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Boulley becomes director of Office of Indian Education

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The U.S. Department of Education has announced Sault Tribe member Angeline Boulley as the new director for the Office of Indian Education. Her start date was March 18, 2019.

Boulley was a 10-year employee of the Sault Tribe, last serving as the assistant executive director.

She is a graduate of Central Michigan University, and has dedicated her professional career to serving American Indian and Alaska Native students. Boulley served as the education director for three different tribes, including the Sault Tribe, where she worked with 20 Title VI grantees and a tribally controlled Bureau of Indian Education funded school.

She also provided leadership and oversight to the largest tribally operated Head Start and Early Head Start program in Michigan. She is a 2009 participant in the UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Head Start Management Fellows Program. Boulley also served on the Board of Regents for Bay Mills Community College and as a former vice chairperson for the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly.

Prior to accepting her current position, she worked for an American Indian woman-owned small business, Tribal Tech, LLC, managing two federal contracts for the U.S. Department of Education. Her federal contract program management experience included working on discretionary grant review processes, tribal consultations, the National Advisory Council on Indian Education and the National Indian Education Study. Boulley said she is excited to be in a position allowing her to fully support the



Angeline Boulley

mission of the Office of Indian Education in meeting the unique cultural, language and educational needs of American Indian and Alaskan Native students across the country.

In 2002, Boulley attended a meeting in Washington, D.C., as the tribal education director for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, and heard a woman named Vicki Vasques speak. "She was the head of the Office of Indian Education and I remember thinking she had the greatest job in the world. I was in awe of her," Boulley said. "I still remember things she said in that meeting and thinking that would be a fantastic job to be able to impact Indian education across the country and help schools and tribes with programs and resources to benefit Native children. Years later, I ended up working for Vicki and it has been an honor to be mentored by her. I have been very fortunate to have been mentored by many strong Native women and I try hard to mentor the next generation of Anishinaabek leaders."

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Funding helps addiction prevention and recovery

BY AMANDA FRAZIER

As part of the Tribal Action Plan to combat substance abuse, Sault Tribe Behavioral Health applied for the Tribal Opioid Response Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The two-year Sault Tribe Opioid Prevention and Response grant for \$627,254 will address two areas of the opioid crises — pre-

vention and recovery.

With the funding, Behavioral Health hired two prevention specialists servicing the east and west ends of the tribe's service area. Recovery services include recovery housing and recovery coaches.

The tribe used housing from DeMawating Development in Kincheloe to create recovery housing for Sault Tribe members

to aid in the transition of members from treatment services to living in recovery in the community. Recovery housing services will be open to nine individuals. These individuals will be working with recovery coaches to create plans to assist them on their path to recovery.

Please watch for announcements on recovery housing services opening.



Pictured from left, Prevention Specialist Amanda Frazier, Health Director Leo Chugunov, former board member Cathy Abramson, Clinic Manager Tony Abramson, Unit II Director Lana Causley, Traditional Medicine Program Supervisor Laura Downwind, Traditional Practitioner Assistant II Lori Gambardelli, Clinical Social Worker Karen Alexander, Traditional Healer Joe Syrette, Quality Improvement Coordinator Pam Monigle, and Assistant Health Director Joel Lumsden cut the ribbon on the tribe's new sober living homes in Kincheloe, with Causley doing the honors.

Kronk Warner new S.J. Quinney Law College dean

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Sault Tribe member Elizabeth Kronk Warner was named dean of the S.J. Quinney College of Law, according to a March 25 University of Utah press release.

Kronk Warner is currently associate dean of Academic Affairs, professor and director of the Tribal Law and Government Center at the University of Kansas School of Law. She is the first woman named to the deanship in the 106-year history of the University of Utah's law school, according to the release.

Following completion of the appointment approval process, Kronk Warner will begin on July 1, according to the release.

"I am impressed with the S.J. Quinney College of Law's strong reputation for scholarly excellence, commitment to students and record of community engagement," Kronk Warner said in the release. "The school has done an exceptional job of balancing a commitment to excellent educational opportunities for students at an appropriate cost while also



Elizabeth Kronk Warner

promoting outstanding scholarly work. I look forward to leading the college to even greater success in the coming years."

Kronk Warner joined the University of Kansas in 2012 as director of its Tribal Law and Government Center. She was appointed associate dean in 2015, overseeing operational issues and coordinating on admissions, career services and administration

of 12 joint degree and eight certificate programs. Kronk Warner currently is responsible for all matters related to academic compliance and student affairs; she served as acting dean for a four-month period in 2016.

Kronk Warner also chairs the school's faculty and staff diversity and inclusion committee, is an ex officio member of the student Dean's Diversity Leadership Council and is president of the university's Native Faculty and Staff Council. Kronk Warner previously was an active member of the Federal Bar Association, serving on its national board of directors. She is currently active in the American Bar Association, where she is co-chair of the Native American Resources Committee.

Kronk Warner is a nationally recognized expert in the intersection of environmental and Indian law, according to the release. She has taught courses in property, Indian, environmental and natural resources law and supervises the school's Tribal Judicial Support

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JKL Bahweting striving to help feed needy folks



Folks setting up for the food distribution in the JKL School gym.



Volunteer Angela Bell and fourth grade student Avery LaBonte amid pies and pastries at the mobile food pantry distribution on March 20 at JKL Bahweting Public School Academy.



JKL teacher and parent of a JKL student, Barb Rogers, once helped acquire funding for a Feeding America West Michigan food truck delivery using a combination of old-fashioned networking and state-of-the-art, high-tech savvy networking.



Second grade teachers Laurie Jarvie and Tara Allison stand by boxes of fresh bananas.

They're doing an amazing job with help from volunteers and others. But they could sure use some more help to meet the demand. See story on page 18.

Photos courtesy of Kristen Corbiere



JKL Bahweting teacher and parent of a JKL student, Kellye Sipes, helps a client bag some goods.

Opens
April 29th

Weatherization Program

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority will be accepting applications for the Weatherization Program beginning April 29, 2019 thru May 28, 2019

The purpose of the Weatherization Program is to provide energy conservation improvements for homeowners in need of repair/replacement to improve the energy efficiency of their home.

Description of services to include:

- Repair/Replacement of Roofs, windows, and exterior doors
- Air-sealing measures such as weather stripping and caulking
- Insulation of pipes, skirting, roof area/attic

- Must be a Sault Tribe Household
- Must Own Home and Land
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27th Annual
Gathering of the Eagles
Traditional Powwow

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August 16-18, 2019
Hessel, Mi

Sault Tribe 2019 schedule of annual powwows

Below is a list of Sault Tribe powwows that have confirmed their 2019 powwow dates.

Please check www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/culture for the latest powwow schedule.

38th Annual Sault Tribe Traditional Powwow and Summer Gathering — The 38th annual Sault Tribe Traditional Powwow and Summer Gathering is scheduled for July 4-7 at the tribe's powwow grounds off of Shunk Road on Ice Circle.

Spiritual gathering is on Thursday, July 4. Festivities begin on July 5 with a kid's carnival at 5:30. Grand entries on Saturday, July 6, at 1 and 7 p.m., with a traditional feast at 5 p.m. Grand entry on Sunday, July 7, is at noon.

This year's celebration features singing and dancing contests, traditional community feast, authentic food and craft vendors. Drug, alcohol and political free event.

If you have any questions please call Sault Tribe Cultural Division at (906) 635-6050.

23rd Annual Sugar Island Traditional Powwow — The 23rd annual Sugar Island Traditional Powwow is Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21, at the Sugar Island Powwow grounds. Spiritual gathering, Friday, July 19 at 12 p.m. Powwow July 20-21. July 20 grand entries at 1 and 7 p.m. Feast at 5 p.m. July 21 grand entry 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Colleen Medicine at (906) 430-0886 or crmedicine1@gmail.com. Free and open to the public. No drugs, alcohol, dogs or politics.

16th Annual Youth Empowerment Powwow — The 16th annual Youth Empowerment Powwow is Saturday, July 27, at the Fairgrounds in Rexton Twp. Park, Rexton, Mich. Sponsored by the Youth Education and Activities Program.

Grand entry at 1 p.m. Give-away at 5 p.m. Feast follows at the Rexton Township Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call YEA manager Kaylynn Cairns at (906) 635-7010. All dancers and drums welcome.

Kitchi-Miniss Munising Annual Powwow — The Kitchi-Miniss Munising Annual Powwow is Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Bay Furnace Campground, Munising, Mich.

Grand entries at 12 and 6 p.m. Community feast at 4 p.m. Drugs, alcohol and dogs are not allowed.

Contact Kris LeVeque for general information at (906) 387-2368, Jen Meyer for general information at (906) 450-5246, Katy Matson for vendor information at (906) 202-0026 and Vicky Waldren for feast information at (906) 451-4572.

27th Annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow

— The 27th Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow is Friday through Sunday, Aug. 16-18, at the Hessel powwow grounds, next to Kewadin Hessel Casino.

Friday is the spiritual gathering and potluck, grand entries on Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. The feast is Saturday at 5 p.m.

All drums and dancers welcome! Public welcome! Vendors welcome! No drugs, alcohol or politics. For more information, call Charlee Brissette at (906) 630-3082 or John Causley at (906) 430-0830.

13th Annual Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow — The 13th annual Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow is Aug. 23-25 at the New France Discovery Center at the Father Marquette National Memorial, St. Ignace. The Rendezvous is open to the public. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$4 for elders and students, children under 5 are free. Blessing of the grounds Friday, Aug. 23, at 12 p.m. Grand Entry Aug. 24 at 12 and 7 p.m., and Aug. 25 at 12 p.m. For more information, contact Darryl Brown at (906) 984-2083 or the St. Ignace Events Committee at (906) 643-8717.

13th annual Gathering of the Clans Powwow — The 13th Annual Sault Tribe Manistique Area Gathering of the Clans Powwow is Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Manistique Tribal Community Center, 5698 Highway US 2, next to the Kewadin Casino. Grand entries are Saturday at 12 and 6

p.m. There will be a silent auction and a feast Saturday at 4 p.m. Donations are welcome for the feast meal. Vendors, traders and the public can call Viola Neadow at (906) 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137 or Darcy Morrow at (906) 298-1888. Admission is free and the public is invited and welcome! No drugs, alcohol, politics or dogs allowed.

16th Annual Honoring our Anishinaabe Veterans Powwow — The 16th Annual Honoring our Anishinaabe Veterans Powwow is Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Kinross Recreation Center in Kinross, Mich. Free and open to the public! Free space available to all food and craft vendors; tables available on a first-come, first-served basis. Grand Entry at 1 p.m., feast/potluck at 5 p.m. Call Sault Tribe Cultural Division at (906) 635-6050 for information.

2019 New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow — This year's New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow is Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center (Big Bear), 2 Ice Circle Drive in Sault Ste. Marie. This event is free and open to the public! All drums, dancers and eagle staffs are welcome! Honorarium for ALL Drum Groups with a minimum of four registered singers. Vendor space for craft vendors only - FREE. Tables available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call the Sault Tribe Cultural Division at (906) 635-6050.

May 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, Leelenau 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 or 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 May 2019 food distribution road schedule:

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| Cheboygan | May 29 |
| Hessel & Kincheloe | May 8 |
| Manistique 1 | May 2 |
| Manistique 2 | May 21 |
| Marquette | May 6 |
| Munising | May 17 |
| Newberry | May 10 |
| Rapid River | May 15 |
| St. Ignace | May 23 |

ACFS seeks child care homes

The Sault Tribe ACFS Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) is recruiting families interested in becoming tribal licensed family child care homes on trust lands.

The CCDF provides start-up assistance, licensing, monitoring and mini-grant opportunities to ensure the homes offer a high

quality, age-appropriate, safe and healthful environment for children.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, reside on trust land, obtain clear background checks, attend orientation training and be certified in CPR and First Aid. CCDF will assist you every step

of the way.

CCDF also offers increased pay incentives to homes that offer non-traditional hours of care, such as evening and weekends to our CCDF eligible families.

If interested, please call ACFS at (906) 632-5250.

Need help with child care? Look into Sault Tribe Child Care and Development Fund assistance

Sault Tribe ACFS CCDF child care assistance is available to eligible Sault Tribe families and children. You must be working, going to school or participating in a qualified job search program. This is an income-based program, so there is a co-pay.

Applications are online at www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs/direct-services/child-care-development-fund or at these offices:

- 1140 N State Street, St. Ignace, Mich.
- 1401 North 26th Street, Suite

105, Escanaba, Mich.

- 622 W Superior Street, Munising, Mich.
- 5698 W Highway US-2, Manistique, Mich.

Questions regarding the program? Call Angel Peer or Trish Sterling at (800) 726-0093.

Training opportunities available for eligible applicants

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

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

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

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

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

Conservation Committee meeting schedule for remainder of 2019

All meetings are held at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. Meetings are scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

Contact Linda Grossett at (906) 635-6050 or email lgrossett@saulttribe.net if you have any questions.

Tribal members are encouraged to attend.

- Monday, April 22
- Monday, May 20
- Monday, June 17
- Monday, July 22
- Monday, Aug. 19
- Monday, Sept. 23
- Monday, Oct. 14
- Monday, Nov. 18
- Monday, Dec. 16

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Sault Tribe Wellness featured at local Women In Business event

FROM SAULT TRIBE WELLNESS COLLABORATIVE

The Big Bear Arena in Sault Ste. Marie was the host site for the monthly Women in Business meeting on April 4 and featured a variety of departments from the Sault Tribe Wellness Collaborative group. The Community Health Nutrition and Diabetes Program, All-In-One Fitness Club as well as the Recreation Division took center stage for a group of 38 local business women. Most attendees were from Sault Ste. Marie; however, participants also came from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, as well as Marquette.

Maxx Anderson, motivational speaker and member of the National Speaking Association, has been facilitating the Women In Business group since 2016. The meetings started out with approximately four attendees and has grown to over 50 women at times. The meetings are held at lunch time on the first Thursday of the month at various locations and feature local cuisine, team building exercises and featured presenters. The meetings provide an opportunity for businesses to showcase their products and services, promote coming events or programs and, most importantly, network with other like-minded business women to grow their businesses.

Anderson said, "The diversity of businesses in the group is wonderful to see and has proven to be very beneficial to those involved. It was great working with Sault Tribe on all the wellness opportunities they have available in the area. It was a very informative presentation."

Sault Tribe employee fitness classes started on April 1

Free to all Sault Tribe employees! Community Health Education offers a six-week fitness class series featuring slow flow yoga and niimidaa dance fitness on alternate weeks, began on April 1.

Classes take place in the Sault

WIOA now accepting youth employment applications in tribe's service area

The Sault Tribe Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Department is accepting applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program. This is an income-based program for Native American youth aged 14 to 21 residing within the tribe's service area (Marquette, Alger, Chippewa, Luce, Mackinaw, Delta and Schoolcraft counties).

Applications can be picked

For more information on Women in Business, email WIBSooMI@outlook.com.

This collaborative event provided participants with an insulated shopping bag, fitness passes, skating passes, prizes and a folder complete with program and event information from all departments involved. Sault Tribe Community Health Nutrition and Diabetes Program also prepared yogurt parfaits as a sweet dessert following a "build your own" quinoa salad provided by the Wicked Sister. At the conclusion of the meeting, tours were provided of the Community Kitchen, the All-In-One Fitness Club as well as the Big Bear Arena.

The workgroup is preparing to launch a pilot Sault Tribe Employee Wellness Challenge in the first week of May. Some events include a cooking competition, team sports and individual strength competitions in the fitness center. This event will be free to Sault Tribe employees and great prizes will be awarded. Registration will be available at www.bigbeararena.com.

For information about events or programs, please contact one of the departments listed below or visit www.saulttribe.com or www.bigbeararena.com.

Sault Tribe Community Health Nutrition, (906) 632-5210

Sault Tribe Community Health Education, (906) 632-5210

Youth Education and Activities, (906) 253-1321

All-In-One Fitness Club, (906) 635-4935

Recreation Division, (906) 635-4758



Lauren Paitson speaking to the group during a networking session.



Prize giveaways for attendees, including information packet of wellness programs and services offered by Sault Tribe.



Maxx Anderson explaining a team building exercise to kick off the meeting.

Membership Liaison April Schedule

Unit I, Sheila Berger, (906) 635-6050, ext. 26359, (906) 259-2983 (cell)

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sault Tribe Administration, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie

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

Wa Seh Dr., St. Ignace, (906) 643-2124 (office)

Units IV and V, Mary Jenerou, (906) 450-7011
Munising Health Center, (906) 387-4721, April 24.

Manistique Health Center, (906) 341-8469, April 25.
Marquette Tribal Health Center, (906) 225-1616, April 29.

Sault Tribe health clinics in Sault Tribe service area

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1229 Washington St.
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Child abuse and neglect can last a lifetime

From ACFS

April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. During April, communities and organizations raise awareness about child abuse and neglect, and provide education on prevention. The future prosperity of any community depends on its ability to ensure the health and well being of the next generation. When a community invests wisely in children and families, the next generation will pay that back through a lifetime of productivity and social responsibility.

Child abuse and neglect often takes place in the home at the hands of a person the child knows well, and could include a parent, grandparent, babysitter, live-together partner, or friend of the family. There are four major types of child maltreatment and many times they occur concurrently.

Each state and tribe is responsible for establishing its own definitions of child abuse and neglect that meet federal minimum standards. Most include the following:

- Neglect is failure to provide for a child's basic needs.
- Physical abuse is physical injury as a result of hitting, kicking, shaking, burning, or otherwise harming a child.
- Sexual abuse is any situation where a child is used for sexual gratification. This may include indecent exposure, fondling, rape or commercial exploitation.
- Emotional abuse is any pattern of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development of sense of self-worth, including constant criticism, threats and



rejection.

During 2017 in the United States, there were 4.1 million reports of abuse and neglect of children — 673,830 children were determined to be victims of abuse or neglect in 2017, and of those 1,688 resulted in death. Child abuse and neglect happens at every socio-economic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, in all regions and levels of education.

It is important to recognize, help prevent and report suspected child abuse and neglect. Small acts from everyone in the community can help save a child from harm. Individuals in the community can play a role in helping families find the strength to raise safe, healthy and productive chil-

dren. A majority of parents do not want to intentionally harm their children and are doing the best job they know how.

Some parents have been abused themselves and do not know any other way to parent. They may suffer from mental health problems, struggle with substance abuse and commonly have high levels of stress and a lack of social support.

Child maltreatment is a traumatic experience and the impact on survivors can be profound. Traumatic events, whether an isolated single incident or ongoing chronic neglect, overwhelm children's abilities to cope and elicit powerful physical and emotional responses. These responses continue even when the danger has

passed, and often until treatment is received. Traumatic events may impair a child's ability to trust others, their sense of personal safety and effectiveness in navigating life changes. Research shows child maltreatment, like other trauma and adverse childhood experiences, is associated with poor physical health and mental health outcomes in children and families, and those negative effects can last a lifetime.

The trauma of child abuse or neglect has been associated with the following:

- Depression and suicide attempts
- Substance use
- Developmental disabilities and learning problems
- Social problems with other

children and adults

- Teen pregnancy
- Domestic violence
- Lack of school success
- Chronic illness

Making a report of suspected abuse or neglect can often lead to getting parents and children the necessary services and assistance to improve their current circumstances and ensure a safe environment for the entire family. Parenting is one of the toughest and most important jobs. We all have a stake in ensuring parents have access to the support they need to be successful.

There are a number of family support programs offered through Anishnaabek Community and Family Services in place to assist children and families in the tribe's service area. The primary goal of these programs is to help parents of tribal children with a variety of resources and support to ensure their children are safe, protected and have adequate care.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about family support programs or requesting services offered through ACFS please call (800) 726-0093 or 632-5250.

To report a case of suspected abuse or neglect of a child, please contact the Michigan Department of Human Services Child Protective Services 24 hour intake hotline at (855) 444-3911. All calls are confidential and reporting sources are protected by law.

Resources: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and American Psychology Association.

Current vacancies on Sault Tribe committees

The following Sault Tribe committees have vacant seats.

Sault Tribe members interested in filling the vacancies on committees listed below 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 for any questions.

Anishinaabe Cultural

Committee - five vacancies –three males (4-year term), two female (4-year term)

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

Election Committee - six vacancies (4-year term)

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

Health Board - five vacancies (4-year term)

Housing Committee - Unit I - one vacancy (4-year term) Unit IV - one vacancy (4-year term)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Unit IV - Escanaba (4-year term) one regular

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

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

Elder Subcommittee

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

Unit II - Hessel (4-year term), three regular vacancies, two alternate vacancies

Unit II - Naubinway (4-year

term), three regular vacancies, two alternate vacancies

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

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

Unit IV - Manistique (4-year term), one regular vacancy

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

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

Billy Mills walk and run set for May 11 in Sault Ste. Marie

The Billy Mills Fun Run/Walk featuring special guest speaker Billy Mills is slated for May 11 this year. The road race event is designed to promote a healthful living. Runners and walkers from all around the area participate every year. In addition to a 5K race, a 5K walk takes place along with a youth one-mile run and a tot trot

for younger children.

The popular event helps foster a healthier community by promoting healthful living and builds self-confidence. Families enjoy spending time together and racers engage in a little friendly competition.

On the morning of May 11, the tot trot begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by the youth one-mile run.

The 5K run and 5K walk begin at approximately 9 a.m. All races begin at JKL Bahweting School, 1301 Marquette Avenue, in Sault Ste. Marie. Anyone of any age or ability is invited to participate.

The top male and female 5K runners in the regular (aged 4-39), masters (aged 40-59) and grand masters (aged 60 and over) age divisions and the top overall male and female 5K walkers receive a plaque. All other participants receive medals.

The number of race shirts are limited and given on a first-come basis. Pre-register and arrive early on race day to get the right size.

Early registration preferred, but competitors may register on race day. Late registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends promptly at 8:15 a.m. After 8:15 a.m., registration not accepted and bibs not distributed.

Pre-registered participants also need to arrive by 8:15.

Ecological film festival shows in downtown Sault Ste. Marie

The Three Lakes Group of the Sierra Club is sponsoring a free "Taking Care of the Earth" Film Festival throughout April in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Those interested in catching remaining film showings may do so according to this schedule:

Thursday, April 25, 7-8:30 p.m., at the Bayliss Public Library. *Plastics And Consumption*

Saturday, April 27, 1-2:30

p.m. at the Bayliss Public Library. *Extinction Is Forever*

Tuesday, April 30, 7-8:30 p.m., at the Bayliss Public Library. *A Look At What You'll Inherit*

Bayliss Public Library can be reached by telephone at 632-9331. Those interested in learning more about the Three Lakes Group of the Sierra Club should visit tlgsierraclub.org or find it on Facebook.



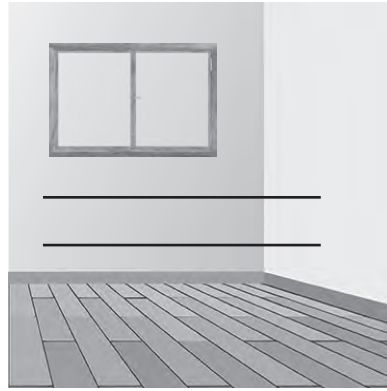
Mills, left, in the 1994 Billy Mills Fun Run and Walk in Sault Ste. Marie.

Anishinaabemowin 2019

“Don’t think about what can happen in a month. Don’t think about what can happen in a year. Just focus on the 24 hours in front of you and do what you can to get closer to where you want to be.” *A new language is learned a few words or a phrase at a time!*

Minookmi- spring (some say Ziigwan)

- Goon n’giza The snow is melting.
- Gimiwan It is raining.
- Minwaasage giizis The sun is shining.
- Minamaagwat noodin The air smells good.
- N’miigwechendam I am thankful.

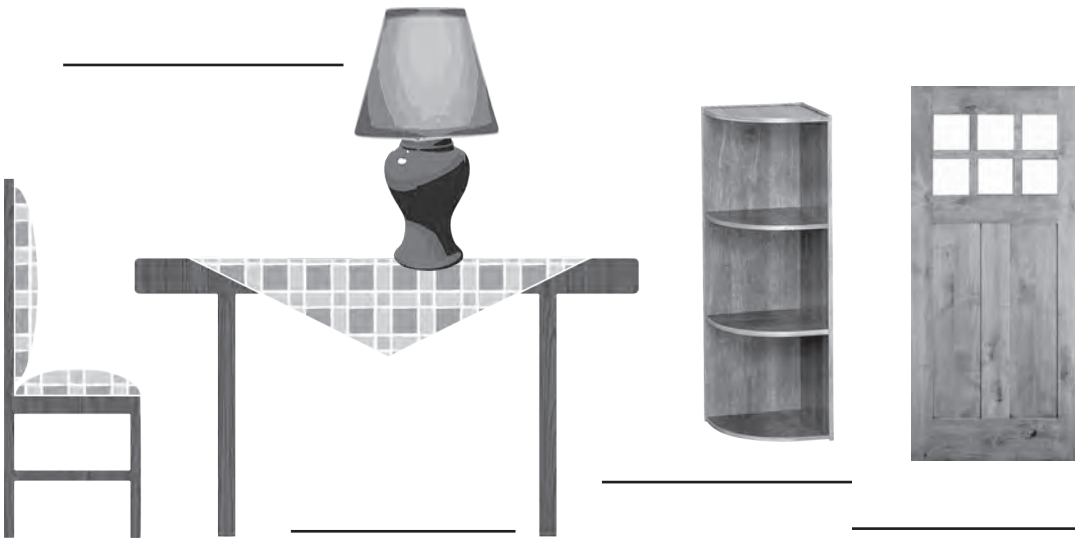


Midaaswi (10) things around home that are not alive:

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|----------|-------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Doopwin | Table | Shkwaandam | Door |
| Pabwin | Chair | Waskwanenjigan | Lamp |
| Asmaatik | Wall | Deschigan | Shelf |
| Mchisak | Floor | Waasechigan | Window |
| | Giigadoo biiwaabikoonhs | Phone | |
| | Mijimenjigan | Computer | |

**Add an “an” at the end of these words to talk about more than one of them. Use them in the “little chats”!

Helpful suggestion: Write the Anish label on the pictures of these items on this page **and** tape pieces of mzinigan with those words on those same items in your house. Practice them till you own them, until they’re alive in your memory!



An old Ojibway man was on his death bed with only hours to live. He suddenly smelled the delicious fragrance of fry bread. Oh, he loved fry bread more than anything else in the world. With his last bit of energy he made his way to the kitchen. His beloved wife Florence was making up dough for another batch. As he reached out for one of the fresh steaming fry breads, his wife tapped him on the hand. “Leave them alone,” she said. “They’re for the funeral!”



Zaasgookwed bkwezhigan — fry bread

Dr. Art Leighton was our tribe historian a few years ago. In one of his lunch-time talks he reminded us fry bread was actually poverty food, which we made from commodities the U.S. government gave to replace the natural, healthful foods we could no longer obtain from depleted reservation land. Nevertheless, zaasgookwed bkwezhigan really tickled our tastebuds and remains a favorite to this day!

Namebin Giizis Sucker Moon

by Susan Askwith



Why name a moon/month for the humble sucker fish?

Well, suckers are the first fish to migrate as soon as the lake warms enough in spring, often before the ice is off the inland lakes. And they come in big happy numbers to spawn.

Different tribes have their Namebin Giizis in February depending on the usual time spring, bringing suckers, comes for them.

Can you imagine what a gift that was to our ancestors after harsh winters and dwindling food resources? In the eastern U.P. we get “white” and “red” suckers which can be had by dipping with a net, spearing or pole fishing through ice. Though they’re bottom feeders, their flesh is

mild and slightly sweet. They do have a lot of bones to watch for. Ultimately, suckers are an abundant, renewable and delicious source of food. We are a grateful people, saying “G’miigwechi gwa gii bagidenindizoyan.” Thank you for the sacrifice of yourself.

And thank you to my brother David Yon, for helping me understand fishing for suckers. He has a lot of funny stories of going out to do that with family and other tribe members. Perhaps you have your own stories about sucker fishing to share around a campfire or kitchen table.

Giigoonh- fish **Giigoonhke-** he/she is fishing

Time to play the numbers game again

What have we got so far in 2019? One, two, three, four, five, seven and ten: Bezhik, niizh, nswe, niwin, naanan, niizhwaaswi and midaaswi. Let’s pick up the other three to make 10.

Last month you learned that if “one” is part of a bigger word, we say “ngod.” Also that “waaswi” doesn’t mean “add on to 5” but that’s a helpful little trick for remembering. So: 6 is ngodwaaswi (1+5).

Of course 7 was niizhwaaswi (2+5). Eight is Nshwaaswi (3+5). Note the little glitches in the pattern for 8: in nswe (3) the “s” becomes “sh” and the “e” is dropped. Finally we have the weirdest one since it doesn’t fit the pattern: 9 = zhaangswi. What can we say? It’s a little rascal. We need little rascals to spice up our lives!

Zhiingendaagozi - He (or she) is a little rascal!

Little chats

Bangii ganoozh! (Have a little conversation!)

Wegonesh wi*? What is that?

Mzinigan wi. That’s the newspaper.

*This is the way to talk about things NOT alive!

Fun fact

Mzinigan is indeed a newspaper, but it also the word for just paper of any kind, AND it means a book! So it boils down to meaning a papery item. Like all the non-living things around us, if we want to talk about more than one of them, we attach an “an” to the end of the word: *Mziniganan*.

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.

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|----|------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 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.

Feds investigating IHS child safety

BY RICK SMITH

After the investigation, trial and conviction on of a U.S. Indian Health Service (IHS) pediatrician on charges of molesting patients in Montana and more charges on allegations in North Dakota, the White House and IHS announced the formation of a task force to “investigate the institutional and systemic breakdown that failed” to protect the children.

The pediatrician was sentenced to 18 years in the Montana convictions.

Members of the seven-member task force are Joseph Grogan, assistant to the president for domestic policy; Trent Shores, U.S. attorney; Bo Leach, Bureau

of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services special agent in charge; Stephanie Knapp, MSW, LCSW, child/adolescent forensic interviewer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office for Victims Assistance Child Victim Services Unit; Shannon Bears Cozzoni, U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Oklahoma tribal liaison and assistant U.S. attorney; Catilin A. Hall, MD, FAAP, IHS health center clinical director and pediatrician of Bloomfield, N.M.; and Farnoosh Faezi-Marian, Office of Management and Budget program examiner.

The White House said the task force investigation is separate from any other investigation

concerning the convicted pediatrician and will not interfere with any current or future reviews by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or outside independent contractors retained by IHS.

“The Indian Health Service is committed to ensuring a culture of quality, leadership and accountability,” IHS Principal Deputy Director Michael Weahkee said in the agency’s announcement. “Protecting our patients is a key element of our commitment to delivering quality care.”

He added that the task force will complement action taken and planned by IHS to protect patients and communities.

Culture camp activities coming in May

SPRING FASTING CAMP, MAY 7-11

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program hosts a spring fasting camp, “Makade Kewinan,” is set for May 7-11, at the Mary Murray Culture Camp at 266 Homestead Road on Sugar Island off of Sault Ste. Marie.

We are all spirits living a human life. Learning to sit with our first family allows our spirit to reconnect with who we are as Anishinaabeg

Please remember offerings are the traditional way, make sure you are prepared and have your asemaa for the spirits.

Ladies, please be mindful of your moon time cycle/teachings.

For more information or if planning to attend, please call Laura Downwind at (906) 632-5268 or Lori Gambardella at (906) 632-0236.

Chi miigwech to everyone for bringing healing and wellness back to our Anishinaabek communities.

SPRING RELEASING CEREMONY, MAY 8-11

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program hosts a spring releasing ceremony over May 8-11 at the Mary Murray Culture Camp at 266 Homestead Road on Sugar Island off of Sault Ste. Marie.

We are a unique race of people with our own ways and abilities

to heal through spiritual connection. To sit with mother earth and be still away from society allows one to self-reflect and heal the spirit.

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Sault Tribe Job Openings

SAULT & KINCHELOE
 Child care aide
 Clinic manager
 Comptroller
 Data entry clerk (Purchasing)
 Executive assistant (Exec Office)
 Facility manager
 General counsel
 Human Resource generalist
 Human Resource manager
 Medical case manager
 Medical laboratory technician
 Recruiter (Health)
 Senior accountant
 Shelter worker
 Traditional practitioner asst. I
 Tribal attorney
 Youth program administrator (Chi Mukwa)
 Youth Wellness coach
 HESSEL, ST. IGNACE, ESCANABA, MANISTIQUE, MARQUETTE, MUNISING & NEWBERRY
 Staff dentist (St. Ignace)
 Community health technician (Hessel)
 Maintenance technician (St. Ignace Lambert Center)
 Tutor (Escanaba/Gladstone) - seasonal
 Student services asst (Escanaba)
 Dietician (St. Ignace)
 Student services assistant (St.

Ignace)
 Tutor (Manistique) – part time/seasonal
 Clinical social worker (Manistique)
 Bus aide (St. Ignace)
 Staff dentist (Manistique)
 Program clerk (Newberry)
 Community Health technician (Newberry)
 KEWADIN CASINO SAULT KEWADIN
 Banquet server - part time/on call
 ST. IGNACE KEWADIN
 Busser – part time/regular
 Guest room attendant
 Guest room attendants
 Front desk clerks
 Assistant executive chef
 Cage cashiers
 Bartenders
 Lead cook
 Players Club clerks
 HESSEL KEWADIN
 Deli/bar utility person
 CHRISTMAS KEWADIN
 Bar server
 Line cook
 Lead cook
 Enterprise openings
 Maintenance technician (Sawyer Village, Gwinn)
 Facilities manager (Demawating Development)

Manistique Women’s Gathering

Kewag Mawanji’iding Women’s Gathering is set for May 7 at the Manistique Tribal Community Center, 5689 W U.S. HWY-2.

Traditional Anishinaabe water and regalia teachings, local indigenous pot luck feast, drum songs,

spot dances and giveaways!
 Open to women from across the seven county service area. Space is limited to 70 participants. Dance regalia encouraged!
 To reserve your spot or to get more information, please call Gail Sulander at (906) 341-8469.

MAY DAYS
 ALL SITES - SATURDAYS IN MAY
 *excluding St. Ignace on May 25

over
\$32,000
 in CASH
 and Credits!

Hot Seat Draws 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
 Win up to \$200 Kewadin Credits

Draws for up to \$500 Cash
 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

See Northern Rewards Club to register and for more details.
 Must earn 50 base points to earn entries and qualify for promotion.

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 HESSEL + CHRISTMAS + MANISTIQUE
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SPRING FLING - ALL SITES - Saturdays in April
 CASH Draws 10 p.m. Win up to \$1,500. Table draws 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to Win \$25 Kewadin Credits or \$10 Match Play
 Win your share of \$35,000 CASH and Credits!

FORTUNE FRIDAYS - ALL SITES - Fridays in April
 4 p.m.-11 p.m. Win a chance to pick a treasure chest filled with up to \$400 CASH
 Win Your Share of \$22,500 in CASH and Credits!

JERROD NIEMANN “WHAT DO YOU WANT” FRIDAYS ALL SITES - May 3-24
 Hot seat draws 12 p.m.- 10 p.m. win \$25 Kewadin Credits
 May 3, 10, 17 “What Do You Want” Draws 6 p.m.-10 p.m. choose \$50 Kewadin Credits or two tickets to see Jerrod Niemann
 Grand Prize Draws May 24 to win \$500-\$1,500 CASH*
 *Depending on casino location

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY - ALL SITES - Sunday, May 12
 All women register at Northern Rewards Club to receive \$10 in Kewadin Credits

MOTHER’S DAY BUFFET - Sunday, May 12 - Noon-8 p.m.
 St. Ignace Horseshoe Bay and DreamCatchers Sault Ste. Marie
 Adults \$18.95; Children Ages 6-12 - \$10.95; Under 5 Years - Free

31ST ANNIVERSARY CASH PARTY
 St. Ignace - Saturday, May 25
 Hot seat draws 3 p.m.-11 p.m.
 Cake and hors d’oeuvres at 7 p.m. (while supplies last)
 \$1,000 CASH Draw at 11 pm. \$2,000 CASH Draw at Midnight!

KEWADIN CASINO ST. IGNACE
 \$22,500 Mega Bingo - April 27
 Up to \$15,000 Video Poker Tournament - May 3-4
 Up to \$15,000 Spin to Win Tournament - May 31-June 2

KEWADIN CASINO SAULT STE. MARIE
 \$15,000 Keno Tournament - April 26-28
 \$15,000 Keno Tournament June 21-23
 Up to \$15,000 Video Poker Tournament - July 12-14

* Point requirement for all promotions. See Northern Rewards Club for more details.
 Must register at Northern Rewards for promotions and tournaments. Club hours vary by site.

Conservation Corner: 2019 changes for inland, Great Lakes licenses; elk and bear lotteries

BY ROBERT MARCHAND, CHIEF OF POLICE

Inland Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) has been busy issuing Inland Hunting, Fishing and Gathering licenses since March 1. Please remember that your 2018 licenses expire March 31, 2019 (as displayed on card). Also remember that regardless of activity, if you held a 2018 Harvest license, hunting tags, non-hunting harvest license, etc., you are required to submit the annual Harvest Report. Failure to do so will delay the renewal of your 2019 licenses until that report is received.

Each year, STLE provides an informational letter with all Inland licenses issued. This year, hunting seasons/bag limits and fishing seasons/bag limits are attached to the informational letter. This letter provides information regarding where members are able to find the full sets of rules and regulations associated with these treaty rights.

It is each member's responsibility to learn and know the rules that govern these rights; members are always welcome to contact STLE if they cannot find the information they are looking for in the tribal code. Included in this year's letter are the changes Sault Tribe's Board of Directors have authorized to Tribal Code Chapter 21 related to deer and baiting, detailed below:

21.702 Deer.

The Chronic Wasting Disease Core Area is defined in Kent, Ionia, Montcalm, Mecosta, Newaygo, and Ottawa Counties. Transportation of deer carcasses from the Chronic Wasting Disease Core Area is prohibited unless it is deboned meat, quarters or other parts of a cervid that do not have any part of the spinal column or head attached, antlers, antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue, hides, upper canine teeth, or a finished taxidermist mount. AND

21.519 Baiting. (6) Effective Jan. 31, 2019, baiting and feeding deer is prohibited in the Lower Peninsula.

Tribal members are able to apply for the lottery drawing for bear and elk tags during the month of May. There is a \$4 application processing fee (16 and under are free, and 60 and over are free). The applications will be available at STLE or in this newspaper (*pages 5 and 11*). Winners are drawn at the first Conservation Committee meeting in June.

Walleye Season on Inland lakes and streams closes in the Upper Peninsula April 1 through May 14. Walleye Season in the Lower Peninsula closed March 15 through April 26 this year. Walleye Season in the streams tributary to the Bays de Noc is closed March 15 through May 15. Tributaries to Bays de Noc include Sturgeon River, Escanaba River, Days River, and Rapid River. During all the closures,

you must contact the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department to obtain a permit. This department can be reached at (906) 632-6132.

Great Lakes Commercial Fishing

Please remember that all licenses issued in 2018 expired Dec. 31, 2018 (as displayed on card), and until you renew for 2019 following the regular process, you are not licensed to fish. If you have not renewed for 2019 yet, you are not required to submit monthly or bi-weekly harvest reports.

Please contact STLE to schedule your appointment to renew for 2019.

If you are properly licensed, and fish in MM123, the bi-weekly harvest report submission is still in effect. Reports in this area for the period of the 1st – 15th are due at STLE no later than the 20th of the month. Reports for the period of the 16th – end of the month are due no later than the 10th of the following month.

If you are properly licensed, and fish in any other areas other than MM123, you are required to submit monthly harvest reports no later than the 10th of the following month. If you are properly licensed, and do not have any activity or do not have any catch to report, you are still required to submit a report of no activity/no catch by the 10th of the following month. For example, for the month of April, your reports are due to STLE no later than May

10th.

STLE has provided several methods to turn in your harvest reports: U.S. Mail to P.O. Box 925, Sault, MI 49783; fax to (906) 632-0691 – if you fax, you must call STLE to ensure your report was received; hand deliver to STLE at 2175 Shunk Road, Sault, Mich.; and now there is a black mailbox attached to the column at the right of the entrance to the George K. Nolan Judicial Building that STLE is located in that you may submit your reports after hours or on the weekends.

CORA has implemented an Administrative Order regarding MM123, and an Interim Regulation regarding gillnet fishing in MH1. All captains should have received a copy from CORA but STLE will be including a copy of these orders in the Captain report packets. If you have not received these notices and would like a copy, please contact STLE at (906) 635-6065 and one will be mailed to you.

Great Lakes Subsistence/Gillnetting Fishing

Please remember that all licenses issued in 2018 expired Dec. 31, 2018 (as displayed on card/s), and until you renew for 2019, you are not authorized to fish UNLESS you are fishing using your tribal enrollment card AND following state of Michigan rules.

Until you renew your subsistence/gillnet licenses each year, you are not required to

submit monthly catch reports. Regardless of the day of the month you renew your license, you are still required to submit a catch report for the month you renewed. For example, if you renew on April 30th, you are required to submit a report for the month of April that will be due no later than May 10. Regardless of catch, or activity, any time you hold a subsistence or a subsistence and gillnet license you are required to submit a monthly catch report.

General Information

All tribal codes that regulate treaty fishing and/or hunting activities can be found at www.saulttribe.com, Government at the top, Tribal Code from drop down list. Chapters 21 and 23 regulate Inland Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering activities; Chapter 20 and CORA Code regulate Commercial Fishing and Subsistence and Subsistence Gillnet Fishing.

Please remember that when you obtain any of the authorized treaty licenses, it is your responsibility to learn and understand the rules governing those rights. However, if you cannot find the answers you are looking for in any of the tribal codes that regulate all Sault Tribe treaty licenses, please contact STLE at (906) 635-6065 and you will be put in touch with a conservation officer who will be able to assist. STLE not only issues all treaty licenses, but is responsible for enforcing the laws associated with them.

BENCH WARRANT AMNESTY PROGRAM

April 8 through May 31, 2019



Sault Tribe's Tribal Court is offering bench warrant amnesty for tribal members and others who have bench warrants out for their arrest for failing to pay their outstanding fines and costs.

Individuals who have been facing arrest for failure to pay their outstanding fines/costs can meet with court staff to make arrangements for payments and have their warrants lifted. Anyone paying their fines and costs in full will receive a 20 percent discount off the total owed. The amnesty and discounted rate is only for those with warrants that were issued as a result of failure to pay.

Anyone wanting to take advantage of the amnesty day should appear at the Tribal Court, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. between now and May 31. Anyone appearing during that time must appear in person and be willing to work with the court staff to resolve the outstanding issue. Tribal Court's current list of individuals eligible for amnesty are as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------|----------|------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------|-------|
| Nicholas Adamek | TR-05-17 | \$110 | Ivan Fordyce | CIN-00-52 | \$5,150 | Jordan LaBranche | CC-17-30 | \$50 | Azalia Neal | CIN-06-19 | \$800 |
| Anthony Adams | CIN-05-27 | \$750 | Jason Frazier | C-17-175/225/230 | \$450 | Michael LaDuke | CIN-01-01/02 | \$680 | Jocque Nolan | C-15-193/244 | \$80 |
| Lon Ailing | CC-18-70 | \$50 | Jason Frazier | C-17-158 | \$150 | Joseph Landrum | CIN-00-57/58 | \$2,750 | Errol Osley | CIN-17-04 | \$900 |
| Re-Al Armstrong | CIN-16-27 | \$1,450 | Kari Gamble | CIN-07-13 | \$300 | Peter Lawlor | CC-18-96 | \$50 | Jennifer Payment | CC-18-51 | \$50 |
| Jacqueline Auger | CC-18-71 | \$50 | Austin Garries | C-13-121 | \$150 | Randolph Lawrence | CC-16-94 | \$50 | Joselynn Payment | CC-17-48 | \$50 |
| Gregory Austin Jr. | CIN-08-24 | \$200 | Kristy Gaskin | CC-16-79 | \$50 | Kevin Lewis | CC-18-97 | \$50 | Letha Pauley | CIN-01-77 | \$180 |
| Ashley Bennin | CC-18-72 | \$50 | David Gaskin | CC-16-14 | \$50 | Richard Magee | CIN-07-28 | \$850 | Raenell Penass | CR-13-76 | \$100 |
| Aaron Berden | CIN-05-24 | \$100 | Jesse Germain | C-09-136 | \$75 | Triston Massera | CC-18-35 | \$50 | Jesse Petingalo | CIN-07-26 | \$300 |
| Kelli Blake | CIN-07-57 | \$200 | Cory Gilley | CIN-07-29 | \$600 | Aaron Mastaw | C-18-45 | \$40 | Aaron Phillips | TR-9543/44/45 | \$321 |
| Henry Bouley Jr. | TR-06-16 | \$77 | Derek Green | CC-16-17 | \$50 | Bertie Mattinas | CR-02-42/43 | \$402.50 | Michael Pierce | CR-03-03/04/05 | \$950 |
| Alaysia Brewer | CC-18-74 | \$50 | Andrew Grogan | C-14-186 | \$220 | Clifford McCall | C-17-13 | \$40 | Jolene Pine | CC-18-110 | \$50 |
| Tiffany Bunker | CC-18-76 | \$50 | Chad Guerin | CIN-00-62 | \$150 | Clifford McCall | C-16-146/174/193 | \$120 | William Quicksey | CIN-00-53 | \$650 |
| Richard Cada | CR-06-28 | \$320 | Lawrence Harper | CC-17-19 | \$50 | Clifford McCall | C-16-250/228 | \$80 | Jason Reeve | CR-03-54 | \$345 |
| William Cain | CC-17-05 | \$50 | Steven Haskell | CIN-00-43 | \$590 | Janet McCue | TR-04-31 | \$90 | Frank Schultz | CC-16-43 | \$50 |
| Robert Campbell | CIN-02-22 | \$200 | Scott Heathorn | CIN-00-03 | \$550 | Jessie McGee | CIN-06-20 | \$753.73 | Frank Schultz | CC-17-121 | \$50 |
| Marie Capalbo | TR-13-17 | \$153.64 | Jeff Hembolt- | Surety Bond | | Kalin McGahey | CC-18-37 | \$50 | Daniel Sigan | CIN-00-26 | \$700 |
| Eugene Carie | CC-18-78 | \$50 | | Bonding Agency | \$100 | Kelsie McGahey | CC-18-102 | \$50 | Steven Smith | CIN-02-52 | \$430 |
| Leslie Carrier | TR-94-27/28 | \$129 | Patrick Hodge | CIN-06-25 | \$800 | Caleb McKerchie | CC-18-38 | \$50 | Nathan Snowberger | C-15-286/16-09 | \$80 |
| Cheyanna Cassibo | CR-09-60 | \$190 | Autumn Hoffman | CC-18-25 | \$50 | Landon Menard | CC-17-111 | \$50 | Hayden Switzer | C-17-179/215/248 | \$120 |
| Sally Cooper | TR-95-35 | \$122 | Richard Holland | CC-18-94 | \$50 | Wilfred Menard | CC-18-41 | \$50 | Jennifer Tadgerson | CC-17-125 | \$50 |
| Kyle Councillor | TR-95-77 | \$85 | Karen Homminga | CC-17-22 | \$50 | Robert Meredith | CIN-03-33 | \$650 | Joanne Thomas | TR-93-162 | \$62 |
| Michael Cootware | CC-18-79 | \$50 | John Irving | CIN-00-71 | \$100 | Angela Miller | CC-18-105 | \$50 | Jeffrey Thompson | CIN-02-50 | \$250 |
| Albert Cress | CR-08-11 | \$500 | Dale Jean | CIN-02-14 | \$750 | David Miller | CR-10-43 | \$180 | Patrick Wallace | CIN-03-34 | \$750 |
| Mindy DeRosier | CC-16-10 | \$50 | Deborah Jordan | TR-99-160 | \$100 | Laurence Miller | CIN-16-05 | \$1,050 | Mia Wemigwans | CC-16-64 | \$50 |
| Duncan Doran | CC-17-96 | \$50 | Howard Kimball | TR-99-126 | \$217 | Linas Mockaitis | CIN-00-74 | \$300 | William Wheelock | CR-13-75 | \$100 |
| Wesley Dorn | TR-93-66/67 | \$294 | Montana Kingbird | CR-07-75 | \$400 | Michael Morales | CC-17-113 | \$50 | Brent Wiartalla | C-18-04 | \$75 |
| Lauren Farley | CIN-00-44 | \$175 | Kenneth Kinney | CC-17-28 | \$50 | Richard Moore | CIN-02-28 | \$50 | Mitchell Wilson | CIN-07-23 | \$200 |
| Dawn Farnsworth | TR-00-54 | \$120 | Marsha LaBlanc | CC-17-104 | \$50 | Keegan Morrison | CR-09-11 | \$150 | Stewart Yokeum | CR-14-05 | \$300 |

Michigan's first American Indian deputy legal counsel appointed

BY RICK SMITH

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently appointed a citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Winona Singel, as the first American Indian deputy legal counsel for the governor's office of Michigan. In her capacity as deputy legal counsel, Singel also serves as the tribal affairs advisor to the governor.

"I'm thrilled to work with Wenona on strengthening our relationships with Michigan tribes," Whitmer said in announcing the appointment. "As a first step, I directed each state department to develop a tribal consultation policy."

Singel has a long a distinguished background. Her education includes a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School along with appointments as associate professor of law at Michigan State University College of Law, associate director for the MSU Indigenous Law and Policy Center and faculty member of the MSU American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program. She also held positions at the University of Arizona and the University of North Dakota. She taught courses in property, federal Indian law, natural resources law, environmental justice in Indian Country, tribal economic development and global perspectives on

indigenous peoples.

"I'm honored to join Governor Whitmer as deputy legal counsel and advisor for tribal affairs," said Singel. "I look forward to working closely with the Governor and her team to identify ways that we can strengthen the state's relationship with each of Michigan's tribes."

Singel worked with legal firms in Ann Arbor and Bloomfield Hills in Michigan and another firm in Washington, D.C., authored 26 publications on law concerning American Indians and 29 tribal court opinions and rules. She has given 122 presentations on topics surround Indian law as well as provided numerous ser-

VICES to scholarly and professional organizations plus others.

Her honors include a presidential appointment with U.S. Senate confirmation to the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and elected as a member of the American Law Institute.

She is admitted to the State Bar of Michigan, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Among several of her research are federal Indian law, tribal governance, tribal justice systems and international human rights.



Winona Singel, recently appointed by Michigan Governor Whitmer.

LaPlaunt appointed to state committee of national nurses association

BY RICK SMITH

The American Nurses Association-Michigan (ANA-MI) Board of Directors recently announced the appointment of Cheryl LaPlaunt to a two-year term on the organization's



Cheryl LaPlaunt

Nursing and Health Policy Committee. She is the manager of the Sault Tribe medical clinic in St. Ignace and was selected to sit on the committee along with five other nurses from throughout the state. LaPlaunt is the only member of the committee from the Upper Peninsula, she has been a member of ANA-MI since December of 2018.

"I have been on many committees throughout our local committees," said LaPlaunt, "however, this is the first time I've pushed

myself to be on a committee outside of my community. As the most inclusive professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 3.6 million registered nurses, we [the ANA] are an important voice and expert resource when it comes to any health care initiatives. I truly look forward to sharing my expertise with our professional issues panels, which drive toward informed decision-making, member engagement and active dialogue with members. I'm hoping nurses all around will reach out to me and let me know what issues they're facing and explore what we can do to further help health care in our tribe. This is a committee that can really bring forth change. I am a voice for what happens in Indian Country."

The appointments were among selections made for six committees in all with a total of 34 seats. ANA-MI Executive Director Tobi Lyon Moore said the committees meet monthly and work on strategic initiatives set by the bylaws and direction provided by the organization's board of directors.

The organization lists the duties of the Nursing and Health Policy Committee:

- Develop nursing and health policy initiatives related to the organization's policies;
- Monitor and analyze nursing and health policy issues;
- Collaborate with other health

and nursing organizations in relevant policies;

- Educate and collaborate with public policy makers [governor, legislators] and relevant private and organizational policy makers;
- Monitor and address nursing and healthcare regulatory policy issues;
- Recommend and refer policy issues requiring legislative action or initiative to the Legislative Committee;
- Assume other responsibilities for health policy as provided for

in the bylaws and in policies and procedures as established by the board of directors;

- And work on a strategic plan assignment to develop a policy agenda, review rules and make recommendations and create organizational guidelines on addressing immediate and urgent public health issues.

In an introductory letter to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, ANA-MI President Carole Stacy described the organization as the most trusted and largest health care professionals group. She

wrote the organization is prepared to provide expert input for efforts to achieve a healthy Michigan, lead and serve on different bodies in support of the governor's health agenda and bring "real time" on the ground perspective to inform strategies and initiatives. Further, the organization can disseminate programs, projects and information to nurses across the state and actively work with state a variety of state agencies to assure an adequate and

See "LaPlaunt," page 10

Down Payment Assistance Program

Application Period Open April 29, 2019 through June 11, 2019

The Down Payment Assistance Program (DPAP) is designed to assist Sault Tribe members in becoming homeowners of structurally sound homes. The funds are HUD dollars and restricted to low-income Tribal members. Eligible applicants could receive up to \$9,500.00 to be applied towards down payment and closing costs. Each participating applicant will need to contribute \$500.00 of their own money to receive the maximum grant of \$9,500.00 or 20% purchase price of the home. This program is open to Sault Tribe members residing within the seven (7) county service area; Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Schoolcraft, Delta, and Marquette.

DPAP is open to Sault Tribe members with total income at or below 80% of the area median income, adjusted for family size. Participants must obtain a mortgage with a local lender. The Housing Authority will assist applicants in demonstrating that they have stable income and the ability and willingness to meet financial obligations.

DPAP funds are available to lower the cost of buying a home. Funds will be in the form of a Note applied as a lien against the property. No monthly payments apply; the amount depreciates 20% each year and is forgiven after five years.

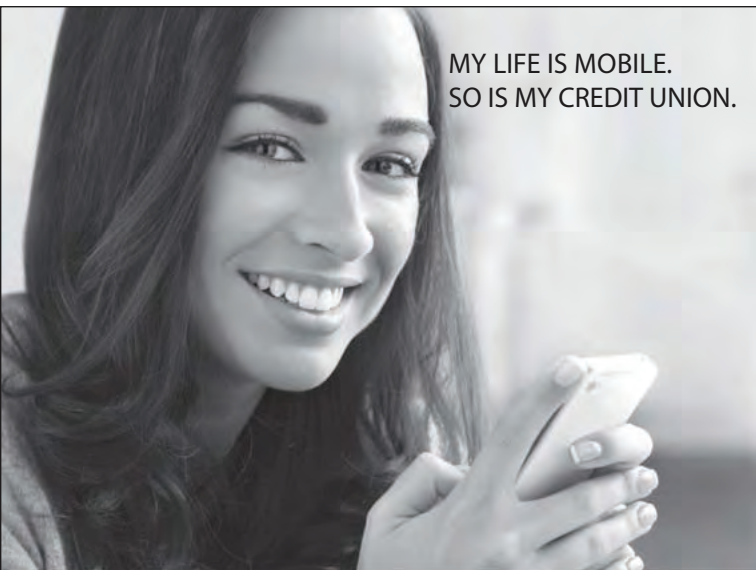
Trained staff will assist eligible applicants in successfully working through the process of making an application to a bank/lender for a mortgage loan, assist with inspection concerns, and aid in the real estate process.

Borrowers are required to participate in the Homebuyer Education session designed to assist the homebuyer in understanding and fulfilling the responsibility of homeownership.

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

Application period ends June 11, 2019 @5:00 p.m.

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Resolutions passed in March board meetings

A regular meeting of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors was held March 4 in Sault Ste. Marie at Kewadin Casino. All board members were present and 17 resolutions were passed, 13 by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2019-43 — *Request Reservation Status, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Michigan* — The board requested that its headquarters located at 523 Ashmun Street, containing .18 acres, be added to the tribe's existing reservation by the Secretary of the Interior.

44 — *Buildings – 2496 Shunk Rd., Establishment of 2019 Budget* — The board approved the establishment of a budget in the amount of \$38,467.16.

45 — *NIHB Cancer Screening Pilot Project Acceptance of Grant and Establishment of 2019 Budget* — The board accepted the \$8,000 NIHB grant and approved a FY2019 budget in the same amount.

46 — *Good Health and Wellness 2019 Budget Modification* — The budget modification as approved for a change in the personnel sheet, reallocation of expenses and an increase in federal CDC monies of \$85,871.90.

47 — *Health Center St. Ignace Medical Nursing and Housekeeping 2019 Budget Modifications* — Approved for a change in the personnel sheet, reallocation of expenses, and reallocate budgeted federal IHS monies.

48 — *American Indian Substance Abuse 2019 Budget Modification* — Approved budget modification to eliminated the budget of \$3,645.06.

49 — *Health Center Dental and Third Party Revenue 2019 Budget Modifications* — Approved changes to the personnel sheet and increase expenditure of Other Revenue – Third Party monies of \$102,014.88.

50 — *Tribal Forestry Establishment of 2019 Budget* — A budget was approved with federal BIA monies of \$4,392.

51 — *Circle of Flight Establishment of 2019 Budget* — A budget was established in the amount of \$18,270.94

52 — *Great Lakes Restorative initiative Wildlife Project Establishment of 2019 Budget* — Approved with federal BIA monies of \$962.

53 — *Trap Net Consent – COFTMA Trust Establishment of 2019 Budget* — Budget approved with state revenue monies of \$32,714.19.

54 — *Establishing New Wage Grids Early Childhood Positions* — Base pay rates for Early Childhood Education positions were increased to be competitive with wage structures statewide and went into effect March 1. COLA adjustments will begin Jan. 1, 2020.

55 — *Early Childhood Education Early Head Start HHS, Early Head Start BIA, Head Start HHS, and Head Start BIA 2019 Budget Modifications* — Modifications were approved to change the personnel sheet, reallocate expenses, and increase state revenue monies of \$1,385 and increase federal BIA monies of \$17,371.79.

56 — *Temporary Funding Authority in the Event of a Federal Government Funding Shutdown* — "... in the event of a temporary interruption of federal funding caused by the failure or refusal of the legislative and executive branches to reach agreement on a budget and/or spending authorization, the Board of Directors, hereby authorizes the Tribe's CFO, to temporarily utilize such legally available fund balances as may be identified by the CFO, subject to applicable restrictions on such funds, to assure the continued operation of federally funded tribal departments and programs until the necessary federal funding is restored or until further direction of the Board of Directors."

57 — *Consent Decree Negotiations Establishment of 2019 Budget* — A budget was approved with other revenue monies of \$12,000.

58 — *Approval Process for Naming Tribal Buildings and Facilities* — Any proposed name for tribally owned buildings, facilities or lands, will not take effect until it has been reviewed and approved by the board.

59: Partial Waiver of Convictions for Tribal Member — The board approved a partial waiver of conviction for a tribal member seeking employment for a misdemeanor charge from Feb. 2015.

The board convened on March 19 in Manistique, Mich., with all members present.

Resolution number 2019-061

— *Health Center Administration and Emergency Preparedness 2019 Budget Modifications* — A fiscal year 2019 budget reduction of state funds amounting to \$8,904 passed.

062 — *Fiscal Year 2018 Year End Reconciliations* — Tribal support funds of \$30,479.29 were reallocated for certain accounts with a reduction in total tribal support of \$2,664,483.

063 — *Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Document 001* — A total of \$5,984,783 passed with \$68,722 from tribal support.

064 — *Partial Waiver of Convictions* — Passed.

065 — *Opening Up Access to MH-1* — Rescinded six resolutions regarding commercial fishing regulations.

066 — *Smart FY2019 Support For Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program – Application* — Authorized a grant application for U.S. Department of Justice funding up to \$400,000 for child protection.

067 — *FY2019 Institute Of Museum And Library Services Basic Library Grant* — Authorized a grant application for an unspecified amount in support of the tribe's library.

068 — *Authorization To Apply For A Grant From The Economic Development Agency* — Authorized for a grant of up to \$2,500,000.

069 — *Commitment To Match The Economic Development Agency Grant* — Authorized a grant match of up to \$200,000 if needed.

070 — *Authorization To Apply For A Grant From The Michigan Economic Development Corporation* — Authorized an application up to \$300,000 for construction of industrial warehouse condo space at the Odenaang housing area in Sault Ste. Marie.

071-073 — Leases approved for properties in Kinross.

074 — *Purchase Of Property Chippewa County* — Authorized a land parcel purchase.

075 — *Approving Special Counsel Contract Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak and Somerville* — Authorized a contract between the tribe and the named legal firm ending on Dec. 31, 2019, for legal services related to treaty fishing rights.

076 — *Approving Special Counsel Contract Bruce R. Greene and Associates, LLC* — Authorized a legal services contract between the tribe and the named legal firm to expire on Dec. 31, 2019.

077 — *Approving Special Counsel Contract Alexis Lambros* — Contract approved until Dec. 31, 2019.

078 — *Approving Contract Butzel Long, P.C.* — Contract approved for legal services in for general civil litigation and related matters until Dec. 31, 2019.

079 — *Approving Contract Frost Brown Todd, LLC* — Contract approved for legal services until Dec. 31, 2019.

080 — *Authorization To Purchase White Pine Lodge Christmas, Michigan* — Authorized a \$3,000,000 loan to purchase the named property. The loan is to be repaid from revenues generated by the lodge enterprise.

081 — *Community Housing Network Malcolm School Project Authorization To Invest Eagle Lending Funds* — Authorized an investment of \$50,000 in the Community Housing Network's proposed Malcolm School Housing Project using funds from Eagle Lending.

082 — *Amending Key Employee Resolution 2005-199 Director Of Language And Culture* — Added the position of director of language and culture to the list of key team members.

See resolutions in their entirety with voting grids online at www.saulttribe.com.

BMIC council authorizes recreational marijuana

The Bay Mills Indian Community recently announced it legalized recreational use of marijuana on its reservation. On April 8, the BMIC Executive Council adopted an ordinance allowing individuals to cultivate, possess and use marijuana.

The ordinance mirrors state law on personal possession, cultivation and use. By mirroring state law, tribal members are now on equal footing with state residents. Commercial marijuana businesses are not authorized on the reservation at this time, as marijuana use is not permitted in public.

Under the tribe's new law, only those 21 and older are permitted to use and possess mari-

juana. Individuals who have previous convictions in tribal court for marijuana-based offenses can move to have those convictions vacated. BMIC will no longer criminalize marijuana offenses, as long as the guidelines of the ordinance are followed.

"Our tribal government does not necessarily promote the use of marijuana, but we believe that criminalizing it is bad policy," said BMIC Tribal Chairman Bryan Newland. "Our new tribal law ensures that people on our lands are no longer at risk of prosecution for actions that are lawful everywhere else in Michigan."

TRIBAL MEMBER REGISTRATION in the Tax Agreement Area

Tribal Members' Responsibilities
(Including the Issuance of Certificates of Exemptions)

INITIAL REGISTRATION AND OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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

LaPlaut appointed to committee

From "LaPlaut," page 9 prepared nursing workforce to care for the state's population.

"It's essential to our state's well being that nurses are present at policy development tables," Stacy wrote. She included an array of points and suggestions on state health issues such as

expanding access to health care, making health care more affordable, increasing the number of nurses and numerous other issues.

LaPlaut has been serving members of the tribe for 32 years. She became manager of the St. Ignace clinic in 2012.

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IHS officials meet with tribal health officials

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe and staff officials welcomed U.S. Indian Health Service (IHS) officials from Washington, D.C., and Bemidji, Minn., on April 2 at the tribe's Sault Ste. Marie clinic to learn more about the tribe, the tribe's health care situation and projects.

IHS is a component of the U.S. Health and Human Services Department formed especially for overseeing and providing treaty health services obligations to the American Indian nations of the United States. IHS headquarters are in Washington, D.C., with 12 regional headquarters. Sault Tribe is one of the 34 federally recognized tribes and four urban Indian health programs in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin to which the Bemidji Area Office provides services and support coverage.

The group, led by IHS Principal Deputy Director Michael Weahkee and Acting Bemidji Area Director Richard Gerry, toured the Sault facility before conferring with officials from the tribe's health services for an extensive presentation. Subjects of the presentation covered the tribe's history, an over-

view of the tribe's population and health facilities, critical health concerns and unmet needs and the Tribal Action Plan.

The presentation also included the history, hopes and situations surrounding the tribe's recovery hospital project, Enji Bgosendam Endaa'aad (Their Home of Hope), and the urgent need for the facility.

According to the IHS, Weahkee is a member of the Zuni Tribe of New Mexico born in the Shiprock Public Health Service Hospital on the Navajo reservation and grew up receiving health services directly from IHS. He began his professional health career in the U.S. Air Force as a public health specialist.

Weahkee pursued further education while in the military at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and, after leaving the Air Force, continued studies in advanced hospital administration and business administration, acquiring degrees from the Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

Weahkee has served in a variety of different leadership roles for IHS and received several IHS honors and awards.



Photo by Rick Smith

Officials from the U.S. Indian Health Service came to the tribe's health care clinic in Sault Ste. Marie on April 2 to become acquainted with some of the tribe's health facilities and projects. Seen here, from left, Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs Ben Smith, Acting Bemidji Area Director Richard Gerry, Bemidji Area Chief Financial Officer Jeff Bingham, Bemidji Area Chief Information Officer Verna Buel, Aide De Camp Phil Siebigteroth, IHS Principal Deputy Director Michael Weahkee, Sault Tribe Board of Directors Chairperson Aaron Payment and Sault Tribe Health Division Director Dr. Leo Chugunov.

Tales by the Ancient One May 4-5

The Academy of Performing Arts in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., celebrates its 18th annual theatre performance on May 4-5 with an original theatrical production of *A Tale by the Ancient One*, written, directed and produced by Luanna Luxton Armstrong.

We invite you to travel with us on a magical journey through time and space with a young man named Kuderix, who had to learn life's lessons the hard way. It wasn't until all hope had gone that he experienced the transformative powers of love, com-

passion, forgiveness and facing one's fears.

Dates for performances of *A Tale by the Ancient One* are Saturday, May 4 at 6 p.m., and Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m., at the DreamMakers Theater in the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children aged 12 and under.

Tickets available at the Kewadin Box Office by calling 1-800-KEWADIN or (906) 635-4917, and at the door.

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2019 Sault Tribe Bear Application

The 2019 bear application period will run from May 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019. All applications must be received by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement before 5:00 pm on **May 31, 2019**. Applications received after 5:00 pm on May 31, 2019 will **NOT** be accepted. A lottery will be conducted at the June Conservation Committee Meeting. Please be sure to indicate which Bear Management Unit you are applying for (see map below).

First name Middle name Last name
 Address City State Zip code
 File number (red# on Tribal card) STS number (red # on Harvest card) Phone number
 Date of birth Sex E-mail address

Please select **one** of the following Bear Management Units. Please note that all Sault Tribe bear permits are only valid with in the 1836 Ceded Territory. See map for generalized boundaries of each Bear Management Unit

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| Upper Peninsula | Lower Peninsula |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drummond | <input type="checkbox"/> Baldwin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baraga | <input type="checkbox"/> Gladwin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gwinn | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Oak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newberry | |



There is a \$4 application fee. Each bear application must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$4. Checks can be made out to 'Sault Tribe.' Elders (60 and older) and youth (16 and under) are not required to pay application fees.

Please send all applications to:
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Bear Application
P.O. Box 925
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

For questions, please contact the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department at 906-632-6132.



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Ailing memorial golf scramble set for June 15

The sixth annual Jim Ailing Memorial Golf Scramble is slated for June 15 at Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with tee off at 10 a.m.

The four-person best ball scramble is \$60 a person and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart and barbecue dinner. Prizes for first, second and third places, a raffle, door prizes and 50/50 draw.

Profits are split between Hospice of EUP and Road to Recovery.

The 50/50 drawing this year is being donated to the granddaughters of Jim and Sheri Ailing for their coming trip to Florida. Their Division 4 competitive cheer team is participating in a national competition in July in Orlando that will be broadcast on ESPN.

Sheri is accepting donations for prizes and raffles, hole sponsorships \$50. Hole sponsors get

their names, business names or messages on a sign next to a hole.

Those who don't golf but would like to attend the dinner afterwards, the cost is \$15 per person.

Participants are requested to RSVP by May 31, registration on morning of event is also offered. Contact Sheri Ailing for registration, sponsorships or donations at (906) 203-5597 or email to jimailingmemorial@yahoo.com.



Participants in the 2017 golf scramble held at the Oaks at Kincheloe.

Engadine Lady Eagle Mickaela Deace signs with Bay College

BY STEPHEN KING

On the afternoon of Wednesday, March 20, a signing

ceremony was held in the EHS gym in Engadine. There, Lady Eagle Mickaela Deace formally

signed to play basketball for the Nordics of Bay De Noc College in Escanaba.

Lady Eagle Head Coach Roger French said, "Mickaela has been a gym rat since she was in sixth grade. And, it is nice to see that all of her hard work has paid off. She has a tremendous amount of drive and dedication and I am so proud and happy that she is going on to play college ball."

Also talking about this was Bay Nordic Head Basketball Coach Rob Robinson. "I was actually at a game looking at another player on another team," he said. "Then, when I saw Mickaela, I knew that she would be a great asset to the Bay program. So, I made the decision to contact her and invite her to play at Bay."

"This is such a huge honor," Deace said. "It is like a dream come true. For as long as I can remember, it has been a dream

of mine to someday play college basketball. Now, I am going to be able to do that. I am thinking that

this will be a great experience and I am really looking forward to playing for Bay."

Mobile mammography comes to Bay Mills Health Center

BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS OFFERED MAY 9-10

The Bay Mills Health Center hosts mobile mammography screenings on Thursday, May 9, and Friday, May 10.

If you are a woman over the age of 40, and due or overdue for your annual mammogram, please contact the Bay Mills Health Center at (906) 248-8364 to make your appointment for May 9 or May 10.

This opportunity is available to all tribal members, casino employees and other residents of the eastern Upper Peninsula. Mammograms take only 20 minutes. Making an appointment with the clinic ensures the

screenings are done at no cost to the patients.

The mobile mammography unit provided by Spectrum Health Betty Ford Care Services will be providing mammograms to women in the Hannahville Indian Community prior to the arrival at Bay Mills on May 9.

Those looking for more information on the opportunity to get their mammogram at Bay Mills Health Center on May 9 and May 10 should reach out to Betty Jahnke, BSN, RN, supervisory case manager, Bay Mills Indian Community at (906) 248-8364 or at bjahnke@baymills.org.



Signing ceremony, from left, Bay College Head Coach Rob Robinson, Mickaela Deace, her mom Sherry Formolo, and, standing, Lady Eagle Head Coach Roger French.

Sault Tribe Citizen ~ Mike Payment ~ Running for Congress!



I am happy to report that my first cousin Mike Payment has launched his campaign to fill the vacant 3rd Congressional seat in North Carolina on the republican ticket. He is a county commissioner (vice-chair); volunteer fire fighter; a Navy Veteran and is offering to serve our Country as Representative in Congress. I am supporting Mike because I know his heart and know he will fight to honor our treaties.

Indian Country was blessed to have Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell serve as both a democrat and republican to ensure our tribal issues were represented. For the longest time, the only American Indian serving in the US Congress was Representative Tom Cole (Chickasaw). Then, in 2012, Representative Mark Wayne Mullins (Cherokee) joined the ranks. Last year, history was made again by electing the first two Native women to Congress ~ Debra Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) and Sharice Davids (HoChunk). Two are republican; two are democrat; but all are "I" for Indian.

Chi McGwitch, Negee!

All four Natives in Congress support **Advanced Appropriations**. Mike will do the same and be a strong advocate for tribal issues like:

Tribal Labor and Sovereignty;

Equity for tribes in any National Infrastructure Legislation;

Re-authorization of Tribal Provisions in the Violence Against Women Act;

Ensuring Tribal Parity with States to qualify for Bond Financing and Tax Incentives;

Permanent Indian Country Funding to Combat the Opiate, Substance Abuse and Suicide Crisis;

Greater Funds for Tribal Schools and Tribes to positively impact public education where 92% of Native children are educated; and

Establishment of an Indian Desk in the Office of Management and Budget so the treaty and trust responsibility is understood and honored.

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Sault schools observe sixth annual EUP Reads

By Rick Smith

Students from community schools converged in the Walker Cisler Center of Lake Superior State University on March 18 to take part in the sixth EUP Reads, a regional festive annual observance of National Reading Month.

According to Theresa Kallstrom, JKL Bahweting Public School Academy superintendent, EUP Reads was initiated by the school as a means "to provide parents with a variety of activities to help promote reading for families."

Further, according to Kallstrom, community organizations, including school districts and others provide activities that can be easily replicated in homes. Families attending the EUP Reads functions also receive prizes and refreshments and each child receives a free book courtesy of Sault Tribe.

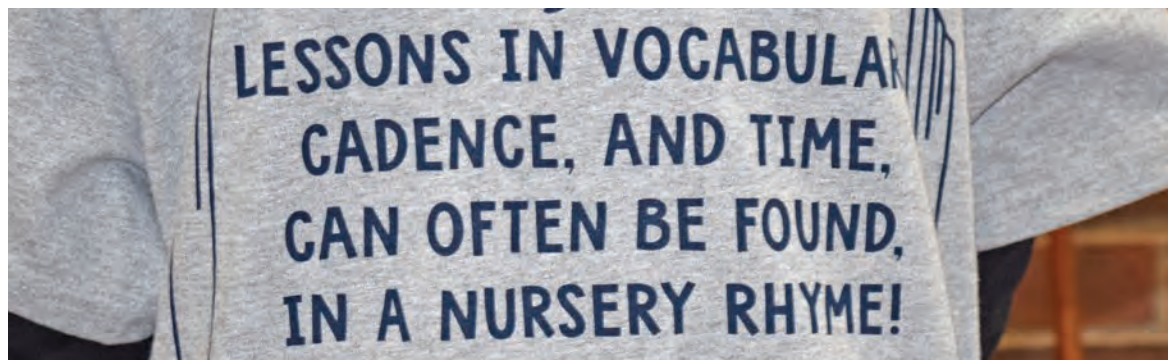
JKL Bahweting School chooses the theme for the function each year. This year the theme was nursery rhyme literature, and plenty of folks were dressed as characters from well known nursery rhymes to help young and old enjoy the celebration.

Kallstrom also said many members of Sault Tribe participate in the function emphasizing Ojibwe culture and language through reading activities.

The popular function draws hundreds of youngsters and their families. "This is a great opportunity for the community to get together and promote reading success for all," Kallstrom said.

Students at the various schools in the community also observed their own celebrations in their school's facilities. On March 22, students and faculty at JKL Bahweting School conducted a parade with many playing the roles of nursery rhyme figures.

Photos by Rick Smith



The back of a youngster's T-shirt sums up the idea behind the nursery rhyme theme of the 2019 EUP Reads.



Old King Cole and his court travel the parade route during EUP Reads fun at JKL Bahweting School.



The Queen of Hearts, obviously in good spirits as she is taken along the JKL School parade route.



Table full of free adventures and discoveries await lucky children at the EUP Reads function at Lake Superior State University.



The Queen of Hearts commands the people to their feet, most likely by tossing candy hearts to them.



The ever-lovely Little Bo Peep tows Jack and Jill along the parade route at JKL Bahweting School.



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Humpty Dumpty shares a light moment with a family at the EUP Reads celebration at LSSU.

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Annual Family Fun Night at Chi Mukwa in Sault Ste. Marie enjoyed on March 25

In celebration of Parenting Awareness Month, the 21st annual Family Celebration was held on March 25 at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. The event was open to the community and participants enjoyed free pizza and snacks, free ice skating and loaned skates, a cupcake walk, games and prizes. Local organizations and businesses had tables with information on their services for parents and interactive activities for children. The Family Celebration was sponsored Anishnabek Community and Family Services, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, Sault Tribe Housing Authority, Sault Tribe Health Services, Sault Tribe Community Health Diabetes Program, Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities and the Chippewa County Council for Youth and Families.



Sault Tribe employees, from left, Emily McKerchie, Wendy Nault and Robin McKerchie, manning the Early Childhood Programs booth.



A stop at the arts and crafts table — From left, Sarah Schmalz with son, Shay Schmalz, and Erin Currie with son, Evan Pierson. Volunteers were available to help at each table.



Tony Nertoli (right) helping kids fill their snack bags. Jessica Marble and her son, Ryan Galinski, 2, wait their turn in line.



Seth Nolan, 9, getting his face painted by Tony Richardson with the United Way Safe Routes 2 Health program, and David Brey, United Way Retired and Senior Volunteer Program coordinator and office assistant.



ACFS employees making announcements about the evening's events.



Registration booth workers, from left, Heather Pavlat, ACFS caseworker; Christian Schroeder-Anderson, ACFS caseworker; Tara Stevens-Calder, ACFS supervisor; and Marlo Derry, Binogii Placement specialist. By 6 p.m., over 400 people came to the event, and they were expecting more.



Back left, Mom Felicia Izzard with Axelyn Izzard, 2, held by big sister, Lily Izzard, 14. Bottom left is Adriana Izzard, 8, with camera shy Abel Izzard, 4.



Liz O'Boyle with her children Charlee, 1, Evalyn Coon, 8, (left), Liza Coon, 5, (center) and 2-year-old Eli Coon.



Sarah Mclarahmore and Callee Bootwright, with George Bootwright, 3, waiting his turn to take a go at the goodies.



Grace Chamberlain, 2, eating pizza

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Parenting Awareness Month



Manistique family celebration.



Sault Ste. Marie bike drawing winners at Chi Mukwa during the annual event.



Manistique family celebration with Thing 1 and Thing 2!



Parenting Awareness Month included some annual family celebration activities in Manistique, St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie, with families playing games, doing crafts, enjoying pizza and winning prizes. Local organizations and businesses had tables with information on services for parents and interactive activities for children. Above, bike winner in Sault Ste. Marie at Chi Mukwa, and bottom left, a prize table in St. Ignace manned by ACFS Direct Assistance Case Manager Angie Gillmore and Unit III Representative Keith Massaway.

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JKL School fifth graders try their skill at a snow snake contest

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

The annual Bill Morrison Shooshiimaan Championship was held in March at JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School, with students from the schools three fifth-grade classrooms participating.

Anishinaabe ancestors used the Shooshiimaan as a messenger in some communities, and sport and entertainment in others, according to Chris Gordon, Ph.D., Anishinaabe language and culture coordinator and instructor.

The snow snake, or shooshiimaan, was brought back to JKL School by Bill Morrison, former art teacher and a Michigan Art Teacher of the Year recipient.

Preparing the track for the competition depends on the weather, and this year presented some some challenges not only in track preparation, but also working around the many snow days to get the shooshiimaan ready.

On a cold March morning,

the three fifth-grade classes of Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Zenker and Mr. Ash all gathered with their hand-made and wood-burned shooshiimaan in hand to give it their best toss down the slick track.

The top three preliminary qualifiers from each class, plus an additional two at large after three throws by each of the participants, then took part in the final championship round.

The top 11 preliminary qual-

ifiers from the three fifth-grade classes were:

1. Gabe Litzner, 155 feet
 2. Cruz Carr, 152 feet
 3. Jaren Compo, 150 feet
 4. Myles Dekok, 110.5 feet
 5. Annabelle Talsma, 105.5 ft
 6. Charlie Williams, 92 feet
 7. Korbin Perron, 88 feet
 8. Lucas Hober, 86.5 feet
 9. Daniel Bowerman, 85 feet
- At large qualifiers were:
10. Takoda Hauri, 102 feet
 11. Gracie Akridge, 94 feet

The winner was determined after three throws by each of the championship qualifiers, and the winners were:

Champion - Gracie Akridge for a throw of 151.5 ft (On her last throw, and the last throw of the entire competition. Also, the first ever girl champion.)

Second place - Jaren Compo with a throw of 132.5 feet (on his last throw)

Third place - Gabe Litzner, with a throw of 127 feet.



Photos by Brenda Austin

Anishinaabe language and culture coordinator and instructor, Chris Gordon Ph.D., (back left), and championship winners from left to right: Gabe Litzner, Gracie Ackridge, Jaren Compo and former art instructor Bill Morrison.



Daniel Bowerman gives his snow snake a push down the smooth race track as Bill Morrison looks on and gives encouragement.



Mrs. McDowell (left) standing across the track from Mrs. Zenker and Mrs. Zenker's fifth-grade class.



Girls from Mrs. McDowell's class, from left, Annabelle Talsma, Addison Gerry, Dani Osborn and Brookly Gerrie.



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Addison Gerrie



Dani Osborn



Cruz Carr



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Lucas Hober with his snow snake

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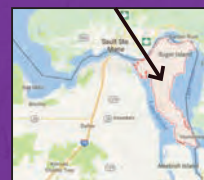
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Take the Ferry to Sugar Island and watch for signs.

Service officer helps veterans navigate federal services

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The American Legion Department of Michigan is reaching out to the 12 federally recognized tribes in the state in an effort to contract with the tribes to hire tribal veteran service officers (TVSO). The officers work for and have the full support of the American Legion while providing accredited veteran services to both tribal and non-tribal veterans.

Sault Tribe was the first in the state to take the American Legion up on the offer when the first TVSO, Stacy King, was hired just over a year ago.

American Legion Chairman of Veterans Affairs, Rehabilitation Committee, Department of Michigan, Don Howard, said that in the United States, 3 percent of all ethnic groups serve in the military. "One group serves this country at 25 percent," he said, "and that group is American Indians. The 25 percent of American Indians who serve this county have 50 percent less claims than the entire 3 percent of ethnic groups now serving."

Howard has cousins who are Sault Tribe members living in the U.P. "I spent many hours sitting in the lobby at the Sault Tribe Health Center counting how many veterans were coming through the doors. I was amazed. I spent six hours in the lobby there one day counting veterans. It's pretty easy to identify them by their clothing, haircuts, what they have on their hats and the way they walk and carry themselves. I have attended elder unit meetings across all seven tribal sites and have had many lunches at the elder center in the Sault. We seem to lose veteran services and benefits across the U.P., and I have experienced this in Marquette, Munising, Manistique and the Sault as far as spouses of veterans not knowing what they are entitled to. Sitting in meetings, I have met many spouses and it's been unbelievable some of the stories I am hearing from them. I started speaking with the American Legion, and our committee and state commanders to make them aware of the need - and that's how hiring and contracting tribal veteran service officers to the tribes started," he said.

Mark Sutton, public relations director for the American Legion Department of Michigan, said since the end of WWI, the Legion



Stacy King

has been acting as a liaison between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), veterans and their families. "Veteran benefits are in the U.S. Code: Title 38, and that code is about 10 inches thick. The VA is a very large complex organization; there are some 300,000 employees and 500 VA medical centers around the country. It is very difficult for a veteran by themselves to apply for benefits. It's not meant to be easy," he said.

Sutton said there are 19 veteran service officers in the state of Michigan employed by the Department of Michigan. Those service officers are in different locations that vary by day, meeting with veterans seeking help from the VA or the Veteran's Health Care Administration, to try and get benefits which they believe they are entitled.

Sutton said the Legion was founded on four pillars: Americanism, Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, and Children and Youth. "The American Legion is the largest veterans service organization in the world," he said. "We are comprised of about two million wartime era vets, called legionnaires. In Michigan we have about 390 posts and over 69,000 members."

The latest statistics show that King has seen 64 veterans, and filed 46 claims. Of those claims, seven were denied, 16 are still pending and 23 have been granted, totaling \$336,363 back into the pockets of those veterans. Those 23 veterans, depending on their rating and the claim filed, will continue to receive compensation each month.

King, a veteran of the U.S. Air

Force and Sault Tribe member, sees her clients at tribal clinics in Hessel, St. Ignace, Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie, Manistique, Marquette, Escanaba and Munising. "The Sault location is one of my busiest," she said, "so I am there every Monday, and in Manistique every Friday. I rotate the other six locations every other week. One week I do the eastern locations in Newberry, Hessel and St. Ignace and the following week I go to Escanaba, Marquette, Munising and Manistique."

King said veterans are finding out about her by word of mouth, with at least 80 percent of her clients being told to go see her by another veteran. The other 20

percent have seen her schedule posted in the tribal newspaper or heard about it at one of the tribal clinics when they asked about services for veterans.

King has been trained by the American Legion and is equipped to deal with service-connected disability claims (also known as compensation), education benefits, funerals, discharges, pension claims, and can answer or find the answer to any question related to one's military service. "Veterans, dependents of veterans and spouses of deceased veterans are encouraged to stop by or schedule an appointment to see if there might be something I can help them with. It's worth coming in to

see me so I can review your situation and see if there are benefits you might qualify for," she said.

A recent American Legion press release stated, "An accredited TVSO can bring benefits and information to community veterans that can last the lifetime of that veteran. They have earned these benefits; the American Legion wants to help make sure they receive those benefits through a partnership with the Native American community."

Sault Tribe TVSO Stacy King can be contacted by calling her cell phone at (906) 202-4238, or office (313) 964-6641, or by email at s.king@michiganlegion.org.

Tribal Veterans Service Officer hours

Tribal Veterans Service Officer Stacy King holds office hours at all Sault Tribe health facilities. King can be reached at her email, s.king@michiganlegion.org, her primary work cell phone, (906) 202-4238 or her office, (313) 964-6640.

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From "Boulley," Page 1

As the director for the Office of Indian Education, Boulley will be supporting educational agencies such as school districts, Indian tribes and organizations to help meet the academic needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students. Her office is inside the main U.S. Department of Education building in D.C., the LBJ Building, and is near the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian and the Capitol.

Boulley is the daughter of Donna and Henry Boulley, and the mother of Christopher, Ethan and Sarah Matson. She lives in Alexandria, Va., but considers home to be Sugar Island where she owns family property.

From "Kronk Warner," Page 1

Clinic. Kronk Warner has received several teaching excellence awards, co-authored several books on environmental issues and Native Americans, and has 40 articles and book chapters to her credit. Kronk Warner, a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, serves as an appellate judge for the tribe and as a district judge for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe.

Kronk Warner received

her juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School; she received her undergraduate degree in communication from Cornell University and also studied at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. She worked in private practice for several years before entering academia. Prior to joining the University of Kansas, Kronk Warner was a law professor at the University of Montana and Texas Tech.

JKL School striving to help feed needy in EUP

BY RICK SMITH

Back during 2016-17, Feeding America of West Michigan reached out to JKL Bahweting Public School Academy with a proposal to help relieve hunger among the needy in the eastern Upper Peninsula. After a presentation to the school's Parent Advisory Committee on Feeding America of West Michigan Mobile Food Pantry operations, the committee agreed to facilitate a distribution on the school grounds in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Feeding America of West Michigan is part of a non-profit nationwide network of food banks formed over 35 years ago. Back in 1998, Feeding America of West Michigan adopted the Mobile Food Pantry mode of distribution, which the organization describes as "farmers' markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated."

After seeing the tremendous need for and success of the initial distribution, the school

embarked on hosting as many more distributions as possible, aiming for at least regular monthly distributions. "The first one had such an impact on all of us," said Kristen Corbiere, the JKL School social worker and a Mobile Food Pantry volunteer, "we decided we wanted to continue to host them as much as we could."

However, each Mobile Food Pantry delivery and distribution costs \$1,500 to bring about 15,000 pounds of food, enough to feed around 300 households.

So far, with help of sponsors found by Feeding America of West Michigan along with sponsors from the community, the school has managed four of the Mobile Food Pantry distributions in 2017, eight in 2018 and three, so far, in 2019 with two more scheduled for the year.

"We are hoping to secure funding to host the mobile distributions monthly," Corbiere added.

Food distribution recipients are not required to demonstrate their need as it can often be too difficult, but they are required to register for distributions. Registration rolls show some



Volunteers Adam Rutledge with daughter, Ella, and son, Eric, stand beside a Feeding America West Michigan truck.

people are desperate enough to attend the distributions that they will travel about 90 miles from the south or up to 150 miles from the west of Sault Ste. Marie.

While hosts, sponsorships, donations and volunteers for the distributions traditionally come from different community institutions and individuals, the folks at JKL initiated other modes of help as well. One of the school's teachers and another Mobile Food Pantry volunteer, Barb Rogers, took to employing an

online crowd funding Go Fund Me account to help bring a truck to the school. "I made an initial donation and started a Go Fund Me so that my friends and family could help me raise the rest," she said. "The donation was made in lieu of having a big 40th birthday party."

"It's neighbors helping neighbors," Rogers said. "This is how we build a strong community for our children, by being role models or simply by just being a good human. I have a strong belief that there is plenty of

food, and no one should ever be hungry."

Corbiere said, "We are honored to host community mobile distributions for our community. Currently we have trucks scheduled for April and May of this year. In order to continue hosting them, we will need additional financial support."

While the school is not able to seek out grants to support the project, the Parent Advisory Committee would, but hasn't had the opportunity to explore that as an option yet.

"In 2018," Corbiere added, "we distributed 113,566 pounds of food to our community! That is the equivalent of 94,600 meals!"

Those interested in helping the project in any way or wanting to learn more about distributions should contact Kristen Corbiere by calling (906) 635-5055, extension 122, or by email at kcorbiere@jkl.school.org.

To learn more about Feeding America, visit feedingamerica.org or, for Feeding America of West Michigan, visit feedwm.org.

Local artist picked up paintbrush to help quit smoking

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Jim and Jackie Rogers live on a 28-acre farm in Moran, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where for the past 30 years they have raised chickens, pigs, turkeys and have grown enough produce to feed their family and friends. They raised their three children there and now share the magic of the farm with their four grandsons when they come to visit.

When Jackie decided to quit smoking two years ago, she turned her hobby of doodling in pencil and coloring with crayons into works of art. Instead of picking up a pencil or crayon, she reached for her paintbrushes and oil palette and learned how to paint.

"I wanted something positive to focus my energy on," she said. "And I try to provide a moment of peace for those viewing my art."

Jackie paints landscapes, local scenery and moments on the farm.

A year ago one of Jackie's friends sent her a posting about U.P. artists wanted. She was surprised at how technical the application process was, so she enlisted the help of a local college student she knows. "I had been painting for almost two years and I know Jim was getting tired of me talking about art all the time. So I connected with the U.P. artists group thinking I would be going to workshops or groups where we would meet and learn. Then I get an email from them saying congratulations — we need your painting on Mackinac Island."

The group was comprised of artists from the U.P. who were trying to gain recognition. Her first showing was on Mackinac Island at Mission Point and from there the art show was packed up and moved to Grand



Photo by Brenda Austin

Jackie Rogers at her home in Moran, Mich.

Rapids. "My art seems to be pulling me along, rather than me leading the way," she said.

In Grand Rapids, the group of enterprising U.P. artists displayed their work in the Venue Tower Apartments, across the street from the Van Andel Arena, where Fleetwood Mac was playing at the time. The show then moved from Grand Rapids to Escanaba, where Jackie and Jim went to pick her paintings up.

"Next thing I know I was showing in the Sault at the 1668 Winery and Lockside Brewery," she said.

Her paintings, 30 original oils and some prints, hung at the Lockside during the months of February and March. "I would

not have guessed two years ago that I would be doing this," she said. "Rather than smoking, I would pick up a paintbrush. It helped a lot."

Jim helps her frame the oils and builds boxes to ship them in.

Like the variety of colors on Jackie's palette, they try and grow a rainbow of colors for people to eat. They have grown salsa gardens at the request of friends, several kinds of potatoes, three varieties of carrots, five different lettuces, cabbage, onions, peppers and beans.

"We are always experimenting with different kinds of fruits and vegetables," she said. "We plant a grocery store out there and people will come and say



Photo by Jackie Rogers
Above, vegetables from her farm garden including potatoes, peppers, tomatoes and blueberries. Right, the farm's ever watchful rooster.

"Do you have any cabbage?" and we will tell them its on aisle 5. Last year we did more of a family garden, the kids moved out and we slowed things down a bit."

They also have numerous apple and plum trees and grow raspberries.

Jackie said, "We want to feed people good food, we don't use any pesticides or herbicides. We live on a sand dune; that's why we have the chicken tractor, because it makes soil."

As a chicken tractor is moved every day or every few days across a pasture (or backyard) the flock has fresh vegetation to forage in and more bugs to eat. They leave behind their nitrogen and phosphorus-rich manure. "We have made soil here that is not beach sand. When we first moved here we had lichen and wild strawberries growing. Nothing else really grew. We made the chicken tractors and hauled a lot of compost. Jim made portable pigpens, too," Jackie said. "The chickens went first and ate the bugs, and we



would move the pigs behind them and they would till and eat all the roots. Then we would plant a cover crop behind the pigs and farm in that the next year."

Jim and Jackie have been making memories together for 38 years. Her art is an extension of the life she lives on the farm she loves, surrounded by family and friends. "I am excited to see where my art takes me, I have no expectations so it's all a surprise," she said.

Jackie Roger's artwork can be found by visiting Facebook and doing a search for "Jackie Rogers Studio Artist."

Couple celebrates 25-year anniversary this April



April 22, 2019, marks the 25th wedding anniversary for Paul and Tanya Firth, at left, who were married in Delta, British Columbia, in 1994. The Firths have three children. Tanya and the children are Sault Tribe members. The family lives in Canada.

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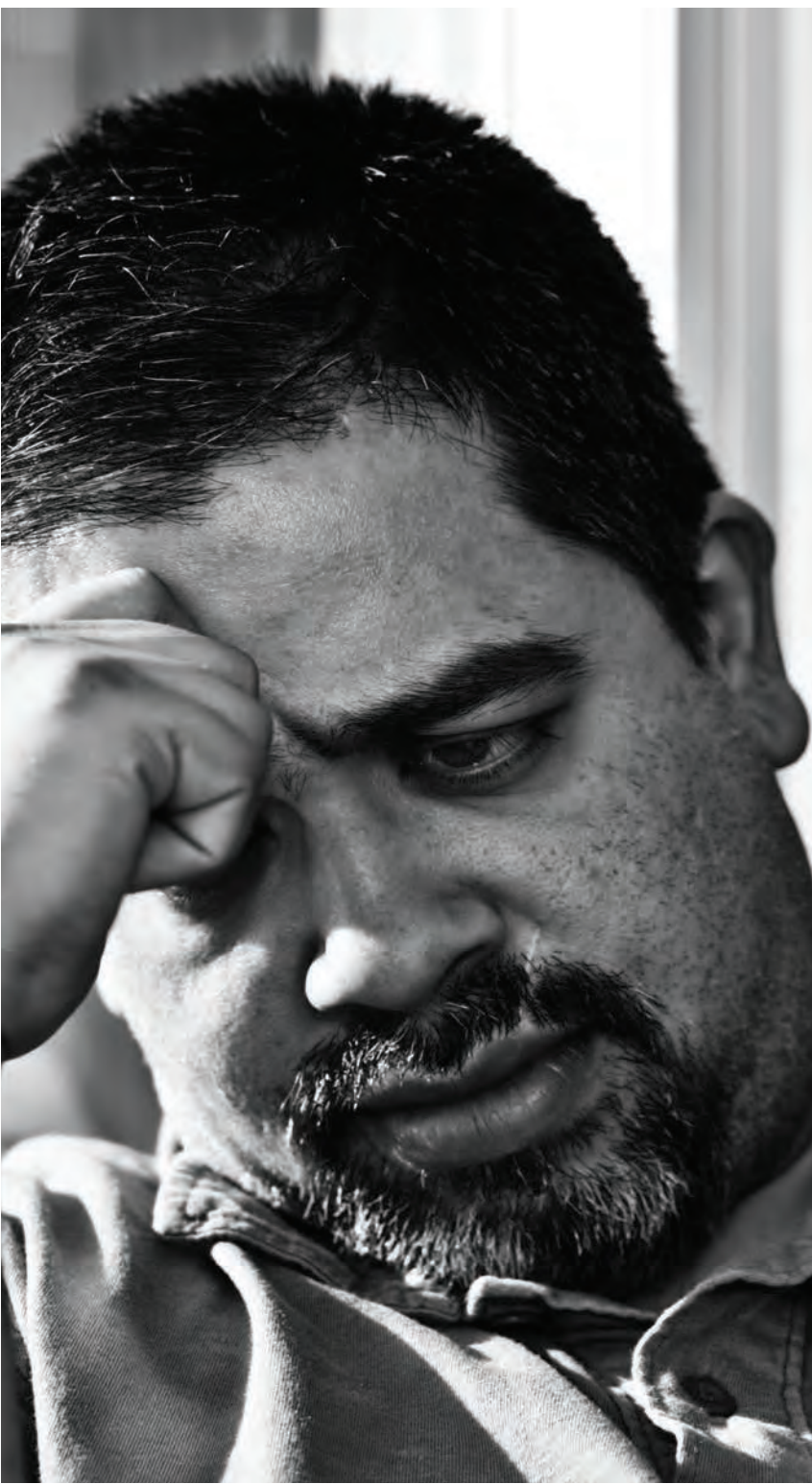
Chip MacArthur is the Health Division's Employee of the Month for February. He came to work for the Health Center in December. MacArthur went above and beyond preparing for the AAAHC survey. He was proactive dealing with the winter weather and his response time is incredible. He is pleasant, knowledgeable and goes the extra mile. At left, from left, Health Center Director Leo Chugunov and Chip MacArthur.

Elders enjoy tribal newspaper



Photo by Brenda Austin

Each month, Sault Tribe newspaper employees Sherrie Lucas and Brenda Austin visit the elders at Avery Square in downtown Sault Ste. Marie to bring them the latest edition of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*. From left is Sharon Maier, Meco Bonacci, Phil Gage, Lavon Goeschel and Roger Hetrick.



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Cedar Post gets Enterprise Car grant through tribe

Gitchi Auto, Home and RV started operations at 2270 Shunk Road, just south of the Kewadin Casino in the Sault, in November of 2018. Gitchi is steadily creating a loyal customer base, leading to more and more sales of cars, manufactured homes, RVs, ATVs and storage sheds.

One of the key components of the success is their relationship with Enterprise Car. Through this relationship, Gitchi became aware of the Enterprise Holdings Foundation and their efforts to positively impact local communities and non-profits. One of their specific efforts is a grant program

open to non-profits with a good cause.

Once aware of the opportunity, Unit II directors Lana Causley and Catherine Hollowell immediately thought of the Cedar Post Thrift Shop and Emergency Food Pantry. Knowing the positive impact to the community, including benefits to many Sault Tribe members, and the passion of Sault Tribe member volunteers such as Dorothy Currie and Sharon Howes. They drafted a grant application on the effort's behalf and Cedar Post received a \$2,500 check. Cedar Post is at 362 E Hwy M-134 in Cedarville.

Tipping Point seeks instructional designer and eLearning course developer for Sault office

Two positions are available at Tipping Point Solutions at its location in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. — eLearning course developer (Adobe Captivate/Storyline) and instructional designer.

Tipping Point Solutions Inc. is a full-service eLearning company specializing in the customized production and delivery of eLearning content employing a full spectrum of media types to include virtual reality, interactive video, and a hybrid blending of virtual and reality-based film media.

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Candidate authors eLearning content in Adobe Captivate, Animate and/or Articulate Storyline, using course templates and following all development standards for color scheme, graphic design, and functionality, develops additional interaction templates as required.

Experience in rapid eLearning authoring tools, such as Adobe Captivate, Animate Articulate Storyline, and/or other SCORM compliant authoring tools.

Proficiency in more than one development software is a plus.

For job requirements please

see full job description at Indeed.com.

Instructional designer

Rapidly growing training development firm seeks strong instructional systems designer (ISD) candidate to support a diverse set of responsibilities from our Sault Ste. Marie office. Ideal candidate will have a strong ISD background with some management experience and the ability to support office operations while simultaneously working in a ISD capacity.

The ISD will be expected to work within established project processes, collaborate with remote team members, and meet project deliverables by designing and presenting detailed storyboards, as well as effectively manage client relationships throughout the instructional design process. Candidate will be achieve these objectives by working on an integrated team with other IDs, subject matter experts, developers, graphic artists and multimedia developers to design cutting edge training solutions supporting classroom and online learning environments. Integrated team members will work from a geographically separated office in Denver, Colo.

For job requirements please see full job description at Indeed.com.



Right: Cedar Post Thrift Shop and Emergency Food Pantry recently received a \$2,500 check, presented by Unit II directors Lana Causley and Catherine Hollowell, who applied for the grant on the Cedar Post's behalf. Pictured, from left, Unit II Director Lana Causley, Cedar Post Treasurer Mathew Murphy, Unit II Director Catherine Hollowell and Cedar Post volunteers Gillian Bickham and Marva Patrick. Not pictured is Cedar Post President George Voulgaris.

JKL crosswalk guard needed

The City of Sault Ste. Marie is accepting applications for a school crossing guard at JKL School. Applicants must be 18 or older with reliable transportation and a valid driver's license. All applicants will be subject to criminal background check. Candidates may obtain an application online at www.saultcity.com by clicking on the Employment Application section or contacting Robin R. Troyer, deputy city manager, during normal business hours at 225 E. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; (906) 632-5717. Applications will not be mailed out. Completed applications will be accepted at the Clerk's Office until the position is filled. No postmarks accepted. The City of Sault Ste. Marie is an equal opportunity employer.

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Please join us for a community prayer circle and potluck meal to follow
1:00pm

Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building
11 Ice Circle Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Wear Red

All Pipe Carriers are invited to attend

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Protect the Sacred

Walking on . . .

JEAN B. ASH

Jean B. Ash, 76, of Newberry, Mich., walked on peacefully on March 31, 2019, at Golden Leaves Living Center. Jean was born on June 6, 1942, in Newberry, daughter of the late George and Lillian (Fair) Paquin.

Jean married her true love, Wayne Ash, on May 14, 1977, in Newberry. Jean was a devoted homemaker who enjoyed playing cards, puzzles, reading, embroidery and camping. Most importantly, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Jean was extremely proud of her Native American heritage and was a member and elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She was also a member of the F.O.E. 3701 Auxiliary.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded by her daughter, Dena Lehto; and siblings, Beatrice Hanson, Sharan McMullen and George Paquin.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne of Newberry; daughters, Annette (Donald) Clark of Engadine and Penny (Curt) Bacon of Rapid River, Mich.; sons, Wayne (Shelli) Ash of Estell Springs, Tenn., and Joe (Melissa) Ash of Manteca, Calif.; step-children, Marty (Diane) Lehto of Newberry and Cindy (Ian) Smith of McMillan, Mich.; grandchildren, Donnie, Dominick, and Derrek Clark, Glen (Melissa) and Chase (Mary) Alexander, Amanda (Clint) Turner, Tiffani (David) Rippey, Staci Mollman, Jeanie (Justin) Dodds, Lacie, Ellie and Austin Ash; 12 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Per request, cremation services were accorded. A memorial gathering celebrating Jean's life took place on April 5 at the American Legion Post 74 Warren Room with Randy Hildenbrant presiding.

Condolences may be expressed online, log on to www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family.

ROBERT BOWMAN

Robert Bowman, 92, of Jenison, Mich., went to be with the Lord on March 15, 2019. Robert was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace Emma Bowman, and his daughter, Terry Chamberlain. Robert is survived by his children, Pamela Collins and husband Larry Wert, Gary Bowman, DO, and wife Kathleen Corbett, DVM; his sister, Mayna Austin; his 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A memorial service is set for the summer. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials directed to Wedgewood Family Services.

Please visit Robert's webpage at www.langelands.com for directions, online guest book or to leave a condolence.

PATRICIA P. COX

Patricia Pauline (Mastaw) Cox, much loved wife, daughter, sister and aunt, affectionately known as Patsy, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away peacefully on March 7, 2019, with family by her side. She was born on Aug. 14, 1934, in Sault Ste. Marie to Alphonse and Agnes (Ford) Mastaw.



Patsy was one of 16 children. She was a devout Christian who served the Lord in so many ways. Patsy was an incredibly giving lady who loved helping others. She enjoyed her family and singing while husband Verne played guitar. She enjoyed spending time with her nieces, nephews and kids of any age. Patsy attended bible school in Dallas, Texas, in the mid-1970s. She later was employed at Sault Tribe Enrollment.

Patsy is survived by siblings, Elaine Faragher, Brian (Joyce) Mastaw, Jerry Mastaw, Richard Mastaw, Franklin Mastaw and Nancy (Larry) Evans; and over 50 nieces and nephews, along with many cousins.

Patsy was predeceased by her husband, Verne Cox; parents, Alphonse and Agnes; siblings, Terry Barr, Charles Mastaw, Jackie Smith, Billy Mastaw, John Mastaw, Mary Catherine Mastaw, Carol Mastaw, Darlene Mastaw and Daniel Mastaw.

Visitation was at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home on March 12 and funeral services were conducted there on March 13 with Pastor Dave Pearce officiating.

Donations can be made to the Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie or the Alzheimer's Research Foundation. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

RICHARD A. GAUS SR.

Richard Albert "Rick" Gaus Sr., 59, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away March 22, 2019, at his home.

Rick was born on July 17, 1959, in Columbus, Ohio, to the late Edward and Bonnie (Brammer) Gaus Sr. Rick graduated from Sault High School with the Class of 1977. On Sept. 1, 1995 he married Elizabeth M. Gollinger in Sault Ste. Marie. Rick was a car enthusiast, who enjoyed both building and repairing his cars. It was this passion



for cars that led him on many journeys and projects. His most accomplished project was the 1926 Ford Rat Rod that he created. Rick enjoyed talking to people and lending them a helping hand. The coffee pot was always on. One of his most precious gifts was opening his home for large Christmas gathering every year. He was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Rick is survived by his wife Elizabeth Gaus; three daughters, Mallissa A. Brown of Oklahoma, Maggie J. Gaus of Sault Ste. Marie and Malinda S. (Gary) Johnson of Oklahoma; two sons, Richard A. Gaus Jr. and Ryan J. Gaus, both of Sault Ste. Marie; 10 grandchildren, Dominic, Dawson, Dustin, Makayla, Jamall, Khloey, Klaire, Akeera, Gary Jr. and Nakya. Rick is also survived by his seven siblings, John (Deloris) Gaus of Ohio, Edward (Janice) Gaus Jr. of California, Sandy Gaus and Roseanne Casey, both of Sault Ste. Marie, William (Judi) Gaus of Kansas, Kenneth Gaus of Sault Ste. Marie and Jeffrey Gaus of Kincheloe.

A Celebration of Life was held March 28, 2019, at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building (Cultural Center). C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services assisted the family. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

KOREN K. GOKEY-EGELER

Koren Kay Gokey-Egeler, 51, of Empire, lost her battle to cancer on Nov. 10, 2018. She was born on June 17, 1967 in Grand Rapids to Peter and Nancy (Overholt) Gokey.



Koren was known as a loving mother and caring wife. She had a big heart. When she wasn't at home caring for her children, she was enjoying being a caregiver for those in need.

Koren was a certified nursing assistant at Maple Valley Nursing and Rosegate along with other assisted living facilities.

She was known as an animal lover. Koren knew how to celebrate and have a good time. She will be dearly missed by those

who knew her.

Koren is survived by her husband, Tim J. Egeler; her children, Timothy M. Egeler of Empire, Stevie O. Egeler of Empire and Pierce (Colleen) Gokey of Buckley; many friends and family members.

A memorial service took place at Empire United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Wolf-O'Neil Funeral Home.

REBECCA S. GOLLADAY

Rebecca Sue "Becky" Golladay, 55, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on March 5, 2019, at her home.



Becky was born on Feb. 26, 1964, in Grosse Point Farm, Mich. She married Tim Golladay on Nov. 16, 1984, in Sault Ste. Marie.

Becky enjoyed going for drives and going shopping. She loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren. She was always volunteering her time at various places. Becky was a member of the Sault Tribe.

Becky is survived by her husband, Tim Golladay; her four children, Daniel (Susan) Brady, Lisa (Brent) Vassar, Marcus (Jen) Golladay and Robert Golladay, all of Sault Ste. Marie; and eight grandchildren, Chaz, Justin, Adalyn, Alex, Taylor, Erin, Marcus and Mason. Becky is also survived by a sister, Marge (Tim) Thompson.

Becky was preceded in death by her mother, Judith Lillian Hirt; her father, Donald Lee Lundy; step-father: Ronald Hirt; and a brother, Donald B. Lundy.

A private memorial service will take place on a later date. Arrangements are in the care of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

JESSIE C. MADDIX

There is no death, only a change of worlds. And so, on Dec. 22, 2018, Jessie Charles Maddix, at the age of 95 years, passed peacefully from this world to the next. Jessie was born on May 19, 1923, to Caroline Derusha and Frank Maddix.

He is remembered with love by his wife, Abrutus Dalton Maddix; step-son, Richard Imus; daughters, Charlene Tholen, Derinda Cantrell, step-daughter Jo Laverne Shults; siblings, Fannie Aslin of Newberry, Mich., and Lola Davis of St. Ignace, Mich., many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jessie was preceded in death by his first wife of 45 years, Ruth Holden Maddix; and son, Frank Maddix.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a World War II veteran who served stateside in the United States Coast Guard. The defining moment in Jessie's Coast Guard career was on Sept. 12, 1944, when Coast Guard cutters Jackson and Bedloe were sent out on a search and rescue mission for the liberty ship George Ade as it was torpedoed off Cape Hatteras, N.C., by German U-Boat U-518 during a fierce Atlantic hurricane. The hurricane's winds were clocked well over 100 miles per hour and survivors of the Jackson reported a series of large waves engulfed the cutter with the last wave being the final blow. The wave was described by a crew member as high as 125 feet, which caused the Jackson to fill with water and disappear into the colossal waves. Survivors of the Jackson and Bedloe were rescued after floating for more than 50 hours off the coast of North Carolina. The mission ended with the loss of both cutters and the loss of 21 of 22 officers and enlisted personnel. Jessie Maddix was the last of the survivors.

He worked in oil fields for many years as a heavy equipment operator and traveled to far off places like Egypt and England. He settled in Port Aransas, Texas, for his "retirement," but continued to work driving a taxi for City Cab for many more years. He met many people and great friends along the way.

After the death of his beloved first wife, Ruth, he married his childhood friend, Arbutus Dalton, and was off on many more adventures. He and Arbutus moved to Yavapai, Ariz., and Jessie became interested in discovering his American Indian heritage, even becoming a Chippewa elder. Jessie traveled well into his 90s attending the Saginaw Chippewa powwows, searching for pipestone (catlinite) — a sacred red clay stone American Indians use for making prayer and ceremonial pipes in Minnesota, learning to pan for gold and back to Texas for occasional visits. He loved his adventures with his companion and step-son, Richard.

Death is more universal than life; everyone dies, but not everyone lives; Jessie lived a good life.

JAMES R. O'NEIL

James R. O'Neil, 79, of Gould City, Mich., died on March 30, 2019, at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey, Mich.



Born on May 26, 1939, in Gilchrist, Mich., son of the late Frank and Evelyn (Corey) O'Neil, James was a 1957 graduate. See "Walking on," page 22

LSSU offers new culinary arts certificate program

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Lake Superior State University is teaming up with the Les Cheneaux Culinary School to deliver a culinary arts certificate beginning in September. The certificate will offer students a focused, one-year training and internship experience to learn the art of cooking under the auspices of master chefs. It also combines instruction in chef, kitchen, and restaurant management, along with specialized studies in canning and fermentation. All are welcome to attend an open house at Les Cheneaux Culinary School in Hessel on Friday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to learn more about the program and enjoy a delicious meal. Register online at LSSU.edu/culinary.

“The importance of programs like this culinary arts certificate cannot be overstated in the university’s strategic direction,” said LSSU President Rodney Hanley. “Adding technical and skills-based program options

appeal to a wider student demographic range.”

LSSU joins the school based in Hessel, Mich., which was started in 2014 and features a 5,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art kitchen. The on-site restaurant can accommodate 80-plus guests and is open mid-May through early September. The entire menu is drawn up and prepared fresh daily as part of the training. The school lives by an industry trend towards farm-to-table and sustainability that seeks locally-sourced food.

“My favorite part of the program is the freedom to become creative, experimenting with more flavors and products than you could imagine,” said Matthew Nelson, Les Cheneaux Culinary School alum and executive chef at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island. “The ability to make everything from scratch is absolutely, hands down, the best method of culinary training you can possibly have.”

The *One-Rate at Lake State*



Photo courtesy of LSSU/Stephanie Roose

CULINARY SUCCESS - Les Cheneaux Culinary School students savor the sights and smells of success before their creation is served in an on-site restaurant for enjoyment. Lake Superior State University is teaming up with the school on a comprehensive one-year culinary certificate that will open kitchen doors worldwide for students with a passion for cooking.

tuition makes this an affordable educational option for everyone and financial aid may be available. LSSU will also offer room and board on its main campus. Coast Guard personnel and their

dependents are eligible for tuition saving, thanks to a standing agreement between Sector Sault Ste. Marie and Lake State.

The culinary program joins other certificate programs creat-

ed in e-marketing, international business, and geographical information systems (GIS). Certificates are specifically tailored for working adults as well as LSSU students regardless of major. They are a quick way to expand skill sets and marketability.

Visit LSSU.edu/culinary to read even more about the new culinary arts certificate.

Lake Superior State University is Michigan’s most affordable public university with *One-Rate at Lake State* tuition for all. Surrounded by three Great Lakes, LSSU is an unsurpassed location for research, focusing on real-world experiences. Well known for programs such as fisheries and wildlife management, engineering, nursing, criminal justice and fire science; Lake State is also leading the way with innovative new programs, including cannabis chemistry and cannabis business.

For more information, visit LSSU.edu.

StrongHearts Native Helpline expands operating hours

EAGAN, Minn. — On its second year anniversary, the StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE or (844) 762-8483) announces the expansion of its hours of operation, which are now 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CST, seven days a week, in order to better serve those impacted by domestic violence and dating violence in tribal communities across the U.S. Callers reaching out after hours have the option to connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE) by selecting option 1. To date, the helpline has received more than 2,100 from victims, survivors, concerned family members and friends, service providers and more, helping to close a gap in culturally appropriate resources for those facing abuse.

With the support from the



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

National Domestic Violence Hotline, the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, StrongHearts has established its first call center located in Eagan, Minn. With the expansion in services, StrongHearts has increased its staff of advocates in order to respond to callers, many of whom are seeking support as they navigate difficult barriers to justice and safety. Trained with a strong understanding of tribal cultures,

The StrongHearts Native Helpline was created by and for American Indians and Alaska Natives and is a free, culturally-appropriate and confidential service dedicated to serving Native Americans affected by domestic violence and dating violence. By dialing (844) 762-8483, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CST, seven days a week, callers can connect with knowledgeable StrongHearts advocates who can provide support and referrals to resources to help callers find safety and healing. After hours callers have the option to connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline, (800) 799-SAFE, or call back the next business day. Learn more about the StrongHearts Native Helpline at www.strongheartshelpline.org.

sovereignty and law, advocates offer free, peer-to-peer support and a connection to local, culturally appropriate resources.

“After hearing from so many tribes and advocates about their community needs, we are so pleased to expand our operating hours to better serve Native victims of relationship abuse,” said StrongHearts Assistant Director

Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). “Domestic violence impacts our relatives every hour of every day, so it’s critical for us to be available as much as possible. Yet, we also understand we can’t do this work alone. We are honored to be working alongside tribal advocates and programs doing this good work to help Native people seek lives that

are free of abuse.”

Domestic violence remains a severe issue in tribal communities, where half of Native American women and a third of Native men have experienced physical abuse by an intimate partner in their lifetime, according to a study by the National Institute of Justice. The study also found for those who had experienced violence, more than a third of Native women and more than one in six Native men were unable to access the services they needed, such as shelters, legal advocacy and medical services.

“When victims can’t access services, more specifically, services that understand their unique worldview and culture, it leaves little room for healing and restoration,” Jump said. “We are here for our relatives. No one should have to face violence alone.”

Walking on continued

From “Walking on,” page 21 uate of Engadine High School. He was formerly employed at Inland Lime and Steel for several years and later owned and operated Peninsula Shores Gallery in Gould City for 39 years until present. James was a member and elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and an avid Detroit Tigers fan. A passionate outdoorsman, James loved wildlife and nature photography, hunting, fishing, trapping and preserving the old ways to pass down to his family.

In addition to his parents, James is preceded in death by an infant daughter, Trisha Rose O’Neil; and brother, Francis O’Neil.

Survivors include his loving wife, the former Eirnella Blanchard of Gould City, whom he married on July 22, 1961, in Gould City; daughter, Jeannette (Tom) Storms of Kingsley; grandchildren, Kris (Kellie) Keene, Joe (Jordan) Keene, Andrew Elsenheimer and Tyler Storms; great-grandchildren, Gavin James Keene, Summer Lynne Keene, Greyson John Keene and Everett

O’Neil Keene; siblings, Janice King of Gulliver, Keith (Harriett) O’Neil of East Jordan, Mich., and Gary (Kathy) O’Neil of Carp Lake, Mich.

Per request, cremation services were accorded. A traditional Native American graveside ceremony conducted by a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians takes place on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 1 p.m. at the Newton Township Cemetery in Gould City.

Condolences may be made at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family.

ROBERT J. SNIDER

Robert James Snider, 69, of Sugar Island, Mich., passed away on March 12, 2019, at his home. He was born on Sept. 5, 1949, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Robert enjoyed coon hunting, cooking and playing with grandkids. He also enjoyed going to Ohio, playing guitar, singing and dog meets.

Robert is survived by his wife, Mary; his three sons, Jeremy (Theresa)(Christiana) Snider,

Christopher (Monica) Snider and Paul Claflin; and his daughter, Lisa (Greg) Powell; sisters, Debra (Greg) Cox and Marge Snider; brothers, George (Mary) Snider and Ron (Sandy) Snider; grandchildren, Heather (Ryan), Justine, Daniel, Lily, Elizabeth, Cameron, Joseph, Derek, Alexis, Jeremy Jr., Kathrine, Christopher Jr., Ethan, Ellora and Autumn; and great-grandchildren, Ryan, Traven, Raylynn, Madalynn and Araeya.

Robert is predeceased by his parents, George and Kathrine Snider; brother, Ted Snider; sisters, Dian (Bud) Perin, Darleen (Glen) Miller; son, Roddy; nephew, T.J.; and niece, Tonya.

Visitation and traditional services took place on March 22-24 at the Niigaanigiizhil Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left online at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

RICHARD L. TEBO

Richard Lee Tebo, 81, of Peshtigo, passed away peace-



fully with his family by his side on, March 6, 2019, at Bay Area Medical Center.

Born on Aug. 31, 1937, son of the late Robert and Irene (Richter) Tebo, he attended Menominee High School but quit school early to enlist in the U.S. Navy in 1955. After returning from the Navy, he went back to school and was very proud of graduating in 1976.

He married the former Betty Wilkie in 1961 in Racine and she preceded him in death May 8, 2006.

Richard cherished spending

time with his family and, when living at Rennes H.C., enjoyed listening to the musical entertainment they provided. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by, a son, Scott (Lisa) Tebo; a brother, Ernest (Annie) Tebo; three sisters, Roberta Willan, Marie Knutson and Pat (Bob) Bancroft; and two grandchildren, Sabrina and Morgan Tebo.

Along with his parents and his wife, Betty, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Cynthia; two sisters, Elizabeth Richards and Flossy Tanguay; and three brothers-in-law, Robert Willan, Gerald Tanguay and Donald Knutson.

Family received relatives and friends at Berth and Rosenthal Funeral Home on March 12 followed by memorial services with Deacon Chuck Schumacher officiating.

Burial will be in Glenwood Memorial Gardens in Marinette.

The family would like to thank Rennes H.C. East, Unity Hospice and Bay Area Medical Center for their compassion, kindness and wonderful care given to Richard.



PLEASE HELP ME SECURE ADVANCED APPROPRIATIONS

Aaron A. Payment

Representing All Members Everywhere!

Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

I begin my monthly Chairperson's report by urging you to send three letters to Congress:

- **One to each of your US Senators; &**
- **One to your Reps in Congress**

...to urge the passage of S. 229 and H.R. 1128 dealing with Advanced Appropriations for the Indian Health Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Contract Support Costs. Senator **Tom Udall** has already introduced the **Indian Programs Advanced Appropriations Act** on the US Senate side and Representatives Betty McCollum, Native American Congressional Members Debra Haaland, Tom Cole and Mark Wayne Mullins have all co-sponsored the companion bill on the House of Representative side. I also know that Congresswoman Sharice Davids is supports these bills.

To the right is a draft letter for you to send to both of your US Senators and Member of Congress. A text version of this letter and how to search for your Senators, Congressional Representative and their address is listed on our tribal web page. Please, please, submit a letter.

Following the 2013 Federal Government Shutdown and the dual impact of the sequestration, our tribe lost over \$1 million in reve-

nues and six medical providers in our rural area. Immediately after the 2018 Shutdown, I was asked by the *New York Times* to interview me on our Sault reservation on New Year's Eve to explain the impact of shutdown and threat to abrogate the treaty and trust responsibility. This story led to nearly 40 radio, television and print interviews I did including the *National Journal*, *CBS*, *PBS*, *NPR*, *BBC*, *CNN*, German and Japanese TV, *Cheddar*, and others. I emphasized that we "prepaid, in full" for our treaty and trust obligations. I pushed to enact Advanced Appropriations to shield us from future government shutdowns which are often not the politics of tribes.

We have never been this close to securing Advanced Appropriations. Please take the time to mobilize and urge your elected Congressional Members to do their job and project the sovereignty and treaty rights of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and all tribes. Please send me an email once you have done so. I'd like to keep track of how many letters we, the largest tribe East of the Mississippi ~ generate. We have over 28,000 adults tribal citizens and live within every state in the Union so we should be able to have one of the largest single impacts as a tribe to secure our future and honor the agreements our ancestors saw fit to provide. You too can be part of history by helping to enact S. 229 and H.R. 1128.

ELDER 2% SET ASIDE

Last month, I presented a draft resolution to set aside 2% of our net revenues to building the Elder Land Claims Funds in the interim as we continue to fight to secure our gaming expansion per provisions in the Michigan Land Claims Settlement Fund. Recall that

*****SAMPLE LETTER*****

PLEASE RETYPE AND ADD YOUR INFORMATION FROM YOU.
CHECK OUR TRIBAL WEB PAGE FOR A ZIP CODE SORTER TO IDENTIFY YOUR
2 SENATORS & MEMBER OF CONGRESS
[A TEXT VERSION ALSO APPEARS ON OUR WEB SITE]

[Date]

The Honorable [Name]
United State Senate – or – United States House of Representatives
[Number Name] Senate Office Building –or- House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator – or – Representative [Name]:

I write this letter as a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ~ to urge you to support legislation that will protect tribal nations from the negative effects of future government shutdowns. The most recent government shutdown—the longest in U.S. history—jeopardized the health, safety, and wellbeing of American Indians and Alaska Natives by causing gaps in funding for the Indian Health Service (IHS) and vital programs at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), such as law enforcement, child welfare programming, and other essential services.

Support of Advanced Appropriations is NOT PARTISAN. In fact, tribes advocate in a non-partisan and government to government way rather than as special interests. We only ask for that which we pre-paid, in full though the cessation of 500,000,000 acres of land. My tribe ceded 14,000,000 acres alone in 1836. A government is only as good as its word so we ask you to please fulfill the treaty and trust obligation by voting in favor of advance appropriations for IHS, BIA, and Contract Support Costs for tribes.

The United States has treaty and trust responsibilities to support and protect programs that serve Indian Country. Senate Bill 229 ~ the **Indian Programs Advance Appropriations Act (S. 229)**, would help the federal government fulfill its obligations to tribal nations by authorizing advance appropriations for IHS and BIA. Representatives McCollum and Haaland on the democrat side and Representatives Cole and Mullins on the republican side have also introduced a bipartisan companion bill (**H.R. 1128**) in the House of Representatives.

I urge the passage of the **Indian Programs Advance Appropriations Act**.

Thank you for your work to uphold the treaty and trust obligations. Our Chairperson ~ Dr. Aaron Payment ~ looks forward to working with you to protect Indian Country from the negative effects of future government shutdowns.

Sincerely,

[Name],
Citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Address

the 1997 law expressly allows for land expansion and specifically says that the US Secretary of Interior "Shall" hold the land as Indian lands as held which is the full definition of reservation and trust land status. We know this because we wrote the section in the 1997 Michigan Land Claims Settlement Act that deals with our Tribe. While we have to litigate this to get the feds to do their job, our Elders should not have to wait.

WITHOUT YOUR INPUT THERE WILL BE NO 2% INCREASE!

The resolution I drafted calls for a referendum vote to decide whether or not to set aside 2% of our tribal gaming and enterprise revenues for this purpose. However, without you input, the Board may assume this is not an important enough issue to warrant a referendum vote. Please send me an email and statement of your support for allowing

the voting Sault Tribe Members to vote on setting aside 2% of our net revenues. I have received only a handful of input so it is critical that you let us know if this is a piece of tribal legislation you'd like me to sponsor. Many generations waited to benefit from Land Claims, let's not make our Elders wait any longer.

I will set a deadline by the Friday after Memorial Day (5/31/19) to secure input on this issue.

APRIL 2019 TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON OFFICE HOURS COMMUNITY MEETINGS

| Unit 1 | Unit 2 | Unit 3 | Unit 4 | Unit 5 |
|--|------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| Wednesday ~ June 5 | Friday ~ June 21 | Friday ~ Jun 14 | Thursday ~ June 20 | Thursday ~ June 6 |
| Nokomis-Mishomis Elder Center (Sault) | Zellar's Newberry, MI | St. Ignace Elder Complex* | Terrace Inn Escanaba, MI | Munising Elder Meeting Munising Tribal Center 11am |
| Elder Meeting: 12pm Office Hours*: 1pm - 4pm (*523 Ashmun) | Elder Meeting: 10:30pm | Elder Meeting: 12pm* Office Hours: 2pm - 4pm (Lambert Center) *Near Midjim | Elder Meeting: 5:30pm | Marquette Elder Meeting Holiday Inn 6pm |

Appointments will be honored first and open time provided. Please call Sheila at 906-635-6050 to schedule an appointment.

Dates and times are subject to change depending on the weather and unforeseen circumstances. In February, Kincheloe, Hessel, Escanaba and Marquette will be scheduled. Lower Michigan meetings will be scheduled as well in the Spring.

Board approves convenience store purchase



CHARLES MATSON SR.
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

Aanii, we made it to spring! The winter was an average one for us but it can be a very hard struggle for our elders and fam-

ilies to keep up with the rise in their bills. Hopefully, Gitchee Manitou has nice weather in store for us for the spring and summer. The ice has not left Gitchee Gummee yet, and the freighters have been in need of help to make it through the shipping channels. The amount of snowfall and ice cover we had this winter should help keep the water levels up in the Great Lakes.

Line 5 experienced a major setback. Governor Whitmer ordered a halt in action on the planned Line 5 oil pipeline that is supposed to run underneath the 1836 Treaty ceded waters of the Straits of Mackinac. Whitmer's action was taken after Attorney General Dana Nessel issued an opinion that stated the 2018

legislation to allow the tunnel was unconstitutional. Surely this will trigger legal action from Enbridge, the company funding the proposed tunnel. This action will help our tribe by slowing down the tunnel's construction until all of the tribes' environmental concerns are addressed. The one major concern that needs to be discussed is the problems that could arise if or when an environmental catastrophe could occur while they are operating the aging pipeline currently in use.

On March 19, 2019, the board of directors voted to approve the purchase of the White Pine Lodge and Convenience Store in Christmas, Mich. The tourist industry has been growing rapidly across the Upper Peninsula, and

Alger County has experienced some of the largest growth. According to National Park Service numbers, 815,308 people visited Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in 2018. This was a four percent increase over 2017 and was the fourth consecutive increase over previous years. This area is also a great winter attraction for tourism with Alger County boasting over 300 miles of groomed trails. Another good benefit of this purchase is that it connects to our tribe's trust land that the Christmas Casino is built on, which means once we own this business we can put it in trust and save the property tax dollars.

On April 11, I will be meeting with the U.S. Forest Service to seek acquisition of some of our

homelands. We will be trying to acquire this land to develop permanent powwow grounds and a place to preserve and enhance our cultural/traditional ceremonies and activities in Unit V. It is our hope that our trustee (the United States) will honor its commitment to us and help us in our quest to preserve and promote our culture. I will make sure to smudge and pray to the Creator for guidance on this. We really do hope this can be a start for our governments to work together to benefit our people.

If you have any issues or concerns, feel free to contact me at (906) 450-5094 or email cmatson@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully,
Charles J. Matson Sr.

New Home of Hope sober living houses open



MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Progress from our health services to help our community combat the opiate epidemic made significant movement with the opening of our "Home of Hope."

It will assist with transitional housing needs for those actively fighting addictions and those recently released from detox. It's a small but very crucial step to help ensure our members success. Our tribe continues to pursue opening a major facility to provide the much needed services to overcome addiction — I look forward to the day we can open those doors. Until then, we must continue to support each other and have those talks to address this epidemic and break the stigma associated with addiction.

If you need help, reach out to your family, reach out to your friends, reach out to your community — we are here to help.

Tribal treaty fishing rights continue to be discussed. The board, the Conservation Committee,

commercial fishers, subsistence fishers, our in-house attorney and outside counsel continue to identify our community needs and are working together to establish our tribe's stance on several key factors of the coming negotiations. The 2020 negotiating team has monthly meetings with the five fishing tribes to discuss common ground and how to move forward with the State of Michigan and United States governments regarding the tribes' previously established "superior rights" to fish the Great Lakes. We've visited a few of the other tribes and our tribe will host the meeting in the Sault later this month.

A few council members and team members recently attended the Self-Governance Conference in Traverse City.

It's a national conference of many tribal nations held in conjunction with the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of the Interior. Several great trainings and informational sessions were held on a variety of topics. The best sessions I attended were with other tribes sharing best practices on everything from health services to economic development. We also received very informative legal updates on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) legislation and Child Welfare (ICWA) court cases.

Smoke Pigs Not Cigs had its annual event to bring awareness to end non-traditional use of tobacco. It was good to see it well attended. With the rise of

vaping, we must do everything we can to educate our youth on the dangers of cigarettes and e-cigarettes.

And speaking of youth, I'm very proud to announce a new addition to our growing family: Congrats to Kayla and Jeremy on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Estella Lyn! She is absolutely amazing, just like her mama. She's a great reminder of why we must continue to fight for our community; I want to leave her a healthy vibrant community. So, continue looking out for each other, go to ceremonies, go to the powwows, dance, talk the language, help when and where you can.

Contact me at (906) 440-7768 to discuss anything further. Chi miigwech.

Head Start programs now accepting applications



BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

If you have a child or know of another family with a child under 5 years old, please have them consider enrolling their child in the Sault Tribe Early Head Start home visitor program or to attend the St. Ignace Head Start program. Both of my sons attended both programs and it was a great family experience. The programs are accepting applications for the fall school year. Parents can call the St. Ignace center at (906) 643-9733 or the Sault center at (906) 635-7722.

Head Start also allows parents to be very active in their child's education. I was involved in the parent committee and the policy council. I have always believed in this program and still get to be

involved by being on the Head Start Board Advisory Committee.

The Sault Tribe ACFS Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) is recruiting families interested in becoming tribal licensed family child care homes on trust lands. The CCDF provides start-up assistance, licensing, monitoring and mini-grant opportunities to ensure the homes offer a high quality, age appropriate, safe and healthful environment for children. You must be at least 18 years of age, reside on trust land, pass a background check, attend orientation and be certified in CPR and first aid.

CCDF will assist you in every step of the way. CCDF also offers increased pay incentives to homes that offer non-traditional hours of care, such as evenings and weekends to our CCDF eligible families. If you are interested, please call ACFS at (906) 632-5250.

Child care assistance is also available to families working, going to school or participating in a qualified job search program. The program is income based and has a co-pay. For more information, you can call (800) 726-0093. Applications are available on saulttribe.com or at the St. Ignace Health Center.

Congratulations to Kewadin Shores Security Supervisor Mike McNeely on being named the

Team Member of the Year!

Thank you to Angie Gilmore and the ACFS team for doing such a great job with the St. Ignace Family Fun Day! Unfortunately, I had bronchitis and couldn't attend but heard many great things about the event.

Our community lost another youth in March to suicide. My heart goes out to the family. There has been too much of this in our community. I am not sure what the solution is but that we need to be supportive and stress the importance of asking for help or talking to someone when life seems hopeless or frustrating. Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.

Congratulations to the St. Ignace Girls' Basketball team as Division 4 State Runner Up. These girls worked very hard and make us all proud!

My son's hockey team won the Midget BB State Championship at home in March. It was his third state championship but winning at home with our community present was an awesome experience. Go Saints!

I would like to give a shout out to the Community Health staff who help our members become more physically active through individual or group sessions. They show you how to

properly use the equipment at the Big Bear as well as other strength training. If you would like to participate in the program you will need a referral from your primary care physician.

Community Health also offers cooking and canning workshops to teach our members how to prepare healthful food options for your family. The dieticians truly care about their patients and want them to succeed!

The board, at its last meeting in March at Manistique, voted to purchase the White Pine Lodge in Munising, which also includes a gas station. I am very excited that we will finally have a motel in Munising right next to the casino and another Midjim. The economy is exploding in Munising with the popularity of the Pictured Rocks and is the snowmobile capital of the U.P. This was a good business decision.

If you are in the market for a car, you should consider purchasing one at Gitchee Auto in the Sault that is owned by Sault Tribe. There is currently a variety of very nice vehicles. The office is also a model of the modular homes the tribe sells. With spring and summer approaching, now is the time to purchase a shed there, too.

People always ask me where they can purchase our tribal flags.

It used to be the newspaper office but they are now being sold at Northern Hospitality in the Sault.

I am very excited with our increased diversifying opportunities. There are so many opportunities out there and we are fortunate to have hired our EDC director to seek out and vet these opportunities.

I was very disappointed in the chair at the last meeting in Manistique when one of my board issues was with job postings not allowing for degrees to be preferred instead of required. He said that they should not have to be "dummied down," which was uncalled for. I think our members and team members would take great offense to that comment. There are many reasons not everyone has a degree or multiple degrees. Some may not had the opportunity, some learn better from hands on instead of books or classroom, some had to support their family and had to get a job, etc. Whatever reason, people still deserve an opportunity to be hired or promoted in our businesses or government.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (906) 430-0536, bsorenson@saulttribe.net or Bridgett91@yahoo.com.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter for you and your family!

Causley-Smith updates Unit II membership



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

This past month I had the opportunity to take part as the tribal leader on the National Tribal Advisory committee for the Bemidji area (Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota) to assist and respond to a consultation request and recommendation letter to be created and sent on to Micheal Weahkee, Deputy Principal Director to Indian Health services. Together with the other elected tribal leaders across the nation we completed the document of recommendations and input on the needs in our communities with substance abuse, domestic violence and teen suicide. We drafted many

requests on ways to distribute funding, the need for additional and the information to ensure the trust responsibility and remind of our unique sovereignty. We explained the ways to handle improved care and access in our communities. I was very honored to sign on behalf of our Bemidji area and look forward to the continued work on this at the national level with many other leaders. Miigwech to staff that help us along the way to better advocate on all our behalf. As always, this will remain my priority ongoing.

In a small step here at home, I'm happy to report this coming month we will be opening our nine-bed recovery homes for those needing aftercare in there sobriety path. With the Health Division, Planning and Development and Housing staff steering this project we celebrated the ribbon cutting for the new home. The service will be referred out to members through our behavior health program and those with questions or need assistance please call our program directly at (906) 635-6074. Miigwech to all the staff that also made this project complete. Ongoing, we remain in the planning for the full recovery center slated for our land in Dafter, Mich., our tribe has committed



Left, Unit II Representative Lana Causley-Smith, Rear Admiral Weahkee and Sault Tribe Executive Director Christine McPherson.

and as a full article described last month we have partnered with the Hazleden Betty Ford Foundation for experience and expertise in this project. We have also committed funding through our tribe for the business plan to be completed in 2019. We as tribal leaders and staff can continue to advocate and education the funding needed to assist with this.

Also this month, I attended the annual self governance conference hosted in Traverse City and hosted by the Grand Traverse Band. This gave me an opportunity to discuss with other key leaders and representatives the need in our community, many

nations shared the same message and desperate needs for the areas. Key staff from Indian Health services and Bureau of Indian Affairs with a few of the highlights being presentations, policy updates and consultation updates along with a presentation on the long awaited recommendations from the Department of Civil rights on "Broken Promises," which explains about funding shortfalls for our nations. This is a very detailed document that explain histories with the shortfalls in the treaties and lack of funding and what we expect moving forward. Please check it out online as you can view this

for yourself. It's informative and I believe all our people should know what the expectations are with the responsibilities that the government has with us. We had many discussion about legislation priorities for both IHS and BIA. The highlight of the conference for me was the session I attended on creating and implementing a opioid strategic plan. We heard from many other tribes on what they are doing their programs and court systems. I have many ideas that I have already documented and shared with our court and plan to assist anyway I can.

In closing, we have started meeting for our annual powwow meetings in our community and everyone is always welcome to attend and be part. We have a great, hard working team of community members and many items are being discussed. And, spring is here so I'm looking forward to seeing some of my Elders that have been away for the Winter and seeing you at the monthly meetings.

If you would like to meet or discuss issues, ideas or concerns please contact me at lcausley@saulttribe.net, (906) 484-2954, or (906) 322-3818.

Baamaapii,
Lana Causley-Smith
Unit II Representative

Jennifer McLeod updates Unit I membership



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin, Anishnabek! March was an exciting time! My work on the **Bureau of Indian Affairs Negotiated Rulemaking Committee** has finally concluded! The committee was established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and the National Rulemaking Act (NRA). The Secretary selected 13 tribal representatives and five federal representatives for the committee. Together we helped develop proposed regulations for the Secretary to define standards, assessments and an accountability system for bureau-funded schools. I was selected to serve on this committee's leadership team, as well as the Standards Subcommittee. The committee's recommendations had to be consistent with federal law ESEA section 111 and was designed to address the unique circumstances and needs of bureau-funded schools and the students served. This was very important work for our children and I know it will be in place for many years to come. It was an honor, and oftentimes a battle, to serve on this committee and protect tribal sovereignty,

and the educational future of tribal children.

While national work is important, I try to balance it with involvement that has the greatest local impact, the **Eastern Upper Peninsula Transit Authority (EUPTA)** has a large local impact on our people and this was a good fit for me. As you know from previous unit reports, I was appointed to the EUPTA Board of Directors. Recently, I was elected as secretary of the board. I wanted to be on this board to give thousands of tribal people a voice on the island ferry services (Sugar, Neebish and Drummond), as well as the bus services that are critical to people's lives. There are a lot of changes being proposed and I'm not certain I am in favor of them all. Rest assured I will study the information, and always do what I believe is in the best interest of the **PEOPLE** served. I was naively surprised to learn that there is a stipend for serving and I have chosen to donate it to the Sault Tribe's women's shelter and will continue to do so monthly.

Regarding my work on the **Community Health Aide Program Tribal Advisory Group (CHAP TAG)**, I was selected to present at the **Self-Governance Conference** in Traverse City. In addition, as the tribal chairperson of this committee, I facilitated a tribal caucus and I also conducted the national meeting held with CHAP TAG and the Indian Health Service. The work I am doing on CHAP TAG is helping to ensure there are **NO SECOND CLASS INDIAN TRIBES** and all tribes will benefit from the use of health aide professionals to at least the standard given



Unit I Representative Jennifer McLeod (left, seated) at the Tribal Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference.



Students from JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School met with Jennifer McLeod.

to Alaskan tribes. This is helping our tribal members specifically, as we are one of the **FIRST Tribes** to include dental therapists as a part of our health programming for tribal members.

I serve as the tribal chairperson of another national committee of tribal leaders that's connected through the USDA and the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations program (FDPIR). It is the **FDPIR Tribal Leaders Working Group**. I facilitated an online conference

meeting with tribal leaders and the USDA, in preparation for implementation of the Farm Bill and specifically how it affects Indian Country. There is a consultation with the USDA in Washington, D.C., on May 1 and 2 and I intend to be there. The Farm Bill is **HUGE** and there are many ways I can see it benefiting our tribe, beyond the food program. **The Farm Bill isn't just about farms**, it's about technology access, forests, businesses, housing, etc. and

I am going to do my best to develop as many opportunities for our people as I can. But, I'm not doing this alone! I have many people both in and out of the tribe who have expertise and passion who can help make things happen!

Because I really enjoy meeting with tribal members and hearing what's on their minds, on April 12 and 13, I will be in Newaygo at the Brooks Township Hall to hold office hours and have a gathering. **I believe reaching out to ALL members is important.** I also met with two young ladies from our tribal school (see pic). They had some wonderful ideas to share with me and I'm looking forward to working with them as we create a brighter future for our JKL Bahweting students.

Finally, this month I will be introducing a resolution declaring May 5 as a Tribal Day of Recognition and Remembrance for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Tribal women and girls experience violence at numbers unseen by any other group of women and girls in this country. **This must be brought to light, for only in this way can change happen.**

As always, if I can be of any service or if you would just like to chat, please contact me. In the meantime, stay safe and warm and **C'mon SPRING!**

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Darcy Morrow updates Unit IV membership



**DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Director Chase and I continue to attend Conservation Committee, CORA and 2020 fishing negotiation meetings between the five tribes, held throughout the state monthly. The issues our tribe and fishermen faced when negotiating the Consent Decree in 2000 are some of the same issues we face now. One example is exotic/invasive species and the damage they do coming into the Great Lakes. The difference is 20 years later we have more exotics in the Great Lakes doing more damage; the state and feds have not done their job when it comes to eliminating or decreasing exotic/invasive species.

We need to guarantee we are looking out for our future generations; we need to ensure our grandchildren's children continue to utilize our treaty right to fish in our Great Lakes!

Our moccasin workshops with presenter Bud Biron in February and March had great participation

even though the weather didn't want to cooperate with us! Every class had a lot of fun and laughs and it was nice to meet new people. The next workshops we are holding are shawl workshops; they are both currently full. We are taking a waiting list, so please call to get on the list. We have been so happy with the overwhelming number of members wanting to participate in the workshops held throughout the unit. It is so great to be able to have these services in Unit IV now! The workshops have been a great day for family participation and members getting to know each other better through talking circles. Director Chase and I will continue to work on more workshops for the unit.

We are also pleased to announce language classes starting in Unit IV. This was another one of my campaign goals that has been fulfilled. Throughout the years, Director Chase and I have taken many names of tribal members, compiled lists on who wanted to attend language classes and turned them into the different education directors with no support of holding the service on the west end. We are glad this year Education Director Lisa Moran listened and supported expanding this service to our Manistique and Escanaba areas to start. We have already requested expanding the service for a future class at the Sands Township Hall in Gwinn, Mich. An individual has been hired but, unfortunately, our hiring process is slow, so I am not able to announce the name. Next month, we will post a flyer with



Assistant Interior Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara MacLean Sweeney at March's MAST.

all the information so you and your families can attend. We are very excited to have this individual bringing his or her knowledge to us, please support keeping our language alive by attending with your families.

In March, Director Chase and I attended the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) conference in Washington, D.C. We attended the two-day conference that has various congresswomen and men who come and interact through questions and answers with the tribal leaders at the table. There are other participants who give legislative updates and discussion on Indian Country. On the second day, in the afternoon, Director Chase, myself and Legislative Director Mike McCoy went to "the Hill" and discussed issues such as VAWA funding, an increase of IHS funds and advanced appropriations, so



Sweeney and Tribal women leaders who attended MAST.

if another government shutdown occurs tribes will not be forced to cut services or close down during that time. During our visit, we met with staff from Senator Amy Klobuchar, Congressman Ed Case, Representative Ruben Gallego and Congressman Ron Kind. Legislative Director McCoy set up a separate meeting for the three of us to meet with a staff member from Representative Bergman's office to discuss the issues we discussed with the other representative's staffers and we also discussed funding of \$26 million in infrastructure and operational costs to build our recovery hospital.

My husband, son and I attended the Honoring our Elders Powwow on March 30 at the Escanaba High School. There was a great turnout of drums, dancers, booths and participants this year. It is a nice relaxed event everyone enjoys and, of course, the fry bread and Indian tacos make it

a great kick off to powwow season! Thank you to the Powwow Committee for putting on the event.

On May 7, from 5 to 9 p.m., there will be a women's gathering at the Manistique Tribal Center. They have limited space. Please call Gail Sulander at (906) 341-8469 to reserve your spot. Please see flyer on this page.

The Gathering of the Clans Manistique Powwow is on Aug. 24, 2019, this year. The last few years we have had direct competition with Munising's free Pictured Rocks Cruise and Craft show (they have over 100 booths), so we decided to move the date to try and increase participation.

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

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

Bringing traditional teachings to communities



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

It's April 8 and there are still six-foot snow banks in the yard and a snowstorm predicted for later this week. Welcome to springtime, U.P. style.

Sault Tribe scholarship applications become available the end of April. The application deadline is in June, so please make sure to visit our Sault Tribe website soon for further information, or you can visit our Higher Education offices at 2 Ice Circle (Big Bear) in Sault Ste. Marie, or you can call (906) 635-7784, extension 26312. Don't forget to complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

This is a good time to share that the Sault Tribe does have an Adult Education Program and offers GED classes, GED test assistance and GED referral services. It's hard to be self-sufficient without a minimum of

a high school diploma. You are never too old and it's never too late to prepare for future opportunities.

Thanks to Sault Tribe Culture and Educational Enhancement funding, we have been able to bring various workshops to our Unit II area. Chi miigwech to Jackie Minton (moccasin and ribbon skirts), Josh Homminga and Sarah Bedell (black ash basket making) and Bud Biron (rattle making) for sharing their knowledge and expertise with our communities. It's been a real hit with community members. It's a great family friendly opportunity to have fun, socialize and learn our traditional knowledge and skills. Next workshop is in DeTour at the Township Center on May 4-5 (basket making with Josh and Sarah).

We are also discussing the possibility of bringing workshops to Wequayoc this summer. If you are interested in participating or volunteering this summer, please give me a call. If the interest is there, we'll move forward: (906) 430-5551 (leave a message).

Chi miigwech to YEA Director Lisa Burnside for engaging our next generation and their families bringing traditional teachings to our community. Miigwech to Adrienne and Graz Shipman for sharing their knowledge and teachings. I would also like to thank Lisa, Tony Grondin, John Causley and Joque Piatt for their leadership on behalf of our

Mukkwa Giizhik Community Drum. Also a special shout out to the Landerville, LaTour and Currie families for their dedication and support throughout the years.

Tony helped the men prepare the new hide for the drum in the traditional methods and shared

customary ways. Joque Piatt donated the hide. On April 4, the Hessel community feasted our drum in celebration. Also, the community feasted the new regalia of two young ladies from our community. Miigwech to everyone who helped make this feast possible.

As usual, the Hessel powwow is on the third weekend in August and the Rexton Youth Powwow is on July 27. Check the Sault Tribe website for other coming powwows. Hope to see you there.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at (906) 430-5551.

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Unit IV folks enjoy powwow and making moccasins



Photos submitted by Darcy Morrow

Dancers begin to assemble for the start of the Caring for Our Elders Powwow in Escanaba on March 30.



Spectators and dancers watch and wait for the dancing to start.



Ladies working on moccasins.



A crew making Mocassins with Bud Biron in Escanaba.



An initial test of a moccasin.



Shaping the sole of a pair of moccasins.



Making Mocassins with Bud Biron in Sands Township.



Checking the its feel.



These ladies seem to be engaged in sychronized sewing.



Making Mocassins with Bud Biron in Manistique.



Tracing patterns.

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JUNE

John Anderson

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JULY

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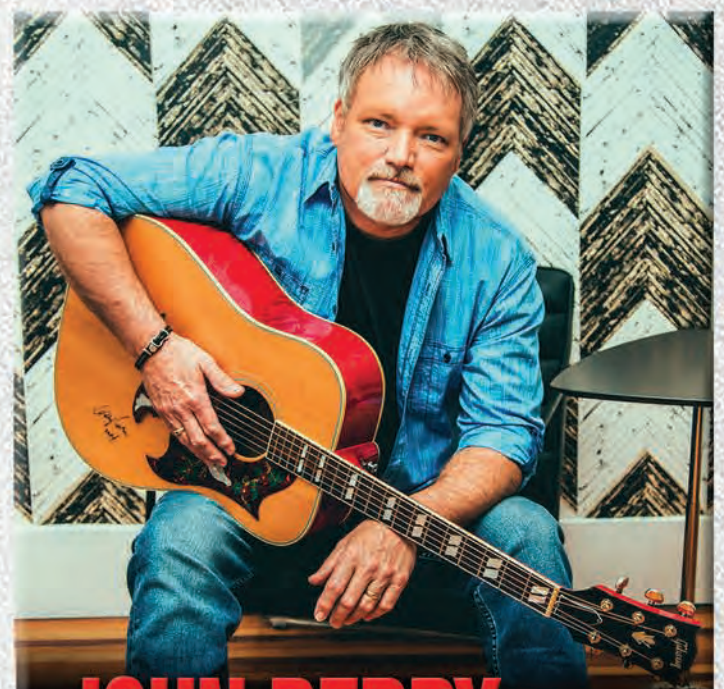
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