts, including building the Association's media presence and providing communications support for youth, culture and sovereignty programs.

As Office Manager, Samuelson will serve as the central point of contact for all virtual office operations and be the first voice most people will



Ericca "CC" Hovie

hear when they reach out to the Association. She will also oversee the organizations graduate and undergraduate scholarships – which is a 75-year-old program of the Association – as well as the Native youth summer camp grant program, internships and volunteers.

"CC has an extraordinary career in Indian Country with

marketing and communications and we are excited about her strong voice with advocacy and navigating multiple social media platforms," CEO and attorney Shannon O'Loughlin said. "Ashley's executive and administrative experience developed from working with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe will help grow our non-profit infrastructure in the new virtual world we live in. Ashley is excited to juggle the diversity of work in operations management."

Before joining the Association, Hovie served as the communications manager for StrongHearts Native Helpline. As a marketing and communications professional, Hovie worked and volunteered for several organizations over the past two decades, always looking to expand each organization's reach. A life-long learner, she attended Lake Superior State University and Ferris State University, where she received leadership and manage-



Ashley Samuelson

ment training.

Hovie said, "I look forward to working beside my relatives to further the Association's goals to protect sovereignty, preserve culture, educate youth and build capacity. I am honored to be chosen as a storyteller for the Association and offer the resilience of my ancestors, my gifts and humility to our mission."

Before joining the

Association, Samuelson worked for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in a variety of different departments including Health, Culture, Legal and Education. This diversity has crafted her passion for Indian Country's wide variety of needs. In her spare time, she enjoys camping and attending sporting events with her family.

Samuelson said, "I'm thrilled to have this executive opportunity to work for the Association on American Indian Affairs. I look forward to seeing the Association continue to thrive for another 100 years while being a part of it."

"As we continue to honor the Association's 100-year anniversary this year, both CC and Ashley will help us celebrate by sharing our organization's story, mission and vision for the future where diverse Native American cultures and values are lived, protected and respected," O'Loughlin said. "We are thrilled that these two impressive Native leaders are joining the Association's all female executive team."

Fentanyl test strips can be a lifesaver helping to prevent a drug overdose

BY GRACIE BOYLE, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Opioids are being abused more and more each day and one of the main opioids being abused is Fentanyl. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50-100 times stronger than morphine and is used for pain management.

Fentanyl use is high risk and can lead to addiction and dependence. It can cause respiratory distress and death when taken in high doses or when combined with other substances, especially alcohol or other illicit drugs such as heroin or cocaine. Over 150 people die every day in the United States from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

Instead of pushing abstinence, the new harm reduction approach aims to lower the risk of dying or acquiring infectious diseases by offering sterile equipment through needle exchanges for example, or tools to check drugs for the presence of fentanyl. Harm reduction approaches have proven to prevent death, injury, disease,



overdose, and substances misuse.

Harm reduction is an approach that emphasizes engaging directly with people who use drugs to prevent overdose and infectious disease transmission, improve the physical, mental, and social wellbeing of those served, and offer low-threshold options for accessing substance use disorder treatment and other health care services.

Strips that can detect fentanyl have become increasingly valuable resources for local and health officials. Fentanyl test strips (FTS) are an evidence-based method of averting drug overdose. FTS are small strips of

paper that can detect the presence of fentanyl in any drug batch – pills, powder, or injectable. This tool might be lifesaving for the teenager experimenting for the first time, an individual using it for preferred substance obtained from a new source, or the individual years into recovery. FTS represent one tool for the emerging harm reduction in stopping the overdose before it happens, detecting fentanyl in any substances being consumed.

FTS aren't as widely available as one would expect them to be. The Sault Tribe Health Center has FTS available in the Behavioral Health Program for anyone who is going through an addiction, or feels it is necessary to obtain a test strip for someone in their family. If you would like more information on Harm-Reduction supplies or what programs Sault Tribe Behavioral Health has for drug use or misuse please contact (906) 635-6075.



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988 crisis line helping to connect Michigan residents in crises to needed resources

LANSING, Mich. – Local residents in crisis now have an easy-to-remember three-digit number to call for help – 988. Michigan has joined the nation in transitioning to the 988-dialing code, which will operate through the existing National Suicide

Prevention Lifeline's network of more than 200 locally operated and funded crisis centers across the country.

"The 988 number is another step toward strengthening and transforming crisis care and mental health services in our

state, which is a key focus of the department," said Elizabeth Hertel, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) director. "This universal number means no matter where you live or call from, you can reach a trained crisis counselor or who can help. We encourage Michigan residents or their family members to call 988 if they are experiencing mental health-related distress, emotional distress or a substance use crisis."

In 2020, Congress designated the new 988 dialing code to operate through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This action expands the existing Lifeline beyond people who are feeling suicidal to all individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, including suicidal thoughts or substance abuse issues.

"Crisis is defined by the caller," said Dr. Debra Pinals, medical director for Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. "And by providing an easy-to-remember number we are making help more accessible and strengthening support to those in need. Trained counselors will be available 24/7 to field calls. They will listen to the caller's problems, assess their needs and provide support by connecting them with resources, and alert local emergency crisis teams, if necessary. The roll out of 988 as an easier number to remember will provide a natural extension to the already promising work of the department in implementing the Michigan Crisis and Access Line."

Anyone with these concerns

can call:

- Mental health-related distress
- Thoughts of suicide
- Substance use crisis
- Emotional distress

There are specialized services available for veterans, LGBTQ individuals and other groups. People who are worried about a loved one who may need support also can call.

The 988-dialing code does not replace the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800-273-TALK (8255)). Instead, it serves as a universal entry point to connect individuals in need to trained crisis counselors who can help. MDHHS is working to ensure a solid infrastructure is built through coordination with 911 and other crisis service providers as the 988-dialing code launches.

Board meets in June and passes resolutions

A regular meeting of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors was held June 14, 2022, in Sault Ste. Marie at the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center. The board discussed and passed 18 resolutions.

Resolution 2022-165: COVID-19 Vaccine Related Activities FY 2022 Budget Modification — Approved for a change to the personnel sheet and a reallocation of expenses.

#166: Perinatal Opioid Grant and Third-Party Revenue, FY 2022 Budget Modifications — The budget modification was approved for a change to the personnel sheet, and an increase in Other Revenue - Inter Tribal Council monies \$10,000.06, and a decrease in Third Party Revenue monies of \$7,896.54.

#167: Mental Health and Third-Party Revenue FY 2022 Budget Modifications — Approved for a change to the personnel sheet and a decrease in Third Party Revenue monies of \$93,381.40.

#168: ACFS Division – Social Work FY 2022 Budget Modification — Approved for an increase in federal BIA monies of \$72,217.37 and a reallocation of expenses.

#169: Natural Resources, 2022 Great Lakes Coastal Symposium Establishment of FY 2022 Budget — Approved with federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service revenue monies of \$36,265.81.

#170: Natural Resources, Midwest Tribal Wild Rice Coordination and Planning, Establishment of FY 2022 Budget — Approved with federal BIA monies of \$125,000.

#171: Authorization to Accept Grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service — The board approved the acceptance of the grant in the initial amount of \$21,598.

#172: Contracting Authority Acute Direct Care Clinic Contracts — The tribe has several health centers across the Upper Peninsula, but would like to consider acute clinic care possibilities for tribal members; and the Health Division has identified service centers which can expand this service throughout the area in a cost-effective manner and wishes to establish the contracting authority to negotiate and enter into contracts on a long-term basis for the expansion of these services. The board delegated the Health Division Director the authority to contract with available health delivery agencies in the area for acute care for members, for the purpose of expanding health delivery and access,

and delegated the authority to enter into these agreements on a long-term basis.

#173: Acceptance, 2022 Indian Housing Plan, CARES Act Amendment #1 — The board approved the 2022 IBP-CARES Act Amendment #1, Grant No. 20-BV-265-4680, as presented and requested approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to accept the Amendment.

#174: Authorizing Signature Real Estate Form — The board delegated the Real Estate Manager the authority to sign and execute form L'-4154, for the State of Michigan, Department of Treasury, to clarify that the tribe did not purchase any lots in Block 12, of the St. Paul's Addition to the City Plats, other than Lots 1, 3, 4, 11 - 17, and 20-30, inclusive.

#175: Approving Contract, Hunts Maintenance and Service — The board approved the contract between the tribe and the cleaning company, Hunts Maintenance and Service, for a one-year term, from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$93,497.80.

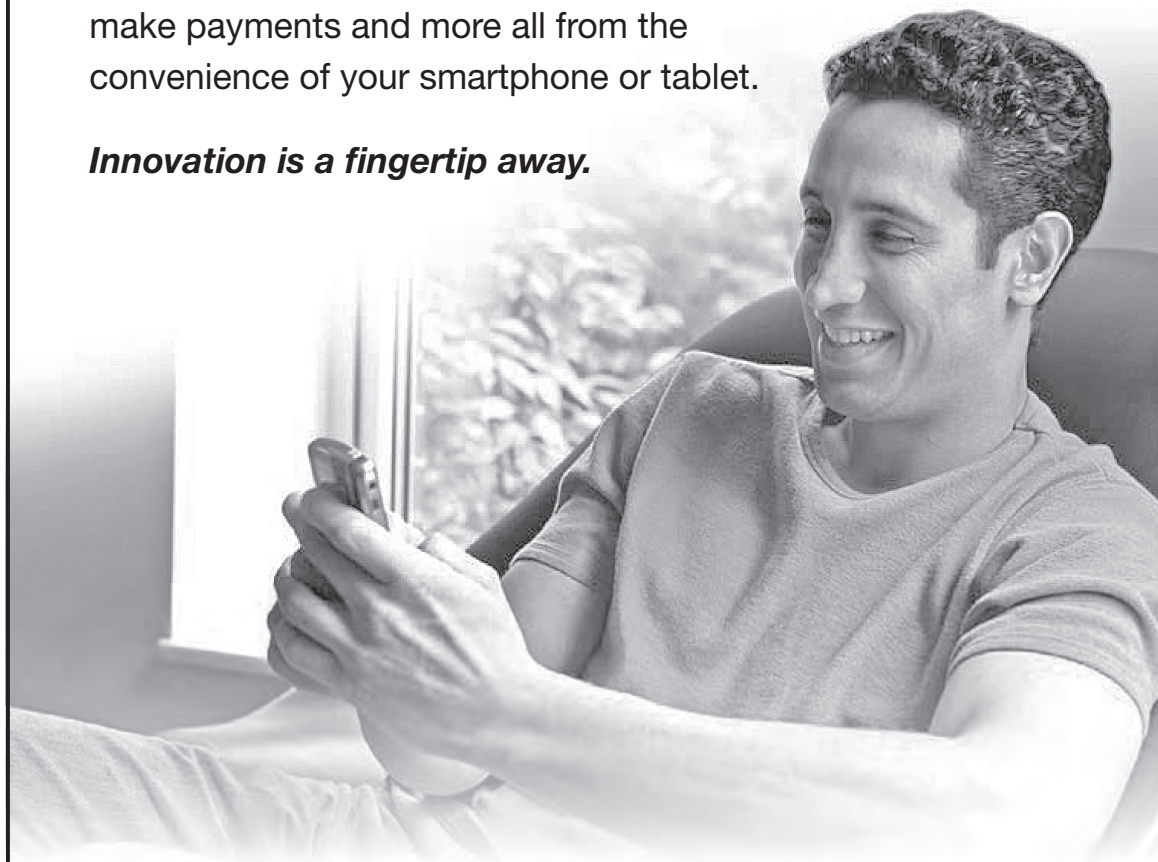
#176: Approving and Supporting Federal Condemnation of Property on McKay Bay — In 1995, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians deeded land along McKay Bay of Lake Huron, in Section 34, T. 42N-R0 1E, Clark Township, Mackinac County, Mich., to the United States, and the United States subsequently took that land into trust for the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) and the tribes. CORA and the tribes expended resources to develop the trust land for tribal fishers. Individuals who owned land abutting the trust lands brought two suits in the Michigan court in which they claim property rights that would substantially interfere with CORA and the tribes' use of the trust lands. The United States has informed the tribes and CORA that if they support condemnation of the abutting lands, the United States would condemn those lands, including condemnation of any claims to those lands which interferes with CORA and the tribes' use of the trust lands. The tribe supports the United States' decision to condemn the abutting lands and supports the United States taking the condemned property into trust for the tribes and CORA. The board concurs with the United States' See "Board," page 10

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Midway General Store open under new owners

BY SCOTT BRAND

Located in the heart of the Hiawatha National Forest, Midway General Store sits along Highway 13 almost dead center between U.S. 2 to the south and M-28 to the north providing area residents and tourists alike with beer, gas, snacks and energy drinks.

“We wanted to keep the old country store vibe,” said Erica Kemeny. “We wanted a store that catered to the locals and what they needed and the tourists as well.”

The store, which was built in 1971, had been owned and operated by Pat and Myra Skorupski for the last 22 years. Erica and her fiancé, Mike San Antonio, purchased the building back in November, but did not immediately open up shop.

“We re-did the upstairs a little bit,” said Mike, “and in December we started renovating.”

The couple were quick to give credit to those who helped on the renovation project. Erica said her step-dad, Willie Vogg, was instrumental in the project.

“He has done carpentry his whole life,” said Erica. “He had a vision.”

Roy Krause and Shawn Carll were also part of the work crew that helped.

“It’s all hand-made,” said Erica. “We changed the layout, and the doors and shifted everything we could to utilize our floor and wall space. We are really happy with the variety and what we have to offer.”

Part of that variety includes deli sandwiches and even some hot food for breakfast and lunch.

“Mom is getting famous for her burritos,” said Erica of one of the more popular dishes on the limited menu.

Janae Vogg, the granddaughter of Sault Tribe member George DuPont, said she had moved to the Upper Peninsula from the

Grand Rapids area about five years ago.

“I used to come here all the time as both a child and an adult,” said Janae in between customers.

The store serves as an oasis for those on the road, but it also provides a sportsmen’s hub offering a wide array of baits including crawlers, leeches, minnows and suckers. They are planning to expand their offerings in the future.

“We are on the waiting list for a DNR machine,” said Erica, envisioning the day when Midway will be able to sell hunting and fishing licenses to their customers. “We’re also preparing to have ammo in time for the hunting season.”

The convenience store also offers packaged ice, a propane tank exchange, an automatic teller machine and dumpster service as well as WIFI access for those in need.

“We want to support Michigan businesses as much as we can,” added Erica, pointing to Jilbert’s Ice cream and Trenary Toast as Upper Peninsula staples and the popular Highway 13 sweatshirts and T-shirts in various sizes that were on display.

Midway General Store is open daily at 8 a.m. and the back tables serve as a community gathering spot for locals to share their stories and some coffee. It remains open until 8 p.m. each day with the exception of Sunday when the couple close up shop at 5 p.m.

They can be reached at (906) 573-2450.

Photo by Scott Brand

Mike San Antonio and fiancé Erica Kemeny, a member of the Sault Tribe, purchased Midway General Store in November 2021. The couple conducted extensive interior renovations throughout the winter months, eventually re-opening the store on April 23 just in time for the opening of trout season.



Board passes resolutions at June meetings, continued

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decision to condemn the abutting property and directs the tribe’s representatives to CORA to support a resolution by CORA that would provide CORA’s concurrence with the United States’ decision to condemn the abutting property.

#177: Authorization to Use Les Cheneaux Community Schools CTE Program, Scott Barr, Barr Construction for Demawating Development, Hillcrest Property Build — The board authorized the vice chairman, or a designee, to enter into any agreements necessary, in conjunction with Barr Construction, to procure the construction and infrastructure improvements required to facilitate the completion of a single-family residence in Hillcrest Properties using funds previously approved in the 2022 Enterprise Capital Expenditure Budget and the Les Cheneaux CTE program.

#178: Affirming the Sibley Parcel’s Compliance with the Michigan Indian Land Claim Settlement Act (MILCSA) — The board affirms and declares its position that the Sibley Parcel, and the tribe’s mandatory fee-trust application fully meet the requirements of the MILCSA, including its requirement that the parcels be “for consolidation or enhancement of tribal land.”

#179: Authorization to Negotiate and Purchase Strawberry Fields Condominium, St. Ignace, Mich., Property Acquisition — Approved, not to exceed the agreed terms approved

by the board.

#180: Authorization to Negotiate and Purchase 1110 and 1120 Boundary Rd., Moran Township, Property Acquisition — Approved

#181: Authorization to Negotiate and Purchase 0 Boundary Rd., Moran Township, Property Acquisition — Approved.

#182: Authorization to Negotiate and Purchase 6303 Faketty Rd., Manistique, Mich., Property Acquisition — Approved.

June 20, 2022

A regular meeting of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors was held June 20, 2022, in Sault Ste. Marie at the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center. The board discussed and passed 11 resolutions.

#183: ARPA COVID Testing, Contact Tracing, Monitoring, and Mitigation, FY 2022 Budget Modification — Approved to change the personnel sheet, increase expense and increase Federal IHS monies \$1,625,153.34.

#184: ARPA Maintenance and Improvements, Leasing, Construction, FY 2022 Budget Modification — Approved for an increase in expense with Federal IHS monies of \$1,174,648.

#185: Health Center Maintenance, Improvements, and Capital Outlays, and Third-Party Revenue, FY 2022 Budget Modifications — The board approved the FY 2022 budget modification to increase expenses, increase Federal IHS mon-

ies \$992,998.14 and increase Third Party Revenue monies \$98,869.40.

#186: Letter of Intent Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress — The board supports, approves, and authorizes the tribe’s Eldercare Service Division to send a letter of intent to receive a grant application from the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress in order to secure funding to provide and expand direct services to Native American elders. The board authorized the assistant executive director and/or executive director, to sign on behalf of the tribe for a four-year period expiring on Dec. 31, 2026.

#187: Amending Tribal Code Chapter 14: Rules of Parliamentary Procedure Ordinance — Tribal Code Chapter 14: Section 14.109 is amended to include the following; 14.109 (1) (A) Video Conferencing with voting shall be permitted for the board of directors and committees, unless prohibited by federal law. This resolution replaces Resolution 2020-73.

#188: ARPA Fund Appropriation, Facility Parking Lots — Repair of the parking lots surrounding the tribe’s casino, court, human resources building, MidJim store, Anishnaabek Community and Family Services building, and other tribal buildings is necessary to continue the tribe’s ongoing fight against the economic, health, and community harms caused by COVID-19. The board authorized \$3 million

of remaining ARPA funds for construction and repair of tribal facility parking lots.

#189: ARPA Fund Appropriation, New Natural Resource’s Facility — The board authorized \$3 million of remaining ARPA funds for construction of a new natural resource’s facility located near the current fish ponds in Odenaang.

#190: Honorary Membership, Madan Saluja — Madan Saluja has dedicated his career and life to enhancing the education and well-being of local and tribal communities for over 50 years; and has had a positive impact on our tribal membership both individually, and collectively as a whole. The board proudly recognized that Madan Saluja has always been one of us and acknowledged that by declaring Madan to be an honorary member of our tribe.

#191: Authorizing Annual Contract Renewal Authority — The following individuals are hereby authorized to approve any annual contract renewals authorized within their respective tribal board approved budgets: Executive Director of the tribe, Assistant Executive Director, Division Directors of the tribe, the Chief Financial Officer of the tribe and the EDC Director. All renewal contracts will be reviewed by the tribe’s Legal Department prior to execution.

#192: Authorization for GITCHI Enterprises to Enter into an Independent Contractor

Agreement with Sault Tribe, Inc. — The board authorized the tribe’s vice-chairperson to enter into an independent contractor management and operations agreement with Sault Tribe, Inc., for the management and operation of Gitchi Auto, Home and RV, a dealership licensed by the state of Michigan to buy, repair, and sell passenger vehicles, light trucks, motor homes and recreational vehicles.

#193: Authorization to Contract Enterprise Administration — The board authorized the vice chairperson to negotiate and enter into a contract with Sault Tribe Inc. to provide operational and asset management services to the tribal enterprises identified as Sault Tribe Business Solutions, MidJims, White Pine Lodge, Gitchi Enterprises, Northern Hospitality, DeMawating Development, Sawyer Village, billboard/storage units, and any other enterprise effort deemed appropriate. The board authorized an internal modification of \$120,000 for management services for DeMawating funds by EDC Director and CFO. Current Sault Tribe team members compensated with EDC Cost Center #1155 will be retained by Sault Tribe Inc. as part of the contract and authorizes an internal budget modification for the internal services.

To view these and previous resolutions passed by the tribe’s board of directors, visit www.saulttribe.com.

Butzin retires from armed forces career after 25 years

Timothy Butzin joined the USMC in August 1991 and went to recruit training at MCRD San Diego, Calif. He then attended training at Lackland AF Base where he was awarded the Military Occupational Speciality (MOS) 5811 Military Police.

LCPL Butzin served at MCLB Barstow, Calif., and Camp Butler Okinawa before his hon-

orable discharge in 1995.

Butzin joined the U.S. Coast Guard in December 1995 and attended recruit training at Cape May, N.J. He attended training at Yorktown, Va., and was awarded the MOS Fire Control Radar Technician. FT3 Butzin served on the USGC Tampa and USCG Northland before his honorable discharge in 1999.

He joined the Michigan National Guard in February 1999. SPC Butzin attended training at Fort Rucker, Ala., in 1999 and was awarded the Air Traffic Control MOS. SPC Butzin served at Camp Grayling until his honorable discharge in 2001.

Butzin joined the U.S. Naval Reserve in 2003. MA1 Butzin

served at Gwinn, Mich. and Green Bay, Wisc. until his honorable discharge in 2008. MA1 Butzin was deployed to Kuwait from October 2005 to July 2006 in support of Operation Iraq Freedom.

Tim Butzin joined the U.S. Army in 2008 and attended training at Fort Gordon, Ga., where he was awarded the MOS

25Q Multichannel Transmission Systems Operator. SFC Butzin served at Fort Riley, Kan., Fort Carson, Colo., Camp Casey Korea, Rose Barracks, Germany, and Fort Gordon, Ga. SFC Butzin was deployed to FOB Summerall Iraq in 2009-2010.

SFC Butzin retired in 2022 with more than 25 years of service.

Northern Shores Community Development awards grants

Northern Shores Community Development Inc. has awarded \$2,500 FARM Loan grants from the Native American Agriculture Fund program to the following individuals:

Steve Bailey, Bailey Farms, LLC

Monica Cady, Ojibwe Apothecary

Michelle Carrick, Carrick Family Farms, LLC
Virginia Fields, Charlevoix Community Garden

Casey Hinkson, Hinkson Homegrown, LLC
John Keshick, Sunset Bay Fishery

Yvonne Keshick, Quill Artist
Abigail Mikolowski,

Mikolowski Farms, LLC
Sally Rook, Two-Thunder Gardens

Mark Shananaquet, Native Cultivations, LLC

Paul Smith, First Catch
Jonathan Stafford, Stafford Country Acres

Christopher Standard, American Guinea Hog Farm

Aaron, Cole & Kyle Tadjerson's Fishing
Elizabeth M. VanSickle, Hager Creek Sugar Bush

Darrell James Wagner, Wagner's Simply Superior Farm

Checks will be issued no later than July 29, 2022. We received so many great applications and wish we could have

funded them all.

More grants will be issued from the Native American Agriculture Fund program next year, so apply again if you didn't receive a grant.

Miigwetch for your interest in the Northern Shores Community Development, Inc. FARM Program!

Five generations gather



Five generations recently convened for a special photograph. From left to right are grandmother Erica Rodgers, father Justin Rodgers, great-grandmother Sherrie Armstead, and great-great-grandmother Bonnie Bright, holding the newest family member, Jamieson Wyatt Rodgers, who was born on Jan. 16, 2021.

IOC names Jim Thorpe as the sole Stockholm 1912 pentathlon and decathlon Olympic gold medalist

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced July 15 it "will henceforth display the name of Jim Thorpe as the sole gold medalist in pentathlon and decathlon at the Olympic Games Stockholm 1912." This change comes on the very day of the 110th anniversary of Thorpe's medal in decathlon.

This development has been made possible by the engagement of the Bright Path Strong organization, supported by IOC member Anita DeFrantz. Bright Path Strong contacted the Swedish Olympic Committee (SOC) and the surviving family members of Hugo K. Wieslander, who was named as the gold medalist in decathlon when Thorpe was stripped of his medals in 1913. They confirmed that Wieslander himself had never accepted the Olympic gold medal allocated to him, and had always been of the opinion that Jim Thorpe was the sole legitimate Olympic gold med-

alist. When contacted by the IOC, the SOC also declared that Thorpe should be acknowledged as the sole Olympic champion in decathlon at the Olympic Games Stockholm 1912.

The same declaration was received from the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports, whose athlete, Ferdinand Bie, was named as the gold medalist when Thorpe was stripped of the pentathlon title.

IOC President Thomas Bach said, "We welcome the fact that, thanks to the great engagement of Bright Path Strong, a solution could be found. This is a most exceptional and unique situation, which has been addressed by an extraordinary gesture of fair play from the National Olympic Committees concerned."

With this decision, Thorpe's name will now be displayed as the sole gold medalist in pentathlon and decathlon, with the silver going to Bie in the pentathlon and Wieslander in

the decathlon. However, James Donahue, from the US, and Frank Lukeman, from Canada, will keep the silver and bronze medals in pentathlon that they were awarded when the results were amended in 1913. The same applies to Charles Lomberg (silver) and Gösta Holmér (bronze), both from Sweden, in the decathlon.

In addition, World Athletics, as the responsible International Sports Federation for track and field, has agreed to amend its records to reflect this decision.

Jim Thorpe, the Native American track and field athlete whose original given name of Wa-Tho-Huk means "Bright Path," won both events at the 1912 Games, but was stripped of his Olympic titles one year later. The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), the predecessor of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), deemed that he had infringed the rules regarding amateurism in place at the time.

Walking on...

MICHAEL A. GEROU

Michael A. Gerou, 67, of Tucson, Ariz., has joined the



here.

He is survived by his sisters, Sharon Gerou, Jean Gerou, Joan Romero, Javais, JJ, Box; his brother, Daniel Gerou; his son, Ryan Paisley; his long-time girlfriend, Sheila Bower; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, David Gerou, mother, Carole Bray and his brother, David Gerou.

DAVID MICHAEL RYERSE

David Michael Ryerse, 61, of Wilmington, Ohio, passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Soin Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio.

He was born in St. Ignace, Mich. on March 15, 1961, to Paul and Bonnie (nee Pemble) Ryerse. When he was young, the family moved to Lansing, Mich. and it was there he attended school and graduated from Everett High School in 1979.



David served in the U.S. Air force from 1985-1989, rank of Sergeant. He had a tremendous respect for all veterans and served as 2nd Vice at the American Legion Post 49.

He worked at Wright Patterson Air Force Base as a biomedical technician, testing medical equipment to ensure it

was safe to fly on the various types of aircraft he was assigned.

David loved all sports, particularly golf, basketball, and softball and played for "The Medics," a base softball team at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton. He coached many young men in basketball and baseball and it meant everything to him that he made a positive impact on their lives. He was a staunch supporter of the Michigan Wolverines.

He was also a lifetime member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Survivors include his wife, Christine "Tina", whom he married in 2018; his father Paul (Barbara) Ryerse of St. Ignace; daughters Chelsea (Andrew Brewer) Ryerse; Taylor (Cameron) Villarreal; Alyssa Ryerse, all of Ohio; brothers Barry (Jen) Ryerse of Spring Creek, Nev.; Jon Ryerse of

Phoenix, Ariz.; Tim Ryerse of St. Ignace; sisters Lindsey (Chad) Fender of Grand Ledge, Mich. and Ashley Ryerse of Seattle, Wash.; his grandchildren Roman and Malina Brewer. He is further survived by the mother of his children, Deborah (Grooms) Ryerse. Many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews also survive.

David was preceded in death by his mother, Bonnie; uncles David Michael Pemble (his namesake), Bruce Pemble and Donnie Hakola; grandparents Blair and Rita Pemble and Jack and Mary Jane Ryerse.

Services were held on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Smith Funeral Home in Wilmington, Ohio.

A celebration of David's life was held at Kewadin Shores Event Center in St. Ignace on Sunday, July 10, 2022, for family and friends.

Weller wins Follo Award for historical book

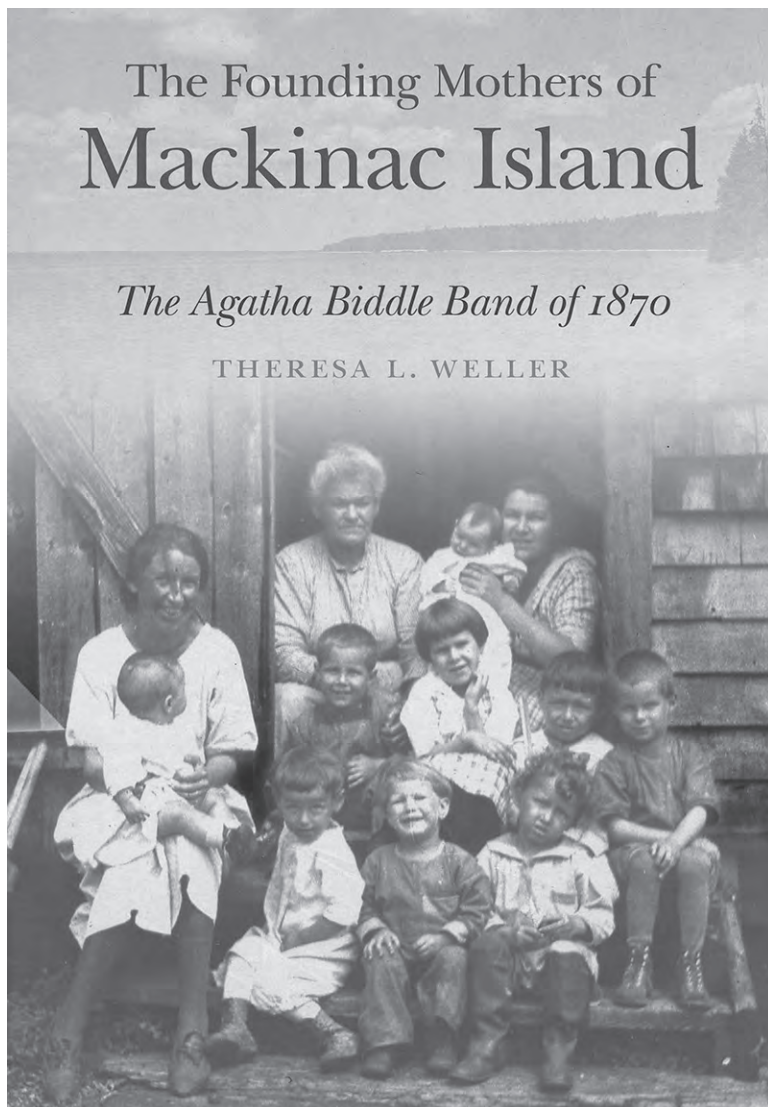
BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Theresa “Terry” Weller, a Sault Tribe member from St. Ignace, Mich., recently received the Follo Award from the Historical Society of Michigan for her book *The Founding Mothers of Mackinac Island/The Agatha Biddle Band of 1870*.

The Historical Society of Michigan presents two Upper Peninsula (U.P.) based awards each year: the Charles Follo Award for individuals (named in honor of a school teacher from Escanaba), and the Superior Award for historical organizations located in the Upper Peninsula. The awards recognize individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the preservation and promotion of U.P. history.

Weller’s book gives an in-depth look into the genealogies of people in the Mackinac region and has helped countless families connect with their long-forgotten ancestors. Weller’s research into the lives of Native women involved with the Agatha Biddle Band has resulted in public presentations, development of the Mackinac Area Genealogy and Family History Facebook page, and most recently her book released in 2021.

Weller said being selected for the Charles Follo Award “has been the icing on the cake in this whole long process — the cake being that my alma mater, Michigan State University published my book! I was so honored that my work received such positive recognition, it makes me very happy and proud! I am grateful to the Michigan Historical Society.”



Weller said research for the book took her about 13 years to complete. “I researched each person and their family and wrote their story as I had the information. I looked at church records (many from Ste. Anne’s on Mackinac Island; the list is in the book), treaty records (written testimony, etc.), fur trade records, letters and newspapers. The data covered St. Boniface, Manitoba,

Minnesota and Wisconsin to Quebec, and south to Detroit, basically the Great Lakes area,” she said. “Voyageurs traveled great distances and found their wives in remote places and settled in places perhaps not previously connected with either one.”

She said many people shared their treasured family images that really made this book special. “I have been doing genealogy



Theresa Weller

since the early ’80s, working on my mother’s side of the family. My nana, Theresa Florence Martell, was born in St. Ignace in 1913. Her line includes Therriens, LaJoices and Boulangers who now spell the name Beloungea. Growing up in St. Ignace, my nana only spoke French. It wasn’t until they moved to the Flint area that she had to learn English. I currently have more than 6,500 names in my Family Tree Maker, many who are connected to me in one way or another,” she said.

Weller said her grandmother’s family were French Canadians from the St. Lawrence River region who ended up in the eastern U.P., on St. Joseph’s Island, Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace. She believes her Native American

ancestry probably came from the Red River region in Manitoba to upper Minnesota. “The Boulanger family who came to the Mackinac area was Paul LeFevre dit Boulanger [A dit name is an alternate name, or alias, tacked on to a family name or surname], who was from Quebec, became a voyageur and married an Ojibwe woman named Angelique Montreuil. She was from the Red Cedar Lake area of Minnesota. They settled on Mackinac Island. Angelique was my ancestor and a member of the Agatha Biddle Band,” she said.

Weller said her research led her to find that in 1859, the U.S. government had recorded the names of annuity payees in their English married names. In the previous years, their names had been recorded under their Native names. “I wanted to learn what Angelique’s Native name was and find her on an earlier annuity list. From there, the idea of the book was born,” she said.

Angelique’s Native name was Key Way Ke Num, and Weller says she doesn’t have a translation for that.

The Founding Mothers of Mackinac Island/The Agatha Biddle Band of 1870 is available online through Amazon and Barnes and Noble by doing a title or author search.

Children vulnerable to dangers lurking behind screens

With children spending more time at home for the summer it may mean they are getting more screen time than usual. Gone are the days of children playing outside until the street lights come on. It seems nowadays children are less likely to play outside and more apt to be found crashed out on a couch or bed with a phone or tablet in hand. If not glued to a phone, they are perhaps stuck to a video game for hours on end.

Children, although smart and able to navigate most electronic devices with ease, are still quite naive and vulnerable to the dangers that lurk behind the screens. We as parents, grandparents, guardians, babysitters, and day-care providers can all take part in helping our children stay safe while they are online.

Communication is key. It begins with regular communication with our children. Not just a one-time reminder in passing to “be careful” on the Internet, but regular reminders of the potential danger that awaits them in cyberspace.

We need to have in depth conversations about the specific reasons why we need our children to be careful. There are numerous concerns that parents have about their children being connected online daily whether its social media or online gam-

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ing. Cyber-bullying, Internet predators, sexting, texting and driving, identity theft, too much screen time — the list goes on. Life is no longer as simple as we remember it to be.

“Generation Z” and “Millennials” are defined as the first social generation to have grown up with access to the Internet and portable digital technology from a young age. Members of Generation Z have been dubbed “digital natives.” Therefore, rules and boundaries are necessary for this new generation in which many Generation X and even Baby Boomer parents or grandparents are learning to navigate with some difficulty and lots of kickback.

Here are some helpful guidelines to follow for practicing online safety:

- Set and follow family rules that indicate length of time and behavior on social media and online gaming sites.

- Explain the dangers of sharing personal photos. Remind children and teens that their pictures can fall into the wrong hands and the difficulty of retrieving or deleting the photo is nearly impossible.

- Teach children and teens to never reveal personal information such as address, phone number, or sharing their location online.

- Don’t chat with strangers and avoid “friending” anyone they do not know.

- Never respond to a threatening email, message, post, or text. Use only a screen name and do not share passwords with anyone (except parents, guardians, caregivers).

- Never agree to meet up or get together in person with anyone they have met online without having parent approval or supervision.

- Encourage your child to show you or come to you when they encounter any communication or conversation that is scary, threatening, or hurtful. By having conversations about this subject often, children and teens may feel more comfortable to come to you when they have an issue.

- Teach children to be kind when online with others. The same rules apply online as they do in person. Treat others how you would like to be treated.

- Children should ask per-

mission before downloading an app or using a new device.

- Using devices close to bedtime should be avoided so the child’s brain can rest and get a healthy amount of sleep.

SMART is a helpful acronym for children and teens to stay safe online:

S-Safe: Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information

M-Meet: Meeting someone you have only met online can be dangerous. Only do so with parents’ permission.

A-Accepting: Accepting emails, instant messages, or opening files, pictures, or text from people you don’t know or trust can lead to problems — they may contain viruses or nasty messages.

R-Reliable: Information you find on the Internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.

T-Tell: Tell you parent, guardian, or caregiver or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Fortunately, there are several apps for parents to use to help monitor children and teens device usage. Most cost just

a few dollars per month and some are free but with limited access. Look for such apps in your device’s app store to help monitor your child’s emails, texts, social media sites, and what content is being searched or shared. The apps also help limit screen time and filters websites to eliminate risky content. Apps like Bark, Pocket Guardian, WebWatcher, and Family Time are some of the highly rated apps parents are using. Limitly is a free app for Android users only.

However, we cannot solely rely on these apps to do the work for us. We must stay involved, stay in communication, monitor the devices, and stay connected with our children. Children need real “face time” and real in person communication. Be mindful of your own screen time and be sure to make time for your family away from the internet. Make special memories together and enjoy each other’s company.

Check the Advocacy Resource Centers website at www.arcsault-tribe.com for more information and follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sault-tribeARC for a list of potentially dangerous apps for children and teens. The Advocacy Resource Center is able to provide advocacy for those in need of support services and can be reached at (906) 632-1808.

USFWS teams up with Oceans Canada to battle St. Mary's lamprey

BY SCOTT BRAND

Scientific data, relatively new lampricides, radically improved technology and funding from both sides of the border have combined to have a real impact on the population of sea lamprey that have successfully grown to adult size in northern lakes Huron and Michigan.

"We have substantially knocked them down," said Lead Physical Science Technician Jamie Criger of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as his crew prepared to drop thousands of pounds of Bayluscide targeting hot spots in the St. Mary's River. "This (river) was just pumping out lampreys, probably by the millions, for so long."

The sea lampreys had gained access to all five Great Lakes by the early 1930s and devastated the local lake trout and whitefish populations during the early years before transitioning over to the Pacific salmon released in the late 1960s. Nearly 20 years ago, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved the use of lampricides — Lampricid and Bayluscide — determining they posed no unreasonable risk to the general population and environment, setting the stage for the dramatic decrease in sea lampreys.

The most recent estimates from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission reveals that Lake

Huron lamprey numbers have fallen 88 percent from their historical highs, while in Lake Michigan, the population has fallen by 95 percent.

"They will never be gone," Criger said as he prepared to head out on the morning of July 7. "That would be like trying to kill all of the mosquitoes."

The USFWS crew was in Sault Ste. Marie for eight full days, dropping the Bayluscide in specific locations. According to Criger, his Canadian counterparts had done the majority of the detective work prior to his arrival with a vessel equipped with what looks like a deep-water bell, which can administer electric current into the silt at the bottom of the St. Mary's River to locate the incubating grounds for the juvenile sea lampreys.

"It shocks them out of the mud," said Criger, describing it as similar to earthworms coming out in the rain.

Once the Canadian crews completed their assessment work, the two crews began applying the lampricide to the areas where it is determined it will have the most impact.

"It goes from about 60 acres down to 10 acres," Criger said of the 2022 hot zones and sometimes requires the spray vessels to run in waters less than 2 feet deep.

The larvae, which spend the

first 3 to 5 years in the silt as filter feeders, grow to a little over 6 inches in length before they develop eyes and the deadly suction-cup feeding mouth designed to attach itself to local fish. It is estimated that each lamprey consumes 40 pounds of fish flesh before reaching adulthood and finding a place to spawn continuing the cycle.

"It's like a giant crop duster," Criger said of the mechanism used to deliver the lampricide. "It's all agricultural technology adapted to underwater dispersal."

And a lot of the guesswork is taken out of the equation.

"It's all computer-controlled and calibrated," said Criger, adding that the technology allows

that to work in a grid-like fashion to cover the targeted area similar to the way a person mowing the yard can follow the previous cut to ensure they cover the entire area.

But that does not mean there isn't a lot of muscle and sweat that goes into each and every day on the water.

"We can use 50 pounds a minute at 10 miles-per-hour," said Criger representing one bucket of Bayluscide.

The largest spray boat at Criger's disposal, the Generation II version first employed last year, can hold 1,500 pounds at a time in its tank, but runs through the lampricide so quickly that support boats are needed to con-

tinually re-supply it throughout the day.

A lot of that loading from the storage site, to the trailer, to the dock, to the boat, onto the other boat and into the tank, falls on Criger's crew — Barry Shier, Dan McGarry and Tiffany Opalka-Myers — as they literally each moved 100 pounds of lampricide at a time to keep pace throughout the day.

Upon completing their work on the St. Mary's River, the crew's heavy lifting was far from over. The weight would not change, only the mode to dispersion.

"Our main time and effort," concluded Criger, is in the rivers using liquid lampricide."



Don't underestimate the strength and stamina of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife crew. The four individuals pictured here, Barry Shier, Jamie Criger, Dan McGarry and Tiffany Opalka-Myers (L-R), had partially unloaded their trailer with each bucket weighing 50 pounds apiece. Two at a time, they would carry the buckets out to the end of the dock, load them on the boats and then dump them into the tank. The spray boat utilizes up to 50 pounds a minute, requiring a support boat to keep it loaded throughout the day.



Photos by Scott Brand

Barry Shier wears a protective mask while dumping a 50-pound bucket of Bayluscide into the holding tank, which can handle a full 1,500 pounds before it is filled to capacity.

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9:40 - Sault Tribe, Inc: Who We Are, What We Do & What It Means For You | Joel Schultz, CEO, Sault Tribe, Inc

10:00 - Break

10:15 - Business Finance | Colleen Duflo, Northern Initiatives

10:45 - Doing Business With the Federal Government | Sheila Kreason, PEDCO PTAC

11:15 - KEYNOTE ADDRESS | David Glass, Division of Capital Investments, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Indian Affairs, Department Of Interior

12:00 - Lunch (provided free of charge, courtesy of Pure Michigan Business Connect & MEDC)

1:15 - TBD

1:45 - Business Law | Rose Coonen, Coonen Law

2:30 - Break

2:45 - Business Idea Pitch Competition | Tanya Markos-Vanno, Pure Michigan Business Connect

3:45 - Closing Remarks

Early Childhood program holds family activity

The Sault Tribe Early Childhood Education Programs recently hosted a (Swii (Three) Sister Storytelling activity event. There were 15 families involved in the event, including 21 adults and 25 children. Family members included moms, dads, aunts, uncles, siblings and grandpar-

ents. Children participated by sorting corn, squash, and bean seeds, tasting each vegetable and practicing counting of these items. Included in the fun was rock painting, which supported color recognition and fine motor skills. The event ended

with each child trying out their archeological skills by digging in the fairy garden to find dinosaurs.

Family Service Coordinators Danielle and Heidi prepared the three-sisters veggie samples and fruit smoothies for all to enjoy. The Early Childhood Education

Program has seven raised garden beds, which represent the seven grandfather teachings and the seven generations. This was all made possible as a result of support from the Sault Tribe Community Health Department and Michigan State University Extension.



Photos by Danielle Kaminski

Camille and Grandma Wendy enjoying fresh vegetables as part of a Early Childhood Programs learning experience.



Lilian and her brother Braydan with their mom Joselynn.



Alara (left), mom Shelby, brother Colson and big sister Hanna.



Braxton and his dad William.



Caroline (bottom left) her parents Diana and Wade, and grandparents.



Jordynn (right) and her mom Aubree.



Owen and his parents Dustin and Savannah.

Kids learn the gift of growing and harvesting

BY DANIELLE KAMINSKI, SAULT TRIBE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FAMILY SERVICE COORDINATOR

Miss Michaela's Head Start class got to spend their morning harvesting lettuce, chives and kale from the garden. The kids started all these plants by seeds. They

worked hard at watering them daily and were able to watch them grow. After they harvested the lettuce, kale and chives, the kids made their own personal salads. They had so much fun making them and eating the salads. The children will be harvesting peas, beans, and cucumbers very

soon. The garden area is not only used for gardening, it's also used for teaching and exploring the 13 stepping stones that represent the 13 moons. The children also get to explore their five senses by smelling the flowers in the garden, tasting the vegetables they grew, touching the different

leaves and vegetables, seeing the vegetables grow and all the different shapes of the leaves, and hearing the birds and the leaves ruffling in the wind. The garden area is a wonderful area to teach the children. We are so thankful for this beautiful garden area that we have at our school.



Photos by Danielle Kaminski
Gailynn eating a salad she helped to pick and make.



Braxley with lettuce she picked.



Jordynn, Braxley, and Deklyn.



Above: Miss Danielle (bottom left), Jordynn (center left), Miss Michaela (top center) and Braxley (center right). Below: Owen eating a salad with greens he helped pick.



Tribe holds annual powwow in Sault Ste. Marie



Photo by Christina McKerchie
Michael McKerchie with daughter Ella McKerchie



Photo by Christina McKerchie
L-R: Dylan Fisher, Anthony Abramson, and Lucas McKerchie.



Photo by Christina McKerchie
L-R: Gabriella Fisher, Skye Downwind, and Nelly Abramson.



Photo by Daraka McLeod
L-R: Guillermo Madison Mayo, 3, Meadow Dettloff, 3, and Kimora Teeple, 9.



Photo by Christine Herber
Corwin and Alex Herber attended the powwow from Hilliard, Ohio.



Photo by Christine Herber
Alex Herber from Hilliard, Ohio.



Photo by Cindy LaCrosse
Great grandmother Wilma Vert, Kinley Payment 10, and Jenavie Ekdahl, 5.



Grand entry photo by Waabishka Niimki.



Jingle dress dancers, photo by Cressandra Thibodeaux.



Photo by Crystal Lindsay
Sisters Brendalysse and Jazzlynn Lindsay enjoying the powwow.



Photo by Cressandra Thibodeaux
Mother and son - Alanna Trudeau and Pahquis.

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Busy summer at the Museum of Ojibwa Culture

BY SCOTT BRAND

“We have been really, really busy,” said Museum Director Shirley Sorrells early this month regarding the activities at the Museum of Ojibwa Culture in St. Ignace.

Sorrells indicated the St. Ignace Car Show and the Fourth of July Holiday had fueled a great deal of foot traffic, but 2022 will stand out for a number of other reasons as well. Expanded exhibits in the form for two new Jingle Dresses and Dibaajimowinan “Our Stories Remembered” complete recorded messages from Sault Tribal elders John Causley and Delinda Brissette.

“We have multiple interviews and we plan to add more in the future,” said Sorrells of the exhibit designed to create awareness of what went on in the Native American boarding schools. “It creates awareness of what happened.”

This powerful display, Sorrells added, has a real emotional impact on some of the visitors who are reduced to tears after learning of the treatment Native Americans faced both here in Michigan and throughout North America.

The reburial of the remains of Father Jacques Marquette in late June drew a large crowd.

Fr. Marquette established the first mission in modern-day St. Ignace in 1671 but reportedly died of dysentery in 1675 while attempting to return to St. Ignace. He was initially buried near modern-day Ludington, Mich., upon his death with his bones returned to St. Ignace in 1677 for reburial. After 200 years, his burial site was rediscovered and the bones were sent to Marquette University in Wisconsin for safekeeping where they remained until they were returned to their final resting place during the June 18, 2022, ceremony.

The building that houses the museum, located at 500 N. State

Street in St. Ignace, was built in 1837, according to Sorrells. It is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day with admission by donation. The staff includes Assistant Manager Tom Wyers, Cultural Director Francie Wyers and Museum Clerks Joselyn Convery, Midge Tillman, Morgan Odle, and Kathie Savard.

There are multiple other displays including a chalice that once belonged to Fr. Marquette and more than 100 other artifacts, including many recovered from the immediate area, for the public to view.

Outside the building, is an artistic display representing the

seven clans — Turtle, Loon, Eagle, Crane, Deer, Bear and Marten — complete with descriptions regarding the importance of each clan and how they contribute to the tribal community. Just beyond that is a replica longhouse providing a stunning visual display of some of the structures the Native Americans would have constructed.

Finally, the early July visit showed a work in progress as Sault Tribal members Tony Grondin, Russ Rickley and Tom Krause were constructing a sweat lodge in preparation for a late August ceremony. It will remain at this location until then.



Photos by Scott Brand

Above: Museum Clerk Midge Tillman shows Museum Director Shirley Sorrells a pair of black ash baskets she created. Below: The longhouse is an interactive display that offers a chance to see the structure both inside and out.



Above, Museum Clerk Joselyn Convery assists customers at the gift shop while below, Tony Grondin, Tom Krause and Russ Rickley (L-R) build the foundation of a sweat lodge in early July on the museum grounds in preparation for a ceremony in August.



July is National Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness Month

CLEFT LIP AND CLEFT PALATE BIRTH DEFECTS CAN BE CORRECTED AND THE PROGNOSIS IS EXCELLENT

JESSICA A. RICKERT, DDS,
ANISHINAABE DENTAL OUT-REACH

Naiomi Glasses, a Diné member of the Navajo nation, skateboards on the red sandstone slopes on her reservation. This 24-year-old woman loves her dentist, and her oral surgeon. She was born with a cleft lip and a cleft palate, with her surgeries completed at age 21. With her ACPA team and her supportive family, she has achieved great success. Her intelligence and excellent speaking ability are evident when she appears on national television. This is possible for any American Indian or Alaskan Native born with a cleft.



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A cleft, in general, refers to the incomplete fusion of tissue during embryo development. A cleft lip refers to a split of the upper lip skin and muscle; and a cleft palate is a split in the roof of the mouth. A cleft palate results in an opening between the mouth and the nose. These defects result from incomplete fusion of the tissues of the lip or of the palate or of both. When the mother is 6-10 weeks pregnant, the facial and mouth tissues fuse together.

These structures are separate but can be associated with each other.

Cleft lip and cleft palate are among the most common birth defects. They most commonly occur as isolated birth defects whose cause is unknown, but sometimes clefts are associated with other inherited genetic conditions or syndromes.

In the United States, cleft lip and palate occurrences are reportedly most common in Native Americans and least common in African Americans.

Increasingly, cleft lip and cleft palate are seen on ultrasound before the baby is born, at about 20 weeks in utero. Usually, a cleft in the lip or palate is identifiable at birth. All babies should see a dentist before age 1, because the dentist can see clefts

in the hard and soft palates.

Signs and symptoms of sub-mucous cleft palate may include:

- Difficulty with feedings
- Difficulty swallowing, with potential for liquids or foods to come out the nose
- Difficulty speaking, with a nasal speaking voice
- Chronic ear infections, with possible hearing loss
- Tooth development and position are often affected.

In general, make sure the mother has a nutritious and excellent diet. Ask the doctor if prenatal vitamins are recommended. Use of alcohol or tobacco during pregnancy increases

the risk of having a baby with various birth defects.

Here's the good news: a cleft lip and cleft palate can be corrected, and the prognosis is excellent. The doctor will start coordinating care at birth, or as soon as the defect is noticed. A series of treatments and surgeries can restore normal form and function and achieve a normal appearance with minimal scarring. The correction will require a commitment until age 21, when the corrections are finalized. This is because a person's face development and growth continue until age 21.

The team that is involved in treatments includes the maxillofacial oral surgeon (doctor who operates on the head and neck), otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat doctor), pediatrician (children's doctor), pedodontist (children's dentist), orthodontist (doctor who applies braces), nutritionist (an expert who advises about healthy food), speech pathologist (talking teacher), a social worker and the family.

The family will have to commit to keeping all appointments and to adhering to a schedule of treatments for the child. Excellent nutrition is necessary for the child to grow ideally, with no junk food. Secondhand smoke can stunt a child's growth, so no smoking around the child. Excellent oral hygiene is absolutely



Photograph courtesy Delta Dental of Michigan

A baby born with a cleft palate.

necessary for the entire family. Children with clefts have the same intelligence and talents as the general population, so education is very important.

Here are the America Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association teams in Michigan who can help our infants and babies:

- Motts Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor
- University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor

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- Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, Grand Rapids
- West Michigan Oral Surgery, Holland
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Learn more about cleft lip and cleft palate here:
www.nccapm.org/

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Further insight into Line 5 safety needed

LANSING, Mich. – On July 7, the Michigan Public Service Commission requested additional information concerning the safety risks posed by the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline segment in the Straits of Mackinac, and its proposed tunnel replacement. The existing dual pipelines have been operating illegally in the Straits for more than a year, and Enbridge seeks to build a replacement for this segment and encase it in a tunnel beneath the lakebed.

The Commission's order comes after frontline tribal nations stressed that continuing to operate Line 5 jeopardizes the health, safety, and livelihoods of Indigenous communities native to the Great Lakes Basin.

Pipeline safety expert Richard Kuprewicz also underscored to the Commission the increased likelihood of an explosion in the Straits when transporting crude oil through a tunnel, which would have catastrophic impacts to water supply, wildlife, and air quality.

The Bay Mills Indian Community intervened in the Public Service Commission's review process due to the threats that the tunnel poses to the tribe's food and water supply, medicinal plant species, economic livelihood, and treaty rights. The tribe has lived along the Straits of Mackinac since time immemorial and retains treaty-protected access for hunting, fishing, and cultural

traditions.

"Any decision that may jeopardize the very livelihoods of Tribal Nations deserves serious and careful consideration," said Bay Mills Indian Community President Whitney Gravelle. "We are grateful the Commission is examining the serious safety risks posed by Line 5 and its proposed tunnel replacement. The Straits are the center of creation for our people, and the construction of a tunnel through this sacred area endangers our livelihoods, our fisheries, and our culture."

Gravelle added, "Every day that the Line 5 dual pipelines continue to pump oil and gas through the Great Lakes amounts to a violation of our treaty-pro-

ected rights and an acceleration of climate change. We must stop the tunnel project and shut down Line 5."

The Native American Rights Fund, in partnership with Earthjustice, represents the Bay Mills Indian Community in the tribal nation's fight to protect the Straits and the tribe's treaty rights throughout waters in Michigan.

"It is reassuring to know that the Commission is doing its due diligence in order to accurately consider the impacts, risks, and damages the existing Line 5 oil pipeline and a tunnel would cause for the public, in particular tribal citizens," said NARF Staff Attorney David L. Gover. "I am hopeful that the Commission will

join tribal and state governments in guarding public safety, the local economy, and the Great Lakes ecosystem from a risky and unnecessary project."

Earthjustice Senior Attorney Christopher Clark said, "The Line 5 pipeline and the misguided tunnel replacement pose a very real threat to the health and safety of the Bay Mills Indian Community and all who live and work in the Great Lakes region. We look forward to presenting the Commission with evidence on the important issues raised in its order. Enbridge's disastrous safety track record proves it is too reckless and untrustworthy to continue operations in the Straits of Mackinac."

Oil detection sensors placed in St. Mary's River

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Lake Superior State University's (LSSU) Center for Freshwater Research and Education (CFRE) recently placed oil pollution sensors along the St. Mary's River, including off the shore of Sugar Island.

LSSU's Director of the Center for Freshwater Research and Education, and Professor at the School of Natural Resources and Environment, Ashley Moerke Ph.D., said, "We currently have four oil pollution sensors — three are on Sugar Island (two on the northern channel and one along the main navigational channel) and one on the main river channel by Barbeau. This is a test project so we are using these sensors to learn more about their detection abilities, their maintenance, and their longevity. If they prove to be effective over the long-term, we will try to find funding to expand the sensor network."

LSSU teamed with LimnoTech, an Ann Arbor-based environmental science and engineering firm that provides water-related services, including the fabrication and operation of oil pollution sensors in the Great Lakes.

Moerke said, "The data are real-time and high values [from the sensors] will send an email



Photo by Drew Heckman
Oil sensor out of water.

to our scientists at CFRE. Once we determine the alert is real and not a sensor error, we would alert the United States Coast Guard (USCG) who has a list of stakeholders to alert for environmental response issues that includes tribes and health departments."

The project received \$10,000 in rapid-response funding from the Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research to help underwrite the cost.

LSSU President Dr. Rodney S. Hanley said, "Lake State not only recognizes but embraces its responsibility to play a key role



Photo by Ashley Moerke, Ph.D.
CFRE Research Technician Drew Heckman installing a sensor on Sugar Island's north channel June 10.

in safeguarding the precious ecosystems and recreational waterways in the area."

Hanley referenced the 5,300-gallon oil spill in the St. Mary's River on June 9, 2022, and that the USCG was a leader in addressing as an example.

Moerke said the sensors use fluorometry to detect hydrocarbons (the chief components of petroleum and natural gas) in the water. The underwater sensors are submerged approximately 1-2 feet below the surface to avoid false readings due to waves, and are anchored to rebar at each site.

"If there is oil moving down river, those sensors should be able to pick it up," said CFRE Assistant Director Kevin Kapuscinski. He said the sensors provide real-time information without CFRE staff having to physically go to where they are installed and then upload the data

they collected.

"These sensors are part of a larger project on water quality monitoring, called MiWaterNet," Moerke said. "You can learn more about where we have sensors and see the real-time data on our website at www.lssu.edu/cfre/miwaternet."

Keeping pets safe around waterways

BY CRYSTAL FALK

These hot summer days provide the perfect opportunity to head to the beach with your family and dog, but there are some dangers to be aware of on the waterways.

Some algae, like blue-green algae, can be toxic to both humans and pets. Blue-Green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, creates microcystin. Microcystin is known for causing rashes and making people and particularly pets, sick. Humans can become sick if airborne water droplets are swallowed, breathed or there is skin contact. This could happen during boating, swimming, tubing, bathing, waterskiing, or any other water-related recreational activity. In humans, symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, rash, eye irritation, cough, sore throat, and headache. Symptoms will usually begin hours to two days after

exposure.

Dogs are more likely to swim in slow-moving possibly stagnant waters, putting them at a higher risk of encountering cyanobacteria. Symptoms in dogs include seizures, panting, excessive drooling, respiratory failure, diarrhea, disorientation, vomiting, and liver failure. Unfortunately, many times exposure results in death. If your dog begins to exhibit any of these symptoms, you should contact your vet immediately.

Cyanobacteria or blue-green algae is a form of bacteria that grows in free-floating colonies. It will occur when there is an excess of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous in the water. Cyanobacteria occur in slow-moving waters when there are hot temperatures, along with high light intensity and an excess of nutrients such as phosphorous and nitrogen in the water. Sources of nutrients include septic sys-

tems, fertilizers, manure, industrial wastewater, sanitary landfills, and garbage dumps. When conditions are right cyanobacteria will bloom, possibly creating microcystin, creating a toxic environment, these blooms are called harmful algal blooms.

Harmful algal blooms aren't always easily recognizable. An area with a harmful algal bloom will have almost a spilled paint look to the water, a swirling neon green look, but can also appear as a solid color, flecks, and globs. Blooms are often green, but can also appear yellow, brown, purple, red, or white. The smell of the water body can be a good indicator of cyanobacteria. As the bacteria begin to decompose, gases are produced that often have a swampy or fresh-cut grass odor.

If you believe you have identified a harmful algal bloom, call (800) 662-9278 or visit: algae-bloom@michigan.gov.

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Stocking program strengthens Michigan's walleye fishery

SUMMER 2022 WALLEYE STOCKING BRINGS TRIBE'S TOTAL TO 19 MILLION

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian's Walleye Stocking Program released 2.1 million walleye this year, 1 million fry and over 1 million summer fingerlings, from its walleye rearing ponds in the Eastern Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula. Making a major impact on local fisheries, the tribe's program has stocked nearly 19 million walleye fingerlings throughout the Great Lakes, inland lakes and the St. Mary's River since 1995.

The program has two walleye rearing ponds and an experimental whitefish pond in use. The

program broke ground on a third walleye pond June 27.

This year, 380,779 summer fingerlings were stocked in the St. Mary's River at five sites: 20,208 in the Sault area, 99,206 in Lake Nicolet, 80,327 in Lake George, 60,708 in Raber Bay, and 120,330 in Potagannissing Bay.

Elsewhere in northern Michigan, 647,762 fingerlings went to: Cheboygan River (151,532), Epoufette Bay (78,605), St. Martins Bay (305,135), Waishkey River (29,314), Caribou Lake (43,010), Frenchman's Lake (7,919), Tahquamenon River (24,946), Culhane Lake (5,070), Pretty Lake (1,217), and Beaverhouse Lake (1,014).

Released in the first few days after hatching, half of the 1 mil-



Sault Tribe's 2022 summer walleye fingerlings ready for stocking.

lion fry went to Tahquamenon River and the other half to Millecoquins Lake. Sault Tribe Fisheries Enhancement Coordinator Rusty Aikens said walleye are marked for tracking at three days old, so survival rates and other population data can be collected.

The summer fingerlings were

1.75 inches on average this year. Some research shows 10-15 percent of summer fingerlings make it to adulthood. "The exact percentage of the survivability is not known, but the general consensus is that the larger they are at the time of release the higher the rate of survival," Aikens said.

He added, "Walleye are stocked at this size and age because they are just about to switch their diet from zooplankton to eating other fish. To raise them longer would require a steady supply of minnow, which can get very expensive. The summer fingerling stage provides a 'best bang for the buck.'"

Aikens said walleye stocking has proven to be very helpful to the fishery. "The percentage of the walleye caught in the St.

Mary's River that originated in our hatchery is approaching 50 percent," he said.

Aikens said they also provide walleye fry and support to local ponds where the tribe has arrangements in place, such as a pond on Drummond Island that was originally built by the Drummond Island Sportsman's Club and is now being maintained by Mike Fairchild and his family.

Sault Tribe Natural Resource Lead Fisheries Biologist Brad Silet said the Sault Tribe fishery is an important resource for the Great Lakes and surrounding areas. He said, "Walleye play a crucial role in our subsistence and commercial fishing activities, not to mention the large impacts it has on our local communities that love to catch walleye."

Illegal dumping widespread on national forest service roads

Remember Woodsy Owl and his, "Give a Hoot - Don't Pollute" signature slogan? Decades later, pollution on our public lands is still a serious and ongoing concern.

In the Upper Peninsula, tons of trash are illegally dumped every year. And Law Enforcement Officer Shaun Hughes said this isn't just household trash.

"I have been seeing widespread dumping along National Forest Roads, involving everything from tires, trash, appliances, electronics, and yard waste," said Hughes.

"While the dumper may avoid paying the nominal fees required for proper waste disposal, illegal dumping on public lands has a high hidden cost for local communities," said Charlie Marsh, West Zone District Ranger.

And the highest hidden cost is not just the harmful environmental impact - which is significant - but the very real threat to human life.

"Trash sites containing hazardous substances have caused injury and fatalities and represent a serious safety concern for our personnel and the public," said Paul Thompson, Acting St. Ignace



Photo Courtesy USDA Forest Service

Parts of old appliances and cars covering forested ground in this trash dump on a forest service road.

Ranger.

"There are physical hazards such as broken glass, rusty metal, and vehicle parts scattered across the surface," said Shane Flickinger, a Hydrologist and Soil Scientist with the Hiawatha National Forest. "And chemical hazards such as volatiles and heavy metals are also present in the soil."

These toxic chemicals and heavy metals leach into the soil and water, which can harm and even kill plants, animals, and in some cases, people.

"Contaminated soil can reduce

soil productivity and allow for the spread of invasive plants over native species," said Flickinger. "Groundwater contamination can impact wildlife, the forest's lakes and streams, residential wells, or possibly even municipal water supplies."

Recently, the Hiawatha received a grant from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to conduct a feasibility study to determine the best way to rehabilitate a site close to a planned Bay Mills Indian Community housing unit. Because a conventional clean-up could disturb the soil enough to release more hazardous chemicals in the soil, some buried trash may have to be left in place to avoid contaminating the groundwater even further.

And cleaning up all this waste is an ongoing task that requires an enormous amount of manpower and taxpayer dollars. The East Zone of the Hiawatha hosts two Forest Clean Up Days every year, and Recreation Manager Kari Thompson said volunteers will generally fill two 30-yard dumpsters on both days.

"Trash sites create an unnecessary clean-up burden, and the potential for resource-consuming

hazardous materials investigations," said Paul Thompson.

Law enforcement takes reports of illegal dumping seriously. Anyone caught doing so could be hit with a fine of \$500 per bag of trash and even be charged with a Class B misdemeanor. More serious violations could result in a fine of up to \$10,000 and six months behind bars.

You can help by simply packing out what you pack in and reporting any illegal dumping you see to the Hiawatha National Forest. Contact information is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/contactus/hiawatha/about-forest/contactus>.

If you'd like to volunteer to help on one of the Forest Clean Up Days, contact Justin Bomers at justin.bomers@usda.gov, or call the St. Ignace Ranger District Office at (906) 298-8100.

Find more opportunities at www.volunteer.gov.

TRIBAL MEMBER REGISTRATION IN THE TAX AGREEMENT AREA

TRIBAL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

(Including the Issuance of Certificates of Exemptions)

INITIAL REGISTRATION AND OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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



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**If you have not already please check out our new website and social media sites at <https://saulttribethrive.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/saulttribethrive>.
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Thank you Unit V, your voices will be heard!



TYLER LAPLAUNT
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

Aaniin, Boozhoo! I want to send my deepest heartfelt *chi miigwech* to everyone who took part in our elections this year. I am humbled and honored by your support and will do my best to communicate with you and communicate your concerns at the board table. Your voices will be heard! For those who did not support me, that's totally understandable. It was an election and you have the right to have a disagreement with those who represent or try to represent you. I will do my best to communicate with everyone, get all sides of an issue, and make the best decisions to move us forward together. We won't always agree on everything, but we can do a much better job of communicating why decisions are made and keep an open mind, an open heart, and an open dialogue.

Our first official meeting as newly elected officials was on July 5, 2022. We took our oaths of office and had a short meeting for selection of board officers. I was nominated and accepted the position of Sault Tribe Treasurer. This is a duty I will not take

lightly and look forward to working with the board and staff closely to better understand our Sault Tribe finances and represent all of the people of the Sault Tribe.

It was a highly emotional day. To have my daughter, Gianna "Minogizhigkwe," there with me to see that if we put our minds to something we can accomplish anything, it was beyond what words can describe. I know that she is always watching and has already started lecturing me about staying true to our intent. I don't want to let her down, or anyone in this tribe, for that matter. We all need to set the bar higher for those watching us, especially our future generations. I want to be able to look my daughter in the eye, and her children someday, and all of you, and hold my head up high knowing that I always did what was in the best interest of this tribe as a whole.

On Thursday, July 7, 2022, I attended the Elder meetings and meals in both Munising and Marquette and provided a brief update on the election, nomination of officers, and our joint vision for Unit 5 and the Sault Tribe as a whole. I appreciate the Elders accepting me into their meetings so quickly and asking me questions and providing clear and honest guidance and feedback. *Miigwech* and I will do my best to represent you so that your voices are heard. Also, a huge shoutout and thank you to Holly Kibble and all of our Elder outreach workers across the service units for the amazing work that they do to assist. *Chi miigwech* for your hard work and dedication!

I look forward to attending these meetings over the next four years and beyond. It's my hope

that the board can work together to find creative ways to further assist our Elders. Our Elders are our knowledge keepers and it's important that we do our best to care for them and assist in improving their quality of life. We are all on the journey to become Elders, we are all future ancestors, so why not work to create a better system that we can all age gracefully into? It will not be easy. It will not be quick. Change never is. However, it is important to make the care for our Elders an area of focus.

The board called a special meeting for Tuesday, July 12. We had a workshop to discuss the Consent Decree, Aaron Payment's Resignation, Sault Tribe Inc., and golf courses. In an effort to improve transparency, we will release as much information as legally permissible while also protecting our economic interests and investment strategy. The tribal citizens have a right to better understand what is going on and I am confident that both myself and my colleagues will do a better job to improve communication with membership over the next four years.

The big topic for the Special Meeting on July 12 was a vote of no confidence in DJ Hoffman. Prior to the installation of the newly elected officials, the board of directors called a special meeting and appointed DJ Hoffman as chairman. The BOD was offered several alternatives, including waiting for the installation of the newly elected officials, but they chose to take the decision upon themselves. Six of them had lost their elections and were on their way out. Making a decision like this in a lame duck session binding the future policymakers is

known as political entrenchment. The timing of their decision was poor and the argument for it was even poorer. If they truly believed they were constitutionally obligated, why wait and leave the seat vacant for two months and hastily make a decision the week before the newly elected officials took office?

I voted "yes" in favor of the resolution of a vote of no confidence in DJ. DJ lost his primary election so it was clear that Unit 1 did not want him representing them, so why would they want him representing our entire tribe? Unit 5 voters made it very clear to me at both the Elder meals and through messages, phone calls, and home visits that they wanted a say in who their chairperson would be and did not want DJ appointed. Had my predecessor listened to the people, maybe we wouldn't even be dealing with this today, but here we are.

The board serves at the will and pleasure of the people, those who chose us to represent them. The self-serving nature of decision-making needs to end and we need to start listening to each other better and especially those we were elected to represent. I stand by my decision to strip away any power provided to DJ that is not constitutionally or legally obligated.

Unfortunately, the people will not have a vote or further say in the matter until the next election. I have nothing against DJ as a human. He has family and friends that care about him and that is important to remember. Again, we can disagree on the way things were done without disparaging remarks. This is our effort to uphold the will of the citizens that we were elected to represent, and

those citizens demanded a voice in the matter. Had the elected leaders been in their communities listening, they would have heard just that.

All of that being said, I look to move past this and work with our board to move our tribe forward and make positive advancements. We had great discussion in closed session and unfortunately a lot of that won't come to light because the vote was called so quickly. So, let's all take a look in mirror, remember who is watching us, and hold ourselves to a higher standard. Let's work together to lift each other up wherever we can. Let's move past "that's the way it's always been done" mentality and look for creative ways to make things happen instead of giving up so easily or passing it off to the next generation. Let's all work together to face our problems head on today, as a tribe.

In the weeks and months to come, we have a lot of information to catch up on. As we delve further into fully understanding issues, we will begin moving policy forward to the best of our ability to serve our tribe now and into future generations. I love our tribe and all of our people and only want to do what's best for us all. I am honored to be your Unit 5 representative and will represent you to the best of my ability. I will continue to work to improve transparency and keep you informed of the work I do for you. You can reach me at tlaplaunt@saulttribe.net or (906) 440-8294.

Chi miigwech for your trust and support!

Sincerely,

Tyler Migizii Migwan
LaPlaut

Board meets with new representatives for first time



MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

A lot has happened since last month. The board voted to appoint DJ Hoffman as chair. I realize many believed a special advisory election was warranted but our laws specifically prohibited it during an election cycle.

Many opinions are going to be shared and I can offer this, nothing was done illegally or to spite anyone; the board simply did what they thought best for the tribe at the time. There is going to be a lot of speculation and accusations in the upcoming months and I feel it's going to be difficult for the membership to weed through all of it. As I've preached several times, stay informed and always try and

get both sides of a story before making a conclusion. Also, if you look for the negative, you'll find someone producing it; if you look for positive, you'll find that, too.

We've also had our first meeting of our new board. A special meeting was called for the sole purpose of a resolution for a "vote of no confidence" on Chairman Hoffman. The resolution suspends Chairman Hoffman of any duties previously assigned by resolutions and ordinances; it also temporarily assigned those duties to Vice Chair Lowes. Chairman Hoffman is still the chairman and all constitutional duties to run meetings, etc., are intact. Prior to the meeting and since the meeting, many questions have been brought up on what duties Chairman Hoffman is supposed to do and what Vice Chair Lowes is supposed to do — for those that attended the meeting not a lot of answers were given. This just illustrates the need for proper review and a process for all resolutions.

I would like to note, the resolution states no confidence in keeping any of his committee appointments as chairman with exception of that of the Great Lakes Fishing Treaty Negotiations Team. I am thank-

ful that the board kept him on the negotiation team however it seems contradictory that there is no confidence with the exception of one of our most sacred responsibilities to our members — our treaty rights.

My more immediate concern is over involvement by the board in our day-to-day operations and what it means to govern. I've always shared concerns over the years that our board shouldn't get over-involved in micro-managing; we should be providing the necessary tools and framework to allow our business and government operations to succeed. No one board member has authority or power, our power comes from making resolutions and tribal law as a group. We are to hold public meetings to facilitate discussion and gain different insight as per our Open Meetings Act.

With another special meeting called as I write for the sole purpose of a special investigation, I fear our board will be wrapped up in unnecessary conflict and continued drama that will take us away from dealing with real work and real change for our membership. I've never been afraid of change and leadership succession occurs, my hope is that we can move on and start addressing the real

problems our great nation faces. As a reminder, our meetings are open to attend in person or via Zoom. To attend a board meeting via Zoom, you must register to attend here: <https://saulttribe.com/membership-services/membership-assistance>. Regular meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month.

On another note, shout out for two very successful powwows in the Sault and on Sugar Island. Much hard work was put into these and I want to say

chi miigwech again to everyone involved and everyone who came to dance, drum and visit. These were much needed days of community gathering and healing after three long years without them. There are more Sault Tribe powwows still to come this summer. Find the powwow listing on the tribe's website under Membership Services – Language & Culture.

As always, any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (906) 440-7768.

Fishery harvest data specialist wanted

The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA), located in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., is seeking applicants for the position of fishery harvest data specialist.

Compensation is commensurate with relevant education and experience.

A minimum of a high school diploma with bachelor of science degree from a four-year college/university in fisheries, aquatic ecology; a minimum of two years' experience preferred as well as experience in tribal communities.

Native American preference will apply.

For a copy of the job description and application, contact the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority at (906) 632-0043 and ask for Beverly Carrick, or email: bevcarrikk@chippewaottawa.org.

Resume and a completed application must be submitted.

Greed and false promises have taken over tribe



DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

I am amazed at how greed has taken over our tribe! The deliberate lies and false promises made this election got the selfishness to come out in the members. This is not the way of our ancestors!

Mark my words — all their promises will cost something! Where are they getting all this new revenue from? The casinos can't make up the \$17 million we need for services now! What does that mean? Cuts in services and positions, watch for it! It is coming!

Sold out our treaty rights —

ask any of the new board members where have they been when negotiation meetings are going on, they haven't been there! I have thousands of hours into negotiation meetings, reading of materials, research, etc.! Pay attention, our waters will be sold out this Consent Decree and you can thank the members who voted them in for that!

With COVID still on the rise, The Gathering of the Clans Powwow Committee has decided to not continue the Manistique powwow. They would like to thank everyone who helped and

attended throughout the years. They will see you on the powwow trail.

I would like to thank Denise Chase for her years of service and dedication to the tribe. Her treaty rights and institutional knowledge will NEVER be replaced! I would also like to thank Kim Gravelle, Catherine Hollowell, Keith Massaway, and Charles Matson for their years of service. It was a pleasure working with all of you throughout the years. We may not have agreed all of the time, but we could still work together to move

the tribe forward.

The newly elected board has decided to call special meetings to pass frivolous resolutions instead of learning their new positions and doing orientation of all the programs and services the tribe has to offer. They are continuing the chaos that was put to rest in May of this year.

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

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

Thank you for participating in election process



ROBERT MCRORIE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks by saying *chi miigwech* to every member who participated in our election process. *Miigwech* to every member who supported me and believed in a brighter future for our people. To those who did not vote for me, my only hope is that in four years, you will know that I will always put my tribe first. I am both honored and humbled to have received your approval to lead our people. This is not a duty that I take lightly. Although I have always dreamed of leading our tribe, my goal was never to simply win an election. It has always been to become the greatest leader that I possibly can, in order to move us forward into the future.

Undoubtedly, this will not always be an easy task. It will be filled with obstacles and opposition. I am willing to work with all of the board members and compromise, to some degree, to promote and advocate for our current members as well as our members many generations from now. Although my goal is to always work collaboratively to ensure a brighter future for our people, I am still not afraid to fight for what is right. When the will of our members is ignored, you can bet that I will make sure your voice is heard.

On June 27, the board, with five members having lost their elections and one retiring, appointed DJ Hoffman, who also lost his primary election, to fill the vacant chairperson seat. The general counsel gave multiple options to the board on how to proceed with filling the vacant chair seat. The most logical of these options would have been to wait eight days until the new board members had

been sworn in, so we could have been included in making this decision. This would have been the most accurate reflection of the will of our members. Instead, the outgoing board, along with four board members still holding office, chose to ignore the will of our members and make the appointment. Not only do I view the appointment of DJ Hoffman as completely unnecessary at the time, but even worse, it was disgustingly disrespectful to our membership who voted in our election process.

In the primary election, excluding Unit 2 as there was no incumbent due to retirement, Sault Tribe members cast 2,225 votes for incumbents and 4,047 votes for new candidates. These numbers indicated that our members were demanding change. DJ Hoffman only received 745 votes. This was not enough to qualify him to make it into the general election. This is where his right to hold office should have ended.

In the general election, also excluding Unit 2, Sault Tribe members cast only 2,379 votes for incumbents while casting 5,477 votes for new candidates. This is a difference of 3,098 votes favoring new candidates over the incumbents. Again, this is a clear indication of the will of our members.

As elected officials, we have a duty to represent the will of our members. On June 27, the previous board, with the support of four board members still holding office, neglected to uphold this duty. Why did they do this? Why did they disrespect the will of our members? I can only assume it was to save one of their own on the way out the door. However, I do believe they owe you, the members, an explanation. Some of the remaining board members who supported this unjust appointment have stated it was their intention to welcome the new board members and work with us. I do not see how this could be true, when they were not willing to wait eight days to include us, the new representatives voted in by the members, in making the decision of how to fill the vacant chairperson seat.

I would much rather use my unit report to highlight more positive topics; however, an injustice of this magnitude cannot be ignored. My hope is that this is resolved in the very near future, and we can get to work on build-

ing a more prosperous future for our tribe and all of our members.

Now, how I would have liked my first unit report to go is by telling you, the members, how my first couple of weeks in office has been and what my plans are moving forward. On my first official day in office, I made it a point to make my first action the most important one. I visited with our elders and ate lunch with them, while attending their monthly meeting. I was honored when they asked me to stand up and speak. I assured them that I would be attending their meetings and enjoying lunch with them, unless I am out of town representing our people. I offered to assist them with anything they may need help with and to be involved with fundraising and any other events they may be hosting.

I was very honored to be accepted as I was, and they seemed just as happy to have me there as I was to be there with them. It was a humbling feeling because I know that every opportunity we are blessed with now is only because of who they are and the sacrifices they have made for us. There are no words to describe how thankful I am for our elders, and there is no way we can ever fully repay them for all they have done for us. So, I will work as hard as I possibly can to provide them with

all of the support they rightfully deserve. My greatest aspiration is to give our elders hope and make them proud.

I will be the first to say that I have a lot of learning to do in my new role as a representative of our great Sault Tribe Nation. I will never claim to know everything. But I will always be available to talk to members and hear your concerns. If I do not have the answers to your questions, I will find them for you. I will consistently seek the knowledge I need in order to advocate on behalf of our membership. In everything I do, I will always put you, the members, first.

During my campaign, I was made aware of a severe lack of services, programming, and resources in our Kinross/Kincheloe region in Unit 1. I have placed this need at the top of my priority list as we have hundreds of members living in this area with very little assistance. Sault Tribe members of Kinross and Kincheloe have expressed many concerns including a lack of youth services and activities, elder programming, and drug and alcohol abuse prevention services. It is my firm belief that addressing these issues starts by mobilizing our membership to take action. I have made contact with our YEA coordinator in the Rudyard, Kincheloe, and Kinross Township areas and will begin

collaborating with her on projects that promote healthy and happy lifestyles. I have also been given the Township Committee meeting schedule and will begin attending those meetings on Monday, in order to strengthen the relationship between Kinross Township and our tribe. I will be reaching out to all community organizations in Kinross and Kincheloe to see where I can assist in enhancing services for our members living there. One of my biggest goals is to find new ways to integrate our culture and values into the new and existing programs of the area.

I will be spending the next month learning each department of our tribe, researching and becoming more educated on issues that affect us on a national level, and communicating with our members to gain a more accurate assessment of our members' needs. I am excited to attend the self-governance conference in San Francisco, where I hope to learn valuable knowledge that can benefit our tribe and to network with leaders of other sovereign nations to gain new ideas that can be implemented within our tribe and lead to a brighter future for our people.

Again, *miigwech* to all of our amazing members. I look forward to working hard for you these next four years. I appreciate every one of you.

Native American foster parents needed



ACFS Direct Service Worker Viola Neadow tending the ACFS table at the Wetmore Health and Safety Fair. Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) attended multiple events in recent weeks distributing free child abuse awareness t-shirts and dispensing information on becoming a foster parent. There is a real need for Native American foster homes. Anyone interested in making a difference in a child's life is asked to contact Anishnaabek Community and Family Services at (906) 632-5250, (800) 726-0093, or acfs-foster-homes@saulttribe.net.

Representative Hampton updates Unit IV



**KIMBERLY HAMPTON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Aniin kina waya. I first want to say Chi Miigwech for all the support during the Primary Election and General Election. I am truly grateful to have been trusted by the Membership to represent and advocate for the needs of our Tribal Membership. I ask for everyone's patience while I adjust to this new role. I look forward to serving you all.

Oath of Office

On July 5, 2022, myself and the five newly elected directors were sworn in and stated our oaths of office, which was an amazing and humbling experience. The oaths of office was proceeded by my first board of directors meeting where there was an election of board officers. Austin Lowes was nominated and elected as Vice Chairperson. Tyler LaPlaunt was nominated and elected as Treasurer. I was nominated and elected as Secretary, to which I honorably accepted.

July 12, 2022, Board of Directors Workshop and Special Meeting

On July 12, 2022, the board of directors held an all-day workshop followed by a special meeting. During the workshop,

the following items were discussed: Consent Decree, Sault Tribe Inc., and golf courses. Additional information was requested by some of the board members regarding Aaron Payment's resignation. The special meeting held at 5 p.m. EST included a Resolution of Vote of No Confidence in DJ Hoffman Serving as Chairperson, which passed with an affirmative vote of seven members for and five members against. This Resolution of Vote of No Confidence suspended DJ Hoffman of any and all duties assigned by resolution, ordinance, motion, or any other action of the board of directors in his previous role as vice chairperson and his current role as chairperson including all internal and external committees and communications, not including Consent Decree Negotiations, until further notice.

I, as promised in my campaign platform, will adhere to transparency and representing the membership by stating that I voted "yes" to the Resolution of No Confidence. The reasons I voted yes are as follows: 1. DJ Hoffman did not get enough votes to get through the Primary Election, which leads me to believe that the majority of Unit 1 did not have confidence in Director Hoffman and so did not vote him through the Primary Election. 2. On June 27, 2022, eight days before six newly elected directors took oath, the former board of directors were told by the tribal attorney that they did not have to appoint a chairperson at that time, and that they could wait to do so until the new directors were sworn in. The former board of directors chose to appoint a chairperson anyway, who was Director Hoffman. 3. The members in Unit 4 who had

reached out to me had been concerned that a director who did not get through the Primary Election was now appointed as chairperson. I listened to those Unit 4 members who had reached out to me and represented them when I voted "yes" to the Resolution of No Confidence. Since the passing of this resolution, the board of directors has received a list of chairperson roles and responsibilities in order to move forward with delegation of these roles and responsibilities.

July Manistique and Escanaba Elder Meetings

On July 13, 2022, I attended both the Manistique and Escanaba Elder meetings.

At the Manistique Elder meeting, there was the annual election of officers, a discussion on entertainment options for our Elders, and the announcement that Elder Outreach Worker Stacie Mattson would be completing the Elder Needs Assessment over the next eight weeks. Stacie will be randomly picking 40 Manistique Elders and 40 Munising Elders to participate in this survey, which is required for Title VI funding. The Elder Needs Assessment will be used to compare Sault Tribe Elders with other Tribal Elders throughout the United States regarding access to Native foods and overall health of our Elders. Holly Kibble, Eldercare Services Division Director, presented Stephanie Gardapee and Stacie Mattson with certifications from the ServSafe program, Managers Course, which is a nationally accredited food safety certification from the National Restaurant Association. Congratulations to both Stephanie and Stacie on your hard work in earning this amazing certification!

The Elder picnic is scheduled for Aug. 17, 2022, and will be

held at the Manistique Tribal Health Center. Mary Jenerou, membership liaison for Units 4 and 5, announced that the Bonifas Arts Center in Escanaba will be holding a free Veteran art class on Fused Glass on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. EST. There was also a discussion and decision to make a donation on behalf of the Elders to the Manistique VFW Post 4420 to help obtain a new roof for the building. The next Manistique Elder Meeting will be held Aug. 10, 2022, at 12 p.m. at the Manistique Tribal Health Center.

At the Escanaba Elder meeting there was also the annual election of officers, a discussion on entertainment options for our Elders with sign-ups through Elder Outreach Worker Heather Jarvis, and the announcement that Heather Jarvis would be completing the Elder Needs Assessment over the next eight weeks. Heather will be randomly picking 40 Escanaba Elders and 40 Marquette Elders to participate in this survey which is required for Title VI funding. The Elder Needs Assessment will be used to compare Sault Tribe Elders with other Tribal Elders throughout the United States regarding access to Native foods and overall health of our Elders. The Elder picnic is being postponed until the summer of 2023

due to scheduling and location issues.

Holly Kibble announced that the Bonifas Arts Center in Escanaba will be holding a free Veteran art class, Fused Glass Class, on Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. EST. Heather Jarvis was given a recognition award for great service, presented by Holly Kibble. Congratulations, Heather, and miigwech for all of your amazing service to our Elders. The Escanaba Health offices will be closed on Tuesday, Aug. 30, and will be re-opening Wednesday, Aug. 31 at the new Gladstone location of 2002 Minneapolis Ave., Gladstone, MI 49837. Elder Committee Secretary Brenda Kinnart discussed and was given permission for Lacey Kinnart, Program and Operations Coordinator at The National Native American Board School Healing Coalition, to present at the next Elder meeting.

The next Escanaba Elder Meeting will be held Aug. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Delta County Chamber Building located on the Fairgrounds.

Miigwech for allowing me to represent and advocate for our members. I am always available; I just kindly ask for a 24-hour time frame to return calls or emails. My number is (906) 440-8138, email is khampton@sault-tribe.net.

Lee honored to represent Unit II



**KIMBERLY LEE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Aniin, I am honored to be writing a Unit II report would be an understatement. To be elected and sworn in is an

honor. One that I will not take lightly.

There is much learning and understanding at the forefront, and I look forward to our future.

Our tribe has made an enormous shift in our leadership, and it means that many of you are ready for change, new ideas, and moving forward with a feeling of unity once again.

We have an exciting time of the year ahead of us, two of our annual powwows in our unit on July 30 in Newberry and Friday through Sunday, August 19-21 in Hessel. May we enjoy our time together and continue to grow and learn as one. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Kimberly Lee, (906)379-8965, klee@saulttribe.net

Thanks to election helpers



**ISAAC MCKECHNIE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

First, I want to express a sincere thank you to all the people who helped and supported me in this election cycle. I would also like to thank the Election Committee for all the hours that they volunteer to make our elections happen. The amount of time spent on an election cycle is daunting and we appreciate your commitment.

I am your elected voice for the members of Unit 1. All I ask is that you participate in the process of this representative government. You can do this by communi-

cating any issues, which are of a concern to you, with me or any of the other Unit 1 Board members. We will all have to make tough decisions, sometimes unpopular decisions, there never is a suitable time for making tough decisions. Governance is about making tough, and even unpopular decisions. We represent you and I will do my best to investigate the issue and will respond either in my Unit report or follow up with a call or text.

This election revealed a great deal about the confidence that the membership had in the board of directors leadership. Every seat changed bringing a new perspective and fresh ideas on how we can improve the lives of our members. We are trusted to maximize the efficiency of government while at the same time providing quality services to the members.

Our mindset should be to lift our citizens up through opportunities that will improve their lives. Also, we have numerous committee vacancies that need to be filled. Your involvement will fill a great need and bring you many rewards. We do not have all the answers, but we can examine and respond to innovative ideas and proven programs.

I am hoping that we can diversi-

fy our economic portfolio and rely less on the casino. Due diligence must be taken for all major purchases and the most important test should be "will it directly benefit our members."

With the cost of inflation, our resources are becoming limited, but it does not mean that we cannot manage to give hope to our youth and show respect for our elders.

Isaac McKechnie
(906) 203-6854, Unit 1

Borowicz thanks Unit III



**SHAWN BOROWICZ,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Fellow tribal members,

I first would like to thank you for vote of confidence in me to serve you as your Unit 3 director.

I have always been proud to be a member of the great Sault Tribe and I will always represent each member as I would want to be represented with the "great" grandfathers teachings guiding me.

Secondly, I would like to thank Keith Massaway for his time as a director, his dedication to the tribe and the members in and around the St. Ignace area.

Us new directors started off kind of blindly but we are getting a grasp of the dealings of the tribe and once up to speed I'm sure we will keep our campaign promises

as well as add new and exciting things for all members.

One of the most important issues at this time is the ongoing negotiations with the consent decree hearings and once these are settled with the state and the other tribes involved, we will move forward with all the other important issues facing our tribe.

So far it has been a rewarding experience and I look forward to the challenges ahead. If you should have any questions or concerns, I can always be reached at sborowicz@saulttribe.net or by phone at (906) 379-8511.

Thank You,
Shawn Borowicz

Representative Lowes updates Unit I membership



AUSTIN LOWES
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin,
I'm writing this unit report like many of you, in complete shock. With eight days left in their

terms, the outgoing board, which consisted of five individuals who were voted out and one who was retiring, decided to appoint an outgoing member of their own, DJ Hoffman, to fill the vacated chairperson seat. It's worth noting that Mr. Hoffman had insufficient support to even make it past his primary. The board made this appointment immediately after our General Counsel informed them that this WAS NOT NECESSARY.

Our General Counsel gave us several options, which included appointing a Chairman Pro Tem until a Vice Chairman could be selected to chair future meet-

ings, appointing a Chairman Pro Tem to chair every meeting, or allowing the new board to make the selection in eight days when they were seated. Despite this, the outgoing board ignored the will of the people, along with the recommendation of our General Counsel, by appointing one of their own to fill this seat.

The chairperson position pays \$100,000 per year. Since there are two years left on the chairperson's term, this political appointment will cost the tribe \$200,000.

Despite this, I believe our tribe has a bright future. We have six new board members who campaigned on change, and I look

forward to working with each of them.

I was honored to be appointed as the vice chairperson of the tribe by them. Rather than sit back and ease into their positions, the new board has scheduled a series of special workshops to address challenging but necessary issues. The first was issuing a vote of no confidence in the chairperson due to his lack of support from the membership or the new board.

Moving forward, there are several improvements we can make as a new board. We can amend Tribal Code to make it more democratic and in line with

the will of the membership. We can pass resolutions to make our tribal bureaucracy less cumbersome. Most importantly, we must remember that we serve at the will of the membership.

With all of this in mind, I look forward to working with the new board on our recovery hospital, the Consent Decree, the homeless shelter that we will purchase soon, the Indigenous food sovereignty program I'd like to begin, updating our casino and other properties, and ensuring that our members and employees are treated with the respect they deserve.

Miigwech!

Austin Lowes

Our members elected an amazing group of people



BETTY FREIHEIT,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Hello Tribal Members,
Congratulations and welcome to our new board members. Our members elected an amazing group of people who will move our tribe forward in many positive directions.

Based on their platforms, I look forward to seeing stalled initiatives brought back to the table in the future. These include board pensions and wages, employee labor laws, review of the Open Meetings Act, fewer "closed" sessions, and Separation of Powers.

During our first meeting held on the night of installation, we elected new board officers. Congratulations to Austin Lowes, Vice Chairman; Kimberly Vincent-Hampton, Secretary; Tyler Migizii Migwan LaPlaunt, Treasurer. I predict an exciting and productive next few years.

During our special meeting held on July 12 the board pass a "No Confidence in DJ Hoffman Resolution." I was one of the seven who voted "yes" on this resolution.

Several of us who voted in favor of this no confidence resolution do not believe that DJ

Hoffman should have ever been appointed as chair by the prior board. This action was not mandated by our Constitution, as some claim. And there were several options the board could have taken including doing nothing at all, and waiting for the new board to decide this issue. It would only have been a matter of eight days. There was no need to rush. There were no eminent threats to our tribe, our programs, or even our Consent Decree negotiations. There was no institutional knowledge that Hoffman held that made his appointment necessary.

Members had sent a clear message through their votes that they no longer wanted DJ Hoffman on the board. Clearly, the old board members were not listening to the tribal members, or they did not care what the members wanted. Seems they lost sight of the fact that their role is to represent the

members, not dictate to them.

Hoffman was a willing participant and helped to orchestrate the old board coup of appointing him as chair. They sought to control our actions and continue a divided board. As such, a significant erosion of trust and confidence that led, in part, of removing all but a few of Hoffman's duties as chair. These duties have been reassigned to Austin Lowes, who is very capable of performing them in a professional manner, with no disruption of service or operations.

On the agenda for our special meeting next week is a resolution to conduct an investigation of several allegations against DJ Hoffman. These include harassment and intimidation, election interference and financial improprieties. I sponsored and support this resolution. Members have made it clear they want change;

they want an end to corruption and keep secrets about our board behaviors.

Investigations are painful and stressful. No one wants to appear to be on the hunt and look for wrongdoing. At the same time, we cannot continue to overlook certain acts of our elected leaders. No one is above the law.

We are in a difficult period right now. But we will get through it. We have a group of outstanding, professional, and caring board members ready to take on their role to serve our tribe.

In closing, as always, take care of yourself and family. Help your neighbor any time you can and please take care of our elders.

Betty F. Freiheit

Unit 1 Director

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Surprised that Election Committee certified results



BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

July 5 was the swearing in of the new board of directors and officer elections. This is usually a day for celebration but it was a very somber event. Previous board member Kim Gravelle was there with her husband and family and Betty approached their table with her snide remarks and grin. She's very good at instigating and then when someone reacts she gets law enforcement involved. There was no reason for this behavior. When DJ thanked the prior board and introduced Kim as the only one in attendance, the new board didn't even clap. The election of officers was a complete joke as the new board and Betty and Austin had obviously been communicating and plotting about who would be

officers. I was blown away by the lack of respect shown to the four of us in regards to being an officer. I would never had expected or even wanted to start my term as an officer. This I believe is the most arrogant set of people I have worked and many have never even come to a meeting. They don't know how they are conducted and have so much to learn.

I am still appalled that with all the election complaints and lawsuit in tribal court that the installation occurred as well as the ballots counts were not the same. I was surprised the Election Committee certified the results. I am also confused at the change in process of background checks that used to be done by the Gaming Commission background investigator and now the election attorney is doing them. I definitely think it is time to review the Election Code and make changes. Currently, code cannot be changed within six months of an election.

At the June 20 meeting there was a code change to add Zoom meetings. I wasn't going to support it because I thought it could be abused and should only be for sickness, business travel etc., but then I thought it is 2022 and much work across the country is going to virtual so why not. I did find it comical that Austin and Betty were both using Zoom

as they were coming back from Alaska but both voted "no" to using Zoom. Do you understand that? You used Zoom to vote to not use Zoom?

While out in Alaska at NCAI, as the only board officer out there, I was to be the delegate. For some reason, Austin told him he was the delegate. The board resolution had the order of delegates on it. To me it just proves the desire for power. I was at the last day of the conference and did participate in the voting. This was probably another reason I wasn't supported to be an officer.

The new board members seem to think we are trying keep them in the dark. It has always taken time for new members to get their phones and computers since there are policies to follow and need to go through our MIS department. The board schedule is another discussion since the board schedule is always voted on in December for the next year. At that time, we consider national conferences and also staff being able to plan vacations as well as the board so that is why there wasn't a meeting planned from July 5 to Aug. 9. It wasn't a scheme to keep them out. It was a unanimous vote as well. The old board did discuss the need to be prepared to have new board member orientation, which could have been scheduled without the need for these constant special

meetings.

Special meetings when called should be for a special purpose that usually can't wait for the next meeting. The agenda item(s) should also be stated when asking for a special meeting. This process is being abused.

It is no secret that the message has been anti board for at least the last year with Aaron so to be so cocky to win this election is comical. All the election complaints, hate mailings and election interference was the reason. Please don't continue to threaten me with, "you will also be gone in 2 years." I will respect the decision of the voters barring a clean election. I will remind them that I was also elected so my voice should also be respected.

This tribe has struggled for two decades with lies and partial fact communications. It is time we find a solution to provide the members with better avenues to communicate factual information. I personally am not going to spend hours fighting to correct lies on social media. I think that social media should be used as a tool not as a weapon.

I hope with the membership's support, the entire board can come together and work on the many things that need attention. I hope they start to listen, research and ask their questions or any of the accusations that have been thrown around. Let's nip it all in

the bud now and move on. I am sure they are already seeing that this position is not one meeting a month or minimal time consuming. Those are farfetched views.

I am hopeful these individuals become very involved in our communities and keep an open mind to what they think the membership wants. The membership isn't a Facebook group and the business of pitting service area members against the at large needs to stop. Anyone that tells you all members can be equal doesn't know the parameters of our funding.

The Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow will be Aug. 27-28 at Father Marquette Park. The powwow will be free this year but don't forget you need a recreational passport to park to avoid getting a ticket.

I would like to thank Kim, Charlie, Denise, Catherine and Keith for your service to our tribe. Thank you all for also running clean campaigns. I enjoyed my time working with you all, even though we did not always agree with each other, we were able to work together.

Any questions or concerns, please contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536. Please don't hesitate if there are things you want to know the truth about. It may not be what you want to hear, but it will be the truth.

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