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ARC brings REDress Project to Sault Ste. Marie



By Rick Smith

Over a dozen red dresses hung among the trees along Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., appeared as phantoms when first noticed. The display was part of the The REDress Project, an international campaign to call attention to the plight of murdered and missing indigenous women (MMIW) in Canada and the United States. The Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) created the Sault display to further awareness of the injustice of the disproportionately high number of American Indian women believed to have met foul play, and yet cases too often go unsolved or unresolved.

In recent months, Jami Moran, ARC program manager, collected red dresses with a vision to create a display in the tribe's Sault community. ARC staff helped Moran set up the display, which remained in place throughout the month of May.

Canadian Metis artist Jaime Black initiated the project several years ago, it spread across Canada and into the United States.

In the meantime, the subject of MMIW reached the chambers of the U.S. Congress as well as those of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). In 2016, the NCAI passed a resolution supporting a congressional resolution creating a national day of awareness for MMIW, called for the Department of Justice to fully implement *Violence Against Women Act of 2005* program of research and to provide Indian tribes with information on the disappearance and murder of Native women.

The NCAI resolution also advocated for changes in federal agencies to increase safety for Native women and girls. Among the agencies listed in the resolution were the departments of Justice, Interior and Health and Human Services.

Last April, the *Not Invisible Act of 2019* was introduced in the Senate. The bill would increase coordination between federal agencies to identify and combat violent crime in Indian Country and of Indians. The bill notes the National Institute of Justice reports more than 80 percent of American Indian men and women have experienced violence in their lifetimes and more than 34 percent experienced violence in the last year; 56 percent of American Indian women experience sexual violence in their lifetimes; and

murder is the third leading cause of death among American Indian women; and reliable data on the prevalence of MMIW is not available.

The U.S. Senate also designated May 5 as a national Day of Awareness for missing and murdered Native women and girls. The Sault Tribe Board of Directors passed a resolution sponsored by Unit I Representative Jennifer McLeod recognizing the day. Colleen Medicine of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan conducted a

prayer circle on May 5 as a way of healing, sharing stories and raising awareness for missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

The ARC staff said they were thrilled to see the community involvement in raising awareness and the REDress display was just a small piece of a much bigger picture. They said the observance was about getting the community to come together in support of one another and to bring awareness to issues that are difficult to discuss.

Photo by Rick Smith

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Tribal elders honored at May 23 women's gathering



Photo submitted by Jenn Lehto

From left, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians elders, Fannie Aslin, Joan Karlson, Nancy Keller and Rosanne Brown, were honored for their contribution to our communities at a May 23 women's gathering at the Newberry Tribal Health Center.

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Housing Authority does “mini site clean ups”



Youngsters who participated in the Manistique function.

BY SAULT TRIBE HOUSING STAFF

Sault Tribe Housing Authority staff conducted “mini site clean up” events in Manistique, Escanaba and Marquette in May.

“We all learned about the importance of keeping our community clean,” said resident service specialist, Sherry Boudreau.

In Manistique, 18 children and three adults came out to help clean up the housing site. In Marquette, participants cleaned the playground area. In Escanaba, four children, YEA coordinator Kelly Constantino and Boudreau cleaned up ditches on the housing site and enjoyed pizza and cheesy breadsticks.

Each housing site crew also played games, had pizza and every child went home with a kite and a small gift.



Youth of the Manistique crew enjoying a game.



The Manistique crew hard at it cleaning ditches. Crews in Manistique, Marquette and Escanaba cleaned certain sites of tribal housing sites in those areas. For their efforts, the youngsters involved were rewarded with fun activities, pizza and gifts.



Kids in Escanaba played the M&M game waiting for their pizza and gifts.



Children of the Marquette team nosh on some tasty pizza.

Marquette County Tribal Picnic
ALL Are Welcome to Attend!
 When: Saturday, August 3rd 2019
 NOON ~ 3:00
 Where: BEAVER GROVE PARK
 What: POT LUCK STYLE—Please bring a food item to share.
 BRATS, HOT DOGS, DRINKS ~ WILL BE PROVIDED!
 Tribal Drum will be present
 Sponsored by the Sault Ste Marie Tribal Elders of Marquette
 Questions ~ Please call Kevin (906) 235-0959 ~Leave a message

Sault Tribe T.A.P.

Wellbriety Meeting & Talking Circle!

Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Shedawin Building
 in front of the casino valet at the Sault Kewadin Casino

12-Step Recovery Group in the Native American Way

Contact: Sault Tribe Behavioral Health, (906) 635-6075

Sault Tribe committee vacancies as of June 2019

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

Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - six vacancies - three

males (4-year term), three female (4-year term)

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

Election Committee - 10 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 - six vacancies (2-year term)

Conservation Committee - two vacancies (one non-fisher-term ending 2/2020) (one fisher-term ending 2/2022)

Elder Advisory Committee

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

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

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 alternate vacancy

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

Elder Subcommittee

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

Unit II - Hessel (4-year term),

one regular seat vacancies, one alternate seat vacancies

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

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

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

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

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

The Michigan Elders Association Conference took place over April 16-17 at Watersmeet, Mich., sponsored by Lac Vieux Desert Band. Brenda Garries served as Sault Tribe delegate. Michigan's 12 tribes were represented and over 150 tribal elders were registered. The silent auction raised \$4,302 to fund MIEA incentive awards, given to students who achieve pre-fect attendance and straight A grades. Over \$400 was raised from the 50/50. The Sault Tribe flag was carried by a volunteer Native American veteran (at right) replacing flag carrier Wally Nesberg, who passed away. Submitted by Anita Nelson



PRICE IS RIGHT LIVE coming to Kewadin

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich. - Kewadin Casinos host *The Price is Right Live* stage show on Nov. 17, 2019, at 7 p.m. Tickets on sale in person at Kewadin casinos in Sault Ste Marie, Manistique and St. Ignace, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays or online at Kewadin.com.



of winning big and in person. The show gives eligible individuals the chance to "come on down" to play classic games from the popular game show. Contestants can win cash, appliances, vacations and maybe even a new car playing favorites like Plinko, Cliffhangers,

The Big Wheel and the fabulous showcase! Showing to near sold out audiences for more than 10 years, *The Price Is Right Live* has given away over \$12 million in cash and prizes to lucky audience members all across North America.

St. Ignace regalia workshops June-Aug

ST. IGNACE — Regalia making workshops are scheduled June 11 through Aug. 6 at McCann School in St. Ignace for Sault Tribe members. Participants learn how to make girl's, boy's, women's and men's fancy, traditional and grass style regalia. Limited to 15 participants on a first-come, first-served basis, Unit III given priority for these workshops. All participants must either know how to sew or have an adult who

knows how to sew clothing attend with them. Workshops run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are open to everyone, stop by if you would like to learn and are not enrolled in the workshops at any time. If not enrolled, you will need your own supplies. An initial meeting took place on June 11-12, color selections, designs and measurements were taken.

WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

June 18-20: Shawls and skirts

June 25-27: Ribbon shirts

July 8-9: Yokes

July 15-16: Leggings

July 22-23: Moccasin tops

July 29-30: Tobacco bags and chokers

Aug. 5-6: Fans and finishing

Call Jackie Minton at (906) 322-6423 or send email to jackie49minton@gmail. Email would get a quick response because of limited cell service. You can also reach out via Facebook.

Jr. Police Academy August 5-9 this year; deadline to sign up is June 28

This year's 2019 Junior Police Academy by Sault Tribe's Law Enforcement Department runs through Monday-Friday, Aug. 5-9, at Boedne Bay, Moran, Mich. The academy is free and Sault Tribe members 11-15 years old may attend. Transportation may be provided if needed. Law enforcement training activities: physical fitness training, evidence collection, taser training presentation, MILO simulator, first aid training, swat team techniques, K-9 unit presentation, outdoor emergency preparedness, felony traffic stops, "simunitions," building entry,

report writing, water safety, fingerprinting and fire safety. Contact Robert Marchand, chief of police, (906) 635-6065, for any questions. Look for an application in the May issue of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*.



Conservation Committee 2019 meeting schedule

All meetings are held at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. Meetings are scheduled to start at 5 p.m. (see below). Contact Linda Grossett at (906) 635-6050 or email lgrossett@saulttribe.net if you have any questions. Tribal members are encouraged to attend.

Monday, July 22

Monday, Aug. 19

Monday, Sept. 23

Monday, Oct. 14

Monday, Nov. 18

Monday, Dec. 16

Free LSSU sport camps for youth in Sault Ste. Marie

Boys individual basketball camp at LSSU offers free registration for Sault Tribe youth. The camp is June 24-27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for males entering sixth through ninth grades. Registration is limited and is first come, first served. A limit of one free camp per Sault Tribe member is in place. Deadline for registration is June 19 at 5 p.m.

Middle School volleyball camp is offered to females entering fifth to eighth grades from July 8-10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants must pay a lunch fee of \$20, but registration for Sault Tribe youth is free. Registration is limited and is first come, first served. A limit of one free camp per Sault Tribe member is in place. Deadline is July 2 at 5 p.m.

Chippewa County FAN changes meetings schedule

Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Chippewa County now meets on a new night. Meetings are now on the third Wednesdays of every month at 6 p.m. at the new location in the Avery Square conference room, on the second

floor (elevators available) in Sault Ste. Marie. Email chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org or visit or www.facebook.com/fanchipp.

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Killips hired as executive assistant in administration

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Assistant Executive Director Jessica Dumback has hired Jenna Killips as her executive assistant. Killips is a new graduate of Lake Superior State University's Lukenda School of Business and holds a bachelor degree in business administration and marketing. Her first day on the job was May 17.

Killips began her marketing journey in high school, when she became involved in Business Professionals of America (BPOA), placing fourth in the BPOA regional competition in her junior year and eighth in the state her senior year.

Killips will be processing paperwork, working on the annual golf classic in July and updating the membership services booklet, which lists tribal departments with their services and contact information.

Killips has a background in research methods, market analysis, consumer surveys and sales forecasting; global marketing strategies; consumer behavior and understanding needs, perceptions and demographics; and marketing management, including e-marketing.

She is from Sault Ste. Marie and is the daughter of Paul and Darlene Killips, and has two older brothers, Brian, 27, and Kevin, 25.



Jenna Killips



Hockey clinic

For youth aged 8 to 16. Costs are \$100 for five sessions for Sault Tribe members or \$125 for five sessions for community members. Online registration at www.bigbeararena.com.

Clinic takes place on June 30, July 7, July 14, July 21 and July 28 and feature instruction from a Division 1 hockey player, fundamentals, skating, stick handling, shooting and six skaters/session.

Clinic times: 8 and under, 9-9:50 a.m.; 12 and under, 10-10:50 a.m.; 16 and under, 11-11:50 a.m.

Please contact Destiny McKechnie at dmckechnie@saulttribe.net, (906) 635-RINK (7465) or visit our website at www.bigbeararena.com.

Training opportunities available for eligible resident 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.

Apply at 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.

Membership liaisons assist tribal members with their issues

Three membership liaisons work with the chairperson's office on membership issues and concerns across the service area. The liaison requires knowledge the tribe and its practices, administrative experience and the ability to work with data, write reports and organize special projects and events.

The liaisons will also respond to and follow up on membership issues to ensure they are resolved.

Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact liaisons when they need help with tribal issues, email membersconcerns@saulttribe.net or contact individually at:

Unit I
Sheila Berger
Admin. Building, Sault, MI
635-6050, ext. 26359
sberger@saulttribe.net

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

Units IV and V
Mary Jenerou
Manistique Tribal Center,
341-8469
Munising Tribal Center,
450-7011
mjenerou@saulttribe.net

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.

Sault Tribe membership services contacts, (906) area code

ANISHINAABEK COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES

632-5250 or (800) 726-0093
USDA: 635-6076 or (888) 448-8732
Child Advocacy Center:
632-4001
Advocacy Resource Center:
632-1808 or (877) 639-7820
Child Placement Program:
632-5250, 495-1232 or (800) 726-0093
St. Ignace Office: 643-8689
Manistique Office: 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137
Munising Office: 387-3906, (800) 236-4705

CULTURE

635-6050
Language, Mary Murray
Culture Camp, Ojibwe Learning

Center and Library

EDUCATION

632-6798
Child Care: 632-5258
Early Childhood: 635-7722
YEA: 635-7010
WIOA: 635-4767
Adult Ed: 495-7305, 632-6098
Higher Ed: 635-4767

ELDERS

Administration: 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356
Health Sufficiency Fund, Meals, Transportation, In-Home Service

HEALTH CENTERS AND CLINICS

ST. IGNACE
1140 N. State St., Suite 2805

Phone: 643-8689
Toll Free: (877) 256-0135

ESCANABA

1401 N 26th St., Suite 105
Phone: 786-2636
SAULT STE. MARIE
2864 Ashmun St.
Phone: 632-5200
Toll Free: (877) 256-0009

HESSEL

3355 N. 3 Mile Rd.
Phone: 484-2727

MANISTIQUE

5698W US Highway 2
Phone: 341-8469
Toll Free: (866) 401-0043

NEWBERRY

4935 Zeez Ba Tik Lane
Phone: 293-8181

MUNISING

622 West Superior St.
Phone: 387-4721
Toll Free: (800) 236-4705

MARQUETTE

1229 Washington St.
Phone: 225-1616

HOUSING

Administration: 495-5555 or (800) 794-4072
Resident Services: 495-1450 or (800) 794-4072
Maintenance:
(855) 205-2840
Homeownership: 495-1450 or (800) 794-4072
Home Improvement:
495-1450

RECREATION

635-RINK (635-7465)
Youth programs
Events
Pro Shop
Recreation agreements

ENROLLMENT

Administration: 632-8552 or (800) 251-6597

Tribal membership cards, tuition waiver certifications, blood quantum certifications, relinquishment requests, enrollment of children, update address changes, assist with treaty fishing license, family genealogy, eagle feather permits and form BIA-4432 (Indian preference forms)

NATURAL RESOURCES

Wildlife Program: 632-6132
Fisheries Program: 632-6132
Environment: 632-5575

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ CONSERVATION

635-6065
For emergencies, dial 911



ACFS Child Care and Development fund has openings

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) has openings!

You may be eligible for child care assistance if you live in the Sault Tribe service area; employed, going to school or in a qualified job search program; have children who are members or eligible to be members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and meet income guidelines.

You may choose state-licensed child care centers, tribe-licensed child care centers, state-licensed family/group child care home, tribe-licensed family/group child care home, relative care providers or in-home aides.

See the back of this page for

more information on each of those choices or call (800) 726-0093 for more information.

Applications available on-line at <https://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs/direct-services/child-care-development-fund> or pick up applications at any ACFS office listed below.

ACFS main office, 2218 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

ACFS-Kincheloe, 60 Kincheloe Rd., Kincheloe, MI 49788

ACFS St. Ignace, 1140 N. State St. Suite 2805, St. Ignace, MI 49781

ACFS Munising, 622 W. Superior St., Munising, MI 49862

ACFS Manistique, 5698 W. Highway US-2, Manistique, MI 49854

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

If choosing a state-licensed child care center, the center must have a valid and current license.

If choosing a tribe-licensed child care center, the center must have a valid and current license.

If choosing a state-licensed or tribe-licensed family/group child care home provider, the provider must have a valid and current license.

If choosing a relative care provider, they must meet the following criteria prior to providing care:

- Must be a relative of the child(ren) needing care (grandparent, great-grandparent, uncle, aunt, sibling)

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Live in a separate residence;

- Care only for children to whom they are related;

- Obtain a clear MDHHS clearance;

- Obtain a clear ICHAT (ACFS runs this report);

- Obtain a clear tribal registry clearance (ACFS runs this report);

- Provide a signed open door policy, provider registration form and a signed client/provider agreement;

- Follow the CCDF payment schedule and payment paperwork requirements;

- Complete initial home visit with CCDF coordinator;

- More criteria may follow in the near future.

If choosing an in-home (aide) care provider, they must meet the following criteria prior to providing care:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Live in a separate residence;

- Complete FBI and state fingerprint background checks;

- Obtain a clear MDHHS clearance;

- Obtain a clear ICHAT (ACFS runs this report);

- Obtain a clear tribal registry clearance (ACFS runs this report);

- Provide a signed open door policy, provider registration form and a signed client/provider agreement;

- Follow the CCDF payment schedule and payment paperwork requirements;

- CPR and first aid within 90 days;

- CCDF training requirements within 90 days.

Public comment and hearing set for 2019-22 CCDF plan

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Members: You have a voice! The Sault Tribe's Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) 2019-22 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) plan is available for your review. The CCDF program provides child care assistance to lower the burden of high child care costs of eligible

Sault Tribe households in the tribe's seven-county service area. How we administer this program is partly determined by YOUR input.

The plan is available June 17-21, 2019, for comment at the following ACFS sites:

ACFS – Sault office, 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (906) 632-5250

ACFS – St. Ignace office, 1140 N. State Street, Suite 2805, St. Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-8689

ACFS – Manistique office, 5698 W. Highway US 2, Manistique, MI 49783 (906) 341-6993

ACFS – Munising office, 622 W. Superior Street, Munising, MI 49862 (906) 387-3906

ACFS – Kincheloe office, 60 Kincheloe, Kincheloe, MI 49788 (906) 495-1232

Advocacy Resource Center, 2769 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (906) 632-1808

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

Newberry Community Health Center, 4935 Zeez Ba Tik Lane,

Newberry, MI 49868 (906) 293-8181

USDA, 3604 Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (906) 635-6076

Public comment will be heard Thursday, June 27, 2019, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

If you have questions, please call ACFS at (800) 726-0093.

Family Celebration Planning Committee express gratitude for help

The Family Celebration Planning Committee thanks the following businesses and volunteers for making our 21st annual Family Celebration Night a huge success! The Family Celebration Night is an exciting event devoted to families in honor of "Parenting Awareness Month" in March. Thanks to all who donated their time planning and organizing this special event for our local families!

Sault Tribe Anishnaabek Community and Family Services
Sault Tribe Housing Authority
Sault Tribe Advocacy

Resource Center
Sault Tribe USDA Food Program
Sault Tribal Court
Sault Tribe Early Childhood Education Programs
United Way of the EUP
Diane Pepler Resource Center
Great Start to Quality U.P. Resource Center
Chippewa County Department of Health and Human Services
Great Lakes Recovery Centers
Bay Mills Community College
Northern Transitions

Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac County Community Action Agency
Chippewa County Council for Youth and Families
Great Start Collaborative Community Health Access Coalition
MSU Extension Programs-4H
Northern Hospitality
Donations/Sponsors
Sault Tribe Anishnaabek Community and Family Services
Sault Tribe Housing Authority
Sault Tribe Community Health Diabetes Program
Chi Mukwa Community

Recreation Center
Kewadin Casino
Chippewa County Council for Youth and Families
Great Start/EUPISD
Parker Ace Hardware
Central Savings Bank
Soo Co-Op Credit Union
Soo Locks Boat Tours
Kewadin Casino
Garlyn Zoo
Tower of History
Valley Camp
Super 8 Motel
McDonald's
Wendy's
MidJim

A special thanks is indebted to all of the members of the Family Celebration Planning Committee for all of their hard work and dedication to the event. Also, many thanks to the vendors, volunteers and participants who make the event what it is.

Spending time with your family is the most important time you can spend. Please celebrate and enjoy your family each and every day and make each moment count. On behalf of our committee, thank you for taking the time to celebrate families with us!

2019 National Forest Camping Voucher Application

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians members who are actively exercising the Tribe's treaty-reserved rights under the provision of the 2005 Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Forest Service and pursuant to Chapter 23 of the Tribal Code may be eligible for a fee exemption voucher issued by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement. **In order to receive a voucher, members must have a current 2019 hunting harvest card or non hunting harvest card** and complete the form below and submit it to Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department. Applications must be received in person, a **minimum of 3 business days prior** to the date of the first requested night. If you would like to receive the voucher via US mail, the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement must receive your application **10 business days prior** to the date of the first requested night to allow for mail time. For questions, please contact Sault Tribe Law Enforcement 906-635-6065.

Please mail to: **Sault Tribe Law Enforcement
Camping Vouchers
P O Box 925
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783**

First Name Middle Last
 Address City State Zip code
 STS # File # Phone number
 Date of Birth Sex E-mail address
 Campground**

Number of Nights, (7 night maximum**) Date of first requested night
 US Mail Pick-up Tent (Color, Size)

Please describe the **gathering activity** you will be engaged in while you are utilizing the requested permit. (**Fishing is not a activity covered under Chapter 23 and does not warrant a camping voucher**)

Tent Description

Camper
Plate Number

Make/Model

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****Permits for Big Brevort, Soldiers Lake, Monocle Lake, and Lake Michigan campgrounds will be for 5 days maximum PER YEAR, PER PERSON, PER CAMPER.**

Gwaiak Miicon Drug Court marks 20 years

By RICK SMITH

Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court officials, affiliates and others recently gathered for a dinner at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center to observe the 20-year anniversary of tribe's Gwaiak Miicon Drug Court. Tom Peters, one of the members of the initial Sault Tribe Drug Court team, gave the name Gwaiak Miicon to the court during the days of its formation in 1999. Gwaiak Miicon translates into English as Straight Path.

According to Administrative Law Judge Kandra Robbins of the Michigan Public Service Commission Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, who was then chief judge of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court, staff members of the court sought grants in the late 1990s to expand services to members appearing in the court. At that time, drug courts were gaining popularity across the country as an effective method of addressing drug and alcohol abuse and addiction. While one drug court was in operation in Kalamazoo, no drug court program existed in the state's American Indian communities.

The tribe's court staff received a grant in 1999 and began development of a drug court team, which included staff from the court, prosecutor's office, law enforcement, substance abuse prevention and treatment services as well as the Cultural Department. "The first team included Michelle Hank, Lori Jump, Mike Pins, Cindy Thomas, Tom Peters and myself," said Robbins. "As a group, we were required to attend specific drug implementation trainings. The trainings included the drug court teams from all the tribes that were



Photo courtesy of Judge Jocelyn Fabry

From left, Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry, Det. Sgt. Mike Pins of the Sault Tribe Police Department and former Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court Chief Judge Kandra Robbins at the observance for the 20-year anniversary of the Gwaiak Miicon Drug Court. Pins was presented with an eagle feather and a Pendleton blanket in recognition of his 20 years of continuous service on the Gwaiak Miicon team.

awarded a grant by the Bureau of Justice Assistance."

Robbins described the trainings as incredibly intense. She said trainees heard from a variety of professionals in disciplines necessary for successfully implementing a drug court. The team developed the program including components of each phase, rewards and sanctions. A lot of debate and struggle took place as the team sought to include all viewpoints of everyone involved.

"It took about a year to fully develop the program," Robbins recalled. "We began implementation of the Gwaiak Miicon in 2000. I had the privilege of presiding as the first judge for the program. I presided as the Gwaiak Miicon judge for over six years. Each drug court hearing began with a prayer and smudging. It was the first time that these

cultural traditions were brought into an actual court hearing."

The design of the program provides intensive support and accountability for participants. As drug court participants gain the trust of the team by successfully working through the program, the team steps back as long as the individuals move forward. Weekly reviews on the progress of drug court participants were conducted on their progress and considering actions such as drug test results, meeting attendance compliance, job attendance, community service and other issues. Robbins said the team knew it was important to celebrate even the smallest of successes for participants and, as presiding judge, it was essential she recognized and supported the role of the team by having them determine any sanctions rather than the judge.

Coalition conducts foster parent training in Sault Ste. Marie

On April 11, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Foster Parent Training Coalition conducted the annual foster parent training at the Elks Lodge in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The speaker, Kim Seidel, shared her personal story with the attendees. She spoke about what it was like to be an adopted child, trauma survivor, therapist and adoptive parent.

Kim specializes in helping caregivers reconnect with their children who have dealt with

any level of trauma related to adoption, parent separation, medical issues or any other dramatic changes that can alter a child's feelings of security and protection.

In all, 36 foster parents and 43 staff members in attended the training. Participating agencies included Anishnaabek Community and Family Services, Bay Mills Indian Community, Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Department of Health and Human

Services, Great Lakes Recovery Center and U.P. Kids.

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



Speaker Kim Seidel



Trainees listen to lessons of Kim M. Seidel, MA, LPC, NCC.

"Again," said Robbins, "this was a significant change from how court hearings were typically held. The judge was no longer the sole arbiter of sanctions for the program non-compliance. Additionally, we knew that consistency was essential for the success of the program."

Robbins recounted the trials and successful passages of a couple of the program's graduates. She said the program's first graduate is an individual who had a lengthy substance abuse history with court involvement and was in and out of treatment. Another was an elder who lost touch with his children because of his habit. Both were able to change their own lives, save their family relationships and go on to better things because they weren't saddled with criminal convictions or records.

"As we had successes in the program and the court resources expanded, we were able to bring more individuals to the table," said Robbins. "The public defender became a permanent member of the team. We had Housing and social services join us as well." By bringing the various disciplines to the team, they were more equipped to address needs of participants.

Under the Gwaiak Miicon program, Robbins explained, the court viewed participants as whole individuals rather than just criminals. With that view, the team examined how individuals could be helped in a holistic manner outside of just punishing criminal behavior.

"When I look back at my time at the court, both as prosecutor and judge, I am very proud of the role I had in this incredible program," Judge Robbins said. "I think this program epitomized the best of the Tribal Court and the positive effect it can have on the lives of our community members."

These days, the Gwaiak Miicon program continues under the second and current chief judge of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court, Jocelyn Fabry. She said the Gwaiak Miicon program continues uninterrupted and maintains the same fundamental framework since its implementation to the present. Weekly review hearings still take place, participants still submit to frequent drug screenings, attend sober support meetings, participate in community work service and are required to adhere to their treatment plans.

"Culture remains a cornerstone of the program," said Fabry. "We are fortunate to have representatives from both Traditional Medicine and Culture on our team now, who are able to provide valuable input into the program and participant progress."

Judge Fabry added that since it began, Gwaiak Miicon has had 100 participants. "But the benefits of the program reach far beyond those 100 individuals," she said. "When someone maintains sobriety, even if that is temporarily, the benefits to their family, their friends and the community are immeasurable."

Governor appoints Sterling to statewide council

By RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Patricia Sterling recently received an appointment by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). The council consists of 16 members, 11 of which are appointed by the governor.

According to an announcement from the governor's office, the council is an independent agency created in accordance with the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that requires states to establish SILCs to be eligible for federal funding to help citizens with disabilities. The council promotes independent living and full integration and inclusion of people with disabilities into mainstream society.

"As a council member representing Native Americans and as a parent of a child with a disability, I'll be responsible for assisting in identifying the needs of the independent living community and to assist with developing and monitoring the state's plans to respond to those needs," said Sterling.

Previously, from 1995 to 2001, Sterling served as the Native American representative for children with disabilities aged 3 year and younger on the Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council, which is charged with aiding the Michigan Department ACFS of Education



ACFS Child Care and Development Fund coordinator Patricia Sterling was appointed to the Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council.

in developing and implementing statewide services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Sterling serves as the Child Care and Development Fund coordinator for Sault Tribe Anishnaabek Community and Family Services. She lives in Sault Ste. Marie with her son, Tyler Sterling.

Sterling said being able to represent her Anishnaabek community as well as the needs of her son as he grows into adulthood will benefit everyone. "It's a unique perspective to offer the SILC from being an Anishnaabek, residing in the Upper Peninsula, where resources are often scarce, and raising a child with a disability," she said.

Sault Tribe Business Alliance partners with U.S. SBA

BY RICK SMITH

In what appears to be an historic and exciting development for Sault Tribe as an institution and its members with an entrepreneurial spirit, officials from the Michigan District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) signed a strategic alliance memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Sault Tribe Business Alliance (STBA) on June 6 at the Tamarack Business Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

According to the memorandum, the purpose of the SBA/STBA partnership is to “develop and foster mutual understanding and a working relationship between the SBA and Sault Tribe Business Alliance in order to strengthen and expand small

business development in the local area.”

The SBA is a federal agency tasked with fostering small businesses through an array of services and programs. The SBA district offices deliver those services and programs to the public. Each entity, according to the memo, has separate services and resources, which provide maximum benefits to small businesses when delivered in coordination with each other.

The STBA is an association developed by the Sault Tribe Economic Development Corporation and focuses on promoting businesses owned by members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Under the strategic alliance memorandum, the SBA and the

STBA work together to meet the needs of the small business community, mainly through close teamwork in sharing regular up-to-date information and resources as well as participating in appropriate special presentations, workshops, conferences, seminars, training programs and other functions. The STBA keeps abreast of changes in SBA programs and disseminates current information regarding SBA options to clients and members. The STBA is also tasked with providing speakers for events sponsored by the SBA if appropriate.

“I think this is our first partnership with a tribe,” said Catherine Gase, lead economic development specialist with the Michigan District Office of the SBA.

“The biggest benefit to the potential Sault Tribe entrepreneur is increased awareness of SBA programs, and the different access points for assistance,” said Joel Schultz, Sault Tribe Economic Development Corporation (EDC) director. “This MOU documents the SBA’s and the STBA’s commitment to assisting when possible.”

Schultz observed the partnership could serve as inspiration for business developments, “The MOU doesn’t necessarily create any new opportunities on its own,” he said, “but it should create and inspire potential projects, and it is a demonstration of credibility between the two organizations. The Sault Tribe Board of Directors are working hard to create a business environment to foster economic growth for its members, that mission aligns with the purpose of SBA.”

Sault Tribe members who live



Photo by Rick Smith

USDA Rural Development in Michigan State Director Jason Allen speaks to an assemblage of folks involved with local business concerns. He was one of several speakers from the SBA and USDA at the Tamarack Business Center who promoted various ways entrepreneurs can get help starting or building small businesses through their agencies. The panel was part of a federal tour through Michigan in support of small businesses in rural communities. The tour highlighted SBA and USDA efforts to empower rural business growth through streamlining their efforts for rural communities in Michigan.

outside of the tribe’s service area could find vital help in starting or expanding their businesses through the STBA. “The SBA recognizes the Sault Tribe EDC as a key contributor to the eastern U.P. landscape,” said Schultz, “and I’d say they’d most likely define that as our seven-county service area. However, we’d define our service area to wherever in the world that there is a Sault Tribe member interested in services.”

While Catherine Gase noted the significance of the Michigan District Office of the SBA agreeing to a partnership with an American Indian tribe, Schultz describes it as an accomplishment for all involved. “This agreement represents a significant step for the Sault Tribe economic

development efforts, showing the established credibility with the federal Small Business Administration offices and our board of directors, and Sault Tribe Business Alliance members’ commitment to economic development success,” he said.

The signing ceremony was part of the Making Michigan Rural Strong roadshow of the SBA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that took place over June 5-7 and traveled through Ironwood, Sault Ste. Marie and Traverse City promoting the services and resources of the SBA and the USDA. Representatives from the USDA were also on hand at the Tamarack Business Center visit to speak on services available through their agency.



Photo by Rick Smith

Officials of Sault Tribe, Sault Tribe Business Alliance (STBA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA) watch CEO of Concept Consulting and STBA founding member Alan Barr sign the strategic alliance memorandum on June 6 at the Tamarack Business Center in Sault Ste. Marie. The agreement was previously signed by Stephen Morris, SBA director of strategic alliances and Constance Logan, district director of the SBA Michigan District Office, seen in center of photo. From left, Sault Tribe Board Vice Chairman DJ Hoffman, Barr, Logan, President of Moore-Trosper Construction Company and STBA founding member Ted Moore and Sault Tribe Legislative Director Mike McCoy.

Board busy with economic development

BY BRENDA JEFFERYS, EDC

Hopefully over the last several months, you have been able to catch the success stories *Win Awenen Nisitotung* has published on tribal member-owned companies such as Tipping Point Solutions, JETA Corp and Moore Trosper. Their success is Sault Tribe success, and the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hopes to continue to build on their efforts moving forward.

The Tamarack Business Center, a product of an MEDC grant, had its grand opening this February. As of the date of publication, the center has four Sault Tribe member-owned business tenants, one of whom is Tipping Point Solutions, which is currently searching to hire eight individuals with instructional design backgrounds or videography type skill sets. These are good paying jobs, and the effort will be a foundation to what could be significant growth over years to come, so if you have those skills or you know of any interested candidates, please contact the EDC office immediately!

In January, the board of directors was able to complete an acquisition with DeMawating Development that expanded the tribe’s rental base in Kincheloe by more than 80 units. Now, after reviewing the April numbers, we can see this move was a solid decision, and DeMawating is not



New storage facility at the tribe’s Odenaang Housing site in Sault Ste. Marie. Another recent development in creating sources of revenue.

only significantly outperforming last years numbers, but is also outperforming the projections predicting the performance of the acquisition. Kudos to the staff of DeMawating for a great effort.

Although actual start up was late November of last year, we still kind of view Gitchi Auto, Home and RV as a new effort. As of April 30, Gitchi hit a profit and loss break even point and in fact showed some black. As a startup, we anticipate more ups and downs, but very pleased to see the potential of the effort and hope to see continued growth. Gitchi offers used cars and trucks, used ATVs, used RVs, new Genuine Scooters, Amish built sheds and recently added new Graetz utility trailers. Gitchi is a 100 percent Sault Tribe-owned enterprise operating on trust lands, thus a percentage of any sales tax collected is paid to the Sault Tribe government (vs. the State of Michigan). Please help us

promote this business by giving them a shot at your next purchase, if we don’t have it, we can most likely get it.

Current activities include an industrial development on Seymour. It is the tribe’s plan to construct a 20,000 square foot industrial facility to create more opportunities for Sault Tribe members to come home to grow their business on trust lands. JETA Corp, which has staff working in the Tamarack Business Center, is already growing with its Sault effort, has committed to leasing 5,000 square feet of the space and adding four new jobs. We are very close to having the necessary funding in place to give the board of directors what they need to get this project started.

Several additional business development projects are in the hopper and should be public soon. Good things are happening in the economic development world for the Sault Tribe!

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Board resolutions passed during May meetings

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors convened May 7 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. for a regularly scheduled meeting. Absent board members were Michael McKerchie, Catherine Hollowell and Charles Matson. Thirty-three resolutions were approved, 24 by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2019-111 — BIA Request For Tribal Assistance — The BIA has requested the tribe provide it with an updated list of tribal membership arranged by date of birth. This will enable the BIA to respond to Indian child welfare inquiries from outside agencies, and in conducting research for adult adoptees interested in researching Native background, and assist the BIA's probate staff in locating heirs and tribal members who may have trust monies in individual Indian money accounts. The board approved the resolution and directed the Enrollment Department to prepare a full list of names sorted alphabetically. This list will not include any designation of blood quantum.

112 — Frogbit, Establishment of 2019 Budget — Approved using Loyola University monies of \$21,066.

113 — Tribal Climate Change Program and GLRI Adaptive Management 2019 Budget Modifications — A change in personnel sheets was approved with a reduction in federal BIA monies of \$25,969.99.

114 — Judicial Services, Juvenile Detention, and Juvenile Probation Officer 2019 Budget Modifications — Approved for a change in the personnel sheet, reallocation of expenses and an increase in state monies of \$2,804.37 with a reduction in tribal support monies of \$4,320.

115 — Tribal Transportation Program FY 2019 Budget Modification — Approved for an increase in federal BIA revenue monies of \$770,145.

116 — HORNE STEP Increases 2019 Budget Modifications — Budget modifications to Mental Health Council, Mental Health, IHS After Care, Community Health Nurse, Health Center Optical, Walk in Clinic, Escanaba Community Health, Manistique Medical/Nursing, Manistique Pharmacy, St. Ignace Optical, and Third Party Revenue to change the personnel sheets and increase transfer of funds from Third Party Revenue monies of \$40,217.30 were approved.

117 — Health Center Administration 2019 Budget Modification — Approved for a change in the personnel sheet and a reallocation of expenses.

118 — Health Center Medical Nursing and Third Party Revenue 2019 Budget Modifications — Approved for changes to personnel sheet and an increase in expenses and third party revenue for the additional monies of \$259,871.45.

119 — St. Ignace Dental 2019 Budget Modification — Approved for a change to personnel sheet and a reallocation of expenses.

120 — Munising Pharmacy 2019 Budget Modification —

Approved with a change to personnel sheets and a reallocation of expenses.

121 — GLITEC Saving Lives Project Mini-Grant Acceptance of Grant and Establishment of 2019 Budget — The board accepted the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Saving Lives Mini-Grant for the reduction and prevention of chronic substance abuse in the Great Lakes from Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council for \$36,833.

122 — Board of Directors 2019 Budget Modification — The board approved a change to the personnel sheet and in increase in tribal support monies of \$7,405.16.

123 — Partial Waiver of Convictions — The board, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76, granted a partial waiver to a male tribal member for the convictions of felony-controlled substance-DEL/MFG (cocaine, heroin or another narcotic).

124 — Partial Waiver of Convictions For Tribal Member — The board, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76, granted a partial waiver to a male tribal member for the convictions of misdemeanor-disturbing the peace.

125 — Michigan Indian Elders Association Delegate Appointment-Bush — The board appointed Lou Ann Bush of Sault Ste. Marie, for a two-year period, expiring May 2021, as MIEA delegate representing tribal elders. Brenda Garries and Diane Compo, were approved for attendance and travel to the MIEA conference for 2019, as elders, not as delegates.

126 — Michigan Indian Elders Association Delegate Appointment-Marsh — The board appointed Monica (Lynette) Marsh of Sault Ste. Marie, for a two-year period, expiring May 2021, as MIEA delegate representing tribal elders.

127 — Michigan Indian Elders Association Alternate Delegate Appointment-Nelson — The board reappointed Anita Nelson of Munising, as MIEA alternate delegate representing tribal elders.

128 — Tribal Transportation Award Contract to Esslin Logging for Tree Planting Project — Esslin Logging bid on and was awarded a tree planting project through the tribe's Transportation Department.

129 — Tribal Transportation Awards Contract to Bonacci for Bahweting Project — Bonacci was awarded a bid for general contracting services for the Bahweting project.

130 — Request Reservation Status Methodist Mission Reserve, Chi Mukwa, Niigaanagizhik and Surrounding Area Parcel City of Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, State of Michigan — The board authorized the Secretary of the Interior to add a parcel to the tribe's existing reservation land in Sault Ste. Marie.

131 — Request Reservation Status Kewadin Casino Forth Acre Parcel, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, State of Michigan — The board requests of the Secretary of the

Interior that the following parcel be added to the existing reservation: City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan: The Northeast~ of the Northeast~ Section 17, Town 47 North, Range 1 East.

132 — Request Reservation Status, Kincheloe Housing Parcels, Township of Kinross, Chippewa County, Michigan — Board authorized a request to add a parcel of land to the tribe's existing reservation.

133 — Request Reservation Status, Luce County Housing Parcel, Pentland Township, Luce County, Michigan — The board requested from the Secretary of the Interior that the following parcel be added to the Sault Tribe's existing reservation: County of Luce and State of Michigan Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Sec. 18, T45N, R9W, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South Right of way line of Highway M-28 757 feet East of the Northwest Corner of Said Sec. 18; the East 540.7 feet along South Right of way line of M-28; thence South 742.5 feet along the East line of said NW1/4 NW1/4; thence N89 degrees 51 'W 781.8 feet along North line of Plat of Greenwood Part #3; thence N1 degree 06' W33.0 feet; thence N89 degree 51 'W 68.0 feet; thence N1 degree 06" W 401.4 feet; thence East 325.7 feet; thence North 305 feet to the point of beginning, subject to all easements, restrictions, and reservations of record. Pentland Township, Luce County, Michigan.

134 — Request Reservation Status, Escanaba Housing Parcel, City of Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan — The board is requesting the following parcel be added to the Sault Tribes existing reservation: City of Escanaba, County of Delta, The North Yz of the Northwest '14 of the Southwest '14 of Section 36, Township 39 North, Range 23 West.

135 — Request Reservation Status, Munising Township Housing Parcel, Township of Munising, Alger County, Michigan — Requesting a parcel of land owned by the tribe be added to the existing reservation.

136 — Authorization to Apply For a Grant From the Economic Development Agency — The board authorized the EDC executive director to apply to the Economic Develop Agency Public Works Program for a grant of up to \$2,500,000 for the purpose of constructing a flexible industrial manufacturing space at Odenaang on Seymour Road.

137 — Authorization to Enhance the Land Claims Self Sufficiency Fund — The board authorized the tribe's CFO to transfer two million dollars from

the contract support settlement funds to the principal of the Self-Sufficiency Fund, established pursuant to the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act.

138 — Authorization For Internal loan Land Claims Self Sufficiency Fund — The board authorized the tribe's CFO to facilitate an internal loan of \$2 million from the Land Claims Fund (at a rate of 3 percent) to the tribe's Economic Development Corporation.

139 — Trust Land Business Lease to Sault Tribe EDC (Odenaang) — Approved.

140 — Amending Res. 2018-185: Property Acquisition — The purchase of property was approved.

141 — Acceptance, 2019 Indian Housing Plan Amendment #2 — The board approved the 2019 Indian Housing Plan Amendment #2, Grant No. 55-IH-26-5480, as presented and does hereby request approval from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

142 — Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and Consent to Waiver of Tribal Court Jurisdiction in Re Greektown Holdings LLC — See document online at: www.saulttribe.com in the board downloads section.

143 — Support for Preservation of Bay De Noc Grand Island Trail — The board proclaimed its support for the preservation of the Bay de Noc Grand Island Trail in its current substantially natural condition for use by persons on foot or on horseback and proclaimed its strong opposition to any proposal to expand or modernize the trail.

The board convened for a special meeting on May 14 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. All were present with the exception of Unit V Representative Charles Matson.

144 — Technical Amendment

To Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses and Tribal Code Chapter 36: Juvenile Code — Legalization Of Marijuana — Amendments approved in order to better implement the legalized personal use and possession of a limited amount of marijuana.

145 — Approving 2019 Plan Document and Summary Plan Description Sault Tribe Insurance Department — Approved for the administration of the tribe's employee health plan. Effective July 1, 2019.

The board reconvened on May 21 in Sault Ste. Marie. All board members were present with the exception of Unit I Representative Jennifer McLeod.

146 — Frogbit Establishment of 2020 Budget — Established for Loyola University funding of \$21,066 to address Frogbit, an invasive aquatic plant species.

147 — WIOA Work Experience FY 2019 Budget Modification — Approved to reallocate expenses in the current budget with no effect on tribal support.

148 — Indian Highway Safety Program Child Passenger Safety Acceptance Of Grant and Establishment of 2019 Budget — Approved for BIA Child Passenger Safety funding of \$13,360.

149 — Support Of the USDA Reconnect Grant Application By Merit Network — Official support resolved for an application of Merit Network to receive funding from the USDA Reconnect broadband grant program for the purpose of closing the broadband gap in Michigan.

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BMPD officer named Ms. Upper Peninsula

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Amanda Nemeth of Sault Ste. Marie is the new Miss Upper Peninsula U.S.A. Nemeth was crowned in April, during a ceremony held in the Forest Roberts Theatre at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich.

Beating out three other contenders for the crown, she will now compete in the Miss Michigan USA Pageant this September in Port Huron.

Nemeth graduated from Lake Superior State University in 2017, and serves as a police officer for the Bay Mills Indian Community.

Nemeth said her career goal is to eventually become a detective. "I like solving puzzles and helping people," she said. "I like working with women and children, and in the position I am

in now I do a lot of work with women and children when we have sexual assault and domestic violence cases. I feel there is a need for more women in law enforcement; when a female victim of a sexual assault or domestic violence comes in they often want to talk to another woman. I think it's important for every police department to have a woman on the force."

Nemeth started participating in pageants during high school. It was as a student attending LSSU that she first became aware of the Miss Upper Peninsula U.S.A. pageant. "Miss Upper Peninsula U.S.A. is a preliminary to Miss Universe. I will be competing with other women from Michigan at the Miss Michigan U.S.A. pageant, and the winner from that goes to the Miss U.S.A. Pageant



Bay Mills Police Department Officer Amanda Nemeth.

and that winner to the Miss Universe pageant," she said.

"I am in a uniform most of the time, so when I get the chance to dress up I like it. I help people

every day as a law enforcement officer, but to have it go even further and make a difference to people beyond just my small community is awesome," she said.

Participating in the pageants is a confidence booster, Nemeth said, and gives her multiple platforms to bring more awareness to sexual assault and domestic violence crimes and their victims. "I am really hoping to make some changes in the U.P. when it comes to how we deal with victims of sexual assault and domestic violence," she said.

According to the Miss Upper Peninsula U.S.A. website, Nemeth will be traveling across the U.P. making appearances and being a role model to young women. As part of her prize package for winning the crown,

her fees (\$1,570) to compete at the Miss Michigan U.S.A. pageant are paid, fashion and headshot photo-shoot, unlimited personal runway, hair, and makeup coaching; image consulting and training, public relations training, resume building and interview coaching and jewelry and beauty gifts, among others.

Nemeth said if you are a young lady who might be interested in learning more about the pageant world, you can start by visiting these websites: Missupperpeninsulausa.com; Missmichiganusa.com; and Pageantplanet.com. Amanda Nemeth can be contacted by email at anemeth@lssu.edu, and said she would be happy to answer any questions about pageant competitions or women in law enforcement.

Navy introduces Navajo class salvage vessels

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Honoring the Navajo people, who have fought and served in U.S. armed forces in nearly every major conflict, the Navy has named a new class of towing, salvage and rescue vessels in their honor.

The first ship of this class of vessels will be named the USNS Navajo. Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer, in a press release, said the contract includes options for seven additional vessels, with each ship being named in honor of prominent Native

Americans or Native American tribes.

According to the release, Gulf Island Shipyards was awarded the \$63.5 million contract for the detail design and construction of the new towing, salvage and rescue ship, which will be based on existing commercial towing offshore vessel designs and will replace the T-ATF 166 and T-ARS 50 class ships in service with the U.S. Military Sealift Command.

The USNS Navajo, with an expected completion date of

March 2021, will be built at the company's shipyard in Houma, Louisiana. As an open ocean towing vessel, it will support salvage operations and submarine rescue missions.

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez said "Throughout our history, the Diné people have always been the caretakers and protectors of our land in every branch of the armed services, so we are very grateful that our people are being recognized through this historic announcement from the Navy."

The USNS Catawba, USNS Sioux and USNS Apache are in service fleet ocean tugs named after tribes. As far back as the 1860s, a steam-powered warship was named after a tribe in Rhode Island, the Wampanoag. The U.S. Army also has several helicopters named after Native American tribes, the AH-64 Apache, UH-60 Black Hawk, CH-47 Chinook and the UH-72 Lakota.

For more information, visit www.navy.mil, www.facebook.com/secnav76 or www.twitter.com/secnav76.



USNS Navajo (T-ATS 6)

Image courtesy of U.S. Navy

Artist's rendering of the planned USNS Navajo (T-ATS 6) which is expected to enter service in early 2021. Navajo class vessels will be used for towing, salvage and rescue operations along with other tasks as may be needed.

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Executive order creates U.P. Energy Task Force protecting Great Lakes from Line 5 risks

LANSING, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently signed an executive order that creates the U.P. Energy Task Force.

The task force will assess the U.P.'s overall energy needs and how they are currently being met, identify and evaluate potential changes in energy supply and distribution and formulate alternative solutions to meet the U.P.'s energy needs — including alternatives to the current distribution of propane through Line 5, which poses an unacceptable threat to the Great Lakes.

“Our jobs, economy and public health depend on the preservation of the Great Lakes, which literally define us as a state,”

The new taskforce will recommend actions to ensure energy security for U.P., protect Great Lakes from unacceptable risk posed by Line 5.

said Whitmer. “Enbridge has a disappointing safety record in Michigan, and the dual pipelines that run through the Straits of Mackinac create an unacceptable risk of an oil spill by anchor strike or other means. Such an event would be catastrophic for the Great Lakes and our economy, and would send energy costs skyrocketing for U.P. families. This task force will help make recommendations that ensure the

U.P.'s energy needs are met in a manner that is reliable, affordable and environmentally sound.”

U.P. residents are currently incurring some of the highest electricity rates in the nation. Implementing real energy solutions will begin to rein in these high rates and provide relief to hardworking U.P. residents.

Moreover, about 25 percent of U.P. residents use propane for home heating and much of that propane is delivered through the Line 5 pipeline.

The future of Line 5, however, is uncertain. As a report this week from the National Transportation Safety Board made abundantly clear, only by happenstance did Michigan avoid a catastrophic

oil spill in the Great Lakes just last year, when a 12,000 pound anchor inadvertently dragged across the bottomlands of the Straits of Mackinac struck Line 5.

The unacceptable threat posed by the continued operation of the pipelines through the Straits, as well as the lack of an established back-up propane distribution system were Line 5 to malfunction, make developing alternative solutions a priority.

Executive Order 2019-14 establishes the U.P. Energy Task Force which will address the significant energy challenges that U.P. residents are facing.

This task force will look for alternative, long-term solutions to rein in U.P. energy rates in regions facing the highest costs and identify alternatives to meeting the U.P.'s current propane-supply needs.

The U.P. Energy Task Force will be an advisory body to the governor in the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy; consist of at least 13 voting members appointed by the governor, all of whom must be Michigan residents and possess relevant expertise; formulate solutions for meeting the U.P.'s energy needs, with a focus on security, reliability, affordability and environmental soundness; and complete a final report in two stages — first, by submitting a propane plan to the governor by March 31, 2020, which will focus on alternative means to supply propane in the event of a Line 5 shut down; second, by submitting the remainder of its report by March 31, 2021.

This executive order will be effective immediately upon filling.

Playing field dedicated to Little Leaguer Silas McTiver

On opening day of Tahquamenon Falls Little League's 2019 season, the community dedicated their playing field as the “Silas McTiver Memorial Field.”

Coach Ben Rahilly said at the dedication ceremony, “We are proud that Silas was a member of the Tahquamenon Falls Little League organization. Silas epitomized what a t-ball player should be; he played the game of baseball with the complete joy and simple love of playing the game that usually only young children possess.”

Tahquamenon Falls Little League member Silas McTiver,



6, had been killed in a 2017 farm accident that left everyone who knew him devastated.

In a letter to the community, his family wrote, “The pain of losing Silas sometimes seems insurmountable. As friends, fam-

ily, and most certainly as parents, we don't really heal, but we find a new normal. And we know that Silas is a part of our lives eternally, because of the magic and joy he shared with all of us.”

In his speech, Rahilly reminisced about Silas's good nature, his love of the game, and his quirks, as “all great baseball players have their quirks.” He challenged everyone to remember that baseball should be played exactly the way Silas played it.

Silas's family said his life should continue to be celebrated. They wrote, “Silas is a continual energy reminding us to love. And that should be celebrated.”

House passes bill affirming tribal trust land process

By Rick Smith

The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 375 on May 15. If enacted into law, it would amend the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (IRA) to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for American Indian tribes and preserve existing trust lands. The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) hailed the measure saying it would “cleanly fix” the 2009 *Carcieri v. Salazar* decision; where the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the land into trust process described in the IRA applies only to tribes under federal jurisdiction at the time of enactment in 1934.

Essentially, H.R. 375 changes wording in Section 19 of the IRA making it effective beginning on June 18, 1934, for any federally recognized Indian tribe. Further, the amendment makes the IRA applicable to any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village or community acknowledged by the Secretary of the Interior. Previously, the IRA did not specifically include Alaska Native or Indian nations, villages and communities.

Introduced in the House on Jan. 9, 2019, the amendment

passed by a roll call vote of 323 in favor to 96 opposed. In separate statements, sponsors of the bill, representatives Tom Cole of Oklahoma, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, and Betty McCollum of Minnesota, said legislation for a “Carcieri fix” has been introduced in both the House and Senate. This is the first time a bill on the issue passed the House.

“Despite a misguided Supreme Court opinion 10 years ago that jeopardized ownership of tribal trust lands and questioned the authority of the Secretary of Interior, I am encouraged progress has been made to reverse it and rightly restore 75 years of past precedent,” said Cole in his statement. “While the federal government and tribal nations have at times had a battered and troubled relationship, this legislative action in the House symbolizes desire to keep the promises made to tribes, respect their sovereign status and repair damage done.”

Said McCollum, “The House voted to ensure that we are able to fulfill one of our country's most sacred commitments to tribal nations. This legislative fix will make it clear that the federal government's ability to restore

tribal homelands extends to all 573 federally recognized tribes, and I am honored to have worked hand-in-hand with Congressman Cole to lead this effort.”

Along with ongoing support from the NCAI, the bill received support from 26 American Indian organizations in a May 10 letter to members of the House Natural Resources Committee, House Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee and the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

The NCAI applauded the House vote on the measure calling it a good indication Congress is taking Indian Country issues seriously. “NCAI's hope is that our champions in the United States Senate will get behind this bill for a swift passage,” the organization said in a prepared statement. “Its passage would be a monumental win for Indian Country as tribal government land bases are part of the foundation of tribal sovereignty. All tribal nations deserve to receive equal treatment under the IRA.”

Senator Jon Tester of Montana introduced the Senate companion bill, S. 732, on March 12, 2015, which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs where it remains as of press time.

St. Louis joins MSP

Sault Tribe member and newly hired Michigan State Police (MSP) Trooper Curtis St. Louis has been assigned to the MSP Gladstone Post, in Gladstone, Mich. St. Louis is from St. Ignace, Mich., and is the son of Joseph and Colleen St. Louis. He attended Northern Michigan University where he earned a bachelor's degree in marketing. St. Louis was sworn in on April 3 as a MSP trooper after a 28-week training program. He received training in firearms, water safety, defensive tactics, patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, cultural diversity and implicit bias, first



(MSP) Trooper Curtis St. Louis aid, criminal law, crime scene processing and precision driving.

Mia Enfelis is 4 years old!



Mia Joey Enfelis is 4-years-old on June 10! Mia is named after her grandpa, Joe Lumsden, former tribal chairman. Her proud parents are Steve and Janel Enfelis (Lumsden). Happy birthday, Mia!

Natasha Myhal selected as a 2019 Cobell Fellow



Sault Tribe member
Natasha Myhal has been selected as a 2019 Cobell Fellow. She is a doctoral candidate at the University of Colorado Boulder studying natural resources man-

agement and policy.

Indigenous Education Inc. recently announced Myhal as a 2019 recipient of the distinguished Cobell Graduate Summer Research Fellowship administered on behalf of the Cobell Board of Trustees.

Each year applications are solicited for highly competitive research projects to be conducted during the summer at institutions across the country. The aim of the program is to select American Indian and Alaska Native student researchers who might not otherwise have access to funds to conduct research and related activities during the summer months.

Myhal's research project overview

"My people, the Anishinaabe, reside throughout the Great Lakes region of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Canada. Today, tribal natural resources departments manage and protect the resources in their communities to ensure sustainability for future use. My project focuses on Anishinaabe tribal natural resources departments and their crucial role for the sustainability of Indigenous cultural landscapes. This research project seeks to understand the extent to which Anishinaabe resource managers are able to incorporate gikendaasowin, 'knowledge,' into their programs. To this end, in 2018, I established relationships and conducted preliminary fieldwork with Anishinaabe

resource managers in Michigan. This fieldwork helped me achieve a cursory understanding of the dynamics of contemporary management practices and policies, while generating data and best practice strategies for use by the communities for cultural revitalization. For my summer 2019 fieldwork, I aim to continue community outreach in order to account for the diverse perspectives of tribal land use and management held by tribal communities."

Other 2019 Cobell Fellows

Megan Baker (Choctaw), University of California Los Angeles, doctorate-anthropology;

Sierra Watt (Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians),

University of Kansas, doctorate-political science and government;

Deondre Smiles (Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe), Ohio State University, doctorate-geography; and

William Toledo (Navajo Nation), New Mexico State University Las Cruces, doctorate-civil engineering.

Each of the researchers receive a cash stipend to defray costs associated with summer research, a faculty mentor on their campus, unparalleled academic attention from the director of Research and Student Success at Indigenous Education Inc. and opportunities to network with the other Cobell Summer Graduate Research Fellows.

2019 Elders Scholarship Program taking applications

Applications are being solicited for two one-time \$500 scholarships from the Sault Tribe elders for qualified freshmen enrolled in public colleges, universities or trade schools. The deadline for applications is Aug. 30, 2019. All applicants must be registered Sault Tribe members with the following qualifications:

- Successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (GED) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a GED certificate or graduated from an accredited high school with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50; and
- Accepted or enrolled in any two or four year public college,

university or trade school in any field of study as a full-time student.

Applicants must submit letters of application that include:

- Name, address, telephone number, proof of tribal enrollment; and
- Transcript from the applicant's high school verifying the cumulative grade point average or

proof of achieving GED requirements stated above; and

- Letter from the college, university or trade school, showing acceptance for the 2019-2020 school year; and
- Academic major or course of study to be pursued; and
- Essay of 300-500 words describing how you feel a college education will benefit you, your

career objective and why this scholarship will help you achieve your goal.

All above requirements must be received no later than August 30, 2019 by 5 p.m. by Brenda Garries, C/O Elder Service Division, 2076 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

JKL promotes reading enjoyment

Folks of the JKL Anishinaabe Public School Academy and community enjoyed a dinner, drum dance and ice cream social on as parts of the Build Your Summer Library opportunity on May 7. The function was described as a time for those of the school and the community to gather and celebrate partnerships, friendships and family with each other. Attendees ate soup, sandwiches, chips and salad from Frank's Place in Sault Ste. Marie along with ice cream. All could pick out up to 10 books to add to any books they have on deck for reading this summer. Afterwards, they enjoyed listening and danced to three local drum groups while learning about Anishinaabe cultural traditions, dancing styles and different styles of regalia. will read this summer, and then



Photo by Rick Smith

JKL students, family, and community enjoyed a dinner, drum dance and ice cream social during the Build Your Summer Library on May 7.

enjoyed listening to 3 local drum groups while learning about cultural traditions, dance styles, and types of regalia. Seen here,

Rachel Nagy and third-grader Iyla Nagy browse through selections at one of the book tables as another browser looks on.

Megan Eby earns Doctor of Medicine degree

Megan Eby, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree at Central Michigan University College of Medicine's third commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 5, 2019.

Eby plans to begin her graduate medical education in July, as she has obtained an internal medicine residency position at the University of Kentucky Internal Medicine training program in Lexington, Ky.

Eby has a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training from Michigan State University.

She is the daughter of Ted and Connie Eby, and the



granddaughter of Patricia Eby, the late Ted Eby Sr., and the late Harold and Helen Finner, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

JKL alumna comes back to teach students about agricultural products

Joseph K Lumsden School alumna and recent MSU graduate Kimberly Jodoin, MSU Veterinary School student, MSU Extension Office, and JKL teacher Susan Solomon with three of her Gifted and Talented students, came together to share their knowledge about agriculture with JKL families. The focus of the May 30 Agriculture Education Night was

on production and agriculture from the field to the farm to the end product. The lessons had hands on activities for the kids, a 4-H information session, information about common agriculture misconceptions and fear based marketing for the adults along with a farm-to-table dinner.



Kimberly Jodoin and MSU Vet Student Taylor Miller, Pickford, did hands on activities.



MSU extensions's Kat Jacques did a 4-H information sessions with JKL families.



Jodoin (right) talking with the JKL families.



Students had fun coloring and making cow and sheep faces.

Celebrating tribal members graduating in 2019

Melissa Jay Culfa



Congratulations to Sault Tribe member Melissa Jay Culfa, who recently graduated from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Mo., with her Master of Science degree in athletic training. She is the daughter of Joseph J. Culfa III and his wife Brandy, who reside on Mackinac Island, and her mother, Laura Culfa, who resides in Harbor Springs, Mich. She is the granddaughter of former Sault Tribe Health Division Director Bonnie Culfa. Melissa has accepted her first full time position at North Dakota University in Fargo, N.D., where she will be the athletic trainer for the women's collegiate volleyball team.

Miller earns MSW from MSU



Melissa "Missy" Miller of Escanaba was awarded a master's degree in social work from Michigan State University on May 3. She graduated with a 3.63 GPA, including degrees from Bay de Noc Community College and Northern Michigan University. Miller is the daughter of John and Theresa Miller of Cooks. She was inspired by her grandmother, Martha Miller of Cooks, who had a long career as a social worker for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Miller plans to stay in the area to help people and her community. She wanted to thank the family, friends, teachers, classmates and co-workers for their invaluable help and support.

Misina Riza



Misina Angel Riza graduated in June from Lincoln Park high school, in Lincoln Park, Mich. She is the daughter of Misin and Lori Riza and granddaughter of tribal elder Michael LaJoice, Nora LaJoice, and Syl and Bute' Riza. She will be attending a local college in the fall tentatively pursuing marine biology and general studies.

Draft plan for Father Marquette Memorial unveiled

This month, the public will get an opportunity to see and comment on a draft master plan for enhancing visitor experiences at the Father Marquette National Memorial site in Straits State Park in Mackinac County.

The Straits of Mackinac Heritage Center Collaborative will have an open house from 3 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, at the St. Ignace Public Library at 110 W. Spruce St. in St. Ignace.

At the event, the collaborative will share the draft master plan for the west side of Straits State Park.

Starting June 18, there will also be an opportunity for the public to see the plans and comment online at StraitsHeritage.org.

The open house format will allow attendees to look at drawings of the site, ask questions and share their thoughts with members of the collaborative and architects from Becket and Raeder. There will not be a formal presentation.

Larry Jacques, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians representative on the collaborative, said, "This will be an important time for people throughout the St. Ignace region to share their ideas before we begin to finalize the plan. We want to learn what excites people the most, hear any concerns and answer questions."

Meanwhile, the Meijer Foundation and several individual donors have recognized the value of the project and contributed or pledged funding that will leverage time-limited matching funds from a \$500,000 National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant. With these gifts, the collaborative is close to meeting its first-year goal.

In 2018, the collaborative members – Moran Township, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe

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of Chippewa Indians, Lake Superior State University, the Mackinac Straits Health System and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources – submitted letters of commitment to raise a total of \$1.5 million in donations over five years to meet the challenge.

The grant funding will be used to complete planning and begin construction.

"We are grateful to our donors for offering early support for a project that is in its planning stages," Sandra Clark, Michigan History Center director, said. "These generous gifts have allowed us to proceed with a draft master plan that captures our long-term vision for the site, knowing that we have the funds to move from that wider vision to specific plans for the first phase of site development and construction."

The project began in June 2016, when representatives from local, state and tribal governments, along with public and private organizations, convened in St. Ignace to discuss the future of the Father Marquette National Memorial.

The memorial celebrates the life and legacy of Jacques Marquette, the French Jesuit missionary and explorer who founded Sault Ste. Marie in 1668 and St. Ignace in 1671. Largely missing from the current memo-



A marker honoring Father Jacques Marquette is shown at the national memorial site in Mackinac County.

rial are the stories of the indigenous people and early French settlers with whom Marquette worked and lived.

The initial meeting evolved into the Straits of Mackinac Heritage Center Collaborative, whose purpose is to create a place that inspires reflection, learning and healthy lifestyles through cultural and natural resource-based experiences built around the Anishinaabe and French heritage of the region.

The draft master plan encompasses the 80-acre site and envisions using a mix of indoor and outdoor gathering places and interpretation.

"Our goal is to help make St. Ignace a tourism destination by adding an experience that complements the city's downtown museums with interpretation and activities in an outdoor environment," Moran Township Supervisor Jim Durm said. "This plan will give travelers one more reason to spend more time in our community; at the same time it serves community residents throughout the year."

A long-term part of the collaborative's vision is to make the

Father Marquette site an essential part of the North Country National Scenic Trail and the Iron Belle Trail. The connection would link St. Ignace and the east portion of Straits State Park with Moran Township's plans for a lakeshore segment of the trail along Boulevard Drive.

The collaborative's immediate goals are to raise the matching funds for the NEH grant, which will complete phase one of the master plan, and to find for-profit and for-purpose partner organizations with shared values and goals that can further enhance the site.

Once the master plan is completed this summer, the collaborative will move on to detailed architectural plans for the first NEH grant-funded phase of the project, which include site utilities, an outdoor event and interpretation area and the "Learning Commons."

Moran Township is leading local fundraising efforts in collaboration with Heritage Michigan, the foundation that supports the work of the Michigan History Center, which is seeking statewide support.



A visitor checks out the Father Marquette National Memorial, which will remain a key element of the expanded development at Straits State Park in Mackinac County.



The Father Marquette National Memorial site, with its extraordinary views of the Mackinac Bridge, will integrate outdoor experiences with the region's French and Anishinaabe heritage.



Photos courtesy Michigan DNR
The Father Marquette National Memorial site in Mackinac County.

JKL Bahweting 6th graders take in Boat 2 School program

By Rick Smith

Sixth grade students at JKL Bahweting Public School Academy in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., learned about the many facets of the area's fisheries during the school's Boat 2 School program during the week of May 20-24.

The students were introduced to facets of regional fisheries and supporting aquaculture, careers available in fields related to fisheries and some of the behind the scenes work it takes in getting fish to tables.

The week started at JKL Bahweting School as fisheries professionals from the Bay Mills Community College Biology Department, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, Lake Superior State University and the Michigan SeaGrant cooperative led lessons on a variety of subjects from research and hatchery operations to seafood culinary careers. On the following day, the program featured fish stomach dissections. Midweek, the students toured Sault Tribe's Barbeau Fish Culture Facility to get an overview of operations on how the tribe raises subsistence fish for release in area waters.

"We are happy to be part of this great program that JKL Bahweting gives their students the opportunity to do," said Brad Silet, lead fisheries biologist for the tribe. "It's always a fun day getting the students out to our hatchery to see how fish are raised. They are always so excited to learn and full of great questions."

On the following day, the students toured the LSSU Aquatic Research Laboratory where they observed that facility's operations in raising fish along with learning about the aquatic food chain, invasive species and human

impacts on the Great Lakes ecosystems. Later in the day their schedule called for them to visit Massey's Fish Company in St. Ignace for a tour. The week concluded back at JKL Bahweting School with lessons on seafood nutrition and food demonstrations with whitefish samples prepared by folks from the Michigan State University Extension.

According to its website, Michigan SeaGrant is a cooperative program of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It funds research, education, and outreach projects designed to foster science-based decisions about the use and conservation of Great Lakes resources. Sea Grant also provides access to science-based information about Michigan's coasts and the Great Lakes.

Elliot Nelson, eastern Upper Peninsula extension educator for Michigan SeaGrant, said this is the third year of the Boat 2 School program, which takes place exclusively at the JKL Bahweting School and was initially organized by the middle school science teachers at the school, primarily Heather Purple, and Michigan State University educator for the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program, Kat Jacques. Nelson said key partners in getting Boat 2 School going were the Sault Tribe Health Education team led by Heather Hemming, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department, Michigan Sea Grant and the MSU Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Education Program.

"The Sault Tribe fisheries folks were excited to find ways to do additional outreach to grade schools, and the JKL middle

school science teachers were looking for more ways to enhance their students experience with real world science and with culturally important wildlife and foods," said Nelson. "MSU Extension happened to be in the right place to help connect the dots and bring those with similar interests together through our network intersecting with these different groups."

Nelson called the program a truly collaborative effort. He said he serves as a coordinator to help connect those who want to reach out to the school with those in the school who seek real world science experiences for their students.

Photos by Rick Smith



Students dig up samples of river water and silt in an exercise to identify some of the small and microscopic aquatic creatures found in the river.



Fisheries Enhancement Coordinator Rusty Aikens explains a zooplankton net to a group of the visiting students. Zooplankton is the primary food for the fish during a certain stage of their growth.



Students and their chaperone listen to a guide talk about the stage of the fish they observe in the raceway at the Lake Superior State University Aquatic Research Laboratory inside the Cloverland Electric Cooperative hydroelectric plant in Sault Ste. Marie.

JUNE IS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

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01

Eat Healthy. Start by taking small steps like saying no to super-sizing and yes to a healthy breakfast. Eat many different types of foods to get all the vitamins and minerals you need. Add at least one fruit and vegetable to every meal.

02

Get Moving. Play with your kids or grandkids. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Do yard work. Play a sport. Keep comfortable walking shoes handy at work and in the car. Most importantly, choose activities that you enjoy to stay motivated.

03

Make Prevention a Priority. Many health conditions can be prevented or detected early with regular checkups from your healthcare provider. Regular screenings may include blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, prostate health and more.

100%

Women are 100% more likely than men to visit the doctor for annual exams and preventive services.

1 in 2

1 in 2 men are diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime compared to 1 in 3 women.

1994

On May 31, 1994 President Clinton signed the bill establishing National Men's Health Week.

"Recognizing and preventing men's health problems is not just a man's issue. Because of its impact on wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters, men's health is truly a family issue."
Congressman Bill Richardson (May 1994)

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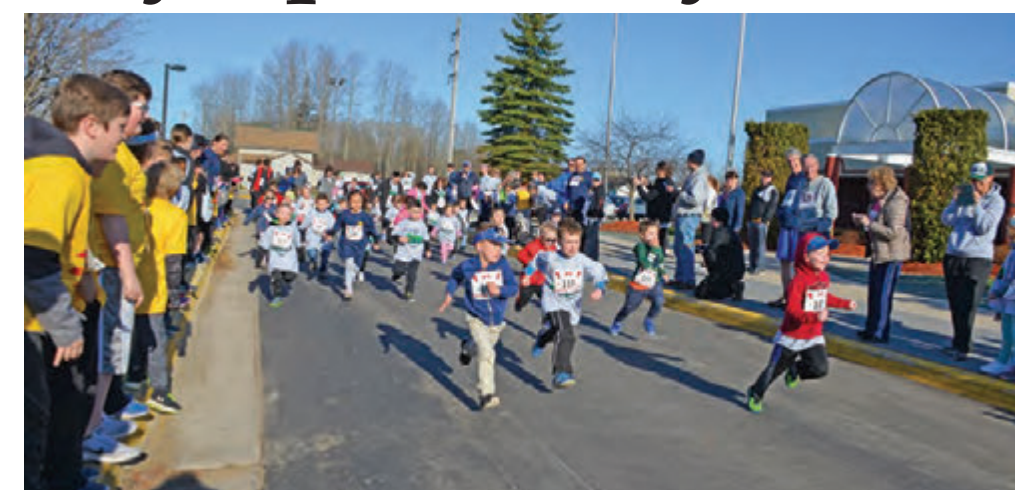
In 2000 there were fewer than 80 men for every 100 women by the time they reach age 65 - 74.

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ONLINE RESOURCES: menshealthmonth.org, menshealthnetwork.org, getitchecked.com, talkingaboutmenshealth.com, womenagainstoprostatecancer.org

Olympian Billy Mills and wife Pat were on hand for annual run/walk named in his honor



Kids aged 5 and under enjoyed a tot trot race designed especially for them, cheered on by a crowd of proud parents, family members and others.



Skye Downwind (center), with wings on her feet in the tot trot.



Retired Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson (center) walking with her "team" in support of organ donation awareness.



Patricia Mills running with Lana Carlson of Kennebunkport, Maine.



Billy Mills getting a lift from long-time friend Lisa Corbiere-Moran after the start of the 5K race and walk.



Raelene Corbiere (center), 9, placed fifth in her age category in the youth one-mile run.



The youth one-mile run was started by 1964 Olympian gold medalist Billy Mills.



Bryton Nostrant (back left), 8, and Avery Bumstead (back right), 7, race to catch up to Orran Fazzari, 9.



Clark Suggitt, 10, Kamryn Corbiere, 10, and Owen Suggitt, 6.



Kacie Corbiere, 6, ran the youth one-mile race in 11:14.



Ready, set and go! The 5K got underway at a signal from Billy Mills.



Participants in the 5K run and walk.



Zayan Mahmud, 9, and Jack Kipka, 9, cross the 5K finish line.



Johnny Osborn, 12, crossing the 5K finish line.



Emma Folkersma, 7, and Denise Folkersma, 33, are happy to finish the 5K walk.



Billy and Patricia Mills on race day.



A sticky but fun activity.



A local father congratulating his son after his race.



Jayda Lindsay, 8, took third place in her age category in the 5K race.



Tots having fun before their race.



Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe PSA's Eagle Running Club members.



May was Mental Health Awareness Month, and to raise awareness and show support for people living with mental illness in our community, the War Memorial Hospital Behavioral Health Center held its seventh annual Mental Health Mile and 5K on Saturday, May 18, at War Memorial Hospital's main campus. Some runners from the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe PSA's Eagle Running Club, above left in yellow t-shirts, participated in the event.

JKL Bahweting kids take wild leek field trip

On May 20, JKL Bahweting seventh graders participated in a wild leek field trip in the Hiawatha National Forest. Dani Fegan from Sault Tribe Natural Resource Department introduced the process of monitoring leek populations. “We hope to add classroom cooking activities next year and make “Leek Week” an annual event” said Kat Jacques of the MSU Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP). Questions about wild leeks and climate change driven forest adaptation? Learn more at www.itcmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/bugwajizhigaagawinzhiigtcmi.pdf.



Students listened to Michelle Jarvie, MSU Extension, about sustainable harvesting and students harvested a small amount to take home.

Wild Leeks



bagwaji-zhi/agaagawanzh





Did you Know?

Native Americans have used wild leeks or ramps for both medicinal and nutritional benefits for many years. Leeks contain quercetin, an anti-inflammatory antioxidant that can reduce swelling. Leeks are a great source of dietary fiber, iron, magnesium, folate as well as vitamins A, B6, C, and K.





HARVEST OF THE MONTH



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

Sault Tribe Community Health Department, with support from its Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country grant, created a bagwaji zhi-gaagawanzh or wild leek harvest of the month poster to promote cooking with and eating leeks.



Students spread out to harvest a few wild leeks, also called ramps.

Inter-Tribal Forest Adaptation

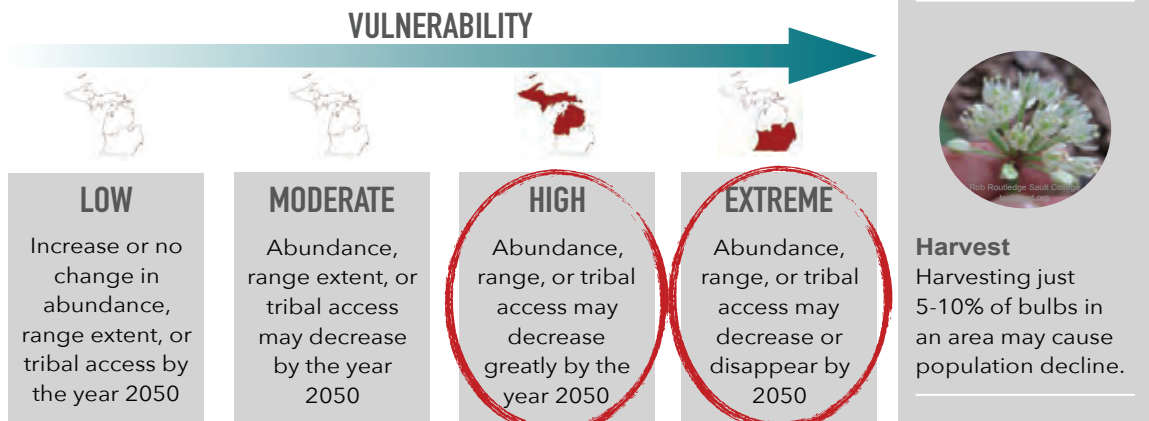
Honoring our forest communities on a changing landscape



Bagwaji zhigaagawinzhiig; Bgwëth zhegagozhik Wild leek (*Allium tricoccum*)

Bagwaji zhigaagawinzhiig is a long-lived herb that grows in rich upland and floodplain forests under the closed canopy of mature beech, maple, and hemlock trees. They are native to North America and provide food and medicine for Anishinaabek, other people and animals. They are also at risk from over-harvesting and certain forest management practices.

How might Bagwaji zhigaagawinzhiig respond to climate-driven change in Michigan?



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 906.630.3082 or John Causley 906.430.0919

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Chopped: Anishinaabe style cooking competition takes center stage in inaugural wellness challenge

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The inaugural Sault Tribe Wellness Challenge culminated during the first week of May at them Big Bear Arena with the Chopped: Anishinaabe Style Cooking Challenge as the centerpiece feature. Other facets of the challenge included strength challenges and team competitions. The function was hosted by the Sault Tribe Wellness Collaborative.

The idea for the chopped cooking competition came about as a way to incorporate the Community Kitchen and nutrition into the Sault Tribe Employee Wellness Challenge. *Chopped* is a popular show on the Food Network, the Sault Tribe Wellness Collaborative thought it would be a fun competition. Staff modified the competition to fit in the Community Kitchen as well as ensure traditional Native American foods were included.

The Chopped Challenge took place on May 8 and included four teams consisting of up to five

members. Each team was supplied with a basket of traditional foods required to be included in the recipes as well as full access to the pantry and refrigerated items. The traditional food basket was unveiled right before cooking started — it included mint, rhubarb, wild rice and canned pumpkin. Teams had 60 minutes to prepare a smoothie and main entrée to present to the judges.

The judges were Ashley Vogel, Laura LaJoie and Joanne Umbrasas. They scored each dish in a variety of categories including taste, presentation, creativity and cleanliness. Points awarded in each category were combined to determine the winning team.

Team Jiibaakwemi (meaning Feast) took first place under the leadership of Jennifer Dale-Burton, team captain, with teammates Cheryl Bernier and Larry Jacques. Each of the winning team members received an insulated grocery bag with a barbecue set, digital thermometer, cookbook, apron and hot pad.

Other departments in the competition were the MIS team, “IT Can Cook Too,” represented by Nick Eitrem, Becky Goodman, Rob Martens, Dylan Vincent and Tara Olmstead; the Health Education team with Mike Goetz; and the Youth Education and Activities team with Jill Lawson, Mady Weber, Sara Weber, Carrie Gregg and Caitlyn Synett. All teams received prizes for participating in the competition. This event was sponsored by Sault Tribe’s Special Diabetes Program for Indians grant.

The All-In-One Fitness Club’s Strength Challenge included individual competitions for squats, leg presses, bench presses, deadlifts and pull ups. The winners for the male categories were Dan Henning in the bench press and squat while Josh Firack won the leg press competition. The female competitions were canceled due to limited registrations. All winners received fitness club T-shirts.

The scheduled dodgeball and

volleyball competitions were canceled due to lack of participating teams. The Sault Tribe Wellness Collaborative strives to increase participation in all categories for future wellness challenges.

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

Sault Tribe Community Health Nutrition 632-5210

Sault Tribe Community Health Education, 632-5210
Youth Education and Activities, 253-1321
All-In-One Fitness Club, 635-4935
Recreation Division, 635-4758



Team Bacon Bit with lone contender Mike Goetz, from Health Education, with his entry, a rhubarb smoothie and his take on a gyro, at left.



Team Jiibaakwemi (Feast) took first place with Larry Jacques, Jennifer Dale-Burton and Cheryl Bernier (L-R). Their winning dish is was a wild rice, spinach and berry salad, pumpkin mushroom soup and a rhubarb smoothie.



The Youth Education and Activities team with students Mady Weber, Sara Weber, Carrie Gregg and Caitlyn Synett, with YEA Coordinator Jill Lawson in back. Their delicious endeavor was a power bowl with a fruit smoothie.



The MIS team, “IT Can Cook Too,” was represented by Dylan Vincent, Tara Olmstead from the Payroll Dept., Nick Eitrem, Becky Goodman and Rob Martens. Their offering was a fruit and yogurt parfait and three sisters soup.



The three deadly behaviors of teen drivers revealed

DEARBORN, Mich. — Over the past five years, nearly 3,500 people have been killed in crashes involving teen drivers during the 100 Deadliest Days, the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day, when the number of crash fatalities involving a teen driver historically rise. New crash data from 2013-17 reveals major factors contributing to fatal teen crashes during the summer driving period include speeding (28 percent), drinking and driving (17 percent) and distraction (nine percent).

“Crash data shows that teens are a vulnerable driver group with a higher probability of being involved in crashes,” said Dr. David Yang, executive director of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

“And while teens may make mistakes when first learning to drive, it is important to continue educating them about safety behind the wheel so they avoid

the reckless behaviors that put themselves and others at risk on the road,” he added.

AAA Foundation research found that nearly two-thirds of people injured or killed in a crash involving a teen driver are people other than the teen behind the wheel. Crashes for teen drivers increase significantly during the summer because teens are out of school and driving more. Over the past five years during the “100 Deadliest Days,” an average of almost 700 people died each year in crashes involving teen drivers. The average number of deaths from crashes involving teen drivers aged 15-18 was 17 percent higher per day compared to other days of the year. And reckless behavior like drinking and driving, speeding and distraction are contributing to the alarming number of crash deaths involving teen drivers each summer.

Speeding significantly increases the severity of a crash and is

a growing problem among teen drivers. In the AAA Foundation’s latest Traffic Safety Culture Index, half (49.7 percent) of teen drivers reported speeding on a residential street in the past 30 days and nearly 40 percent say they sped on the freeway.

Despite the fact that teens cannot legally consume alcohol,

Talk to your kids about:

- Speeding
- Impaired driving
- Distracted driving

one in six teen drivers involved in fatal crashes during the summer tested positive for alcohol.

More than half of teen drivers (52 percent) in the AAA Foundation’s latest Traffic Safety Culture Index report reading a text message or email while driving in the past 30 days and nearly 40 percent report sending a text or email. It is difficult for law enforcement to detect distraction

following a crash, which has made distracted driving one of the most underreported traffic safety issues.

Additional AAA Foundation research using in-vehicle dashcam videos of teen driver crashes found distraction was involved in 58 percent of teen crashes, approximately four times as many as federal estimates.

“Parents have plenty to be concerned about as their teen hits the road this summer,” said Jennifer Ryan, AAA director of State Relations. “Teens are making deadly mistakes on the road. Parents are the best line of defense to keep everyone safe behind the wheel.”

To keep roads safer this summer, AAA encourages parents to talk with teens early and often about abstaining from dangerous behavior behind the wheel, such as speeding, impairment and distracted driving. Teach by example and minimize risky behavior when driving and make a parent-teen

driving agreement that sets family rules for teen drivers.

“Teens should also prepare for summer driving by practicing safety during every trip,” said Dr. Bill Van Tassel, AAA manager of Driver Training Programs. “Storing your phone out of reach, minding the speed limit, and staying away from impairing substances like alcohol and marijuana will help prevent many crashes from ever occurring.”

TeenDriving.AAA.com has a variety of tools to help prepare parents and teens for the dangerous summer driving season. The online AAA StartSmart program also offers great resources for parents on how to become effective in-car coaches as well as advice on how to manage their teen’s overall driving privileges. Teens preparing for the responsibility of driving should enroll in a driver education program that teaches how to avoid driver distraction and other safety skills.

Health Education shares Mino Bimaadiziiwin and Niimidaa at NIHB Tribal Public Health Summit

BY HEATHER HEMMING

Representing Sault Tribe Community Health Education, Lisa Myers, Heather Hemming and Charlee Brissette presented a 90-minute workshop titled, “Mino Bimaadiziiwin: Living the Good Life by Reconnecting Wellness to Tradition” at the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Tribal Public Health Summit Albuquerque, N.M., in May.

More than 100 people attended the workshop where our Health Education team members presented a broad overview of their work within the Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They highlighted Sault Tribe Community Health’s activities that connect health and wellness with culture, language and



Charlee Brissette is leading Niimidaa, her native dance fitness class at the NIHB workshop. Heather Hemming is assisting.

traditions. Charlee and Heather talked about how they encourage Mino Bimaadiziiwin through



Heather Hemming and Charlee Brissette with U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams at NIHB.

seasonal cultural workshops (i.e. sweetgrass harvesting, berry harvesting and manoomin (wild rice) processing), and with indigenous physical activity programs includ-



Charlee Brissette at a Sweetgrass Harvesting Workshop summer 2018.

ing the Nibi Water Teachings Program and the Niimidaa Native Dance Program.

At the end, Brissette led the group in Niimidaa, Health

Education’s powwow style fitness dance class, and the team shared key partnerships, future programs and evaluation strategies for continuing success.

Health Education kicks off summer programs and brings cultural, seasonal activities to the community

BY CHARLEE BRISSETTE, HEALTH EDUCATOR

Throughout the summer months, our Sault Tribe Community Health Educators work tirelessly to offer an array of seasonal programs. This year, thanks to Health Education’s Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country grant from

the CDC, we’re capitalizing on strong partnerships to bring these enriching events and activities to our tribal members.

Keep an eye out for Shkode: Fit for Life, a 7-week youth running and wellness program made possible thanks to Community Health’s health educators and registered dietitians and Lake

Superior State University. Another program is Warrior Camp, a youth culture camp for boys, and OgichidaaKwe Camp for girls. Both are facilitated by the Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine, Cultural, Education and Health Education departments. The Sault Tribe Wellness Collaborative, which is composed

of Chi Mukwa Recreation, the All-in-One Fitness Center and Community Health’s dietitians and health educators, is also hosting a youth and community color run in July.

Last summer, Health Education helped coordinate a wiingash (sweetgrass) harvesting workshop, a wild berry harvest-

ing workshop and we instructed a water teachings and kayaking program. Our hope is to continue and expand upon these programs this year. There are many activities lined up for the summer, so be sure to talk to the Health Education team to find out more information and how to participate.

Opioid addiction treatment providers have new program

Medical providers who begin providing or expand opioid addiction treatment are now eligible for student loan repayment through a new Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) program. The goal of the Michigan Opioid Treatment Assistance (MIOTA) Loan Repayment Program is to increase availability of opioid use disorder treatment across the state, especially in areas where treatment is difficult to access.

The MDHHS received a \$500,000 grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to implement the program to repay medical education

loans. The program is available to medical doctors and osteopathic medicine doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and substance use disorder counselors who begin offering opioid treatment or expand treatment that is already being offered. Providers who work in a variety of health care settings are eligible to apply. The program has a two-year service obligation.

The application cycle begins on June 1, 2019 and closes on June 30, 2019. For an application and guidance, go to www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_92784---,00.html.

Loan repayment for providers in rural communities offered

Participants commit to serve for three years at rural health care sites

A new National Health Service Corps (NHSC) program, the Rural Community Loan Repayment Program, awards up to \$100,000 in student loan repayment to primary care and behavioral health clinicians providing substance use disorder treatment in rural communities nationwide.

In exchange, participants commit to serve for three years at rural health care sites.

Applications for the program are being accepted through Thursday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

Key program highlights include:

- Priority funding: Applicants employed at an NHSC-approved site that is also participating in

- Applications accepted through Thursday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. ET.
- Visit the NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program webpage to learn more at <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-rural-community-loan-repayment-program>.

the Rural Community Opioid Response Program (RCORP), an initiative of the federal Office of Rural Health Policy, will be given priority; expanded disciplines: Nurse anesthetists, pharmacists, registered nurses, and substance use disorder counselors are eligible.

- Flexibility: Applicants can apply under either the mental health or primary care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score of their site – whichever is higher.
- Support for all treatment

team members: providers offering general substance use disorder services to medication-assisted treatment are eligible to apply.

Visit the NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program webpage to learn more at <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-rural-community-loan-repayment-program>.

For questions, call (800) 221-9393 (TTY: (877) 897-9910) Monday through Friday (except federal holidays) 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

Tribal veterans service officer hours for months of June and July

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

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Manistique Women's gathering a learning experience used to motivate participants

BY GAIL SULANDER

The 2019 Manistique Kwewag Mawanji'iding women's gathering included traditional Anishinaabe teachings for women and girls on water, regalia, dance, hand drums, songs, indigenous foods and more. The organizers included Patty Teeples of Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities (YEA), Janet Krueger from the Manistique Area Schools Native American Education Program, Charlee Brisette from Sault Tribe Health Education and Gail Sulander, registered dietitian and diabetes educator at the Manistique Tribal Health Center. The foursome coordinated this gathering as they commonly envision a future of health inspired by the individual strengths of all women being shared to motivate and teach others.

During the planning process, a quote by Lori Bregman was kept in mind, "A woman armed with ancestral wisdom is a powerful force. You'll find her powers come from within; she is in tune with her spirit, and the magic of the universe. She trusts, values and follows her intuition."

The Community Room in Manistique was quite full as 65 joined in for the teachings and potluck feast. Maribeth LeVeque, Jackie Minton and Charlee Brisette shared various teachings. In addition, many of those in attendance shared their wisdom with the group. An inspiring and supportive Kitchi Ti Kipi Men's and Youth Drum provided songs for the event and encouraged the women to accompany the drum for a song with rattles provided by the Gladstone Area Schools

Native American Education Program. Drum keeper, Tim Derwin highlighted his group of young drummers, which includes Michael Ritter, Larry Campbell, Blaze Basse, Kayden Siewert, Levi Verts and Carson Nelson. Greg Gierke, who is new to the drum, also played for the women.

Information tables on women's health were available by Adele Price and Renee Anderton of UPHP and Crystal Martin of Manistique ACFS in addition to cultural brochures on a wide number of topics. Indigenous recipes and guidelines for eating a traditional diet were also available.

Words cannot describe the entrée's shared for the potluck feast. There were dishes made with local fruits and vegetables, wild rice and wild game; and, of course, delicious desserts like apple crisp. No one left hungry and many were able to try new foods. Kellie Lakosky, CHT; Jaime Paradise, CHN; and Sharon Hutchinson, elder worker from the Manistique Community Health Program graciously assisted with the feast.

This event was supported by the Sault Tribe Rural Health Program, Unit IV directors, Manistique YEA Program, Manistique Area Schools Native American Education Program and



Participants in the recent Manistique women's gathering.



Women's hand drum group



Women at the event in their regalia.



Kitchi Ti Kipi Drum played for the gathering.

Health Center Employee of the Month - Rae Ann Brand



Rae Ann Brand, above, with Health Director Dr. Leo Chugunov, was selected as Sault Tribe Health Center's June Employee of the Month. "Rae Ann is one of the most dedicated employees I have had the pleasure to work with; she is a problem solver and a team player," Operations Manager Joanne Umbrasas said. "Her desire to provide the best care to our membership is very evident."

Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country Grant.

Manistique tries to host cultural events like this annually. Feel free to share your ideas on what we could do for future gatherings by contacting gsulander@saulttribe.net. For more information on events sponsored by the Sault Tribe across the seven-county service area, follow the tribe's Facebook page or go to saulttribe.com.

July Traditional Medicine healer schedules

Traditional Medicine Program schedule for July:
Gerard Sagassige
 July 8, 30 — Sault Ste. Marie Health Center; Lori Gambardella, 632-0236; Laura Collins-Downwind, 632-5268.
 July 9 — Munising Tribal Health Center, 387-4721
 July 29 — Manistique Health Center, 341-8469

Joe Syrette
 July 3, 10, 11, 12, 17, 24, 25, 31 — Sault Ste. Marie Health Center; Lori Gambardella, 632-0236; Laura Collins-Downwind, 632-5268.
 July 5 — Hessel Health Center, 484-2727
 July 18 — St. Ignace, 643-8689
 July 19, Newberry Health Center, 293-8181

Grants promote Native American youth-led entrepreneurship activities and projects

LONGMONT, Colo. — First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) has received a \$250,000 grant from the 11th Hour Project of the Schmidt Family Foundation in order to boost Native American youth-led entrepreneurship activities, which in turn and over time will significantly benefit tribal communities and other Native population centers, many of which suffer large economic disparities when compared to other communities.

For numerous years, First Nations and its independent subsidiary, First Nations Oweesta Corporation (Oweesta), which is a Community Development

Financial Institution (CDFI), have been assisting tribes and Native communities throughout the U.S. in conducting much-needed but culturally appropriate financial and investor education programs. Oweesta, in particular, also provides professional development services to strengthen other Native American-run CDFIs.

Under the new effort, First Nations will specifically focus on entrepreneurially minded Native American youth. First Nations will link these emerging youth entrepreneurs to accomplished mentors who will help them strategize their business models and develop formal business plans, which is a foundational step in

launching a new enterprise. In conducting the project, First Nations will partner with CDFIs and other experienced business professionals to mentor youth finalist and serve as competition judges.

For nearly 39 years First Nations has been working to restore Native American control and culturally-compatible stewardship of the assets they own and to establish new assets for ensuring the long-term vitality of Native American communities. First Nations serves Native American communities throughout the United States. For more information, visit www.firstnations.org.

Walking on

FREDERICK J. BONNO

Frederick J. Bonno was born on Jan. 12, 1963, and died on May 4, 2019.

He was predeceased by his grandfather, Frederick "Freddy" Bonno; grandmother, Josephine Bonno; brothers, David Bonno and Adolph Bonno Jr.; aunts, Sadie McLeod and Leona "Poopsie" Willis; mother, Barbara Bonno Bartlett; and son, Corey Bonno.

He is survived by his father, Adolph N. Bonno; sister, Brooke Bonno; brother, Ronald Bonno; and stepmother, Karen Bonno.



He was predeceased by his grandparents, Elmer and Alberta Gallagher of Mackinac Island, Mich.

He is survived by his daughter, Lindzay Lawson (Tim); granddaughter and namesake, Zoe Lee Lawson; and Gary's son, Garrett of Portland, Maine; as well as the mother of his children, Dianne Downing; and the second father of his children, John Downing; a sister, Roseann Riedl (Bryan); a niece, Stacy Hershey (Chris) of Huntsville, Ala.; sister, Cheryl Chapman; nephews, Shawn Briley (Natasha) and Kalani Chapman; brother, Craig Chapman all of Sunset Beach, Hawaii; niece, Cheyenne Hills (Chris) of Charleston, S.C.; many great-nieces and great-nephews; an uncle, Dale Gallagher of Mackinac Island; and an aunt, Darlene Olson of St. Ignace; and many, many cousins in the Upper Peninsula.

He resided on Mackinac Island until the age of 13 but maintained close ties with friends and relatives in the area. Gary's father, Garrett Chapman, was a founding member of Mackinac Island Carriage Tours in 1947. At the age of 13 Gary moved to California where he resided for many years in various beach cities and found his niche surfing. Gary is considered a pioneer of the surf world. During the 60s and 70s, he helped revolutionize the sport through the introduction of the short-board. Surfing allowed him to travel the world, later residing in Hawaii and California for many years.

He worked as a surveyor for Shell Oil Company traveling throughout the United States. He settled down in Portland, Maine, to raise his family where he worked as a surveyor at Bath Iron Works. After incurring an industrial injury, which left him with a prosthesis, he returned to Michigan and resided in St. Ignace for 10 years.

Most recently, Gary resided in Gray, Maine, with his son, Garrett, living his best life. He spent each day exactly as he wanted – visiting with close friends, seeing his children and spoiling his granddaughter and grand dog with love and extra treats.

He leaves behind his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Quinn; and dozens of in-laws, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and many close friends from Maine to Hawaii whom he loved dearly.

A celebration of life took place in his honor in Portland, Maine, in May with a second celebration of life at Sunset Beach, Hawaii at a later date.

MICHAEL L. COLLINS

Michael "Mick" Collins, age 70, passed away unexpectedly on May 17, 2019, at McLaren Bay Regional Hospital in Bay City, Mich.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Deanna; sons, Michael (Kelly), Sean (Laura) and Jacob (Andrea); grandchildren; great-grandchildren;

brothers, Gary (Cynthia), Rick (Laurie) and Steve (Andrea); nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank; mother, Maryann; and brother, Frankie.

A proud Vietnam veteran, Mick loved to share his compelling stories of his family and childhood with everyone he met. His wisdom and magnetic, loving nature will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Cremation has already taken place and a memorial service to celebrate his life will take place at a later time.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association, Vietnam Veterans of America or the USO.

LILA M. HARRIS

Lila Mae Harris, age 67, of Holland passed away on April 26, 2019, after a hard battle against her cancer.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Bertha Causley, and her brother, Eugene Causley.

She is survived by her husband, Andrew Harris of Holland; children, Sean and Adrienne Ordiway of Holland and Amanda Weeks of Holland; granddaughter, Skylar Harris of Holland; brothers, Raymond Causley of Holland, Angus and Kathy Causley of Ill., Don Causley of Grand Haven, Jerry Causley of Grand Rapids; several other grandchildren, in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lila was a proud member and elder of the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians. She worked for many years and retired from the Gentex Corporation.

Visitation, funeral and committal services took place on May 4, 2019, at Lakeshore Memorial Services in Holland with Pastor Keith Mannes officiating. Burial will be at Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland or Harbor Humane Society.

Visit www.lakeshorememorial.com to leave a message or memory for the family.

JOYCE M. MERRIAM

Longtime Naubinway resident, Joyce Mae Merriam, 92, died on June 8, 2019, at Golden Leaves Living Center in Newberry, Mich. She was born on Feb. 15, 1927, in Marinette, Wis., daughter of the late Clarence T. and Christine C. (Wachter) Maudrie, Joyce was a 1945 graduate of Engadine High School and, on Oct. 4, 1947, married Frederick Merle Merriam at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Naubinway.



In addition to being a homemaker raising her family, Joyce was also employed at Vallier's IGA and Wise's Laundromat for many years. Joyce was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and enjoyed embroidery, reading and cooking.

In addition to her parents, Joyce is preceded in death by her husband on March 18, 2002; and siblings Clarence P. "Bullo," Hubert, William, Isadore, Richard "Pee Wee," Marcella, Lida, Donna, Jacqueline and Phyllis.

Survivors include her children, Louise Harris of Naubinway, Merle (Becky) Merriam of Ypsilanti, Barbara Woody of Naubinway, Lyle (Jane) Merriam of Marquette and Leona (Steve) Skonberg of Faquay Varina, N.C.; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; siblings Loretta Ryum of Nashville, Tenn., and Mary Ann Kelly of Magnolia, Texas.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Naubinway with Fr. Marty Flynn officiating. Rite of Committal followed at the Naubinway Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to St. Stephen's Catholic Church in her memory.

Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com. Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family.

LOUIS W. PROTON

Louis W. Proton, age 87, of Mt. Pleasant, passed away on Dec. 24, 2018, at Isabella County Medical Care Facility.

A memorial service for Louis will be held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Saturday, June 15, 2019, at 1 p.m. with Fr. Thomas Held officiating. A luncheon will immediately follow in the Reflections Reception Center. Burial will take place in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens in Saginaw.

Louis was born on July 21, 1931, in Engadine, Mich., the son of Louis and Bernice (Wachter) Proton. Louis was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He married Judith Zuziak on June 18, 1955 in Saginaw. Louis served his country in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954. He worked as a machine repairman for General Motors for 36 years, retiring in 1987. Louis and Judith resided in Saginaw, Freeland and Kingman, Ariz. Louis was a member of Knights of Columbus in Beal City, and the Weidman VFW Post.

Louis is survived by his wife of 63 years, Judith Proton; three sons, Frank (Kim) Proton of Weidman, Anthony "Tony" (Tina) Proton of Saginaw, and Victor (Melanie) Proton of Alaska; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister; and many nieces and nephews.

Louis is preceded in death by his parents; a brother; and three sisters.

You may view Louis' obituary online and send condolences to



the family or place memorial donations online at www.clarkfuneralchapel.com.

ROSALIE A. SASSO

Rosalie Audrey (Church)

Sasso, 102, of Drummond Island, Mich., died on May 18, 2019. She was born on April 1, 1917, on Drummond Island, to Stanley Jesse Church and



Nona Gladys (Bailey) Church.

A lifelong Drummond Island resident, Rosalie completed school through eighth grade on the island and then attended high school in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She graduated with the Sault High School Class of 1936. While in Sault Ste. Marie, she met Frank Michael Sasso, a soldier stationed at Fort Brady, and they were married in 1937. They lived in Sault Ste. Marie, starting their family, with Rosalie working at Bell Telephone and Frank working at the tannery. They moved their family back to Drummond Island in 1955, Frank eventually began working at the dolomite quarry. Rosalie had an eclectic work career, including owning and operating the Drummond Island Runway Grill for several years with her sister Tess Byrne. Rosalie was proud of the fact that for over 60 years, she lived in the oldest house on the island and, at the time of her death, was the island's oldest resident.

Rosalie was active in the Sewing Club, Drummond Island Museum and Drummond Island Library. She was an avid reader of history and politics and was more than willing to share her thoughts on politics with you. She liked to pick wild raspberries and strawberries, feed squirrels and other wildlife, knit, crochet, and rake and burn leaves in her yard. Rosalie never surrendered her dignity, independence or personality.

Rosalie is survived by her children, Frank (Susan) Sasso, Cherry Maria Cloudman and Mary Tess Hoey, all of Drummond Island; grandchildren, Kimberly (Chad) Cameron, Rebecca (Jerry) Newell, Nichole (Mike Allison) Sasso, Suzanne (Brad) Kuusinen, Lynn (Tim) Van Alstine, James (Terri) Cloudman, Kristen (Alec) LaPoint, Michelle (Mark Fenlon) Hoey and Joyce (Rob) Anderson; great grandchildren, Frank (Shannon) Smith, Alex Smith, Nicholas Newell, Garrett Newell, Cory Matkovich, Kurt Matkovich, Claire Kuusinen, Hunter Kuusinen, Nate Van Alstine, James (Brittney) Cloudman, John Cloudman, Alec James LaPoint, Tessa LaPoint, Tyler (Katie) Anderson, Alyssa Anderson and Colton Bucht; and great great grandchildren, Brock, Dylan and Aubreee.

Rosalie was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; sisters, Tess Byrne, Althea Krahnke, Bernice Mack; and brothers, Jack Church, Keith Church and J. Wells Church.

Visitation and funeral services *See "Walking on," page 21*

GAIL M. BROUGHAM

Gail M. Brougham, age 80, of Wyoming, went home on May 15, 2019.

She was preceded in death, and she dearly missed her father, Lloyd Henry DuPont; mother, Agnes Finkler; sisters, Eveleen Jech and Dorothy (Howard) Zoet; sister-in-law, Kathryn DuPont; brother, Dennis DuPont; grandsons, Isaiah and Ian.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Kim (David) Nolan, Kristie (Dick) Webster, Kurt (Linda) Brougham, Kelly (Brett) Emaus, Kerry Brougham, Kyle (Andrew) Brougham; 20 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Audrey (Richard) Underhill; brothers, Lloyd DuPont, Ronald (Francis) DuPont, M.D., Larry (Chris) DuPont, Dwight (Monica) DuPont, Terrance (Dee) DuPont; aunt, Anabell Allen; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and relatives.

Gail's last words to her family and friends, "May we all meet in Heaven someday, what a glorious time that will be!"

The family wishes to thank the Cancer and Hematology Department at St. Mary's Hospital and Faith Hospice for their compassionate care. Visitation and a memorial Mass took place on May 24 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Grand Rapids.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Masses or to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. According to Gail's wishes, her body was donated to the University of Michigan for research. Condolences may be sent to www.mkdfuneralhome.com.

GARY L. CHAPMAN

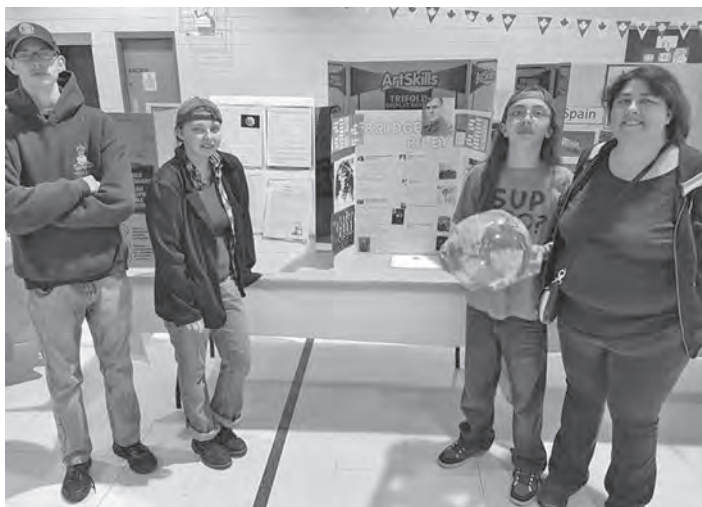
Gary Lee Chapman passed away on April 10, 2019, at Mercy Hospital in Portland, Maine, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Cheboygan, Mich., on Nov. 11, 1948, to the late Garrett and Joan (Gallagher) Chapman. Gary was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



Born Canadian with Sugar Island roots - learning Anishinaabe culture



Above, Nicholas James Riley is the assistant captain of the Blind River Hockey Pee Wee team. He took the team from last place at the beginning of the season to second place, losing only 3-2 in the championship game for the SPWHL league.



Above, Sault Tribe member Betty Riley and her children of Blind River, Ontario, at a recent family heritage fair. From left, Andrew Riley, Susan Riley, Nicholas Riley and Betty Riley. Below, Susan Erin Riley received the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Esprit de Corp award and the Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence on May 11. From left, Lt. Col. Robert Lambert of the 49th Field Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery, Flight Corporal Susan Riley and Commanding Officer Lt. Dennis Meeking of the 696 Air Cadet Squadron.



Honoring my beloved aunt

Ardith (White) Pope July 27, 1929 — Jan. 7, 2003

My Aunt Ardith, her home always in St. Ignace, lived in a quaint little house on Portage Street. She was a source of good, unbiased advice and an inspiration that shapes who I am.

I am more grateful to her than she could possibly have known. Aunt Ardith helped her sister, my mother, Theresa (White) Johnson, research our family lineage and furnish the documentation proving our Native ancestry. She helped enroll me in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and assisted in the paperwork for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver for my college education.

It is because of her help almost 30 years ago, that my three daughters have been members on the Sault Tribe since they were babies. The oldest is a junior at Yale and is involved in Yale's Native American Cultural Center. Soon she will visit tribal headquarters and get to know those living there. The second, a Pioneer High School student, recently gave a TED Talk for TEDx Youth Ann Arbor titled Isotopes and Indigeneity: Native American Underrepresentation in STEM Fields. When I see their joy in embracing our culture, I think of Aunt Ardith's legacy "living on" and love, honor and thank her for all that she did for me.

Toni (Johnson) Gupta of Ann Arbor, daughter of James W. Johnson, Jr. and Theresa (White) Johnson of Redford Township; granddaughter of James W. Johnson and Viola (Wiggins) Johnson formerly of Allenville and granddaughter of John "Jack" White and Alice (Corp) Johnson formerly of Gros Cap.



Theresa Johnson, Ardith Pope with Meghan Gupta

More walking on

From "Walking on," page 20 took place on May 23 at the Drummond Island Township Hall. Burial will be in Drummond Island Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Drummond Island Historical Museum, P.O. Box 293, or Drummond Island Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 202, Drummond Island, MI 49726.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

EILEEN D. SEABOLT

Eileen Delia (Mangene) Seabolt of Keego Harbor, Mich., walked on to her eternal rest on April 29, 2019. Eileen was born in Sault Saint Marie, Mich., on Dec. 10, 1939, to Freida Wright and Dominic Mangene.

Eileen was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was proud of her heritage. Her Native name was Chi Bi Go Kwe. She loved attending the powwows and family gatherings. She enjoyed word games, reading, bingo, going to the casino and cooking for anyone in her neighborhood she new needed help. Eileen had a generous heart and tried to help anyone she could. She had a great sense of humor and was a fun person to be around. Eileen belonged to St. Josephs Shrine Parish in Pontiac, Mich., where she was also a lec-



tor at the church.

Eileen will be greeted in Heaven by her husband, Larry Seabolt; son, Jerry Lee Vore; her parents, Freida Wright and Dominic Mangene; sisters, Aurelia Loverage, Laurelie Bolan; brothers, Orran White, Noel Fortin, E.J. Fortin and Rocque Fortin; and many loved ones gone on before her.

Eileen was loved and her memories will live on by those she leaves behind, her sons, Terry Lynn (Marcy) Vore of Keego Harbor, Robin (Cindy) Vore of Kincheloe, Mich.; daughters, Patricia Vore of Sanford, Fla., and Kelly Archdale of Keego Harbor; 15 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; sisters, Vivian (Clyde)Lowery of Rector Ark., Sandra Botsford of Edgewater Fla., Denise (Dennis Brewer) Fortin of White Lake, Mich., and Carla (Scott) Sauve of Lakeland, Fla.; brother, Stephen (Jackie) Fortin of Hartland, Mich.; numerous nieces and nephews and many cousins.

Eileen will be honored by two services, a celebration of life at Sherman Park on July 20 at 2 p.m., and a memorial service at St. Benedicts Church in Pontiac, date to be announced.

The Rose

The rose is bent and wilted, the petals falling one by one. Once it was beautiful, but now its life is done. Except for one petal, it just keeps holding tight. And I wonder, will it make it through the night? It reminds me of my family as we, too, fall one by one. Like the rose, they were beautiful, for some their life had not yet begun. The rest of us keep cling-

ing to the stem that holds us tight, waiting, waiting for the call we know will come some fateful night. The pain will come and never leave, as another life comes to a close, we'll gather to say our good-byes and upon the grave, we'll place a rose.

Author: Sandra A. Botsford July 1, 2002

RALPH W. WILCOX

Ralph Woodrow Wilcox, 77, of Brimley, Mich., passed away on May 26, 2019, at the Robert and Helen Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., with his family by his side.

He was born on Jan. 23, 1942, in Sault Ste. Marie. Ralph was the only son of Woodrow and Hazel Wilcox.

Ralph attended Brimley Area Schools, graduating in 1959. After finishing high school, Ralph went on to work as a dredge man for Dunbar and Sullivan.

Ralph was a third-generation commercial fisherman. He and his wife Shirley owned Wilcox's Fish House and Restaurant for 26 years, as well as sold fish wholesale. Ralph loved to talk about the Great Lakes fishing industry, giving many interviews about the subject. He was even involved in a documentary about this, titled *Project Ice*.

Ralph was an advisor on the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, and a member as well as past president of the Michigan Fish Producers Association. He was



involved in the Brimley Lions Club for many years and was a former fire chief for the Bay Mills Volunteer Fire Department.

He received Brimley Area School's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006, giving a speech and accepting the award at the high school's graduation ceremony.

Ralph married Shirley (McLean) Wilcox on Dec. 10, 1960. They were married for 58 years. Together they operated the fishing business and raised their three children, Jeffrey, Daniel and Kristine.

Ralph was an active member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, sitting on its conservation committee. He attended The Gospel Chapel in Dollar Settlement for many years.

Ralph enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his seven granddaughters and three great-grandchildren. He will meet his fourth great-grandchild, Sebastian, in heaven.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife Shirley; siblings, Kim (George) Tull of Gatesville, Texas, and Barb (Bill) Anderson of Brimley; sister-in-law, Sue Malicoate of Caro, Mich.; children, Jeffrey (Cal) Wilcox of Marysville, Wash., Daniel (Kim) Wilcox, and Kristine Wilcox, both of Brimley; grandchildren, Rachel Green, Kelly (Jordan) Flores, Cassandra (James MacQuarrie) Wilcox, Lauren (Chris Bjork) Wilcox, Samantha (Dylan) Schroeder of Everett, Wash., Morgan Osborn and Olivia Wilcox; and great-grandchildren, Aubree Wilcox, Sophie

Steele and Jameson Green, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow and Hazel Wilcox; sister, Sharon Fegan; mother and father-in-law, Lois and Howard McLean; brother-in-law, Ron McLean; great-grandson, Sebastian Schroeder; and Lewis and Jessie Atkinson.

Visitation and a memorial service with Pastor Leroy Case officiating took place on May 31, 2019 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Hospice of the EUP in Ralph's memory. Condolences may be left online at <http://www.csmulder.com>.

MCDONALD MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my mom, Christine A. McDonald. On July 9, 1995, your life ended here on earth and a new life in Heaven began. You fought with everything you had to stay here with us, but the illness of cancer won. As the years pass, I hold more closely the memories I have of you in my heart. The best memory I have is that I always knew you loved your kids and family beyond anything in your life. I miss you as always, every day.

Love,
Your son, John



Anishinaabemowin 2019

Example is a language everyone can understand. *Weweni baamasen. Walk in a good way.*



Ode'min Giizis Strawberry Moon

by Susan Askwith

Ka maamwimi.	We will gather.
Ka niimimi.	We will dance.
Ka giigidomi.	We will talk.
De'wegan ka noondaanaa.	We will hear the drum.
Ka wiisinimi.	We will eat.
Ka baapimi.	We will laugh.

Aambi jingtamok* zhaadaa! Let's go to the powwow!

*Literally: bend the knee, which is part of the dancing



Mijim-daawegamigoosing

At the food stand

G'da bakade na?	Are you hungry?
Enh! N'bakade gwa!	Yes! I'm hungry!
N'wii mowaa zaasgookwaan bkwezighan	I want to eat fry bread.
Anishinaabe taco n'wii mijin.	I want to eat an Indian taco.
N'wii mowaag Wemitigoozhii piniik.	I want to eat French fries.
N'wii minikwe mindaminaaboo.	I want to eat corn soup.
Eshagiboodek bizhiki wiyaas n'wii mijin.	I want to eat a hamburger.
Menwagamig n'wii minikwe.	I want to have pop.

Dances (Though "niimi" means he or she is dancing, "zhigaawin" means that someone is dancing a certain way.)

G'chitwaa biingi zhigaawin	Grand entry
G'chi Anishinaabe zhigaawin	Men's traditional
G'chi Anishinaabekwe zhigaawin	Women's traditional
Memengwaan zhigaawin	Women's fancy Shawl (butterfly)
Bineshimok zhigaawin	Men's fancy (birds)
Aandek zhigaawin	Crow (Hop)
Niizhoo zhigaawin	Two (step)
Zhimogonish Minaajaa zhigaawin	Veterans' honor dance



You might hear:

Miigwech!	Thank you!
Nagomowin	A song
Kaadanganan	Braids
Miigwaan	A feather
Miigwaana wiikwaan	Head-dress
Naaniibwik	Stand up!
Namadabik	Sit down
Zenbaanh bbigoyaan	Ribbon shirt
Mijigoodenh	Dress

Strawberries are the only **fruit** to wear their seeds on the outside. They are members of the **rose** family. Take a whiff of them; they smell as sweet as they taste. Although strawberries grow in every state in the U.S., California produces 80 percent (2 billion pounds a year) of them. They're so **sweet**, nature's **candy!** They **taste good!**

Ode'min	Strawberry	Wiishgopozi	It tastes sweet
Maanwaang	Fruit	Ziisbaakadoonhs ...	Candy
Ginii	Rose	Minopagwat	It tastes good

What did one strawberry say to the other strawberry?

... *If you weren't so sweet we wouldn't be in this jam!*

What do you call a strawberry who got stepped on?

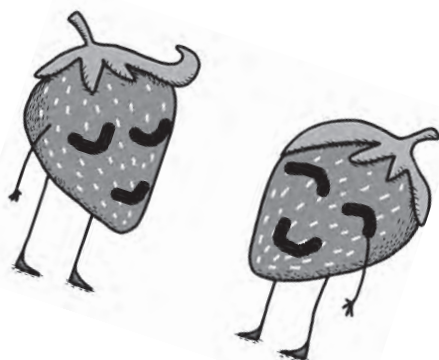
... *Toe jam!*

What do you call strawberries playing the guitar?

... *A jam session!*

Baashkiminsigan — Jam

Baashkiminsigan means some fruit is crushed up or preserved, like pickles, relish, a sauce like cranberry sauce, pie filling or jam! One good descriptive word to cover a lot of ideas.



Greeting each other

Aanii n'wiijkii'enh!
Hello my friend!
N'g'chinendam waabminaa miinwaa.
I'm happy to see you again.
Mii gwa genii!
Me too!
Aaniish naa gegii?
How are you doing?
Mii gwa aanowi.
I'm getting by.
Aapiish namadabiyyin?
Where are you sitting?
Aambe maamwi Anishinaabe Zhigaawin! Niimidaa!
Inter-tribal dance! Let's dance!
Biimskwaagag, biimskwashik Anishinaabe zhigaawin!
Swing and sway the Anishinaabe way!



Who are the teachers?

The earliest and most consistent teachers for some of us were probably our families just speaking the language. The rest of us were lucky to have had some elders still using the language or some teachers our tribe hired so we could attend classes. We have a local priest who uses Ojibwe at some masses. This year we had our ninth Sault Tribe language conference. There are a few lessons on the Internet. Bay Mills Community College has classes and the language is taught at Bay Mills Ojibwe Charter School. These opportunities are usually offered near the Sault and many of our members live away. The saulttribe.com language page is a resource you could look into. And, you can find Anishinaabemowin in this newspaper, which is mailed to members all over the place (8,099 each month). Dr. Chris Gordon wrote the language page over the years (he still teaches it at JKL Bahweting School) and Ms. Amy McCoy did, too. Because books, magazines, newspapers, radio and television programs in the language are so hard to find, and the fact that Anishinaabemowin is used with so many dialects, well — it isn't easy to learn. In spite of that, we can all do ourselves the honor of learning a few simple sentences, phrases, or words that fit our lives and our style. What if you learned just one each month from this newspaper? It might make you feel pretty good at powwows and just as you do your day.

Little chats - Bangii ganoozh!

Have a little conversation!

Gaawii na gda minwendamzii?	You don't feel happy?
Enh. Gaawiin gaa nda minwendamzii.	Yes. I don't feel happy.

To say you **don't** do something, you put **gaawiin** before the action word and **zii** after it. Notice in the question, the "n" in gaawiin is missing because "na" right after it already has the "n" sound. Also, zii sounds a lot like sii.

"Never a day passes but that I do myself the honor to commune with some of nature's varied forms." George Washington Carver

Pronunciation guide; how to sound really good:

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

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

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

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

WELLNESS AND RECREATION FOR SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

For more information, email tgraham@saulttribe.net.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

Income-based funding for tribal youth for a variety of activities (income guidelines based on 300 percent of the 2019 HHS poverty guidelines), sports fees (registration, equipment, shoes), music, dance and theatre lessons, instruments (purchase and rental), language lessons, camps (sports, band, art, academic) and related travel fees, education, cultural and class trips, testing fees, driver's education, senior pictures, school supplies and book deposits (school clothes excluded) and regalia and youth drum.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS: Must be tribal youth aged 0 through 12th grade living in the seven-county service area (Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luke, Mackinac, Marquette and Schoolcraft). Applicants may receive funding, up to \$150 once per academic year (Aug. 1-July 31); qualifying categories for funding are based on tribal strategic directions of the medicine wheel: academic/intellectual, physical, emotional and cultural/spiritual. Applications may be requested via email at kcairns2@saulttribe.net or downloaded at www.bigbeararena.com, under **YOUTH PROGRAMS**. Submit applications for funding to Kaylynn Cairns, YEA manager, Big Bear Arena, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or email kcairns2@saulttribe.net.

with exercise machines, workout equipment, free weights and bench stations. Hours: 24-hour access for members. Call for appointment to become a member, bring tribal identification.

Northern Lights YMCA, 2001 North Lincoln Rd., (906) 789-0005. FREE to Sault Tribe members and immediate family: fitness center, pool, hot tub, sauna and gym. Sault Tribe members receive discounted member rate for all programs at the YMCA. Hours: Mon-Fri., 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday: CLOSED. Present tribal ID to desk attendant. Age restrictions may apply.



KINROSS/KINCHELOE

Kinross Recreation Fitness Center, 43 Wood Lake Road, (906) 495-5350 Cardio workout machines, 12 station universal fitness center, free weights. Hours: Mon-Fri., 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, CLOSED. Bring tribal identification.

MANISTIQUE

High School Pool, 100 Cedar St., Manistique, (906) 341-4300. FREE to Sault Tribe members. Open swim hours: no summer open swim, fall schedule updated when available.

Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Fitness Center, 115 N Lake St. (906) 341-3276. FREE to Sault Tribe members: free weights, weight machines, aerobic machines. Hours: 24-hour access for members. Call for appointment to become a member, bring tribal ID and drivers license.

Little Bear West Ice Arena, 180 N. Maple, (906) 341-3863. FREE open skate and skate rentals for tribal members. Hours: For current public skating schedule, call (906) 341-3863. Bring tribal identification card.



MARQUETTE

NMU-Physical Education and Instructional Facility (PEIF), 1401 Presque Isle Ave., (906) 227-2519. FREE to Sault Tribe members: fitness center, lap pool, diving tank, saunas, gymnasiums, indoor climbing wall, racquetball courts, group fitness classes and cycling classes. Discounts on outdoor equipment rentals, locker and towel service as well as personal training. Hours: Mon-Thurs, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sunday, CLOSED. Facility closed July 3-4. Pool, sauna and outdoor recreation hours vary, visit website for details. Present tribal ID to desk attendant. Age restrictions may apply.

NMU-Berry Event Center, 1401 Presque Isle Ave., (906) 227-2519. FREE to Sault Tribe members: Walking track. Hours: Mon-Fri., 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. and Sun, call for hours. Facility closed July 3-4. Present tribal ID to desk attendant. Age restrictions may apply.

NMU-Superior Dome, 1401 Presque Isle Ave., (906) 227-2519. FREE to Sault Tribe members: gymnasiums, indoor track, indoor tennis courts, turf and floor (unavailable when rented). Hours, Mon-Fri, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. and Sun, CLOSED. Facility closed July 3-4 and Aug. 22-25. Present tribal ID to desk attendant. Age restrictions may apply. Intramural sports also available to Sault Tribe members aged 16 and older, information available on the website.

MUNISING

Alger Parks and Recreation Fitness Center, 413 Maple St., (906) 387-5636. FREE to Sault Tribe members, fitness center with cardio room, cybex room, weight room, TV workout video room and gymnasium with walking track. Hours, 24-hour access

for members. Bring tribal ID to register for membership.

NEGAUNEE

YMCA of Marquette County, 350 Iron Street, (906) 475-9666. FREE to Sault Tribe members, cardio and strength training equipment, sauna, locker rooms, rock wall, free drop-in fitness classes such as yoga, Pilates, Strong Bodies, etc. On site tot watch for parents with children 6 weeks to 7 years for YMCA-member rates. Hours, Mon-Thurs., 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring tribal ID and register on first visit.



NEWBERRY and CURTIS

Helen Newberry Joy Hospital and Healthcare Center, Newberry, 502 W. Harrie St., (906) 293-9182. Curtis-N9246 Saw-Wa-Quato St., (906) 586-9840. FREE to Sault Tribe members: exercise machines, weight equipment, shower facilities, free towel service and lockers (Newberry only). Hours: call for hours. Bring tribal ID.

SAULT STE. MARIE

Lake Superior State University (Student Activity Center and Norris Center Pool), 1000 Meridian St., (906) 635-2602. FREE to Sault Tribe members. Student Activity Center includes weight equipment, cardio equipment, track and gymnasium. Hours; Mon-Fri. 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, CLOSED. Norris Center Pool includes use of pool during open swim times. Hours: no summer open swim, present tribal ID to desk attendant. Age restrictions may apply. LSSU youth athletic camps,



FREE to Sault Tribe members, limited space, must pre-register. Basketball: Girls individual camp (6/17-6/20), boys individual camp (6/24-6/27), Little Lakers (7/30-8/1). Volleyball: Girls fundamental camp (7/8-7/10). Registration available at www.bigbeararena.com.

All-In-One Fitness Club (inside Big Bear Arena), FREE to Sault Tribe members, Fitness Center, track, basketball and volleyball gyms and saunas. Hours: Mon-Fri., 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, CLOSED. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Facility closed: July 4, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1-2. Present tribal ID to desk monitor to register. Age restrictions may apply.

Big Bear Arena, Two Ice Circle, (906) 635-7465, FREE to Sault Tribe members. Public skating and skate rentals. Sunday, 2:30 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. Basketball and volleyball gyms, Sunday-Friday during open times, call for availability. Present tribal ID to reception desk. Walking track, Mon-Fri., 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, CLOSED. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nature trail/playground: seven days a week during daylight



ST. IGNACE

Little Bear East Arena, 275 Marquette St., (906) 643-8676. FREE to Sault Tribe members. Fitness center includes weight equipment, aerobic machines, free weights and exercise machines. Fitness center hours, Mon-Fri., 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat and Sun: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fitness track hours, Mon-Fri., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring tribal ID.



FITNESS CLUB

ESCANABA

Sullivan's Health and Fitness, 1401 N. 26th St., Suite 118, (906) 217-2011. FREE for Sault Tribe members, spouses and children residing in Escanaba area. Call the number above for an appointment to register. Large open group exercise area

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Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

First, I want to recognize a long time friend to our Tribe, 1964 Olympic 10K Gold Champion Billy Mills. Since Cathy (Belonga) Baker and my chance lunch with Billy in 1991 after a race and his offer to visit our reservation annually if we formed a running club, he has presided over our Billy Mills Fun Run almost every year. A Lakota from Pine Ridge, he has inspired generations to live their best and traditional life. **Thank you once again Billy for being our Champion!**

Next, I am happy to report that our efforts to shut down Line 5 appear to be coming to fruition with Michigan Governor Whitmer's negotiation - which set a high bar that Enbridge is apparently unwilling to make. Her expectation was to decommission the pipeline in two years even if a tunnel were to be built because the pipeline is 16 years past its expected life. I am grateful for her leadership here, as well as, that of MI Attorney General Nessel's commitment to sue if a deal was not struck which would ensure the safety of our natural resources. Long before it was popular to protest this pipeline, I was engaged in asking the tough questions in over 10 press conferences or protests. In fact, I first met Dana Nessel at the 2016 Paddle Out Protest in Mackinac City. For five years, I have provided a Subway lunch for protesters out of my own pocket. I have yet to see even one Tribal Board Member attend.



With my friend Sen. Jason Allen.

May and June are an exciting time of year for me as it is the time of high school and college graduation. As a former high school drop out

who earned my GED, I am proof that anyone can accomplish whatever goal they set whether it is trade school, college or a graduate education. I give back when I can with over 16 years of service with the Upward Bound Program, former President of the JKL School Board, in a Presidential Appointment on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education and locally as the Vice Chair of the Bay Mills Community College Board. The picture below left is with former Senator Jason Allen who is now the State Director for USDA Rural Development in MI.



At the Paddle Out Protest in Mackinac City with my Standing Rock T-Shirt. I am committed to Shutting Down Line 5 to protect our Nibii (waters)

As Director, his office controls USDA loans and grants for tribal projects. Senator Allen was the keynote at this year's BMCC graduation.



JKL GRADUATION

Above is my nephew Armahn Payment waiting to graduate. I was asked to give the graduation address. I shared some of my background and adversity and how they have every advantage and opportunity because of the quality of our Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishinabe School. For those who do not know, I have been raising my nephew since 2015 and have gained permanent legal guardianship since just before my brother Norman (Armahn's father) passed in January 2018. I was so proud to see him excel at JKL but this moment is bitter as he will now have to enter 9th grade in the area public school.

While I am grateful for the improvements in the local public schools, I am saddened that I simply to not have the

support on our JKL Fiduciary Committee or Tribal Board to establish a high school of our own. Nephew after nephew and niece after niece have excelled at JKL only to drop out of high school. Most have gone on to earned their high school diploma through alternative education or GED. It just makes no sense to me that we could understand our great success at the K-8 level and not support replicating this through to graduation.

In 1992, I conducted the needs assessment including a community survey of our Members' interests of wheth-



er to have our own school system. The answer was an overwhelming "YES" so we included in our application a request for K-12 and were granted approval. In the early days, we operated a K-6, then middle school then intended to add high school. Unfortunately, National politicians halted new school or expansion funding. Years later, I began to advocate for expansion again but the Tribal Education Department did not retain a copy of our original BIA (now BIE) school application. Fortunately, while I was out of office, I

Thus, my nephew will have to attend public high school. My hope is that he will not be yet another statistic like so many others before him. I hope that our JKL Fiduciary Committee and Tribal Board of Directors commits to accepting the nearly \$1 million additional funding I secured to add a high school in the Sault and work on the same for other communities in which we reside. It make no sense to sit on these funds as I fear if we don't use them, we will lose them.

If it wasn't obvious yet,

one of the ways I enjoy giving back is through education. Recently, I was invited to provide an address on leadership to the American Indian Higher Education Consortium conference. Immediately below is a picture with college student Estabon Haynes from the Spokane Nation who served as MC at the conference and with Native college students from across the country. I try to give back and hope that something I said in my lecture inspires them to serve Indian country once they graduate college. If I can do it, so can they.



Speaking at the AIHEC Congress at Bay Mills Community College. These Native students give me great hope.



Doing a Welcoming at the Bahweting Anishinabemowin Conference. At the core of our culture and Native identity is our language.

CRABS IN A BUCKET?

I serve in leadership roles in a number of capacities but face STRIDENT OPPOSITION from some of our own Tribal Board. Examples include: ITC Chair, unanimously elected by other Michigan Tribal Chairs; United Tribes of MI President, unanimously elected; Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes Vice President, unanimously elected; 1st Vice National Congress of American Indian 70% vote; testified in Congress 20+ times; numerous Nation-

al committees (unpaid); and a Presidential appointment. Each post provides National prominence for our Tribe and increased access. It is puzzling that if you the Tribal Members and other tribal leaders from across Michigan, the Midwest and across the nation can see and value of these contributions to Indian Country, why can't some on our Tribal Board see it? Crabs in a bucket is the only explanation.

Chi McGwitch, Negee!

Distribution priorities are schools, education



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

In this report I would like to let our unit know of the 2 percent distributions for this spring. I had a total of \$ 61,726 to distribute throughout our large unit.

We always set priority to schools and education. Here is a list of those funded, mostly

all requests submitted had been funding as much as we could split up.

DeTour area received assistance for the hospice house build and also signs that the township will be redoing. Pickford had funding toward the new park renovations; Naubinway had funds toward the appliance at the pavilion, historical museum, fire and park areas and snowmobile museum; Newberry area was funding a educational fire puppy presentation at the school and the Youth Activity Center; and Raber Fire, Clark Township and Rudyard school all received funding toward their requests.

Our EDC has secured a federal award grant to construct an industrial warehouse in the service area to increase our business endeavors for business rentals and other options. This adds to our asset list and the latest financial reports indicate that we are up

at a 73 percent increase in profit for all our enterprise outlets. As stated before, we needed to have a director to dedicate time to the enterprises we have and look at each one for changes and better management. This has been done and the numbers indicate we are moving in a positive direction in all.

The pipeline in the Mackinac Straits is our other priority and ongoing battle. There is some news that the Governor is in discussion with other options than the immediate shutdown. This is deflating but our tribe remains in the firm position to decommission the pipeline in the straits and my support will be to file suit immediately if we see backpedaling and politics. I've seen a committee will be created and we should have our concerns voiced there. This issue is so dangerous to our ways and rights as Anishinaabe and all people in this area that

any lack is time sensitive, as we have always stated. We, as a government, are doing all we can to strengthen our commitment in shutting it down and will legislate, discuss and hopefully take any action to assist in the permanent shutdown.

Our annual Hessel powwow is being planned with our committee and is going great. This will be held, as always, on the third weekend in August. This time of year is my favorite and I cannot wait to see all my family, friends and community who attend.

We are also in the beginning stage of planning one for Newberry again this year. This has been a struggle as a committee has not been active, so we are moving forward with the help of our YEA coordinator and hopefully this will all be set for September. Will keep all posted on this. Flyers will be created and communication will be very

broad when this is complete.

In closing, I want to personally congratulate all the parents and grandparents for the end of the school year. There have been so many of our Tribal youth with academic and sports achievements that I just want to recognize that and say how proud I am of all our youth who have dedicated themselves this year and the families who support them. It's been a great one. It seemed like I was always showing my husband a pic, saying, "Yep, that's a tribal member." This shows the future we have and the leadership and determination they have. It's a good feeling to see this.

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

Lana Causley-Smith, Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors.

Miigwech to Ogeema Chi Chuk for teachings



**CHARLES MATSON SR.
DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Ahnee, let me start out by saying chi miigwech to Ogeema Chi Chuk (Bud Biron) for bringing our traditional crafts and teachings to our community. Bud is a great source of knowledge for our people. He has touched more of our people than he knows. We

have had members come from up to 300-400 miles away to participate in these workshops. I have heard nothing but positive comments and heartfelt stories from members on how these events have helped them learn our ways and get in touch again with their heritage.

It touches my heart to see participation from our youth to our tribal elders. Once again, miigwech, Ogeema Chi Chuk, and we look forward to many more teachings from you, niij.

Currently, I have been meeting with the U.S. Forest Service to bring some of our homelands back into our possession to develop permanent powwow grounds and an area to hold our cultural activities. I, along with the Sault Tribe's Inland Department Director Eric Clark, have been working on a site plan and area identification that we feel would be suitable for our community's

needs. The Forest Service has been very receptive to the idea of working between our governments to achieve our goals and visions for this project. The draft plan has been completed and sent on to the proper authorities within the Forest Service to seek their input and comments. It is our belief that this project will be crucial in attaining and meeting our cultural enhancement goals for our community in Unit 5. Miigwech, Eric, for your commitment, dedication and hard work on this project.

The 2020 Consent Decree negotiations have started to heat up. Sault Tribe's negotiating team has been meeting with representatives from the other four tribes involved — Bay Mills, Grand Traverse Band, Little Traverse Band, and Little River Band. The five tribes are working toward consensus on issues we can agree upon and work

through each tribe's issues of concern. We as tribes need to find common ground and be ready to take strong and united positions together before we start negotiating with our adversary, the state of Michigan. We need to stand together on our issues and show solidarity to secure our treaty rights for our people. Dividing us up and to get us fighting with each other will only benefit those who seek to take from our people.

I really do still believe that we need to start seeking sports betting at our gaming facilities. We, as tribal leaders, need to move

into other new streams of revenues in our casinos and maximize opportunities for profit.

With summer on its way and the weather warming up, at least we can get out without having to wear multiple layers to stay warm. Try to get out and enjoy what the creator has blessed us with.

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

Respectfully,
Charles J. Matson Sr.
Unit V Director

Activating tribe's corporate charter big step in business



**KEITH MASSAWAY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

The tribal board is moving forward in a number of areas. We have been aggressive in continuing our pursuit of diversifying our businesses. Our economic development director is bringing in many and varied proposals for the board to decide on. Although many seem to be small enterprises, we need to take careful steps

so we won't overstretch or fail.

One of the biggest steps we are now undertaking is activating our Corporate Charter. It is a vehicle that will allow a portion of the tribe to run as a business unencumbered by the board or its politics. This is a fresh new step that will allow the tribe to work in different levels procurement and funding. After implementing the charter we will start the processes of 8a. That is a federal government set aside to get contracts to procure services or goods for the federal government. This set aside allows the tribes to better compete to get these contracts against the huge corporations that have them now. Many Alaskan Natives have these 8a contracts and support their entire communities with the proceeds. This will not happen over night but we are making steady progress towards our goals.

The tribal board is now also finishing up the Board

of Directors Strategic Master Plan. This plan details how the board contributes to the well being of its tribal members and the long term sustainability of the tribal resources. This plan highlights eight areas where we focus our efforts: 1. Culture and traditional teachings. 2. Sovereignty. 3. Programs and services. 4. Retaining rights. 5. Representation, advocacy and leadership. 6. Workforce. 7. Appropriations. 8. Economy.

You can see the goals for each of these areas and the intention is to provide the membership, team members and other collaborators a clear picture of where the tribe is heading. When we finalize the document it will be available to everyone to have and read.

Thank you for all the email and the phone calls.

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Gov. Whitmer signs bipartisan auto no-fault legislation

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Senate Bill 1 on May 30, which passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, to reform Michigan's auto insurance system to guarantee lower rates for every Michigan driver, protect insurance coverage options and strengthen consumer protections.

"By signing this legislation, we are providing relief to millions of drivers across the state and guaranteeing a better auto insurance system for everyone," Whitmer said. "This historic deal shows that, when we put party aside, we can find common ground on our state's toughest issues to provide realistic and affordable coverage options for drivers across Michigan."

Senate Bill 1 reforms a broken auto insurance system and offers historic protections for drivers across our state. The bill, negotiated by Governor Whitmer with legislative leaders, will save drivers money by:

Guaranteeing lower rates for drivers for eight years;

Protecting people's choice to pick their own Personal Injury Protection (PIP) options with coinciding PIP rate reductions, offering unlimited coverage (10 percent PIP reduction), \$500K coverage

(20 percent PIP reduction), \$250K coverage (35 percent PIP reduction), \$50K coverage for Medicaid eligible recipients (45 percent PIP reduction), or a complete opt out for seniors or anyone with sufficient private insurance (100 percent PIP reduction).

Increasing consumer protections by banning companies from using non-driving factors, such as ZIP code, FICO score, gender, marital status, occupation, education attainment, and homeownership, to set rates.

Setting fee schedules for hospitals and providers to prevent overcharging for auto-related injuries.

"I am proud to have worked alongside Senate Majority Leader Shirkey, Senate Democratic Leader Ananich, Speaker of the House Chatfield, House Democratic Leader Greig, and all members of the legislature to solve a problem that has been hurting Michigan families for far too long. We still have more important work ahead of us, and I have no doubt that we can seize on this momentum to pass a strong, bipartisan budget that fixes the damn roads."

Senate Bill 1, sponsored by Senator Aric Nesbitt (SD-26), will be filed next week with the Office of the Great Seal and take effect at that time.

The good, the bad and the ugly . . .



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I was requested to stop at some local businesses this month to see what they do so my first stop was at Massey's Fish Market. Jamie Massey had reached out to me to give me a tour since we are in the process of the 2020 consent decree negotiations. He showed me all the new equipment he has recently purchased and how each step of fish processing takes place. He has grown exponentially by processing into many things and they attend many downstate farmers' markets on weekends. He employees over 20 tribal members and purchases fish from many local fishermen. He makes not just fish pâté but whitefish, trout and salmon pate.

The next stop was our old hospital building that now hosts Hope Network, a place that provides crisis residential services as a short-term alternative to inpatient psychiatric hospitalization by creating a home-like setting that is less restrictive than a hospital. Hope treats a wide array of symptoms from thoughts of suicide to mental disorders, substance abuse and disorders. They also provide integrated care as a community based alternative to placement at a long-term care facility for older adults that usually cannot be served at a traditional group home. It is great to have these services provided in our own community and some of our tribal members are employed there.

I was involved in a community needs assessment at Community Action with many community partners. We discussed the need for transportation, housing, year around employment and a shelter.

Our area has one cab company and a seasonal trolley system. It can be quite expensive to run errands for some people who live outside the downtown area and do not have cars. There is not enough affordable housing in our community for singles, elders or families. Many houses are used for seasonal foreign workers or Airbnb. All the local units of government need to come together and form a transportation authority and also look at ways to establish more housing. We have had a few homeless people who could benefit from a shelter as a transition to getting on their feet as well.

We had our annual Wequayoc Cemetery clean up on May 18. The cemetery is very well kept so there was not as much work needed besides removing a few seasonal decorations and some graves needed more fill. There were about a dozen of us and unfortunately it rained but we gathered for lunch and conversation anyway. The cemetery is such a peaceful place surrounded by cedar trees.

I unfortunately missed out on the Native American festival with attending a funeral and several graduation parties. There was a record crowd from what I saw and heard about. If you haven't been there please stop and see the new veteran memorial wall that features some of our own tribal members.

I have met with Sue St. Onge and Sally Paquin about doing some workshops possibly prior to our Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow and Heritage Days in St. Ignace as well as some in the fall when people have more time. Jackie Minton is doing a series of workshops on regalia this summer in St. Ignace at the McCann School. Please contact Jackie to register at (906) 322-6423 or email jackie49minton@gmail.com

I attended the St. Ignace Sault Tribe Head Start's year end drum social. Mukwa Giizik played for the kids as they danced in their ribbons shirts, skirts and shawls. The kids were excited to see their family but reluctant with such a crowd. The Head Start staff does such a great job with the kids. Any family with 3- or 4-year olds needs to consider signing their kids up. These kids participate in our culture, language and traditions in addition to the usual educational program.

I had the pleasure of watching the St. Ignace Middle School Drama Club present Aladdin directed by Sue St. Onge, our very own YEA coordinator. There were about 37 kids involved in the production to a very large crowd on a sunny Friday evening. I was a past drama club participant and enjoy watching the youth perform. For many students they get the chance to build their confidence and experience public speaking. I look forward to watching these students grow as performers.

Anyone who lives in the service area in need of a car seat can call or stop by Community Health in one of the health centers and pick one up for free.

I was stopped at the post office one day by a lady who oversees



Unit III Director Bridgett Sorenson with scholarship winners Shyanne Bird, above, and Gregory Paquin, below.



the YAC program that facilitates the Feeding America food trucks. She said many tribal members in the community stop in when there is a food truck in town. She inquired about the tribe possibly contributing like other local businesses and groups do as well. I brought the issue to a board meeting and we decided to have Kewadin Casinos cover the cost of a couple trucks in various areas in the service area. Each truck costs about \$1,500.

Unfortunately, there are some changes that need to be made to the JKL Fiduciary Committee. They have been operating for several years with no bylaws even though they have been discussed with the full board. This means that meetings get called at the drop of a hat for whatever purpose is needed. Tribal board members do not receive meeting minutes. They have been allowed to hire staff at a higher rate than others as well as job titles discrepancies. I was also told that staff also received bonuses. We have people from this committee who are pushing to eliminate community members on the housing commission and replacing with all board members. Something has to give.

There is also a lot of bullying going on at the board table to

other board members, staff and community members. I have been subjected to this behavior and it upsets me but most of all I despise the disrespect towards the staff. There is so much hate in the board room it's sickening. Nobody is allowed to have a different opinion and many times you can't even get an opportunity to talk. Our workshops and meetings are so out of control. There is no consistency and decisions are made on whether or not you like someone or if they support that person's opinion.

We have recently gone through many staff changes and it looks like more to come. Many times I see the wrong people leaving and many with years of experience. People want to be treated fairly, respectfully and not talked down to. Part of the problem is when we are hiring executive staff we do not set goals and performance standards or provide legitimate reviews. There are several people barking orders or opinions and staff is left to figure out which direction they are moving into.

Things are soon to be very ugly with the coming elections. I already see social meeting posts with off the wall rumors about hand selected chair candidates and doubling the salary. There are always outlandish comments

geared to create distrust or threats about what the tribe will lose if someone is not re-elected. Many of the boards or committees that are represented are filled with by the biggest contributor. Those who pay the greatest sum get the support.

I am sorry this has to be said but I am not the type of person who sits back when lies or rumors or funny business occurs. I have had it with all the back door B.S. that is currently taking place. It is going to destroy this tribe. Certain board members want control of everything and nobody apparently can do it as well as they would do it.

The nepotism is never ending, it affects the hiring, keeping a job and other gains. For the 1000th time, do your job and you wouldn't need family protection! Keeping one's family member employed does not benefit 44,000 other members of this tribe.

Staff get office visits, phone calls, emails and texts with directives and threats. People are hired on the basis of manipulation. Those who can't be manipulated are not supported. Hiring is done on whether the person was nice to them or not. Same people who complain about tribal preference hiring deny tribal members jobs. I am certainly not saying I don't get frustrated with staff from time to time, but they do not deserve the treatment they are getting.

I see support for certain resolutions which turn into someone being owed for their support. I would hate to owe anyone anything.

We just recently had four elders put in to be on the MIEA board which had only two vacancies. Three members were from the Sault and one was from St. Ignace. I suggested we get one and they get one but I couldn't get enough support for that, so names had to be drawn and both were selected from the Sault. Director McKelvie motioned to amend that all four could attend the conference but only two as delegates. That motion was supported. Sometimes the games are ridiculous.

Last but not least, I am tired of people abstaining from voting. The only abstention should be a conflict of interest. I am told that needs to be called out prior to a vote but in my opinion it's up to the director to have disclosed since we don't know who everyone is related to or has a conflict with.

Well, I will probably be under fire from my colleagues but at least some staff or members will be off the radar for a minute!

I presented two scholarships this year, one to Gregory Paquin who will pursue nursing at NCMC in Petoskey and the other to Shyanne Bird who will pursue social work and health administration at Marian University in Wisconsin.

Congratulations to my niece, Saylor Sorenson and all the other students who completed their high school careers! Don't ever look back, rather always being looking forward!

For questions or concerns please contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.

Moving ?



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Doing what matters . . .



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniiin, Anishnaabek! HURRAY FOR SUMMER! Powwows, graduations, weddings, ceremonies, camping, fishing, berry picking, gardening, saying "aanii"

to new babies, and "bamapii" to so many friends on their spirit journey.

This all makes for a busy schedule, especially when combined with all of the other work that I've been doing, too, board workshops, board meetings, committees, projects and especially spending time with tribal members in person and via cyber-space. Life these days (for all of us) can be so hectic, and crammed with chaos, but I am reminded of elders in my life who always reminded me to "DO WHAT MATTERS." I do my best to do just that.

What matters to me is, **People First.** I'm taking a moment as I type this report, to see if my activity has served "**People First.**" The committees I work on do serve people first and I

believe their work affects the well being of many. My work on the Community Health Aide Program Tribal Advisory Group (**CHAPTAG**) as it's chairperson, has helped our tribe move forward on the Dental Therapy Program, which *will provide more direct dental care to our members.* As the chairperson for the USDA Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Tribal Leaders Workgroup, relationships between tribes and the USDA have strengthened. The USDA Food Program was in danger of cuts, but this workgroup was a driving force that ensured that not only would the food program not suffer financial cuts, but it would be changed to include foods that are *tribal foods.* Tribal food access is important, and the *actions of this working group*

matters to our people.

I also think about the tribal members I have served individually (near and far), the children at our school who are served by the JKL Fiduciary Committee, tribal members who rely on me to be their voice to the local transportation authority, and then I also think about all those people who are served by the actions of the tribal board of directors. I think about the many great people I work with, who make certain that great things happen for our people. Individually, we can't accomplish nearly as much as we can when we work together. I am so grateful for those who, like myself, are focused on *doing what matters*—not just for now, but for the future. I will never forget my Uncle Owen's last words to me, "**For the people.**"

Those words guide me in all that I do. Looking back over this past month, I am thankful for his words, as I have worked hard, and with love, to "**Do What Matters for the People.**" And it's easy to know if what I am doing matters — if it puts people first, it matters.

Wishing you all a summer filled with love, good health and bright days. As always, if I can be of any help or service, please do not hesitate to contact me. Hope to see you on the powwow trail!

Shawindekaa (many blessings), and Anishinaabe gagiget (Anishnaabe for always),

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St. Ignace Head Start holds end of year drum social

Photos by Bridgett Sorenson



Ari Mitchell and her dad, Allen Mitchell.



Skylynn and Addison Bosley.



Officer Anthony Lester with his son, Easton.



Jared Valentine and parents.



The drum, Mukwa Giizik, and Head Start staff Denise, Jessica, Bekka and Terri.



Allijah Captain and his parents.



KEWADIN CASINOS ENTERTAINMENT

JUNE

Slaughter wsg Autograph
Saturday | 29th | 8 p.m. | \$10.00
St. Ignace Event Center

JULY

Crystal Shawanda
Friday | 5th | 8 p.m. | Free
Saturday | 6th | 9:30 p.m. | Free
Sault DreamMakers Theater

Cheap Trick
Thursday | 11th | 8 p.m. | start at \$40
Sault DreamMakers Theater

**Travis Tritt and
The Charlie Daniels Band**
Friday | 19th | 8 p.m. | start at \$25
St. Ignace Outdoors

Great White
Saturday | 27th | 8 p.m. | start at \$20
Manistique Outdoors

AUGUST

Drowning Pool wsg Joyous Wolf
Friday | 2nd | 8 p.m. | \$20 SRO
Sault DreamMakers Theater

**Pop Evil and Buckcherry
wsg Joyous Wolf**
Saturday | 3rd | 8 p.m. | start at \$25
Sault Outdoors

AUGUST (CONT.)

Foreigner
Thursday | 8th | 8 p.m. | start at \$25
St. Ignace Outdoors

MJ Live
Friday | 30th | 8 p.m. | start at \$20
Sault DreamMakers Theater

NOVEMBER

**Muddfest with Puddle of Mudd,
Saliva, Trapt, Saving Abel &
Tantric**
Friday | 1st | 7 p.m. | start at \$29.50
Sault DreamMakers Theater

Tony Orlando
Saturday | 23rd | 8 p.m. | start at \$25
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