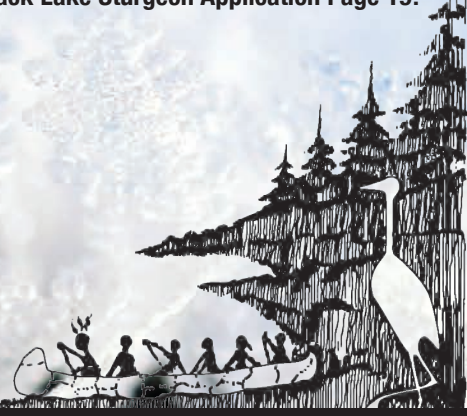




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## Tribal health officials feel frustration, hope in face of COVID-19 pandemic

BY WILL SCOTT  
**COVID-19 CORRESPONDENT**  
 Sault Tribe health officials are feeling a mix of frustration and hope as the COVID-19 pandemic is hitting hard in the Upper Peninsula.

The frustration is in seeing the spike in cases, especially in Marquette and Delta counties. The hope is in the progress in the development of one or more vaccines.

Sault Tribe Assistant Health Director Joel Lumsden said the lack of free testing for asymptomatic people, meaning those with no signs of illness, makes it harder to gauge the spread of the coronavirus.

"There's not enough testing to really determine how many people really have the infection," he said.

Lumsden also said it's discouraging to know that some of the infections could have been prevented by following guidelines for mask use and limiting interaction

outside of the household. "I understand the frustration," he said. "Everyone is craving those experiences from the normal sides of their lives pre-COVID."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an updated report on Nov. 10 citing findings that wearing a mask consistently and properly can help reduce the risk to the mask wearer.

Previously, the CDC had said the importance of masks was to reduce the spread of the virus by an infected person. Now, though, the CDC said masks can help reduce the risk of infection by someone in close proximity to an infected person.

Lumsden said two keys to reducing infection are to wear a mask and to observe social distancing. He said health officials are encouraged by the progress in developing a vaccine, but he cautioned that widespread vaccinations remain months away. He said the first vaccines will

probably be for health workers, followed by first-responders and high-risk patients such as nursing home residents and nursing home staff.

The two most promising vaccines, by Pfizer and by Moderna, appeared close to U.S. approval as of Dec. 4.

However, even if approved, production on a massive scale remains months away. And because the vaccinations currently require two injections several weeks apart, it could be months before the rate of new infections drops significantly.

Below are the increases in confirmed cases in the counties of the tribe's service area from Nov. 2 to Dec. 2.

Count	Nov. 2	Dec. 2
Chippewa	118	369
Mackinac	142	220
Luce	62	118
Alger	99	159
Schoolcraft	98	164
Marquette	1,154	2,650
Delta	1,270	2,256

## As a COVID-19 vaccine nears, tribal health services plans priority list

BY WILL SCOTT,  
**COVID-19 CORRESPONDENT**  
 Even as the COVID-19 pandemic surges throughout the world, the prospect of life-saving vaccines also is surging.

That's good news for everyone, but it also means that Sault Tribe health employees will continue to try to keep pace with developments. That includes acquiring the vaccine, developing criteria to determine which groups are first, second and third in line to receive it and developing logistics to provide the vaccine.

The two vaccines that appear closest to U.S. approval, by Pfizer and Moderna, both require two injections several weeks apart. That complicates matters, because tribal health officials must make sure that the second vaccine is not given too soon or too late.

Sault Tribe Health Director Dr. Leo Chugunov said he has requested thousands of doses. It's unknown, however, how many doses will be allocated to the tribe, or when. The minimum order is 975 doses.

The vaccinations were requested through the Indian Health Service.

"We don't know when we'll get it or how. They're going to determine a number and say, 'Okay, you'll get this,'" Chugunov said.

He said he has developed a priority list establishing an order for people to receive the vaccine. That plan, however, is complicated by reluctance by some people to receive the vaccine.

Chugunov said that of the roughly 300 tribal health services staff, fewer than 50 people expressed interest in receiving the vaccine. He attributed that reluctance, in part, on bad publicity.

Any new vaccine comes with uncertainty about effectiveness and side effects, he said, and

there have been reports that some people who received the vaccine during the testing stage felt ill for a couple days. The uncertainty and the reports of illness create a bit of a stigma, he said, but the effectiveness of the vaccine may eventually encourage most people to receive it.

Below is the Sault Tribe priority list for COVID-19 vaccine, prepared by Chugunov:

The COVID-19 vaccine will be administered to adults only (18 years old and older).

1. A. Health Division personnel
- B. Critical personnel of the Sault Tribe (non-Health Division)
- C. Sault Tribe elders
2. A. Adults at high risk for

development of severe COVID-19 illness due to underlying medical conditions (cancer, obesity [meaning a body mass index greater than 30]), chronic kidney disease requiring dialysis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart conditions, immunocompromised state from organ transplant, pregnancy, sickle cell disease, vascular disease and type 2 diabetes); and adults experiencing homelessness.

- B. Essential workers with direct interaction with the public or in high-density workplaces.
3. Essential workers without direct interaction with the public.
4. Adults without high-risk conditions.

## Christmas Cheer



**Viivan Marguerite Hoholik, 4 years old and enrolled in Pre-K at Emerald Elementary Manistique, hangs her homemade elf ornament on her Christmas tree. See more on page 14.**

## Baileys celebrate 50th anniversary

Ken and Inez Bailey of Hessel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 14, 2020. They were married Nov. 14, 1970, and have three children, Andy, Karen and April; and six grandchildren,

Jeff, Aaron, Hunter, Drew, Caleb and Brooke. Family and friends marked the occasion through an orchestrated cascade of 70 greetings sent through the mail to the Baileys for a card party in honor

of the couple. The couple enjoyed a celebratory parade of honking vehicles filled with folks cheering waving hands and hoisting congratulatory signs as they circled in front of the Bailey home.



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# Cody Mayer voted onto city commission

MARQUETTE — Sault Tribe member Cody Mayer was recently elected to the Marquette City Commission on Nov. 3. Mayer's election victory makes him the first member of a federally recognized tribe to be elected to the Marquette City Commission.

Sault Tribe Board Chairperson Aaron Payment said, "We are very proud of Commissioner Mayer. Given his strong leadership, I was pleased to endorse him for election."

Mayer previously served on Marquette's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority as vice-chair and is the former student body president of Northern Michigan University, where he helped lead efforts that resulted in the recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day both at the university and in the City of Marquette. One issue Mayer ran on was establishing a tribal liaison to establish productive and positive relations and partnership with tribal governments throughout the Upper Peninsula.

Mayer, 23, is married to his high school sweetheart and Sault Tribe member, Ashley Mayer. They are the joyful parents of an 8-month-old daughter, Arya.

For questions or comment, please contact Cody Mayer at [codymayer@gmail.com](mailto:codymayer@gmail.com).



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## BMIC and state drop Vanderbilt dispute

BAY MILLS, Mich. — Bay Mills Indian Community (BMIC) has reached an agreement with the State of Michigan to resolve a decade-long court battle over tribal gaming on a parcel of land in Vanderbilt, Mich. BMIC and the State of Michigan had each sued one another to determine whether the tribe could engage in gaming on the parcel of land.

Under the agreement, both the tribe and the state will dismiss their lawsuits against one another and the tribe agreed to not attempt to operate a gaming facility on the parcel for at least five years. The agreement to dismiss the cases simply ends the litigation and does not include any other terms regarding whether the land is eligible for gaming.

The lawsuits between the tribe and the state began in 2010. The dispute reached the United States Supreme Court in 2016, where BMIC won a ruling that affirmed that Indian tribes have sovereign immunity from lawsuits. The case was sent back to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, where the parties remained in a dispute until the dismissal.

With BMIC to become one of the first tribes to engage in state-wide Internet gaming, the tribe decided that continuing the litigation would not be an effective use of its resources. The tribe has achieved its goal of creating new economic opportunities.

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 Jan. 19, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Feb. 2, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Feb. 16, Sault Ste. Marie  
 March 2, Sault Ste. Marie  
 March 16, Manistique  
 April 6, Sault Ste. Marie  
 April 20, Munising  
 May 4, Sault Ste. Marie  
 May 18, Sault Ste. Marie  
 June 1, Sault Ste. Marie

June 15, St. Ignace  
 July 6, Sault Ste. Marie  
 July 20, Escanaba  
 Aug. 3, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Aug. 17, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Sept. 7, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Sept. 21, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Oct. 5, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Oct. 19, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Nov. 2, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Nov. 23, Hessel  
 Dec. 7, Sault Ste. Marie

Per the Constitution and Bylaws, Article 1 – Meetings of the board of directors, Section 1: .....provided that at least one meeting per year shall be held in each of the five election units established pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the tribal constitution.

General meetings of the board of directors are conducted on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

All general meetings start at 5 p.m. All Sault meetings will take place at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, other locations to be announced.

Meetings with \*\* are changed to accommodate the chair/board attendance at MAST, NCAI, United Tribes, various Washington, D.C. meetings or holidays.

All special meetings will be announced.

For further information, please call Joanne Carr (ext. 26337) or Linda Grossett (ext. 26338) at the administration office, (800) 793-0660, 635-6050.

## Traditional Medicine Program December clinics

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program December 2020 clinic schedule.

Gerard Sagassige  
 Sault Ste. Marie Health Center — Dec.16, 21, 22, 23, 28 and 30; Lori Gambardella at (906) 632-0236 or Annie Thibert at (906) 632-0220

Manistique Health Center — Dec. 29; 341-8469 or (866) 401-0043

Joe Syrette  
 Sault Ste. Marie Health Center — Dec. 30 and 31; Lori Gambardella at (906) 632-0236 or Annie Thibert at (906) 632-0220  
 Newberry Community Center — Dec. 17; (906) 293-8181  
 St. Ignace Health Center — Dec. 18; 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135

Please call for questions or to schedule an appointment.

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

Unit I — Sheila Berger,

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

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

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

## Apply for the Work Experience Program for 16-21 year olds

The Sault Tribe WIOA Department is accepting applications for the Work Experience Program.

Eligibility Requirements: Must be Native American between the ages of 16 and 21, reside within the seven-county service area (Marquette, Alger,

Chippewa, Luce, Mackinaw, Delta and Schoolcraft counties), and either unemployed or low income.

If you are interested in applying for after school employment, please contact Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767 or [bcadreau@saulttribe.net](mailto:bcadreau@saulttribe.net) for an application.

## Apply FOR WIOA on-the-job training program and occupational training

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

The program may be able to provide tuition assistance for skills training if it leads to an industry-recognized certification or under OJT, the program may reimburse an employer 50 per-

cent 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.

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 Clarence Hudak, Units II and III (906) 430-2004  
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# NMAI opens National Native American Veterans Memorial

BY RICK SMITH

The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) opened the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., on an appropriate date, Nov. 11, 2020 – Veterans' Day. The opening of the memorial on the grounds of the NMAI on the National Mall came seven years after the U.S. Congress authorized the museum to establish the memorial, the only national tribute to American Indian veterans in every branch of the U.S. military.

According to the Smithsonian Institute NMAI website, [americanindian.si.edu](http://americanindian.si.edu), The main symbols of the memorial is a centerpiece comprised of an elevated, vertical stainless-steel circle stationed on an intricately carved stone drum with water continuously flowing from the drum for ceremonies. Fires may be lit at the base of the circle for ceremonies. Benches of concrete covered with granite form circular seating around the centerpiece with openings at the four cardinal directions. Four lances are also placed at the four cardinal directions upon which people may tie cloths for prayers and healing. One side of a path surrounding the memorial, called the Path of Harmony, features concrete fencing covered in granite to match the memorial's benches. One section of the stone fencing is engraved with the seals of all five branches of the U.S. armed forces.

"The memorial is set within



Photos by Alan Karchmer for the NMAI

**The National Native American Indian Veterans Memorial with the National Museum of the American Indian in the background.**

the living landscape to the east of the museum, at the edge of the upland hardwood forest, overlooking the freshwater wetland," the NMAI wrote on the website. "A meandering walkway known as the Path of Life leads visitors to the memorial, allowing them time to prepare themselves as they approach it. Veterans and families expressed a preference for a quiet place on the grounds of the museum. The trees surrounding the memorial and the water nearby help to separate it from the noise and traffic of the city."

The NMAI also noted the memorial is meant to be timeless and inclusive, honoring all Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian veterans and their families who support them. "The circular design sug-

gests a sacred circle, the cycles of time and life and the movement of the stars and planets. The circle is relevant to many Native American cultures in the shape of a drum and of circles for dance, storytelling and prayer. The memorial incorporates the elements of fire, representing strength, courage, endurance, and comfort; water, signifying purification and prayer; earth, which provides people with all they need; and the **wind** that will carry the prayers and memories of visitors skyward."

The memorial is said to create an interactive and intimate space for gatherings, remembrances, reflecting and healing. Along with welcoming and honoring American Indian veterans and their families, it educates the public about the extraordinary

contributions of American Indian veterans.

All funding for creating the memorial from donations by individuals, organizations and American Indian tribes. No funds came from the federal government.

Harvey Pratt, A member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma, Southern Cheyenne peace chief and Marine Corps Vietnam veteran and retired forensic artist, designed the memorial in a collaboration with Butzer Architects and Urbanism.

The design for the memorial came from extensive outreach and consultation process, according to the NMAI, beginning in 2015. The museum worked with the National Congress of American Indians, other American Indian organizations and an American Indian advisory committee of tribal leaders, veterans and their families. They conducted 35 community consultations across the country that resulted in firm ideas for the memorial, which guided participants in an international design

competition launched in 2017. After poring over more than 120 proposals, eight distinguished jurors chose five concepts for designs submitted by six finalists in 2018. Later in the year, the jury unanimously selected the Pratt's design. The memorial is named the Warrior's Circle of Honor.

The memorial is open 24 hours a day free of charge, although it may be closed for safety considerations. It is currently closed to gatherings and ceremonies due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals may visit, but COVID-19 safety guidelines in practice by Washington, D.C., mandate that visitors from most states self-quarantine for 14 days from their arrival. An official dedication is set to take place sometime after the pandemic is no longer a threat to the health and lives of visitors. Then the memorial will be opened for gatherings and ceremonies.

Much more information about the memorial and other projects involving the NMAI online at [americanindian.si.edu](http://americanindian.si.edu).



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# COVID-19 definitions: Isolation, quarantine, positivity, reinfection

Dr. Leo Chugunov, Sault Tribe health director, said on Nov. 18 that it's important to understand the terms of safety measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, in the wake of rising infection rates in the tribe's seven-county service area.

Dr. Chugunov said two key terms are isolation and quarantine.

## ISOLATION

Isolation is the separation of sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick. Isolation means anyone who

is diagnosed with COVID-19 should remain home without outside contact for a minimum of 10 calendar days.

## QUARANTINE

Quarantine is the practice of separating individuals who have had close contact with someone with an infectious disease to determine whether they develop symptoms or test positive for the disease. Quarantine for COVID-19 means that anyone who has had close contact (based on determination of the local health department or the Sault Tribe

Health Division) with someone with COVID-19 should stay home for 14 calendar days after their last exposure to that person. The patient needs to contact his or her provider for evaluation and testing if COVID-19 symptoms appear.

Other key terms are positivity and reinfection.

## POSITIVITY

Positivity refers to the percentage of people who test positive for the virus of those overall who have been tested. If 100 people are tested and nine people

test positive for the coronavirus, the positivity rate is nine percent.

## REINFECTION

Cases of reinfection with COVID-19 have been reported, but they are very rare. Based on the most recent research, someone who has recovered from COVID-19 in the previous three months does not need to be quarantined after new exposure. Once a person has recovered from COVID-19, he or she is likely to be immune for at least three months.

Dr. Chugunov said anyone

who thinks they have been exposed should contact their local health department or the tribal health division, and if ill with flu or COVID-19 symptoms, they should discuss the need for COVID-19 or flu A and B testing.

Currently, in the Sault Tribe Health Division, a person with a positive COVID-19 test result is called within 24 hours from the time of collection, he said. A negative test result may take longer to report, because it will be mailed to the patient.

## COVID-19 TESTING SITES

SAULT TRIBE'S TESTING SITES:	PHONE NUMBER(S):	ADDRESS:	TESTING PROCESS:	HOURS OPEN FOR TESTING:	COUNTY:
Soo Site - Sault Tribe Health Division	Phone: 906-632-5200 Ext 1	2864 Ashmun St Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783	Appointment is required. Symptoms required. Select asymptomatic patients can be tested (for ex: required negative test for pre-surgical screening, re-entry to group or for contact tracing.)	Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 6:30 pm	Chippewa
Escanaba Site - Escanaba Community Health Center	Phone: 906-786-2636	1401N 26th Street, Suite 105 Escanaba, MI 49829	Appointment is required. Symptoms required. Select asymptomatic patients can be tested (for ex: required negative test for pre-surgical screening, re-entry to group or for contact tracing.)	Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm	Delta
Newberry Site - Newberry Community Health Center	Phone: 906-293-8181	4935 Zeez Ba Tik Lane Newberry, MI 49868	Appointment is required. Symptoms required. Select asymptomatic patients can be tested (for ex: required negative test for pre-surgical screening, re-entry to group or for contact tracing.)	Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm	Luce
Hessel Site - Hessel Community Health Center	Phone: 906-484-2727	3355 N 3 Mile Road Hessel, MI 49745	Appointment is required. Symptoms required. Select asymptomatic patients can be tested (for ex: required negative test for pre-surgical screening, re-entry to group or for contact tracing.)	Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm	Mackinac
St. Ignace Site - Mackinac Straits Health System	Phone: 906-643-8689	1140N State St, Suite 2805 St. Ignace, MI 49781	Appointment is required. Symptoms required. Select asymptomatic patients can be tested (for ex: required negative test for pre-surgical screening, re-entry to group or for contact tracing.)	Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm	Mackinac
Mansistique Site - Manistique Tribal Community Ctr	Phone: 906-341-8469	5698W Highway 2 Manistique, MI 49854	Appointment is required. Symptoms required. Select asymptomatic patients can be tested (for ex: required negative test for pre-surgical screening, re-entry to group or for contact tracing.)	Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm	Manistique
Marquette Site - Marquette Community Health Center	Phone: 906-225-1616	1229 Washington Street Marquette, MI 49855	Appointment is required. Symptoms required. Select asymptomatic patients can be tested (for ex: required negative test for pre-surgical screening, re-entry to group or for contact tracing.)	Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm	Marquette
Munising Site - Grand Island Chippewa Community Ctr	Phone: 906-387-4721	622 W Superior St Munising, MI 49862	Appointment is required. Symptoms required. Select asymptomatic patients can be tested (for ex: required negative test for pre-surgical screening, re-entry to group or for contact tracing.)	Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm	Munising

OTHER TRIBAL TESTING SITES:	PHONE NUMBER(S):	ADDRESS:	TESTING PROCESS:	HOURS OPEN FOR TESTING:
Bay Mills Indian Community	Hotline: 906-248-8369 Phone: 906-248-5527	12124 W Lakeshore Drive Brimley, MI 49715	Free for tribal members, non-tribal or employees may have a co-pay.	Every Thursday 8 am - 4:30 pm
Keewenaw Bay Indian Community	Hotline: 906-353-4523 Phone: 906-353-8700	16429 Bear Town Road Baraga, MI 49908	Contact hotline.	Varies per clinic based on referral from hotline.

AT HOME TESTING:	WEBSITE:	ADDRESS:	TESTING PROCESS:	HOURS OPEN FOR TESTING:
Lab Corp, Inc - Independent COVID-19 testing	pixel.labcorp.com	N/A. Online services.	Symptoms are required. At home testing and results posted on their website.	At home testing offered on website 24/7.

LOCAL PHARMACIES:	PHONE NUMBER(S):	ADDRESS:	TESTING PROCESS:	HOURS OPEN FOR TESTING:
Rite-Aid Pharmacies	Riteaid.com	Varies.	Complete online screening at Rite-Aid website. Must be 18 or older. Appointment required. No doctor referral needed. Yes, testing available for asymptomatic patients.	Varies by location.
Wal-Green Pharmacies	walgreens.com	Varies.	Complete online screening at Wal-Green website. Appointment required. No doctor referral needed. Yes, testing available for asymptomatic patients.	Varies by location.

### TESTING OFFERED SORTED BY TRIBAL UNITS:

SAULT TRIBE UNIT ONE	PHONE NUMBER(S):	ADDRESS:	TESTING PROCESS:	HOURS OPEN FOR TESTING:
Bay Mills Indian Community	Hotline: 906-248-8369 Phone: 906-248-5527	12124 W Lakeshore Drive Brimley, MI 49715	Free for tribal members, non-tribal or employees may have a co-pay.	Every Thursday 8 am - 4:30 pm
Rite Aid Pharmacies	Riteaid.com	1025 Ashmun Street Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783	Complete online screening at Rite-Aid website. Must be 18 or older. Appointment required. No doctor referral needed. Yes, testing available for asymptomatic patients.	Sunday - Saturday 9 am - 9 pm
Sault Tribe Health Division	Phone: 906-632-5200 Ext 1	2864 Ashmun St Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783	Appointment is required. Symptoms required. Select asymptomatic patients can be tested (for ex: required negative test for pre-surgical screening, re-entry to group or for contact tracing.)	Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 6:30 pm
Walgreen Pharmacies	walgreens.com	2101 Ashmun Street Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783	Complete online screening at Wal-Green website. Appointment required. No doctor referral needed. Yes, testing available for asymptomatic patients.	Sunday - Saturday 9 am - 9 pm
War Memorial Hospital	Phone: 906-635-4460	500 Osborn Blvd., Nolte St Enterance Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783	CDC exposure criteria must be met. No appointment or doctor referral needed.	Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 11:45 am.
SAULT TRIBE UNIT TWO	PHONE NUMBER(S):	ADDRESS:	TESTING PROCESS:	HOURS OPEN FOR TESTING:
Helen Newberry Joy Hospital	Hotline: 906-293-9288	502 W Harrie Street Newberry, MI 49868	Use COVID hotline to pre-screen and schedule appointment. No doctor referral needed.	Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm
Hessel Community Health Center	Phone: 906-484-2727	3355 N 3 Mile Road Hessel, MI 49745	Appointment is required. Symptoms required. Select asymptomatic patients can be tested (for ex: required negative test for pre-surgical screening, re-entry to group or for contact tracing.)	Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm
Newberry Community Health Center	Phone: 906-293-8181	4935 Zeez Ba Tik Lane Newberry, MI 49868	Appointment is required. Symptoms required. Select asymptomatic patients can be tested (for ex: required negative test for pre-surgical screening, re-entry to group or for contact tracing.)	Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm
SAULT TRIBE UNIT THREE	PHONE NUMBER(S):	ADDRESS:	TESTING PROCESS:	HOURS OPEN FOR TESTING:
Mackinac Straits Health System (St. Ignace)	Phone: 906-643-8689	1140N State St, Suite 2805 St. Ignace, MI 49781	Appointment is required. Symptoms required. Select asymptomatic patients can be tested (for ex: required negative test for pre-surgical screening, re-entry to group or for contact tracing.)	Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm
SAULT TRIBE UNIT FOUR	PHONE NUMBER(S):	ADDRESS:	TESTING PROCESS:	HOURS OPEN FOR TESTING:
Keewenaw Bay Indian Community	Hotline: 906-353-4523 Phone: 906-353-8700	16429 Bear Town Road Baraga, MI 49908	Contact hotline.	Varies per clinic based on referral from hotline.

# Anishinaabemowin 2020

*The gift of knowledge empowers the recipient for a lifetime.*



*Manidoo Giisoonhs  
Little Spirit Moon*

by Susan Askwith

In this last month of our exploration of our culture, we can look at one of our most important and life-sustaining values: learning. The most ancient of our ancestors needed to learn to identify, find and prepare food and medicines. We needed to learn how to clothe ourselves and find shelter. We needed to learn relationship and community skills and how to stay safe. The very tools and skills needed to make those provisions had to be discovered, and we have communicated them to generation after generation, refining and expanding until today. It's our super-power.

## Ezhi bi-kendaanaanin *the ways we come to know things* e-zhi bi ken-daa-naa-nin

**Stories:** dbaajmowinan  
di-baaj-mo-win-an  
*create the deepest learning*

**Weather:** ezhiwebak gojiing  
e-zhi-we-bak go-jiing  
*cooperate with the seasons*

**Watching:** gnawaamdan  
gi-na-waam-dan  
*wonder "why?"*

**Love:** zaagidwin  
zaa-gid-win  
*it's a powerful motivator*

**Birds:** bineshiinhak  
bi-ne-shiinh-ak  
*small but strong and courageous at heart*

**Humor:** g'baapiimi  
gi-baa-pii-mi  
*"the one who laughs most learn best"*

**Observe:** naagadawamdan  
naa-ga-da-wam-dan  
*Use all your senses.*

**Arts:** nokaajiganan  
no-kaa-ji-gan-an  
*minds stretched by creative arts do not return to their original dimensions*

**Elders:** gete piitziig  
ge-te piit-zi-jig  
*life is a journey of experiences*

**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 a in tuba	i sounds like i in pin
aa sounds like a in all	ii sounds like e in be
o sounds like oo in book	e sounds like e in end
oo sounds like o in go	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.**

**Plants:** emaajiiging  
e-maa-jii-ging  
*see to their needs and they will see to yours*

**Culture:** aadziwin  
aad-zi-win  
*it lives in the hearts and in the soul of its people - its what we have made of ourselves*

**Trial and error:** mkoshin  
mi-ko-shin  
*anything worth doing well is worth doing poorly at first*

**Language:** newewin  
ne-we-win  
*we pass our knowing to the 7th generation by words spoken, written and gestured.*

**Listen:** bizindaan  
bi-zin-daan  
*without losing your temper or your self-confidence*

**Insects:** manidooshenshak  
man-i-doo-shenh-sak  
*ignore the wisdom of earth's small ones at your peril*

**Seven Grandfathers**  
niizhwaaswi mishoomisak  
niizh-waa-swi mi-shoo-mi-sak  
*educating the mind without the heart is no education at all.*

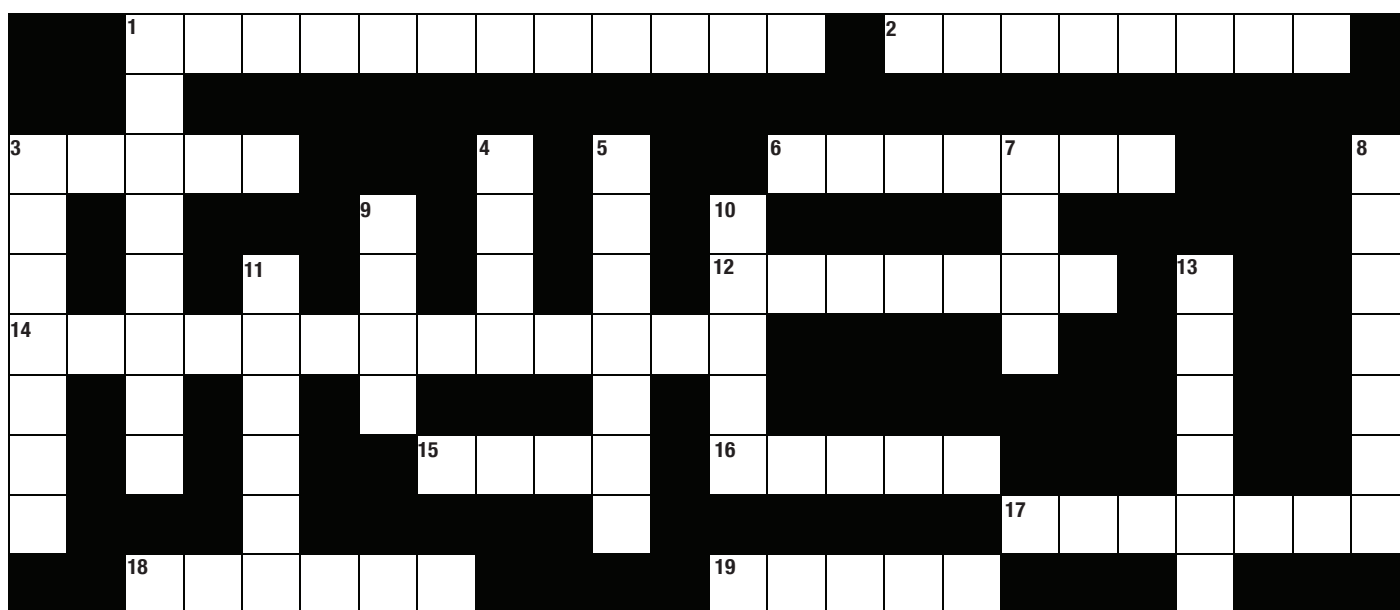
**Land:** aki a-ki  
*it sustains life, it provides; protect it*

**Take the time needed:**  
dzhikaan di-zhi-kaan  
*the most valuable thing we can spend*

**Work together:** g' nokiimi maamwi  
gi-no-kii-mi maam-wi  
*knowing has no value until it's put into practice*

**Water:** nibiish  
ni-bii-sh  
*keep it clean and good*

## CROSSWORD! Enter the English words for the Anishinaabemowin clues.

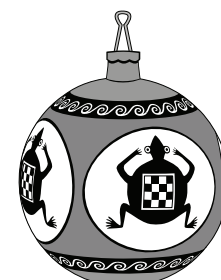
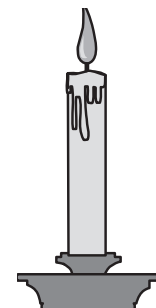
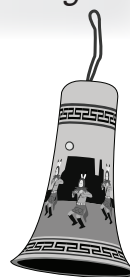
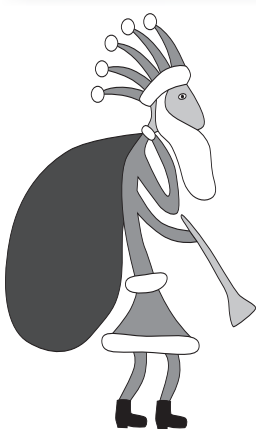


**Across**

- 1. g'nokiimi maamwi
- 2. newewin
- 3. nibiish
- 6. wesiinhak
- 12. manidooshehsak
- 14. mkoshin
- 15. dzhikaan
- 16. niizhwaaswi (mishoomisak)
- 17. aadziwin
- 18. bizindaan
- 19. g'baapiimi

**Down**

- 1. ganawaamdan
- 3. ezhiwebak gojiing
- 4. zaagidwin
- 5. dbaajmowinan
- 7. nokaajigan
- 8. naagadawamdan
- 9. aki
- 10. bineshiinhak
- 11. gete piitziig
- 13. emaajiiging



*Mino niibaanamaam kina ndi nowendaaganag miinwaa niijiik.*

Merry Christmas all my relatives and friends.

# Housing Authority building 28 new homes, elder quad at Odenaang Housing site in Sault

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

If you are familiar with the Odenaang Housing site located between Shunk and Seymour Roads in Sault Ste. Marie, you may have seen some new construction going on near where the current elder complexes are located.

About 28 new modular/manufactured and stick built homes, and an elder quad, are expected to be completed by 2023, a year ahead of their allotted timeframe.

Sault Tribe's Housing Authority received a \$5 million competitive grant from HUD's IHBG process in 2019 to construct the homes over a 5-year period.

The Housing Authority has a vision for Odenaang — of transforming the Odenaang project site into an affordable and healthy Anishinaabeg community. Tribal families occupying the new units will have to meet the definition of low-moderate income families.

Operations Manager Veronica

Beaumont said the project is divided into three phases: Phase I of the project in 2020 will include eight manufactured homes supplied by the tribal owned company, Gitchi, and four stick-built homes. Phase II of the project in 2021 will include six manufactured homes and six stick-built homes, with a quad unit for elders. Phase III of the project slated for 2022, will include three to four stick-built homes.

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority Force Account crew will be building the stick-built homes, with some of the work subcontracted out to a local Sault Tribe member-owned company.

Project specialist Michelle Hank DBA, said the homes will be two- and three-bedrooms, with some being ADA accessible for disabled occupants.

As homes become ready for occupancy the Sault Tribe Housing Authority will begin the application process to fill them.



Photo by JR LaCoy

Aerial view of a home under construction at the Sault Tribe Odenaang Housing site near Sault Ste. Marie.

# Sault Ste. Marie in the National Register of Historic Places

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. — Downtown Sault Ste. Marie has long been known as historically significant. Indeed the “heart” of Michigan’s oldest city. Now, thanks to more than eight years of significant work by many people and organizations, a federally recognized district has been created.

The National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior, has listed the Sault Ste. Marie Historic Commercial District, in the National Register of Historic Places. The Keeper of the National Register listed the newly recognized district on Oct. 19, 2020.

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation’s official list of cultural resources significant in our collective history and worthy of preservation. Several years ago, the Sault Ste. Marie Downtown Development Authority (DDA) led the charge to list eligible buildings in the downtown area on the National Register. The DDA partnered with the Bayliss Public Library, the Chippewa County Historical Society, the City of Sault Ste. Marie’s Historic Development Commission, The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, and other interested parties to pull together the research required to list the historic downtown area.

In 2017, the State Historic Preservation Office awarded the City of Sault Ste. Marie/Sault Ste. Marie DDA a \$50,000 grant for technical support to

**U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service recognize downtown Sault Ste. Marie for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The recognition came about as a result of a long-time collaborative effort of city, state and regional entities and individuals. Recognition comes with some benefits.**

hire a researcher to complete the application process. Bill Rutter of Trout Lake, Mich., was selected to conduct the research, and in 2018 submitted a final application totaling 151 pages. Mr. Rutter’s application was built upon the hard work of many local staff and members of the DDA, the Library, and the Historical Society. On Oct. 19, 2020, the application was confirmed and the District was officially recognized.

The Sault Ste. Marie Commercial Historic District includes the historic business district in the center of the city, and the nearby houses of early residents and business leaders. This district contains 146 buildings, of which 104 contribute to the historical character of the neighborhood. The buildings are mostly two stories in height, and were constructed between c. 1820 and 1968, although most date from the late nineteenth century. Architectural styles include Italianate, Late Victorian, Richardsonian Romanesque, Commercial Brick buildings, neoclassical public buildings, and

vernacular and Colonial Revival houses.

Benefits for properties listed on the Register are three-fold: first, each listed building is

recognized as historically significant, which draws potential tourism and offers unique marketing opportunities for the owner. Second, each contributing building in the district qualifies under the Michigan Rehabilitation Code, which allows for increased building code flexibility (as determined by local code officials and licensed professionals). Third, each contributing building in the district qualifies for a 20 percent federal historic tax credit for qualified rehabilitation

expenses.

To view the official listing document, visit: <http://parksandhistory.com/publications/ssmarie/nr-sault-ste-marie-hcd.pdf>. Inquiries are being made as to why the official document is currently published on the Parks Canada page instead of the U.S. National Park page.

Contact the Sault Ste. Marie Downtown Development Authority with any questions at [knicholson@saultcity.com](mailto:knicholson@saultcity.com), or call (906) 635-6973.

## TRIBAL MEMBER REGISTRATION IN THE TAX AGREEMENT AREA

### TRIBAL MEMBERS’ RESPONSIBILITIES

(Including the Issuance of Certificates of Exemptions)

### INITIAL REGISTRATION AND OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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

### CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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

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# Teen foster housing project receives donation

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Central United Methodist Church (CUMC) Administrative Board made a second major donation to the Robert R. Arfstrom-Sharyn L. Faunt Teen Foster Home.

Two years ago, the church contributed \$15,000 to help the Chippewa County Family Project (CCFP) break ground on its 5,000-square foot duplex that can house up to six male and six female teens from the foster care system. The church recently added \$10,000 to that total, and 100 percent of that contribution will be matched by Ray and Linda Bouvet, who are sponsoring a \$20,000 matching funds campaign for the CCFP.

“When we brought it up, everyone on the board agreed to do it again,” said CUMC Ad Board chairman Ray Bell.

The teen foster home is named in honor of Arfstrom and Faunt, who are CUMC members and instrumental in supporting the CCFP financially and with a shared passion. Additional CUMC members have embraced the importance of supporting homeless or fostered teens.

“Between Bob’s involvement, my wife (Diane) and I lobbying for it, and a lot of people on the board knowing someone who has a friend in foster care, or knowing a teenage boy or girl who is homeless,” noted Bell of what motivated the church to make a second contribution. “My wife is on the Missions Team Committee and they want to be involved . . . Others have talked about volunteering . . . A lot of people don’t realize how much of a problem it is in our town.”

“Next to Bob and Sharyn, Central United Methodist Church has been our biggest contributor to the teen foster home,” CCFP President Tracey Holt said. “It’s comforting and humbling to know such a well-respected group stands with us and supports this great project. We hope to begin placing teens in February, and look forward to a continued relationship with the church from a mentoring standpoint.”

The CCFP is in the process of hiring a full-time executive director and completing the foster home licensing requirements.

CUMC’s donation came from the church’s Endowment Board, which has begun using a percentage of its endowment to support community projects. CUMC also supports the Sault Schools backpack program, among other things.

“We are trying to be more involved in the community to help,” Bell said. “Some projects make a bigger splash than others, but we want to do our share to make the community a better place.”

The CCFP still seeks \$9,000 to complete a \$20,000 match, and funds will go toward construction and operating costs. To contribute to the Arfstrom-Faunt Teen Foster Home, contact Holt at tholt@hospiceoftheup.com or contribute via paypal.com/

paypalme/Teenfosterhome. The CCFP also launched a Go Fund Me page on Giving Tuesday.

**DISTANCING AND DONATING**  
— Central United Methodist Church Administrative Council chairman Ray Bell (right) presents a check for \$10,000 to Chippewa County Family Project (CCFP) board member Maryjo Duvall. The church’s donation will be matched by Ray and Linda Bouvet, who are sponsoring a \$20,000 matching funds campaign for the Robert R. Arfstrom Sharyn L. Faunt Teen Foster Home on 3-Mile Road. The CCFP is still seeking \$9,000 to complete the match.



## Make a Difference in the Life of a Child

### *Consider Being a Foster Care/ Adoptive Home Provider*

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) is in need of caring individuals who can provide a safe and nurturing home environment for children who have been placed out of their home due to abuse or neglect. Foster Care is founded on the premise that all children have the right to physical care, educational, emotional, and cultural nurturance. The family foster care program is designed to provide a substitute family life experience for a child in a household that has been approved and licensed. A relative may become licensed or may be unlicensed. ACFS makes every effort to place children with a relative if possible.

Children may need foster care for a temporary or extended period of time. The primary goal during foster care is to reunite the child with his or her parents. The foster family plays an important role in the treatment plan for the child and family. Under the “team” approach, foster parents or relatives, together with the worker, attempt to provide the specific kind of help a child and their family need for reuniting the child with their parents. When the child cannot be reunited with their parents, the children are prepared for permanent placement, with relatives or non-related adoptive families. The majority of adoptions done by ACFS are with relatives or other Native American families. Under certain circumstances, a foster family may adopt children in their care. When adoption is not possible for older youth, the goal is to prepare the youth for independent living.

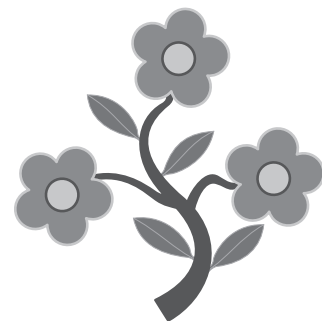
You are not required to own your own home, be married, or give up your job and stay home full time in order to foster children. You may be renting an apartment or be single. You may apply for day care payments for the time that you are working or continuing your education. You will work with the agency to determine what type of placement works best for you and your family.

#### ***Foster Care is seen as a short-term solution to an emergency situation.***

- Anishnaabek Community and Family Services needs committed individuals who are:
- Willing to work with the child’s birth parents
- Supportive of efforts to return the child home
- Able to work with children who have significant emotional and behavioral needs
- Able to encourage teens toward independent living

To become a Foster Parent, applicants must:

- Complete a licensing application and home study
- Provide successful background clearances for all adult household members
- Provide medical statements for all household members
- Have an environmental inspection (when applicable)
- Provide three letters of reference
- Meet basic home safety standards
- Attend training pertinent to foster care issues



**For further information on becoming a foster parent, contact (906) 632-5250 or toll-free (800) 726-0093.**



# Detroit Waldorf School acknowledges Anishinaabe land

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Debrah Nori and her two children received a welcome surprise recently when the Detroit pre-K through eighth grade private school her children once attended acknowledged that the land the school occupies is part of the original homelands of the Anishinaabe people, specifically the “Objibwe Odawa and Bodewadmi nations.”

The Detroit Waldorf School (DWS) in the Indian Village neighborhood of Detroit posted the acknowledgment at the top of its weekly newsletter on Nov. 20. The school sends weekly newsletters which Nori continues to receive due to her attachment with the school.

“I was so appreciative of the recognition from the school of my children, Sara Potvin and Andrew Potvin,” said Nori. “This is an extreme honor in 2020 for our people.”

The text of the acknowledgment reads, “We are thankful for our community. We would like to acknowledge that the land DWS occupies is the original homelands of the Anishinaabe people, specifically the Objibwe, Odawa and Bodewadmi Nations. We acknowledge the painful history of genocide and forced removal from this territory, and we honor and respect the many diverse indigenous peoples still connected to this land on which we gather. We

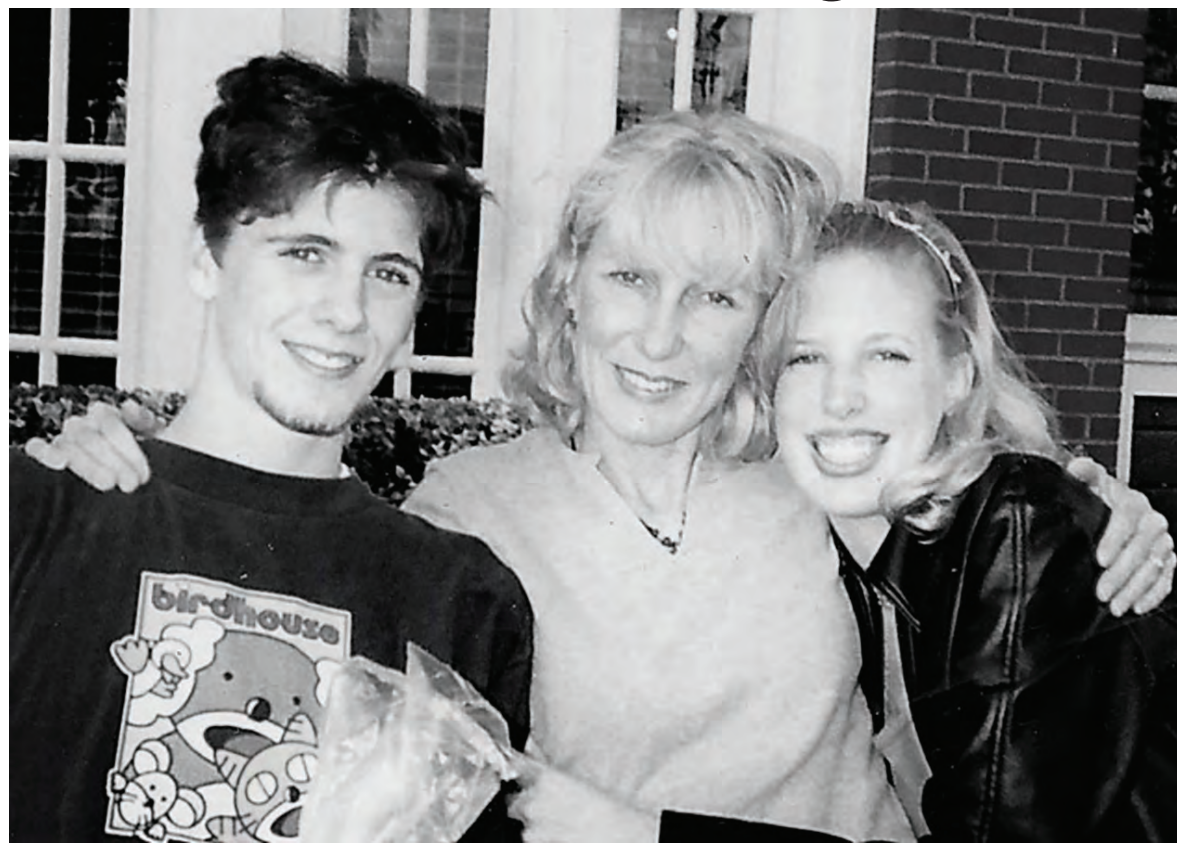


Photo courtesy of Debrah Nori

**Andrew Potvin, Debrah Nori and Sara Potvin. The family trio was elated to see the Potvin's former school commit to the acknowledgment.**

take this opportunity to thank the original caretakers and stewards of this land.”

According to several sources, indigenous land acknowledgments are commonly practiced in Australia, New Zealand and Canada. The acknowledgments are seen as a first step in developing an awareness and understanding

of the truths instead of the myths surrounding the history and contemporary lives of indigenous people. A growing Indigenous land acknowledgment movement is taking place in the United States.

Nori doesn't yet know who is behind the Detroit Waldorf School acknowledgment and telephone calls to the school weren't

answered by press time.

“In the late 1800s, a wealthy group of people took our Native land to build mansions. They called it Indian Village, ironically,”

said Nori. “By the 1980s, criminals and heroin addicts squatted in neglected vacated Indian Village mansions.”

Nori shared that the Detroit Waldorf School opened in 1966, during the turbulent era of civil unrest. But the school “was and still is filled with families of all races, religions, cultures, most being economically from middle class to struggling class.”

The Detroit Waldorf School is one of 1,000 schools worldwide in over 60 countries that engage in the independent school movement called Waldorf Education developed by Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian philosopher, social reformer and visionary, over a century ago, according to the Sunbridge Institute, which trains teachers for Waldorf schools. The obscure movement reached the United States in 1928 starting in New York City and has been growing across the country.

Those who wish to learn more about indigenous land acknowledgments can find plenty of sources and guidance on the proper ways to develop an acknowledgment by Google. The website for the Detroit Waldorf School is at [www.detroitwaldorf.org](http://www.detroitwaldorf.org).

**SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM OPENINGS**

**Meal delivery**  
Part-time/regular (14 hours per week). Elder Services Division - Sault Ste. Marie Meal Program.

The primary focus of this position is meal delivery. This employee will deliver meals to elders in their homes on meal days. \$9.65 hour.

**Community Health clerk**  
Part-time/regular (14 hours per week). Escanaba Tribal Community Health Center.

Responsible for providing clerical support services to the Community Health Program. \$9.65 hour. Contact WIOA / Senior Employment Program, Brenda Cadreau, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (906) 635-4767; or Mary Jenerou (906) 341-8469.

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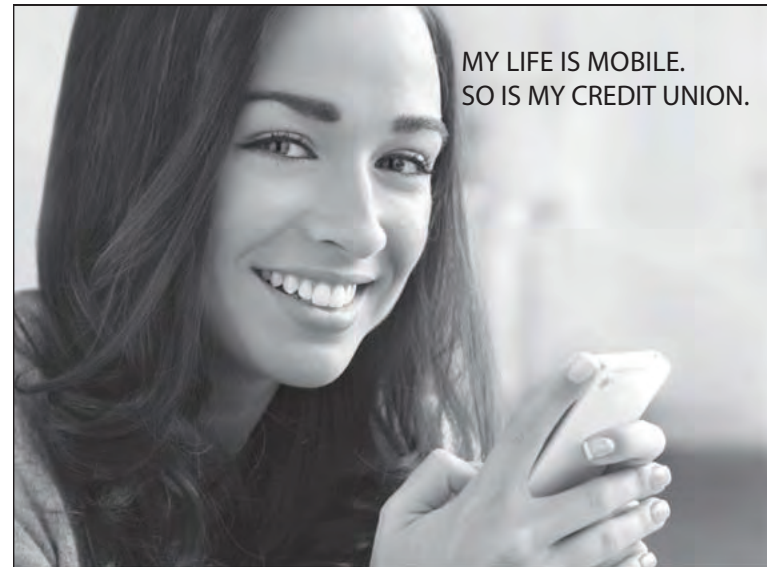
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# Board resolutions passed Oct. 30 to Dec. 1

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met on Oct. 20, 2020, with all present and passed the following resolutions.

**2020-257 – Law Enforcement – Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Acceptance of Grant and Establishment of 2021 Budget –** Authorized acceptance of grant and budget for U.S. Department of Justice funding of \$136,167 with no effect on tribal support.

**258 – Resolution to Address Contract Support Cost Settlement Funds to Kewadin Casinos –** Confirmed terms of repayment of funds made available to Kewadin Casinos to support Sault Tribe programs, services and employees during the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, the board reserves the right to amend the terms on an ongoing and as needed basis as additional guidance, funds and needs arise.

**259 – Resolution to Address the Tax Liabilities of Kewadin Casinos –** Rescinds Resolution 2020-90 Kewadin Casinos Tribal Tax Payment COVID-19, including but not limited to the reduction of tax payments made therein, and directs execution of all necessary documents to properly record the rescission of tax payment reductions. Further, the board reserves the right to amend the terms on an ongoing and as needed basis as additional guidance, funds and needs arise.

**260 – Deployment of Residual CARES Act Tribal Relief Funds –** Grants the tribe's COVID-19 Executive Task Force discretionary authority to reallocate CARES Act relief funds within and amongst the tribe's division budgets and cost centers, including to directly cover tribal government employee payroll and benefit expenses and other eligible CARES Act funding recipients. The funds are to help alleviate COVID-19 related costs and burdens that deeply impact the financial resources of the tribe.

**261 – State of Emergency Health Requirements –** Empowers the tribe to collaborate with the COVID Task Force to enact and administer health regulations pertaining to all of the tribe's lands and facilities during the declared state of emergency. Resolves that all individuals shall be required to follow the regulations enacted to ensure the safety and security of the tribe.

**262 – Rescinding Resolution 2020-251: Bureau of Indian Affairs Right of Way –** Rescinded a previous resolution.

**263 – Bureau of Indian Affairs Right-of-Way –** Sets terms for Bureau of Indian Affairs right-of-way on 15 trust land parcels for surveys along with roadway improvements and construction.

The board met on Oct. 27 with all present except Director Matson and passed the following resolution

**264 – Adopting Tribal Code Chapter 48: Sports Betting Regulations –** Established regulations governing retail sports betting in the tribe's casinos.

The board convened on Nov. 3 with all present and passed the following resolutions.

**265 – Memorializing Long Term Two-Percent 2020 –** Memorializes the long-term 2 percent obligations for the fall 2020 cycle for both those long-term agreements for which contractual obligations have been entered between the tribe and three-party local government entities. Recognizes the long-term obligations previously agreed to per contractual agreements per the conditions of such agreements.

**266 – ACFS – Family First Prevention Establishment of FY 2021 Budget –** Approved for U.S. Health and Human Services funding of \$56,421.989 without effect on tribal support.

**267 – Environmental – Housing and Utility Authority Contracts FY 2020 Budget Modifications –** Approved for a decrease in funding of \$2,653.11 with no effect on tribal support.

**268 – Environmental – Housing Contract, Uranium Testing and Treatment, and Performance Partnership Grant FY 2020, FY 2021 and FY 2022 Budget Modifications –** Approved modifying the FY 2020 budget for a decrease in expenses of \$21,237.51 with no effect on tribal support; modifying the FY 2021 budget for a decrease in Indian Health Service funding of \$6,896.56 with no effect on tribal support.

**269 – Environmental – Solid Waste FY 2021 Budget Modification –** Approved for an increase in Indian Health Service funds of \$28,000 with no effect on tribal support.

**270 – Mitigation Action Funds Establishment of FY 2021 Budget –** Approved for funds from other revenue of \$373,751.36 with no effect on tribal support.

**271 – Natural Resources – Inland Fish and Wildlife FY 2020 Budget Modification –** Approved for a decrease in Bureau of Indian Affairs funds of \$4,195.24 with no effect on tribal support.

**272 – MIS and Indirect Cost FY 2020 Budget Modifications –** Approved for MIS to change the personnel sheet, decrease indirect cost revenue \$158,488.87 and increase tribal support funding. \$157,679.69. Further approved for indirect cost to reduce the transfer out to MIS \$158,488.87 and to tribal support by \$158,488.87 for an overall savings in tribal support of \$809.18.

**273 – OMB – Budget Department FY 2020 Budget Modification –** Approved FY 2020 budget modification to OMB to change the personnel sheet.

**274 – Special Events, Tribal Operations and Board of Directors FY Budget Modifications –** Approved special events modification to increase funding for children's Christmas parties and increase tribal support funds to \$25,000; modification to tribal operations to cover loss revenues from the Employee's Friday Dress Down funds, which provide funding to tribal charities, and increase tribal support funds \$20,972; and modification to the board of directors budget to reallocate expenses of \$12,524 to cover loss revenues from the Employee's Month-Long Dress Down funds, which provided

funding to tribal charities, reducing budgeted travel expenses \$58,496 and decrease tribal support funding \$45,972.

**275 – Authority and Approval Emergency Housing (COVID-19 Selection –** Approved and committed trust land sites in Naubinway, Hessel and St. Ignace for the EDC Emergency Housing Project funded by CARES Act dollars. Also approved a site in Unit IV, with location to be determined.

**276 – Adopting Tribal Code Chapter 49: Private Security Licensing and Firearms Possession –** Approved to establish regulations and licensing requirements surrounding private security operations and firearm possession on tribal lands.

**277 – Reaffirming and Updating the BOD Master Strategic Plan –** Approved to update the plan with current information on board members within one month of the end of each election cycle and authorizes the Planning and Development Department to remove previous versions and disseminate the updated approved plan to the membership and staff.

**278 – Approving COVID-19 Appreciation Pay Policy –** Approved for employees who experience increased exposure or risk related to COVID-19 in carrying out their duties and are otherwise ineligible for bonuses funded with CARES Act relief funds. This pay shall not be funded with CARES Act relief revenue and the board reserves the right to amend the COVID-19 policy on an ongoing and as needed basis as additional guidance, funds and needs arise.

The board convened on Nov. 10 with all present and passed the following resolutions.

**279 – Approval and Authorization of Amended and Restated Sports Book Agreement and Limited Waiver of Kewadin Gaming Authority Sovereign Immunity Therein –** Approved terms of a sports book agreement between GAN, Wynn and Kewadin Gaming Authority and a limited waiver of Kewadin Gaming Authority's sovereign immunity granted solely to Wynn for the specific purpose of the enforcement of the agreement.

**280 – Sawyer Village FY 2020 Enterprise Capital Expenses Modification –** Approved to increase expenses \$415,000 from fund balance.

The board convened on Nov. 17 with all present and passed the following resolutions.

**281 – Tribal Buildings – Hessel Spirit Lodge Establishment of FY 2020, FY 2021 and FY 2022 Budgets –** Approved establishment of FY 2020 budget with transfer of \$39,904.25 from tribal operations with no effect on tribal support. Approved establishment of FY 2021 budget with transfer of \$7,248 from tribal operations with no effect on tribal support. Approved establishment of FY 2022 budget with transfer of \$7,248 with no effect on tribal support.

**282 – Elder Outreach Work Program and Third Party Revenue FY 2021 Budget Modification –** Approved to

transfer \$4,000 to increase funds for ramp expenses.

**283 – Elder Division – Eldercare Services FY 2020 Budget Modification –** Approved for a decrease in tribal support of \$13,449.20.

**284 – ACFS Division – Social Work, Tribal Foster Care and Child Care (State) FY 2020, FY 2021 and FY 2022 Budget Modifications –** Approved for FY 2020 social work and child care (state) changes to the personnel page, FY 2021 increase in tribal support to child care (state) of \$29,792.78 and FY 2022 increase in tribal support to child care (state) of \$27,669.01.

**285 – Soo Medical Nursing, Soo Walk-In Clinic and Third Party Revenue FY 2021 Budget Modifications –** Approved for Soo medical nursing to change the personnel sheet, increase expenses and increase third party revenue funds \$21,520.84; Soo Walk-In Clinic to change the personnel sheet, decreased expenses and decrease third party revenue funds \$3,405.36; and increase third party revenue \$18,115.48.

**286 – Soo Housekeeping Maintenance and Third Party Revenue FY 2021 Budget Modifications –** Approved for housekeeping maintenance to change the personnel sheet, increase expense and increase third party revenue \$43,028.17 and an increase to third party revenue transfer of \$43,028.17.

**287 – Health Maintenance-Improvements-Capital Outlays and Third Party Revenue FY 2021 Budget Modifications –** Approved to increase expenses and increase third party revenue \$40,000 and increase third party revenue transfer of \$40,000.

**288 – Health's Rural Clinics (Marquette, Newberry, Escanaba, Munising, Manistique) and Third Party Revenue FY 2021 Budget Modifications –** Approved to change the personnel sheets, increase expenses and increase third party revenue \$35,427.78 and an increase to third party revenue transfer of \$35,427.78.

**289-295 – Tribal Liquor Licenses –** Approved for Sault Ste. Marie Midjim Convenience Store, St. Ignace Midjim Convenience Store, Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center, Kewadin Casino Hessel, Kewadin Shores Casino, Kewadin Casino Manistique and Kewadin Casino Christmas.

**296 – Authorization of Easement Service to 1229 Marquette Ave. –** Approved to grant the Cloverland Electric Cooperative easement and appoint executors.

**297 – COSA Commission for OCETI Sakowin Accreditation –** Approved to acknowledge COSA as a tribal accreditation service for schools within tribal boundaries.

**298 – Amending Inland Consent Decree Protecting Wolves and Avoiding Wolf Hunts –** Approved to amend Section XXV of the Inland Consent Decree to read, "For wolves, a species designated as a game species in Michigan in 2012, no harvest of wolves shall be permitted by the state or the tribes unless the state and the tribes agree that such harvest is appro-

priate and agree on an allocation of such harvest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the removal, capture or use of lethal force against wolves, pursuant to Michigan law to protect livestock, other domestic animals or human life shall be permitted.

The board met again on Dec. 1 with all present except for Director Morrow and passed the following resolutions.

**299 – Continuing Funding Authority for Fiscal Year 2021 January to December –** Approved continuing funding for certain cost centers under schedule C for fiscal year 2021 at their 2020 spending levels for a period not to exceed March 31, 2021.

**300 – Partial waiver of Convictions –** Granted.

**301 – Agreement-Michigan Technological University –** Authorized for an agreement between Michigan Technological University and the tribe for the business counseling support for the business interests of Sault Tribe members with the cost not exceeding \$20,000 per year for three years.

**302 – Authorization to Negotiate and Purchase – Manistique, Mich., Property Acquisition –** Authorized tribal EDC executive director or his designee to negotiate the purchase of 126 New Delta, Manistique, Mich., using COVID CARES funding for the purpose of emergency housing.

**303 – Mackinac County Cooperative Agreement –** Authorized expenditures of up to \$55,000 to help Mackinac County winter snow removal and salt application on Mackinac Trail and on 3 Mile Road.

**304 – Transportation Program 2021-24 Transportation Improvement Plan –** Adopted for projects developed between the tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs for tribal shares funding.

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## December is Impaired Driving Prevention Month

LANSING, Mich. –

Governor Gretchen Whitmer proclaimed December as Impaired Driving Prevention Month to remember those who lost their lives due to impaired driving and to remind Michiganders that preventing impaired driving deaths and injuries is every driver's responsibility.

"Every Michigander deserves to drive on our roads safely," said Whitmer. During her first State of the State Address, Whitmer urged the legislature to pass hands-free laws to keep our roads and our kids safe. The legislation was later passed with bipartisan support by the House and awaits passage by the Senate.

The 2019 annual Drunk Driving Audit by the Michigan State Police reports 41.9 percent of all fatal crashes that occurred involved alcohol, drugs or both. According to the Impaired Driving Safety Commission, the total number of statewide crashes has increased by nearly 45 percent and fatal crashes by nearly 60 percent since 2013.

# Sault Tribe Thrive Directory

Thank you to all the Sault Tribe member-owned businesses who have reached out and contacted us so far. Another month of continued GROWTH!

If your business is not listed, please contact us so we can get you and your business setup with our office and into the directory going forward. We will update the list as needed and republish it every month to ensure new members and changes are seen consistently.

The Sault Tribe Thrive office is here to help any and all Sault Tribe member-owned businesses.

E nad maa ge jik wii shki maa'aat wii mi na kii'aat (Those people who help to do good work to be in good relationship with).

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Conversation management solutions

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# The Ghost Road: Anishinaabe Responses to Indian Hating



BY RICK SMITH

Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians member Matthew L.M. Fletcher is an author and a professor of law at Michigan State University College of Law and director of the Indigenous Law and Policy Center. Fletcher, according to his Michigan State University faculty profile, is also the primary editor and author of the leading law blog on American Indian law and policy, *Turtle Talk*, found online at <http://turtletalk.wordpress.com/>.

Fletcher authored a half-dozen books on Indian law and education and his latest, *The Ghost Road: Anishinaabe Responses to Indian Hating*, came out earlier this year through Fulcrum Publishing. The book is an intriguing and enlightening work imbued with lively Anishinaabe stories serving to underscore ideas put forth in each chapter.

Fletcher chillingly points out how Indian hating has existed long before the formation of the United States and how that early hatred remains with us in the amendments of the U.S. Constitution, laws and other forms. For example, did you ever wonder why the second amendment of the Constitution establishes the right of the nation's

people to bear arms in support of a well-regulated militia to protect the security of the country when the country already had a standing army and navy? Fletcher asserts the existence of the second amendment is due primarily because of the widespread fear of Indians at the time, in addition to the need for tracking down runaway slaves. Fletcher states in the book's introduction his intent to show that Indian-hating continues in modern America as well. Something he accomplishes quite deftly. He also includes commentary on the choices Indian people have to "keep moving forward, holding back the forms of Indian hating that follow us around like ghosts."

A prolific writer on subjects surrounding Indian law, his scholarly works have been cited by the United States Supreme Court, more than a dozen federal, state and tribal courts, in dozens of federal, state and tribal court briefs and in hundreds of law review articles and other reports, according to his profile. More recently, he has been a contributor to *The Atlantic* magazine on issues of interest to Indian Country. He is also involved in other writing projects.

Fletcher is an instructor in Indian law as well as serving as



Matthew L.M. Fletcher

either chief judge or appellate judge for about 10 tribes across the country. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1994 and the University of Michigan Law School in 1997.

*The Ghost Road: Anishinaabe Responses to Indian Hating* is a work that should be part of the curriculum in every school somewhere between the ninth grade in high school and college.

## History, optimal health, gardening and more in *Recovering Our Ancestors' Gardens: Indigenous Recipes and Guide to Diet and Fitness*

BY RICK SMITH

University of Kansas Professor Devon A. Mihesuah, a Chickasaw descendant enrolled as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, has won numerous awards for her writing and works in education. Her latest book, a revised and expanded 350-page *Recovering Our Ancestors' Gardens: Indigenous Recipes and Guide to Diet and Fitness*, benefits from both of her skills as a writer and historian which, in turn, could be very beneficial to readers seeking physical improvement.

"My goal is to provide suggestions for a healthier lifestyle, including easy recipes with accessible ingredients," Mihesuah said. "We can't control the world around us, but we can strive to make changes in our diets and activities."

Much more than a simple cook book, Mihesuah asks indigenous readers, "How can we become healthy? This book offers suggestions on how to get started. First, we must begin with how we used to live and trace developments through time to understand how we arrived at our present situations."

The first chapter, *Traditional Diets and Activities*, provides an overview of how some tribes hunted, gathered, cultivated and

preserved their food prior to European contact. A case study is included focusing on the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muscogee and Seminole.

Chapter two looks at *The State of Indigenous Health* in modern times and how it is impacted by fats, sugar, salt and many other matters. A case study on *Changing Diets and Health in Indian Territory* examines how diets and health can be changed due to an array of different circumstances.

The next chapter explores *Challenges to Recovering Health* presented by an array of socio-economic concerns. The case study associated with this chapter covers the complications and controversies fry bread causes among those in Indian Country.

Mihesuah intends for the fourth chapter to "serve as a wakeup call for those who have not paid attention to their diets" and helps readers to track their consumption.

The following chapter is about balancing *Calories, Exercise and Recovering Fitness*. Just like an automobile needs fuel to function, so does one's body. But the human body must feed and function in a balanced manner.

Help with *Changing What We Eat* is found in chapter six and the suggestions are geared toward



Devon A. Mihesuah

healthful foods for optimal nutrition. This chapter also offers guidance and encouragement on developing a more healthful diet.

A half-dozen sepia-toned photographs of American Indians, most involved with some form of a tribe's traditional food preparation or cultivation, follow chapter six before the book turns to *The Importance of Backyard Gardens*.

The book includes a curriculum guide for teaching others about the many subjects covered along with many other helpful features to facilitate a thorough understanding.

A variety of recipes take up the next 72 pages and includes appealing color photographs of the finished dishes.

Whether interested in dieting or not, the book is fascinating.



Recovering Our Ancestors' Gardens

Indigenous Recipes and Guide to Diet and Fitness

Revised Edition

DEVON A. MIHESUAH



## MSU Extension offers virtual program for healthy lifestyle choices

Michigan State University Extension offers the virtual New Year Healthy Lifestyle Choices Program, it includes two essential parts: first, using tai chi to become balanced physically and mentally. Tai Chi for Fall Prevention is a proven and

enriched program of warm up exercises and movements taught by a certified instructor. In 1996, Dr. Lam with a team of medical and tai chi experts created this safe and easy to learn program which has been successful in the online format.

Second, a thoughtful look at how to de-stress your life for your health and wellbeing. Looking at the benefits of mindfulness and teach strategies you can easily incorporate into your life. The goal will be to increase that calm we all need in today's world.

Michigan State University Extension will be offering several series starting on different dates in January via Zoom. Classes are held twice a week and opportunities are available at various times of the day. Programming is free but you must register in

advance. Please call Anita Carter at (906) 360-9732 or email ([carte356@msu.edu](mailto:carte356@msu.edu)) for specific registration information or questions. You can also connect via <https://www.canr.msu.edu/falls-prevention/interested-in-a-class>.

# Settlement pays for new Sault Tribe plow truck

**BY SAULT TRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL**  
The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has become a trustee in the second round of Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation. This is also referred to as the VW settlement.

In 2015, Volkswagen was cited by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board for violating emissions standards by selling diesel vehicles equipped with "defeat devices." These devices allowed the cars to pass federal emissions tests, but during actual driving conditions they emitted significantly more air pollutants than allowed by the Clean Air Act. The federal government sued the company, and in 2016 VW settled the cases for \$14.7 billion.

As part of the settlement, \$2.8 billion was set aside for states and

tribes to fund diesel emission mitigation projects. The Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for Indian Tribe Beneficiaries earmarks \$55 million of this money for tribes. Any federally recognized tribe can apply for funding from the tribal trust, which they can use to replace old, polluting diesel vehicles or equipment with new, cleaner models or even install electric vehicle charging stations.

In the summer of 2019, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians was allocated \$194,110 to replace a Sault Tribe Construction plow truck. The Sault Tribe Environmental Department led this initiative by gathering diesel fleet data, filling out and submitting forms and working with various Sault Tribe departments, such as the Sault Tribe



Construction Department, Sault Tribe Accounting Department and the Sault Tribe Board of Directors. It marks a great example of departments working together to help reduce diesel vehicle

emissions in our community that ultimately improves the local air quality.

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please reach out to environmen-

tal specialist Robin Bouschor at rbouschor1@saulttribe.net. To see more information on Sault Tribe VW settlement please visit www.vwenvironmentalmitigationtrust.com/tribe-trVWust/sault-tribe.

# Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Conservation

**SUBMITTED BY ROBERT MARCH-AND, CHIEF OF POLICE**

**Inland hunting, fishing and gathering** – Members may have noticed a difference on their inland hunting, fishing and gathering licenses and tags. Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) is using a new licensing system that allows the season dates to be printed right on the tags. On the back of the harvest cards, you will now find exactly for what you can use the harvest cards. Stated on the back of both the hunting and non-hunting harvest cards is the language, "This card does NOT permit fishing in the Great Lakes." STLE has received several calls asking if this was a new regulation. The answer is no, you have never been authorized to fish the Great Lakes with your inland harvest license. For Great Lakes fishing in Sault Tribe's treaty area, you can use your Sault Tribe membership card and follow State of Michigan rules, or you can obtain Sault Tribe's subsistence or subsistence/gillnet license(s).



Please call STLE with any questions you may have.

**Deer season** – Late firearm season started Nov. 15, 2020, and will be ending Jan. 3, 2021. During late firearm season, licensed members are able to harvest all five deer tags if they

did not harvest anything in early season or didn't hunt during early season.

Harvest cards all expire March 31, 2021. STLE will have 2021 licenses available during the month of March 2021. More information will be provided as the expiration gets closer.

Please be sure you are reviewing your rules and regulations to ensure you are engaging in allowable activity,

regardless of which license you hold. Please also remember that any licenses issued by Sault Tribe are valid only in Sault Tribe's 1836 treaty area. There are maps available online to help you determine the boundaries.

**Great Lakes licenses: Commercial and subsistence** – STLE would like to remind all 2020 commercial and subsistence license holders that their licenses expire Dec. 31, 2020. If you still hold a subsistence, subsistence/gillnet or commercial captain's license during the month of December, please do not forget to submit your December catch report no later than Jan. 10, 2021. Commercial captains required to submit bi-weekly reports, your Dec. 1-15 report will be due no later than Dec. 20, 2020; Dec. 16-31 is due no later than Jan. 10, 2021.

STLE will begin issuing 2021 subsistence and subsistence/gillnet licenses on Monday, Dec. 21, 2020. STLE will also begin scheduling commercial licensing appointments that same day. Captains and helpers can call (906) 635-6065 if they'd like to schedule an appointment to obtain their 2021 captain's or helper's license.

If you are a commercial captain and have not renewed your

license during 2020, please make sure you send in payment for 2020. Large boat captain licenses are \$100 and small boat captain licenses are \$50.

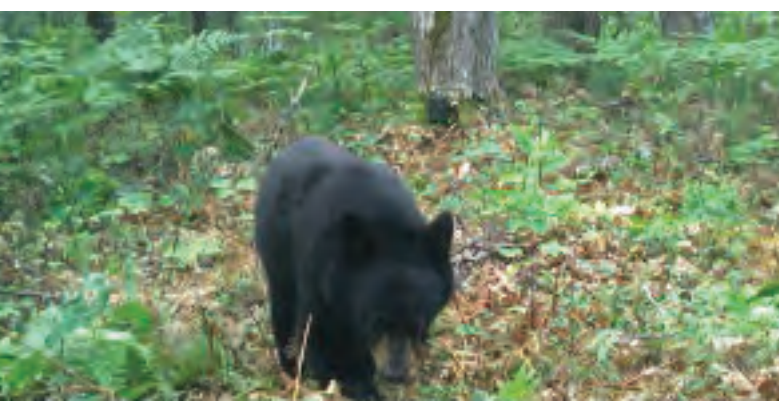
**General information** – Tribal laws that regulate treaty licenses are available online at www.sault-tribe.com, Government, Tribal Code. Chapter 21 and 23 regulate inland hunting, fishing and gathering activity. Chapter 20 and CORA code regulate subsistence, subsistence gill net and commercial fishing activity. Maps, applications and other resource materials can be found on the website by selecting Membership Services, Natural Resources, and either click the downloads link to the left, or at the bottom of the page, in red letters, "For Applications Click Here."

As always, if members have any questions regarding any of the treaty licensing requirements, please feel free to call Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and we will put you in touch with an officer. We can be reached at (906) 635-6065.

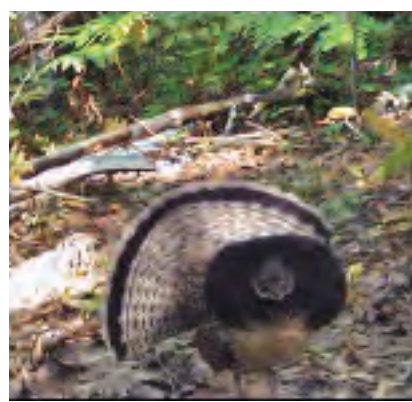
# Tribe's Wildlife Program using camera surveys

**BY KATELYN SCHULTZ**

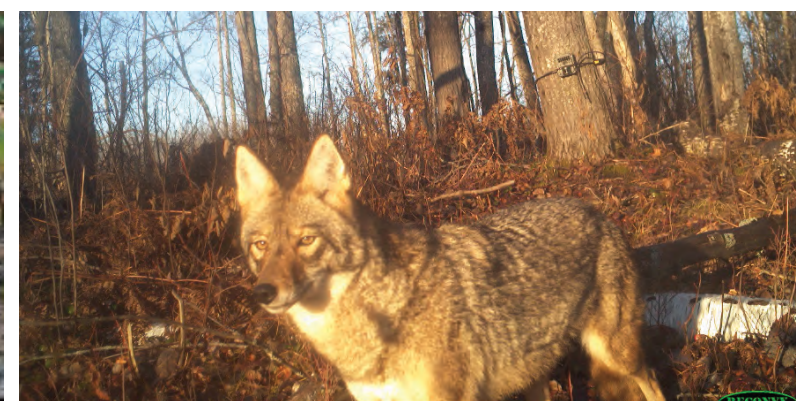
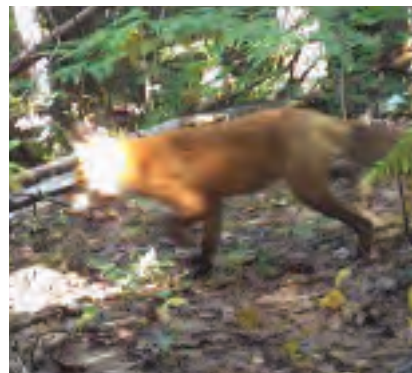
Throughout the COVID-19 shutdown the Sault Tribe Natural Resource Department Wildlife Program managed to safely continue with its field season. In order to limit contact among field staff, the department took to camera surveys. Staff members rotated cameras through 78 randomized sites located throughout the Hiawatha National Forest. The goal of these surveys is to capture the different species using the area during different times of the year. Below are some trail camera photos the field staff captured.



A bear ambling through the woods is captured by the trail camera.



Ruffed grouse, above, and a curious fox below.



Coyote capturing early morning sun on its way past the trail camera.



# Tribal board and executive office give 783 turkeys to Sault and Kincheloe employees



L-R, Unit I Representative Kim Gravelle, CFO Executive Assistant Heather Weber, Sault Tribe Housing Accounts Receivable Clerk Jazmine Wilkins with her turkey, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Executive Director Jenna Killips and Executive Director Christine McPherson.



COVID-19 Correspondent Will Scott, with Sault Tribe Communications, gets a holiday turkey from Travel Coordinator Sheri Mastaw.



Human Resources File Clerk Hailie Michalski picks up her turkey just before lunch on Dec. 11 at the Dream Makers Theater inside Kewadin Casino.



L-R, Unit I Representative Betty Freiheit, Sault Tribe Health Center (STHC) Clinic Manager Carrie Horton and STHC Registration Clerk Emma Horton with their holiday turkeys.



L-R, Unit I Representative Kim Gravelle and Kewadin Casino Executive Valet Maurice Dunn.



Santa having fun! - Back, travel coordinator Sheri Mastaw. Front, L-R, Unit I Representative Kim Gravelle, Sault Tribe Construction Administrative Assistant Darlene Killips, Executive Director Christine McPherson, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Executive Director Jenna Killips, Unit I Representative Betty Freiheit and CFO Executive Assistant Heather Weber.

# Drug Court participants receive Thanksgiving baskets

**FROM GWAIAK MIICON DRUG COURT**

For the past several years, Tribal Court's Gwaiak Miicon drug court team members have organized and delivered Thanksgiving baskets to drug court participants.

The tradition continued this year with staff gathering enough food items to provide four clients and their families with a full Thanksgiving dinner. Gwaiak Miicon team members had the pleasure of giving these baskets to the clients.

"It was especially great to give the Thanksgiving baskets in 2020, a year that was everything but normal," said Tribal Court Probation Officer Nick DePlonty. "Thanksgiving is a time where people are meant to gather and express gratitude. Giving away the baskets was a way to express our gratitude to our clients in our community. The clients were extremely appreciative and I hope they enjoyed their holiday with loved ones."

"One of the main objectives of our program is focus on the family and building support system" Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry said. "The Thanksgiving baskets are a great way to show our clients we continue to support them, and help them celebrate the holidays with their families."

This year has been challenging for many people in the community and Tribal Court Gwaiak Miicon team members were happy to come together in support of our clients.



Chief Judge Jocelyn K. Fabry and Tribal Court Probation Officer Nick DePlonty (L-R).



STLE Officer Marisa Gonyeau.

# Homeschoolers learn about Anishinaabe heritage

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Katherine and Joshua Jones are raising their blended family of six young children (ages 4 to 15) in Jackson, Ga., and Katherine home schooled their oldest child last year. Seeing the benefit of home-schooling and the difference it was making for her daughter; she began homeschooling all six children this year.

Their 5 year old son, Remington Jones, is a member of the Sault Tribe, so she wanted to teach him about his heritage through activities he could connect with during some of their homeschooling lessons.

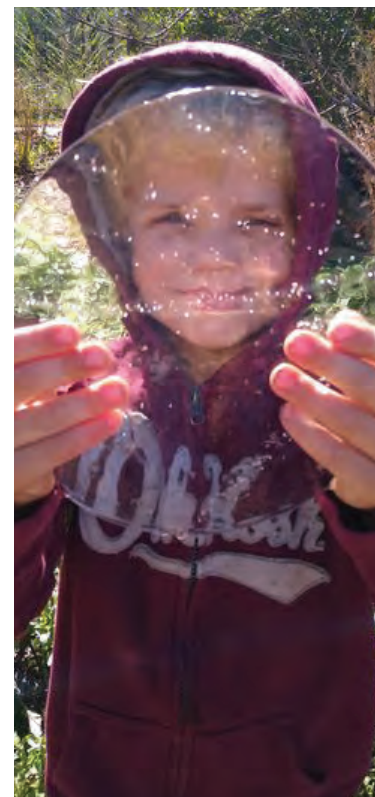
She said they do a lot with nature and recently made dreamcatchers using sticks the kids collected and rope they made themselves out of grass. "When schools shut down due to COVID-19 last year, we realized the kids did better at home and decided to home school full time," she said.



The kids studied triangles using sticks and other items they found outside in their yard. Above is Remington with a triangle he made.



Back, L-R: Auriana Reyes, 12, Joshua Jones, Katherine Jones, and Kylee Reyes, 15. Front, L-R: Lillian Reyes, 8, Remington Jones, 5, Asher Brakhage, 4, Abigail Brakhage, 6.



Remington Jones holding ice – The kids poured water on a plate and put glitter in it and left it outside overnight to see if it would freeze, suspending the glitter.

# YEA students from the Sault, Pickford and Manistique learn and have fun



Photo by Lisa Burnside

Students of Pickford Public Skills enjoyed learning more life skills in the YEA Traditional Life Skills program in November. They are shown above learning about nutrition and making healthy food choices.



Photo by Jill Lawson

Sault YEA is delivering virtual learning kits to K-12 students. The kits include educational and cultural crafts and activities.



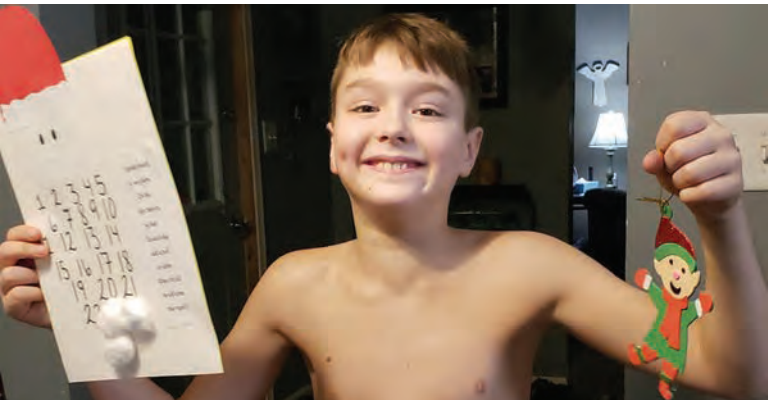
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Pickford Traditional Life Skills - Pickford YEA students having fun playing games and learning about the medicine wheel.

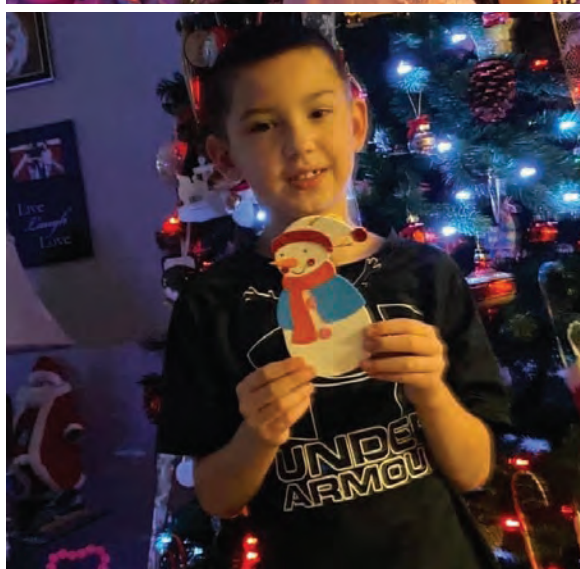


Photos submitted by Janet Krueger

Manistique YEA delivers between 40-45 craft kits and snacks to student's homes weekly. The photos above and below left are pictures taken by parents that Krueger received of finished craft projects. The photos below right and bottom left are of online learners who do their online schooling at the Manistique YEA building four days a week.



Manistique - A young online learner participating in YEA activities.



# Walking on . . .

WALTER C. AIKENS

Walter Clifford "Cooz" Aikens, 81, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and a member of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewas Indians, passed away Nov. 26, 2020, at his home surrounded by his children.

Cooz was born on Aug. 23, 1939, on Sugar Island, Mich., to the late Wilford and Genevieve (McKerchie) Aikens. The family later moved to Algonquin where he made many of his lifelong buddies.

He served his country in the United States Army as a chauffeur for the commander and top brass in Germany. He was honorably discharged and returned home to Mishicot, Wis. Soon after, he had two children (Genny and Ken) with his wife Helen (Spring). He spent his years in Wisconsin working in the factory, playing in the pool league and playing card games with those who would become lifelong friends. In the early '70s, his family returned to the Sault where they had their third child, Michael.

In 1985, Cooz moved to Livonia, Mich., where he worked and retired from Schwartz Precision Gear. It was here that he found his favorite hockey team, the Red Wings.

He returned to the Sault and became a member of the American Legion Post 3. He was an avid fan of the AAA Indians hockey team and the Soo Eagles hockey club. His whole life, he loved being with his family and friends listening to old country music, sing-alongs, snowmobiling, fishing and driving "up the grade." He also enjoyed horseshoes and his favorite activity of all, playing cards. Cooz was part of the Algonquin Cribbage League as well as the city league. Almost every day, he had a time and place to play various games of Euchre, Poker and Crazy 8 with his siblings, friends, nieces, nephews and grandkids. His grandkids loved when grandpa would teach them how to play and he made it so much fun! In his last few years, he still loved to take country drives and adventures on the side-by-side at camp. He looked forward to daily visits to family and community.

He is survived by his children, Genevieve (Ron) Kaunisto of Dafter, Mich., and their children, Ron (Jess), Jeremy (Rebecca), Ellen and Amy Kaunisto; Kenneth (Tonya Joss) Aikens of Sault Ste. Marie and his children, Corin (Charlie), Andrea, Taylor, Kaleb, Tessa Aikens and Abriella Miller; and Michael Aikens of Nashville, Tenn., and his son, Nicholas Aikens; along with four great-grandchildren with one more on the way. He is also survived by his siblings, Dorothy Gervais, Bernard Aikens, Louie (Judy) Aikens, Paul (Mary Beth) Aikens, Ted (Laura) Aikens, May (Slim) Lockhart and Fauncy (Skee) Sawasky, all of Sault Ste. Marie; and many special nieces, nephews and cousins.



Walter was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Glen Hatch, Leo Hatch, Leonard Hatch and Merlin Aikens; and five sisters, Lillian (Jean) Perault, Loretta Smith, Grace Sauro, Evelyn Berkland, and Vi Thompson.

He will be lovingly missed.

A graveside service with military honors is being planned for spring 2021. Contributions can be made to Hospice of the EUP or your favorite organization in his memory.

Arrangements were in the care of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

DONNA M. BRIDGES

It is with great sadness the family of Donna M. (Renaud) Bridges announces her passing to eternal life on Oct. 23, 2020, at Evergreen Living Center in St. Ignace.

One of eight children, Donna was born on Sept. 8, 1940, in St. Ignace township, Mich., to Dennis and Ellen (Derusha) Renaud. Donna was raised in Ecorse where she graduated from St. Francis Xavier in 1958. On Feb. 9, 1963, Donna married Charles (Chuck) E. Bridges at St. Francis Xavier in Ecorse. Donna and Chuck made their life in Allen Park, raising a loving daughter and son, Renae and Charles (Chucky) E. Bridges II.

Donna devoted her life to her children and grandchildren, she also loved spending time with siblings and her large extended family. Always adventurous, Donna spent many summers towing the family pop-up to Indian River, St. Ignace and other places to camp and enjoy the outdoors. Although Donna loved being outdoors, she also loved shopping, especially at Jacobson's department store.

Donna had a lifelong passion for antiques, so much so she and Chuck moved to Indian River in 1988 and opened their own store, Bearly Used Antiques. Donna was an antiques expert with an incredible knowledge of collectibles, especially glassware. Inventory was plentiful and the store was highly regarded by seasoned antique shoppers.

Donna was a woman of strong faith, beloved by many for her sweet nature. She loved tending to her flowers and plants, playing bingo, trying her luck at the local casino and lurching every week with her girlfriends—known around town as the "Thirsty Thursday" group. Donna was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a parishioner at Cross in the Woods Catholic Shrine in Indian River.

After her husband Chuck passed in 2011, Donna sold the antiques store and kept busy spending even more time with her children and grandchildren. Donna also enjoyed the companionship of close friends and her faithful golden retriever, Star.

Donna is survived by her

children, Renae (Jim) Theeck of Hartland; Chuck (Katie) Bridges II of Allen Park; grandchildren, Jim Theeck, Josh Theeck, Charlie Bridges III (Chauntel Ouellette) and Chelsea Bridges; great-grandchildren Christine and Ethan; siblings, Larry (Ro), Diane, Joann (Joe), Richard, Dale (Pam) and sister-in-law Donna; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dennis and Ellen; husband, Chuck; sister, Yvonne; brother, Dennis; and sister-in-law, Patty.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date. Memorial gifts may be made to Evergreen Living Center (1140 N. State St., St. Ignace, MI 49781) or the Indian River Women's Club (P.O. Box 41, Indian River, MI 49749).

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

JOSEPH D. CADREAU

Joseph Daniel Cadreau, 78, of Trout Lake, Mich., died on Nov. 11, 2020, at McLaren Hospital in Bay City, Mich., of complications from COVID-19.

He was born on Sept. 24, 1942, in Sault Ste Marie, Mich., to Joseph A. and Elaine G. (Siegwart) Cadreau.

He was married to Nina Peake in 1961. They had three children: Quinton, Nina Jo and Tonya. He married Bridget Rudd Flannery in 1981.

As a young man, Joseph managed Phil DeGraff Lodges in Trout Lake and Matlacha, Fla. He later worked as a carpenter for the remainder of his work career, overseeing building projects as crew foreman. During the 1990s, he and his wife, Bridget, owned and operated Carp River Outfitters, a canoe and kayak livery and retail business. After retirement, Joseph devoted his efforts to renovating their unique home on Mud Lake.

Joseph enjoyed outdoor activities, especially woods trail running and long-distance bicycling. He also enjoyed swimming, camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, canoeing and kayaking. During his later years, he experienced health problems that restricted his physical activities; however, he continued to enjoy many of his favorite sports as an observer. Every July, he recorded and watched the entire Tour de France. He was an avid reader and lifelong student of nature.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Bridget; his daughter, Tonya (Tony Huyck) Cadreau of Sault Ste. Marie; and step-daughter, Meegan (Terry Barbieri) Flannery of Marquette, Mich.; grandsons, Nathan Cushman of Madison Heights, Mich., and Nickolas (Kim) Cushman of Portland, Ore.; granddaughters, Beth Housner and Sarah (Brian Lemens) Housner; and great-grandchildren Katie, Samantha, Abigail and James Lemens, all of Sturgeon Bay,

Wis.; sister, Diann (Elwood) Fox of Trout Lake; and three nieces and their families: Stacey Mills, Jada Fox and Gina Fox, as well as several cousins. He is also survived by his former wife, Nina Cadreau of Sault Ste. Marie.

In addition to his parents, Joseph was preceded in death by his son, Quinton Cadreau; his daughter, Nina Jo Housner; a sister, Gayle Beaudoin; brother-in-law, Joseph Beaudoin; and nephew Jesse Beaudoin.

Per Joseph's wishes, his remains were cremated. A memorial will be held at Trout Lake Cemetery in early summer.

R. Galer Funeral Home of Pickford, Mich., is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

LONDON E. CAREY

(Waawaatasii) London Elizabeth Carey, age 9, of Sault Ste. Marie and Brimley Mich., walked on Nov. 15, 2020, in Grand Rapids, Mich., after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on May 20, 2011, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Anthony Roy "Tony" Carey



and Rebekah Ann "Becki" Miller.

London lived her life in Sault Ste Marie and attended Lincoln Elementary School. She was currently in the fourth grade and loved to learn. She recently dreamed of being a doctor, a lawyer or a teacher when she grew up. She was looking forward to playing basketball this year but was not able to participate. She enjoyed getting to play soccer, tee ball and cheerleading. She had many friends whom she loved so much.

London was an amazing and brilliant young girl who always had a bright smile, how she was gifted her spirit name. Her smile would light up the room. She was a little fish who loved swimming. She was also an outdoor girl who liked shooting guns and archery, riding her four-wheeler, riding horses, going hiking in the woods, learning about nature, camping and fishing – even when she did not have the patience for fishing. London enjoyed crafting Native American beading and dancing in powwows. She loved all her dogs, Jemma, Hattie's, Mishkikkii, Giizhik, Gkookoosh, and many more. But most of all, she loved all her family and friends with all her heart.

London is survived by her father and step-mother, Tony and Jodi Carey of Sault Ste. Marie; mother and step-father, Rebekah (Becki) Miller and Jeremy Cloud Sparks of Brimley; sister, Kelli Jacobson; brothers, Caleb Miller, Owen Rawlings, and Ethan Michalski all of Sault Ste. Marie; grandparents, Tina Walsh of Oklahoma, Pam Perry of Sault Ste. Marie, Michael (Tracy) Miller of Bradenton, Fla., Mark Leask of Barbeau, Mich., Holly Sparks of Dafter; great-grandparents, Ted (Viola) Walsh of Sault Ste. Marie and Jim (Rose) Green

of Parchment, Mich., Jerry and Donna Miller of Bradenton, Fla.; several aunts and uncles; numerous cousins; and many friends.

London was preceded in death by her grandfather, Myron Walsh; grandmother, Vickee Spring; great-grandparents, William and Virginia Perry.

The Niigaanagizhik fire remained burning until sunrise on Nov. 18, 2020. A celebration of life and candle lighting will be held in the summer of 2021 during firefly season.

Thank you to all who helped with the many fundraisers held for London's care and medical cost.

Final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens, in Bruce Township, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, 100 Michigan St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

R. Galer Funeral Home of Pickford, Mich., is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

MARK A. D'AUTREMONT

Mark A. D'Autremont, 55, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Dec. 5, 2020, at War Memorial Hospital. Mark was



born on March 20, 1965, in Pontiac, Mich., to Wayne and Sandra (Thomas) D'Autremont.

Mark was a graduate of Waterford Kettering High School with the class of 1983. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Mark enjoyed 4-wheeling, billiards and darts. He also enjoyed music, computers and hunting. He collected beer mirrors and antiques. Mark married Kim MacLean on July 16, 1999, at the Soo Locks Park in Sault Ste. Marie.

Mark is survived by his children, Kristopher (Ashley) Collins of Fowlerville, Mich., Dana D'Autremont of Springfield, Ill., Alicia Torgerson of White Lake, Mich., Amanda (Jason) Chamberlain of Holly, Mich., Justin (Sabrina) D'Autremont of Holly and William, Nicholas and Elizabeth D'Autremont all of Sault Ste. Marie; and 10 grandchildren, Salena, Addison, Austin, Dylan, Willow, Thorin, George, Ella, Grace and Sebastian. Mark is also survived by his mother, Sandra Kay D'Autremont of Waterford, Mich.; three siblings, Scott (Gina) D'Autremont of Clarkston, Mich., Deanna Cox of Waterford, Mich., and Eric (Penny) D'Autremont of Clarkston; and many nieces and nephews.

Mark was preceded in death by his father; two grandchildren, Gemma and Faith; and a brother, Alan D'Autremont.

A private family graveside service will be held. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston.

In lieu of flowers, memorials *See "Walking on," page 18*



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may be left to help with funeral expenses.

Arrangements are in the care of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

#### ODIN R. EITREM

Odin Rock Eitrem, 78, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away peacefully on Nov. 22, 2020, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on May 31, 1942, in Sault Ste. Marie, to the late Odin L. Eitrem and Marguerite Mastaw.

Odin married his beloved, Elaine Alexander, on Jan. 7, 1961, in Sault Ste. Marie, and soon after started their family. Odin worked as a butcher for many years; it was a job he thoroughly enjoyed and was extremely knowledgeable about. Most recently, he enjoyed his time with the Retirement Coffee Club, where he and the other retired meat cutters would get together weekly.

In his early years, Odin enjoyed boxing. He was the Wisconsin Golden Gloves Champion in 1959. He was instrumental in Sault Boxing, as a coach, and also helped start the Marquette Boxing Club. Odin was an avid outdoorsman, and loved to hunt and fish. Most importantly, Odin was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was full of happiness and life and could put a smile on anyone's face. His family was his pride and joy, and he was always there for a hug, advice, a bright smile or a contagious laugh. He was someone you could count on always. He also had a soft spot for his little dog, Scooter. Odin touched many lives with his magnetic smile and love of life. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, especially his family.

Odin is survived by his wife, Elaine Eitrem, of Sault Ste. Marie; his daughters, Laurie (Brian) Willette and Kristina (Henry) Switzer, both of Sault Ste. Marie; his sons, Michael (Kimberly) Eitrem, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Gregory Eitrem of Las Vegas, Nev.; and his grandchildren, Keri, Nathan and Timothy Cremeans, Kylie Willette, AJ and Noah Brooks, Nathan Switzer, Erik Eitrem, Alexis Jones, Neil and Natalie Myers, and Alec and Samantha Eitrem. Also surviving Odin are several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and longtime friend, Darwin Landers.

Odin is preceded in death by his parents, Odin L. Eitrem and Marguerite Mastaw; siblings,

Lee Eitrem, Leon Eitrem, Robert Eitrem, Joseph Eitrem, Geneva Sika, Genevra Palmer, Constance Onorato, Louise D'Agostino, Wayne "Sonny" Albone, Kenneth Albone, Jack Eitrem and Shirley Eitrem. Also preceding Odin was a baby boy, who was not named.

There are no plans for a service at this time. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

#### WILLIAM "BILL" KING

It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of William "Bill" King. Bill died surrounded by his family on Wednesday Nov. 25, 2020.

Son of Ernest Sr. and Clara King, Bill was born at their home in Naubinway on Nov. 6, 1934. Bill was born with what many people thought of as a disability. He was missing his left arm below the elbow. But as anyone who met Bill would soon learn, he did not view this difference as a reason for self-pity. Throughout his life, Bill would proceed to accomplish difficult tasks with persistence, determination and a positive attitude. Bill was a proud man who decided early in life to live his life to the fullest. He did not only live life — he embraced it. Bill loved his family dearly and never hesitated to express that love without reservation.

Bill began attending school in the one-room schoolhouse in Naubinway and later graduated from Engadine High School. He married Donna Giddis in 1954 and they remained wed until her death in 2004. Bill and Donna had three sons, Terry, David and Randy.

Bill spent his work life involved in the commercial fishing industry. He worked at the "Fish Dock" in Naubinway for 30 years. After retiring from the dock, Bill became co-owner of William King and Sons Fishery along with all three of his sons. During that time, Bill also held positions on the board of directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and as the fishing site access developer for the commercial fishers. Bill held his position on the board for over 20 years until he retired due to his wife's poor health.

Bill's greatest joy was time spent with his family. Survivors include his sons, Terry (Jackie) King of Escanaba and David (Chris) King of Naubinway; daughter-in-law Deb King of Kinross; grandchildren, Alexa (Brian) Morrison, Shane King, Tara Burke, Dylan King and Dakota King; great-grandchildren Logan and Hazel Morrison; and several nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by

his parents; the love of his life, Donna; his youngest son, Randy; his brothers, Ernest Jr. "Pete" and Jack; and his sister, Cleo Smith.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a graveside service has been postponed until all who choose to join his family to celebrate Bill's life will be able to attend.

As he would wish, when you think of Bill, please do so with a smile.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family. Condolences may be expressed at [www.beaulieufuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulieufuneralhome.com).

#### ROBERT KRULL

Robert "Charlie Boy" Krull, 68, of Sugar Island, Mich., passed away on Nov. 20, 2020. He was born on Dec. 16, 1951, to Albert "Charlie" and Dorothy Krull.

He married the late Candace Campbell and had a child, Lloyd, in 1980. Charlie Boy worked many years for Sault Tribe Construction and various other places over the years. When not helping family and friends on Sugar Island, you could always find him hunting or fishing.

Charlie Boy is survived by his son, Lloyd Campbell; sisters, Bernadine Krull, Darlene Bouschor and Shelley (John) Shelleby; a brother-in-law, Larry Moran; and aunts, Grace Soleberg and Pearl Brownlee. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Charlie Boy was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Roy "Jake" Krull; a sister, Hazel Moran; a brother-in-law, Raymond "Mickie" Bouschor; many aunts and uncles; and a great-niece, Sheena Bouschor.

Cremation has taken place and a private burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Chippewa County Animal Shelter to honor his love of animals.

Arrangements are in the care of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

#### LEONA G. LAJOIE

Leona Geniveve LaJoie, age 82, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died on Nov. 7, 2020, in Sault Ste. Marie. She was born on Dec. 5, 1937, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Joseph and Alphonsus (McKerchie) Myotte.

Leona was a lifelong resident of the Barbeau and Sault Ste. Marie areas. In addition to raising four children, Leona worked in various jobs from waitress to manager at area restaurants including Sundown, Malamute,

Cozy Corners and Wigwam. For many years, she and her daughter, Shelly, provided catering services for many area events.

Leona was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Barbeau.

Leona enjoyed sewing, quilting, cooking, baking, canning and the color red. Since moving to her apartment in the Avery Square, she has enjoyed playing cards and working on jigsaw puzzles with her friends there.

Leona is survived by her children, Shelly (Glenn) Wallis of Sault Ste. Marie, Brenda (Scott) Burrowes of Charlotte, N.C., Edward (Lori) LaJoie of Pickford, Mich., and Barry (Sherry) LaJoie of Barbeau, Mich.; grandchildren, Jennifer (Josh) Newsom, Glenn Wallis Jr., Christopher (Samantha) Burrowes, Nicholas Burrowes, Nathan (Julia) Burrowes, Lydon LaJoie, Lanna LaJoie and Leah LaJoie; great-grandchildren, Kelsey Campbell, Calvin Newsom, Emma Wallis, Morgan Chappa, Conner Wallis, Drake Daly, Kendall Burrowes, Madilyn Burrowes, Ruby Burrowes, Owen Burrowes, Ellery LaJoie, Lillian LaJoie, and Logan LaJoie; siblings, Bob (Joyce) Myotte, Joanne (Rolland) Mayer, Rita Baier, and Helen (Gary) Beacom.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Phil (Marilyn) Myotte.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at the Holy Family Church followed by burial at Holy Family Cemetery next to the church.

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, services will be open to immediate family only.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Mich., is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

#### ANTHONY J. LANE

Anthony Joseph Lane, 61, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Nov. 24, 2020, at War Memorial Hospital. Tony was born on Sept. 25, 1959, in Sault Ste. Marie, the son of Ronald and Muriel Lane.

Tony graduated from Ogemaw Heights High School. Growing up, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was happy to drive around listening to music, hang out at the local pizzeria playing foosball and show his love by teasing relentlessly. He had many interests and hobbies, but the love he had for his family and friends outshone all. Often described as a gentle giant, he was caring and showed

unwavering support to all.

Tony met the love of his life, Maggie Lane, and quickly realized they were meant to spend their lives together. They married in May 1993 and went on to have two daughters, Veronica and Jessica Lane. His heart opened wide to include his step-children John, Loretta, Keith and Lance. Taking care of and raising his family was something he took pride in. He was the true definition of a family man and an anchor to many. Tony not only took pride in his family, but in his career as well. He worked as a surveillance technician for many years. As he grew older, he enjoyed all the different aspects of his life. He was very crafty and loved to work with his hands. He and his wife were both avid campers, and spent the summers at different campgrounds and family campouts. He took pride in maintaining his yard and home year-round. In the fall, he enjoyed canning food and going on drives to see the fall colors.

In September 2019 Tony became a grandpa for the first time to his only grandson, Anthony "Bibbit" John Lane. From the moment Tony saw him, he was absolutely in love. AJ is his pride and joy. He cherished all the time he spent together with his grandson; they watched sports together, took naps together, and he enjoyed every second as grandpa. He was especially excited to see AJ take his first steps. They have an unbreakable bond that will forever be cherished.

Tony is survived by wife, Maggie Lane; daughters, Veronica Lane, Jessica Lane and Loretta (Pat) Maleport; sons, John Krull, Keith (Nikki) Krull and Lance Krull; sisters, Cathy Hess, Kimberly (Joe) Schutz, Vicki Sumner and Muriel Lynne (Brian) Evans; brother, John (Lori) Lane; and grandson, Anthony Lane. He is also survived by many loving brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Tony is predeceased by his parents, Ronald and Muriel Lane; parents-in-law, Loretta and Bernard Krull. He is also predeceased by loving grandparents, uncles, sisters-in-law and friends.

Visitation and a memorial service were held on Dec. 3, 2020, at Holy Name of Mary Pro-Cathedral Catholic Church with Father Nicholas Thompson as Celebrant. Immediately following Tony was brought to Oaklawn Cemetery to be in his final resting place. A celebration of life will be held later in 2021.

The world has lost an amazing man who will never be forgotten by all who knew him.

Clark Funeral Cremation Burial Services assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.rgalrfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalrfuneralhome.com).

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## MDHHS announces new crisis line launching April 2021

*Vendor and pilot regions selected*  
LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has selected a staffing vendor and initial pilot program regions for the Michigan Crisis and Access Line (MiCAL) that will be available for anyone in

the state who needs behavioral health or crisis response services.

MiCAL will be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will provide Michiganders with crisis services and non-crisis "warm line" services, informational resources, and facilitated coordination with local sys-

tems of care such as community mental health services programs, prepaid inpatient health plans, and other applicable entities. In addition, MiCAL will integrate with treatment registries including psychiatric beds, substance use disorder services and crisis residential services.

The target implementation for MiCAL is late April 2021 in two pilot regions. MDHHS estimates the pilot will last four months after which MiCAL will be successively rolled out to the entire state. The two pilot regions are the Upper Peninsula led by NorthCare Network and

Oakland County led by Oakland Community Health Network.

MDHHS has selected Common Ground as the MiCAL staffing vendor. Common Ground is a Michigan-based organization in Oakland County.

For more information, please visit [Michigan.gov/MiCAL](http://Michigan.gov/MiCAL).

# Rylee Jo gets her first deer in youth hunt

Sault Tribe member Rylee Jo Gill (center) shows off her first deer, taken in the youth hunt, with her parents Koni Jo and Bernard Gill (L-R).



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**ROBERT R. BELLANT**  
Robert R. Bellant, 78, of Waterford, Mich., died on Dec. 4, 2020. He was born Oct. 28, 1942.



Robert was an electrician at General Motors Pontiac Motor Division and was a member of the former Sunny Vale Chapel. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners, serving as past grand master.

He was the loving husband of Delores Campbell Bellant for 56 years; dear father of Richard (Dana) Bellant; dear brother of Ruth Bretzloff, Judy (Mark) Rouleau and Bonnie Zemanski; and devoted grandfather of Tyler and Cody.

A private funeral service was held Dec. 10, 2020, at the Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, in Waterford. Interment was in Ottawa Park Cemetery.

### 2021 Black Lake Sturgeon Lottery Application

Sault Tribe has an allocation of sturgeon from Black Lake in Cheboygan County in 2020. Please fill out the following application and return to **Sault Tribe Natural Resources Department** at: **2428 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on January 15, 2021.** Applications received after 5:00 pm on January 15, 2021 **WILL NOT** be accepted.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

File Number (red # on Tribal ID) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

STS# \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

# Sault Tribe Thrive membership directory

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# Tech. Sgt. Turley encourages base community to explore history of Native American peoples

BY AMY ROLLINS, SKYWRIGHTER STAFF / PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 04, 2020

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Tech. Sgt. Nicole Turley — a member of the Crane Clan of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, also known as the Ojibwa/Anishinaabeg — hopes people at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base observe November, Native American Heritage Month, in a certain way: by learning more about her people and all Native people.

“My hope would be that people try to seek out information about Native American history,” she said. “There is a wealth of it here in Ohio. “Try to find local Native history by visiting Sunwatch Indian Village in Dayton, the Miamisburg Mound or the Serpent Mound Historical Site near Peebles in Adams County — but please do some research and gain information. Many times, Native Americans are underrepresented. People need to know we are still here,” she said. “I feel Native American Heritage Month is very underrepresented.”

Turley, who is non-commissioned officer in charge, Cyber Operations Center, 88th Communications Group, said she welcomes the awareness and discussions that have surrounded issues such as use of terms and images referring to Native Americans and First Nations as the names or mascots for sports teams.

“I think people are more aware of what is upsetting us, but when

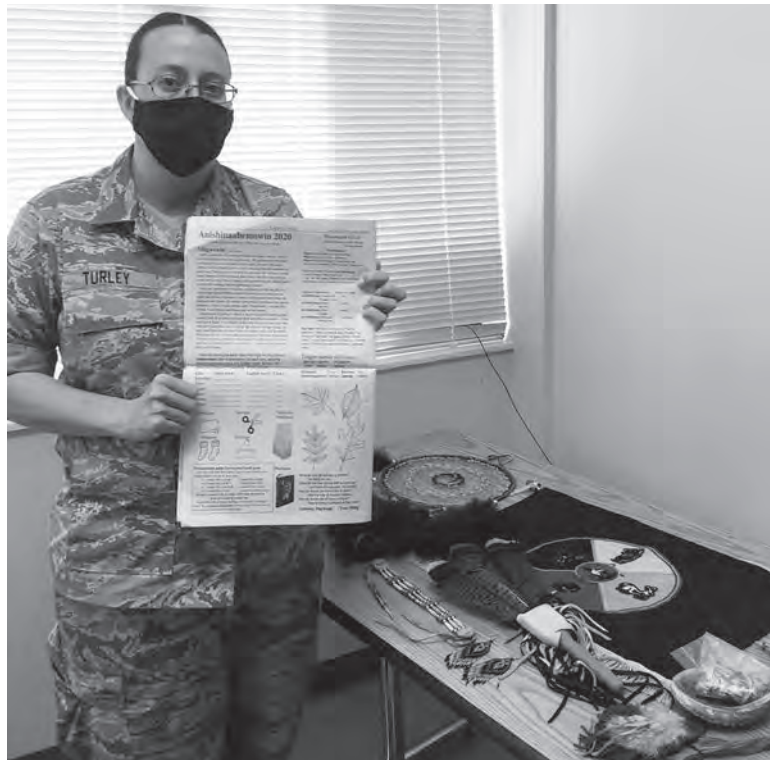
## Three Lakers receive WCHA Player of the Month honors

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Ashton Calder, Will Riedell and Mareks Mitens have each been named the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Players of the Month, as announced by conference officials on Dec. 3. Calder has been named WCHA Forward of the Month, Riedell has been named WCHA Defenseman of the Month and Mitens has been named WCHA Goaltender of the Month.

In the month of November, the Lakers went 3-0-1 with games played against Michigan Tech and Adrian College.

Forward of the Month Ashton Calder is a member of the Sault Tribe from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Calder led all WCHA players in points during the month of November with five points in four games.

In the month of November, Calder ranked second among WCHA players in goals with three. The junior forward was tied for first among all NCAA players in game winning goals with two as he has scored the game winner for the Lakers in the team’s two



SKYWRIGHTER PHOTO/AMY ROLLINS

**Tech. Sgt. Nicole Turley, NCO in Charge, Cyber Operations Center, 88th Communications Group, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, holds a copy of the *Win Awenen Nisitotung* (One Who Understands) tribal newspaper. She is a member of the Crane Clan of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, also known as the Ojibwe/Anishinaabeg.**

I read comments like ‘get over it’ or ‘why are you complaining?’ my response is, ‘because it is still happening.’

“Seek to understand, and study our modern movements and causes,” she said. “They are valid.”

A very important one, Turley feels, is the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls movement (<https://mmiwusa.org/>, #MMIW). She is particularly interested in it because she and her husband have three daughters at home, along with her mother.

“There’s a task force to look into that issue, and we really need the help because it (murder and sexual assault of indigenous women and girls) happens a lot,” she said.

Today, Sault Tribe is 44,000 strong. While the tribal headquarters is in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the tribe’s economic impact extends for hundreds of miles beyond that. The tribe has land holdings, businesses, housing and other service centers throughout Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

The Anishinaabeg, which means “Original People” or “Spontaneous Beings,” are the tribe’s ancestors and have lived in the Great Lakes region for millennia. They were fishing tribes whose settlements dotted the upper Great Lakes around Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, throughout the St. Marys River system and the Straits of Mackinac.



**Turley’s great-grandma Lucille Martell, great-great grandpa Antoine Muscoe-Ainse (went by Antoine Muscoe) and great-great grandma Philamon PawCaw.**

Anishinaabeg gathered for the summers in places like Bahweting (modern-day Sault Ste. Marie) and broke up into family units for the winter.

Some of the oldest legends recall the ice packs breaking on Lake Nipissing in Ontario, and archaeologists have found Anishinaabeg sites from 3000 B.C.

A family’s history — Turley grew up in St. Ignace on the Sault reservation. When she was 17, a recruiter came around after Sept. 11. Her father, who had been in the Army, encouraged her to enter the Air Force. She has given 18 years of service. She has been stationed at Wright-Patterson since last November and was assigned to the National Air and Space Intelligence Center from 2003 to 2007.

Now she tries to teach her daughters about their heritage, but it is challenging. Turley’s mother is not Native, and her father and his mother did not embrace their

Native background due to their Catholicism.

Missionaries had encouraged her Irish/Chippewa paternal grandmother’s mother to send her daughter to a boarding school where she converted to Catholicism.

“She was very adamant; her mother would try to teach her Native ways and the sisters (nuns) told her they weren’t true,” Turley said. “My father also follows more on the Catholic side.

“I’m trying to learn more; I’m trying to bring it back. I’m trying to teach my daughters our culture because they need to know it,” she said.

Turley focuses on history and vocabulary with her children. Her tribe’s monthly newspaper is a treasure trove of information, one that draws special interest from 10-year-old Kristina.

“She likes to take the vocabulary section and then figure out the crossword puzzle,” Turley said.



**Ashton Calder**

most recent games.

Calder, an alternate captain, is riding a three-game point streak (3G, 2A) which includes two multi-point efforts. The only game Calder has yet to record a point in was a 0-0 tie against Michigan Tech on Nov. 21, but the junior did score the deciding goal in the overtime shootout to give the Lakers the advantage in that game. The Laker forward led the team with a +5 rating in November, which is also tied for first among all NCAA skaters.

For information, visit [lssulakers.com](http://lssulakers.com).

## Suicide intervention training held



Photos submitted by Lisa Burnside

**A two-day suicide intervention training was offered in early November by the American Indian Health and Family Services of Southwest Michigan and the Youth Education and Activities (YEA) Program. Above left, YEA Coordinator Dawn Griffin, Youth Service Assistant Kara Windsor and YEA Coordinator Lisa Burnside (L-R) attended the training in Sault Ste. Marie. Above right, Windsor with her certificate.**

# About 85,000 apply for Futures for Frontliners; Michigan encourages essential workers to apply

*The frontline staff (many Sault Tribe employees and members) may qualify for this tuition assistance from the State of Michigan. There is a map and list of community colleges. Bay Mills Community College is on the list.*

Through the Futures for Frontliners scholarship program, 85,000 Michiganders have taken a step forward toward learning new skills by applying for free tuition to attend community colleges on their paths to high-demand, higher-wage careers.

Futures for Frontliners, a critical initiative to thank essential workers and help Michigan meet the Sixty by 30 goal, provides increased opportunity for essential workers to earn a postsecondary credential, even if they need to first pursue high school completion, on their way to opportunities for better jobs and bigger paychecks.

“Futures for Frontliners has offered the opportunity for Michiganders, who have put themselves in harm’s way early

in the pandemic, to pursue their dreams,” Kerry Ebersole, director of Sixty by 30 said. “This tuition-free path to continue educational attainment and training in high-demand areas not only offers increased wages for individuals, but also arms our businesses with the highly trained workforce they need to be competitive in today’s economy.”

To further exemplify how initiatives like Futures for Frontliners increase opportunity for Michiganders, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) asked essential workers to share what free tuition means to them. Below are just a few examples of real stories from Michiganders who are eager to advance their career for a brighter future for themselves and their families.

Erin Smoot, Petoskey, Mich. – “The pandemic has been especially challenging, postponing any post-secondary education I planned,” said Smoot, who because of their partner’s Parkinson diagnosis is the prima-

ry breadwinner. “I have always craved a higher purpose and there has been a restlessness and aimless lack of purpose lately which the pandemic has made more acute. Free tuition would grant me autonomy from money, which weighs so heavily on the adult student’s mind.”

Kanisha Sanders, Wyoming, Mich. – “My career goals are to become a licensed practicing nurse, then transition into becoming a registered nurse,” said Sanders, a single mother of three who currently works as a certified nursing assistant. “Free tuition would help me out tremendously and give me the chance have a better life for my children and to not live month-to-month. To be able to help people during this pandemic would mean the world to me.”

Kristy Spakowski, Saginaw, Mich. – “Free tuition means more than any financial gain,” said Spakowski, a single mother of four who plans to return to school for nursing. “It means that I can show my children

that at 45 years old, it’s never too late to follow your heart. It means that I followed my dreams even when I didn’t think I could and still tried to make the world a better place by being a good nurse.”

Nathaniel Hawkins, Detroit, Mich., born and raised in Flint, Mich. – “Free tuition means the world to me,” said Hawkins, who is seeking a degree in criminal justice. “It would be a great opportunity to further my educational goals and to obtain a job in my area of study. Paying tuition can be hard when you do not have the financial means.”

Emily Benson, Southgate, Mich. – “Free tuition would give me the opportunity to finish my degree and give my daughter a better life,” said Benson, a single mother who has been unable to complete school due to financial hardship. “I would be setting an example that no matter what, it’s possible to achieve your goals.”

Several other stories like these can be found on the Futures for Frontliners website, and frontline

workers can submit their stories for a chance to be featured on the website and social media.

Futures for Frontliners is one of the state’s Sixty by 30 efforts aimed at closing the skills gap to address talent shortages, increase opportunity and make Michigan more competitive for inclusive economic growth. Increasingly, the best jobs require more than a high school diploma, and Futures for Frontliners creates greater access to education and a more equitable economy for all Michiganders. The program, inspired by the GI Bill which provided college degree to those serving their country in WWII, is a \$24 million investment funded by the Governor’s Education Emergency Relief (GEER) Fund – part of the CARES Act, which assists businesses and families from the impacts of COVID-19.

To take advantage of the Futures for Frontliners program, essential workers are encouraged to apply by Dec. 31, and learn more about the program at [Michigan.gov/Frontliners](http://Michigan.gov/Frontliners).

## MSU student helps create inclusive space for her peers

Michigan State University student Nevaeh Marshall was awarded \$2,500 for the inaugural Equity and Inclusive Excellence Scholarship given through the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ODEI) in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR).

Marshall is studying horticulture, and environmental studies and sustainability. She is also an employee at the MSU Student Organic Farm, where she has spent the summer and fall harvesting, weeding and packing Community Supported Agriculture available to members.

She is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in the Upper Peninsula, and spent time with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi growing up in South Bend, Ind.

“I’ve always felt really connected with nature, especially because of my Native culture, but I’ve found there is often a lack of diversity in agricultural academic programs,” Marshall said. “A Native American perspective in agriculture is extremely important. I would like to help create a welcoming space for all interested in agricultural disciplines.”

Phillip Seaborn, assistant director for undergraduate diversity in CANR, was part of the scholarship committee. Seaborn also oversees several CANR Pre-College Programs. Seaborn said the committee was impressed with Marshall’s application and essay.

“Nevaeh stood out because of her dedication to creating equitable and inclusive spaces,” he said. “She is using her experiences to empower and uplift students who may not have had those opportunities in life that society identifies as indicators of success.”

Scholarship background – ODEI started the Equity and Inclusive Excellence Scholarship



**Nevaeh Marshall is studying horticulture, and environmental studies and sustainability, at Michigan State University. Marshall was awarded a scholarship for her work in sharing Native traditions and creating welcoming environments for others.**

in 2020 to support students in CANR who contribute to an inclusive environment at MSU and with their peers.

“We thought it was important to highlight, support and encourage students who are trying to make CANR and MSU more inclusive and equitable. This scholarship is one of the ways to do that,” said Quentin Tyler, Ph.D., associate dean and director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the CANR.

Michigan State Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU) provided the funding support for the scholarship. April Clobes, president and CEO of MSUFCU, said this represents the diversity, equity and inclusion commitments that are part of the MSUFCU culture.

“MSUFCU is pleased to partner with the CANR to provide a student scholarship supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion,” Clobes said. “One of MSUFCU’s core values is embracing diversity, equity and inclusion. We believe that providing opportuni-

ties for everyone to have a sense of belonging in the academic and professional environments creates success for all.”

The scholarship was open to current and incoming CANR students. To be eligible, students had to be involved in the STEM-FEE program (either the Academy for pre-college students or the Scholars Program for undergraduates), involved with Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS), Jr. MANRRS, or have been a participant in one of the CANR Pre-College Programs.

Communities of belonging – Marshall is currently part of the STEM-Fee Scholars Program in CANR, and she said the close cohort provides a group of peers, as well as faculty mentors who support her. The STEM-FEE program started through receipt of a National Science Foundation grant with the goal to increase enrollment in the STEM disciplines connected to agriculture and natural resources.

“Typically, agriculture and natural resource academic programs and careers aren’t on most incoming college students’ short list,” Seaborn said. “STEM-FEE helps us expose students to different programs and career paths in agriculture and natural resources with an emphasis on food, energy and the environment.”

Additionally, Marshall spent five years as a participant and one year as a counselor in the Michigan Indian Leadership Program (MILP), and she received the MILP Outstanding Leadership Award selected by staff in 2017.

“Nevaeh is a beautiful powwow dancer and has many years of experience learning the culture and traditions of our people,” said Stephanie Chau, assistant director for undergraduate diversity and MILP coordinator. “She shared those teachings and her own knowledge with other MILP participants who may not have been exposed to them growing up.”

MILP is a pre-college program co-sponsored by CANR and MSU Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education. The program is open to students in 8-12th grade as a way to help primarily Native students explore opportunities in agriculture and natural resources. Students spend a week in the summer on campus at Michigan State University and experience different university presentations and cultural workshops.

“We celebrate our students’ heritage and allow them to walk in two worlds in a friendly, inclusive and supportive way,” Chau said. “If we can do it, they can do it too, and we are here to help and support them every step of the way.” Chau considers herself Marshall’s “auntie” having both been a part of the Great Lakes powwow community all their

lives.

“It’s been a joy and a privilege to witness Nevaeh’s growth, and I feel incredibly blessed to be a part of her journey. She’s always been a great ambassador for the Native community,” Chau said. “We’re all at different levels of learning and relearning our traditions. Nevaeh is a great teacher and role model for her peers in that sense.”

Involvement in MILP was one of the main reasons Marshall decided to apply to and attend college at MSU.

“As a first-generation college student, the MILP program helped me to learn a lot about the college process and what to do,” Marshall said. “There’s a really good support system here for Native American students at MSU.”

That sense of belonging and support has been important to Marshall and has helped foster her growth personally and academically. With interests spanning horticulture and sustainability disciplines, she is also exploring ways to combine her Native culture.

“Native voices often get overlooked,” she said. “A lot of people don’t realize that Native Americans still exist. I’d like to help bring important Native American perspectives into areas of agriculture and sustainability.”

Marshall’s advice for MSU students is to find those communities of belonging that can support them.

“I am extremely passionate about creating a safe and inclusive environment for everyone, especially underrepresented groups. A space with like-minded people is a space to be yourself, a space for comfort, space to grow,” she said. “I want every race, gender, ethnicity and religion to feel welcome in academia and know that they are enough.”

# REPRESENTING & ADVOCATING FOR YOU IS NOT A SINGLE EVENT BUT A PROCESS



With Stacy Bohlen, Sault Tribe Member and Executive Director of the National Indian Health Board

## Representing All Members Everywhere

Ahneen, Boozho, Negee:

By the time you read this, it is my hope that the US federal election issues have been resolved. It is hard to argue the outcome when President-Elect Biden won the popular vote by over 7 million and earned 306 electoral college votes which in 2016, outgoing President Trump claimed was a landslide. Still, losing an election is not fun. When I left office in 2008, I was a little lost until I decided to go back to school to finish my doctorate. In the process, I picked up a few additional master's degrees (for a total of three) to build my skills. I was so appreciative when the Sault Tribe voters re-elected me in 2012, again in 2016 and again this summer. I strive to do my job in a non-partisan way because no matter who is President, we have a job to do to ensure the federal government upholds the treaty and trust responsibilities.

With the new Biden-Harris Administration, I am even more optimistic than the major advances we made under the Obama-Biden administration, like over 500,000 acres of land going into reservation status. During the last four years, land in trust issues came to a halt. It is my hope to not only go back to the positive relations we had under the Obama Administration but to propel us several steps further in a number of policy areas. I have been approached by several members of the Biden-Harris Transition Team for my input. Thus, I created the following policy objectives I'd like to see in the next four years and

beyond. I am humbled that I am being asked to participate at this level. Here are a few of my recommendations:

- Appointment of American Indians to key Cabinet posts including Secretaries of the US Department of Interior, Agriculture and other key posts;
- Retain key tribal provision of a HEALS Act or HEREOS Act equal-to-or-not-less-than our proportion of the total population of US Citizens (2.5%, we got about 1% in the CARES Act). It is critical to extend the deadline of Dec. 30 to at least the end of the 2020/21 Federal Fiscal year and loosen up the restrictions imposed through Treasury Guidance. Recognizing the Biden-Harris Administration cannot effectuate legislation yet, direction to Treasury in January to not immediately start performing audits on Tribe over CARES Act expenditures until legislation can be passed to liberalize uses and to extend the deadline is needed. Future appropriations should be formula funded and under a self-governance type compact to allow tribes maximum flexibility in meeting the needs of their tribal communities. State CARES Act implementation did not carry with it the paternalistic implementation that is expected of tribes;
- Key for Great Lakes tribes are provisions for Tribal Fisher Relief in any pandemic relief legislation. Midwest Tribal Fishers were left out by Commerce and NOAA in the previous pandemic relief. Move key Tribal provisions currently neglected under NOAA to Interior;
- Equitable Tribal participation in an Infrastructure Bill to be at least equal to the proportion of our population of US Citizens. Last time, ARRA funding to tribes was less than 1/2 of 1%. We should receive no less than 2.5% of any Infrastructure bill. In addition to tribal set asides, language should be included for state and local government to collaborate with tribes for points in selection for shared infrastructure projects like sanitation and roads;
- Re-dedicate the Department of the Interior's Trust Responsibility with respect to continued treaty rights and obligations. The Sault Tribe and four others are negotiating a Consent Decree for our Great Lakes Fishing. We have just not had sufficient attention and trustee advocacy from the US Department of the Interior;
- Issue an updated and strengthened Presidential Executive Order to further define true Government-to-Government Consultation with a timeline by which all federal agencies, departments, and institutes through the chain of command and hierarchy and promulgate said consultation plans. 2019 GAO reports demonstrate that without such an executive order, federal agencies are slow to respond or non-compliant;
- Resume the White House Tribal Leaders' Conference but change the name to White House Tribal Government to Government Summit;
- Resume White House Council Project Management over all matters Indian like a National Tribal Action Plan of all US Cabinet positions with the Secretary of Interior Chairing;
- Creation of a White House Counsel Master Advisory made up of representatives from other Tribal Advisories across federal agencies, which would funnel advisory recommendations up through the White House Council. This should also include budget formulation work;
- Appropriations Formula Funding for tribes rather than Competitive Grants with Self-Governance Administration for maximum Tribal Autonomy in implementation;
- Advanced Appropriations for treaty and trust obligations to insulate tribes from the impacts of government shut downs;
- Mandatory Funding for treaty and trust obligations (starting with IHS, BIA and BIE) to protect tribes against sequestration;
- ACA Tribal Health Care similar to Veteran Portability not limited to Purchased and Referred Service Areas; and change the ACA Definition of Indian to include living descendants of tribes;
- Covid-19 Vaccine Distribution ensuring tribal equity and a culturally competent campaign to promote vaccination;
- Reauthorization of VAWA with key tribal provisions to protect tribal children and tribal law enforcement officers;
- Greater Capacity Building Projects for Tribal Govern-

ments, and Judicial structures along TLOA, etc.;

- Greater data collection for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Persons and regular reports on this phenomenon;
- Greater data collection at the state level and compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act;
- Overturn the Trump Administration abolition of the Office of Minority Health Disparity Advisory ~ Tribal Health Research Advisory Council;
- Improved Tribal Consultation for the NIH All of US Research project to ensure tribal participation and protection in Precision Medicine project which is akin to former VP Biden's "Moon Shot" project;
- Clean Carcieri Fix and Solidifying Congressional Ratification of Administrative authority to take land in trust focused on the beneficence of tribes with the US Department of Interior as Trustee. This should eliminate or minimize local or state objections as a weighted factor in land into trust decision making. Also, strengthening the 1988 IGRA provisions of restored lands, settlement of a land claim including Congressional mandatory trust petitions and otherwise facilitate rather than oppose tribal land in trust requests;
- Lifting of BIE Moratorium on school expansion. The Sault Tribe has a phenomenally successful BIE school but we are not permitted to expand our delivery to other Sault Tribe communities in our service area. Further, a virtual education high school environment to address persisting high dropout rate to reach those tribal citizens who are considered acceptable losses by school districts;
- Collaboration between US Department of Education and BIE to introduce new opportunities for Indian Education including vastly expanded funding through the BIE to allow for Tribes to operate Tribal Grant Schools. These would not be Charter Schools per se, but would allow Tribes to exercise greater self-determination over educating our students;
- Create greater accountability of States and LEAs to more fully implement aspects of the 2015 Every Student Succeeds Act including Consultation, enhanced tribal curriculum, improved indigenous language opportunities as

foreign language credit and improved assessment tools;

- Support 30 x 30 Initiative for Protection of Lands including key tribal provisions to expedite permitting for wetlands mitigation for tribal use of existing lands and fee simple land awaiting trust status determination. Promulgate through the Federal Registrar regulatory standards that tribes must follow in order to become tribal certified to issue land use permits. This would ensure compliance with standards consistent with the 2015-16 Obama-Biden Consultation on land use including protecting sacred sites, treaty rights, full environmental review and UNDRIP standard of pre and prior informed [tribal] consent for land use.

As you can see, I have given this some thought. A long time ago, I had an epiphany when I realized that rather than scramble for crumbs or a larger piece of the pie, tribes should ask for a larger pie or another whole pie. As retired Board Member Cathy Abramson used to say, we "Pre-Paid" for our treaty rights. It is not welfare! It is not reparations but a tangible value for the over 500 million acres of land we ceded to make this country great. The rent is due and a partial payment is insufficient. I believe that we have a new opportunity with a new administration to final secure full funding. Having said that, this is a process not a destination and is predicated on continued efforts. I am grateful I am your representative and advocate in this endeavor.

## MY 2020 CHRISTMAS WISH

My Gram ~ Maria (Boulley) Parr died on Christmas Day in 1989. It hurt for years but now it is a gentle reminder of the love she had for my family. It is my most sincere hope that you and your family are observing sensible safety practices during what I hope are the waning days of this pandemic. Don't take the lives of your loved ones for granted. The life you save may be your loved ones so mask up.

*Aaron*

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# Causley-Smith updates members on COVID services



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

We are in a troubling time in our communities and as a tribe, every person young and old has been affected in some way or another, so I want to frame this unit report four-fold for you. Our dedicated health centers, all team members and COVID relief team have been working extremely hard to work and tirelessly to keep people safe, service our members and meet daily need. I have attempted to compile a list of items that you may help or have helped you through this. This is not all the projects or relief we have addressed or enhanced but it will give all an update. If you have specific needs, you can always contact the respective department for your specific need and you can always contact me; some of the funding items may already be past the deadline by the time you receive your paper as we had certain amounts and time-frame on them so please call and inquire. Virtual learning funds available to reimburse certain costs

K-12.

Relief funds for students in college.

Emergency housing is being constructed in all units, our unit's homes will be located in Hessel and Naubinway (the west and east ends of our unit) to use for COVID emergency temporary housing for quarantine or homelessness.

Safety measures and construction in businesses, casinos, health centers and offices are in the works to help to keep members and staff safe on properties. The amount we are expecting to fund is around \$8 million, which includes disinfectant sprayers, state of the art UV lighting, personal protection equipment, touchless doors, restrooms, remodels to accommodate social safe distancing for team members and customers, drive-through stations at our C stores, etc.

Emergency funds available due to COVID emergencies, shut offs, housing, etc.

Numerous drive-through stations for testing including pick up kits for self-collections and testing.

Elder meals delivery for take-out services four days a week is still maintained in our unit including care packages as needed for safety supplies.

Youth activities home delivery of activities kits, light snacks and supplies, virtual learning programs and drive-through children's Christmas parties. Hessel, DeTour, Engadine and Newberry.

Elder care workers doing home visits to assess and secure services for elders.

Traditional medicine weekly

virtual lessons — healers continuing to do hours at center as well as home visits.

Home delivery for elders and pick up continues for USDA.

Mobile labs for Heath services use, many others use will be forthcoming.

Virtual behavioral health counseling and telemedicine fully implemented.

Pharmacy pick up and appointments are still maintained daily with numbers not decreasing (we get a daily report).

COVID testing for team members requesting/front line and monitoring all departments daily.

Employees portion of medical insurance covered by tribe, since March 2020.

Payroll advance for team members for Christmas.

Remote working for team members that can work from home.

Hazard and appreciation pay for front line workers, additional \$2 per hour.

Team members coronavirus training for safety.

Vaccine — Our health administration and staff work diligently to secure the vaccine and have been working on securing a priority list and procedure for use once it becomes available to tribes.

I cannot say how extremely difficult it is for health and all our other team members who must steer us through a worldwide pandemic. Again, this is not a complete list of all the relief or safety measures our staff have worked on, but it does show that many have worked very hard to keep our tribe going daily. Our

health staff and front-line workers are pushed to the limit on just maintaining working and having the stress of keeping their own families safe, items above will show that many have worked very hard to keep our tribe going daily, they are pushed to the limit and vary weary.

With our revenue generating properties our CEO (casino) did make the decision to accommodate another full closure for a three-week period to lessen the exposure to our team members in a very public business setting. I whole heartily believe this decision kept our communities a little safer during this time. Once a re-open happens, I am confident it will come with increased precautions and safety measures. We have paid team members for times of closure but it is probably well known that our casinos have been greatly impacted negatively, even when opened to make revenue for the services, operational cost, payroll etc. I do not sugar coat things, so please be aware that we will have major tough decisions coming in 2021.

On a very positive note, our EDC and the casino team have also been working very hard for economic diversity with new business ventures opening, so that will help us in the future, including sports betting, online gaming, cannabis venues, market rentals/office space etc.

I have tried to frame this report to inform you of the services still maintained and respectively enhanced to help during this time by our dedicated staff and the safety and relief we have attempted to maintain and assist

with. We will have to move cautiously and make decisions to balance and move forward during this terrible pandemic; safety, maintaining and rebuilding is always my priority.

Please be patient with our team members as they are working extremely hard in all the facets of the tribe. I am very grateful of the way they have literally carried us through this.

I would encourage members to keep reviewing our website at saulttribe.com for media releases and official notices of closures or daily changes that occur. I would also ask that you educate yourself about the business endeavors/resources we are creating for our small businesses. This can all be found on our site. I know that people are tired of me pushing to that site but I see a lot of false info on social media and resources/opportunities and changes are important to know about.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge a past tribal board representative in our area. Bill King passed this past month and he was a very respected part of our successes for our tribe and he was a very dear elder to me. I sought his advice many times and he was very free in giving me his old school input on our advancement and success. He was a leader that I respected and that I will miss. Condolences to all his family and friends.

I wish you all a very safe and blessed holiday season.

Baamaapii, as always please contact me if you need me or have ideas or input. Lcausley@saulttribe.net, (906) 322-3818 or (906) 484-2954.

## Moving forward — brighter horizon in view for 2021



**MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

As with many of you, my holidays looked significantly different this year. It was just my household for Thanksgiving. We made the most of it and had a good time, but coming from a big family it was strange and we definitely missed seeing everyone but realize we're making these sacrifices for a reason. With Christmas fast approaching, I hope we all do our part to help protect each other, especially those more vulnerable.

With several closures due to COVID, the board of directors, executives, directors and team members are making all attempts to keep all services while continuing paying all wages and benefits. Yes, we received federal monies to help cover some costs, but they do not cover all costs and those costs are signifi-

cant. I want to thank our team for their continued hard work to help our tribe weather this pandemic.

This year, our tribe is also losing some long-term employees with decades of experience and history. I wish a happy retirement to Ken Ermatinger and Russ McKerchie. Each of these team members has served our tribe for 35-40 years and both have been actively involved in committees and community service. They have countless hours helping our tribe at powwows, at community events and at just about every aspect of building our tribe; these men have contributed to our success. Our tribe and communities are grateful and wish you the best in your retirement.

I am fortunate to have Russ as my father and mentor. He might not even be aware of how much of an impact watching him contribute and tirelessly put in his time for our tribe has had on me. My dad has worked for housing for as long as I can remember — as a child I remember visiting him when the first housing units were being built on Shunk Road. I remember him helping build powwow arbors, making fry bread and proudly carrying our tribal flag during grand entries. I remember people visiting us when we lived on the rez, and having discussions on the direction of our tribe during his time

on the board. He had chances and opportunity to do other things but always chose to work for our tribe and for our people. I am happy for your retirement and will try and serve our tribe following your example — Chi miigwech.

With many offices closed and social distancing occurring, I realize there may be others wanting to thank these men and a proper send-off will occur next year when it can be done safely. There are also others who retired this year and those who will be leaving and I wish them the best. With all that is going on, it has been difficult to thank them personally. Your contributions have not gone unnoticed and I thank you for your service as well.

We continue to have things progress; several of our EDC ventures and our expanding gaming opportunities (sports betting) are on path to open soon. With the COVID-19 pandemic, going virtual has slowed things down but our 2020 Great Lakes fisheries team continues to meet several times a week, as our own group but also with other tribes, and with the state and feds. We continue to move forward and our negotiating team and board are working hard to protect our treaty rights.

This report brings us through Christmas, out of a challenging year and into a new one with a brighter horizon in front of

us. I wish you all a very merry Christmas filled with love and wonderful memories. If you can't be with the ones you love in person, I hope you can find ways to be with them virtually or find comfort by enjoying things that they love so they can be with you in spirit. Keep memories of better times close and know that new memories are

not far away.

As always, I ask you to do your part to help us get through these difficult times: Social distance, wear a mask and wash your hands!

If you wish to discuss these issues or have suggestions to help our tribe, please contact me at (906) 440-7768.

Chi miigwech.

## Matson updates the Unit V membership



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

Ahnee, I hope that all are healthy and safe.

This has been a very stressful year and holidays for all of us. It is so hard for those of us who cannot see our grandparents,

parents, children, grandchildren, family and friends through these times.

It is very difficult for each of us, especially the elderly who are going through this without being able to have their loved ones by their side as they choose to stay safe at home.

It brings me to thoughts of my mother who's going through this pandemic without my father and there are many others facing the same.

From our family to yours, be safe and enjoy your holidays.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns: (906) 450-5094 or cmatson@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully,

Charles J. Matson Sr.

Unit V Representative, Sault Tribe Board of Directors

# Catherine Hollowell updates Unit II membership



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Here we are, at the end of what can be described as a year of hardship and heartache. Everyone has been touched by loss in one form or another. From the passing on of loved ones to the denied once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that are lost forever to the disruption of normalcy.

How to make right out of such turmoil is difficult. Myself, I reflect on the generations before us and the hardships they endured and I take solace in their resiliency and ability to pull themselves together and soldier on towards a better place, a better future. We grieve our losses and give comfort and support. But carrying a bag of grievances will not get us to a better place. There is no hope for the future in that.

Our Seven Grandfather teachings have always been a part of

our culture and values. Their roots date back to the beginning of time. These teachings impact our surroundings, along with providing guidance toward our actions to one another.

I am not a perfect human by any stretch of the imagination. I struggle each day to live by these teachings. But they do help guide me daily, and I share them as my humble gift to you this Christmas season.

According to the story, long ago a messenger sent to see how The People were living, discovered they were living their life in a negative way, which impacted their thoughts, decisions and actions. Some had hate for others, were disrespectful, were afraid, told lies and cheated. Others revealed prideful arrogance.

During his journey, the messenger came across a child. This child was chosen to be taught by the Seven Grandfathers to live a good life. She was taught the lessons of Love, Respect, Bravery, Truth, Honesty, Humility and Wisdom. Before departing, the grandfathers told her, "Each of these teachings must be used with the rest. You cannot have Wisdom without Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. You cannot be Honest if you are using only one of the other teachings. To leave out one teaching would be embracing the opposite of what the teaching means." Each grandfather

instructed the child with a principle. It was up to the child to forget them or put them to use. Each one of us represents that child. It is up to each of us to faithfully apply the teachings to our own lives; to put our trust in the Creator and to be sincere in our actions, character and words:

**LOVE** – Knowing love is to know peace. Love must be unconditional. When people are weak, that is when they need love the most. Love is an attachment based upon devotion, admiration, tenderness and kindness for all things around you. For one to love and accept themselves, is to live in peace with the Creator and in harmony with all creation. Love knows no bounds. We must accept it sincerely and give it freely.

**RESPECT** – A way to honor creation is by showing respect. There should be no part of creation that should be excluded from the honor that we are to give. We demonstrate respect by realizing the value of all people and things, and by showing courteous consideration and appreciation. We must give respect if we wish to be respected. We honor the traditional roles that we fill and the teachings that we have been given. We honor our families and others as well as ourselves. Respect is not just an action, but a heart-grown feeling.

**BRAVERY** – Facing a problem with integrity is a true

demonstration of bravery. We do what is right even when the consequences may be unpleasant. We face life with the courage to use our personal strengths to face difficulties, stand tall through adversity and make positive choices. We must stand up for our convictions and have courage in our thinking and speaking. All of these actions together will lead to ceaseless bravery.

**TRUTH** – Truth is the knowledge of our cultural teachings. It gives us the ability to act without regret. We must understand, speak and feel the truth, while also honoring its power. Truth should not lead us to deception. We know who we are in our heart. By knowing that, we also know the truth. Our emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual gifts will guide each of us in our journey.

**HONESTY** – Facing a situation is to be brave, but having the courage to not only do the right thing but also saying it, is honesty. We must allow truth to be our guide. We must first be honest with ourselves. This will allow us to be honest with others, we must give full value to both the efforts of our own and others. When we walk through life with integrity, it is then that we know honesty. Be truthful and trustworthy. We must also remember to accept and act on truths through straightforward and appropriate communication.

**HUMILITY** – Humility is to

know that we are part of creation. We must always consider ourselves equal to one another. We must never think of ourselves as being better than anyone else. Humility comes in many forms. This includes compassion, calmness, meekness, gentleness and patience. We must reflect upon how we want to present ourselves to those around us. We must be aware of the balance and equality with all of life, including humans, plants and animals.

**WISDOM** – The mixture of these teachings combined with the experience of life is what we refer to as wisdom. It is given to us by the Creator to be used for good. Wisdom carries other meanings which also include intelligence and knowledge. When we cherish our knowledge and intelligence, we are also cherishing wisdom. We must use sound judgment along with the ability to separate inner qualities and relationships. We must use good sense and course of action to form positive attitude. We must remember to listen and use the wisdom that has been provided to us from others. We must also remember that wisdom comes in all shapes, sizes, forms and ages.

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you and best wishes to all us for a healthier more prosperous new year.

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# Tribe set to receive COVID vaccines from Pfizer soon



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

We are definitely living in some trying times in our local, state and global world right now. I just recently read an article in the *St. Ignace News* about a similar pandemic in 1918 that killed millions of people in a two-year stretch from a flu. They had similar precautions during that time as well until they could get vaccinated.

Recently, the governor and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services put a three-week pause on certain areas; the orders do not affect our businesses. The original plan was to keep our casino open with suspending table games, the restaurants and limiting hotel occupancy. After the CEO met with the board and discussed issues, the CEO then decided to close the operations.

I understand the numbers are increasing in some areas more than others and that many people are terrified. I do however believe that our casinos are safer than many other businesses with all the safety precautions we have in place. I think the casinos are doing a great

job with cleaning, evaluating customers and team members, mask enforcement and distancing.

There have been some statements made that we have millions of dollars to be able to get through this. I asked this question of our CFO because as a board member I am not aware of this hidden pot of gold. The person(s) that made the statement didn't even know or acknowledge those statements were made. We have gotten several millions of dollars but it has been earmarked with most of it in air quality and touchless mechanisms for safety as well as the \$1,000 per service area member, technology grants, etc. The team members' insurance portions have been covered for most of the year as well as hazard, appreciation pay and hours paid when we have been closed. It doesn't take long when there are so many needs to spend the funds. I had asked months ago if we were putting money aside for when the numbers spiked again and that never happened.

I do not want to use fear tactics, but I have always tried to be blunt with information. The fact is we cannot continue to close the casinos and pay staff. The casino payroll is \$2 million a month with no revenue coming in to cover that. Currently the casino owes the government side several million in taxes that are used for services. I do not want to be in a 2008 situation where jobs and services were cut.

So, when team members are told we have millions to pay them, they obviously want to stay home but I think if they were to be laid off, many would want to keep the casinos open. We also do not

have to close all five; we can look per area at the numbers and close based on that information, such as the high numbers in Chippewa County and the Canadian bridge being closed that casino being closed may make better sense right now.

I can't say that the threat of the pandemic doesn't concern me but I do not want to govern by fear. I want to have a plan with numbers and justifications and stick to it for decisions. The task force did put together such a plan and did not stick to it (casinos). So now when we say we have a plan how can we trust that the plan will be followed? To me it doesn't look like Bay Mills followed theirs either. I also know that we need documents to be fluid but let's not panic.

I hear people say the board cares more about money than people. That is just so far from the truth. The board, chair and task force take these decisions very seriously and try to juggle the entire welfare of the tribe and its members and team members. The reality is money does make the world go around in today's standards. The days of members living entirely off the land are far and few between. Which brings me to my next discussion.

Some members want us to rely on the government and others what us to be self-sufficient. I think we should definitely use all the resources we can get to provide and help our members but I really would like to see our nation become self-sufficient. If something ever happens at the federal level with our funding, we need to be prepared. People can claim they owe Native Americans and it won't

happen but times are changing and so is the political landscaping. We need to prepare for these situations.

Every person wants options such as jobs, housing, food, care, non-essential items, etc. When people have the proper tools and guidance this is possible. We need to take the hard road and provide that path for self-sufficiency to benefit all members for the future. Obviously, a pandemic is a different animal but after we get this virus under control with safety precautions and vaccines, we should make that transition.

I am sad to report that we have some more valuable team members moving on. These are going to be big shoes to fill with the departure of Colleen Medicine and Rita Bricker. I wish them both the best of luck! I really wish we could keep all the institutional knowledge and valuable players. Most people who are happy in their jobs are not even looking for other employment, regardless of wage. Hopefully, one of the first steps will be finalizing the new job descriptions and wage study that has been slow with COVID-19. I really believe social media is one contributor to the lack of morale in the workforce. We have a fairly good benefit package so we really shouldn't have numerous openings and for long periods of time.

I would like to thank Tim Ryerse and the Kewadin Shores staff for once again decorating, shopping, wrapping and participating in our Christmas drive-through event. Keith and I couldn't do this without you guys!

The tribe will be receiving COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer soon. I'm not sure the quantity or

plan at the time of this article but our health director is working on one. I think he may have one of the most stressful jobs in the tribe right now by trying to balance health concerns vs business and service needs.

Our executive task force has spent countless hours over the last several months as well trying to plan and execute with guidance from the health department, CDC and board of directors. Thank you all for your time and dedication.

I did recently lose a cousin to COVID-19. She was originally told she didn't have it but later tested positive and it really hit her hard. She was our family reunion coordinator and wanted everyone to know each other with such as big family. She will be greatly missed!

A couple of my co-workers tested positive at the end of August, so I was quarantined for two weeks with no symptoms. I have since had many friends and community members test positive and luckily none have had to be hospitalized. I take many vitamins so hopefully that has been my shield at this point. There have been many articles and videos about taking high doses of D3, zinc and vitamin C. It has also been very hard to find zinc, so many people must be taking it. I am no medical professional so I can't argue either way but if it helps, that is great.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season with blessing of good health into 2021! We will all get through this together! Please contact me with questions or concerns bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com. or (906) 430-0536.

# Director Chase updates Unit IV membership



**DENISE CHASE,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Update to membership  
**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES** – As Director Morrow reported in the last issue of the newspaper, because of the COVID-19 epidemic and the continuing rise of positive cases throughout the communities, the Christmas Committee has decided to cancel the Unit IV children's Christmas parties this year. We are still planning something for the Unit IV children, although it will be much different than prior years. We will not be holding a large gathering this year and hope to be able to get back to normal next year. Santa Claus will be sending Unit IV children a Christmas card. Again, not doing a children's party is for the safety of the children, families, helpers, Santa and elves. The Elder Division will not be holding the Christmas dinners across the units this year because of the COVID-19 epidemic. The Elder Division will be mailing a

card to the elders residing in the seven-county service area. These decisions to cancel these large gatherings are being made so we can make sure to keep everyone safe; including elders, staff and volunteers.

**ELDER OUTREACH WORKERS** – Recently, two elder outreach workers were hired to cover Units IV and V. Please welcome them when you see them – Heather Jarvis and Stacie Mattson. They will be working directly with our elderly population. They will be able to help our elders navigate and apply and receive assistance through the local and tribal resources and programs, that they might be eligible for.

These workers will be contacting elders and should be able to assist them with information, referrals, transportation, outreach and completing applications.

If you know of an elder who is in need of assistance or a home visit, please call Elder Care at (888) 711-7356.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES** – Any business venture or land purchase opportunity that our tribe has or is considering to purchase or enter into is kept confidential until all the final purchase paperwork and any business or land acquisitions, contracts or legal agreements have occurred. Our tribe's Economic Development Department recently purchased an asbestos abatement business in Escanaba; we couldn't announce it until the purchase was completed. There is a lot of misinformation being put out on social

media about the Economic Development opportunity/dispensary in Escanaba. Chairman Payment has sent a letter to all housing residents on behalf of the board, explaining the temporary arrangement. This letter explains the facts. Please note that Chairperson Payment said this legal dispensary operation on the tribe's property will be relocated as soon as possible.

The Indian housing plan that was approved by the tribal board of directors had included four elder homes – not eight – for the Escanaba housing site. And FOUR elder homes were recently installed. The installation of the homes was slowed down because of the COVID-19 epidemic and the contractor's schedules and time lines in order to complete the work. Looking forward and on the positive side, I am glad that Escanaba was able to get four new elder homes.

**WATER/SEWER ASSISTANCE** – There is still funding available for the Sault Tribe Housing Authority water/sewer program assistance of \$500. Please call Housing Authority at (906) 495-1454.

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE K-12 TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM** – Following is a new program available for families to access who are in need of technology equipment for their children who have been enrolled in a remote, virtual or hybrid education program. If you meet the program criteria and eligibility guidelines, this program will purchase the needed equipment for

you. ACFS Emergency Assistance K-12 Technology Enhancement Program The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is offering a one-time K-12 Technology Assistance (up to \$1,000 per student) to help K-12 students enrolled in a virtual, remote or hybrid education program.

The program will be open from Dec. 4 – Dec. 18, 2020.

The program is open to any Sault Tribe K-12 student residing in the tribe's seven-county service area who has been enrolled in a remote, virtual or hybrid education program for the 2020-2021 school year who meets the income criteria for the program.

Applicants must provide the following information:

- Copy of student's tribal card
- Household income (must be 300% of poverty or below).
- School of enrollment for child
- Child's grade
- Program criteria
- Must not have been served in the K-12 Technology Enhancement Reimbursement Program
- Must reside in the seven-county service area
- Student must be a tribal member
- Family must meet the income eligibility criteria

Please see the list of allowable expenses below to the extent that ACFS can order and supplies are available:

- Computers (laptops/desktops/chrome books)
- Computer accessories (char-

gers, keyboards, mice, webcams, external hard drives, etc.)

– iPad/tablets or accessories (chargers, cases, headphones, screen protectors etc.)

– Technology-related software (Microsoft Office, Adobe Pro, etc.)

– Printers, printer ink, scanners

– Online coursework subscriptions, e-textbooks (hard copy textbooks excluded)

– Wi-Fi routers, Internet modems, wi-fi signal boosters

Please contact ACFS to speak to a worker and complete an application:

ACFS Main Office: (906) 632-5250; FAX: (906) 632-5266

Manistique: (906) 341-6993; FAX: (906) 341-6995 (Viola Neadow, Direct Services)

Munising: (906) 387-3906; FAX: (906) 387-1750 (Heidi Seiberg, Direct Services)

St. Ignace: (906) 643-8689; FAX: (906) 643-4177 (Angie Gillmore, Direct Services)

Household Size	300% of Poverty
1	\$38,280
2	\$51,720
3	\$63,810
4	\$78,600
5	\$92,040
6	\$105,480
7	\$118,920
8	\$132,360

I wish you all and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

If you need to reach me please contact me, (906) 203-2471

Thank you,  
Denise Chase

## At-large representative worth considering, with no set unit base



**BETTY FREIHEIT,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello tribal members, several years ago, the late Denny McKelvie proposed creating an at-large board representative. He wanted to give a voice to our members outside of the service units. His resolution did not pass as several at-large members came to the meeting and spoke against the idea. They did not object to the creation of an at-large board member. They objected to the fact they would be required to become an at-large unit that was part of the proposal. Some members had family and historical ties to specific units and did not want to relinquish them. This is understandable. Denny's intentions were good and the idea of an at-large representative, minus a unit base, is still worth of consideration.

Those who know our tribal history will recall our ancestors always intended to provide representation for all members throughout the state. During those early years there was little knowledge of

members outside of the state but it was well known there were population centers in the Cheboygan and Pontiac areas. Early constitution drafts always had established units and board representatives included for these areas. Then the BIA told our leaders they could not establish units below the bridge so these units were removed. But the BIA no longer exercises such control over tribes and we now have the ability to create representatives wherever they are needed.

But in spite of our ancestors wishes, our at-large members have become the invisible majority. Our chairman has advocated for outreach support but the board never respond. At-large member issues are not discussed, there is no attempt to determine their needs, no effort to develop programs or seek funds to meet their needs, and no attempt to encourage their participation in the tribe. The only time any real outreach is done is during election time when one or two board members throw out a couple statements of concern or make a promise of extending benefits. But then after elections the promise are forgotten and the statements of concern disappear. This is not adequate representation. Our relations deserve better.

Why has our board been content to focus all the tribe's attention on a minority of our members? Some have suggested they do not want greater involvement of at-large members as they may threaten their hold on board seats. Would this explain why our election code does not allow at-large members to run for office unless they move into a

unit, and then for a full year? Or why at-large members must follow several not well publicized steps to register to vote when unit members are registered automatically? Why can't we do the same for at-large? And why the numerous complaints of ballots not being received by at-large members never fully been addressed?

There are a number of unfounded beliefs and fears about our at-large members. Some hold the attitude that, since they moved away, they forfeited their tribal rights, others state if at-large want more they should move back. Truth is many members left generations ago. It was either leave and find work, or starve. And moving back is not a solution as there is no way our units could accommodate large influxes of members. Some believe that extending services to at-large will reduce benefits for service unit members. Not true. BIA benefits are tied to service units, as well as many grants.

We will likely not ever be able to extend the same level of services to at-large members that unit members receive, but there are things we can do. An at-large representative could bring awareness of the needs and concerns of the population and work to eliminate the double standards. And when revenues increase through online gaming and other ventures, by working collaboratively with other local service providers we may be able to assist those most in need. This is how other tribes provide services to their at-large members. We need to find out much more about this population. We do not even collect

data on them. But with or without services, at-large have a right to a voice in our tribe.

We like to boast about how we are the largest recognized tribe east of the Mississippi. But can we really call ourselves a tribe if we only provide a voice to a minority of members? It is time we stop treating at-large as if they do not matter, or worse, that they do not exist.

## Gravelle updates members



**KIMBERLE GRAVELLE  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aanii, my family and I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. This year is certainly different from holidays in the past. Hopefully, everyone has the technology to stay connected with family and friends during this time.

Thank you to the service men and women who can't be home for Christmas and to their families for the sacrifices they make every day.

It is time we gave them a seat at the board table. We need to develop a seat for an at-large representative, and maybe even two.

I wish you and your families safe and happy holidays. Please help your neighbors anytime you can.

Betty F. Freiheit  
Unit 1 Director  
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I've mentioned this before, even though Christmas is a season of excitement for many, we need to keep in mind this time of year is emotional for some, and more so this year with restrictions on our normal way of life. Please keep in mind those who have lost loved ones, those who are sick or going through troubled times, may they find peace and hope in the coming year.

I would like to remind everyone that if you move from your residence to a new address without notifying the Tribal Tax Office and the Enrollment Department, you may lose the following, possible tax exemptions, tribal election ballots, elder's dividends, important notices sent by mail, and newspaper delivery.

Stay safe and don't waste energy on things you can't control. Leave issues of the past in the past. Invest your energy in positive things and the future.

Please feel free to contact me at [kkgravelle@saulttribe.net](mailto:kkgravelle@saulttribe.net) or call (906) 203-6083.

Thank You,  
Kim Gravelle



# Past year has been one of extreme challenges



**DJ HOFFMAN**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Over the past few days, I have attempted to draft and redraft this report. While it is tempting to address anonymous gaslighting that takes place on the Internet, I will instead focus upon the health of the tribe and community.

As an individual, the past few months have been challenging as I have had to watch my oldest son hit with bilateral pulmonary embolisms in both lungs, which has shortened his first semester

in college, ended his freshman football season, but most importantly, has not taken him from this world.

I will never forget the early morning call, and the ride to Marquette. After five days in the hospital (four in ICU), it is extremely clear that we have been blessed that our son is still with us and slowly recovering from this medical issue.

The past few months have also been challenging with respect to the board of directors operating in a safe and responsible manner for everyone involved.

As a board, we have been requested to meet virtually instead of in person by the tribe's health director for the time being to ensure social distancing and safety. This request came one month after the tribal board adopted a resolution empowering the health director's directives regarding COVID-19 related issues and precautionary measures. To respect the request of the health director,

and to ensure I do not expose my high-risk family member, I have participated in all workshops and meetings virtually since that time. I do not miss workshops or meetings. I am always just outside the casino in the parking lot in my vehicle. In fact, aside from tribal board meetings, board members have actively participated in a variety of Zoom (virtual) meetings from tribal committees, city liaison meetings, as well as treaty negotiations.

The past year has been one of extreme challenges as a result of the pandemic and we are currently entering one of the most trying times with the growing levels of COVID-19 positivity throughout tribal, as well as national, communities. We have lost many of our members, family and friends to this disease and it truly is tragic.

While we have the promise of a vaccine commencing in late 2020-early 2021, it cannot come soon enough.

**CASINOS** – The casinos are the driving force behind the

majority of our non-grant tribal operations revenues. Casino budgets also have a direct impact on the tribe's governmental budgets. Our tribe has been fortunate to receive CARES Act funding, as well as a previously healthy reserve to help during this timeframe, which has allowed us to sustain two shutdowns for the safety of our team members, tribal members, patrons and overall community. Hopefully, 2021 will provide a much healthier outcome for the health of our communities and casino operations.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – While our casinos have not had the ability to generate the revenues we have come to expect due to the pandemic, our tribal enterprises have expanded with greatly enhanced profitability and revenue. While they are not to the level of casino operations, they are steadily growing into a positive diverse cash flow source for our tribe for the future. In next month's paper, I will provide more detail on the performance levels.

As we enter into the holiday season, it is time to express our appreciation for what we have as individuals, and as a tribe. I am grateful and extremely appreciative for the opportunity to serve the members of the tribe as an elected representative. I wish you all the best during the holidays and please remember, life is precious and short. Make the most of it while you can and cherish those who you call friends and family.

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

Sincerely,  
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## Providing weekly updates on Facebook page



**AUSTIN LOWES**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin, in the short time I have been in office, it has been a great pleasure to inform members about what is going on with the tribe. Since we are in a global pandemic, this is more important than ever. To achieve this, I have been supplementing my unit report with weekly updates on my Facebook page. This has allowed members to get more up-to-date information and it has allowed conversations about the issues to take place. Social media is a powerful tool

that can keep our members informed. Since transparency is important, I will continue to do this.

The Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino recently re-opened. To improve safety, the following measures are taking place: temperature checks, required mask wearing, closed table games, closed restaurant, no seating at the bars, frequently wiped down surfaces, daily fogging and the installation of multi-million dollar air filtration systems.

The tribe's Christmas programs were successful. All casino, governmental, and EDC employees were offered a free turkey.

The chairperson's office helped raise nearly \$20,000 for presents for tribal children. Over 500 employees received \$250 cash advances to help buy presents.

Elders in the service area received \$25 checks to purchase groceries for their Christmas dinners.

I am happy to announce that our tribal health center is expecting COVID-19 vaccines in the near future. The first batches will be offered to medical personnel, essential staff and tribal elders. It is my hope that by summer, everyone who wants a vaccine will be offered one.

Until then, please practice social distancing and take this virus seriously.

Miigwech and stay safe!  
Sincerely,  
Austin Lowes

## Tribe adopts regulations for private security operations

BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors adopted Tribal Code Chapter 49: Private Security Licensing and Firearms Possession at a meeting on Nov. 3. The nine-page chapter applies only to commercial security service companies or anyone providing security services on tribal lands, but exempts law enforcement officers authorized bailiffs engaged in performing official duties.

The purpose for adopting Chapter 49, as it states, is to reg-

ulate licensing and firearm certification requirements surrounding private security operations and related firearm possession on tribal lands in order to adequately protect the health, welfare and safety of the tribe, its members and others on the reservation.

The chapter sets definitions and minimum requirements for anyone who wishes to obtain a license to provide security services on tribal lands. Private security guards, for example, are defined as individuals licensed under the chapter employed as either security officers or guards,

patrol or merchant patrol officers, bodyguards, armored vehicle guards or crowd control officers.

Anyone hoping to gain a license for employment as a private security guard on tribal lands must meet the following minimum requirements: Be at least 21-year-old citizen of the United States, resident alien or member of a federally recognized tribe without any felony convictions. Further, in the previous five years, applicants have no misdemeanor convictions of dishonesty or fraud, unauthorized divulging or selling of information or evi-

dence, impersonation of certain officials, illegal use or possession of a dangerous weapon, two or more alcohol related offenses, controlled substances under the tribe's code or assault. Further, requirements stipulate applicants must have no dishonorable discharge from the United States military, no outstanding warrants for arrest, be employed or employment offer from a tribally licensed private security company or be a licensed private security guard, submit fingerprints to the tribe's police department, pay fees for each application,

submission of a fully completed applications with proper identification on a proper forms and provide proof of a satisfactory drug screening to the tribe's police department.

Regulations in the chapter also set minimum requirements for private security companies and investigations of applicants and licensees as well as defining unprofessional conduct.

Chapter 49 can be viewed in its entirety at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) and following menu selections Government, Tribal Code and selecting Chapter 49.

## MPSC orders rehearing, new schedule for Enbridge Line 5 application in light of state's revocation of pipeline easement

LANSING — The Michigan Public Service Commission on Dec. 9 remanded a key issue in Enbridge Energy Ltd.'s application to relocate the Line 5 pipeline to a tunnel beneath the Straits of Mackinac, citing Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's revocation of the 1953 pipeline easement as a significant development in the case that requires new legal briefings from parties in the case and an adjusted case schedule.

Enbridge in April filed an application (Case No. U-20763) for citing approval under Act 16 of 1929 to replace and relocate the segment of Line 5 in

the Straits of Mackinac into a new tunnel it proposes to build under the lakebed. Following a Commission order establishing a contested case hearing process to evaluate the application, Enbridge in September filed a motion seeking to limit the scope of the case. The administrative law judge on Nov. 6 granted the motion in part and denied it in part, and parties in the case had filed appeals and responses.

On Nov. 13, Governor Whitmer and the state Department of Natural Resources revoked and terminated the 1953 easement under which Enbridge

built and operated Line 5 in the Straits and ordered the company to cease operations of the dual pipelines no later than May 13, 2021. Attorney General Dana Nessel filed an action in Ingham County Circuit Court, also on Nov. 13, in support of the revocation. Enbridge later challenged the revocation in federal court.

The Commission's order finds that the revocation of the easement requires remanding Enbridge's motion to limit the scope of the case for a rehearing, stating that clarity on the scope of the case is of critical importance to the proceeding. The admin-

istrative law judge's previous ruling on the motion, along with the motion itself and responses filed to it, were premised on the existence of the 1953 easement, and the state of Michigan's revocation of the easement represents a significant change of facts in the case.

The Commission said a rehearing gives parties in the case the opportunity to file briefs on whether, and to what extent, Governor Whitmer's termination of the 1953 easement changes the scope of review in this case, and how any changes may affect issues in Enbridge's motion to

limit the case's scope.

The Commission directed the administrative law judge and parties in the case to adjust the schedule to allow for the rehearing and for participants to file new arguments on the proper scope of the case in light of the revocation.

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# Invasive species management: Removing glossy buckthorn

BY HADLEY REED

On a tribal property southeast of the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino, an infestation of glossy buckthorn grew out of control, covering 500 square yards.

Glossy buckthorn, an invasive species native to Europe, is used in landscaping as a decorative species.

With shiny green leaves and vibrant red to dark purple berries, glossy buckthorn can be an espe-

cially beautiful shrub. However, the problem occurs when the shrub begins to grow out of control and hinder the growth of native species.

Growing out of control, the glossy buckthorn quickly took over the fence reaching 15 feet tall on the tribal property stopping Native tree growth. In order to regain control, the glossy buckthorn is eradicated by being cut down.

Each tree receives a mark and with the help of professionals, the 10 by 50 yard patch of glossy buckthorn is leveled but this process leaves behind hundreds of short stumps. To stop the stumps from sprouting again, the stumps under go one of three treatments.

The first is removal of the stump and roots, if that can't be done then the stump is covered with a specialized bag, and lastly a chemical herbicide can be

applied.

Armed with specialized tools and bags, a team of staff members tackled stump treatments. One staff member used an Uprooter™ to pull out 25 individual stumps while three other staff members covered over 200 stumps with Buckthorn Baggies™. These bags are specially made to block UV rays from the sun and prevent photosynthesis which can help the stump sprout again.

In the spring, the stumps covered with baggies will be treated a second time with chemical herbicides and the baggies will be replaced. In time, the glossy buckthorn will be eradicated and native tree species will be planted.

If you see glossy buckthorn or any other invasive species, report it to the Sault Tribe Environmental Department at (906) 632-5575.



A glossy buckthorn branch up close (photo from state of Michigan Invasive Species website).



Glossy buckthorn marked for removal.

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A buckthorn stump covered by a Buckthorn Baggie.



Professional tree removal in progress.



The Uprooter tool in action, a clamp is tightened around the stump and the handle is used to pull the roots out of the ground.



The glossy buckthorn site before removal was started.

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