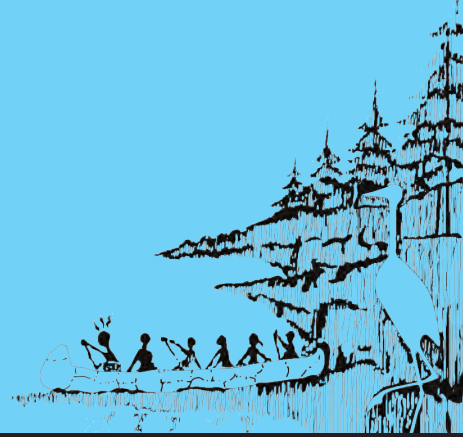




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Dr. Leo Chugunov fills health director chair

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe recently welcomed its new Health Division director, Leo Chugunov, MD, MT (AMT). Dr. Chugunov earned his medical degree in 1996 from St. Petersburg State Pavlov Medical University in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he also attended internal medicine residency program.

After working for two Fortune 500 companies in Russia — BIC and Johnson and Johnson — he moved to the U.S. in 1999 with his wife and young daughter and entered the medical technology program at Indiana University. He then worked as a certified medical technologist for Parkview Health System in La Grange, Ind., for over nine years. His management career started in Three Rivers Health, in Three Rivers, Mich., where he served as laboratory manager, followed by ancillary services' director at Lansing-based Sparrow Health System and administrative director of laboratory at Lutheran Health Network in Peru, Ind. He



Leo Chugunov, MD, MT (AMT)

is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and Baker College's Advisory Board.

Chugunov said he saw the position posted online and found it very interesting; having been fascinated by Native American culture for most of his life. Considering the position a great opportunity for himself and fam-

ily, he applied. His first official day as the new Health Division director was Nov. 27.

One of his first actions as the new director was to visit the tribe's health care clinics where he spoke with employees, who shared their ideas with him about ways to improve and standardize services throughout the service area. Chugunov also oversees the tribe's gym at Chi Mukwa, where he hopes to become a member soon.

"I would like to make sure we are using the newest and the best technology so we can detect diseases earlier. Clinical diagnostics has made huge breakthroughs recently. For example, laboratory analyzers, which 15 years ago might have taken up half of this room, can now fit in the palm of your hand and can be taken to a patient's home or to a clinic," he said.

Chugunov said he is looking forward to working with the new lab manager, Carey Mills, on expansion and standardization of laboratory diagnostic services in

all clinics.

"I would like to emphasize positivity at the workplace for our Health Division's employees," Chugunov said. "I believe that high employee satisfaction is directly linked to better health outcomes of our patients."

Chugunov's parents, both Russian physicists, immigrated to the U.S. in the early 1990s. Then in 1998 Russia experienced a major stock market crash, which made it very hard to make a living or do any business. At the same time terrorist attacks were increasing and Chugunov said he didn't want to raise his little daughter in that environment. His parents invited him and his family to come to the U.S. and see if there were any job opportunities here for them. "I found immigration process and life in the United States to be much more difficult than I had imagined," he said, "but I still believe it was the right decision, and my kids will have better opportunities in the U.S. than they would in Russia."

His wife, whom he met in medical school, and children, occasionally return to Russia to visit her family there. Ten years after his daughter was born, they welcomed their son as a natural born U.S. citizen.

Chugunov said he enjoys boating with his family and is looking forward to exploring local waterways.

"I am very happy to be here, it is a wonderful opportunity for me and I am looking forward to serving here for years to come," he said. "I welcome all suggestions and I would like to know if something could be improved and I will do my best to make it happen." Chugunov said he is profoundly grateful to Chairperson Payment, Executive Director Christine McPherson and to the board of directors for the trust they placed in him, and to Joel Lumsden and Diane Moore for their help with orientation and transition and to all Health Division employees for what he said was a very warm welcome.

Tribe dishes out \$885,000 in fall 2 percent funds

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Sault Tribe's five service units across the EUP each had \$52,281 in 2 percent to disburse this fall. Most of the \$261,405 went to education and public works, providing funding for 48 worthy endeavours.

Unit I funded the Sault Area Public Schools \$34,781 for weights, cardio and volleyball equipment. The remaining

17,500 went to Lake Superior State University, Kinross Charter Township, Superior District Library and Rudyard Area School District for various projects and activities.

In Unit II, the Hessel area, DeTour Village and a number of surrounding townships received funds for various projects, such as equipment and technology upgrades and public projects, notably community pavilion bath-

rooms in the village.

In the St. Ignace area, Unit III, the City of St. Ignace received \$33,281 for the Ojibwe Historical Museum, Michilimackinac Historical Society and Little Bear East Recreation Park. St. Ignace Schools received funds toward its Football Bleacher Project as well as stage lighting and audio.

Mackinac County's toy drive received a \$3,000 donation.

In Unit IV, the Manistique area, most funds went to Title VII programs at eight schools, to public works and for community projects.

Funds in Unit V, the Munising area, were split between local units of government and the

school for education, senior programs, food pantries and the animal shelter. The NMU powwow and Grand Marais Amateur Radio Repairs also got a boost.

An additional \$623,584 in 2 percent long-term agreements went to local governments, law enforcement and schools for specific government services.



Holiday photos on pages 2, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 27!

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Unit V Director Anita Nelson presents the Alger Community Food Pantry with a generous donation of support from 2 percent funds. The tribe has been a key supporter of the food pantry. Shown left to right are John Sherman-Jones, Anita Nelson, Kim Swanberg and Nancy Vernier.

EUP elders enjoy Christmas luncheon in Sault



Officer TenEyck sports some Christmas spirit with faux antlers.



Elders took advantage of the gala luncheon to raise funds for activities by selling chances on drawings.



From left, Pat Simi and Cindy Benson of the Insurance Department register arriving elders and offer complimentary items.

Photos by Rick Smith



Some of the DreamCatchers Restaurant staff helping with the festivities, from left, Bill Frye, Matthew Strange and Reggie Owl.



Wall to wall guests of honor from Units I, II and III.



Police Chief Bob Marchand dons a Santa hat while helping to serve the assembled guests.



Guests listening to long standing luncheon performers, from left, Rollie Mayer, Stephanie Sabatine and George Snider.



One of the tables of elders of many at the luncheon enjoying the music, food and each others' company. This particular distinguished group hails from units I and II.



Some of the casino banquet staff lending a hand, from left, Brandon Roe, Dustyn Miller and Steve Stone.

Volunteers and others helped the crowd of elders packed in the Sault Kewadin Casino DreamMakers Theater to enjoy the Dec. 14 annual Christmas luncheon. About 345 guests of honor enjoyed fine salads and dressings, tender and tasty baked ham with pineapple sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli followed by generous

slices of rich and scrumptious pumpkin cheesecake along with beverages.

The folks also heard old honky-tonk tunes performed live, schmoozed with tribal officials, had chances to win prizes along with eight cash prizes of \$25 as well as a 50/50 drawing and could socialize to their hearts' content.



2nd Annual Market Walk



Walk to earn tokens to spend on locally grown produce at the Munising Farmers' & Artisans' Market!

Visit the Tribal Health Center Walking Track (located upstairs)

WHAT & WHO: The Market Walk is a **FREE** program to promote healthy living. It is open to Tribal Members and all Alger County residents!

WHERE & WHEN: Walk at the Munising Tribal Health Center's Walking Track located upstairs at 615 W. Munising Ave. between 4:30-8:00pm M-F, starting January 15th and ending on April 13th 2018 or until all available tokens have been distributed.

HOW: For every mile walked, receive a token worth \$1.00 from the track attendant. Tokens can then be redeemed at the Munising Farmers' and Artisans' Market located at Bay Shore Park on Tuesdays from 4:00-7:00 pm May-October. Please make an effort to redeem tokens within one market season. All wooden tokens will expire at the end of the 2018 Market Season.



The Alger Wellness Coalition, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and the Munising Farmers' and Artisans' Market are partnering to provide local residents an environment to be more physically active and to eat more locally grown fruits and vegetables.



Supported by the Sault Tribe's Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Grant. Made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Marquette series aims to counter hate, build love

The U.P. was stunned with the rest of the country as a political-charged rally in Charlottesville, N.C., ended in violence, injury and death last August. Anger came next — moral indignation that said, “This is not the world we want to live in, we have to change it.” To that end, organizers in Forward Action Michigan - UP created the *Building Love: IMAGINE* series with the Peter White Public Library in Marquette.

The five-month, multifaceted series includes over a dozen programs and activities to build loving environments and commu-

nities, rather than tearing them apart. Check www.pwpl.info (events menu) and www.facebook.com/BuildingLoveImagine for more information.

The series takes place at Peter White Public Library, Marquette, Mich., (except when noted elsewhere). Contacted are Judy Kitchen, jkitchenmq@gmail.com or (906) 225-1769; Megan Collier, mmhess@mtu.edu or (906) 630-8246.

Brief schedule of events:
Jan. 15, Building Love for World Cultures — Multiculturalism in the U.P. diverse presenters, followed by dessert

potluck with treats representing a variety of cultures.

Jan. 24, Songs from around the world with a local singing group.

Feb. 6, *Building Love for Diversity*.

Feb. 6, *Native Rights and Broken Promises*.

Feb. 12, *LGBT Support and Understanding*.

March 1, *Building Love for Our Community*.

March 1, *Homelessness in Marquette*.

March 28, Bystander training, presented by Neighbors for a Kinder Community, followed by a short play focusing on respect

for other cultures.

April 5, *Building Love for Our Environment*.

April 5, Poetry to celebrate the earth.

April 12, *The U.P. Environment*.

May 9, *Building Love for Our Children*.

May 9, *From Alaska to Our Neighborhoods: What Helps Children Thrive?*

May 14, Family sing-a-long.

May 21, *Do It For Daniel*, documentary presented by Coach Olson about recognizing depression in youth and children at risk.

In addition to the above

planned presentations, the following activities will also support the *Building Love: IMAGINE* series:

- The library’s ongoing “DocuMonday” films.

- Book study on *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, on the third Thursday of each month, beginning on Jan. 18.

- An art show in February at the Creative House (Washington St., Marquette) featuring U.P.-focused artwork with a message of countering hate and building love.

February USDA road schedule

Sault Tribe USDA Food Distribution Program staff certify eligibility of clients and distribute food at a central warehouse in Sault Ste. Marie and repeat the process at eight tailgate sites every month serving 15 counties in all. Those counties served are Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Schoolcraft, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Manistee. Those wishing to apply must reside in one of the 15 counties served in order to apply.

Applicants need to verify membership in any federally recognized tribe for at least one member of their households. Applicants also must verify all that applies to them on the application, such as all income received, all expenses paid out such as child support, day care, utility bills, rent of mortgage receipts.

Applicants over 60 or disabled may qualify for a medical deduction as well.

Those who may have questions should call 635-6076 or toll free at (888) 448-8732 to inquire.

A nutrition educator is also available to help with any nutrition questions you may have.

The application process to receive these benefits takes up to seven business days from the date the office receives it, and you cannot receive SNAP (food stamps) and commodities in the same month.

Here is the February 2018 food distribution road schedule:

Friday, Feb. 2	Newberry
Tuesday, Feb. 6	Manistique 1 A-L
Thursday, Feb. 8	Marquette
Monday, Feb. 12	Rapid River
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Hessel/Kincheloe
Friday, Feb. 16	Munising
Tuesday, Feb. 20	Manistique 2 M-Z
Thursday, Feb. 22	St. Ignace
Monday, Feb. 26	Cheboygan

ROCK ‘N’ SKATE at Chi Mukwa Rec Center!

The entire community is welcomed to Rock ‘N’ Skate at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie on a few Friday evenings of the months of January, February and March to skate with the lights out while disco lights flash around and music plays. The concessions stands open for hot cocoa and other snacks. Join us on Jan. 26, 7:45-9:45 p.m.; Feb. 9, 7-9 p.m.; Feb. 23, 7-9 p.m.; March 9, 7-9 p.m.; March 30, 7-9 p.m.;

Free to Sault Tribe members with proof of membership, or \$3 students, \$4 adults and \$2 skate rental, families welcomed. Call 635-RINK for more.

Tribal members: need assistance?

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

Unit I — Sheila Berger,

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

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

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

Training opportunities available for eligible applicants

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians WIOA Program has funding available for short-term occupational training opportunities. WIOA may be able to provide tuition assistance for skills training if it leads to an industry-recognized certification.

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

Please apply at WIOA, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or call Brenda Cadreau at 635-4767 for more information.

Resident tribal members MUST keep address current

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

State Tribal Tax Agreement Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Status

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

who do not live in agreement areas.

The procedure for tribal members to receive their RTM status is only through the submission (to the Tribal Tax Office) of an address verification card along with the required supporting documentation verifying their address is within the boundaries of the agreement areas. It is the responsibility of the members to submit this information to the Tribal Tax Office.

A member living in an agreement area is not automatically registered. Though a member may have lived in the agreement area prior to registering with the Tribal Tax Office, their RTM status will not begin until the Michigan Department of Treasury has been notified that the member has proven through

documentation their principal place of residence is within the boundaries of the tax agreement areas. The Michigan Department of Treasury will then recognize their RTM status (exempt from state income and sales tax) on the first of the following month.

Once a member is registered and given RTM status, it is imperative that any changes to the member’s address is reported to the Tribal Tax Office. Per Tribal Code 43: Tribal Tax Code Section 43.1103,

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

— Tribal members must fill out an “Address Verification Card,” and provide two proofs of the address stated on the card. A valid Michigan driver’s license

or Michigan state identification card must be one of the proofs of address. The address on the identification card must have member’s current address. The Tribal Tax Office will not process/register members without an identification card.

— Tribal members who are minors. If the minor has a Michigan driver’s license or Michigan state identification card, a copy must accompany the “Address Verification Card.” If they do not have state identification cards, then two utility bills with their parent’s name and address (matching the minors stated address) are required. The Tribal Tax Office will not process/register without this information.

— Tribal member parents are responsible to request their

minor children (under 14 years of age) be registered for sales tax exemptions on motor fuel purchases. This does not require proof of address if only for motor fuel purchases.

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

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

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

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Treasury: Resolve to be ready for tax scams in 2018

LANSING, Mich. – As the State of Michigan begins a new year and the state income tax filing season approaches, the Michigan Department of Treasury is asking taxpayers to resolve to be ready for tax scams in 2018.

Cybercriminals typically increase their activity in the first part of the year through phone scams and email phishing schemes. These scammers try to obtain personal information using different tricks and tactics so they can file income tax returns and claim refunds on behalf of unsuspecting taxpayers. Some

scammers may also allege a taxpayer owes taxes and aggressively demand payment for a quick payout.

“Taxpayers need to be extra alert for possible scams and schemes during this time of year and throughout the income tax filing season,” said Deputy State Treasurer Glenn White, head of Treasury’s Tax Administration Group. “When taxpayers proactively look for scams, they are less likely to be a victim of a tax-related identity theft and other cybercriminal activities.”

Treasury will never:

- Initiate a phone call or email to ask for personal information.
- Call or email to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method, such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, Treasury will first send a bill through the U.S. mail to any taxpayer who owes taxes.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.
- Demand that taxes be paid without giving the taxpayer the

opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.

• Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone. Cybercriminals often alter caller ID numbers and emails to make it look like the state Treasury Department, the Internal Revenue Service or another official agency is contacting a taxpayer. Scammers may use employee titles, a person’s name, address and other personal information to sound official.

Taxpayers who are contacted by a scammer should immediately cease the call or delete the email.

In 2017, the state Treasury Department’s increased security measures protected more than 4,000 taxpayers who confirmed their identity was stolen and used to request state of Michigan income tax refunds. This prevented more than \$16 million from being distributed to scammers.

Taxpayers who have received a call or email from a scammer should report the case to the IRS through the web or by calling (800) 366-4484. To learn more about tax-related identity theft, go to www.michigan.gov/identitytheft.

Chippewa County Show Me the Money Day coming Jan. 22

Fun and free interactive workshops show how to reach personal financial goals

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Chippewa County Show Me the Money Day brings free interactive workshops about money and more to the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center on Monday, Jan. 22, 4-6 p.m. This financial fair helps folks reach whatever goals they have concerning money.

Folks can enjoy free food, fun and prizes along with workshops conducted by Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) of Mackinac County. The workshops explore how to

save for the future, connect to community and financial resources, become a homeowner, fix one’s credit and more.

Last year, 2,396 Michigan residents attended one of 32 events across the state. All features are free to the public. For more information, locations and a list of all statewide and local sponsors, visit ShowMetheMoneyDay.org.

For more information on the Chippewa County Show Me the Money Day, contact Kristi Hart at kristi.hart.home@gmail.com or call (906) 643-6239.

Center seeks names of Native WWI vets

Sequoyah National Research Center at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock is researching names of Native World War I veterans.

When planning the exhibit on World War I code talkers, we wanted visitors to be aware of other American Indians and Alaska Natives who served in the military during the war. It is estimated that 12,000 Native men served the Army and Navy. As far as we know, no list of those servicemen was ever compiled.

We looked at various sources and came up with almost 2,300 names for our Wall of Honor. The men on the wall represent 148 tribes.

We were able to rely on different tribes that have compiled a list of WWI servicemen with the best of their knowledge. The Osage and Chippewa/Ojibwe

tribes of Minnesota have all done this in a publicly available forum, so we added these names to this list. Lanny Asepermy, our Comanche speaker, provided research he compiled on Comanche WWI veterans.

Now we are coming to you to ask for contributions to this list. If you have a relative who was a tribal member, we would love to make sure their service is remembered. If you work with a tribe that has a list of WWI ser-

vicemen, we would love to make sure they are not forgotten. We hope this list will serve to remind the world that American Indians and Alaska Natives have proven their loyalty and dedications to the United States for generations.

If you have individuals to add to the list, please contact Erin Fehr (ehfehr@ualr.edu) with as much information as possible. We hope to make this information publicly available in the future.

Veterans service officer wanted

The American Legion Department of Michigan and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians seek a tribal veterans service officer. This is a full-time position with benefits. Location to be determined.

Eligibility criteria: Must be a veteran, a Sault Tribe member and eligible to join the American Legion. Starting salary is \$32–35,000 depending on experience and includes medical, dental, 401k, vacation and personal and sick days. Email resumé to gary.easterling@va.gov, or mail to the American Legion, Attn: Gary Easterling, 477 Michigan Ave., Room 1210, Detroit MI 48226.



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Table Draws 11:15 p.m.-11:45 p.m.**

CASH Draws at 10:15 p.m.

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**Customers must have a minimum buy-in of \$100 to be eligible for table draws.

The Big Game

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February 4, 2018

Hot Seat Draws 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

Win up to \$100 in Kewadin Credits

Free Hors d'oeuvres 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Must earn 10 base points to qualify for promotion.

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ALL KEWADIN CASINO SITES
February 14, 2018

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Snowsfest 2018

KEWADIN CASINO HESSEL
February 16 & 17

Hot Seat Draws 1 p.m.-9 p.m.

Win up to \$100 in Kewadin Credits

SATURDAY CASH DRAWS
Beginning at 9:30 p.m.

WIN UP TO \$500 CASH!

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Task force brings human trafficking awareness across U.P.

Human trafficking community awareness is coming across the Upper Peninsula this month with special presentations. The recently re-established Upper Peninsula Human Trafficking Task Force (UPHTTF) teamed with the Department of Justice, U.S. Homeland Security Investigations, several Upper Peninsula law enforcement agencies and other local experts in the field to bring human trafficking community awareness to the U.P. during Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Beginning on Monday, Jan.

22, the group will be making presentations across the U.P. at local colleges and universities. Featured speakers talk about signs to look for in both victims and traffickers, who can be a target of human trafficking, federal and state laws regarding human trafficking and previous local and national cases.

The presentations begin in Sault Ste. Marie on Monday:
 Jan. 22, 10-11:30 a.m., LSSU Arts Center Theater Room, Sault Ste. Marie
 Jan. 22, 2:30-4 p.m., Bay Mills Casino Horizon Conference Center

Jan. 23, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay West, Iron Mountain, Rm 231
 Jan. 23, 7-8 p.m., Besse Theater, Escanaba
 Jan. 24, 2018 10:00-11:30 a.m., Lindquist Student and Conference Center-Upper Level Conference Room, Ironwood
 Jan. 24, 6:30-8p.m., Jutula Center, Room 323, 200 Michigan St., Hancock
 Jan. 25, 10-11:30 a.m., Memorial Union Building, Ballroom B, Houghton
 Jan. 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Wabanung, Campus L'Anse, Rm 400

Featured speakers include Leslie A. Hagen from the Department of Justice and Special Agent Todd Wilton, assigned to Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Homeland Security Investigations (ICE/HSI). Hagen is the DOJ's first national Indian Country training coordinator. In this position, Hagen is responsible for planning, developing and coordinating training in a broad range of matters relating to the administration of justice in Indian Country. Hagen authored a recent national publication on combating trafficking in tribal communities and in 2016 created a video

training project focused on sex trafficking of Alaska Natives. There will be time for questions and answers after each presentation and a brief invitation to any participants to join the Upper Peninsula Human Trafficking Task Force by the current task force group leader/administrator, Marlene Mottes, victim advocate from the Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office Western District of Michigan, Marquette Office and other task force members. For more detailed event information please contact Mottes at marlene.f.mottes@usdoj.gov.

Trump's Voter Fraud Commission not gone, just underground

FROM NARF
 BOULDER, Colo. – The U.S. president dissolved the ironically named Election Integrity Commission on Jan. 4. This misguided effort was tasked with fruitlessly searching for evidence of voter fraud, which study after study shows is so rare it's nearly nonexistent. The commission was a solution in search of a problem. It also was beset by ongoing problems, such as being sued by its own members for failing to

share critical information. Given this, it was no surprise the commission was disbanded, but, make no mistake, this is no victory for voting rights advocates. This change simply removes the commission's dangerous work from public scrutiny. The original commission fell under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and was required to make certain information public. (This was the basis of several of the lawsuits.) Now, however,

the commission's press office announced it will turn its findings and work over to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This move means the fruitless work of searching for nonexistent voter fraud will continue under the protective rules of DHS and, more importantly, it is now the DHS that will issue any recommendations. So the commission's work continues, only now you won't know what they are up to. Native American Rights Fund

(NARF) staff attorney, Natalie Landreth, promises, "NARF will be closely following the DHS work on 'voter fraud,' which inevitably will turn into recommendations for voter suppression." Protecting the voting rights of American Indians and Alaska Natives is one of NARF's core areas of advocacy. We currently represent Native Americans in North Dakota that have been disenfranchised by North

Dakota's discriminatory voter ID laws. NARF also leads the Native American Voting Rights Coalition, a large group of organizations and individuals working together to protect voting rights across the country. NARF is the oldest and largest nonprofit national Indian rights legal services organization in the country. For more information or to learn more about the history of the organization, visit www.narf.org.

Schultz reaches out to all Native business owners in our tribe

Hello, fellow Sault Tribe business owners! We would like to make you aware of an effort to work together with other Sault Tribe member-owned businesses to support, educate and advocate for each other. We are in the early stages of forming a Sault Tribe member-owned business association and would love to have your business join us. Some of our first goals:

- Name our organization and appoint leadership.
- Create a list of every Sault Tribe member-owned business we can identify.

Remember the lesson of the strength of a bundle of sticks over a single stick

- Create a description of the products or services each business offers.
- Classify each business by what industry they serve.
- Explore ways to publish/promote the list as part of a Buy Sault Tribe campaign.

Future goals include:

- Educational opportunities for member businesses.
- Networking events fostering

peer to peer learning.

- Celebratory event recognizing successful Sault Tribe businesses.
- Advocacy for Sault Tribe businesses at the local, state and national level.

Please reach out to any of the founding members listed below, or feel free to contact my office directly.

Thank you,
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Members sought for powwow committees

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Cultural Department of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians seeks volunteers to form four separate committees for local community powwows. Committee members would be responsible for the general planning of powwows in our community with guidance and support from the Culture Department. Previous powwow planning experience is not required.

(Saturday after Labor Day) the annual Kinross Veterans Powwow (closest Saturday to Nov. 11) and the annual New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow (Dec. 31). Committee members meet regularly and are more than welcome to sit on multiple committees, if desired. Regular meetings provide the opportunity for committee members to plan powwows accordingly.

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An initial meeting for a briefing on needed information is set for Thursday, Feb. 8, 5:30 p.m., at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building on the reservation in Sault Ste. Marie. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

These committees aim to plan our community powwows according to the wishes of our community members. For more information, or if you are interested in joining one of these powwow committees, please contact Jackie Minton at jminton@saulttribe.net, 635-6050, ext. 26144 or 203-4977, or Lisa Moran at lcmoran@saulttribe.net, 635-6050, ext. 26798. Miigwech.

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Manistique Health Center: Jan. 23, 25, 30. Phone 341-8469.
 Marquette Community Tribal Center: Jan. 29. Phone 225-1616.
 Escanaba Penn Starr phone 786-2636.
 Cell phone, (906) 450-7011.

Completed cards should be sent to Tribal Election Committee, PO Box 102, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. For more information see www.saulttribe.com/index.php/government/tribal-elections.

Anishinaabemowin 2018

Manidoo Giizis Spirit Moon

by Susan Askwith

Approach the start of each day with something in mind, and end the day with one word: DONE.

Nimkoodaading kina waya! Happy New Year Everyone!

We've finished a year of Anishinaabemowin study! Congratulations on every new word you learned! Among our members we have people at every level of interest and time to learn, so we've offered a smorgasbord of ideas people might want to say to each other. You picked out your favorites. As we begin 2018, let's start with the basics again.

Here are some really useful terms. There are almost enough for one word a day. Learning tips: 1) Commit to saying your new word at least 10 times throughout the day. 2) Review previous words once a day. 3) Use the pronunciation guide! 4) Check off the word in the evening!

Enh	Yes
Kaa	No
Miigwech	Thank you
G'zaagin	I love you.
Nahaaw	OK
Nishin.	That's good.
Gaawiin jida	I didn't mean it. Sorry.
Bekaa	Wait a minute!
Aanii-giye?!	What did you say?!
Gaawii nii nii!	Not me!
Mii na wi?	Is that <i>right</i> ? Is that a fact?
G'baabiyin gwa!	I'm waiting for you.
Wewiipitan!	Hurry up!
Shkenaa menaa	Take it easy!
N'giizhiitaa!	I'm finished.
Mii wi.	That's it. The end. Enough.
Maajaan!	Come on, let's go!
Gaawii mishi	Not yet.
Megwaach gwa.	Probably.
Manjiidik.	I don't know.
Engwaamizin.	Be careful.
Mii gwa gegeti.	Good idea
Maampii	Here
Oode	Over there
Pane	All the time.
Shtaa ta haa!	Holy smokes, holy cow
Aashiish-maajii!	Good <i>grief</i> !
Baamaa pii k'waabmin.	I'll see you later.
Gda samendaagwaas!	You are awesome!



Some things are so valuable, they carry over from before. Counting is one of them. Play Yahtzee or a card game, using only our counting words. Have some fun!!

Pronunciation Guide; How to Sound Really Good

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

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

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

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

WORD GAME Use any Anish word that fits for you!

What do you say when someone asks if you want a million dollars? _____

What do you say when someone seems to be taking forever in getting ready? _____

What do you say to someone when you're leaving? _____

What do you say to someone when they're going a little crazy over something? _____

What do you say when someone thinks you did something and you plead not guilty? _____

What do you say when your friend says let's go to the PowWow? _____

What do you say when someone says something that surprises you? _____

What do you say when you think something is likely true but you're not sure? _____

What do you say when someone is about to do something kind of scary? _____

What do you say when you want someone to know you think they're very cool? _____

What do you say when you haven't a clue what the answer is? _____

When would you say Aashiish-maajii instead of shtaa ta haa? _____

What would you say if someone asks where they should put something? _____

What would be a nice thing to say to your mom on Mother's Day? _____

What would you say if someone asks if you've earned your first billion bucks? _____

What do you say if someone suggests getting you your favorite pizza? _____

Here's the Counting Pattern Again.

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

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

11-19 -> midaaswi	20-29 -> niizhdana
30-39 -> nsimidana	40-49 -> niimidana
50-59 -> naanmidana	60-69 -> ngodwaasmidana
70-79 -> niizhwaasmidana	80-89 -> nshwaasmidana
90-99 -> zhaangsmidana	100 -> ngod-waak (waak = hundred)

+100: use the numbers 2-10 to say how many hundreds you want to talk about

Examples: 62: ngodwaasmidana shi niizh
185: ngod-waak shi nshwaasmidana shi naanan
350: nswe-waak shi naanmidana

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

SBA economic injury disaster loans available in Michigan

FROM THE U.S. SBA

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced Dec. 13 federal economic injury disaster loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations in Michigan as a result of the excessive rain that began on April, 1, 2017.

The SBA's disaster declaration includes the following counties: Alger, Arenac, Baraga, Bay, Chippewa, Clinton, Delta, Dickinson, Gladwin, Gogebic, Gratiot, Houghton, Huron, Ionia, Iron, Isabella, Keweenaw,

Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Midland, Montcalm, Ontonagon, Saginaw, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Shiawassee and Tuscola in Michigan.

"When the Secretary of Agriculture issues a disaster declaration to help farmers recover from damages and losses to crops, the Small Business Administration issues a declaration to eligible entities affected by the same disaster," said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA's Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program is available to

eligible farm-related and non-farm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers or ranchers.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 2.5 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 3.15 percent for small businesses, with terms up to 30 years.

The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by

the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955, (800) 877-8339

for the deaf and hard-of-hearing, or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov/disaster.

Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than Aug. 6, 2018.

For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Program, visit www.sba.gov/disaster.

'92 Indian employment and training law made permanent

BY RICK SMITH

The president of the United States sign the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017 into law on Dec. 18. Essentially, the new law renamed, improved and made permanent a 1992 demonstration project to streamline federal grant funding for employment and economic growth throughout Indian Country.

The new law changed the name of the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, Public Law 102-477, to the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act of 1992.

The federal government allows streamlined procedures and stipulates requirements for funding American Indian employment and training programs under Public Law 102-477, commonly referred to as the 477 Program. No separate funding is provided under the law.

Last November, Congressman Don Young of Alaska, who introduced the legislation into the

U.S. House of Representatives, was quick to credit cooperation between American Indian and congressional delegations for passage of the new law through Congress. "After more than five years of work developing and advancing this legislation, I'm happy to see it head to the president's desk to be signed into law," Young said. "This would not be possible without the delegation's dedicated efforts to navigate the bill to final passage. Our legislation is what tribal self-determination is all about – empowering Native communities to craft the best solutions for their unique education and training needs. I commend the 477 Tribal Work Group and the many individual tribes and tribal organizations that have fought tirelessly for these policy improvements over the years. This is Indian Country's victory."

Among highlights of the new law, a revision of the types of programs that may be included for funding. These programs include job training, welfare to work and tribal work experience,

creating or enhancing employment opportunities, skill development, help for Indian youth and adults to succeed in the workforce, encouraging self-sufficiency, familiarizing individuals with the world of work, facilitating the creation of job opportunities, economic development or any services related to those programs.

Federal funding sources are expanded from the original three agencies, the departments of Interior, Labor and Health and Human Services, to include the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Energy, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

Revised processes are described to increase efficiency for federal agencies to grant or deny certain waivers requested by tribes and for approval or disapproval of integration plans by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). Hearing and appeal rights are granted if the DOI disapproves plans.

If tribes have approved training

plans in place and written agreements with employers under the new law, funding to pay participants under those plans with the specified employers may last no longer than two years.

Except for funds administered by the U.S. departments of Labor or Health and Human services, transferred funds must be treated as non-federal funds for use in meeting matching requirements.

The Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017 was introduced into the House of Representatives at the beginning of last January and passed in late February, the Senate passed the act without amendment at the end of last November by unanimous consent.

According to tribal officials, Sault Tribe does not presently participate in the 477 Program, but the matter is under examination to weigh advantages and drawbacks between a 477 program and the tribe's current employment and training structure.

"I have attended some meet-

ings to get a clearer understanding of what is involved in order to possibly take advantage of this program," said Rita Bricker, senior accountant for the tribe. "We are also now looking to see what the additional programs that were added were to see if this could be of benefit."

At this time, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration, only one of Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribes participates in the 477 Program — the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa of Peshawbestown. Further, figures in a 2014 federal report show 62 grantees at the time representing 265 of the nation's 567 federally recognized tribes participated in the program, about the same number of participants today.

In the past at least, tribes have expressed issues concerning the law, especially with reporting and auditing requirements of the program. It is not immediately clear if the new law addresses any of those issues.

The good ol' days of yore



The recent arctic cold spell likely had many folks longing for the warmth of summer and powwows, recalling images like Leora Lancaster, above, standing proud in handsome regalia against the backdrop of Gitchee Gumee on the shores of the Munising area last Aug. 12.

SURVIVE Act passed by US Senate committee

Bill would expand resources and programs for Indian victims of crime

BY RICK SMITH

A bill introduced in the Senate last September that would expand resources and programs for American Indian victims of crime recently passed through committee and is now on the floor of the Senate.

The Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment (SURVIVE) Act, S. 1870, passed out of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Dec. 6. If enacted, the bill would increase resources to help tribal victims in several ways. For starters allotments to American Indian tribes from the Crime Victims Fund would raise from the current

one percent to five percent.

According to announcement, the bill would also expand the types of help able to receive funding. The types of help could include domestic violence shelters, medical care, counseling services, legal services along with programs for children and the elderly; more flexibility would be included to tailor services to adaptation to cultural sensibilities of tribal communities and enhancement of confidentiality and privacy protections for crime victims receiving help.

"The grant program created by the SURVIVE Act will improve public safety and strengthen victim services in Indian Country," said Senator John Hoeven (R-N.D.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in a release. "Tribal communities experience some of the highest victimization

rates in the country with little or no resources to assist victims. This bill will establish direct tribal access to the Crime Victims Fund by creating a five percent set aside for Indian tribes, which amounts

to \$150 million per year for culturally relevant and tribal specific victim assistance programs."

The SURVIVE Act amends the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to bring about the proposed changes.

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Big pharma plagued with big legal troubles

BY RICK SMITH

Indian Country denizens are among many governmental entities and organizations suing large pharmaceutical companies and distributors for bringing death and despair to the people of their municipalities, counties, states and tribes.

The St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, to name one tribe, brought suit against 24 corporations named as defendants in the Western District Court of Wisconsin in Eau Claire. Among the defendants in the suit are well known companies such as Johnson and Johnson, CVS Health Corporation and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Another Indian Country government taking legal action against major opioid makers and handlers is the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Coincidentally, the State of Oklahoma is taking legal action of its own as well against pharmaceutical giants and

their vending outlets. Plus, in the meantime, attorneys general from 41 states are looking into legal options to curb the opioid crisis in their respective states.

“An epidemic of prescription opioid abuse is devastating the United States, particularly Indian Country,” the St. Croix complaint opens, “that has caused the [St. Croix Tribe] substantial loss of resources, economic damages, addiction, disability and death to members, children and grandchildren of the St. Croix Tribe, as well as the health and welfare of the St. Croix Tribe. This epidemic has been building for years, and it has been intentionally concealed, minimized and otherwise misrepresented by the defendants who were motivated to keep it going and to make it larger for the purpose of making billions of dollars in profits, all to the detriment of the St. Croix Tribe and others.”

The complaint goes on to a present day description of

opioids themselves along with a narrative on current circumstances surrounding opioids and the influence on individuals and communities. It also makes clear the epidemic could have and should have been prevented if the corporations were “acting with reasonable care and in a truthful manner.” The complaint also reflects on the failure of 17 of the defendants to protect the public as is part of their responsibilities. The defendants named in the suit are largely the same defendants in the Cherokee Nation suit.

Further out west, according to the *Bismarck Tribune*, three tribes of the Dakotas filed a 100-page complaint in a federal lawsuit against 24 major companies involved in the opioid industry. The Rosebud Sioux, Flandreau Santee and the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate tribes filed the suit in a U.S. District Court in South Dakota seeking monetary damages for “fraudulently concealing

and minimizing the addiction risk of prescription opioids” and failure to comply with federal drug control laws.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, prescription opioid overdose deaths have quadrupled since 1999 as have sales of those prescription drugs. From 1999 to 2015, more than 183,000 people have died nationwide from overdoses of prescription opioids. In 2015 alone, more than 15,000 people died from such overdoses. Each day, more than 1,000 people are treated in emergency departments for improper use of prescription opioids.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reports about 1,700 people died from opioid overdoses in 2016.

Not only is the situation surrounding opioids causing personal grief, it appears to be damaging to all levels of government creating strains on budgets from

small towns in rural areas to large cities across the nation. States and counties, too, are feeling the pinch and those that haven’t filed lawsuits yet are looking at the possibilities. Congressional investigations are also in the mix.

Another thing the St. Croix and Cherokee complaints make evident is the degradation and destruction of their cultures and the very existence of the tribes because of the opioid epidemic.

In their complaints, the tribes allegations paint a picture of their tribal child welfare agencies swamped with cases because of too many addicted young parents unable to care for themselves let alone anyone else. Children taken away from parents are often transferred outside of tribal jurisdictions because of the immense overload, draining tribes of their following generations who become disenfranchised from the families, culture and customs of their ancestral blood lines.

Bill would protect youth and police officers

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senators Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) recently introduced the bipartisan *Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act (NYTOPA)* to build on the tribal jurisdiction provisions in the *Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA 2013)* by extending protections to children and law enforcement personnel involved in domestic violence incidents on tribal lands. The bill also will enhance federal coordination of victim resources for tribal communities.

VAWA 2013 restored the authority of tribes to arrest and prosecute offenders, regardless of their race, for acts of domestic violence committed within the boundaries of their jurisdiction. Since enactment, at least 16 tribes have undertaken the steps to exercise the special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction restored by VAWA 2013 – leading to over 120 arrests. But VAWA 2013 did not allow tribes to arrest or prosecute offenders for threatened domestic violence, domestic violence against children, or violence committed against law enforcement personnel enforcing jurisdiction. NYTOPA addresses these gaps to help protect Native families and tribal justice officials from violent offenders.

“There are far too many desperate stories illustrating how Native American women, children and law enforcement are caught up in acts of domestic violence while the perpetrator goes unpunished. The failure to shield these individuals from violence should outrage us all,” said Udall, who helped craft the tribal provisions in VAWA 2013 and has worked to strengthen tribes’ ability to prevent and prosecute domestic violence since he served as New Mexico’s attorney general. “With this bill, we can close a dark and desperate loophole in tribal criminal jurisdiction.”

“All indications suggest that the special domestic violence crimi-

nal jurisdiction provisions of the *Violence Against Women Act* are being successfully implemented,” said Murkowski. “This new jurisdiction provided tribes with significant tools to address violence in Indian Country, but only in limited ways. I am pleased to join with my colleagues in expanding this jurisdiction to include crimes against children as well as those against law enforcement officers. We still have a long way to go in fully empowering tribes to address criminal offenses in their Indian Country, but this is an important next step.”

“I have spent my career fighting to ensure that tribal leaders are empowered to keep their communities safe from domestic violence,” said Cortez Masto. “I am proud to introduce the *Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act*, a bill that will further that mission by restoring important protections to children and tribal law enforcement officers involved in domestic violence incidents on tribal lands.”

The legislation is supported by the National Network to End Domestic Violence, National Domestic Violence Hotline, National Congress of American Indians, National American Indian Court Judges Association, National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, Native American Rights Fund, United South and Eastern Tribes, All Pueblo Council of Governors, Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, Navajo Nation, the Pueblo of Acoma, the Pueblo of Santa Ana, the Pueblo of Santa Clara, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Sac and Fox Nation, Squaxin Island Tribe, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, the Tulalip Tribes of Washington and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

“Survivors of domestic violence in Indian Country have begun to see justice after VAWA 2013, and it serves as a real deterrent to violent crime,” said Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians. “These amendments will close gaps that have left child victims and tribal law enforcement without the same

protections.”

“The VAWA tribal provisions were critical to empowering tribes to address domestic violence on our lands, especially by non-Indians against Indians,” said Paul Torres, chairman of the All Pueblo Council of Governors. “But it does not cover violent acts against children and assaults on police officers. NYTOPA would expand its coverage to address these gaps, greatly helping tribes to build upon past efforts to make their communities safer.”

“There is nothing more heart-breaking, nor more frustrating for a tribal leader than to see a child


suffer from domestic violence and not be able to take any direct action to hold the perpetrator accountable,” said Kurt Riley, governor of Acoma Pueblo. “All tribes are looking at implementing the VAWA tribal provisions authorizing tribes to exercise domestic violence criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians in certain limited circumstances, but they are incomplete without jurisdiction over crimes against children and police officers. NYTOPA fixes this concern and will help tribes to continue to evolve their criminal justice system, consistent with constitutional standards, to make

our communities safer places.”


“With the VAWA tribal provisions, Congress recognized that only tribes can adequately address the domestic violence crisis on tribal lands,” said Lawrence Montoya, governor of Santa Ana Pueblo. “Although powerful, that law was incomplete because it did not extend to violence against children or against police officers responding to domestic violence calls. This act will fill the void and allow tribes to develop their criminal justice systems to address this situation.”

Story is courtesy of U.S. Senator Tom Udall.

KINDERGARTEN Round Up



Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School
Kindergarten Round Up for the
2018-2019 School Year



Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School is holding Kindergarten Round Up for the upcoming 2018-2019 School Year. Only those who complete and turn in an enrollment application during the Open Enrollment period will be considered for the lottery. The Open Enrollment dates are from January 29, 2018, through Feb. 12, 2018, with extended hours from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Applications may be picked up from the school office or from the school website at www.jklschool.org beginning January 29, 2018.

All applications must be received by the school office by 4 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone) on February 12, 2018.

The lottery will be held in the school cafeteria on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., for those wishing to attend. Attendance at the lottery is not mandatory.

The parents of those children selected from the lottery will be notified by phone to set up the appointment for Round Up. The Kindergarten Round Up dates are set for March 13 and 14.

Committee of one: Moran welcomes help with United Way workplace campaign



Photo by Rick Smith

Lisa Moran with helper Heather Ogle at the 2017 United Way Chili Cook-Off at Lake Superior STATE University on Dec. 8.

BY RICK SMITH

For about the past three years, Sault Tribe payroll coordinator, Lisa Moran, has kept alive the tribe's Sault Ste. Marie workplace campaigns to support the United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula. As the solo member of the United Way Workplace Campaign Committee, Moran welcomes volunteers to join the committee.

According to Moran, duties include attending meetings for brainstorming fundraiser plans, working fundraisers and collecting and entering pledge forms for payroll deduction accounts.

Moran joined the committee in 2010 and took over the coordinator's duties in 2013. "When I started, there were at least 10 members on the committee," said Moran. "There is only me on the committee now. And yes, it would be nice to have committee members! I need people with fresh ideas!"

The committee had three representatives for the St. Ignace area at one time, but no one represents the area on the committee now.

Fundraisers often take place at special community functions such as the annual United Way Chili Cook-Off and others. At this time, the usual activities to raise funds include bake sales with face painting, kids games, cotton candy and slushy sales, Sunday afternoon kids' movies with concession stands along with soup, fry bread and Indian taco sales.

As could be expected, the tribe's annual contributions to the

United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula have been declining in recent years. According to the Nov. 16, 2012, edition of *Wan Awenen Nisitotung*, the committee reported a contribution of \$14,036 that year. But now, said Moran, "The funds have absolutely dropped, it gets less year after year. This year, for 2018 we have a total of \$2,492 raised."

The United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula is a regional affiliate of the unique non-profit charitable organization, United Way Worldwide based in Alexandria, Va. The parent organization works with a coalition of 1,200 local and regional affiliates across the United States and another 1,800 in 40 other countries and territories. The United Way network strives to support a varied range of helpful programs and organizations in the affiliates' communities. In short, funds generated by United Way affiliates stay and are put to use toward helping folks in their respective areas with a focus on supporting the education, income and health of those folks.

Organizations receiving support from the United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula range from the Boys and Girls Clubs, programs to care for the elderly, battered women's shelters, emergency aid and many other types of services in the area.

Those interested in volunteering to help the tribe's United Way Workplace Campaign Committee should call Moran at 635-6050, ext. 26702.



From left, Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit I Representative Kim Gravelle, Sault Tribe Executive Director Christine McPherson, Nick VanAlstine and Human Resource Manager Betty Smith at the farewell gathering for VanAlstine on Jan. 5 at the Sault Kewadin Casino. He began his new duties with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on Jan. 8.

VanAlstine leaving for BIA

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A farewell reception was held Jan. 5 from 2-4 p.m. at Kewadin Casino for 15-year employee Nick VanAlstine. He celebrated 15 years with the tribe on Jan. 2.

Fourteen of those years were as a team member of the Human Resources Department, starting out as a trainer with the tribe's Training Department, then moving on to training manager. He also worked as an HR rep for a while, and the past seven-plus years was the HR manager.

He began his new position with the BIA in their Sault Ste. Marie field office Jan. 8 as a tribal operations specialist. He said he will be helping tribes formulate and cement their constitutions, and will be working with tribes when they hold secretarial elections.

"After 15 years it's difficult to leave something you have grown up with; my kids were 1- and 2-years-old when I started working here, and now they are a high school sophomore and junior," he said.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians committee vacancies

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

Conservation Committee - Thirteen vacancies - Six commercial fishers, six tribal members and one that can be either a commercial or noncommercial fisher. The deadline for this committee is Jan. 22, 2018.

Anishinaabe Cultural

Committee - Four vacancies - males (4-year term)

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

Election Committee - Eight vacancies (4-year term)

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

Health Board - Two vacancies (4-year term)

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

Elder Advisory Committee Unit II - Hessel (4-year term), one regular vacancy, one alternate vacancy

Unit III - St. Ignace (4-year

term), one alternate vacancy

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

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

Elder Subcommittees

Unit II - Hessel (4-year terms), four regular seat vacancies, two alternate seat vacancies

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

Unit V - Munising (4-year term), two regular vacancies, two alternate vacancies

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

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How to access after hours walk-in or urgent care services

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Sault Tribe Health Program have established agreements with local walk-in and urgent care clinics across the Eastern Upper Peninsula to provide after-hour, weekend and holiday access to health care services for tribal members.

Sault Health Center Manager Tony Abramson said tribal members now have more access to medical care than ever before. "We have set up contracts with urgent care providers and clinics across the tribe's service area for tribal members to receive care when our health centers are closed," he said.

An after-hours triage nurse is available to all patients and tribal members at no cost. In order for urgent care/walk-in services to be covered by the Purchased Referred Care (PRC) Program, tribal members must call the clinic where their primary care provider is located, and choose the telephone option to talk to the after-hours triage nurse. This is an added benefit to tribal members and is a necessary step prior to seeking payment for after-hours or holiday care at a walk-in clinic or urgent care facility. The only exception is for a true medical life or limb emergency, in which case you would go directly to the local emergency room (ER) to receive treatment. You then have 72 hours to report your case to the PRC Program. PRC will request an ER report for review, and denial or approval of payment is based on the patient's final diagnosis. To verify enrollment in PRC, call (906) 632-5220 or (800) 922-0582.

Abramson said he recently contacted TeamHealth, the contractor who provides after hours telephone triage services for tribal members, because some patients were experiencing callback delays of two-to-three hours. To address that, TeamHealth hired over 25 additional triage nurses, stating the delays in callbacks were from an overwhelming call volume due to the influenza outbreak.

To access the after-hours triage nurse, call one of the following Health Centers: Sault Tribal Health Center, (906) 632-5200; St. Ignace Health Center, 643-8689; Manistique Health Center, 341-8469; or Munising Health Center at 387-4721. Remember – in order to obtain payment for care when tribal clinics are closed, you must call the clinic where your primary care provider is located and talk to the after-hours telephone triage nurse. The nurse will provide you with medical advice on how to manage your concern from home, or seek help from a local walk-in, urgent care service or emergency department.

The TeamHealth's call center initially assesses and prioritizes the call depending on the health problem and/or symptoms offered by the caller, and make the determination if the patient needs immediate action or can wait for a call back from the triage nurse. If symptoms are not serious enough to need immediate attention, the patient is put into the queue with other patients who have called ahead of them.

Clip -N- Save

For after-hour or holiday walk-in or urgent care services:

- Call the tribal clinic you are a patient at and press the telephone option to speak to a TeamHealth triage nurse.

Sault Tribal Health Center, (906) 632-5200
 St. Ignace Health Center, (906) 643-8689
 Manistique Health Center, (906) 341-8469
 Munising Health Center, (906) 387-4721

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Here are a few important things to remember:

- Call the triage nurse at TeamHealth early when symptoms begin, don't wait for symptoms to worsen;
- If you think you are not ill enough to need to visit a urgent care or walk in clinic, but would like information about how you can help relieve symptoms - call!
- Be very descriptive in explaining your health problem and symptoms to the first person you talk to when you call.
- If you are waiting for a call back from the triage nurse and your symptoms worsen during that time - call again immediately!
- Don't wait for TeamHealth to call you back.

There are a few important things to remember when calling and talking to a triage nurse:

- Call early when symptoms begin and try not to wait for symptoms to worsen;
- If you think you are not ill enough to need to visit a urgent care or walk in clinic but you would like information/education about how you can help relieve their symptoms - call!
- Be very descriptive in explaining your health problem and symptoms to the first person you talk to when you call.
- If you are waiting for a call back from the triage nurse and your symptoms worsen during that time - call again immediately! Don't wait for TeamHealth to call you back.
- After-hours nurse triage is a service and an added benefit to you. Don't be hesitant to use it; the after-hours nurse triage service is there to help.

The triage nurse may recommend you to take any of the following actions based on your symptoms: Call EMS 911; go to ER; seek care with provider or urgent care clinic within 4 hours; seek care with provider/urgent care clinic with 24 hours; seek care with your primary care provider within 3 days; or the triage nurse will provide home care instructions.

So where can tribal members receive after hours and holiday care? The Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Center Walk In Clinic is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. They are closed weekends and holidays. The War Memorial Hospital Community Care Clinic is open Monday-Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. They are closed only for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In St. Ignace there is the Mackinac Straits Health System Walk In Clinic. Hours are from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed Saturdays and Sundays.

In Newberry after hour care is accessed at the Helen Newberry Joy Hospital's Gibson Family Health Center from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., including holidays.

Manistique residents receive after hour care at Schoolcraft's Memorial Hospital's Redi-Care Rural Health Clinic, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays.

Munising Memorial Hospital Bay Care Urgent Care Clinic is open every day from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and closed on holidays.

Members in the Escanaba area would go to St. Francis Hospital and Medical Group Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and weekends from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

And in Marquette there is the



Stacy LaMontagna, FNP-BC, Sault Health Center Manager Tony Abramson and Rae Ann Brand, FNP-BC, in a walk-in clinic room.

Superior Walk-In and Family Health Clinic, open every day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Walk In Clinic staff at the Sault Health Center includes Rae Ann Brand, FNP-BC, Stacy LaMontagna, FNP-BC, Jacquelyn Frechette, LPN, and Perri Cooper, LPN.

Brand said that January 2 marked two years since the opening of the Walk-In Clinic at the Sault Tribal Health Center. "All patients eligible to be seen at our medical clinic are also able to access the Walk-In Clinic," she said. "Patients sign-in and are seen on a first come, first

serve basis. The walk-in clinic is intended to be used for acute illnesses and minor injuries, and short term medication refills.

You should use the walk-in clinic for medical concerns that arise between regularly scheduled visits with your primary medical provider. A visit to the Walk-In Clinic does not replace your regular appointments with your primary medical provider. If you haven't been seen by your primary care provider in over six months, call medical scheduling in the Sault at (906) 632-5230 to assist you in making an appointment."

Open Enrollment

Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School
 2018-2019 School Year Open Enrollment and
 Lottery Information



Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School is a public school academy where all students attend free of charge. Open enrollment for the 2018-2019 School Year begins on January 29, 2018, and ends on February 12, 2018, at 4 p.m. (EST), with extended hours from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7.

Only those who complete and turn in an enrollment application to the school office during the Open Enrollment period will be considered for the lottery. The lottery will be held in the school cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018, for those wishing to attend. Attendance at the lottery is not mandatory.

Applications may be picked up from the school office or from the school website at www.jklschool.org beginning January 29, 2018.

Those selected from the lottery will be eligible to attend the 2018-2019 school year provided they *respond within three school days* of notification. If the deadline is not met, those children will be dropped from next year's roster and the next name on the waiting list will be accepted.



Renew your motivation to quit smoking or chewing

FROM SAULT TRIBE COMMUNITY HEALTH

The beginning of a new year is a great opportunity to renew your motivation to quit smoking or chewing tobacco. Quitting is one of the most important steps you can take to improve your health and the health of others around you.

Commercial tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable disease, disability and death in the United States. Commercial tobacco smoke contains 7,000 chemicals, hundreds that are toxic and about 70 that can cause cancer. Prolonged exposure of these chemicals damage DNA and inflame cells, which can lead to cancer, stroke and heart disease. Exposure to tobacco smoke increases your heart rate and blood pressure, and children can experience more frequent ear and

respiratory infections and trigger asthma attacks. Smoke that clings to walls, ceilings, carpets, curtains, furniture and clothing

can harm other adults, children, infants and even pets. Smoking can cause problems for a woman trying to become pregnant or who

is already pregnant and for her baby before and after birth (CDC – *Health Effects of Smoking and Tobacco Use*, 2017).

The Sault Tribe's Nicotine Dependence Program is a personalized program designed to help you quit. Meet one-on-one with a tobacco treatment consultant, who has been specifically trained in the area of nicotine addiction, to work collaboratively toward an individualized plan you feel confident about. Manage withdrawals easier with access to evidence-based medications, overcome obstacles, cope with triggers and follow-up support to ensure you are on track and continue to progress.

Quitting smoking has benefits at any age and only amplifies as your body heals.

(Source: CDC – *Benefits of Quitting*, 2016)

Begin your journey by making the decision to quit, learn new skills to overcome obstacles, accept setbacks and finally attain the wisdom to walk in confidence tobacco-free.

If you or someone you know wants to quit, contact your local Sault Tribe health center to talk with your healthcare provider to get started on your journey.

All numbers below use area code (906):

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

For more information on Sault Tribe Community Health Services, visit <http://health.sault-tribe.com/>.

SHORT TERM BENEFITS:

- 20 minutes after quitting, your heart rate drops to normal
- 12 hours after quitting, carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal
- 2 weeks – 3 months after quitting, your heart attack risk begins to drop and your lung function begins to improve
- 1 – 9 months after quitting, your coughing and shortness of breath decrease

LONG TERM BENEFITS:

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

Three Fires Cancer Consortium addresses tribal rates

FROM ITCMI

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan was recently awarded a five-year National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program grant of \$210,238 per year. The grant aims to decrease colon, breast and lung cancer, improve quality of life among cancer survivors and decrease cancer morbidity and mortality for Michigan's American Indians.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's project, Three Fires Cancer Consortium, will work to address cancer-related health disparities among Michigan's American Indian population through the use of policy, sys-

tems and environmental change strategies. Five tribes are included in this program consortium: Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, Hannahville Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. The combined population of the participating tribes reaches 54,077 American Indians across 31 counties. In addition, resources gathered from the project will be shared with all 12 Michigan tribes.

"Disparities in health care and health status have persisted among American Indian and Alaska Native populations for decades," said Cathy

Edgerly, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan program manager. "Among many health issues faced by these populations, cancer has become an increasingly evident public health issue. While cancer incidence rates among non-Hispanic whites have been decreasing, an increase in cancer incidence rates have been noted among American Indians and Alaska Natives."

Noel Pingatore, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan project investigator, added, "We see higher incidence rates at younger ages; often outside recommended screening guidelines among Michigan's Native American population."

In order to address these disparities, the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan will implement strategies while working closely with the tribes through the Three Fires Cancer Consortium leadership team, which includes a member from each tribe. The team is tasked with four key priorities: primary prevention, early detection, survivor needs and cancer disparities.

Strategies will include small media campaigns to promote commercial tobacco cessation and colon cancer screening, alcohol screening tools and counseling services, provider education to address cancer survivorship needs and resources, and tribal clink-community

health linkages to increase the use of cancer related preventive health services.

The Michigan Three Fires Cancer Consortium project is set for success with a strong collaborative effort from the consortium member tribes, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Cancer Surveillance Program, Michigan State University and American Cancer Society. Each of these partners will ensure that program strategies are informed by surveillance data and that the evidence-based, culturally tailored interventions will promote health equity while meeting the unique needs of Michigan's Native Americans.

Spreading Christmas cheer



Sault Tribe gave each employee a 10-pound Christmas ham this year, distributed through the casinos. Above, Christmas casino server Vicky Waldren presents Youth Education and Activities coordinator Cindy Reimer with a ham. (Submitted by Anita Nelson.)

Healer availability dates

<p>Traditional Healer Keith Smith is seeing patients in Sault Ste. Marie on these coming dates:</p> <p>Jan. 22, 24, 29, 30, 31. Feb. 5, 7, 12, 13, 19, 21, 26, 27, 28.</p> <p>For appointments, call</p>	<p>Peggy Holappa at 632-0220 or Community Health at 632-5210.</p> <p>He will be in Hessel on Feb. 6. For appointments, call 484-2727.</p> <p>He will be in Munising, Jan. 23 and Feb. 20. For appointments, call 387-4721.</p>
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KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP!

If you have a child that is ready for Kindergarten in the Fall of 2018, please fill out the following form at www.saultschools.org/kindergarten2018. Please select your appointment time and date that you prefer.

<p>What to Bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of Birth Certificate • Shot Records • Social Security Card • Proof of Residence • (Such as a utility bill) • Tribal Card (If applicable) 	<p>Location:</p> <p>Sault Area Middle School Library 684 Marquette Ave Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783</p>
<p>Age Requirements</p> <p>Age 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2018. Waivers will be available for children whose birthdays fall between September 2 and December 1.</p>	<p>Roundup Dates & Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 12, 2018 – 12-6:30 p.m. • March 13, 2018 – 12-6:30 p.m. • March 14, 2018 – 8:30-2:30 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding Sault Area Schools Kindergarten Roundup, please call Amy Kronemeyer at 906-635-5653.

Schedule of Sault 350th anniversary festivities

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., began its year-long 350th anniversary in 2018 with opening ceremonies on Dec. 31, 2017, with a midnight ball drop on the corner of Ashmun Street and Portage Avenue. The Sault was founded in 1668. The city celebrated its tri-centennial in 1968. This year, it is celebrating its semi-sept-centennial — one-half of 700 — anniversary. Some events planned for this year are established annual events, some are “new traditions” like the Light Up the Soo celebration and some are just for this year.

Most events are appropriate for families. A few events obviously aren't for kids, like the beer fest and pub crawl.

Jan. 26-27 – Downtown Winter Ice Festival

The streets of downtown Sault Ste. Marie come alive with excitement and ice carvings of every imaginative design to celebrate the 350th anniversary and more. This is a great family event.

Feb. 1 – Snowmobile Parade Guinness World Record (GWR) Attempt

Sault Events is hosting a GWR attempt at the most snowmobiles in a parade. The record is currently 1,047. The parade ends at the I-500 track where a food truck competition, Woody's Challenge Pro-Am Snowmobile Race are scheduled for that evening along with a downtown pub crawl.

Feb. 3 – 50th Annual I-500 Snowmobile Race

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The I-500 Snowmobile Race is Michigan's most thrilling experience for riders and motorsport fans of all kinds. Since 1969, tens of thousands of die-hard enthusiasts have come to enjoy the frozen, snowy spectacle of the I-500, and be a part of the Upper Peninsula's most astonishing snowmobile action!

Feb. 17 – Winter skate party

Join us at our city's outdoor rink for an afternoon of fun, games, food and drinks.

March 25 – Opening of Soo Locks

Join fellow boat nerds at the Soo Locks Visitor Center inside the Soo Locks Park to welcome the opening of the 2018 shipping season with freighters and refreshments.

June 23 – International Bridge Walk

Young and old, physically fit or unfit, all enjoy the fantastic views and the resulting pictures to last a lifetime. Best of all — no admission fee, no long waits and no sweltering heat to contend with since the walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

June 29-30 – Soo Locks Engineers weekend

Engineer's Day festivities scheduled from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, June 29. The gates to the lock walls are open to allow visitors across the locks and into historically important structures (Davis Building and the Administration Building) used solely for the work of one of the world's busiest lock systems.



July 4 – Independence Day parade

Join us as we celebrate Sault Ste. Marie 350th celebration of the Fourth of July. Many historical and patriotic floats, followed by fireworks at dusk over the St. Marys River.

July 13-15 – Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

The Gus Macker Tournament is designed so anyone can play street basketball — male or female, young and old, short and tall, the most experienced or no experience at all. Make plans to be in Sault Ste. Marie to be a part of this great community event.

July 21-27 – 350th Festival Michigan's first city, Sault Ste. Marie, will be celebrating its Semi-septcentennial anniversary with a week-long festival filled with history, games, kids zone, music, entertainment and food.

July 28-29 – Rendezvous in the Sault

Rendezvous in the Sault is a living history event that takes

place along Historic Water Street at the City Hall Grounds and at the historic homes. Over 160 local and visiting historical re-enactors, blacksmiths, musicians, entertainers and merchants set up camps and displays with presentations and demonstrations on military and civilian life in the period of 1668-1840.

August 3-4 – Sidewalk Sales

Ashmun Streets and Portage Avenue become filled with great deals and lots of shopping.

Aug. 10-11 – Saginaw Bay Walleye Cup

Anglers gather from all over Michigan to take part in the amazing Walleye fishing the St. Marys River offers. Register and get in on the action or join us Friday and Saturday to see the weigh-in.

Moloney's Michigan Beer Fest

Aug. 11 – Join us on Portage Avenue in downtown Sault Ste. Marie for the fourth annual Moloney's Michigan Beer Fest. This intimate beer fest allows you to chat with brewers from 17 Michigan breweries with little to no wait in line. On-site vendors feature local fare and Michigan made products to accompany unique made in Michigan beer.

Aug. 23-25 – 9th Annual paranormal convention

The Michigan Paranormal Convention brings the biggest names of the paranormal industry to Michigan's oldest city, Sault Ste. Marie, at Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater. Experts

and television stars cover such topics as paranormal investigating, psychic powers, demonology and UFOlogy. Attendees meet some of their favorite television paranormal investigators. Come see the biggest names speak on today's hottest topic — the paranormal.

Sept. 29 – War Memorial Hospital Sault International Festival of Races

This Festival of Races provides runners with a unique opportunity to experience the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge like never before and run alongside the St. Marys River, all set against the backdrop of beautiful fall foliage and cool E.U.P. temperatures.

Nov. 23 – Parkers Parade of Lights

Bring your family downtown to enjoy the parade of lights for the coming holidays followed by the lighting of the city Christmas tree at city hall. Join us after the tree lighting for family skating at Pullar Stadium with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Dec. 16 – Closing ceremonies

Pullar Stadium hosts the closing ceremony with a performance. The semi-septcentennial time capsule will be closed.

Dec. 14-31 – Light up the Soo

Experience Sault Ste. Marie's holiday lights from 210 feet in the air! Visit the Tower of History during these two weeks and create a holiday family tradition.

Michigan offers energy optimization incentives

In the state of Michigan, there are many residential programs and incentives currently available through the Energy Optimization program. Rebates for recycling, updating with Energy Star appliances and even pipe wrap insulation. Residents can participate in an online energy audit and receive a free kit.

The incentives are worthwhile. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) residential program incentives range up to \$750. The EnergyStar Appliance and Lighting Residential Program ranges from \$10 to \$125. Income qualified services are available as well.

Participating stores in the U.P. include Walgreens and WalMart in Sault Sainte Marie; Menards and WalMart in Escanaba; Lowes, Menard and Walgreens in Marquette; and Walgreens in Houghton. Search for other retailers online at www.michigan-energy.org/retailerssearch.

Incentives are available on a first-come, first served basis.

Residential programs categories:

Appliance recycling — Get a \$50 cash incentive for recycling an old, but still-working refrigerator or freezer. Includes free pickup.

Efficient HVAC — Get great cash incentives from \$20-\$500 on programmable thermostats, furnaces, central AC

systems and more.

Energy Star® products — In-store and mail-in cash incentives toward qualifying ENERGY STAR lighting and appliances.


Income qualified services — Income Qualified Services help customers in need of assistance to complete energy-saving home improvements.

Online home audit — Free

energy-saving products for completing an online home energy survey. Provides tips for making upgrades right away.

Business and agribusiness programs are also available.

For more, see michigan-energy.org or call (877) 296-4319.



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ENERGY STAR® Appliance and Lighting Residential Program		
PRODUCT	QUALIFICATIONS	INCENTIVE
LED Exterior Fixture	ENERGY STAR qualified. Limit 12	\$10
Ceiling Fan with LED Light Kit	ENERGY STAR qualified. Must have ENERGY STAR LED light kit. Limit 12	\$25
Advanced Power Strip-Tier 1	Power strip must include at least one uncontrolled socket to which a primary device is connected. Limit 2	\$20
Occupancy Sensor	For lighting control. Limit 6	\$15
Refrigerator	ENERGY STAR qualified. Limit 1. Compact fridge excluded.	\$200
Chest/Upright Freezer	ENERGY STAR qualified. Limit 1	\$75
Dishwasher	ENERGY STAR qualified. Limit 1	\$75
Clothes Washer	ENERGY STAR qualified. Limit 1	\$125
Clothes Dryer	Must be electric. ENERGY STAR or Moisture sensor. Limit 1	\$125
Washer/Dryer Combo Bonus	Combination purchase must meet qualifications listed for washer and dryer. Limit 1	\$75
Room Air Conditioner	ENERGY STAR qualified. Limit 4	\$50
Dehumidifier	ENERGY STAR qualified. Limit 4	\$75
Room Air Purifier	ENERGY STAR qualified. Limit 1	\$50
Wi-Fi Enabled or Smart Occupancy-Sensing Thermostat	Must feature Wi-Fi connectivity and/or occupancy-sensing capability, such as motion sensors and/or GPS geofencing with setback. Thermostat must control an HVAC system with an air conditioner and/or electric heat. Limit 1.	\$75
TV	ENERGY STAR qualified. 21" - 50" & 51"+. Limit 4	\$50-\$100
Personal Computer	ENERGY STAR qualified. Laptops not included. Limit 2	\$50

ENERGY STAR LIGHT BULBS Residential Program		
PRODUCT	QUALIFICATIONS	IN-STORE SAVINGS
LED Light Bulbs	ENERGY STAR qualified. 40w - 100w equivalent. Limit 12	Varies by retailer
LED Downlight Kits	ENERGY STAR qualified. Limit 12	Varies by retailer

Available at local retailers on qualifying energy-efficient light bulbs. In-store prices reflect the instant savings. For list of participating retailers and locations visit michigan-energy.org.

APPLIANCE RECYCLING Residential Program (Seasonal)		
PRODUCT	QUALIFICATIONS	INCENTIVE
Refrigerator or Freezer	Secondary unit (10-30 cubic feet) in working condition. Limit 2	\$50



Energy Optimization Program Summary
Products and incentives are subject to change.
Incentives are available on a first-come, first served basis.

ONLINE HOME ENERGY AUDIT Residential Program		
SERVICE	QUALIFICATIONS	INCENTIVE
Online Home Energy Audit	Upon completion of audit, receive free energy-efficient light bulbs, faucet aerators and showerhead. Limit 1	FREE Energy Kit

HEATING, VENTILATION and AIR Conditioning (HVAC) Residential Program		
HVAC EQUIPMENT	QUALIFICATIONS	INCENTIVE
Wi-Fi Enabled or Smart Occupancy-Sensing Thermostat	Must feature Wi-Fi connectivity and/or occupancy-sensing capability, such as motion sensors and/or GPS geofencing with setback. Thermostat must control an HVAC system with an air conditioner and/or electric heat. Limit 1.	\$75
New Furnace with ECM Blower Motor or ECM Blower Motor	New furnace or air handler with ECM, OR ECM installed in existing furnace.	\$200
Central Air Conditioning System	Minimum SEER 15.	\$150-\$500
Central Air-Source Heat Pump System	Minimum SEER 15.	\$150-\$500
Mini-/Multi-Split Ductless Air-Source Heat Pump	Minimum SEER 21	\$750
Ground-Source Heat Pump	Minimum EER 17.	\$350-\$500
HVAC Combo Bonus	Install a new ECM blower motor AND new central air conditioning, air-source heat pump, or ground-source heat pump system at the same time. All equipment must qualify individually to be eligible for the bonus. Limit 1	\$100
Smart HVAC Combo Bonus	Install a new ECM blower motor AND new central air conditioning, air-source heat pump, or ground-source heat pump system AND Wi-Fi-enabled or smart thermostat at the same time. All equipment must qualify individually to be eligible for the bonus. Limit 1	\$150
Tune-up Central Air Conditioner/ Air-Source Heat Pump	Contractor performed. Limit 1	\$50
Efficient Circulation Pump	Must be ECM/permanent magnet-type pump. For hydronic heating systems only.	\$100
Heat Pump Water Heater	Must replace existing electric water heater. Energy factor ≥ 2.0 required.	\$300
ENERGY STAR® Pool Pump	With automatic speed controls.	\$250
Pipe Wrap Insulation	Minimum R3. Must be installed on electric water heater outlet.	\$0.80/foot \$8 max

AGRIBUSINESS Prescriptive and Custom Programs		
PRESCRIPTIVE EQUIPMENT	ELIGIBLE MEMBERS	INCENTIVE
Dairy efficiency measures; dairy refrigeration tune-up; barn fans and controls; irrigation efficiency; variable speed drives for pumps and fans; livestock waterers; LED grow lights; LED poultry lights; farm energy audits; and more.	All agribusiness operations, family farms, hobby farms and more.	Standard prescriptive incentives or 75% of project cost, whichever is lower.
CUSTOM EQUIPMENT	QUALIFICATIONS	INCENTIVE
Custom Incentives are available for the installation of electrically-efficient equipment that doesn't fit into the standard prescriptive incentive offers.	Incentives are based on the annual energy savings (kWh/yr) forecasted.	Custom incentives—at a rate of \$0.06 per annual kWh saved or 75% of project cost, whichever is lower.

BUSINESS OWNERS

Prescriptive and custom incentives are available for businesses, too. An efficient business is a successful business. Energy Optimization programs give you the tools, resources, and incentives to improve energy efficiency at your business. Learn more at michigan-energy.org or call 877.296.4319

JKL school student Christmas play a hit

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

JKL Middle School students presented a new take on the Christmas story in this original comedy written by the students. *Saving Christmas* was performed on Dec. 21 in the JKL gymnasium.

The incarnations of Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving, Easter and St. Valentine's Day and their children are hanging out at the North Pole with Santa and his son Nick Jr. on Christmas Eve. Put that many adults together and something is bound to happen — and that's when the kids have to step in.

The play was a delight to watch — it was funny, well-acted and the costumes and sets were fabulous. Kids knew their lines and delivered them with gusto. The students set up their stage with side sets that worked well. Encore!

According to the program, the story was "created by Morgan Brow, Caitlyn Stevens and Jade TenEyck. The main idea was formed by Allissyah Bumstead." The JKL Middle School History

of Theater class produced and performed the play together.

Caitlyn Stevens directed the play with assistant director Riley Beaudoin. The rest of the crew were public relations, Fairyn Novak; lighting manager, Jaden Dunkel; costumes manager, Jade TenEyck; costume assistant, Mataya Curtis; props manager, Addie Berg; props assistant, manager, Grace Visnaw; sound manager, Walter Anderson; scenery manager, Rachel Passage; scenery assistant, Cody Batho; filming and editing, Isabella Stratton; with teachers, Robert Donaldson and Aaron Litzner.

Cast members were turkey, Keria Brown; Santa Claus, Ava Donmyer; Terri-Mattie Goff; Nicholas, Sabrina Paulie; Easter Bunny, Shaelyn Reno; Cooper, Tiffeney Stratton; Zelda, Miriam Clark; Ellie, Morgan Brow; leprechaun, Alana Dyament; Lebron, Madaiisa Hefner; Jessica, Jada Hall-Pine; Cupid, Austin Gervais; Cory, Tyler White; reindeer 1, Mayaya Curtis; reindeer 2, Brookelyn Lalonde; reindeer 3, Brooke Goff; and narrator, Isabella Stratton.



Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton

From top, a member of the crew does an equipment check; Zelda the Witch leads a conspiracy against Santa; and, the Leprechaun's son, Lebron, with Santa's kid, Nick Jr., make a plan to save Christmas.

JUMP START YOUR HEALTH IN JANUARY

1 in 3

Sault Tribe adults get the 150 minutes of moderate or vigorous physical activity that is recommended weekly for the average adult

Only half of adults eat more than one serving of fruits and one serving of vegetables on a daily basis.

Replace less healthy snack options with fruits and vegetables.

Healthy New Year's Resolutions

Be More Physically Active

Eat 5-6 servings of fruits and vegetables each day

Drink more water

Quit Smoking

For More Information on the Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program Please Contact Community Health: (906) 632-5210

Committed to Giving You Our Very Best

New Year's Eve Powwow held at Chi Mukwa...

Santa flies into St. Ignace for a Christmas visit



New Years Eve grand entry began at 7 p.m. at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Neemin-Gizis Nickaboine and daughter, Lenora Nickaboine, 2.



Jazlynn Shumbargar confides with Santa as her brother, John, and sister, Karina, look on.



Santa is a popular fellow with many waiting to visit with him.



Roberta Louzon helps a child win a prize at a children's game station.



Bridgett Sorenson observes a tot's effort at winning a prize.



A family enjoys gifts, hot dogs, cupcakes and cookies during the party along with many others enjoying themselves in the Sprung structure at Kewadin Shores.



Ava, Junior and James Carroll visit with Santa while flanked elves Marie (left) and Nikki bearing gifts for the youngsters.



Chloe and Ella Rickley chat with Santa.



More folks waiting to see Santa and the elves.



Linda Marshall watches a young player try for a prize.



Loncie Sorenson stands by as a young lady tries for a prize.



Mike Tegosh (center), with children Jaxon, 4, Everleigh, 1, Kashton, 5 and Journey Tegosh, 7, from Rankin Reserve in Ontario, Canada.



Dancers during grand entry



Back, left to right, Andrei, Victor, 11, and Natalia Chugunov and Preston Frazier. Front, left to right, Alexandra Chugunov, Sault Tribe Health Director Leo Chugunov and Sasha Chugunov, 21.



Netawn Smith (back left), RJ Smith and Zhaawon Smith, 14.



Ken Lively (left), Tiffany Escherich and daughter, Molly Escherich, 6.



Shirley Kelly, Missisauga First Nation, and Kelvin Boissoneau, 10, Garden River Reserve.



Miigwaans Smith from Petoskey, Mich.



Left to right, Andrew LeBlanc, 11, and his mother, Stephanie LeBlanc, visit a booth manned by Sarah Bedell and Josh Homminga.



Back, left to right, Brenda and Kristen Corbiere. Front left to right, Kamryn, 9, Kacie, 5, and Kali Corbiere, 3.



Left to right, Auntie Gail Pitawanakwat, Bennett Pelletier and mother Kimberly Pelletier.



Nicole Currie gets her face painted by the Face Painting Maniac, Margerita Meingin, as some of the girl's family looks on.



Keith Massaway conducts a cake walk during the party giving youngsters chances to win goodies such as can be glimpsed in the foreground.

St. Ignace elders offer Christmas cheer to Head Start

Submitted by Illene Moses

Twenty St. Ignace tribal Head Start children visited Santa at the St. Ignace elders' meal site on Dec. 20. Each child received two gifts, a candy cane, juice and a snowman cupcake made by John Cadotte of Mackinac Island. Joe Horn of St. Ignace was Santa. We thank you, Joe, for giving up your day and time to bring joy to our tribal children.



Jaxxin Sabatine sitting on Santa's lap.



Lia Grogan happy for Lylah Grondin and her gifts (L-R).



Alivia Woodford visits with Santa.

Tribe's Munising area kids Christmas party a hit

Photos submitted by Anita Nelson



K Wachter visits with Santa.



D Wachter visits with Santa and his grandma.



Kids at the Munising party all received a gift.



Cindy Reimer and her children with Santa.



Santa's helper Kathy Syers hands out lunch plates.



Nurse Lynn and her niece and nephew visit Santa.



Miss Wachter discusses Christmas presents with Santa.



Santa hands out candy canes galore to Unit V children.



Jen Myers and folks with Santa.

Sault Tribe members and family walking on...

ANDREA M. BONACCI

Andrea Marie Bonacci was born on Oct. 21, 1984, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She walked on Dec. 8, 2017. Andrea graduated from Sault Area High School with the Class of 2003. She was an artist and a writer. She loved drawing as well as designing and creating floral arrangements. Andrea worked for many years at Kewadin Casino as a bartender, but she loved her recent time at Petal's on Ashmun, making their flower arrangements and delivering them. She loved to see the smiles on those faces.



Andrea's passion was politics, she was well read. She often reached out to national leaders and commentators to share her views and opinions. She has a large Twitter following of which she was very proud. Andrea loved and spoiled her two dogs, Raymond and Ding. She loved hanging out with her family and friends. She always would give a helping hand to anyone who needed her. She was very sensitive and a loving person. Andrea was very beautiful inside and out. She wanted to make the world a better place. Her Grandpa's nickname for her was WIDG (Indian Princess). She was his pride and joy.

Andrea is survived by her parents, Carmine and Debra (nee Cook) Bonacci, her brothers, Joe (Molly) Bonacci and Tony Bonacci, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She has 14 maternal aunts and uncles, James (Patti) Cook, Sharon (Ron) Pickett, Tom (Brenda) Cook, Bucky (Carol) Cook, Gary (Lois) Cook, Patty (Fred) Albon, Janice Maxedon, Carol (Mike) King, Wanda Clerc, Nancy (Bob) Albon, Arlene Foster, Mike Cook, Kevin (Catherine) Cook and Deb Cook. She has five paternal aunts and uncles, Anna (Don) Slater, Tony (Jean) Ammendola, Bino (Karen) Ammendola, Joyce Bonacci, Margie Tatti and Meco Bonacci. Andrea has cousins too numerous to list. Andrea also had a special friend, Gary.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Carmine and Marie Bonacci and Floyd and Catherine Cook; and uncles and aunts, Donald (Biz) Cook, Clara Libertoski, Anita Graham, Percy Bonacci, Zena Bredeson and Anthony O. Bonacci.

A memorial service was conducted on Dec. 14, 2017, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Reverend Carol Maleport officiating.

OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN.

Donations may be made in Andrea's name to the Best Of Friends Humane Society, 149 E. 7 Mile Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. This would make Andrea smile down from Heaven. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

MICHAEL G. LAWRENCE

Michael George Lawrence of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Dec. 20, 2017, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born

on Oct. 14, 1940, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

NANCY I. GOUDREAU

Nancy I. Goudreau, 63, of Gulliver, Mich., passed away on Dec. 12, 2017, at her home in Gulliver, surrounded by her family and loved ones following her battle with cancer.



She was born on March 8, 1954, in Manistique, Mich., the daughter of Napoleon and Edith "Red" (nee Tufnell) LaVake and attended Manistique area schools. Nancy was employed in the kitchen at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique for 12 years. She absolutely loved her job and loved the people she worked with. She was a very hard worker and earned the very first employee of the month award, of which she was very proud.

In 2006, she married Ronald L. Goudreau in Manistique and they made their home in Gulliver.

Nancy took great pleasure in keeping a nice home and loved working in the yard and on her flowers to make it all picture perfect inside and out. She loved to decorate for all holidays, even dressing the part for work. She loved giving to others and was extremely thoughtful. She had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Ronald L. Goudreau of Gulliver; daughters, Casey (Russ Flaminio) Tennant of Kingsford and Kylie Tennant of Lansing, Mich.; stepchildren, Christa (Paul) Roemer of Manistique, Becky (Jerome) Larson of Iron Mountain, Kevin Smith of Manistique, Darren (Haley) Smith of Escanaba and Ron (Michelle) Goudreau of Gulliver; grandchildren, Kyle, Alex, Garrett, Sami and Aiden; along with many step grandchildren, cousins, friends and her beloved pet, Weasel Lee Goudreau.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dale Smith.

Visitation and services took place on Dec. 14 at the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique with Father Ben Paris officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Mansfield and staff, and to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospice.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

BEVERLY R. MARBLE

Beverly Ruth Marble, 75, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Dec. 29, 2017, at her son's home in Newton, Ill.

Beverly was born on May 8, 1942, in Berwyn, Ill., the daughter of Ray and Loretta (nee Cook) Key. She married Frank Marble on Nov. 11, 1967, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Beverly was a Sault Tribe elder

and member of the Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed crocheting, making baby blankets, reading and playing bingo.

Beverly is survived by her husband of 50 years, Frank Marble of Sault Ste. Marie; children, Frankie Marble of Sault Ste. Marie, Gene (Jill) Marble of Hidalgo, Ill., and Scott Marble of Newton, Ill.; grandchildren, Tyler Marble and Darci Marble of Hidalgo, Ill.; and sisters, Laura Bell (Dave) Nottingham of Mattoon, Ill., and Barb Snider of Lerna, Ill.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Loretta Key; brother, Ray Key; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Glen and Fay Marble; and brother-in-law, Bill Snider.

Services to honor her life took place on Jan. 4 at Rose Hill Community Church in Rose Hill, Ill., with Virgil Cisney officiating.

In loving memory of Beverly, memorials may be made to Church of the Nazarene, 2318 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Arrangements were in the care of Meyer Funeral Home Newton, Illinois. The obituary can be viewed and condolences left at www.meyerfh.com.

NORMAN J. PAYMENT

Norman Joseph Payment, 1970-2018, was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Norman was a lifelong member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and very proud of his Anishinaabe heritage. His life revolved around his son, Armahn Joseph Payment, and he was seeking treatment for addiction in Marquette to demonstrate his love for his son. We can be proud that Norman was sober when he crossed over.

Norman had a brilliant mind, testing at the college sophomore level on the standardized California Achievement Test when he was just 13 years old. He pursued some college, worked in computer services and as a gaming dealer at Kewadin Casino working the black jack and craps tables. Norman was very creative and loved drawing, playing guitar, doing arts and crafts, gaming, watching *Family Guy* and having intellectual discussions with his son pondering our purpose in the cosmos.

Norman is survived by his ex and long-term partner Gina Cook and their son Armahn; brothers, Johnny Payment, Jerry Payment, Steve Payment, Donny Alexander, Aaron Payment, Walter "Prid" Payment; sisters MaryAnn Dover, Janice Payment, Karen Alexander, Lisa Fisher and Krystal Payment; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Kathleen Payment, mother Katherine "Gotnee" Payment, father Walter "Johnno" Payment, sister Cathy Tadgerson, and brother Joe Payment.

A sacred fire was lit on Jan. 5 in our Anishinaabe bimaadiz-

iwini way. Traditional services were held at Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building on Jan. 10.

Norman's ashes will find their final resting place at a spring ceremony on Norman's birthday on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Wilwalk on Sugar Island. Flowers are not encouraged as Norman's mother, Gotnee, did not like that tradition. Condolences in the form of contributions in any amount (written to the Sault Tribe) are welcomed to support a fund to aid others in traveling to seek inpatient recovery services.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

PHILLIP D. TOWNSEND

Phillip David Townsend, 41, of Indianapolis, Ind., passed away on Dec. 18, 2017. He was born in Indianapolis on Aug. 8, 1976, to Phyllis Y.



(nee Hopp) Sinex. He was a nature lover and was happiest outdoors. He had a love for animals and doted on all the family pets. He also enjoyed fishing and camping.

Phillip is survived by his mother, Phyllis Sinex; his fiancée, Shonna Barnes; his children, Austin and Ashley; his siblings, Sheila Bobay-Singh, Kelly Duncan and Shawn Morgan; and many nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held at the family's convenience.

ANNE PARKER

Anne Parker, 77, of Lakefield Township and a lifelong area resident, died on Dec. 25, 2017, at Schoolcraft Long Term Care Facility in Manistique, surrounded by her family.

Born in Newberry on April 7, 1940, she was a daughter of the late Leo G. and Aletha M. (nee Kerr) Smith. On Jan. 10, 1957, she married the late James P. Parker and they made their home in Lakefield Township. Anne returned to school in the early 1970s with her children to earn her high school diploma. She was employed as a clerk in the Meat Department at Red Owl Super Market in Newberry.

Anne was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Newberry and was a choir member for many years. She was also a past president of the Helen Newberry Joy Hospital Service League and a former Post 74 American Legion Auxiliary member. Anne enjoyed cooking, playing "Hand and Foot" and Euchre, knitting, reading, spending time with her family and devoted friend, Peanut.

Survivors include her daughters, Vicki Jo Petty of Galveston, Texas, and Katherine (Thomas) Grill of Germfask; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren;

and sisters-in-law, Donna Smith, Lois Smith, Mary Brooks, Lily Parker, Carol Greilick and Betty Juntunen.

Besides her parents, Anne was preceded in death by her husband, James, on Feb. 6, 2004; sons, James and Karl; brothers, Charles and Daniel Smith; and a granddaughter.

According to her wishes, cremation services have already been accorded. A memorial service is set to be conducted in the spring with interment in Forest Home Cemetery.

Condolences may be extended at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family with their arrangements.

CHARLES D. TRIESCHMANN

Charles "Chuck" "Wabooz" David Trieschmann, "I was born June 13, 1942, I lived in Duluth and Clover Valley and I died Dec. 20, 2017." That is the obituary Chuck would have written.



He was a man of few needs, but incredible generosity. He was proud of his Ojibwe heritage (he was a Sault Tribe member), his service in Vietnam and over 50 years playing or coaching football.

A graduate of Cathedral High School in 1961, he arrived at UMD from Vietnam as an older freshman. He obtained a master's degree and had a multi-faceted employment history. Working with children and students was his greatest joy.

He served on the ARC Board, in Rotary and in the DFL Party.

His philosophy was, "To do the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of people in the shortest amount of time." He was a fierce champion for children and people in need. Chuck always said, "It is not who's right, it's what is right."

Chuck's last gift was bequesting his body to the U of MN.

He is survived by his spouse, Kathy J. McQuinn; cherished children and grandsons, Heather (Dave Carlson), David, Chris (Melanie)—grandson expected in February—Zach (Natalie) and their sons Brooks and Trygg; foster sons, Richard Hein and Kiro; the mother of his children and foster sons, Cindy Trieschmann; siblings, James (Barb), Patrick, Michael (Lynh) and Geraldine (Don) Seburg; in-laws Suzanne Brown, Cindy (Mark) Billeadeau and David (Karen) Brown; and many nieces and nephews who he so enjoyed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Margaret; siblings, Joseph, Julia Ann, Martin, Theresa and Margaret; foster sons, Ricky Larsen and Roger Wakemup; grandparents James and Mary Lewis of Sugar Island and great grandparents Fred and Margaret (Sebastian) Lewis.

A celebration of his life took place on Dec. 28, 2017, at Clear Water Grille, followed by readings and sharing with elements of

See "Walking on," page 18

Matriarchs celebrate birthdays in February and March

SUBMITTED BY RUTH ANN FETT

Sisters Amy Hill and Edna Merz McCarthy are the oldest

and only surviving of six siblings, including Audrey Katt, Lois Scheil, George and Sally



Originally from Munising, these sisters, Amy Hill, 95, and Edna Merz McCarthy, 94, (L-R) are the eldest of their family. Many of their descendants are Sault Tribe members.

All branches of U.S. military represented in one local family



ALL BRANCHES OF THE U.S. MILITARY REPRESENTED IN ONE FAMILY — In this photo taken recently at Burt Menard's home on Sugar Island are, from left, Julius Juroska, U.S. Army, 30 years; Eran (nee Menard) Michalski, U.S. Air Force, four years; Brittney (nee Menard) Behm U.S. Navy, eight years; Burt Menard, U.S. Coast Guard, 22 years; Joseph Menard, U.S. Marine Corps, three years.

Sault Tribe community obituaries continued —

From "Walking on," page 17 an Irish wake.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Two Harbors, MN 55616: High School Scholarship Fund (Scott Ross, 1640 Hwy 2), North Shore Horizons (127 7th Street); or Food Shelf (2124 10th Street). Please bring a non-perishable item for collection.

GARRY E. WILSON

Garry E. Wilson of Brimley, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 30, 2017, following his battle with cancer. He was born on April 30, 1955, in Sault Ste. Marie.



Garry was the much beloved son of Edgar and Barbara Wilson of Sault Ste. Marie and Walter

and Shirley Bandstra of Brimley.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy (nee Keim) Wilson of 42 years and their three daughters, Anna Smith of Fergus Falls, Minn., Pamela Wilson of Fargo, N.D., and Samantha (Grant Prindiville) of St. Louis, Mo.; grandchildren, Porter and Haven Smith, will miss their Grandpa Garry greatly. He is also survived by a brother, Edward Wilson of Traverse City; a sister, Heidi Wilson of Sault Ste. Marie; and a brother/cousin, Richard Phillips of Brimley.

He was predeceased by a sister, Cynthia A. Wilson; and brother, Mark K. Wilson.

Garry served in the Army from 1975-78. He had the time of his life racing snowmobiles with Team Freedom 7 for 15 years, followed by working with the I-500 until 2003. He also served the State of Michigan with the Department of Corrections for 17

years. Green, born to Henry and Leona Goudreau Bolles. Amy celebrates her 95th birthday on March 11 and Edna observes her 94th on Feb. 13. Both were born in Munising. At young ages, their parents moved to Grand Haven, where they grew up and graduated from Grand Haven High School.

They are matriarchs for the descendants of their families! Family always came first with these ladies and their four siblings. Their children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-children all have wonderful memories of them and their influence in their lives. Living by Lake Michigan, all the families would go to North Shore Park in Ferrysburg for breakfast, lunch or

dinner picnics. In the winter, they would pack up all the kids and go to the dunes for sledding and tobogganing with hot chocolate and family dinners after.

During the summer, the families would caravan to Munising to visit with the Goudreaus, Hautamakias and Lasaks. This trip always included a visit to the Hautamaki farm in Eben Junction. Their children have wonderful memories of these adventures and waiting for the car ferry to take them across to St. Ignace before the Mighty Mac was built.

Amy currently lives in Decatur, Mich., with her son David and his wife Kathy. Her daughters, Karen Husted and Sally Meckler, reside in Pinellas

Park, Fla.

Edna lives with her husband George, 96, in Grand Haven. She has six children, Ruth Ann Fett (Hamburg, Mich.), James Merz (Mesa, Ariz.), Nancy Boese (Spring Lake, Mich.), Dale Merz (Spring Lake), Marie Conroy (Hartland, Mich.), and John Merz (Nunica, Mich.). They usually visit with each other monthly. It is difficult for them to be so far apart as they have always lived close and would be together almost daily.

This picture was posted on Facebook and received numerous likes, shares and comments. These ladies are loved dearly by all who have been blessed to be a part of their lives. Living inspirations!

Coleville Basketball Club takes first place in three-day tourney hosted by Washo Wolfpack



Submitted by Lesley Keith

Washo Wolfpack of Nevada hosted a three-day basketball tournament for first through eighth grade youth at the Stewart Indian Colony. Above, the Coleville Basketball Club took first place. Sault Tribe member and grandson of Unit V Director Anita Nelson, Drew Keith, is pictured in the middle. Drew was also named all star player of the tournament.

years.

Garry was a kind, compassionate and caring man. He loved being outdoors, camping with his wife and "hunting" with his cousin. He shared and helped his friends, neighbors and community where he could. He will be missed by many, but is in peace with the Lord.

A memorial service will be held in the spring.

Downwind family gratitude

On behalf of the family of Harlan Downwind, we say "chi-miigwetch" to the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the community for all the love and support we received throughout this year. The one-year memorial will be coming up soon for when Harlan started his journey to the spirit world and we want to acknowledge all the people and communities who helped us throughout the year.



Miigwetch to the following communities and committees:

Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians; Sault Tribe Dress Down Committee; Keewenaw Bay Indian Community; Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians; Garden River First Nation; Batchewana First Nation; Serpent River First Nation; North Shore Tribal Council; Sault Ste. Marie Indian Friendship Center, Sault, Ont.; Lake Lena

Midewiwin Family; Wabnung Day Care, Sault, Ont.; Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation; Pic River; Grand Traverse; Saginaw Chippewa Tribe; Grand Rapids communities; Akwesasne First Nation.

There are also so many individuals who we want to thank throughout all of the Anishinaabe Nation who have supported our family and sent prayers. Without all the kindness, generosity and prayers our family would not have made it through this year.

We apologize for not including all of the names if we have left anyone out. Anishinaabe communities have always come together through hard times and helped each other out.

Our family is forever grateful. Harlan was an amazing man, who gave his life for his people. He will always live on in his children and the teachings he shared with everyone.

Conservation Corner: treaty licensing, inland and Great Lakes

By ROBERT MARCHAND

REMINDER: Sault Tribe's deer season ended Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018. Please make sure you turn in your annual harvest report, due Feb. 1, 2018. All license holders are required to submit this harvest report, even if you were not able to get out to engage in the treaty activities. You will not be able to obtain a 2018 license until this report is turned in to Sault Tribe's Natural Resources Department (STNRD). These reports can be mailed or dropped off to STNRD at 2428 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Please ensure the report is filled out in its entirety, and accurately, including the cover page.

The 2017 harvest licenses and non-hunting harvest cards expire March 31, 2018. STLE will make the 2018 licenses available in early March 2018 to avoid lapses in your treaty activity. Even though next year's licenses are available before the current year expires, 2018 licenses are effective April 1, 2018. You will still need to maintain your 2017 harvest license card through the end of March to ensure you are legally participating in allowable activity prior to April 1, 2018.

Subsistence and subsistence gillnet licenses

2017 Subsistence and subsistence gillnet licenses expired Dec. 31, 2017. If you hold this license in the month of December, you are still required to submit a December catch report no later than Jan. 10, 2018. Regardless of the method you submit your



reports, they must be received in STLE's office no later than Jan. 10. If you choose to fax your report in, please call STLE to ensure it was received and is legible.

STLE would like to remind all subsistence and subsistence gillnet license holders that when a citation is issued for not filing the required catch reports by the 10th of each month, license holders are still responsible to ensure they submit the report they were cited for. This is a requirement of CORA Code, Section XXII, subsection (b), which states specifically: **Each person to whom a subsistence fishing license has been issued shall file with his or her tribe an accurate report of his or her harvest for each calendar month not later than the tenth (10th) day of the following month.** Subsection (b) (3) states specifically: **The holder of a subsistence fishing license who does not fish during a month shall file a report of "no fishing."** The reports can be hand delivered, U.S. mailed, or faxed to (906) 635-7707. STLE encourages all license holders who fax their reports to call the office to confirm that the report was

received. Reports can be emailed to BOTH ahorner@saulttribe.net and rshreve@saulttribe.net, you must receive a confirmation email that your report was received.

Commercial fishing licenses

STLE reminds all commercial captains that the CORA Emergency Order requiring weekly reporting for MM 1, 2 and 3 expired on Dec. 31, 2017. If you need copies of any orders issued, please feel free to contact us and one will be mailed to you.

If you are reporting catch for a given period, you must complete both pages of the report **in their entirety.** Failing to do so may result in a citation issued for inaccurate reporting. If you are reporting no activity, you do not have to use the provided reports, you can submit your report on any type of paper. You are able to fax your reports to (906) 632-0691, but you are **required** to call (906) 635-6065 after you fax to ensure it was received, legible and complete. Otherwise, please mail with enough advance time for STLE to receive them no later than the 10th of the month for monthly reporting.

STLE is ordering and installing a "mailbox" on the outside of the George K. Nolan Judicial Building for commercial and subsistence license holders to drop off their monthly or bi-weekly catch reports after hours and on the weekends. It will be clearly marked for this purpose only.

REMINDER: If you held a commercial license at any time

in the month of December, 2017, you were required to submit a report no later than Jan. 10, 2018.

The board of directors approved Resolution 2017-127 on June 20, 2017, which amended Tribal Code Chapter 20. This code amendment changed the criteria for captains to obtain a co-captain. This change is effective as of Dec. 31, 2017. Please ensure you review Chapter 20, as amended, prior to requesting a co-captain in the 2018 season. For additional information, please contact STLE.

All 2017 licenses have expired as of Dec. 31, 2017. 2018 commercial licenses are available and you may call for an appointment to receive yours any time.

Reminders:

Inland (called harvest license or non-hunter harvest card) licenses **do NOT allow** fishing on the Great Lakes; subsistence and subsistence gillnet license **do NOT allow** fishing on Inland lakes and streams. **Both types of licenses are effective only within Sault Tribe's 1836 Treaty area.** Your current, updated (not expired) Sault Tribe membership card **allows fishing only on the Great Lakes, which includes the St. Mary's River, in the 1836 Treaty area if you follow State of Michigan rules.**

Subsistence/subsistence gillnet: Please remember that if you hold one or both of these licenses, you are required to submit monthly catch reports.

These reports must be turned in whether you fished or not, or whether you caught anything. These reports are due by the 10th of each month and must be filled out in its entirety – name, ST number, location grid/name, gear used, number **OR** pounds (circle one) of fish caught by type of fish, and signature at the bottom of the report. If you did not go fishing during the month you are reporting, please just indicate "Did not fish". If you went fishing, and did not catch anything, please fill out the report with all information, and place a zero across it indicating zero catch.

If you lose your inland harvest card/license and/or tags, subsistence and/or subsistence gillnet, or commercial licenses, a \$10 replacement fee is charged to have new ones issued. This fee applies to any and all license holders, regardless of whether you had to pay to obtain the license in the first place. You must provide a copy of your tribal card with an explanation of why you need replacement license/tags, and sign and date the sheet.

Treaty hunting and fishing rules and regulations can seem very complex. Members may always contact STLE's office at (906) 635-6065 with questions or concerns. Licensing staff is available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and officers are available 24/7.

Robert Marchand is the chief of police for Sault Tribe Law Enforcement.

2018 Sault Tribe Inland Application

Please fill out the following application indicating all harvest tags that you would like in addition to your 2018 Harvest card. The Harvest card authorizes you to participate in activities pursuant to Chapters 21 and 23 of the Tribal Code only. Great Lakes activities require separate permits pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Tribal Code.

In 2018, the cost for each member will be \$5. You must pay with a check or a money order (DO NOT SEND CASH) payable to Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. A \$36 NSF charge will be applied to all checks returned by a financial institution. Credit and debit cards can be used but ONLY in person at the Law Enforcement office. If you have questions, please contact Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (906-635-6065). Youth (16 and under) and Elders (60 and over) are not required to pay fees. New applicants must provide a copy of their Tribal card and if born after 1960, proof of hunter safety. **All members who held a 2017 harvest license MUST complete a harvest report or a license will NOT be issued.**

First name Middle Last

Address City State Zip County

File Number (Red# on Tribal ID) STS # (Red #on harvest card) Date of birth Sex

Phone number Email address

Hunting harvest card (please select which tags you are applying for)
Includes Inland fishing, general gathering, small game, waterfowl, migratory birds and general furbearer.

Application Harvest Tags

Deer

Spring Turkey

Fall Turkey

Pine Marten, Bobcat, River Otter, and Fisher Harvest Tags

Non-hunting harvest card
Includes Inland fishing and general gathering.

Bear and Elk Applications will be available on the Sault Tribe website and the newspaper in April 2018

Walleye and steelhead permits for the specially regulated seasons will be available by contacting the Natural Resource Department, 906-632-6132 or see website for details (www.saulttribe.com).

For all other permits pursuant to chapter 21 and 23 of the Tribal Code, you must contact the Conservation Department @ 906-635-6065 (i.e. State Firewood and State Maple Sap).

Please mail completed applications to:

**P.O. Box 925
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783**

Midwinter Trapper's Workshop scheduled for Feb. 3

HERMANVILLE, Mich. — Officials of the U.P. Trappers Association, District 3, announced that the date for the 13th annual Midwinter Trappers Workshop is Feb. 3. This popular event is for youngsters (and adults) interested in learning more about trapping. Doors will open at 8 a.m. Central Time at the Community Center in Hermansville and the volunteers will be doing everything they can to make this a fun-filled, learning opportunity for all.

Trapping supply dealers and a fur-buyer will be on hand, so attendees can get needed

supplies and sell their fur. All youngsters will receive a free weasel box and trap and will be in a drawing to win other free trapping supplies. (All youngsters will win a prize.) Local trapping experts will be teaching kids (and adults) how to trap weasels, mink, muskrats, raccoons, etc., and a professional fur handler will demonstrate how to properly prepare them for market.

"We are hoping to once again see a large turnout of youngsters and adults at the workshop. It is always a fun day for the kids but also it is great to see veteran trappers interact with the

youngsters. These guys have a lot of experience and are happy to share their tips and trapping tales. They also happily answer all the kid's questions. This is a great, enjoyable learning experience for all," Eugene Arduin, longtime member of U.P. Trappers said. "We see a lot of kids returning each year as they really enjoy our workshop."

The workshop is open to the public and admission is free. Lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day. For further information or directions call Mike Lewis at (906) 774-3592 or visit www.uptrappers.com.



Photo courtesy of Mike Lewis

Both adults and youngsters watch intently, as professional fur handler Richard Clark (from Coleman, Wis.), shows them how to properly prepare a raccoon pelt for market.

Meet Alaskan mountain man Marty Meierotto and family

FROM THE U.P. TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION

ESCANABA, Mich. — Marty Meierotto and his family will be attending the National Trappers Association convention and outdoor show on July 26-28 at the U.P. State Fairgrounds in Escanaba. If you are a Marty fan, this is your chance to meet one of Alaska's toughest trappers and mountain men, along with his wife and daughter. If you are not yet a fan, you probably will be after you learn more about this man who headed to Alaska with his brother in 1985 to "live in the woods."

Not only is Marty a TV star on the History Channel's Mountain Men and appeared on the cover of Field and Stream magazine, he is also one of Alaska's better

trappers, owns and pilots his own plane, works as an Alaskan smoke jumper and spends most of his time 200 miles from civilization without electricity and few modern conveniences, if you don't count his plane and snowmobiles.

But Marty is not the only reason to bring your family to Escanaba for the nation's largest trapping convention. Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula is a premier tourist destination so plan on staying a week or more to take in this area's raw beauty and the welcoming, friendly people who inhabit Escanaba, located on the shores of Lake Michigan's Little Bay de Noc.

Local convention coordinator Roy Dahlgren is teaming up with the NTA convention

coordinator, the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce and local merchants to make this the biggest and best national trappers' convention ever! Lots for kids including free fishing, archery, pellet guns and building something that they themselves can use for trapping. Demonstrations conducted on the hour, every hour, for three solid days by some of the best hunters and trappers in the country.

Area motels are filling up fast so get your vacation time nailed down and get that motel booked. For information, contact national convention coordinator Vickie Wright at (231) 907-0977, potterylab2@gmail.com, or local coordinator Roy Dahlgren (906) 399-1960, or visit www.uptrappers.com.



Photo courtesy of Al Dubord

Marty Meierotto and his family pose in front of his only way of getting to his trapline (other than the year he almost died taking his snowmobile 200 miles through some of Alaska's roughest terrain).

Pollinator decline demystified at urban pollinator conference

BY HEIDI LINDBERG AND REBECCA FINNERAN, MSU EXTENSION

Michigan State University Extension and North Carolina State University hosted the second national Protecting Pollinators in Urban Landscapes Conference in Traverse City over Oct. 9-11. Researchers, educators, students, beekeepers, landscapers and arborists attended the conference to discuss the complex topic of pollinator decline.

There were eight main conference takeaways.

The use of pesticides and their overall contribution to pollinator decline is still controversial.

Pesticides have been an established contributing factor to the overall decline of pollinators. However, according to international research, it is not the chief reason for our pollinator's decreasing diversity and prevalence. The primary reason for bee decline is a range of virus and mite pests of bees.

The scientific community



Everyone can help pollinator health by building habitat. You can plant nectar-rich plants, naturalize an area of mowed turf, build a solitary bee hotel, among many other things.

is still highly polarized on the degree to which pesticides contribute to population losses.

Pollinator decline is complex.

The decreasing populations of pollinator species has many contributing factors. Loss of habitat, mite pests, viruses and

pesticides are all factors causing the reduction in prevalence of many species. Because many of these negative factors are present simultaneously, it is hard for scientists to pinpoint the degree to which each factor is affecting their population and longevity.

Developing universal best management practices is challenging.

Many organizations and entomologists have been developing best management practices during the last few years in order to protect pollinators and native insect populations.

Some of the factors that make it difficult to make broad best management practices are: not all plants support bee health and they vary in their attractiveness to bees; pollinators differ in susceptibility to various living and non-living factors; and communities have different levels of tolerance for naturalized areas and what they perceive as "weeds."

There are an increasing number of successful pollinator health campaigns.

Over the last few years, there has been increasing number of successful pollinator health campaigns around the U.S., including MSU's Smart Gardening for Pollinators, Million Pollinator Garden Challenge and Cincinnati Zoo's "Buzz Troupe."

Everyone can do something to help pollinators.

During the conference, many speakers made the point that everyone can help protect pollinators. Everyone can help pollinator health by building habitat. You can plant nectar-rich plants, naturalize an area of mowed turf, build a solitary bee hotel, among many other things.

Urban landscapes can be important for pollinator health.

Everyone, including individual landowners, can help pollinators. While urban landscapes do not compose the majority of land in the U.S., they are an integral part of the conservation strategy. They provide a network of habitat for migrating species such as monarch butterflies.

Citizen science and

Extension Master Gardener programs are wonderful tools for increasing pollinator health habitats, biodiversity surveys.

Extension Master Gardener programs across the nation and citizen science projects have been instrumental tools at helping many universities and organizations categorize biodiversity and increase pollinator habitat. MSU is undergoing a citizen science project now that focuses on squash bees in home vegetable gardens.

Very few species of bees actually have the characteristics often associated with them.

The opening keynote speaker of the conference, Laurence Packer, said bees are particularly misunderstood by the public. Did you know less than 4 percent of bee species actually make honey? Or that less than 3 percent of the world's bees live in hives? The honey bee, *Apis mellifera*, is very unusual compared to the rest of the bees, which leads to all types of confusion.

Solar analysis six-part webinar series running to February 22

For many farmers, this is a common scenario: You have just gotten a proposal from a solar power installer. They want to put a 150-kilowatt system on the roof of one of your barns. The proposal states that the electricity generated will meet nearly all the electricity demand for the site. The total project cost is \$160,000 and it is estimated that the project will be paid off in 3.5 years. How can you be sure you are making a

prudent financial investment?

Answering this question is the purpose of a six-part webinar series entitled *Agricultural Solar Electric Investment Analysis* running on Thursdays from Jan. 18 through Feb. 22. Each session runs for one hour plus 10 to 15 minutes for questions.

The webinar series features two solar power experts, Eric Romich with the Ohio State University Extension and John

Hay with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension. Over the six sessions, Romich and Hay will help webinar participants take a critical look at the investment required for an on-farm solar electric system. The sessions cover estimating system production, assessing system cost, forecasting the value of electricity, understanding incentives, conducting a financial analysis and photovoltaic solar example.

Everyone who participates in the webinar series will gain valuable, practical knowledge they can use to determine if a solar photovoltaic system is a sound financial investment for them. Registration information and a complete schedule can be found at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/SolarAnalysisWebinar/>.

The webinar series is \$40 but Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program scholarships

are available. Tribal members interested in scholarships should contact Kat Jacques at odon94@msu.edu or (906) 280-1786.

If you have questions, or would like more information on energy efficiency practices or renewable energy projects, feel free to contact Charles Gould at 616-994-4547 or gouldm@msu.edu or Al Go at 517-353-0643 or goaluel@egr.msu.edu.

Play yard: A safe sleep environment for your baby

FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a firm, flat sleep area for your baby. A crib, portable crib, bassinet or play yard that follows the safety standards of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is recommended. The mattress should be covered by a tightly fitted sheet with no other bedding or soft items in the sleep area.



Play yards

A play yard is a framed enclosure, usually made of metal tubing, that includes a floor and has mesh or fabric side panels. They are primarily intended to provide a play or sleeping environment for children. A play yard may fold for storage or travel. Most models have hinges and lock buttons in the center of the top rails.

Before assembling or using

your play yard, read the owner's manual carefully and keep it handy for future reference.

When using a play yard, make sure you:

- **Follow the manufacturer's instructions for assembly.** Never put your baby in a play yard until it's completely assembled and locked. Test that the rails and floor are locked in position by giving it a few firm shakes.

- **Properly secure the mattress to the bottom of the play yard.** Check the manufacturer's instructions on how to properly secure the mattress.

- **Only use the mattress sold with the play yard.**

- **Check the fit of the mattress regularly.** There should be no covering on the mattress when checking the fit. It should fit tightly in the play yard, with no gaps between the mattress and sides.

- **Follow the manufacturer's recommended weight and age limits.** Some say to stop using the play yard once your child reaches 35 inches or 30 pounds, others when your child reaches a certain age or can climb out.

- **Check your play yard often to make sure no parts are damaged, loose or missing.** Make sure there are no holes in the

mesh or cracks in the plastic.

- **Play yard with bassinet attachment:** Some play yards include accessory items that attach to the product, such as mobiles, toy bars, canopies, bassinets and changing tables. The bassinet attachment is safe to use for sleeping until your baby reaches the recommended limit for use. Bassinets can usually be used until your baby weighs 15 pounds or until he or she begins to push up on hands and knees or begins rolling. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the product you are using.

- **Play yard with napper attachment:** Other play yards also have a removable seat attachment, sometimes called a napper or inclined sleeper. **Despite the names of these attachments, they are NOT safe for sleep because they allow your infant to sleep on an incline.** If an infant falls asleep in one of these attachments, he or she should be removed from the product and moved to a crib or other appropriate flat surface as soon as possible.

New federal safety standards for play yards were put into place in 2013. If you're using a second-hand play yard, check CPSC's recall list to make sure that your

play yard has not been recalled. You can find more information on the CPSC Safe to Sleep Crib Information Center at www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/cribs.

For more information on infant safe sleep, visit www.michigan.gov/safesleep.

Salvation Army gets boost from Kewadin Can-A-Thon

From Nov. 1 to Dec. 1 in 2017 at all Kewadin Casino sites, every customer who brought in three non-perishable canned goods to the Northern Rewards booth received \$5 in Kewadin credits. The canned food was donated to the Salvation Army food pantry in Sault Ste. Marie. Kewadin Casinos also donated \$2,800 to local food banks in the EUP. Right, Sault Tribe shipping clerk Ray Ross and Kewadin Casino Events Manager Jason Smith (L-R), unload donated food items at the Salvation Army Dec. 16, 2017.



Photos by Brenda Austin

JKL November Students of the Month



Photo by Lori Jodoin

JKL School's November 2017 Students of the Month are (back L-R) Eli Smith, Lainey Tarrien, Tiffany Quinn, Tyler White, Morgan Brow, Daniel Bowerman, Kenedy Hagan, Journey McKelvie, Jade TenEyck, Jordan James, Kylie Goodman, Adan Taylor, Jada Hall-Pine, Rayce Rizzo, Amya Colliia, Korbin Perron (middle L-R) Karter Franklin, Rayton Wooley, Brooke Bertram, Khllloe Hibbard, A.J. Guilmette, Asia Jones (front L-R) August Taylor, Aiden Colliia and Ella Lipponen.



(L-R) Salvation Army volunteer Pat Kelly, Sault Tribe shipping clerks Adam Payment, Gary Hazen, Ray Ross and Travis Jackman (top right). Salvation Army volunteers Robin Yonkers, Andrew Lippenon and Salvation Army soup kitchen cook Ryan Rivard.

Summer research experience for high schoolers

The Short-Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons (STEP-UP) is taking applications for next summer.

STEP-UP provides hands-on summer research experience for high school students interested in exploring research careers.

Program highlights:

- Eight to 10 weeks of full-time research experience
- Students receive a summer research stipend
- Students are paired with experienced research mentors
- Students are encouraged to choose a research institution and/or mentor at their hometown or within commuting distance

of their residence. Students are not required to relocate in order to conduct their summer research.

- Students receive training in the responsible conduct of research

- All-paid travel expenses to the annual STEP-UP Research Symposium in Bethesda, Md.

- Students will present a formal oral and poster presentation depending on your grade level.

The STEP-UP program is a federally funded program managed and supported by the Office of Minority Health



Research Coordination (OMHRC) in the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney (NIDDK) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The overall goal of STEP-UP is to build and

sustain a biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social science research pipeline focused on NIDDK's core mission areas of diabetes, endocrinology and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases and nutrition; kidney, urologic and hematologic diseases.

Eligibility requirements:

- U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or permanent legal resident of a U.S.- affiliated territory

- High school junior or senior (at the time of application, this year)

- Must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Part of an under-represented racial or ethnic group (American Indian/Alaska Native).
- Disadvantaged as defined by annual family income
- First generation in family to attend college
- Diagnosed with a disability limiting one or more

major life activities

Principal investigator: Dr. Carolee Dodge-Francis

Email: carolee.dodge-francis@unlv.edu

American Indian Research and Education Center (AIREC)

Apply here: <http://stepup.niddk.nih.gov/Register.aspx>

If you are a new participant register as a new user and don't forget to store your email/username and passcode, you will need later as you complete your application. If you are a returning student, second year use last year's passcode and username information. Apply Oct. 15, 2017, through Feb. 15, 2018.

ELECTION TIME IS A TIME FOR YOU TO SEND A MESSAGE: LISTEN TO THE VOTERS OR THEY WILL ELECT SOMEONE WHO WILL



Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

First, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of my little brother Norman Joseph Payment (1970-2018). The above picture is of a campaign rally for the Tribal Board in 2000. Norman is the youngest son of my mother Katherine "Gotnee" Payment and my stepfather Walter "Johnno" Payment. He is my baby brother on my mother side and was a Tribal member his entire life as my grandmother Maria (Boulley) Parr was one of the original Tribal Enrollment Census workers. Norman was very proud of our

Indian heritage. I love and will miss my little brother. I am raising his son who is 12 years old and permanently placed with me though Tribal Court. I served as a foster parent for two-and-a-half years and just received the final court order last month.

Like so many of our tribal family members, my brother struggled with addiction and was in treatment when he passed away. I have other siblings whose lives were cut short due to chronic disease exacerbated though the use of drugs and alcohol. While I respect and support the work our expert Behavioral

Health Team is doing including our Substance Abuse Team, we are simply not doing nearly enough. We plan, and we plan, and we plan but little makes it way into more assertive interventions and opportunities to provide a sober lifestyle for our Indian people.

With the diminishment of federal and state funding for substance abuse, our programs have reduced access to recovery services including transportation to treatment. Of course, I am not blaming anyone and I realize during my time of grief, it could be perceived that I am lashing out. That is not my intention. Those who live their lives trapped in the throws of addiction, are just that — trapped. Yes, they make the choice originally to use but once the abuse starts, it is often too late to make a conscience and empowered choice to quit. They deserve our sympathy; not our disdain or judgment.

My lifelong studies and certainly my professional education including my doctorate degree, informs my view that we are a nation, and American Indian Nation systemically ravished by federal U.S. Indian Policy, boarding schools designed to make us ashamed of our ways and strip us of our spiritual beliefs, child welfare actions by state and local governments to steal our chil-

dren, and the introduction of drugs, alcohol, and sedentary lifestyles that are killing us. Worst of all, policies even at the tribal level perpetuate lack of opportunity, and promote drugs and alcohol use. Director Cathy Abramson and I are the only two board members who have consistently voted against our own liquor licenses in the tribe. Not because we wish to control the lives of others but I ask myself, "Why do we have to be the pusher?"

In the coming months, I plan to visit with recovering addicts and those who are not recovering to ask them what they understand their needs to be. When we conducted our needs assessment for our Tribal Action Plan, I pushed for this type of data collection so those who would benefit from our efforts would have their voice heard. One brave young man shared his story and for that I am grateful but this was simply not enough. I will use my professional skills to do this myself and create an formal assessment and present it here and to the Board so we can make systemic change. Much of the dysfunctions we have at the governing and decision maker levels are devoid of this type of input. I suspect there

is a reason for that.

ELECTIONS ARE YOUR ONLY ABSOLUTE RIGHT

With the majority of our board violating the will of the people in their election choice for chair by constantly working to undermine my authority and the stark violation of our right of referendum by rejecting over 500 tribal voter signatures though a concocted legal argument, you have the opportunity and right to change those who are simply ignoring your will. While I might personally like some who voted to strip away the authority of the chair (costing us at least over \$300,000) I cannot look past their violation of your election choice for chair. Two of my former opponents for the chair seat, Directors McKelvie and Massaway, voted against making the chair simply a figurehead. Now is your chance to send a clear message to the board.

Finally, as the board refuses to follow the Constitution with regard to setting rules to limit their competition, I sharing space below to show how they changed the roles to allow Bouschor to run but changed them back to deny Lumsden and at least a few others.

Chi McGwitch, Negee!

Aaron

Banned for Life?!

HOW MANY LONG WILL THIS MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE GO ON?

I was not convicted of any crimes by the 2003 kangaroo tribunal hired by my political opposition to remove me from office with hearsay, gossip, innuendo and lies. None of the ridiculous allegations made against me by the administration's supporters (political supporters) were ever investigated by law enforcement. Why do you think I was never investigated by law enforcement?

The attorney that recommended I be put on trial by the kangaroo tribunal was the husband of a candidate that had ran against me in a previous tribal election and was planning on running for the Board of Directors again. Do you think that's just a coincidence? Do you think that's ethical? Do you find it interesting that several of the so-called witnesses that testified against me in front of the kangaroo tribunal had been candidates for the Board of Directors and

vocal supporters of the chairperson that I was campaigning against?

Do you think it was just a coincidence that the chairperson during this period admitted under oath that he had discussed a tribal judge position with one of my accusers? Why would he do that? Why did the tribe's Appellate Court uphold (the correct decision) Bernard Bouschor's right to run for tribal elected office but refused to uphold my right to run for tribal elected office? Why don't I have the same rights as Bernard Bouschor? Do I have any constitutional rights? Please tell me what rights I do have.

I'm banned for life from running for tribal elected office without having been convicted of a crime. Does this sound fair to you? Does it sound constitutional? How can I be prohibited from running for tribal elected

office without having been convicted of a crime? Please explain how that can happen to me under our tribal constitution where every tribal member is accorded the same rights as under the constitution of the United States of America.

If the Board of Directors allows one tribal member's rights to be violated everyone's rights are put in jeopardy. Do members of the Board of Directors have constitutional rights? Please tell me what constitutional rights the Board of Directors have.

Almost 15 years after being denied due process by the Kangaroo tribunal and removed from office by hearsay and lies I am being treated like a convicted criminal by the Board of Directors, why?

Please explain to me why the Board of Directors would

treat me like a convicted criminal based on the decision of a kangaroo tribunal that was not a court.

Please explain to me why a majority of the Board of Directors refuses to defend the tribal constitution that each of them has sworn an oath of office to uphold.

Please explain to me why some members of the Board of Directors choose to serve on the board when they refuse to defend the tribal constitution that the voters elected them to uphold.

How many members of the Board of Directors think it's a good idea to defend/uphold the tribe's constitution?

Please explain the benefits to the membership of flouting our tribe's constitution. How does the tribal membership

benefit by the Board of Directors shirking the tribe's constitution?

How does the Board of Directors benefit by shirking the tribe's constitution? Is it corruption if the Board of Directors refuses to uphold the constitutional rights' of tribal members?

Why are my pleas for help not answered by the Board of Directors? I respectfully request that the Board of Directors take immediate action to uphold my right to run for tribal elected office.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Mike Lumsden
(906)-630-3955**

Tribal council has a duty to the rule of law



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

A number of years ago, an elder in our community advised me, "There is no loyalty among fishermen." At the time, I was not certain what that meant, but I've come to understand. The majority of fishers live in our unit. That's why I care so much about these issues. Regardless the topic or issue, you can bet there is a full spectrum of diverse opinions and positions. That is to be expected when the topic is someone's economic livelihood. Decisions made and the way the resource is managed have the potential to adversely impact an individual, a group of individuals or even an entire shoreline community. I guess what I'm trying to say is any decision made or position taken is bound to tick off someone. I want to say that up front because you can be sure that individuals I care very much for are not going to be happy with what I have to say. Even so, they must be said.

CO-CAPTAIN LICENSING

This issue goes back to

2007. At that time the tribal council passed resolution 2007-75 *Amending Tribal Code: Co-Captains* stating that:

— It is in the best interest of its treaty commercial fishery to manage the tribe's fishery resource in a way that is only as restrictive as reasonably necessary,

— Limiting a co-captain regulation to "emergency use only" was an unreasonably restrictive regulation of the tribe's resources, and

— Resolved that captains delegate to a "co-captain" their license for any reason whatsoever, as it better served the best interest of the treaty commercial fishery.

The tribal council passed this resolution unanimously. Five of those unanimous voters remain on the tribal council today plus the same tribal chairman. I did not serve at that time, so I'm not certain to the reasoning at the time. I do know our former lead manager was not in favor of it; I suspect it was also seen as a "workaround" to the fact that additional captains' licenses were not being issued, even though we were well below the limit of captains' licenses agreed to in the Consent Decree.

Now fast forward to 2017, where reverting regulations back to pre-2007 terms was considered by board resolution once again: not once, not twice, but three times! On June 20, 2017, tribal council approved Resolution 2017-127 with the chairman breaking a 6-6-tie vote. It goes into effect this month. This was very discouraging.

There is no rational basis for this decision in that it does not directly affect harvest amounts (the fish don't know who is captaining the boat); nor does it adversely impact harvest availability of captains who do not utilize co-captains. It does adversely impact how many tribal individuals who can make a living from fishing. We now have between 14-16 families who are basically out of work. And no surprise, most of them live in our small shoreline communities.

There is a long list of other variables that figure into the equation that I won't go into here, as I realize I'm already deep in the weeds on this topic. And, as I mentioned at the beginning of this report, I know my position will tick off some tribal fishers who hold a different view—even those I hold in high regard. I also know taking this stand will be used politically. But whether you agree or disagree on the use of co-captains in our Sault Tribe fishery, everyone should be very concerned about HOW this resolution was passed:

— The same resolution was brought to the table for a vote over and over again, contrary to standard Rules of Parliamentary procedure.

— There was no dialog or debate. It was one of those: "Call for the vote. We've got our seven" scenarios.

— It violated Tribal Chapter 14 that requires mandatory five-day notice for any amendment to previously established tribal ordinances.

— The meeting was in Escanaba; unnoticed to tribal members AND no natural resources or legal staff was available at the meeting.

Now, here's the kicker: Even though this resolution was passed in June 2017, license holders were not notified until mid-December and only after a board member inquired!

The worst of it is — the whole shady way this measure was approved denied the people the constitutional right to referendum (30 day rule)!

Rules of law—they matter, and as board members, if we can't respect that basic fundamental principle of a democratic government, we are going to be in a world of hurt moving forward towards the renegotiation of the Consent Decree. It is my hope that some board member on the prevailing side of the vote will do the right thing and bring Resolution 2017-127 back to the tribal board for reconsideration so that, at a minimum, it can be legislated in accordance with the law.

2017 FALL EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF MH1-MH2 AND MM123:

This, too, deserves a full accounting, but hopefully, we will have final harvest numbers by the next unit report, so I will address the issue in February.

A newly constituted Conservation Committee will be appointed probably in early February. Members interested in serving had until Jan. 22 to submit a letter of interest and three letters of recommendation. The make-up of the committee shall

be six commercial fishers and six tribal members who are not commercial fishers. In order for the committee to be work productively and efficiently on all matters related to hunting, fishing and gathering, I do hope to see sub-committee workgroups established — most importantly a commercial fishing sub-committee — so that economic implications can be thoroughly discussed and be a necessary component when making regulatory and management decisions moving forward.

I am excited about the New Year ahead and everything that needs to be accomplished. Not only in the natural resources and treaty rights area, but also across all sectors of tribal operations. I'm so grateful for the dedicated staff we have onboard: from Kewadin casinos, to enterprises, education, health, social services and governmental services. And, those members — especially elders — who continue to care for and serve our communities in too many ways to count.

I am looking forward to meeting with all six school districts in Unit II so we can find mutually beneficial ways to partner together on behalf of our tribal students who attend public schools. Now that the school districts have adopted tribal education plans this endeavor promises to deliver more academic success for our students in K-12.

Any questions, concerns, inputs, please feel free to contact me at (906) 430-5551 or chollowell@saulttribe.net.

Catherine Hollowell,
Unit II Director

Wrapping up 2017, hopes for a better 2018



ANITA NELSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

A busy month brings much joy, hard work and snowy travels. Many board concerns were resolved, some still to go.

It gives me great pleasure to tell you how wonderful the children's Christmas party turned out. The helpers were all volunteers who came forward to assist at this joyous time of the year taking time away from their busy schedules. Big thanks to YEA's Cindy Reimer and her five Santa's elves, Jen Meyer and family, Theresa Karr, Vicky Waldren, Mary Jenerou, Kathy Syers, Kris LeVeque, Elder Subcommittee Chair Deb McNeill, Christmas casino (pizzas). Tom Derwin was also a huge help in setting up the tree. Last, but certainly not least, Santa, who traveled the distance. All of you are so appreciated!

Shortly after, our elders'

Christmas dinner was one of the best in the 10 years I've been on the Munising Unit V Elder Committee. The food, decorations, door prizes, gifts, and turnout by elders made for a wonderful time. I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the ham giveaway to employees this year. It was great to give back to those employees who worked so hard all year long. I couldn't have accomplished this by myself, thanks to general manager, Karen Heyrman; Food and Beverage's Gabe Nivens; server, Vicky Waldren; and Elder Subcommittee Chairperson Deb McNeill. It really puts things into perspective and makes you grateful more than anything being a part of an event like this. Definitely more fun than work!

As 2017 came to an end, there were some disappointments. I have to admit some decisions were not easy and made for some long, sleepless nights. There is always going to be a human factor to decision making. It's probably one of the hardest things to come to terms with in a leadership position. Honestly, I was very upset about being on the losing end of the co-captains resolution and also the combining of the two committees, the Great Lakes and Inland conservation committees. I do hope this works out for the best and if it doesn't, gets re-assessed. Other items that weighed heavy on my heart were

team members and key employees losing their positions right before Christmas. It's hard when things cannot be "fixed" and are out of your control.

If you are looking to volunteer or participate in community service, I encourage and support members in applying for committee positions. There are quite a few positions open and your voice needs to be heard. I have enjoyed it over the years and would be happy to provide you

with more information on these positions if contacted. The deadline is coming soon for getting on the Conservation Committee and I don't believe we have an applicant for Unit V as yet.

Just a reminder, Unit V elder meetings are on the first Thursday of the month both in Munising and Marquette.

On a final note, I encourage you to send in articles to our native newspaper. We really enjoy hearing about your family

interests and accomplishments. Share your story!*

Happy new year to all of you. Pray for our elders, the sick and our military men and woman. Until next time, remember... "Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people." — ER

Director Anita L. Nelson, Unit V, (906) 387-7825

* Send your submissions to jdale-burton@saulttribe.net.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Tribal Environment Manager Kathie Brosemer takes tribal employees on a tour at the Environmental Department's winter open house on Dec. 21 in the Sault, which featured information on ongoing projects and tours of departmental building and labs with staff on hand to answer questions. Staff shown above, from left, Transportation's Ryan Sawyers and Planning's Larry Jacques, Amanda Frazier and Cheryl Bernier.

Year-end review from Unit II director Causley



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

It's a brand new year. We had many changes in 2017, some very positive and some came with struggle. I want to highlight the positive and will just keep pursuing the ones we are challenged with. As announced in past reports, we hired many needed positions in all areas of our tribe to advance and enhance revenue and service to the people.

CEO/restaurant and marketing VP — with these positions we made changes that came with ideas and tools all have brought due to their years of knowledge and experience. Their team has evaluated the property's needs and have taken action on certain priority repairs, made cost savings on line items, recommended certain policy changes and held the market with numbers that exceed the budget (not wind-fall, just maintaining), including changes they have implemented as well as some past CEOs. We are in a stable position and that is positive as we give our revenue made to local communities and our governmental services programs. We had challenges in the past with the market as other tribes feel the same, so keeping up needs to be our priority for our properties.

Economic development director — Although this position was hired at the end of 2016, our tribe has seen some positive endeavors with this position. Our tribe went many years without any kind of projects or vetting of any real substance in this area. It had to begin with compiling all our proprieties and land base info, create numerous reports on each business, set a reporting and presentation structure and the hardest, in my opinion, introducing that the Sault Tribe can and will be an active participant in the development arena once again.

In the past year, we have had new businesses bought and established, tribal member business owners sought out, our existing properties analyzed and shortcoming or ideas coming forward to address and take action on at least a dozen projects being soundly vetted. This all is presented to the board with actual profit loss numbers and substance we can factor in. I'm looking forward to the coming year and for us to get a sound way to move forward on projects and start to again become a business leader in other areas with this expertise in development.

Health director — We finally secured a replacement for the health director position, this was done recently so it's hard to comment at this point, but I am confi-

dent the position will bring some new systems and better ways to increase services. As announced in past reports, we are doing a full assessment of our delivery system and having recommendations from a qualified firm once completed. It's important and positive that the new Director can be at the onset of this and oversee the endeavor, what we do best and what can improve on for the health care services to members.

Employee specialist — This position is solely available for all team members to have for their needs in the workforce. This is also new and has had to create a structure to accommodate the workforce. This position can assist team members with problems and issues they are having, help to understand policies in place and also advocate at all levels for the employee. I have referred many; all managers should be able to direct you or call Human Resources if you need any kind of assistance. This position is in place to better serve our workforce in a manner that is professional and unbiased.

Tribal Action Plan project specialist — This position was years in the making. About five years ago, we did the long plan of collecting data and input from our members and communities on the drug and alcohol issues we face. After this, the departments evaluated and we consulted a professional to create a tribal plan to assist in each department. It lagged for quite some time but we finally had the ability to hire a specialist to work our plan and see things through each department to help assist and create a pathway to implement. We held our first strategic planning meeting a couple weeks ago. Areas will begin to see and hear about the programs and assistance all departments have in place to assist those in need.

Natural resources — After struggles, we had some areas that needed restructure and positions that needed filling in this area. I am very happy to report the staff and execs created a department that has a new system of doing things and professional, educated biologist and staff committed to our environment and also our fishing and treaty rights areas (we have good old staff, too). We also hired the treaty rights legal consultant to get ready for our 2020 negotiations; this comes with many delicate areas we need to be ready for. In the coming year I'm hoping with the new staff we have on board and the legal we have in place we can begin to build a solid plan for our negotiations.

With the referendum approved we can move forward with tribal members on the Conservation Committee that will have a great role and responsibility in assisting with input. Remember, to become a member of this committee, the deadline is Jan. 22, 2018.

These are just a few internal highlights from 2017, as stated we should have much more info coming in the coming papers (they do a much better job that I) for all departments areas. These again are measures and positions in place to make us stronger and more successful for services and

business.

Reported last month, I stated we voted to file a lawsuit after receiving a denial for our land in trust in Lansing. Since then, there have been different actions taken (although the board did vote to file) it was placed on hold for just a little longer to better prepare. This is moving and I have made my position very clear on steps I believe we should take to get to where we need to be (some I have repeated and recorded every single discussion). By next month, we should have a better status of our actions to report.

Both in 2016 and 2017, the board budgeted funding to start a feasibility study and plan to either build or partner for our own detox/treatment facility. After some time (absence of a health director this year) we have finally some status to report. There is a team meeting with two local doctors in the area who have showed interest in assisting us. I have requested the dates and times to participate so that I can offer any and all support at the tribal level as well as to know the details so that I may advocate at the state and national level for any assistance. Last report is that the meeting will be scheduled and there will be discussions for this. With the full staff once again, hopefully, we can move this toward a solid plan throughout the year 2018.

I would also like to remind members that we do not carry the medicine "Vivitol." This is a medically assisted treatment that can assist with opiate and alcohol addiction (it's not a pill but an injection that works in a very different way that others medications have). I was part of the initial presentation when it was introduced to us. I know certain members who are successfully in recovery with this. This would be something you can discuss directly with your provider.

I would also like to address the questions asked as to why the amount of the elder checks was cut. We did not cut the distribution at all. We prepared and paid out the entire interest earned on the land claim funds and that was an amount of \$2.4 million. We have more elders again this year and distributed the amount equally among all the elders in the tribe. In the past, the tribe put in extra funds from our tribal support dollars to increase the amounts but, as all know, I support the way the Land Claims Fund was originally set up years ago and that was to exactly pay out the interest only. Many elders count on this every year, and making sure we sustain this for years to come and to remain responsible with our tribal support dollars is my priority and always has been. It would be easier for me to say increase it and find the money, I instantly thought that (quick math once the amount was announced) but even just raising it to the amount we gave last year, with the increased number of elders it would have cost at least \$225,000. I do know it's needed and appreciated by many.

In closing, I want to say *chi miigwech* to our entire casino, enterprise and governmental staff, explaining all the new positions above would never be successful without all the FRONT LINE casino, enterprise and governmental team members who keep or tribe moving daily and tick. For 2017, we will have a year-end financial picture to give the members soon, as well as all departments highlighting their respective areas and departments (this should be in the next couple of papers). We absolutely have struggles and areas that need improvement but in this day and age there is most certainly enough negative and we do have our own; but one thing we cannot

forget or take for granted is the help and service our team members work hard towards to take care of our people, our rights, our ways and our tribe every day.

We are very fortunate to have our casinos and enterprise properties, health care, prescriptions, detox/treatment programs, veterans' services, housing, home improvement and weatherization, employment programs, emergency needs programs, child care, head start, youth activities, youth development, scholarships, elder and student employment, USDA, elder meals/transportation, heating, public safety, drug court programs, communications and traditional medicine and our cultural department, powwows, sweat lodges, talking circles, drums, teaching lodges, teaching camp for youth, repatriation, all taking care of us.

When someone says, "You're Sault Tribe," hold your head up real high and say, "Yep," and think about all that they (employees) do for our people every single day! I for one know exactly what it's like to take the job home and I can fully state for all who are in our workforce, no matter where they work, they do take it home with them. It's mindboggling to think what if we weren't here, the poverty and troubles we held just 40-plus short years ago before we were recognized. Our past leaders and their families should be fully proud of their roles that made our way possible. As you can read, I am looking forward to a productive and successful 2018. I will put my gloves on when necessary but will also quietly work toward our advancement as the nation that we are.

As always, if you would like to meet or discuss any items please contact me at (906) 484-2954, (906) 322-3818, or lcausley@saulttribe.net. Baamaapii.

Lana Causley-Smith
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Need to move quickly on substance abuse services



**KIMBERLE GRAVELLE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello, I hope everyone had a nice holiday with family and friends.

One of the committees I sit on is the Tribal Action Plan (TAP) Data Sub-Committee Charter. This committee was established in order to collect substance abuse specific data collection methodology and to establish a tribal-wide TAP data plan.

Currently, the Sault Tribe Health Center is working on plans

for a local residential treatment center that would offer structured prevention and medical detoxification services. It will focus on after-care transitional services such as job placement, interview training, educational opportunities, budgeting, a mentor/sponsor, transportation and more. Further, we are seeing more people being incarcerated because of substance abuse and some of these re-entry programs could overlap with them coming back into the community.

Substance abuse not only affects the individual who is dealing with the problem of addiction, it also affects their family and the community they live in. We have statistics that show 80 percent of court cases and 73 percent of ACFS cases are a result of substance abuse. The foster system is being stretched to its limits with children being placed in care and these children are experiencing more difficulty in their ability to learn at their age appropriate level.

This is an issue we need to

move on as quickly as possible. In our community, in the last three months, we have lost three tribal members to drug overdose. We are losing a generation of our young people to an epidemic that is affecting the entire country because of serious underfunding of alcohol and substance abuse services.

On a brighter note, the JKL Bahweting Middle School expansion is progressing according to plan. I would like to thank the board of directors and the JKL Fiduciary Committee for making this possible for the benefit of the students at the school. Also to the owner's representative, DJ Hoffman, for staying on top of this every step of the way.

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

Please feel free to call me at (906) 203-6083 or e-mail me at KKGravelle@saulttribe.net.

Thank you,
Kim Gravelle

Many challenges to address with the new year



DJ HOFFMAN
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

The new year has commenced and with it there are many challenges to address. As a board member it is my goal to move our tribe forward. It is not my goal to get involved in petty squabbles because of personal likes and dislikes. The common theme should always be to approach each topic, each vote, based on the betterment of the tribe as a whole. I prefer documentation and research to assertion and opinion. I am not always right, however, I believe we as board members have a responsibility to do more than just show up. We need to attack these challenges head on to ensure that they are properly handled.

CASINOS

The following is restated from December, with an updated date of Jan. 8:

“The casinos are the driving force behind the majority of our, non grant, tribal operations revenues. As of today, Jan. 8, 2018, the board has yet to review these budgets in detail. Casino budgets have a direct impact on the tribe’s governmental budgets, without detailed projections from this revenue source, it is irresponsible to approve budgets (Schedule C) that are reliant upon this income.”

“While I have stated it in the past, as well as unsuccessfully proposed legislation to enable it – The tribal board of directors should not be the gaming authority or gaming commission. These bodies should be comprised of an independent body that has knowledge and experience in the gaming industry. Free of politics, our casinos may once again be a potent economic force.”

Mackinac City has approved Little Traverse Bay Band’s request to expand its gaming venture to class III operations (full blown casino with the same gaming capabilities as our northern operations). This expansion, which commenced in the spring, will have an adverse effect on our casino properties and yet we have had no meetings, nor plans to address this imminent threat to revenues.

In 2014, I requested that the board consider purchasing a tax sale parcel in Mackinac City with the interest from the land claims for approximately \$4,000. The premise being that if we can buy land in Lansing with the interest and it becomes mandatory trust, surely we can acquire it 5 miles from St. Ignace. This request was not considered and here we stand facing the eventuality of newly constructed competitor miles from our doorstep, bottlenecking traffic to our properties.

WE MUST ADDRESS THIS

ISSUE!

We need a detailed written plans and roadmaps for the current and future operations of the casinos, as well as our tribe as a whole. I will continue to propose that no annual budget be approved for any area (tribal or enterprise) lacking a DETAILED WRITTEN plan.

SCHEDULE C BUDGETS

In December, the tribal board reviewed Schedule C approved a (90 day) continuing funding resolution to conduct business as normal until the Schedule C is finally approved. Schedule C budgets are the largest tribal support funded budgets. As stated in the above, Schedule C budgets are dependent upon this income. Without an approved casino budget, the only responsible approach to Schedule C is a continuing funding resolution. The Schedule C budgets will be considered at next regularly scheduled January 2018 meeting.

MINIMUM WAGE

Pursuant to Resolution 2015-111, the tribe’s minimum wage increased to \$9.25 on Jan. 1, 2018. This reflects the higher of the state or federal minimum wage.

JKL BAHWETING

The middle school expansion is in its final weeks. The science lab tables have been installed and priming and painting have commenced (see photo bottom right). There has been an increased emphasis on cultural representation in the building interior design and I look forward to the final images being placed in this paper upon completion. Once again, this is truly an example of what can be accomplished when we collectively work together for a common goal for the benefit of the children and community.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Nearly a year ago I wrote the following:

“The threat of substance abuse has been historically prevalent in Indian Country. As a tribe, we need to do more, and focus more upon prevention and treatment of this affliction. Oftentimes substance abuse issues result in criminal prosecution and incarceration. While this is one option, it does not provide treatment or prevention from this affliction.”

“When the tribe sends an individual to jail there are court costs, as well as the tribal financial obligation to hold these individuals in local jails (we do not have our own). We should be looking at developing our own in-patient treatment center to tackle this issue head on. The funds earmarked for incarceration could just as easily be utilized for treatment. Our former medical center in Wetmore sits vacant and unused and could provide an excellent possibility in the development of such facility.”

“In addition to treatment, we need to do more to prevent this threat to our communities. We need to provide more opportunities for our children, more focused learning, cultural programming, fitness and more. These things can be accomplished with our current funding by collaboration and proper planning. We have the tools to make a difference; it is time that we started using them.”

Since this time the tribe adopt-

ed a budget modification to develop a plan for a treatment center, as well as incorporated funding into their respective annual budget to develop the plan. To date, the plan has yet to be revealed and the issues with opioids, prescription drugs and alcohol have increasingly impacted our tribal community. The old cliché is that we should stop talking and start doing, however to truly make an impact we must increase the dialogue at all levels while taking a proactive approach to develop of a treatment center (whether on our own or in collaboration with others).

On a positive note, the tribe did the following: adopted a long-term strategic plan to combat substance abuse and hired a TAP coordinator responsible for administrating the implementation of the plan. These are positive steps forward, however we need to be sure resources are available to this coordinator to ensure success.

BIG BEAR COMMUNITY CENTER

Nothing has changed regarding the board approved move to a more community center based approach for this facility. As I previously stated, and will continue to do so until the resolution is adhered to:

“I am eagerly anticipating the new layout of the Big Bear to focus on our youth.” While “only one member, “I am still awaiting

the transition of this phenomenal opportunity for our tribal children and membership.”

“I am hopeful that administration will adhere to the resolution and provide ‘priority’ in locations and space to ensure the smoothest transition and most effective access to services/programming to the membership”

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

One thing is perfectly clear, the need for diversification is essential to our tribe’s long term economic survival. Fortunately, we have hired an economic development director who is moving our tribe forward in these areas.

The tribe needs to ensure its business approaches are separated from its tribal politics. Our corporate charter, approved by the tribe and BIA, needs to be utilized. This will afford our tribe with the opportunity to develop and maintain businesses free from the meddling of politics. Thus ensuring they have a chance to be successful and provide revenues to tribal services.

The most successful tribes in America run their businesses through their corporate charter. Examples include Seminoles Inc. and Ho Chunk Inc., and hopefully, one day, Sault Tribe will share in this success.

In the following months, I will be asking for board support for the following:

— Revisiting the processes

and procedures for the issuance of tribal license plates.

— Commence working on the provisions for a “right of initiative.”

— Working towards the enactment of the adopted tribal corporate charter, this can afford our tribe the ability to incorporate businesses and effectively separate governance from business operations.

— Addressing the Election Code to ensure the membership’s constitutional rights are adhered to (which are hindered by the current version).

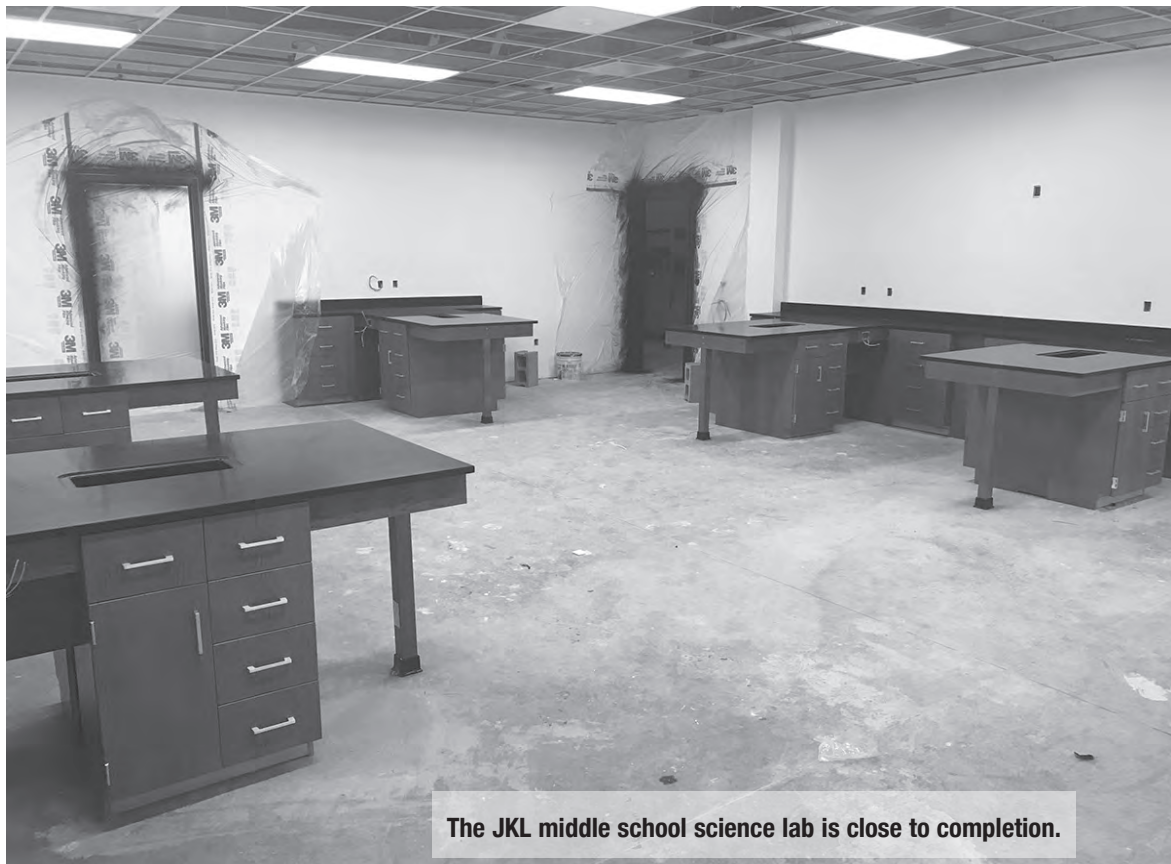
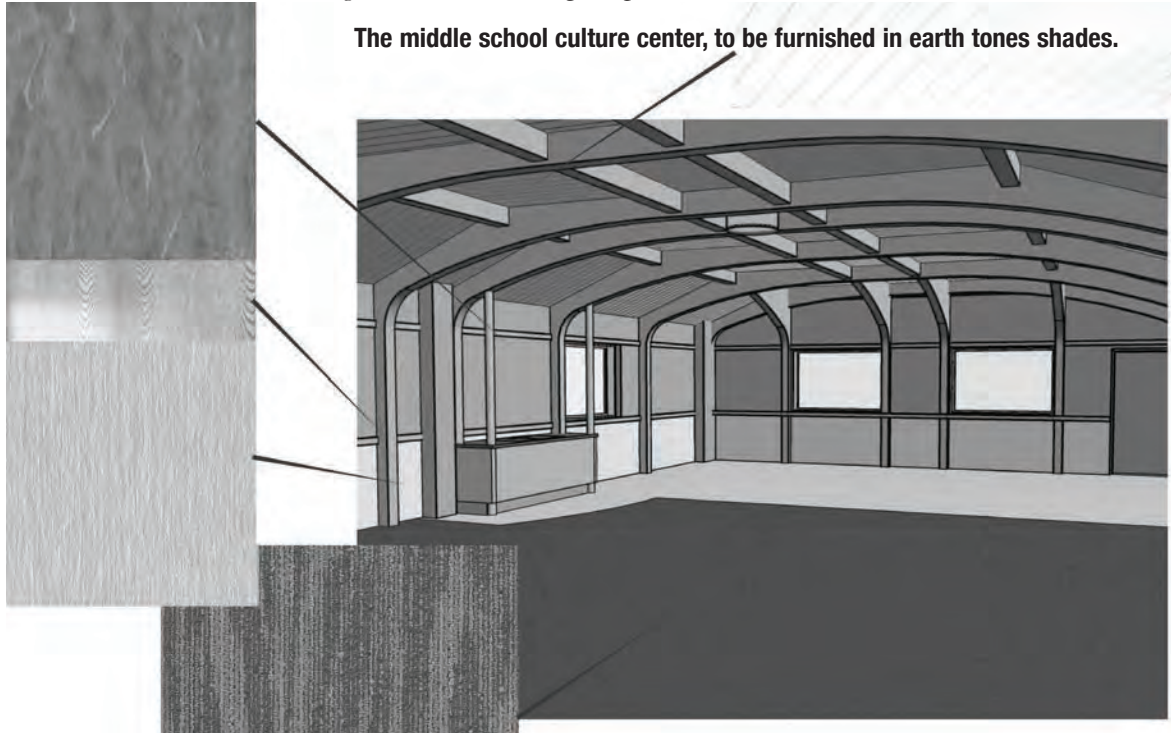
— Push forward with a code of ethics/conduct.

— Work on legislation to allow the tribal membership to challenge the constitutionality of actions taken by the tribal board.

In closing, I will continue to push forward with members of the board who wish to be progressive. I will also continue to work with members of the board to ensure we become innovative in our approach to economic diversification, membership services and stepping out of the non-progressive box in which we appear to be confined.

Sincerely,
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The middle school culture center, to be furnished in earth tones shades.



The JKL middle school science lab is close to completion.

Tribe needs to prepare for funding decreases



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aanii, Anishnaabek, we live in chaotic times and it doesn't appear that the chaos will be calming down anytime soon. Our people have faced chaos many times before and we got through it by staying focused, looking for the truth (no matter how difficult it is to find) and not being distracted by the noise around

us. One of the items I feel will be bringing a lot of chaos soon is the tribe's spending and the need for a plan to address the difficult times we know are coming.

I have been pushing for years, the need for our tribe to plan for reductions in federal dollars to our programs. I have written about it here in my articles. I believe we need to **PRIORITIZE** where we will direct tribal dollars should there be a decrease in the federal money.

The profit from the casinos and other enterprises of the tribe create "support dollars" of roughly \$16-18 million per year. At least \$5 million goes to debt payment and the rest is distributed for services and governmental operations. While it sounds like a lot of money, it will **NOT** be enough money to provide services at the levels we have now, and we **KNOW** there is a lot more need out there. We have been working on getting the downstate gaming

approved so we could generate enough money to address our members' needs. And, I'm not talking about just the seven-county service area either! However, other tribes have heavily lobbied against us and have prevented our tribe from moving forward. Although the law is technically on our side, and our land claims settlement clearly states our land must be put into trust; political and legal maneuverings have prevented it from happening. But our people's needs do not go away. We must do more but it takes money to do that, lots of money, and our current financial situation won't provide enough to keep services at the current level. That is our dilemma.

There simply is not enough money generated to support current services and programs. The board of directors needs to have some hard conversations about it. We need to make some hard decisions. We need to **PRIORITIZE**

our spending; but instead, we flounder over a deficit budget, a **DEFICIT** budget! That means a budget that spends **MORE** money than is available. That means **DEBT**. To me, that is unacceptable.

We will have a board of directors meeting on Jan. 9, 2018, and I will again push to create a balanced budget. I will not burden our tribe with more of the wrong kind of debt. The board of directors needs to decide what our priorities are and make the financial decisions that keep our tribe financially healthy. I cannot approve a deficit budget. I cannot approve adding to our debt to cover the proposed budget! More chaos is ahead, whether it is because we finally stop and deal with the budget and make spending adjustments, or we approve a deficit budget and deal with it when the bills come due. Of course, there is one more alternative — do nothing. Whatever hap-

pens, it won't be easy, but we can get through the chaos by staying focused, looking for the truth and not being distracted by the noise — and there will be considerable noise — tribal elections are coming up!

With all the uncertainty and political gamesmanship that will take place, and with all the difficult decisions that lie ahead, I want to spread the word that there are good things happening, too! Our tribe and tribal enterprises are filled with wonderful, hard-working people doing their best to make the world a better place for our people. Don't let the chaos and the noise keep you from seeing the good. Staying focused and looking for the truth has always served our people well. We are Anishnaabe for always.

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Elder check amounts not determined by board



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

When writing my report I try to inform the membership of coming events, programs and services, etc. The other reporting is to combat the lies that get spread on a daily basis. It is so unfortunate that someone can completely twist the facts and feel good about themselves. You either have no conscience or have a mental illness.

A December Facebook post of the chair comparing executives' staff salary to the elders checks. Who does this? What would there be to compare? The executives are staff who work for our company. They have degrees, student loans and are professionals.

The elder checks are a gift to those members 60 years old and older. Many of the elders I talk to are just happy they get something. Sure, everyone could use more money, but there are some who get very hateful about a gift. It sure doesn't help when the chair says the board cut the elder checks. The board doesn't do anything with the elder checks. We get informed by the CFO how many elders sent back their confirmation letter and divide that by the interest on the land claims fund.

Members who live in the service area know first-hand we are struggling to find medical professionals at our clinics as well as other levels of management throughout the tribe. Would you want to work for this tribe if the chairman posts all over Facebook

complaining about your salary?

Another post is about a projected deficit and team members being targeted to lose their jobs like in 2008, he states. He goes on to say he has no administrative role in the budget process otherwise he would have balanced the budget. Do people actually believe this crap? He has the same role the other 12 of us have in making recommendations to the divisions and executive staff. Here are a few facts: Anyone can balance a budget by selling assets and taking loans. So when he had exclusive authority from 2004-2008 where did that put us? \$70 million in the red, burned through millions in savings, sold many buildings, raises and jobs to cronies. One of the biggest expenses any business has is salaries and wages, which left the 2008 board to make those tough decisions to keep the tribe afloat.

I wasn't on the board during that time but was an employee on the front line and was friends with many good people who lost their jobs. It was a terrible time for our tribe and workforce.

I am not going to lie and say we are not facing some decisions on the 2018 budget, but what kind of leader runs around creating fear and hatred? A true leader would be honest and say this is our current or projected situation and we are going to work hard as a team to make the best decisions for the tribe as a whole.

Campaign season has been under way for a while now by the chair. He requested members to register to vote and send him an email with a chance to win \$1,000. How ethical is that? That is a way to get member's email addresses so he can tell them who to vote for. He is constantly campaigning at the elder groups and on Facebook. This sounds like a few violations to me such as public bribery, election fraud and abuse of office. If members want to vote they will contact enrollment and participate. You cannot force people to vote, I have heard some groups talking about taking away members services if they refuse to vote (not board mem-

bers, either).

He was also ringing the Salvation Army bell in the Kewadin Sault. I have no problem with the Salvation Army or someone volunteering to help with their cause, but we have a no solicitation policy that he clearly thinks is okay to violate.

This year is going to be about action, and no I am not up for election, just sick of no forward movement. It is time people be held accountable for their actions.

I am tired of people comparing the government and businesses of the tribe. Businesses are to provide a profit. That profit in turn provides services to our members. The casino and enterprises do not enjoy all the government perks but if the casino provides hams to their staff all hell breaks loose. The crap of treating everyone the same is ridiculous, that is like giving everyone the same raise, when not everyone performs the same.

There are some board members who continue to want the casino to pay for things left and right and the board votes without any input from the casino and then wonders why the casino struggles with capital improvements and giving the \$17 million

to the government. The Sault casino's roof is leaking and needs replacement but let's see what we can make them pay for this week.

What happens if the tribe goes bankrupt in the next 10 years because everyone had to be treated the same. How about forcing managers to hire people then complain about the service they get? When will tough decisions be made for the best interest of the tribe and next seven generations instead of nepotism, cronyism or votes? It is probably why the tribe hasn't made any significant changes or economic impacts in the last 15 years.

We need to concentrate on teaching our members to become self-sufficient. For some, the tribe is the only place they can live or work. With a future so unsure with the U.S. government, we need to prepare for the worst. Grants are great but we need revenue streams we can count on.

Enough is enough with the St. Ignace Health Center. Losing almost 50 team members in the last six years or so when total staff is probably around 30 is insane. Why am I the only one who sees a problem with that? You can look the other way and hope things get kicked back

under the rug but they always come creeping back. Without proper staffing levels, patients cannot get the care they need and deserve.

In this tribe, it is definitely who you know and how big your family is. Staff is hired and kept based on who they are related to and how many votes the family has. How about how many team members or members who are affected by these decisions?

Brace yourselves folks, because the notice of election will be out soon and so will the lies and backstabbing. The chair usually only supports the quiet ones or the ones who agree with him. Nobody should have a mind of their own or opposing views. Hopefully, when things get out of hand, the board will take action.

In closing, I hope everyone had quality time with their family and friends during the holiday season. We have had some unexpected losses in our community recently that make you think about how fragile and unpredictable life can be.

Anyone with any comments or concerns, feel free to contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.

Health insurance a big concern



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A new year is upon us and it is time to finish last year's business. We need to pass our budgets for 2018. The board needs to get to

work and finish it now. One of our biggest concerns is coming up in 2019 — our health insurance for our employees. It is a very good policy. We are self-insured and pay more than 88 percent of the cost of the insurance. The problem is the tribe cannot continue to absorb these costs as it is going up double digits almost every year. We currently are looking for other plans and policies that can be both beneficial to the employee and the employer.

I would like to thank all our members who volunteer to help on all the various committees the tribe has. Members on the elder, higher education, housing, culture and the many others have donated both time and experience to make the tribe better. All of them deserve a big chi miigwech

for all they do. We always have openings in various committees, so watch the tribal paper or call the tribal administration to find out which committees have openings and the procedure to get on them. These committees are very important because they help give input on how the tribe should move forward on so many important areas.

It has been a hard winter so far and if you are having trouble meeting your basic needs of heat and food for yourself or your family, please contact the tribe as soon as possible so we can assist you in any way we can.

Thank you for all the e-mails and calls.

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Sault children's Christmas party at Chi Mukwa



Isabelle Bouley, 2



Cruz Carr, 9



Natalie McLeod, 17 months

Photos by Brenda Austin



Terry Steven Quincana, 2



Austin Laaksonen and Rhett Rizzo, both 9



Braxton Alan Houghton, 8 months

At the annual Sault children's Christmas party, children were treated to a visit with Santa, a gift, and afterwards some pizza and drinks as well as free iceskating.



Great-grandmother Dorothy Mendoskin, Justin Burton, Aurora Hodge, 5.



George Tessier, 7



Left to right, siblings Austin McClusky, 8, Victoria Tobias, 1, Laycee Tobias, 5, and Lexi Tobias, 9.



Scarlett, 3, and Ryder Vance, 7



Left to right, Haley and Richard Gibson, with daughter Raegan, 15 months, and Teryn and Raven Miller, with their son Sebastian, 9 months.



Adriana Izzard, 6 and Axelyn Izzard, 1

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