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Red Dress Campaign helps Sault Tribe shed light on missing and murdered indigenous persons

BY BRENDA AUSTIN
The Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center spearheaded a local Red Dress Campaign, a public display of red dresses hung to commemorate all murdered and missing Indigenous “sisters” and to honor their memory during the month of May.

“In some tribes, red is known to be the only color that spirits can see,” Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center Community Educator Jessica Gillotte-King said. May 5 was recognized as National Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Day.

The dresses are located on Shunk Rd. in Sault Ste. Marie, just past Bahweting Drive on the tribe’s reservation.

King said the U.S. government has failed to provide valid reasons why they have failed to protect and accurately report missing Indigenous women. “Their reasons have included jurisdictional issues between state and tribal land, a lack of communication between tribes and government officials, a

lack of community awareness and support, and insufficient services such as Amber Alerts and media coverage,” she said.

Crimes committed on federal reservations may be under the jurisdiction of federal, state, or tribal governments depending on the identity of the offender and victim, the nature of the alleged crime, the state in which the alleged crime occurred and whether the crime was committed on tribal lands.

King believes that information sharing, data collection and law enforcement response will improve the reporting process of missing and murdered indigenous people.

Sault Tribe Cultural Healing Educator Ashley Gravelle says the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) has been ineffective at either obtaining or disclosing the latest tribal numbers.

King has been working to obtain more accurate numbers within the tribe and began generating a count in October 2021. “At

this time, I think we have 11 murdered and nine missing,” she said.

According to Gravelle, the advocacy resource center has partnered with Bay Mills and multiple other agencies to unveil a missing persons toolkit that provides reporting instructions and tools.

The Advocacy Resource Center and tribal youth council held a “Voices Unheard” candlelight vigil May 20 at Sault Area High School to remember missing and murdered Native American victims.

The resource center encourages everyone to get involved by hanging a red dress in your yard, neighborhood or offices to commemorate missing Indigenous women and men.

In recent Justice Department efforts to address the MMIP crisis, Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, said, “The Justice Department is committed to addressing the crisis of missing or murdered Indigenous persons with the urgency it demands. That commitment is reflected in the strength of our partnerships across the federal government, including with the Department of the Interior as we take the next steps in launching the Not Invisible Act Commission. The Commissioners announced today (May 5, 2022) will play a critical role in our efforts to better meet the public safety needs of Native communities. The Justice Department will continue to work alongside our Tribal partners with respect, sincerity, and a shared interest in the wellbeing of Tribal communities.”

Commissioners will be issuing recommendations to the Attorney



Photo by Scott Brand

The Red Dress Campaign was highly visible along Shunk Rd. with 20 garments hung in memory of the missing and murdered Indigenous women throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center reports that Native American women are two-and-a-half times more likely to experience violence than any other demographic in the United States and that one out of every three Native American women will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime.

General and Secretary of the Interior on how to improve inter-governmental coordination and

best practices for federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement. See “Red Dress,” Page 8

Primary winners move on to general election

At the conclusion of the Sault Tribe Primary Election May 19, four candidates progressed for two seats in Unit 1, two for one seat in Unit 2 and two for one seat in Unit 4. No primary was necessary in Units 3 and 5, with all candidates moving forward in those units. Results were made official after the contest period ended. General election ballots will be mailed June 1.

2022 General Election Candidates:

Unit 1 - Kim Gravelle (incumbent), Robert McRorie, Nichole Causley and Isaac McKechnie.

Unit 2 - Paul Barbeaux and Kimberly Lee.

Unit 3 (no primary) - Keith Massaway (incumbent) and Shawn Borowicz.

Unit 4 - Denise Chase (incumbent) and Kimberly Vincent-Hampton.

Unit 5 (no primary) - Charles Matson (incumbent) and Tyler LaPlaut.

Housing Authority Emergency Rental Assistance program makes history

FROM HOUSING AUTHORITY

On Jan. 5, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury launched the \$25 billion Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, in which tribes and tribally designated housing entities were included in the distribution of funds. The ERAP was designed to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number 21.023 awarded to Sault Tribe Housing Authority by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Sault Tribe Housing Authority (STHA) quickly submitted an application to receive these funds on Jan. 12, 2021. On Feb.

2, 2021, STHA received verification from the U.S. Department of Treasury that our application was reviewed, approved and awarded \$6,494,593.28. The amount awarded would be approximately 121 percent of the FY 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant formula allocation.

On March 16, 2021, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors unanimously voted to authorize access of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to all tribal members in the United States. This was the first time in the history of the Housing Authority it was able to provide services to members residing outside the seven-county service area.

“This is history in the making and I am so proud to share this exciting news,” Housing Director Joni Talentino said. “The membership across the

United States have experienced financial hardship due to the pandemic but these funds will help members retain rental housing and provide much needed housing stability.”

Immediate advertising of the program began while policies, procedures, intake application and attestation forms were developed and approved by the tribe’s Legal Department. Outreach included flyers posted in Sault Tribe offices, posting on the Sault Tribe website and Facebook page, Sault Tribe Housing Authority Facebook page and in the tribe’s newspaper, Win Awenen Nisitotung.

The goal of STHA Emergency Rental Assistance was to reach as many tribal member households to provide financial assistance to

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Roque returns to Sault with Olympic silver medal

BY SCOTT BRAND

Returning to the Eastern Upper Peninsula with a silver medal from the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, the Sault's own Abby Roque was greeted by a host of fans, friends and family at the Kewadin Casinos Dream-Makers Theatre on May 14.

The daughter of Jim and Julia Roque had made a name for herself with her hockey prowess growing up on the ice of the Big Bear Arena and Pullar Stadium. The 2016 Sault High graduate played four full seasons with the Blue Devils and was the lone female on the team during her tenure.

"This is just an honor to be

up here and share the stage with Abby," said her former high school coach John Ferroni, who was quick to credit those who came before him. "When she got to me, she was ready with the fundamentals."

Upon graduation, Roque enrolled at the University of Wisconsin continuing to excel in her sport including a nomination for the 2020 Patty Kazmaier Award as one of the top three female college players, along the way Abby and her Badger teammates picked up a 2019 National Championship.

In February, Roque graced the cover of Sports Illustrated magazine, where she acknowledged

that her groundbreaking was not limited to being a female athlete who was able to compete with the boys on the high school level. In the lengthy article, Roque was recognized as the first Indigenous member of the U.S. Women's Team to compete in the Olympics, revealing she belongs to the Wahnapiatae First Nation, part of the Ojibwe First Nation based in northern Ontario.

"Congratulations on all your accomplishments in hockey," Ferroni said during the ceremony. "It's something you earned. It wasn't just blessed to you, you grinded it out."

Ferroni also noted that Roque's hard work and passion

that took her to the upper echelons of women's hockey and beyond.

"You are a great ambassador to the City of Sault Ste. Marie," said her former coach. "And a great mentor to the youth in this community whether they play hockey or not."

Mayor Don Gerrie of the City of Sault Ste. Marie arrived armed with two gifts to commemorate Roque's return. The first was an official plaque bearing a proclamation in honor of Roque's accomplishments. The second, was the ceremonial key to the city making Roque only the third person in recent memory to receive this honor. Gene

Simmons of KISS was given a key when the band made its sole appearance in 2007 and long-time Detroit Red Wing Hockey Coach Jeff Blashill, who grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, was the only other recipient.

Roque also came bearing a gift of her own, in the form of a Team USA Hockey jersey. Upon receiving the jersey, Gerrie said it would be hung in the Pullar Building for all to see.

Following the official ceremonies, Roque visited with fans, signing autographs and posing for pictures before preparing for the final day of the hockey camp she was hosting in conjunction with her visit.



Photos by Scott Brand

Above left: A replica of a MDOT street sign coming soon in Roque's honor. Left: Roque and Mayor Don Gerrie exchange gifts. Above: Gerrie accepts the Team USA jersey on behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie. Right: The highlight for many in attendance was the opportunity to meet the Olympian and collect an autograph.



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Sault Tribe board accepts chairperson's resignation

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors accepted Chairperson Aaron Payment's resignation at its May 10 meeting, effective immediately. The board is thankful for Payment's service to the tribe and wishes him well in future endeavors.

The board will consider its next steps at the regular May 17 meeting.

Payment served 16 years as

chair, two terms as vice chair and two terms as a board member.

"My commitment going forward is to dedicate my attention and education with three Master's and a doctorate in education to finding solutions to the persisting low high school and college graduation for American Indians," Payment said.

"American Indians are the only Americans with a constitutional and treaty right to an

education, yet have the worst outcomes. I'm dedicating the rest of my career to finding solutions to improve those outcomes."

Payment said he will continue to serve in a Presidential appointment on the National Advisory Council of Indian Education, including serving as co-chair of the NACIE Annual Report Committee, which is not contingent on being an elected tribal leader.

Committee Vacancies

The following committees have vacant seats.

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

Elder Advisory Committee

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

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

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

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

Unit IV - Escanaba (4-year term) one regular vacancy and one alternate vacancy

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

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

Elder Subcommittee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Ten vacancies -

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

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

Election Committee - Five vacancies (4-year term)

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

Health Board - Three vacancies (4-year term)

Housing Commission - No Vacancy (4-year term)

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

Funding available for on-the-job training

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

The program may be able to provide tuition assistance for skills training if it leads to an industry-recognized certification or under OJT, the program may reimburse an employer 50 percent of your wage for a specified training period.

Candidates must meet certain eligibility requirements and be a resident of the seven-county service area. Please apply at WIOA at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or call Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767 for more information.

Election committee sanctions Tribal Citizens for Change

The tribe's Election Committee received a written complaint from tribal member DJ Hoffman alleging an anonymous entity known as the "Tribal Citizens for Change" is violating the Election Ordinance by not registering as a non-candidate registrant. The complaint alleged Tribal Citizens for Change is unlawfully campaigning by publishing campaign material on a billboard on tribal land. The sign has since been removed.

In its May 17 decision, the Election Committee found that Tribal Citizens for Change was violating the Election Ordinance

by expending money on a campaign without registering. The committee sanctioned the group: "The Election Committee, by majority vote, finds that "Tribal Citizens for Change" has 15 days from the date of this decision to comply with the Election Code by registering as a Non-Candidate Registrant and to comply with all financial disclosures. Failure to do so will result in the Election Committee referring this matter over to the Tribal Prosecutor's Office for Election Fraud."

A full copy of the decision can be found on the tribe's website, saulttribe.com.

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Please note the distribution date when submitting event information for our community calendar. Submissions can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed. The distribution date is the earliest the newspaper can arrive in the seven-county service area.

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Tribal members: need assistance?

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

Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact the liaisons when they need help with tribal issues by emailing membersconcerns@saulttribe.net or

contacting them individually at:

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

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

Elder Sub-Committee meeting dates in 2022

Unit I - Sault Ste. Marie - First Wednesday of the month - 12 p.m. - Elder Building, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7

Unit II - Hessel - Third Monday of the month - 12 p.m. - Hessel Tribal Center, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

Unit II - Naubinway - Last Wednesday of the month - 6:30 p.m. - Naubinway Pavilion, June 29, July 27, Aug. 31, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, Dec. 28 (No Meetings January, February, March)

Unit II - Newberry - Third Friday of the month - 10:30 a.m. - Zellar's Restaurant, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

Unit III - St. Ignace - Second Thursday of the month - 12 p.m. - Elder Complex, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

Unit IV - Manistique - Second Wednesday of the month

- 12 p.m. - Manistique Tribal Center, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14

Unit IV - Escanaba - Second Wednesday of the month - 5:30 p.m. - Delta Co. Chamber Building (Fair Grounds) June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14

Unit V - Munising - First Thursday of the month - 11 a.m. - Munising Tribal Center, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1

Unit V - Marquette - First Thursday of the month - 6 p.m. - (Temporary) Big Boy Restaurant in Marquette, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1

ALL UNITS - Elder Advisory Committee third Friday of the month - 1 p.m. - Newberry Tribal Center, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, (No meetings in November, December, January, or February)

Senior Employment Program has three jobs

Two Office Support positions, one in Kincheloe and one in St. Ignace, and one Community Health Program clerk position in Marquette, are being offered by the tribe's senior employment program.

If interested, please reply

to: WIOA /Senior Employment Program, Attention: Brenda Cadreau, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783, (906) 635-4767, bcadreau@saulttribe.net.

Must be a Sault Tribe member age 60 or over and reside within the seven-county service area.

Sault Tribe Food Distribution Program accepting new applicants

The Sault Tribe Food Distribution Program is open and accepting new applicants. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and our store is open by appointment for clients to come in and shop. The program offers a variety of seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as other new items.

There has been some confusion regarding eligibility and the extra pandemic money. Our

program does not use the extra \$300 pandemic unemployment compensation, the recent child tax credit payments, or any past stimulus payments to determine eligibility.

If you want to know if you or a loved one qualifies or if you have any questions about USDA and the food program, call (906) 635-6076, or (888) 448-8732.

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McKerchie steps into USDA Director post

BY SCOTT BRAND

SAULT STE. MARIE — Admitting she has some big shoes to fill in her new role as USDA Food Program Director, Sheryl McKerchie was quick to credit the former director for all the progress he made over the last four decades.

“I will be working to carry on the legacy of Tony Nertoli,” she said while conducting a tour of the facility.

Located at 3601 Mackinac Trail, the food distribution center houses a kitchen facility and an in-house nutritionist allowing visitors to practice making healthy meals. There is a sizable showroom where people can come in and select their own foods with choices including fresh fruit and vegetables, cereal, juice and

canned goods. The freezers house a variety of meats including the standards - chicken, beef and pork - as well as various fish and even bison.

“All of this space added on is one of the last things Tony completed,” said McKerchie adding that includes the acquisition of a food truck equipped with refrigeration for deliveries to outlying areas.

McKerchie said the program helps approximately 1,000 families per month and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Those interested in enrolling are encouraged to visit the Sault Tribe’s Website. For those unable to visit, the deliveries are made at scheduled dates and locations.

With an eye toward the future,

McKerchie expressed a strong interest in expanding the program.

“I’d like to look at opening smaller stores similar to this in other counties,” she said. “Right now, people have to wait for us to come there and it is very limited with specific time frames.”

Expansion, McKerchie said, would have a wide range of benefits.

“It could be an opportunity to utilize properties the tribe already owns,” said McKerchie noting that people would be able to pick out their own foods and have more flexibility as they no longer would be beholden to the schedule of the food truck.

“And it would add more tribal jobs,” predicted McKerchie factoring in the people manning the smaller grocery stores throughout



Sheryl McKerchie and staff are ready to offer assistance through the USDA Food Program.

the coverage area.

Sheryl and husband Russell, have six children and 13 grandkids. She came to her new post following a recent tenure with the

Sault Tribe’s Economic Development Corporation and brings nearly three decades of experience as an employee of the Sault Tribe to the table.

Jenni O’Dell to receive Award for Excellence

BY SCOTT BRAND

Recognizing her critical role in delivering COVID-19 vaccinations throughout the Eastern Upper Peninsula, a Bemidji Area Indian Health Service Health Service Award will be bestowed on a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Health Center employee when it convenes in June.

Community Health Services Nurse Supervisor Jenni O’Dell

will receive the Award for Excellence in Pursuit of Healthcare Equity for showing a demonstrable reduction in disparities in health care quality, access or outcomes for American Indian/ Alaska Natives peoples, according to the official criteria established for this honor.

In submitting the nomination form by Sault Tribal Health Director Leo Chugunov recognized the 2021 efforts of O’Dell as she

contacted a large number of local schools in record time to deliver multiple vaccination events throughout the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

“This required a lot of planning and coordination,” wrote Chugunov. “Jenni and Community Health Team Members utilized Mobile Medical Office for vaccination events. Frequently they had to battle bad weather. But because of Jenni’s organizational skills all

clinics were executed smoothly.”

Chugunov also noted that many children throughout the area received their vaccinations as a result of O’Dell’s efforts.

O’Dell, a graduate of DeTour High School, is the daughter of Benny and Frances Hank and grew up Goetzville. She earned her nursing degree from Lake Superior State University in 1999 and almost immediately went to work for the Sault Tribal Health

Center.

O’Dell said she is a proud member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Jenni and her husband Derek, who retired from the Sault Police Department after rising to the ranks of sergeant, have two children, Madison who is set to complete her junior year at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids and Brayden finishing up the fourth grade at Lincoln Elementary.

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2021 Communicator Award recipient

BY SCOTT BRAND

A series of animated short films, created for students, parents and staff at J.K.L. Bahweting Anishnabe School was selected as the winning entry from more than 6,000 entries for the prestigious 2021 Communicator Awards.

“We were pleased to help communicate this important information in a fun and interactive way,” said Media Production Artist/Office Manager David Brey of Tipping Point Solutions here in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Tipping Point Solutions,

in partnership with Chippewa Government Solutions, was recognized with the award for its school-related COVID-19 guidelines series. Each video, it was explained, included an expert guide — Migizi — who was voiced by a prominent Tribal Elder from the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Migizi can be heard using the Ojibway language with other culturally relevant materials sourced throughout the series.

In announcing the award, it was noted that the series helped J.K.L. Bahweting through the uncertain times brought about

by the COVID-19 crisis and enabled stakeholders to quickly acclimate to new protocols.

By providing “just-in-time” training solutions at various stages throughout the pandemic Tipping Points Solutions served to bridge the collective learning needs for faculty, students and parents despite the rapidly-evolving challenges that arose during those tumultuous times.

“Getting this award solidifies our collaboration with Tipping Point Solutions and our successful attainment of 8(a) status and our future in gov-

ernment contracting,” observed CEO Joel Schultz of Sault Tribe Inc.

Tipping Point Solutions offers a unique blend of instructional design, training technology development, and film-based media production, providing clients with a highly effective, cognitive-based, and engaging training experience that promotes increased comprehension and improved learner retention. Tipping Points Solutions is a Native American Disadvantaged 8(a) and Service Disabled Veteran-owned small business.

Mindful Mondays: Calming Down and De-Stressing

Monday, June 6, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Research has shown that practicing mindfulness is effective in reducing stress-related symptoms such as worry, depression and physical tension, and may be helpful in managing chronic conditions.

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Contact: Lisa Tams, tams@msu.edu.



CLAIMING THE PRIZE — Rod Blanchard and Michael Griggs of Chippewa Government Solutions joined CEO Rick Schmidt of Tipping Point Solutions, CEO Joel Schultz of Sault Tribe Inc. and fellow celebrants Allan Barr, Steve Johnson and Dr. Madan Saluja in winning the coveted 2021 Communicator Award.

Investigating Food with Science - Liquid Ice!

Monday, June 6, from 4-4:30 p.m.

Via Zoom - These are free workshops taught by MSU Extension food safety educators.

Contact: For more information, contact Kellie Jordan at jorda136@msu.edu or Karen Fifield at fified@msu.edu.

Liquid Ice! *Investigating Food with Science: The Science Behind Food Safety* is an after-school program exploring how cooking is an experiment and baking is a science. The demonstrations will be designed for youth to experiment at home if they desire and provide the youth a chance to share their experience the following week.

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Anishinaabemowin 2022

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Zaag'igan is a lake. **Zaag'igaanhs** is a little lake or a pond.

N'wii yinaab wenbik. I'll look around for a little while.

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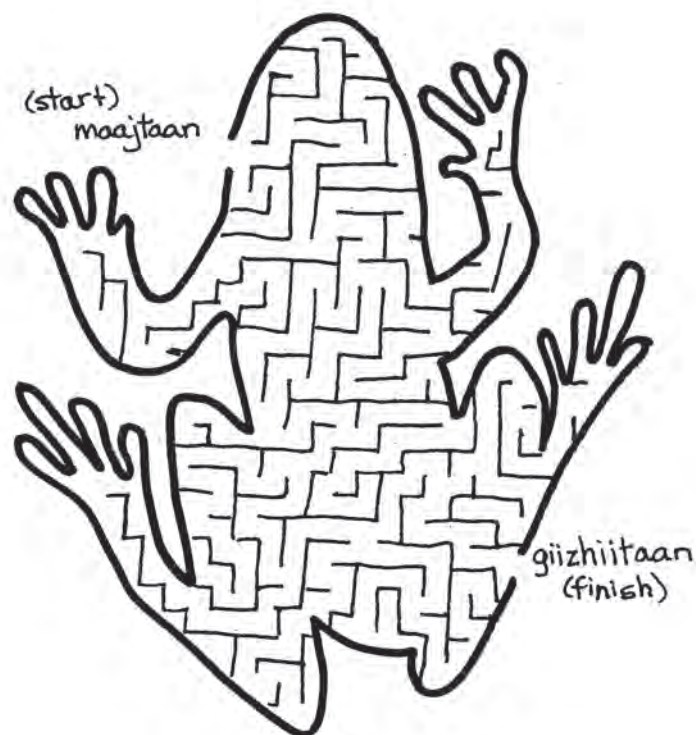
On the shore I see . . .

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N'da waabmaag e-babaambizojig.

I see those that are flying around.

boodashkwaanishiinhyik	dragonflies
manidoonhsak	insects (little spirits)
zigime-kaa	lots of mosquitos
oojiik	housefly types



Pronunciation? Like last month you'll find the words pronounced at this FaceBook link:

www.facebook.com/saultribelanguageandculture.

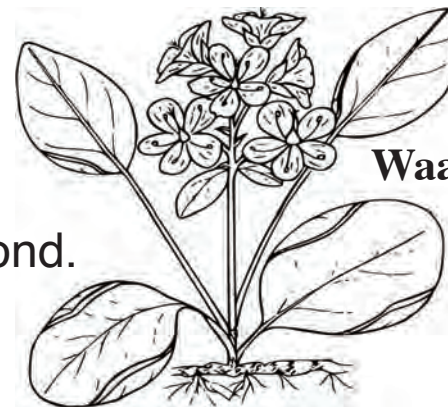
The words in the calendar on the page facing this one are there too. Or you can use the guide below!

Making our Sounds Most letters sound like in English.

Here are the exceptions.

aa sounds like the a in <i>awesome</i>	a sounds like the a in <i>about</i>
ii sounds like the e in <i>be</i>	i sounds like the i in <i>dip</i>
oo sounds like the o in <i>go</i>	o sounds like the oo's in <i>book</i>
e sounds like the e in <i>end</i>	g sounds only like it does in <i>go</i>

Pronounce all the letters. *Underlined, italic type* will tell you which word-parts to stress. Long words are broken up with dashes (-); still, say each word smoothly. And notice "nh" has **NO SOUND** of its own. *It's a sign to say the vowels just before it in a nasal way - as if you had a stuffed up nose from a cold.*



Waawaaskone Giizis

Flower Moon

by Susan Askwith

Biinji zaag'igaanhs n'da waabmaa.

In the lake I see . . .

shaageshiinh	a crayfish
esiinh	a clam
biimskodesiinh	a snail
magkii	a frog
dende	a bullfrog
giigoozenhs	a minnow
godaashiinh	a panfish
saawe	a perch
mishiikenh	a snapping turtle
miskisii	a water bug
pakweyashk	a cattail

Nanda zaagkiichiganan n'da waabndaanan . .

I see these plants . . .

wiikenhyan	sweet flag
kandimoo'yin	water lilies
naakanashkoon	bullrushes

Write (in Anishinaabemowin) the names of five living things that are likely to be green (zhaawshkozi). Don't count the plants.

*All the plants mentioned are alive, really, but only cattails are recognized as animate (living). The other three are **not** considered animate. Fascinating feature!! Very significant.*

Can you answer these riddles?

What do you call a frog that lies? *An Am-fib-ian.*

What does a snail say when it's riding on a turtle's back? *Wheeeeeee!!*

You know that thing you toad me to do? *I forgot.*

What did the lake say to the shore? *Nothing. It just waved.*

Teacher: What do you call mosquitos in your language? *Student: We don't call them. They come in on their own.*

What do crayfish and compound sentences have in common? *At least two clawses.*

Best advice to give a worm? *Sleep late.*

Feasts and Giveaways: The opportunity to honor all those who have helped us

Feasts and giveaways are an important part of Native life. They are held throughout the year to acknowledge the help received from the spirit world, our relatives and ancestors, and other members of the community. Feasting gives us the opportunity to honor all those who have helped us, to feed them and express our respect for what they have done for us.

Feasting is also spoken of as the way we strengthen the life and spirit of our bodies.

TYPES OF FEASTS

Feasting may be an individual or group event. At larger gatherings, drumming, singing and traditional dancing may be a part of the ceremony and feast. Tobacco is always offered and the foods served vary according to the customs of the community or territory and the reason for the feast.

Feasting is done for many reasons. Some of these are given here:

Seasons

There are spirit feasts with the four seasons, the spring, summer, fall and winter. The feast for honoring and feeding the dead is held in the fall and, in some communities, also in the winter. Some people hold a feast before the seeds are put in the ground and again after harvest time.

Feasting the harvest may consist of taking a plate of food back to the garden and leaving it there as a way of giving it back to the earth.

Names and Clans

Feasts are held at naming ceremonies. When clans gather they will feast their clan, usually every spring and fall.

Fasts and Sweats

Fasters are given a drink of

water and berries after their fast and the sacrifice they have made for everyone is honored at a feast. Feasts are often held after the sweat lodge ceremony as well.

Sacred Items

We feast the gifts that we carry. We acknowledge the spirit of our pipes and feathers for their power to help us. We have drum feasts for the drums we carry. We feast all the items that we took with us on our fasts, such as our colors, feathers and shakers.

Berry Ceremony

A berry ceremony is held to thank Mother Earth who has given birth to the berries.

Moontime Ceremony

There is a feast for a girl who has just begun her moontime.

Helpers

We feast the helpers that are given to us and all the others who so eagerly give us help when we ask for it. People will feast the eagle, the bear, the wolf, the mountain, the fire, the plant medicines, and all the other spirit helpers who come to them.

Many Other Feasts

There are feasts for the salmon and deer because they have come back.

There is a feast of wild meat before the girls go out to dig for bitter root and carrots.

Feast for the Dead

A feast is also a way to maintain a relationship with our families or loved ones who have gone to the spirit world. At a Feast for the Dead, the teachings say that we can call the spirits back. This is also the time when we can ask them for help in addition to showing our gratitude to them for the help that they have given us.

In some communities this ceremony is held in the fall between

the time that the leaves fall off the trees and the first snowfall.

The feast begins with prayers and an offering of tobacco.

The people and directions are acknowledged and the spirits are told what is being done. The food is set out on the table.

The foods prepared include those that the relatives and ancestors liked when they lived here. This might be wild meat, corn, squash, and berries. Other foods and teas, such as cedar tea, raspberry tea, and red willow tea, are added to these four basic foods. Salmon, bannock and wild rice are other foods included in feasts. The smudge bowl is taken around and the food and people are smudged.

Gifts of cloth and leather are also given with the food and tobacco offering for the spirits.

Out of respect, the younger ones make up a plate of food for the Elders. By doing this, the younger ones learn about taking care of another human being. The Elders are the first to be served and then the other participants follow in a specified order. As the feasters make up their plate of food from the dishes laid out on the table, they put a spoonful of food for their relatives and ancestors into a pot set out for this purpose. At the end of the feast this pot of food is taken outside and the food is set on the ground for the spirits.

Any food remaining on the table at the end of the feast is taken out and put on the ground or burned when the sun comes up in the morning. It is said that during the night, many spirits come from every direction to share in the feast. The spirits of the relatives and ancestors bring

other spirits who haven't been remembered and they share the food with them.

A feast will be given when a family member has died. A sacred fire burns for four days and a food offering is made for the person each day before sundown. A ceremony is held before the feast where it is said you eat with your relative for the last time.

GIVEAWAYS

Very often a feast is followed with a giveaway. We have given tobacco and food to the spirits to express our gratitude for what we have received, such as a return to good health, a name for our child or a plentiful harvest. With the giveaway we thank the people who have come to be our supporters. Some people say that the things that we give away are things that we are giving to the other side, the spirits, even though a person here is receiving the gift.

The person who is holding the feast and giveaway may make ribbon shirts, moccasins, dresses and small tobacco pouches for the people, or they may give blankets and other useful items for the home. They feel good after giving away the gifts that have been made and that they value.

At a traditional wedding, for example, the couple gives all kinds of gifts to those who come. By doing so, they lay the foundation of sharing for their future together.

A good example of feasts and giveaways is when a young warrior has his first kill.

The new hunter holds a feast and gives all of the animals' meat to the community in

respect for becoming a hunter. This is the rite of passage of a boy to a hunter.

Referrals to Healers, Elders and Medicine People

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

There are always those who present themselves as Healers, Elders or Medicine People who have not earned that title and may use the teachings and medicines in the wrong way.







It is important for everyone, especially young people, to be aware of this and to exercise caution when they seek healing, teachings or advice. It is advisable to consult with people whom you trust to get referrals to respected and recognized Traditional Healers, Elders and Medicine People.

To obtain a referral to a Healer, Elder or Medicine Person in your area, or to make an appointment in the seven-county service area, call Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine at (906) 632-5200, option 9.

Special acknowledgment is given to the following Healers and Elders who contributed their knowledge and understanding of the traditions and culture in the preparation of the brochures from which this article was taken: Jake Aguo- nia, Garnett Councillor, Harlan Downwind, Roger Jones, Rose Logan, Mary Louie, Dorothy Sam, Nelson (SugarBear) Shog- nosh, Geraldine Standup and Ella Waukey.

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NIIZHWAASO GIIZHIGAT	NTAM GIIZHIGAT	NIIZHO GIIZHIGAT	NSWO GIIZHIGAT	NIIWO GIIZHIGAT	NAANO GIIZHIGAT	NGODWAASWO GIIZHIGAT
			1 N'wii bshkozhige. (I will cut the grass/mow the lawn.)	2 bshkwashagan (lawnmower)	3 mbaasjigan (airplane)	4 bagwan (shirt)
5 biimskowebshkigan (bicycle)	6 daabaan (vehicle)	7 wiigwaam daabaan (camper/RV)	8 N'wii oo baamase. (I want to go walking.)	9 giizhkinatagoonh (shorts)	10 mkade ojiinhsag (black flies)	11 makazinan (shoes)
12 eshkiniigijig (young people)	13 de'minan (strawberries)	14  Mooshkaneshin Dibiki Giizis. (It is a full moon.)	15 bmaadizijig (people)	16 wiikwaan (hat)	17 kinoomaadiigamig ([the institution of] school)	18 Giizhigaate. (It is a bright, sunny day.)
19 Noos Giizhigad (Father's Day)	20 Gebeying giizhigad. (It is a long day.)	21 Ntam Niibin (First day of summer)	22 giizis shkiizhigokaajiganan (sunglasses)	23 binoojiinhyag (children)	24 maajiibiigan mkak (mail box)	25 bijiibiigan (a written letter)
26 Biginoshin (Call me [on the phone].)	27 wiiba (early; soon)	28 wiika (late)	29 N'ga bmibtoo. (I'm going running.)	30 nimkii dikman (moth)		

Emergency Rental Assistance program makes history, continued from pg. 1

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reduce the stress and remove the burden of rental and utility costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Assistance was also provided to homeless individuals and households so they would not be wondering where they will sleep each night. Additionally, financial assistance was provided to secure permanent housing and provide housing stability. These services included payment of rent and utility arrears dating back to March 2020, forward rent in three-month increments and Internet costs. Additionally, STHA was able to provide move in cost such as security deposits and fees.

STHA ERA Program requirements included tribal membership or households with tribal children, income at or below 80 percent of area median income, financial hardship and housing instability suffered from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Housing Authority began accepting applications on April 5, 2021. Applications were reviewed and processed as they are received by STHA's team members that were designated to work with the ERA program. The Housing Authority anticipated receiving a substantial number of applications within a short period of time due to the economic crisis that was occurring because of the pandemic. STHA processed 215 applications in the first three months of service and paid \$271,919 to sustain housing stability.

Early in the program, STHA did a mass mailing of post cards

to every household throughout the tribe. Word of mouth and post cards quickly increased the number of applications to 853 and \$2,517,450.34 spent by Dec. 31, 2021.

Homeless applicants with families came in without income and are now housed and working. STHA was able to make referrals for families that were in homeless and in domestic violence situations to the Sault Tribe EDC Emergency Housing Program. This program provided temporary housing for six to 12 months while families sought permanent housing. There have been seven families that have moved from the EDC temporary housing to permanent housing with STHA.

Assistant Housing Director Mariea Mongene said, "I am thankful that the Tribe had an option like this to buy families more time as they looked to secure permanent housing."

ERAP Project Coordinator Charles Treleaven said, "One family was homeless and staying in hotels at the time they applied to the program. Both parents were unemployed and their savings were expended. ERA helped them with a hotel for a few weeks before they were able to find permanent housing in the area — which ERA funds helped secure. They are now housed in a stable environment with room for everyone. Both parents have found employment and are making enough to get off the program."

STHA has collaborated with key partner organizations across the

United States including landlords, utility companies, Internet providers, hotels, motels, family services, community action agencies, tribal agencies — the list goes on and on. These collaborations assisted with connecting tribal members to resources that could assist them with beyond the ERA program.

"We have had several participants in the program who have a history of homelessness. One person was unable to secure housing anywhere in the area on her own. Because ERA has relationships with so many landlords, we were able to find a landlord to give her a chance. She has been housed and happy for several months now," Charles said.

On March 14, 2022, there was a temporary suspension on accepting

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ment to use when responding to violence directed at American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The Justice Department has also announced a new national Native American outreach services liaison position to head its efforts to better reach Native victims, survivors and their families. The liaison will work in the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys and help ensure victims and their families have a voice within the department as they navigate the criminal justice system. A new page has also been launched on the Tribal Justice and Safety website dedicated to enhancing awareness of MMIP. The page offers resources for families and victims and also promotes transparency about the

applications. A comprehensive review was completed to accurately project the current commitment of financial assistance that could be provided. This review determined that the majority of funds have been obligated and STHA is no longer accepting applications.

The STHA is currently preparing to roll out the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) in the near future. This program assists homeowners that have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants will receive assistance with delinquencies in mortgages, taxes, insurance and utilities, etc. The program will be advertised on the Sault Tribe website, tribal paper, Facebook, etc., once the program is ready to open.

"The ERA program was a new

Department's law enforcement efforts.

According to its website, the Department helped advance the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act this year, and its provisions to promote safety in tribal communities, and the expansion of Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction, which recognizes the authority of tribal courts to exercise jurisdiction over crimes of family violence, including child abuse.

If you would like contact Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center's Community Educator Jessica Gillotte-King email her at jjgillotte@saulttribe.net. Sault Tribe Cultural Healing Educator Ashley Gravelle can be reached at agravelle@saulttribe.net.

funding source with program guidelines never seen before amongst Housing staff. The Housing team pulled together to roll this program out," Talentino said. "From mailing post cards, answering phone calls, processing applications, they managed to get the program up and running while continuing the current job duties. We are fortunate to have the dedicated team we have in place here at Housing."

One happy ERA program participant said, "Thank you so much — you guys are amazing! A lot of happy tears this morning, my family will do good with this opportunity! Thanks again and best wishes!"

MSUE Seeks Tribal Extension Educator

MSU Extension is seeking candidates for a Tribal Extension Educator position. Please visit <https://careers.msu.edu> and search for posting #777163 to learn how you can become the next SPARTAN WHO WILL! MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer, committed to achieving excellence through a diverse workforce and inclusive culture that encourages all people to reach their full potential. The university actively encourages applications and/or nominations of women, persons of color, veterans and persons with disabilities.

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A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-201-4099 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



NOTICE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

Tax exemption Certificates and Michigan Secretary of State appointments

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

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

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

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.

Board meets April 26, May 3, approves resolutions

A regular meeting of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors was held April 26, 2022, in Sault Ste. Marie at the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center. The board discussed and passed 19 resolutions, 16 by unanimous vote.

Resolution #105 — FY 2023, Budget Document 001: Approved for a total of \$19,208,070, of which \$141,944 comes from Tribal Support.

#106 — Partial Waiver of Convictions — Approved.

#107 — Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country, Establishment of FY 2023 Budget: Approved with Federal Department of Center for Disease Control monies of \$43,000.

#108 — Healthy Start Grant and Third-Party Revenue FY 2022 and FY 2023 Budget Modifications: Approved for a decrease in Other Revenue – ITC of \$40,877 and an increase in Third-Party Revenue of \$40,877.

#109 — Family Spirit Grant and Third-Party Revenue, FY 2022 Budget Modifications: Approved for an increase in expenses with Third Party Revenue of \$11,742.25.

#110 — Cultural – Administration FY 2022 Budget Modification: Approved for an increase in Tribal Support of \$4,720.

#111 — Native Employment Works Program: The board authorized application to the Office of Family Assistance,

Administration for Children and Families Native Employment Works Program, for the purpose of assisting low-income members throughout the service area in reaching their self-sufficiency goals. Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) was designated as the tribal lead agency to receive and administer the Native Employment Works program through the period of FY 2022-2025.

#112 — Acceptance of the 2021 Kewadin Casinos Audit: Accepted and approved.

#113 — Acceptance of the 2021 Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority Audit: Accepted and approved.

#114 — Trust Land Status, 200 St. Mary's, Village of DeTour, Chippewa County, Mich.: The board requests that the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the following parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians on behalf of the tribe: Land situated in the Village of DeTour, County of Chippewa, Mich. Lot 12, Block 30, Dawson Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 22, Chippewa County Records, Section 35, Town 42 North, Range 4 East, Michigan Meridian. The Secretary of the Interior is also requested to declare the lands to be part of the Sault Tribe reservation.

#115 — Trust Land Status, Lots 11 thru 15, Block 16, A.B.

Wilgus Addition, Lots 1 Block 15, A.B. Wilgus Addition, Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Mich.: The board requests the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the following parcel of land in trust: Land situated in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, Mich.

Lots 11 thru 15, inclusive, Block 16, A. B. Wilgus, Addition according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2, Page 9, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian. And, Lot 1, Block 15, A. B. Wilgus Addition, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2, page 9, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian. The Secretary of the Interior is also requested to declare the lands to be part of the tribe's reservation.

#116 — Trust Land Status, Everett and Evelands Subdivision, Lots 12-24 incl Block A, Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Mich.: The board requests the Secretary of Interior accept title to the following parcel of land in trust: Land situated in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, Michigan. Lots 12-24 Inclusive, Block A, Everett and Eveland's Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 31, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby requested to

declare the lands to be part of the tribe's reservation.

#117 — Authorization to Convey Property, 916 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.: The board authorized designees to negotiate and enter into agreements to convey to the City of Sault Ste. Marie the following strip of land located in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., for no payment, the purpose being solely to clear up

title on the property and convey the portions already underneath the City sidewalk: The Easterly 7 feet of Lots 20, 21, 23, and 24, Block 3, George Leroy Brown's Addition, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page-15, Chippewa County Records.

#118 — Tribal Transportation Program, Award and Approve See "resolutions," page 10



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VOTE KIM GRAVELLE – UNIT I Sault Tribe Board of Directors



Thank you to all who voted for me in the primary. I take this position very seriously. My promise four years ago was to be a full-time board member, to serve with integrity, to make the best decisions for our membership and to stand up for what I believe. I promised not to get caught up in board politics and have held true to those promises. I am very thankful for the past four years that I have served on the Sault Tribe Board of Directors and would be honored to continue this role.

I retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the Tribal Operations Department. Thirty-one years with the BIA gave me great communication and organizational skills. During my tenure, I was responsible for planning and presenting tribal enrollment workshops. I also coordinated labor force reports, used to request tribal grants, with Michigan Indian tribes.

Through my job I met many of our commercial fishermen and their helpers, so I realize how important it is to protect our tribal hunting and fishing treaty rights.

Experience/Training:

- Tribal Elections Training
- Basic Indian Law
- Tribal Enrollment Training
- Freedom of Information/Privacy Act
- Ethics Training
- Supervisor Management Skills
- Records Management
- American Genealogy Course
- VFW Volunteer
- Retired BIA Employee

Committees:

- Tribal Enrollment Committee
- Early Head Start Committee
- Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society
- River of History Museum
- Native American Retention Task Force
- LSSU Native Conference Committee
- Constitution Convention Committee
- Title VII Indian Education Program
- Sault Tribe Wellness Committee
- Combined Federal Campaign,
- American Red Cross Committee

The experience gained from serving on the committees and the trainings I received have been an asset to the Sault Tribe Board of Directors. As a tribal member, and long-standing member of the Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society, I am passionate about preserving the history and culture of our tribe and Sugar Island.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE: Residential Treatment Center; Vocational/Trade School Funding; Wage Grid Adjustment; Tribal Ethics Code; Increase Elder/Youth/Cultural Services; Elder/Youth Mentor Program; Sustainable Food Source/Agriculture; Respite Care Program.

When elected I will work to make sure you know what decisions are made by the Board of Directors and how it affects you. It is my intention to represent you honestly and diligently, listen closely to your concerns and serve as a good liaison between you and the Board of Directors.

I hope you give me the opportunity to give back to you by choosing me as your Unit I Board of Director.

Contact me at (906) 632-1944, or email me at kkgravelle@yahoo.com.

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Approved resolutions, continued

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Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity Contract with Coleman Engineering for Architecture/Engineering/Consulting Services: Tribal Transportation has determined that entering into an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity ("IDIQ") for professional engineering and consulting services will ensure continued successful completion of Transportation projects; and Coleman Engineering is deemed the most qualified firm to perform engineering services on an "as-needed" basis for construction and planning projects assigned, managed and monitored by the transportation planner for the Transportation Program; and the performance period will begin the date contract is signed and continue for two years with an option to extend for an additional year, not to exceed three years. Tribal Transportation has funding available for the contract.

#119 — Consent to Waiver of Tribal Court Jurisdiction and Approval of Salesforce Master Subscription Agreement: The tribe wishes to enter into a Master Subscription Agreement with Salesforce (SFDC) as negotiated by Sault Thrive; and SFDC will not consent to such agreement without a waiver of Tribal Court jurisdiction and an agreement to consent to the jurisdiction of certain courts in the state of California; and in order to induce SFDC to enter into an agreement for the Master Subscription agreement, the tribe is required to confirm that the tribe and all other entities claiming by, through or under the tribe will not claim exclusive Tribal Court jurisdiction with respect to any disputes or causes of action between the tribe and SFDC that might arise from, or relate to, in any respect, the agreement, or object to the venue clauses found in the agreement; and the tribe consents to the governing law and venue clause found in Sections 12.9 and 12.11 of the agreement, which requires the tribe to consent to the governing law and jurisdiction of the courts in San Francisco, California; and the board approves the agreement, and waives the exclusive jurisdiction of Tribal Court.

#120 — Authorizing a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity as Required to Obtain a Liquor License From The Michigan Liquor Control Commission: The Michigan Liquor Control Commission requested a limited waiver of sovereign immunity before issuing a liquor license for Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course; and the board authorized and approved the Michigan Liquor License Waiver and Consent Agreement - Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course, entering the tribe into a limited waiver and consent agreement for Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

#121 — Amending Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses: Pursuant to Sections 1607 et seq. of Chapter 71 of the Tribal Code, cannabis use by adults has now been decriminalized; and the board has determined that amendments to Tribal

Code Chapter 71 are necessary to align with the tribe's position on cannabis use. The board adopted the amended Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses.

#122 — ARPA Fund Appropriation – Unit I, Cultural Community Center Open Air Pavilion: The board appropriated \$1,250,000 of Unit I approved ARPA funds to accomplish Unit I Cultural Community Center Open Air Pavilion. The enhancements will consist of (but not limited to) an open-air pavilion at least 60 x100 in size with an ADA compliant men's and women's restroom at one end and covered ADA compliant connecting ramp to the Niigaanagiiizhik (open side wall with decorative steel guard/handrails both sides). The Unit 1 Culture Community Center shall also include commercial grade (Glass/Clear) overhead doors on three sides, cedar style ceiling boards, wood burning fireplace on southern side, heating and cooling, stamped colored concrete patio on exterior of

pavilion, complete mechanical, heating, cooling, and electrical. Any remaining funding will be used to update and enhance the Niigaanagiiizhik Building and its surrounding buildings and grounds. The tribe's Purchasing Department will create and execute a bidding process for the hiring of an external contractor to construct and facilitate the Unit 1 Cultural Community Center Open Air Pavilion.

#123 — ARPA Fund Appropriation – Unit I, Big Bear Community Center: The board has appropriated \$1,250,000 of Unit I approved funds for enhancements to the Big Bear Community Center. The center will receive new flooring in the gyms, external basketball courts, outdoor audio-visual equipment (theater and PA), outdoor fitness equipment, and an external hockey rink. The tribe's Purchasing Department will create and execute a bidding process for the hiring of an external contractor to construct and facilitate enhance-

ments.

A regular meeting of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors was held May 3, 2022, in Sault Ste. Marie at the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center. The board discussed and passed 24 resolutions, all by unanimous vote.

#124 — Use of COVID-19 Federal Relief Funds for Hiring of Temporary Medical Personnel: Approved.

#125 — ARPA LE Special Initiatives Establishment of FY 2022 Budget: Approved with Federal BIA ARPA monies of \$233,847.

#126 — CARES Act Detention and Corrections Establishment of FY 2022 Budget: Approved with Federal BIA CARES monies of \$120,533.

#127 — SMART FY 2022 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program Application: The board authorized Sault Tribe Law Enforcement to apply to the SMART Office for the SMART FY 2022 Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant

Program.

#128 — IHS Special Diabetes FY 2022 Budget Modification: Approved for an increase in Federal Indian Health Services monies of \$603,878.

#129 — Health Sault Dental and Third-Party Revenue FY 2022 Budget Modifications: Approved, increasing the transfer out to \$106,288.86.

#130 — Traditional Medicine FY 2022 Budget Modification: Approved for a change to the personnel sheet and a reallocation of expenses.

#131 — Manistique Medical Nursing and Third-Party Revenue FY 2022 Budget Modifications: Approved for a change to the personnel sheet, reallocate expenses, and reduce Third Party revenue \$128,358.79.

#132 — Munising Pharmacy and Third-Party Revenue, FY 2022 Budget Modifications: Approved for an increase in expenses with Third-Party

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For Positive
Change
VOTE



McKECHNIE

Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit 1

Miigwech *to the Sault Tribe Voters that helped move me into the general election in 2020 as one of your top candidates. With you and your family's continued support we can win the 2022 election. By voting for me, you will bring someone with fresh ideas to the board who will push for positive change for our tribe.*

Elders *Our Elders are sacred keepers and teachers of traditional values. We need to respect and care for them. I will do everything possible to make sure the money borrowed from the Elder Fund is paid back with an annual increase to this fund. I will protect your money from being used in inappropriate ways in the future. I will work to institute a plan for increasing this fund so that your dividend checks will be increased.*

Independent *I will be open to fellow board members' opinions and ideas as long as their opinions and ideas align with the tribe's strategic plan. When elected to the board, I will do what is right for ALL members wherever they reside. I will not compromise my integrity or the tribe's integrity just for a vote.*

Team Members *As a former employee, I understand your frustration with the lack of appreciation and respect. When elected, I will push for policies ensuring that our employees are free to speak without worrying about retribution and that all employment vacancies are posted so qualified members are considered for these positions. I will work to implement a long-term compensation package to include annual wage grid increases like we just implemented at JKL Bahweting School. I will make sure that the health and safety of our team members is our tribe's top employment priority.*

Community Focused *I have lived in our community most of my life and continue to volunteer my time for the betterment of our community. I currently serve on the JKL Bahweting School Board and Sault Tribe Housing Commission and have served on the Child Welfare, Elections, Enrollment, and Health committees. I also serve on the Community Foundation Board. I know and respect many of our members in our community, their resolute and sacrifice should never be questioned.*

Board Salary

I support reducing the board's salary but please keep in mind the career politicians will need to support this resolution to reduce their own salary. I will donate a portion of my wages to help our Elder's and Youth.

Term Limits

I support 2 four year terms for the Board and will pledge to only serve two terms on the board if elected. We've had enough career politicians who become comfortable and unwilling to change.

Sound Business

I support sound economic business decisions. As a businessman, I believe sole source contracting eliminates competition and disadvantages our tribal Members who own their own businesses.

I respectfully ask for you and your family's continued support. We have 50,000 members and its time that your voice is heard. Please excise your right vote and vote for Isaac McKechnie, your candidate for Unit 1 Board of Directors. To show your support, ask questions, or help please contact me and remember there are only two open seats for unit 1.

~Miigwech, Isaac McKechnie

Primary Ballots Mailed: April 28th ~ General Election Ballots Mailed: June 1st

Cell: 906.440.6661 FB: Isaac McKechnie Email: iamckechnie@yahoo.com

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#133 — Munising Maintenance and Housekeeping and Third-Party Revenue, FY 2022 Budget Modifications: Approved for an increase in expenses with Third Party revenue of \$4,453.60.

#134 — Health COVID Equipment Establishment of FY 2022 Budget: Approved with Federal IHS monies of \$165,486.

#135 — Health COVID Mental Health Establishment of FY 2022 Budget: Approved with Federal IHS monies of \$1,109,468.

#136 — Health COVID Services/PRC Establishment of FY 2022 Budget: Approved with Federal IHS monies of \$2,435,027.

#137 — Health COVID Lost Reimbursement Establishment of FY 2022 Budget: Approved with Federal IHS monies of \$8,705,591.

#138 — Health COVID CSC Funding, Establishment of FY 2022 Budget: Approved with Federal IHS monies of \$168,975.

#139 — Health COVID CSC Funding Indirect Establishment of FY 2022 Budget: Approved with Federal IHS monies of \$469,172.

#140 — Purchased Referred Care and Third-Party Revenue, FY 2022 Budget Modifications: Approved for a change to the personnel

sheet and an increase in expenses with Third Party revenue of \$1,653,704.

#141 — Reaffirming Tribal PRC Services Available: The board reaffirmed and approved the list of available PRC services to reflect changes that have evolved over the last several years.

#142 — ARPA Fund Appropriation Unit 4, Escanaba Community Center: The board appropriated \$3,000,000 of Unit 4 approved ARPA funds to build a new Unit 4 Community Center on the Escanaba reservation.

The new Community Center will include a Traditional Medicine room, commercial kitchen, community events gathering space, conference/board room, offices, ADA compliant men's and women's bathrooms, showers, as well as a backup generator for emergency community space. The board authorized the tribe's Purchasing Department to create and execute a bidding process for the hiring of an external contractor to construct the new center.

#143 — ARPA Fund Appropriation, Unit 4 Manistique Exercise Facility: The board appropriated \$4,000,000 of Unit 4 approved ARPA funds to build a new Unit 4 Exercise Facility near the existing Manistique Tribal Health Center. The new facility will include an exercise room, yoga/massage room, basketball court, walking track,

24-hour access, ADA compliant men's and women's locker rooms, bathrooms, and showers, as well as a backup generator for emergency community space. The board authorized the tribe's Purchasing Department to create and execute a bidding process for the hiring of an external contractor to construct the facility.

#144 — ARPA Fund Appropriation, Unit 4 Housing: The board appropriated \$1,000,000 of Unit 4 approved ARPA Funds for new home purchases within Unit 4. The board authorized the tribe's Purchasing Department to create and execute a bidding process to facilitate the Unit 4 home purchases.

#145 — ARPA Fund Appropriation Unit 5 Munising Community Center: The board appropriated \$1,000,000 of Unit 5 approved ARPA funds for the design, engineering, construction and renovation of the Munising Community Center. The board authorized the tribe's Purchasing Department to create and execute a bidding process to facilitate the Unit 5 Munising Community Center project.

#146 — ARPA Fund Appropriation Unit 5 Housing: The board appropriated \$1,000,000 of Unit 5 approved ARPA funds for new home purchases within Unit 5. The board authorized the tribe's Purchasing Department to create and execute a bidding process to facilitate the Unit 5 home purchases.

#147 — ARPA Fund Appropriation Unit 5, Marquette Community Center: The board appropriated \$1,000,000 of Unit 5 approved ARPA funds for the design, engineering, construction and renovation of the Marquette Community Center. The board authorized the tribe's Purchasing Department to create and execute

a bidding process to facilitate the Unit 5 Marquette Community Center project.

To view approved resolutions in their entirety, visit www.saulttribe.com under 'government,' 'board of directors,' the 'download' tab in the sidebar, and finally 'board meeting votes and approved resolutions.'

Brimley High offers classes on LSSU campus



From left: Denvy McCord and Brynn Jannetta visited the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing to represent innovative Career and Technical programs throughout Michigan. They were accompanied by Instructor Scott McLeod and CEPD Administrator Tammy Rutledge as they talked with Michigan Legislators about the importance of the hands-on, project-based studies offered by Brimley High School and taught on the campus of Lake Superior State University. Local Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate High School District juniors and seniors can earn up to seven college credits through this program. The Natural Resources segment, where McCord and Jannetta are enrolled, focuses on the care and conservation of local watersheds and wildlife habitat. Eligible students wishing to participate in the 2022-23 school year should speak to their high school guidance counselor prior to scheduling for the upcoming year.

Chi Miigwetch Sault Tribe Voters!

I am extremely blessed to have received 933 votes from you, the members, in the primary and believe the success of OUR CAMPAIGN is because this has never been about me, it has always been about US and OUR TRIBE rising together! Our members sent a clear message, in the primary, that change is needed. But our goal is not to finish 2nd. Let's rally together for one more big push into the general election. I have developed my platform based on what you, the members, have expressed to me as the most important issues facing our people. This is the members platform. Let's make it finish 1st in the general election.

I respectfully ask for your vote one more time in the general election as we move together towards a brighter future for our people. and assert our sovereignty. I encourage all supporters to become more engaged, make calls and send messages to encourage those who did not vote in the primary to vote in the general election. Let's make the voice of OUR MEMBERS the loudest voice in this election. Together We Rise! Thank you once again, I appreciate every one of you!

Ballots Mailed - June 1st Ballots Counted - June 23rd



Vote

Together We Rise **Rob McRorie**

For Members First Leadership

My Dream...

My Dream has always been to unify our people. To establish a new standard of leadership by setting an example and demonstrating selfless service and always giving back to the community that built me

If Elected, I Pledge to Donate \$10,000 Each Year of my Term

\$10,000 - Elders Care, Housing Medication etc.
 \$10,000 - Culture, Language, Craft Workshops
 \$10,000 - Scholarships and, Job Enhancement
 \$10,000 - At Large Member Assistance Program

Sault Tribe Unit 1 Board of Directors

What We Can Accomplish!

- Economic Development Plan for Self-Sustainability
- Business Decisions Must Uphold Our Values First
- Allocate a Percentage of Net Revenues to Elders
- Tribal Labor Laws to Protect Employees Rights
- Establish Organic Farming and Distribution Services
- Expand Our Marijuana Brand Beyond Current Partnership
- Establish Long Term Environmental Protection Plan
- Code of Ethics for Board of Directors and Chair
- Employment Policies Apply to Board and Chair
- Members Vote on Salary of the Board and Chair
- Membership Vote on Term Limits via Referendum
- Monthly Unit Meetings with Tribal Members
- Separation of Powers - Elected Judicial Officials
- Assert Our Sovereignty and Protect Treaty Rights

I will Always Lead with a Members First Approach, this is Our Tribe!

- This ad is approved by Robert McRorie
- 10 years Experience in the Education Field
 - 5 years Experience in the Mental Health Field
 - 2016 Dreamstarter for Billy Mills & Team Running Strong
 - Owner of McRorie Martial Arts & Combat Fitness
 - Owner of RLM Digital Marketing & Promotions
 - Co- Owner of J&R Real Estate Investment LLC
 - CEO of "Addiction Sucks" Nonprofit Organization

F.A.R.M. Program grants currently available

The Northern Shores Community Development F.A.R.M. Program is accepting applications for another round of \$2,500 grants. Grants will be available to support emerging or established Native American farmers and ranchers; and agricultural, aquaculture and aquafarming entrepreneurs.

— Eight grants will be available from the “Capitalizing and Growing Odawa Agriculture” Year 2 and

— Eight grants will be available from the “Capitalizing and Growing Native Agribusiness and Value-added Agribusiness” Year 1

Only one application per person/household/business will be

considered.

Tribal citizens of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Ottawa, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Odawa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are encouraged

to apply.

Treaty fishing is included in the description of agriculture as well as harvesting, gathering and processing natural resources to produce a product.

Applications are available at nscdi.org. Applications will be accepted until June 30, 2022

Those who are awarded a

grant will be notified by July 15. The grant recipients will be announced on nscdi.org.

For an application, or for more information, please visit our website.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact FARM Loan Director Sandra Witherspoon at switherspoon@nscdi.org.

Donors, volunteers keep kids fishing pond open for another year

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — As the Eastern Upper Peninsula inches toward summer, Sault Ste. Marie is preparing to open its Kids Fishing Pond at Rotary Park.

Volunteers from Cloverland Electrical Cooperative, Lake Superior State University, the city of Sault Ste. Marie, and the community plan to have the pond ready to go by the first weekend in June, assisted with funding from the Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau’s non-profit fund, the Sault Area Foundation for Education.

Rainbow trout will be provided for most of the summer from the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery through its fishing initiative that provides fish to groups that promote free and accessible youth fishing opportunities across the state.

“The Jordan River National Fish Hatchery was our main donor in 2021, once again keeping the pond teeming with rainbow trout,” said Roger Greil who,



until his recent retirement from LSSU, had been coordinating the pond activities since its inception in 2004. “In 2021, the hatchery stocked an average of 875 fish per month in June, July, August and September. All of the fish were 10-14 in. long.”

According to Megan Thompson, who manages LSSU’s hatchery at the Center for Freshwater Research and Education, the Jordan River hatchery will once again be providing a big boost to the pond.

“We have 2,000 rainbow trout from Jordan River coming in two stockings,” Thompson said. “The first will be right after we install the blocker net, and the second will be the week of July 27, just before the annual Kids Fishing Day on July 30.”

The pond is open to youth aged 16-under, both residents and visitors, and Greil said kids use it daily. Word travels quickly once the pond is stocked.

“Last year, we were putting the net in and kids were pulling up on their bikes waiting to fish,” said Scott Ellis, hydroelectric plant manager with Cloverland Electrical Cooperative. Each year, the Cloverland hydro crew installs the blocker net that creates the pond and keeps fish in it.

In addition to major sponsors, many members of the community help out by donating funds for purchasing fish or prizes for the Connor Gorsuch Kid’s Fishing Day, held annually on the last Saturday in July. The event is held from 9 a.m.-noon, rain or

shine, and everything -- bait, food, drinks, prizes -- is available free for kids. In 2021, in spite of rain, more than 160 kids fished in the event.

“Just as we wouldn’t be able to have a pond without those who donate fish, we couldn’t have the Kid’s Fishing Day without those individuals and businesses in the community who donate their time and more. We have had people involved with this annual event since it began,” Greil said.

The Sault Ste. Marie Kid’s Fishing Pond was created by the now-defunct Soo Area Sportsmen’s Club, city of Sault Ste. Marie, Cloverland Electric Cooperative and Lake Superior State University by placing a blocking net in an oxbow of the St. Mary’s River, keeping fish in the enclosure. When the Soo Area Sportsmen’s Club dissolved, a few of its members approached Linda Hoath, director of the Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau, with the idea of working together to keep the pond open.

“Thankfully, the CVB was able to step in to ensure the pond and events continue to be supported through its Sault Area Foundation for Education (SAFE),” Greil said.

SAFE is a 501C3 foundation (tax ID 46-0739920) with the CVB that can accept and distribute funds for the pond and associated maintenance. A committee of volunteers oversees management of the pond and events.

“We’re thankful each year that our youth have a place to fish and our community has another activity that encourages family involvement,” Greil said. “But in spite of the incredible support we have, we can always use more help.”

Anyone interested in donating funds, or finding out more about the pond and how they can help, should contact the Sault Area Foundation for Education, P.O. Box 1000, or 225 E. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 49783, or call Megan Thompson at (906) 635-1949.

Paul BARBEAUX VOTE

Endorsed by Paul Barbeaux

VoteBarbeauxUnit2@gmail.com

Unit 2 ~ Sault Tribe Board of Directors

906-440-1754

For Honesty & Transparency in Tribal Government

An Experienced Leader:

- 35 yrs as a successful business owner in the EUP with real life marketing, accounting & budgeting experience
- 15 yrs serving you on our Tribe’s Conservation Committee including as Chair; also regularly attends community events & pow wows
- 3+ yrs actively participating in our Fishing Rights Negotiations (commercial & subsistence fishers) with the Five 1836 Treaty Tribes

I will Work Hard For You:

- Make our Tribal Elders a Priority including Increasing Annual Dividend and Supporting Funds for Emergency Assistance
- Supporting and Funding Youth and Young Adult Programs from YEA and College Grants including Vocational Technical
- Dedicate Funds for Skilled Trades, Apprenticeships, and Certificate programs to Expedite Income earning & Self-Sufficiency
- Equal Representation for all of Unit 2 communities and Defend our Tribal Sovereignty in every decision I make on your behalf
- Put my Business Background to Work to Increase our Tribal Revenues through Diversification of Tribal Businesses
- Enhancing Access to Cultural Programs and Social Events as well as Work with Schools in our Unit to Adopt Cultural Curriculum
- Improving Local Availability of Community Health Services & Health Prevention Services in all Unit 2 Communities

I will represent all of Unit 2 (Detour/Drummond, Naubinway, Newberry, Engadine, Hessel, Gulliver, Germfask & Gould City)

~ Thank you for the following Endorsements ~

Lana Causley
Catherine Hollowell
John Smith

Bob King
Carl Frasier
Kevin Leonard

Fannie Anslin
Bob Derusha
Pat Kelley

James Bailey Sr & Jr
Duncan MacArthur
Joe Hudak

Sault Tribe Business Alliance to hold annual conference at Kewadin Conference Center

BY SCOTT LAVICTOR

The Sault Tribe Business Alliance (STBA) will hold its annual conference for Sault Tribe member-owned and Native American-owned businesses on Friday, Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kewadin Conference Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The event is free for all attendees and, for the first time, will include a business pitch competition with business support services as awards.

Conference Chair Sandy Griggs said that the theme for this year's conference is "Building Forward" and sessions will focus on business opportunities related to finance, food and government.

This year's Keynote Speaker is David Glass from the BIA's Office of Indian Economic Development. Other presenters include Northern Initiatives, a Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that supports business growth via tailored financing, and Sheila

Kreason, a procurement specialist with PEDCO PTAC, an agency that helps Native American-owned businesses identify and win government contracts.

Griggs added that STBA is especially excited to again partner with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and their Pure Michigan Business Connect (PMBC) program, who this year is offering a business pitch competition during the conference. Participants will give a brief "elevator pitch" on a

new business idea, with winners awarded in-kind business support services from a selection of vendors.

STBA uses a chamber of commerce model to bring Sault Tribe member-owned businesses, sponsors, service providers, Native American and tribal-owned businesses together to network for the purposes of growth, said Griggs. "There are endless opportunities via networking with like-minded individuals... (and) there is no better

way to grow your business than do so with people who are part of your tribe, literally and figuratively."

Conference sponsor opportunities remain available, and information on how to register for the conference and pitch competition is coming in early June.

For more information on the conference and joining STBA, please visit stballiance.org, as well as its pages on Facebook and LinkedIn.

Sault Tribe, Inc. finds competitive advantage in Anishinaabeg Seven Grandfather's teachings

FROM SAULT TRIBE, INC.

SAULT STE. MARIE – During last month's annual meeting, Sault Tribe Inc. (STI) aligned its subsidiary entities, joint

venture partners and third-party vendors behind a strategic vision rooted in the Anishinaabeg Seven Grandfather's teachings.

"With the success of our busi-

ness ventures in the last year and our ambitious goals for the future, we cannot overlook the bigger picture," board of directors president Alan Barr said. "The annual

meeting was an excellent exercise in collaboration with our stakeholders to align our strategy with our tribe's cultural values. This will ensure long-term business

growth and benefits for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians."

As a Section 17 holding company, STI operates in various industries, including media production, hazardous abatement, online gaming and construction management. According to Barr, the Seven Grandfather's teachings promote ethical conduct and productivity, which when applied to general business practices and company culture can improve performance.

"Our teachings like honesty, humility and bravery, to name a few, lend a unique competitive advantage," Barr said. "People want to do business with trustworthy and dependable companies that aren't afraid to be innovative. That's how we will continue to succeed in cultivating profitable business relationships."

The board members and executive team see the "Native way" of doing business as STI's natural approach toward improving health, education, social service, youth development and elder care programs for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

"Our board of directors, tribal government, subsidiaries and business partners deserve much praise for our accomplishments," Chief Executive Officer Joel Schultz said. "Together, we're turning our visions into reality. Imagine what we will accomplish with a shared vision that prioritizes people above profits."

Learn more about Sault Tribe Inc. by visiting its website, www.saulttribeinc.com, and Facebook page.

Vote Kimberly Lee for Unit 2

What an honor to receive so much support from Unit 2 members. Your vote, and encouragement are valued and appreciated. Together, we now move forward to the General Election. The primary was run in a way that I am incredibly proud of, and I hope we can maintain that level of unsoiled behavior through this election and beyond. Our tribe's ugly politics need change, a collective group that hears the member's needs and is willing to put forth the effort to make sure we are meeting them. How? By centering ourselves and seeing things from every angle and working together for the greater good of all members. Your encouragement and support exhibit that you are also ready to take the necessary steps to embark on this journey together. We must adjust the sails and continue the voyage ahead. A reminder of a few things I would like to see if given the opportunity to serve you.



to support and fund resources

- Outlying membership programs and support Member's right to vote on board salary, term limits, and other vital issues
- Prioritizing Increased elder funds

- Revitalizing our youth education and activities programs (YEA)
- Protection of our treaty rights and natural resources
- Introduction to the idea of starting a food sovereignty program
- Fair labor, advancement opportunities, and employee rights
- Economic investment expansions that increase revenue and strengthen our ability to achieve true self-sustainability
- Increasing trade employment, training, and internship opportunities
- Work to develop an emergency response plan that we can put in place to respond to crises effectively.

Endorsed by Kimberly Lee

Moving?

Keep your address current to continue receiving the tribal newspaper and tribal mail.

Call Enrollment at (800) 251-6597 or (906) 635-3396.

Call the Sault Tribe Health Center at (906) 632-5200 to update your address for medical, optical and dental.

Call the newspaper at (906) 632-6398 to continue to receive your paper in the mail.

Visit saulttribe.com for program and services information.

Elder Outreach Program available for tribal seniors

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Elder Services Division implemented its Elder Outreach Program in November 2020. This program focuses on assisting tribal elders 60 and over living within the seven-county service area by providing assistance to accessing community resources available to them.

Elder Services Outreach Team networks with community organizations, tribal and non-tribal, to find the best resources to fit elder's needs, whether the elder lives in their family home, nursing home, or community setting.

Outreach workers will meet with elders in their home and evaluate their needs and advocate for services so the elder may maintain a good quality life as they age.

Some of the services offered by the outreach team are assistance filling out paperwork, obtaining services, or assisting an elder with navigating other health or social service systems, such as the Social Security Administration, Medicare, medical billing, utility companies, or any other agency or organization an elder needs assistance contacting.

There are four elder outreach workers: Jennifer Bouschor - Units I and II, serving Chippewa and Luce County; Jeanine "Sissi" O'Connor - serving Unit III, Mackinac County; Stacie Mattson - serving Unit IV, Alger and Schoolcraft Counties; and Heather Jarvis - serving Unit V, Delta and Marquette Counties.

All Elder Care program information can be located on the Sault Tribe's website at www.saulttribe.com or by calling (906) 635-4971.

Other elder services include the meal program, which offers a congregate meal setting as well as home delivered; transportation to and from medical appointments; and the Elder Health Fund, which assists qualifying elders with obtaining optical and dental services as well as medical equipment. In home services include personal care, respite care, and homemaking such as housekeeping, shopping/errands and meal preparation.



Stacie Mattson

Elder Services Outreach Worker Jennifer Bouschor says she looks forward to sitting down with elders to discuss their needs and help in any way she can.

Bouschor said, "With COVID restrictions being lifted recently, we have opened up our congregate meal sites and the elders are more than excited to be back and able to eat and visit with those they haven't seen in almost two years. The first day back was April 4, and it was nothing but smiles, hugs, laughing and catching up. It was a great thing to see."

Jennifer Bouschor

I am the Outreach Worker for Units I and II. I began working as an outreach worker in August 2021.

My employment with Sault Tribe began at just 14 years old in the JTPA Program with Sault Tribe Housing Authority. Since then, I have worked in other areas but have always found myself working in a health or human service setting.

My grandmother was a Sault Tribe elder and I have always had a passion for advocating for the elder population. It can be very hard for an elder as they age to remain independent and well cared for. My goal is to help in any way I can that will give elders a good quality of life. I have helped obtain housing for the homeless, found appropriate long-term care settings, and helped elders access much needed help with food, utility assistance, or even repairs to



Jennifer Bouschor

their home.

Not only does the Outreach Program benefit elders, it has increased my awareness where services are lacking and has motivated me to go back to continue my education. One thing I am most grateful for is the knowledge and cultural teachings my elders have passed down. I enjoy getting to know them, their families and seeing their success.

Heather Jarvis

Hello, my name is Heather Jarvis and I work for Elder Care as an elder outreach worker covering Delta and Marquette counties.

I am a mother of five, and a grandmother of two. Three of my own children and two adopted. Kendall and Kent are 26, Timothy is 21, Emma is 12 and Jayce is 5. I have worked for the tribe for about 15 years. I was the Community Health tech in Delta County until I took the position for Elder Service as the elder outreach worker.

I really enjoy working for the tribe, I have met many neat people. In my position I try to help as many elders as I can.

As an elder outreach worker, I see tribal members who are 60 and older in Delta and Marquette counties. I help elders fill out many applications from tribal applications to state applications or anything else I can help with. My job has given me so many opportunities to help clients get set up with Meals on Wheels, Lifeline, Medicaid, food commodities, elder heat, housing and pretty



Heather Jarvis

much every application through the tribe. It is very rewarding when you can get a tribal elder some help like a roof or a new furnace.

I am looking forward to meeting more tribal elders. I feel the COVID restrictions are lifting a little bit, and we are going to get back to having our monthly elder meetings.

Elder meetings are the second Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce in Escanaba for Delta County elders.

For Marquette County tribal elders, the meetings will be the first Thursday of the month at the Holiday Inn in Marquette. I am looking forward to meeting each of you.

Feel free to reach out to me at Elder Care at (906) 635-4971, I can schedule a home visit and would be happy to fill you in on all the programs.

Jeannine O'Connor

Hello, my name is Jeannine O'Connor, but I like to go by "Sissi." I am an outreach worker with Sault Tribe Elder Service Division. I've been working with elders for 16 years. I was a Community Health Technician in St. Ignace for 14 years and when the board passed the new outreach worker position I applied. I was hired and the past two years I've been working with the Eldercare Division and cover all of Mackinac County.

I love working with elders and helping them receive services that

they are entitled to. Elders are still learning about my position and what I can do for them. The ones that already have been seen in their home are so grateful that this service was available for them.

A lot of our elders are unaware of the programs that are available to them and once they are introduced to them, they say "Oh, this is so nice to know and have for us elders." With the COVID restrictions, the elders are still a bit leery, but all the outreach workers wear a mask when entering their homes.

Please call the Elder Service Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356 with any questions or concerns. I look forward to helping our elders.

Stacie Mattson

My name is Stacie Mattson. I am an elder outreach worker for Elder Services. I currently service all of Schoolcraft and Alger Counties and have been in my position since October 2020.

My job allows me to meet and learn from our elders, as well as help them with anything and everything they may need. Our ultimate goal is to help our elders stay independent and attain services for them when they are unable to. Miigwech to all of my elders for allowing me into their homes and trusting me to help with whatever their needs may be.

Outside of my employment with the tribe, I am a mother above all else. My son Christian is 17 years old and will graduate from high school next year. My daughter Jordan is 14 and just started driver's training.

I grew up in Manistique and currently own my own home there. I was lucky enough to be raised in a traditional tribal family so I am aware of our culture. I am forever grateful for my 92-year-old grandfather, Jerome Peterson. He has given me the strength and respect needed to be who I am today. He has taught me how important it is for the youth of our tribe to honor our elders and put them first.

You can reach me by calling (906) 635-4971, or by email at smattson@saulttribe.net.

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- Strategic Planning Including All
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Unit 3 Members deserve a full time Board Member who knows the value of family, community, public service & tribal activism. Pictured above is my wife Tammy, my mom Joyce, my wedding photo, my son Samuel with me at Standing Rock, with Chairperson Payment about to meet the President & me and my firefighting brothers.

Endorsed by Shawn Borowicz

West Point introduces students to STEAM



Photos by Scott Brand

TEAM PHOTO — Students from Mrs. Susan Solomon’s Gifted and Talented Program gathered for a team photo after competing in April’s science, technology, engineering arts and mathematics (STEAM) competition sponsored by the West Point Society of Michigan. (Pictured from left to right) Caleb Daley, Clark Suggitt, Spade Volrath-Bush, Jay Johnson, Kamryn Corbiere, Asia Jones, Lillian Clark, Andrew Kabelman, Andrew Aikens and Dean Roe.



PLAQUE AWARDED — Asia Jones accepted a plaque from James Boileau on behalf of the entire team for ceremonial purposes. Boileau presented the plaque in April on behalf of a long list of dignitaries who gathered for the event including City Mayor Don Gerrie, City Commissioner Shane Miller, Chippewa County Engineer Stephanie Boileau, Chippewa County Road Manager Rob Laitinen, City Manager Bryan Chapman, City Engineer Dave Boyle and Sault Tribal Board of Director Kim Gravelle.



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The Sault Tribe Health Survey 2022!

Your voice counts! Sault Tribe Community Health is completing a survey for the Sault Tribe Health Division planning and grant evaluation. All Sault Tribe households in the service area will be invited to take the survey online. By hearing from our tribal members, we can better understand the issues affecting our tribe’s health and wellbeing and assist with future programming.

- **Who can participate in the survey?** - One adult (age 18 and over) living in a household of an enrolled Sault Tribe member can complete the survey on behalf of the entire household. Only households with an address within the seven-county service area are eligible to participate in this survey.
- **Why should I participate?** - The results of this survey will be used by the Health Division to evaluate existing tribal programs and plan for new or improved services to better address the health needs of tribal families.
- **Do I have to take the survey?** The survey is totally voluntary. Your decision to take the survey won’t affect the services you are eligible to get from the Tribe. You can skip any question you don’t feel comfortable answering. Only one survey can be completed per household.
- **What topics are covered in the survey?** - The survey asks for basic information (such as age, race, income); and about your physical and mental health, health care, nutrition, tobacco and substance use, and physical activity. Those with a child living in the home, there are questions about the child’s health, nutrition, and physical activity.
- **Will my answers be kept confidential?** - All surveys will be kept private, confidential, and secure as required by federal laws.



Watch Your Mailbox



Sault Tribe Community Health asks tribal households in the service area to watch for your invite letter to come in the mail. You will need the web address and access code in the letter to take the survey. Please go online and complete one survey for your household by June 10, 2022. Once you complete the survey, you can enter a raffle drawing for a chance to win one of five \$100 gift cards.

If you have any questions or cannot locate your survey invite letter, please call Sault Tribe Community Health at 906-632-5210 or email: tribalhealthsurvey@mphi.org.

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program

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2022 June Clinic Hours

June 13, 15, 22, 27, 29
Sault Ste. Marie Health Center
(906)632-0236 Lori Gambardella

June 14th
Manistique Health Center
(906)341-8469 or (866) 401-0043

June 20th
St. Ignace Health Center
(906)643-8689 or (877)256-0135

June 21th
Hessel Community Center
(906)484-2727

June 28th
Munising Health Center
(906)387-4721 or (800)236-4705

Any Questions, Please Call Traditional Medicine Program at 906-632-0236 or 906-632-0220

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program

GERARD SAGASSIGE

2022 July Clinic Hours

Traditional Medicine hours are

July 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 29
Sault Ste. Marie Health Center
(906)632-0236 Lori Gambardella

July 5th
St. Ignace Health Center
(906)643-8689 or (877)256-0135

July 12th
Manistique Health Center
(906)341-8469 or (866) 401-0043

July 19th
Munising Health Center
(906)387-4721 or (800)236-4705

Any Questions, Please Call Traditional Medicine Program at 906-632-0236 or 906-632-0220

Sault Tribe Natural Resources performing beach assessments on young lake whitefish

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Sault Tribe Natural Resources Assessment Biologist Jason Smith, along with Fisheries Technicians Dave Pine and Ron McKechnie and Fisheries Tech II/Boat Captain Rich Reining have been busy performing beach assessments on young Lake Whitefish (Atikameg) and their close cousin Lake Herring (Otoonapii) to determine how large their hatch was this year, before they move out into deep water where they disappear for four to seven years.

Smith said Atikameg and Otoonapii have interesting life histories. "The eggs are laid in November and hatch around ice out. The young fish move onto the beach and live there until July or August. After that, we seldom (seriously, very very seldom) see them again until they are at least four-five years old, and more commonly six to seven. Our goal with the beach survey is to try to determine how large a year class is when the fish are still very small and before they move out to the deep

water," he said.

Smith said the survey has multiple parts - when the fish are less than 25-mm they use a neuston net to capture them (that multi-agency effort began in 2013). After that, they use a beach seine. Smith said they also collect zooplankton samples to determine what food resources are available to the young fish.

The surveys are currently underway at five sites - Big Abe's Landing (Lake Superior), Saddlebags Islands (Lake Huron), Brevort River,

Manistique and Nahma (Lake Michigan). He said, "We conduct this survey from ice out until the fish leave the beach (typically late July).

Currently, about 15 other natural resources agencies are participating from southern Lake Huron to southern Lake Michigan and in far eastern and far western Lake Superior."

The goal of the surveys is to create an index of abundance for age-0 (first year of life) Atikameg. "The challenge has been that once the fish leave the

beach, we do not see them again for many years. Therefore, this dataset is just now old enough to really begin to analyze, and really still needs three to five more years of data," he said.

Other projects Smith and the Natural Resources Department are working on include deep-water Cisco (Jichkes) restoration, Otoonapii morphometrics, population monitoring and modeling for Great Lakes species of interest, aquatic invasive species, and river spawning Atikameg restoration.



Photos by Sault Tribe Natural Resources Assessment Biologist Jason Smith

Above: Baby fish. Right: Dave Pine and Rich Reining getting ready to pull a beach seine. The goal of that effort is to determine whether there are any larval fish predators in the area (often been thought that Smelt would be a big predator of age-0 Atikameg). These photos were taken at Big Abe's Landing (Lake Superior, 15 miles West of Brimley).



Dave Pine and Rich Reining are 'shaking down' a neuston net to wash any captured Atikameg larvae down into the 'cod end' of the net. After that they will go in the white tub (above left) to be counted.



Rich Reining towing a zooplankton net to determine how much food is available for the larval Atikameg.

Sexual Assault awareness drive-thru event held



Participants from the Great Lakes Recovery Center.



A Sexual Assault Awareness Drive Thru event was held April 26 at the Niigaanigiizhik building from 4-6 p.m.



Child Care Development Fund Coordinator Trish Sterling and son Tyler, unloading items from their vehicle, and lending a helping hand is Kerry Laitinen from ACFS (right).

Photos by Jess Gillotte-King



Helen Wilkins gives a thumbs up.

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Please bring a copper cup or drinking vessel and skirt if available to ceremony

Women on their moon time may attend (offerings can be made on your behalf)

Please contact Lori Gambardella or Bree Hissong with any questions

Masks are recommended

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THE ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER IS SEEKING QUILTERS TO CREATE A COMMUNITY QUILT TO COMMEMORATE OUR BOARDING SCHOOL CHILDREN. THE 12X12 SQUARES WILL BE SEWN TOGETHER TO CREATE A BEAUTIFUL QUILT TO DISPLAY IN HONOR OF OUR LOST CHILDREN AND SURVIVORS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CREATING A SQUARE FOR THE COMMUNITY QUILT, PLEASE CONTACT JESS GILLOTTE-KING, COMMUNITY EDUCATOR FOR ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER. 906-632-1808. SQUARES ARE NEEDED BY AUGUST 2022. MIIGWECHI

JKL School's gifted and talented students hold science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) event

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

JKL Bahweting School Gifted and Talented Specialist Susan Solomon said the school's gifted and talented program students in grades 2-8 planned a recent science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) event at the school.

Each gifted and talented student specialized in a STEAM area, with some choosing to share projects on energy transfer, others on virtual reality (VR) headsets and why VR is an important part of enhancing education. One student coded and programmed robots, and others shared what they are learning about non-Newtonian fluids and

created slime packets for students. There was a bubble geometry demonstration and creativity with Legos, Rubik's Cubes were used to create mosaics and Solomon said the students who are experts in solving Rubik's Cubes were helping others learn.

She said, "We have a group of third graders who learned about circuits and who created different hands-on circuitry projects for kids to play with. We have a fourth grader who studied about magnets and created a fun activity for students to do with magnets, including learning about magnetic fields. Another group of fourth graders did magnification and have microscopes

and specimens. Fifth graders learned about animation and have some different claymation, stop motion animation, flip books and additional technology. Another group of fifth graders did 3-D printing and finally food science, where kids learned about why popcorn pops and cotton candy goes from one state to another."

Solomon said the entire school was invited to attend and participate in the event held in the school's gymnasium. She said the event generated a carnival-like atmosphere with everyone being excited to try the different activities when it was their class's turn to attend.



Evan Pierson demonstrates magnetic fields to Kacie Corbiere, who is eating popcorn used as a demonstration tool for another project.



Skye Downwind checks out a magnifier glass.



Fourth graders Ma'Layah Tobias and Chayse Lujan, with their magnification project.



Corbin Pancheri (left) and teacher Peter Joseph working on a project together.



Ipads were used to control robots.



From left: Third grader Richard Wasmuth, IV, and second graders Morgan Gurnoe and Ivan Neuenschwander.



From left: Eighth graders Gracie Akridge and Andrew Kabelman, seventh grader Andrew Aikens, and eighth grader Danielle Osborn with their "Transfer of Energy" Lego project.

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- **When:** Saturday July 23rd, 7:30am to 2:30pm (arrive no later than 7:00am so we can get the boats launched)
- **Where:** Conley Point DNR boat launch in Barbeau, MI

SIGN UP NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JULY 10th!!!

Please bring a Michigan Fishing License, appropriate clothing (rain gear, comfy shoes, sunscreen, etc.), & your own snacks and drinks!

Your SMWC boat captain will have all the tackle, bait, and appropriate safety gear.

Register at:
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Please contact our Veterans Fishing Day committee by email at smwcvetsfishingday@gmail.com or our committee chair Samantha Marzean at 906-630-0129 for more information & registration

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No Tobacco Day being observed on May 31

BY JESSICA A. RICKERT, DDS, ANISHINAABE DENTAL OUTREACH

Want to be appealing? Want to be cool? Then put that tobacco down. Tobacco use in any form — cigarette, cigar, pipe, smokeless and vape — will prematurely age your skin and hair, and you might even lose your teeth.

Your complexion will get worse with discoloration and skin tags. Your face will look dull, sullen, and leathery.

Fine lines will develop around your eyes, and dark bags will form under them.

Eyes can also become bloodshot and dry.

Deep wrinkles will form around your mouth.

Your hair will lose luster and shine. Chemicals in cigarettes cause hair to be starved of oxy-

gen, which will make it dull, brittle and lifeless.

Bad smells include stinky breath and smoke on your hair, body and clothes.

Your teeth will get ruined. Gum disease results in red, puffy, ugly gums with increased pain. Smokers' stained teeth are four or five shades darker than non-smokers. Smokers are twice as likely to lose their teeth than non-smokers. More than 48,000 Americans are diagnosed with oral cancer every year, mainly caused by using tobacco.

Often, your voice will weaken, accompanied by a cough.

Tobacco use remains the nation's number one cause of preventable, premature death because smokers are starving the cells in the body of oxygen.

Tobacco users have much greater incidence of all cancers and at an earlier age, especially mouth, throat and lung cancer.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease including chronic bronchitis and emphysema make it difficult to breathe. All pneumonias are more frequent in smokers and are harder to treat.

Heart attacks occur more often and at younger ages in tobacco users.

Strokes occur when the supply of blood to the brain is interrupted or blocked completely, causing brain tissue to die.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm is a bulge in the lower part of the largest blood vessel, the aorta;

this is life threatening if untreated

A severe blood cancer is associated with tobacco use. (Acute myeloid leukemia)

Eye diseases leading to blindness occur in tobacco users. You are twice as likely to develop Macular Degeneration compared with people who do not smoke. You are three times more likely to develop cataracts compared with non-smokers

Vaping is particularly dangerous. All the above diseases and afflictions can happen at younger and younger ages. Vapes contain nicotine and many toxins and metals, all heated to a higher temperature than cigarettes. Additionally, the cartridge contains

batteries which can explode and disfigure you for life.

Tobacco marketing is dominated by themes of social desirability, empowerment, and independence, which are conveyed by images of slim, attractive, sultry, and athletic models. Don't believe it! Athletic prowess is greatly weakened by tobacco use.

The average cost of a pack of cigarettes is \$6.96, which means a pack-a-day habit sets you back \$208.80 per month or \$2,541.00 per year.

Quit today by calling toll-free 855-5AI-QUIT (855-524-7848) to connect directly with American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program counselors.

Gladstone to get new community center

GLADSTONE, Mich. — With the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians purchasing a 7,400 square foot facility in Delta County, it appears as though improved access to health care will be available to those who live on the outer reaches of the seven-county service area.

"The distance has always been a problem in that community," said Rural Health Director Marlene Glaesmann, reflecting on more than three decades of providing services for tribal members. "This will move us in the right direction to meet those needs."

A leased facility in Escanaba

has been utilized to meet basic medical needs, but the acquisition of a tribally-owned building, Glaesmann said, has been a long-term goal for Sault Tribe board members.

"The closest site was either Manistique or Munising," said Glaesmann, describing the hour-long drive as a significant barrier imposed to access and transportation.

The Gladstone Tribal Community Health Center, once it is up and running, will absorb the personnel from the Escanaba office with additional medical staff hired on to service those in the area.

April tribal Health Center Employee of the Month



Shelby Fox is Sault Tribe Health Center's April Employee of the Month. Health Center Director Leo Chugunov recognized Fox for her efforts.

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General Education Teachers

Starting Salary: \$40,392 (BA) and \$44,389 (MA) - Salary may be higher based on relevant teaching experience.

Paraprofessionals

Starting Salary: \$14.45 per hour - Salary may be higher based on previous paraprofessional experience.

APPLY ONLINE: JKL School website at www.jklschool.org. Click on the employment opportunities link on the home page.

<https://www.applitrack.com/eup/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp?internaltransfer-form.Url=&choosedistrict=true&applitrackclient=2132>

The application must include electronic versions of the following (if applicable): letter of interest, resume, copy of certificate, transcripts and MTTC results. Only electronically filed applications that are complete with all required documentation will be considered. Positions are Open Until Filled. For further information please contact JKL School Human Resources at (906) 635-5055 or email Regina Rolstone at rrolstone@jklschool.org.

Employment at JKL is considered "at-will." JKL is an equal opportunity employer.

Barlett receives Native American 40 Under 40 award

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Peggy Barlett was recently chosen by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's 2022 class of Native American 40 Under 40 award recipients.

She is a senior counsel with Husch Blackwell LLP in their Madison, Wisconsin office, providing services in healthcare contracting, mergers and acquisitions, and regulatory and compliance counseling, among others.

Winners were recognized at a reception held on May 25 in Las Vegas.

According to their website, the Native American 40 Under 40 awards represent emerging leaders in Indian Country. Each year, 40 American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian leaders under the age of 40 are inducted in recognition for making significant contributions in their business and/or community.

"Chris James, President and CEO of the National Center, said, "The Native American 40 Under 40 represent leaders in tribal government, medicine, law, politics, activism, agriculture, Native cuisine, economic development, media, and many other areas. They are a reminder that Native American leaders are making a difference in every aspect of American life."

Barlett said she is very honored, excited and thrilled to have been selected for this honor, after being nominated for the award by her husband, with recommenda-



tion letters written on her behalf by two very special colleagues.

"This award is very prestigious, and looking at past and current recipients, I am in amazing company and in awe of their backgrounds and talents," she said.

Barlett said she is a first-generation college graduate and that her parents were fierce advocates in ensuring she reached that goal. "They budgeted for every application fee, called college admission offices to get guidance on the application/admission process, and went through the painstaking and frightening exercise with me of evaluating the costs and expenses of going to college. We learned this uncharted territory together. For two people who had no experience with the college process, my parents managed to make it look easy. From essay and application prep, college campus tours, and everything in between, my parents were the

Peggy's husband, Carl A. Barlett, listed her exceptional achievements and contributions impacting Indian Country - required for nominating her for the award.

Exceptional achievement/activities:

First generation graduate, including advanced education by obtaining her juris doctor.

Mentoring countless students of color, including a large number of women of color.

Lost over 80 pounds thanks to the support of her tribe nutritionist and health care providers, which is one of the key reasons she works in the health care industry.

Guest lecturer at the University of Wisconsin Business School, teaching young business students the basics of contracting.

Part of Husch Blackwell LLP diversity program, acting as a liaison to summer associates.

Part of a key innovation team at Husch Blackwell LLP, developing key contracting processes and programs to support clients.

Exceptional contributions impacting Indian Country:

Spent years tutoring under-privileged children in a variety of subjects, working through her tribe to do so.

Active member in the Indigenous Law Student Association (ILSA) while in law school, including supporting other indigenous law school students.

Maintained connection with ILSA while working for prestigious Wisconsin law firms, pushing for the recruitment, hiring, and mentorship of indigenous law students and candi-

dates as well as other students and employees of color.

Served as a board member to the American Diabetes Association of Wisconsin, sharing resources and information with her tribe given the increased health risk of diabetes of her family and other indigenous individuals.

Please share with us any additional relevant information:

I have witnessed my wife's ongoing commitment to students, junior professionals, and her colleagues. She is the first person to devote the time needed to help those struggling to find their way as a legal professional.

When I learned of this award, she is the first person that came to my mind.

constant: along for the ride but advocating always, and there as a dependable foundation upon which I could lean when I wanted to quit, got tired, or struggled. So, to be able to tell them that I was a recipient of this award was special. My mom is my initial connection to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and her ties to the tribe run deep. She made sure we (her kids) understood our heritage, and I knew this award would bring a smile to her face. And if you gave my dad a bull horn, he'd drive around announcing it to anyone who

would listen. They are so very proud. In turn, I'm very proud, fortunate, and pleased that I was able to share this with them." And she said that as her young children grow, she finds herself teaching them about their Native heritage.

Barlett said her team at Husch Blackwell LLP is filled with "fantastic individuals who make my job easier, better. We collaborate, laugh, learn, and trust each other. The legal industry is challenging - it can have long hours, tight timelines, multiple priorities, etc. Having people that can laugh

through those challenges makes all the difference. We help each other when work life and home life collide (hello COVID-19 pandemic and no childcare!). They have my back always."

Born and raised in the U.P., Barlett said her immediate family, and many of her extended family members, are all still living there. "My memories of the tribe and my heritage began fairly early. One of my first memories was going to select new glasses at the tribe's health center. I've been wearing glasses since I was

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VOTE KEITH MASSAWAY for BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNIT III



**SAULT STE.
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MY HERITAGE — I can trace my family to my great-great grandfather and beyond. His name was Ignatius Maysaswaywannine and was born in 1799 in St. Ignace, Michigan. He married Chief Satigo's sister, Mary and had nine children. My lineage includes many names. Andress, Basinaw, Dofina, Gallagher, Grondin, Lambert, Lamoyotte, LaTour, Leduc, Paquin, Pelletier, Peariault, St. Andrews, St. Onge, and Vallier just to name a few. I am proud quarter blood Chippewa. I am honored to serve as your Board member.

EDUCATION — Our children are in many ways being left behind. The drop out rates still way exceed the normal average for the greater population. Whether it be from stereotyping, historical trauma or drugs and alcohol, we need to address these issues and help them remain in school and move on into society with a sense of purpose and an understanding of who they are and what a proud Native American can accomplish. We need to help them attain higher education and jobs. We desperately need to push job skills in the trades. Plumber, electricians and steel workers are just a few that can be taught. A school or classes should be a focus of our tribe to lead in this endeavor. Higher education is a goal we have to work towards but college is not for everyone. We need to have many options to help our generations to come and have the tools needed for them to succeed and prosper.



WASHINGTON — Working along side the tribe is important but it should not be at the detriment of the obligations at home. The committees I sit on in Washington are for substance abuse, mental health and also suicide prevention. These topics are very close to my heart and we try to give our tribe every advantage that is available to help our people heal from these devastating conditions.



Photo: Chairing the Tribal Technical Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

PERSONAL NOTE — I have been on the tribal board for a few years now and we have done some fantastic things and we work very hard to make sure they are sustainable. I am sure you will hear many campaign promises and those are good ideas but they are not grounded in reality or possibility. We are lucky that the Federal Government responded to our needs during the pandemic and we could help our members in so many ways. Now the real work has to begin again. We have to have fiscal responsibility and a good plan for the next seven generations to come. I pride myself in having these commitments at my core beliefs and work everyday to make sure that our board puts forth the best path for the tribe to follow and prosper.

PATHS WE ARE ON — We are moving and expanding Federal Government 8a contracts that could make us more money than the Casinos can. We are spending over 30 million dollars on new housing. We are investing new money in our culture and customs. We have an will continue to invest in our children's education and trades. They are realities not just promises.

Aanii, Maysaswaywannine Ndizhiniikas etta Kwaamashing niin doojiba jichakk doodem.

Hello my name is Man with a Loud Voice, I am from St. Ignace and I am Crane Clan, the traditional clan of the Chiefs of the Ojibwa of the Sault Tribe. Chief Satigo was Crane Clan and this clan is not as well represented as it was in the past. I will encourage the teachings to bring back our ancestral traditions of the clans so we can better understand what is expected from us by our grandfathers.

**Please call or email
Keith with any questions:
kmassaway@msn.com
or (906) 322-3802**

Barlett receives Native American 40 Under 40 award

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three. The simplest way for me to describe the tribe's involvement in my life is that it was a pillar. It was a prominent part of my upbringing and continues to be part of my health, my school, my family, my community."

Her first job was through the tribe's Youth Education and Activities Program in Munising Middle School, tutoring younger kids. She also worked as a janitor one summer, cleaning and prepping the school for the fall school year. "Some of my most memorable educators are tribal members, including Kim Swanberg, who led the Native American Education Program for my school, and Tom Derwin, one of my middle school math teachers. Kim helped me

find those early jobs, find educational resources I didn't know existed, and was always available to answer questions. Mr. Derwin was this wonderfully jolly soul who made this very shy, awkward former sixth grader feel welcome and encouraged my love of math and books."

She said, "When I was a junior in high school, an interaction with the tribal nutritionist changed my life forever. I had gained a significant amount of weight and was struggling with the impacts of that extra weight. She kindly but firmly shared the health risks of letting it continue and then offered to help. With her guidance on diet and exercise and a lot of support from my family and closest friends, I set off on a

journey through my senior year to drop over 50 pounds, followed by another 35 pounds following graduation. That guidance and support shaped my health into what it is today. I lost the weight in a safe way and have maintained the healthy habits she introduced to me over 20 years ago. Thank goodness she asked how that 17-year-old was doing. These examples are just a glimpse into the many interactions and ways the tribe influenced, and continues to influence, who I am today."

"I want to continue mentoring next generation lawyers, students, and really anyone who has a passion for what he/she/they does/do. I've made it a priority to find time to listen to, learn from, edu-

cate, and mentor as many individuals as I can. I want to continue to do so no matter how crazy life gets. If I can give that back to future generations, it's my obligation to do so. Honestly, I'm just grateful for the ride. My multiple tribes and networks make this an easy, fun and memorable journey. What else do I need but good health and a sense of humor?" she said.

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) has evolved into the largest national Indian specific business organization in the nation serving over 500 clients and providing over \$4 billion in contracts to its clients. The NCAIED has nine offices throughout the country and is

actively engaged in helping tribal nations and Native business people realize their business goals.

You can visit Peggy Barlett's attorney profile page here: <https://www.huschblackwell.com/professionals/peggy-barlett#overview>.

The National Center 2022 Native American 40 Under 40 Recipients can be viewed here: <https://www.redlakenationnews.com/story/2022/04/12/newspaper/the-national-center-names-2022-native-american-40-under-40-recipients/105316.html>.

To contact Husch Blackwell LLP Senior Counsel Peggy Barlett, call (608) 234-6018, or email her at peggy.barlett@huschblackwell.com.

Upper Peninsula Poet Laureate Foundation art installation

The Upper Peninsula Poet Laureate Foundation has created a public art installation by Hancock-based graphic designer Christopher Schmidt with poetry by esteemed poets Kimberly

Blaeser, Michelle Menting, Margaret Noodin, Keith Taylor and the current Upper Peninsula Poet Laureate, M. Bartley Seigel. A QR code on the five signs will link viewers to the webpage

Words Like Water, with recordings of the poems and more information about the poets. The public is encouraged to participate in *Words Like Water* by sharing their poems and memories on the web-

pages and downloading poster versions of the signs.

The signs will be first displayed during the City of Marquette Art Week 2022 on the city's lakeshore trail. The signs

will be available for redisplay after Art Week in other U.P. communities. All the U.P. public, tribal and high school libraries will receive poster files of the signs.

This activity is supported by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council administered by Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development with additional support by Superior Watershed Partnership and the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, the Superiorland Library Cooperative and donations to the U.P. Poet Laureate Foundation.

The current laureate, past laureates and members of the foundation are available for readings and workshops. The foundation is looking for volunteers who are interested in promoting poetry. To learn more about the Upper Peninsula Poet Laureate Foundation and current laureate, M. Bartley Seigel, please visit <https://uppoetlaureate.org/>.



RE-ELECT DENISE CHASE
UNIT 4 - SAULT TRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HONEST - DEPENDABLE - CARING - VALUES

From my heart, I would like to Thank You the Unit 4 members for allowing me to serve and represent you. I will continue to work hard to represent your needs. I respectfully ask for your continued support and vote.

Proven Results - Some Accomplishments for Unit 4

- *Pushed for the Elder Outreach Workers that were hired to do home visits and provide elders help with services, etc.
- *Pushed for expansion to the Elder meal program - now offering home delivery to homebound elders.
- *Brought forward elder home ramp program.
- *Free transportation (shuttles) to and from Tribal Health Centers.
- *24-hour Urgent Care Access that includes: Manistique, Escanaba & Marquette counties.
- *Gladstone medical building 2002 Minneapolis St., Gladstone PURCHASED to include health services & exercise facility.
- *Approved \$25 Million for a recovery center to be built for members.
- *Have always supported TREATY RIGHTS!
- *Brought back Youth Development fund program (Ex. any sports, senior pictures, music instruments, drivers training cost, etc).
- *Brought back the Upper Peninsula Escanaba State Fair free children's wrist band giveaway.
- *Mailed every child a \$20 gift card from Santa.
- *Held successful monthly cultural teachings throughout Unit 4 in Manistique, Escanaba & Gwinn areas.
- *Advocated for weekly language classes that were brought to Unit 4. Due to Covid they are now available online. For information visit www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/culture/language-department or (906)635-6050.
- *Purchased 16 acres contiguous to our existing Escanaba reservation for expansion of services.
- *4 new homes built on the Escanaba reservation.
- *Profitable Pearson's Asbestos Abatement company in Escanaba purchased.
- *Property and complex purchased in Harvey that houses ACE Hardware and another rental (to be used for Unit 4/5 Elder monthly meetings and Marquette health center) with several storage rental units.
- *Approved Cares Act Funds - \$1,000.00 to all members within the service area. 13,517 members served for total of \$13,517,000.
- *Approved AARPA Funds - \$2,000.00 to all members 42,053 members served for a total of \$84,106,000.
- *30 plus years organizing and participating in Children's Christmas parties in Manistique and Escanaba.
- *20 plus years organizing and participating in Gathering of the Clans pow wow and other pow wows.

\$8 Million Dollars of PROJECTS COMING from American Recovery Act Funds

Coming a New Escanaba Community Center

The new center will be on the Escanaba reservation. It will hold a traditional medicine room for our Traditional Medicine Healers, so we can practice our traditional ways on tribal land. It will have a commercial kitchen to house an elder meal program. It will be large enough to hold monthly Elder meetings, community events like our Elder & Children's Christmas parties, Pow Wows, traditional teachings, etc. YEA will be able to utilize the facility for an expansion to the children's programs especially in the winter months. It will have a backup generator and showers to be used as an emergency shelter when the power goes out.

New Exercise Facility being built next to our existing Manistique Tribal Health Center

The new building will house a 24-hour exercise facility. It will have state of the art exercise equipment, basketball court, walking track, yoga room, changing rooms, showers and 24-hour key fob access. YEA will be able to utilize this building for an expansion to their program. It will have a backup generator to be used as an emergency shelter when the power goes out.

And More Housing Throughout Unit 4

SOME GOALS FOR UNIT 4

- *Will continue to support diversification thru our Economic Development Division.
- *Support increasing the tax agreement area to include all of Michigan.
- *Support restoring the Elder Recreation Funds.
- *Support a mobile dental RV to service members in their hometown.
- *Support expanding Midjim's (gas station) to the Western end.
- *Support Western End Cultural Camp.
- *Support centralized Elder/ Health/ Community Center (Gwinn, Ishpeming & Negaunee).
- *Support more funding for High Education, Vocational Technical & on the job training.
- *Support Elders mentoring youth.
- *Support Treaty Rights!

CONTACT INFORMATION: Denisechaseforunit4@gmail.com PHONE: (906) 286-0995

Denise Chase endorses this ad.

LAKE SUPERIOR

Under my hand, a stone bear in nesting circles carved by ancestors, behind me, the walking woods at dusk, feather and fur, the little stone, moss, and mushroom people—we all snill and hush to look and listen. Beyond the barrier islands and reefs, where the sun sets blood red and thunderhead brew black and quickening, the abyssal heartbear spirits deep within the bedrock upon which all of the dreaming is sown. I would call you by your first given name. Anishinaabewi-gichigami.

I would make this offering on this ground, but what are words against the eating, water



This Cathedral

where the waves shush agates, where unglates clip moss, where falcons smirk from lichen tendrils on lighthouse nests, where grebes skim the surface—race the evening glass of lake—this you know as consistent church: hymn of truth & willowing hum, the kind you hold full of breath, of heart, this message you cup as you bow in prayer.

Michelle Menting



KIMBERLY HAMPTON

Unit 4 Sault Tribe Board of Directors



PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Masters Degrees in
Business Administration,
Education, and
Psychology

Experience working in
Sault Tribe Housing and
Sault Tribe ACFS as a
Caseworker advocating
for Tribal families

Background working on
various boards including
the Leadership Council of
the University of Phoenix
Native American Alumni
Chapter

TRIBAL MEMBER PLATFORM

- Long term compensation packages including competitive wages and increased 401K employer contributions
- Allow for responses to Tribal Member questions posed at Tribal Board meetings
- Equal representation for all Tribal Members inside the service area and those at-large members
- Publicize an annual business report on all investment and economic interests of the Tribe
- Invest net revenues into the Elder Fund to increase the Annual Elder Dividend
- Collaborate with other Tribes and Urban Indian Centers to secure new funding to expand health care
- Increase funds for substance abuse treatment
- Enhance recreational and socialization programming to provide safe outlets for our children
- Advocate for education with higher education and vocational technical opportunities
- Expand cultural teachings and gatherings
- Require all meetings of the Tribal Board of Directors, including Workshops, to be held in open session



Kimberly Hampton
MBA, MEd, MPsy
(906) 450-4309

Facebook:

Kimberly Vincent-Hampton for
Unit 4 Sault Tribe Board

"I Proudly Endorse Kimberly Hampton"



Thank you for the votes in the primary. Going forward, I believe Kimberly is the best candidate to represent Unit #4, so please VOTE HAMPTON in our General Election for truth, transparency and CHANGE within our Membership!

Chi Miigwech!, Brenda Kinnart

Stein graduates with Master's degree



Nicholas Stein, a proud member of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, earned his Master of Science in data science and analytics with an emphasis in high performance computing.

Nicholas is the son of George and tribal member Patricia (Fisher) Stein, grandson of Myles and tribal member Dee (Corbiere) Fisher.

Nicholas's hard work and determination to reach his educational goals started in high school, where he received college credits for courses while attending high school and utilizing the A+ program towards college classes while attending Drury University and receiving his associates degree in psychology.

Nicholas transferred to the University of Missouri and received his Bachelor's of Science in chemistry while working full-time as a chemist at the University of Missouri Research Reactor. During this time, he received an AmeriCorps Education Award, which was put toward his undergraduate tuition. The University of Missouri Research Reactor provided financial assistance while he was completing his Master's degree.

Nicholas graduated on May 15, 2022, walking across the stage receiving his diploma with zero student loan debt. Nicholas is working in his new career field as a cloud security engineer at Veterans United Home Loans in Columbia, Miss.

Dalton Graham receives honors

Bay College Athletic Department announced their yearly awards, including team awards for the 2021-2022 school year. The college competes in Region 13 in the NJCAA, and each year the Region announces their All-Region teams for every sport. The All-Region Award winners per sport included baseball's Dalton Graham (SO, Sault Ste. Marie, MI).

Each team also selects individual awards on a yearly basis. Awards are voted on by each team's players and/or coaches. Unique to Bay College is the Norse Award that is awarded to the student-athlete(s) that best embody what it means to be a student-athlete at Bay College. Factors such as work ethic, ability, overall attitude, team-first mentality, and being positive members of Athletics and the Bay College community are considered. The individual award winners included Dalton Graham as the Most Valuable Player for his baseball team.

Dalton's mother, Tammy Graham, said, "I think it's great to see our tribal youth succeeding in scholastics and sports. Dalton was on the dean's list and carries a 3.61 GPA, and recently earned his associates degree from Bay College.

Dalton plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Lake Superior State University. He is also considering continuing his baseball career at Bay College this fall.



Oliver Jarnigin birth

Oliver Joseph Jarnigin was born Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 10:44 a.m. He is the great grandson of Dean Preseau of Cheboygan, the grandson of Deborah Jarnigin of Flint and the son of Jesse Joseph Jarnigin of Flint, all of whom are Sault Tribe members. He weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and was 19 inches in length.

He was born on the birthday of his great-great-great grandfather, who was also named Oliver.



Keep the tribe moving forward

Re-Elect Charles Matson

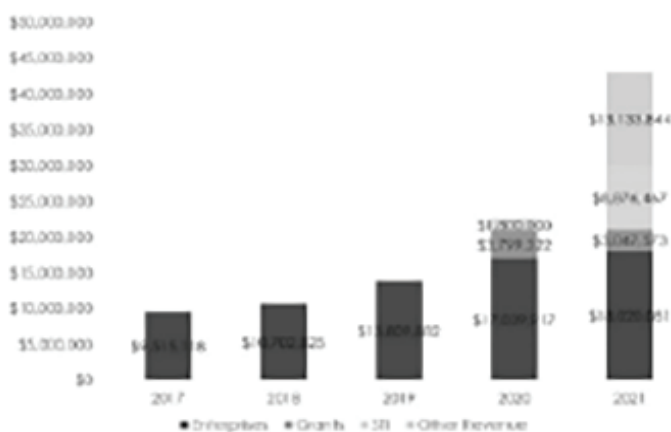
UNIT 5 Board of Directors

Lifelong Unit 5 Resident

Things We Plan To Focus On

- Expansion of Elder Meal home delivery services
- Increasing cultural workshops and activities available in Unit 5
- Increasing tribal housing availability in Unit 5
- Addition and expansion of medical facilities and services in Unit 5

EDC/Enterprise 5 Year Revenue Growth



Things We Achieved During Our Term

- Business Diversification
- Secured & appropriated 1 million dollars for community/cultural centers and permanent Pow Wow grounds in both Munising & Marquette
- 1 million dollars for tribal member housing in Unit 5
- Established online gaming, bringing in 7 million dollars of new revenue



Charles Matson Family - kids and grandkids

Endorsed by Charles Matson.

Neville's bought by tribal member Tamara Roche and her husband, Rich Roche

BY SCOTT BRAND

SAULT STE. MARIE — Assuring the public they have no plans to change anything, the new owners of Neville's Superette, located at 1512 Ashmun Street, said they are excited to begin this new phase in their lives.

"We are not changing suppliers, we are not changing the name and we have retained all of the employees," said Tamara Roche, who will handle the paperwork and business end of things.

"We're not changing nothing," echoed Rich Roche as he enthusiastically enters the meat-cutting business with a willingness to learn the trade, "if anything were going to be adding some things."

The couple were not initially planning to purchase the iconic business operation, but were steered into the decision after their original deal fell through. "Our realtor and our banker were phenomenal in making this happen," said Tamara crediting Leah Jackson and James Parker for helping to bring the May 13 deal together.

Rich and Tamara each bring more than two decades of business experience to their new endeavor. Tamara, a 1993 Sault



Tamara Roche, a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and her husband Rich have purchased Neville's Superette an iconic local business that has provided quality meats, other goods and friendly service since the original owners Jerry and Margaret Neville opened in 1938. The store has been run by the Cook family since 1960 with Ed Cook, a veteran of 44 years in the establishment vowing to stay on to assist the Roche's as they transition into their latest business venture.

Schools graduate, spent 25 years working for the Sault Tribe as a purchasing manager, while Rich has owned RR Auto-Glass, which specializes in windshield repair and custom glass for showers, curio cabinets and commercial stores.

"I think we are up for the

challenge," said Rich.

The Roche's will have an "Ace-in-the-Hole," in the coming weeks and month as they have a commitment from Ed Cook, the previous owner, to stay on for another year. Ed and wife, Wendy have owned Neville's Superette since purchasing it

from Ed's father, Bob, in 1979.

According to an E.U.P. News.com story by Sharon Kennedy, the Cook family has owned or operated Neville's Superette for more than 60 years since the original owner, Jerry Neville, who opened the establishment in 1938, passed away in 1960.

"I'd like to do about 30 hours a week," said Ed of his commitment to assist the Roche's.

"Ed's training me," said Rich. "He's staying a minimum of a year, but I'd like him to stay for two or three."

Rich's apron revealed that the work of a meat-cutter begins long before the public arrives for the daily opening of the Superette. On the morning of the interview, Rich and Ed had already been working to grind hundreds of pounds of hamburger destined for popular dining establishments such as Clyde's Drive-In and West Pier as well as lesser-known grills scattered throughout the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

Tamara described her husband as a "Foodie" adding he has a lot of ideas when it comes to recipes and cooking. One of his first preparations to be sold was a stuffed butterflied pork loin and he has more creations in mind.

"We want to start smoking ribs and pork butts," said Rich indicating that he sees a day when people will be able to come in and purchase those products and just re-heat them at home.

Tamara, the daughter of Cheryl Leask, is a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

VOTE TYLER LAPLAUNT UNIT 5

Boozhoo!

I want to start by thanking everyone for the strong support over the last few months. Chi Miiigwech! Whether it was phone calls, text messages, sitting in your living rooms to chat over coffee, or having meals with Elders, I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know more of our people.

The thoughts, knowledge and feedback of what our tribe can be is promising. We have a lot of energy in Unit 5, and we can build something great together. You have been heard loud and clear, and with your continued support through the final stages of this election, I will fiercely advocate for you at the board table.

With everything that has occurred in

our tribe during the past few months, it's more important than ever to have a separation of powers and an independently elected judicial branch. The board of directors should not have unlimited power to pick and choose who to investigate. There must be checks and balances. This isn't the first time this has happened, and without separation of powers with an independent judge, it won't be the last.

We also need term limits. Sure, some board members do good things, but that doesn't mean the next generation of leaders won't be equally effective. Our tribe's businesses are stagnant because we haven't had new leaders with new ideas. It's been the same people with the same negative attitudes who are far too used to saying no. They also have the

habit of voting down good resolutions when they're proposed by people they're fighting with. We need to do what's best for our tribe. It shouldn't matter who pitches a good idea. Additionally, no one should sit on the board for 20-plus years.

We also need leadership that will show up and roll up their sleeves for our communities. That means attending meetings in person, volunteering with Elder meals, writing their own unit reports and taking phone calls from the membership. Public services shouldn't stop when an election is over. Once the votes are counted, our leadership should be front and center, not hiding in the back making excuses.

I know you're tired of campaign promises. Far too often, they're said just

so people can get elected. I promise to be the exception. My campaign promises are ones that I pledge to keep. I promise to follow the Seven Grandfathers. I will regularly attend Elder, committee, and board meetings in person. I will continue to help build our communities through organizing and leadership. I will host unit meetings so members can meet with me in person to be kept up to date on what's happening in our tribe.

Above all, I will always have the tribe and our people's best interest in mind when voting and representing Unit 5. These are promises we need from our entire board.

It's our tribe. Let's take it back! Vote Tyler LaPlaunt Unit 5

"WE SUPPORT TYLER LAPLAUNT FOR UNIT 5"

Working together to build our communities



Tyler with Marquette Mayor Pro-Tem Cody Mayer.

I am proud to support Tyler LaPlaunt for Unit 5,

— Dolores LaVeque (Ogima Kwe)



Tyler with Elder Dolores LaVeque and family.



Retired Unit 5 Director Anita Nelson & Tyler LaPlaunt Volunteering at a Feeding America Event in Munising Tyler Helped Coordinate. He has helped coordinate several events like this in Unit 5 (Munising & Marquette).

Tyler LaPlaunt endorses this ad.

Advocacy Resource Center walks for missing and murdered Indigenous persons

By JESSICA GILLOTTE, ARC COMMUNITY EDUCATOR

Advocacy Resource Center staff attended the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) March in Grand Rapids on May 5 that was sponsored by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, the Gun Lake Tribe and the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. Several of Michigan's tribal victim service programs, along with Uniting Three Fires Against Violence (UTFAV), provided participants gifts of healing and support before marching in unity with hundreds of relatives through the streets of Grand Rapids. The event was moving, inspirational, and profound in that so many tribal nations had gathered together in one location to lift up the voices of the missing and murdered and to demand justice. Families told their personal stories about loved ones, victim advocates offered their assistance, Chief Judge Melissa Pope of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Court spoke about the necessity of a full restoration of Tribal Court juris-

diction being required to prosecute all crimes committed by non-Natives occurring on trust land.

The event included drumming, a water ceremony, jingle dress dancers and the smell of sweetgrass and sage filling the air made the event not only about awareness, but, additionally, about healing.



Ashley Gravelle – Cultural Healing Educator



Jane Cadreau, Jessica McKerchie, Jess Gillotte-King, Sylina MacDougall, Ashley Gravelle, and Jami Moran.



Jess Gillotte-King, Sylina MacDougall, Jessica McKerchie, Jami Moran, and Jane Cadreau about to begin the walk in Grand Rapids.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women honored during the month of May

By Ashley Gravelle, Sault Tribe Cultural Healing Educator

In the United States, Native American women are two-and-a-half times more likely to experience violence in their lifetime than any other demographic. Statistics show that one in three Native women is sexually assaulted during her life, and 67 percent of these assaults are perpetrated by non-Natives. The last known count of missing and murdered women was 5,712 in 2016. Alarmingly, only 116 of those cases were reported to the Department of Justice's missing persons list.

The United States government has failed to provide a valid reason why they have failed to protect and accurately report these missing women. Their reasons have included jurisdictional issues between state and tribal land, a lack of communication between tribes and government officials, a lack of community awareness and support, and insufficient services such as amber alerts and media

coverage.

During November 2019, Operation Lady Justice (OLJ) was formed by then President Donald Trump to enhance the criminal justice system and address the legitimate concerns of indigenous communities regarding missing and murdered people.

Savanna's Act was passed in 2020 and is designed to assist authorities in responding more efficiently to cases of missing and murdered. The belief is that law enforcement coordinated responses, data collection and information sharing will improve the response to missing and murdered indigenous people.

Savanna's Act was named for Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind of Fargo, N.D. Savanna was eight months pregnant when she went missing from her apartment complex on Aug. 19, 2017. On Aug. 24, 2017, Savanna's baby had been located in the apartment above Savanna's apartment that she had shared with her parents. Tenants of the building grew

suspicious after hearing a baby crying for several days. The tenants reported that there were no babies residing in the complex at the time. Savanna's body was found in the Red River on Aug. 27, 2017, nine days after her disappearance.

Brooke Crews and her boyfriend William Hoehn were arrested when the baby was found in their apartment. They were charged with conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit kidnapping and giving false information to the police. The baby underwent DNA testing that confirmed it was indeed Savanna's daughter that had survived a criminal C-section. Savanna's daughter has since been reunited with her father.

The Advocacy Resource Center hosted the Red Dress Campaign on Shunk Road during the month of May. The Red Dress Campaign is a public display of red dresses that are hung to commemorate all "Missing Sisters" and to honor their memory.

Wearing the color red is also a way to honor and respect all missing and murdered loved ones. In some tribes, red is known to be the only color that spirits can see. By wearing red, the voices of the missing and murdered are represented and remembered. The original creator of the Red Dress campaign, Jaime Black, of the Metis aboriginal group from Canada, said that red is the lifeblood and connection to all of us. Please honor our missing and murdered indigenous people and wear red throughout the month of May.

ARC staff held various events planned throughout the month. ARC team members Jami Moran, Jessica McKerchie, Ashley Gravelle, Jess Gillotte-King, Sylina MacDougall and Jane Cadreau attended the MMIW March hosted by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi and the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians

in Grand Rapids on May 5 to remember our missing and murdered loved ones.

ARC is currently gathering information and maintaining an MMIP database to track the numbers of our missing and murdered Sault Tribe relatives. If anyone has information about a missing or murdered Sault Tribe member, they are encouraged to contact Community Educator Jess Gillotte-King at (906) 632-1808. The ARC has also created a Missing Persons Toolkit to offer assistance to the family in the event that a loved one goes missing. Toolkits are available at the Advocacy Resource Center and can be obtained by contacting the ARC office at (906) 632-1808. For more information or for more ways to our honor missing and murdered relatives may be located on the ARC's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC or on the ARC's official website at www.arc-saulttribe.com.

National Foster Care Month celebrated in May

FROM ACFS

National Foster Care Month is a time to acknowledge the approximate 420,000 children and youth in foster care along with the family members, foster parents, volunteers, mentors and child welfare professionals who help guide, nurture and protect these children. National Foster Care Month provides the opportunity to show appreciation to those who enhance the lives of

children and teens in foster care.

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services would like to thank all of the foster families that help the children and families that are struggling. Their compassion and dedication to service changes the lives of children and teens every day. We appreciate all you do to help protect and nurture our most valuable assets.

ACFS has a minimal num-

ber of foster homes to meet the needs of numerous children in foster care. It is always ACFS's goal to pair a child with a tribal foster home. This is the best way to maintain their connections to Native American culture and traditions. ACFS also monitors tribal cases across the United States and can help match a child with a tribal resource foster home, even if they are located outside the seven-county

service area. When there is a pool of resource foster homes, it is easier to match the child with a tribal home. ACFS is in need of foster homes inside and outside of the seven-county service area. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, regardless of location, you are urged to call.

ACFS is always looking for dedicated tribal foster parents who are:

- Willing to work with the child's birth parents;
- Supportive of efforts to return the child home; and
- Able to encourage teens towards independent living.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, and making a difference in the life of a child, please contact ACFS at (906) 632-5250, (800) 726-0093, or acfs-fosterhomes@saulttribe.net.

Sault Tribe students graduate with honors



Dr. Zachary Noah Jodoin

Sault Tribe member Zachary Jodoin graduated summa cum laude from Northern Michigan University as a Bill Gates Millennium Scholar in 2018,

where he majored in biology and physiology. He started medical school at Michigan State University (MSU) in the fall of 2018. While at MSU College of Human Medicine, he took a special interest in orthopedic surgery and Native American health, conducting research on shoulder, elbow and spine surgery as well as Native American smoking cessation. He graduated with a special certificate in the Rural Community Health Program and was inducted into the medical honor society, Alpha Omega Alpha. Zach and his wife Jill Jodoin, BSN, RN, will be relocating to San Antonio, Texas, where he will start his career as an orthopedic surgery resident. He is the son of Lori and Cory Jodoin of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and a grandson of Linda Bourque of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Rolland and Murina Jodoin of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Canada. Outside of his scholastic work

and their careers in the medical field, Zach and Jill enjoy spending time with their Goldendoodle, Mac.



Lena Marie Walker

Bryan and Mary McLean are proud to announce the college graduation of their daughter, Lena

“Lenny” Marie Walker. Lena is the granddaughter of Paul and Patricia Carpentier. Lena was a dual enrolled student at Bay Mills Community College and Lake Superior State University. She has graduated with an associate degree in social work (LSSU), an associate degree in social sciences (BMCC), and a Bachelor’s degree in psychology with a minor in counseling and a minor in substance abuse counseling (LSSU).

During Lena’s first year of college, she was in the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority and served as Philanthropy chair. Lena is graduating with honors magna cum laude, Alpha Chi and Psi Chi, in which she was president. She also works for the Diane Pepler Resource Center as a legal advocate and is the Sexual Assault Response Team coordinator. Lena has also been busy with a couple of internships — the Native Justice Coalition as the outreach and organizing intern

and Hearthside Living Center as an undergraduate intern. She plans to continue her education and complete her master’s program in social work.

Although social work is often a thankless career, Bryan and Mary are incredibly proud of Lena’s hard work and determination to reach her educational and career goals as she strives to make the community a priority. Way to go Lena, we all love you very much!

Moving?

Call Sault Tribe

Enrollment Department at (800) 251-6597, or (906) 635-3396 to update your new address. If you are a patient at the Sault Tribe Health Center, call (906) 632-5200. Contact the Sault Tribe Newspaper at (906) 632-6398.

Community members walk on

ALVIN J. MENARD

Alvin “Al” Joseph Menard, 98, of Sugar Island, Mich., passed away on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, at Evergreen Living Center in St. Ignace, Mich.



Al was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on March 1, 1924, the son of the late Joseph and Genevieve (Myotte) Menard. He joined the U.S. Navy before finishing high school and served from March 1943 to January 1946 on the USS Marblehead during WWII. He participated in Operation Torch which successfully took out German radar just prior to the D-Day invasion. He was involved with escorting President Roosevelt when he met with the Allied leaders in Malta. In 2002, he received a high school diploma from the governor of Michigan. Al was truly part of the “Greatest Generation.”

Al was a great shot who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed Red Wing hockey and Tiger baseball. He was the manager of the Soo Indians Hockey Team from the mid 1960s to early 1970s. He was an awesome storyteller, a top-notch mechanic, and his family was everything to him. Al worked for Great Lakes Dredging and Dock, where he was chief engineer on the Dredge Boston. He worked as far away as Dubai, UAE. Al was a member of the Sault Tribe, the VFW Post #3676, and had been a Sugar Island Volunteer Firefighter. He was a member of both Sacred Heart and Holy Angels Church on Sugar Island. He and Pearl were instrumental in the preservation of Holy Angels, which is now a registered historic site.

Al is survived by his children: Sue (Jim) Young, Alvin B. Menard, Fred Menard, and Irene Menard all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., David (Leona) Menard of Sugar Island, Mich., Catherine (Dan) Erickson

of Kincheloe, Mich., Annette (Don) Smith of Indiana, and Michelle (Mike) Hults of New York; seventeen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Al was preceded in death by his wife: Pearl (McCoy) Menard, whom he married at Holy Angels Catholic Church on Aug. 17, 1946, with Fr. Joseph Lawless officiating; two children: Terry Menard and Antoinette Menard; three brothers, and four sisters.

A Memorial Mass was held on Friday, April 22, 2022, at the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church with Father Nick Thompson as celebrant. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the VFW Post #3676. Arrangements were made by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

CYNTHIA K. PAYMENT

Cynthia Kay Payment, 68, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at her home.



Cindy was born on March 25, 1954, in Sault Ste. Marie to the late Leo and Elizabeth (Botrell) Payment. She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She worked at the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for over 35 years. She enjoyed craftwork such as ceramics, woodworking, sewing, and quilting. She also enjoyed the casino, online games, and playing card games like cribbage and rummy. Cindy loved spending time with her family and going to family get togethers.

Cindy is survived by her children: Gary (Rosie) Payment and Sissy Payment both of Sault Ste. Marie; five grandchildren: Kid (Seann) Plitz, Emma Payment, James Payment, Steven Payment and Levi Payment; and a great-grandchild: Steven Payment. She is also survived

by her partner: Bernard “Manny” Krull of Sault Ste. Marie; and her siblings: Pat (Gene) LaTour of Riga, Joann Mason of Sault Ste. Marie, Leo Payment of Georgia, Carol Starnes, Glen Payment, and Jack Payment all of Sault Ste. Marie.

Cindy was preceded in death by her parents and a sister: Fran Prater.

A funeral service was held on Friday, May 6, 2022, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Father Nick Thompson officiating. Burial will be at Pine Grove Cemetery later this spring. In lieu of flowers memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

CAMERON L. STEVENS

Cameron Lee Stevens, 45, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, in Petoskey, Mich.



Cameron was born on Nov. 28, 1976, in Granite City, Ill. He was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He owned Stevens Concrete Masonry and Construction. He enjoyed camping with family and watching his sons race dirt bikes and play hockey.

Cameron is survived by his wife: Kristin (Marble) Stevens whom he married on Sept. 2, 2000; three sons: Shane Stevens (Mikaila Sharpe), Kyle Stevens (Alexus Adair), and Tim Laaksonen (Mikalyn); and one precious granddaughter: Kennedy Ann Stevens. He is also survived by his mother: Tammy Peake; his father: Gary Maleport (Carol); his grandfather: Frank Peake; his father-in-law and mother-in-law: Dave and Linda Marble; his sister-in-law: Shelley Brosco (Steve); his brother-in-law: Scott Marble; his uncles: Greg Peake and Loren Peake (Cheryl Nolan); and his aunt: Lorri Peake. Cameron was preceded in death by his sister: Jessica Peake; grandmother: Rudy Peake; and

his very beloved uncle: Billy Peake.

A funeral service was held May 16, 2022, at Sault Christian Fellowship. Entombment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be left to help the family with funeral expenses. Arrangements are in the care of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolence may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

MARSHA L. WAYBRANT

Marsha Louise Waybrant, 71, of Kincheloe, Mich., passed away Tuesday evening, April 26, 2022, at her home surrounded by family.



Marsha was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on March 27, 1951, the daughter of Betty Faunt and the late Jerome Jackson. On Aug. 29, 1981, she married Melvyn J. Waybrant in Rudyard, Mich. She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Marsha enjoyed camping, fishing, and spending time with her family. She loved holidays and other celebrations bringing family and friends together. She loved helping raise all of her grandkids, nieces and nephews. She always had kids around her.

Marsha is survived by her children: Melissa (Jim) Fegan of North Carolina, Gene and Lisa Leanne Chambers of Brimley, Mich., and Lisa Marie (Chad Brunner) Chambers of Livonia, Mich.; four grandchildren: Bobbi, Jamie, Kaela, and Tyler; and 6 great-grandchildren: Audrey, Ava, Mario, Carter, Jaidyn, and Anthony. She is also survived by her mother: Betty Faunt; four brothers: Mike (Debbie) Jackson of North Branch, Mich., Duane (Melissa) Jackson of Alpena, Mich., Leon Jackson of Sault Ste. Marie, and Jerry (Linda) Jackson of Muskegon, Mich.; a sister: Donna (Brad) Hall of Rudyard; and a sister-in-law: Vicky Jackson

of Lapeer.

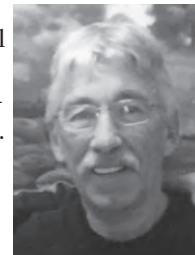
Marsha was preceded in death by her father, her husband, a sister: Diana Beckwith; and two brothers: Jim and David Jackson.

A memorial gathering was held at 2 p.m. on May 14, 2022, at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to EUP Home Health & Hospice.

C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services assisted with arrangements. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

LARRY G. BARBEAU

Larry G. Barbeau, 76, of Garden, Mich., passed away April 25, 2022, at St Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, Wisc., surrounded by his family.



He was born March 7, 1946, to Ruby and Gordon Barbeau. He was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Larry worked as a tribal fisherman and in his earlier years belonged to the Painters Union. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing baseball, taking his daily rides on the Garden Peninsula, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his children Wanda (Brian Baker) Barbeau, Larry Lee Barbeau, Erin (Matt) Popour, Doug Barbeau, and Kaylee Ansell. Grandchildren: Dustin, James, Olivia, Bailey, Kallie, Landon, Kaya, Quinn, Hendrick. Great-granddaughter: Kinsley. Sisters: Tana (Robert) Leckson, and Maxine (Jack) Mitchell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings: Sylvester “Butch” Barbeau, Laurie “Jeanne” Gould, and Delbert “Dale” Barbeau, and nephew Brian Barbeau.

A Graveside service was held at the Sac Bay Cemetery in Fayette, Mich., on Sunday May 15, 2022, with Pastor Greg Williamson officiating.

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PATRICIA M. CHAMBERS

Patricia "Patty" Mae (Smith) Chambers, a lifelong resident of Hessel, Mich., died peacefully at the Hospice House of the EUP on Saturday, April 30, 2022. She was born on May 27, 1959, in St. Ignace, Mich., to parents Frederick "Fred" and Frances (Causley) Smith.



Patty was a member of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Patty grew up and lived in Hessel most of her life. She enjoyed many activities like needle point, reading, arts and crafts, and especially playing on her computer where she had mastered many games and helped her connect with people she adored. Patty is survived by her sisters, Maggie Rounds, Nancy Smith, and Betty (Ken) Smith; her brother, Fred Smith; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Patty is preceded in death by her spouse, Mike Chambers; parents, Fred and Frances Smith; siblings, Mary (Bill) Albert, Frances (Tony) Hamel, Beverly Lafrenier and Becky Smith.

There will be no funeral services per Patty's request.

Donations, in her name, can be made out to the Hospice House of the EUP in Sault Ste Marie, Mich. Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation, of Pickford, Mich., provided services for the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

CHRISTOPHER V. TEBO

Christopher V. Tebo, or as most knew him by, "Tebo," 26, Powers, passed away on Wednesday April 13, 2022 due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born on February 16, 1996 in Loveland, Colo., son of Crystal Tebo and John LaFave Sr.



He attended Bark River schools and later became a truck driver, which he really enjoyed. He loved spending time with family and friends, especially his wife and children, who were everything to him. Tebo also loved listening to music. He always had a big smile on his face that could light up a room, he was funny, had a big heart and gave the best hugs. Tebo, a proud member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewas Indians, will be loved and missed by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his parents, his wife: Wynnona Tebo, three children: Cecilia Boda, Remi Boda and Keagen Tebo, brothers: Nicholas Kordish and John LaFave Jr., maternal grandparents: Ernest and Annie Tebo, paternal grandparents: John and Cindy LaFave, sister-in-law: Breanna Boda, brother-in-law: Wyatt Boda, and many aunts,

uncles and cousins. Tebo was preceded in death by an aunt: Sandra Hopp, as well as cousins and great-grandparents.

His family greeted friends April 27, 2022, at the Allo Coolman Funeral Home in Spalding, Mich. A funeral service to celebrate the life of Tebo followed at the funeral home with Fr. Rick Courier officiating. Please visit www.allofh.com to send online condolences to his family.

JOHN P. GOUDREAU SR.

John Paul Goudreau, Sr., 80, passed away unexpectedly on May 16, 2022 at the Mackinac Straights hospital in St. Ignace, Mich.



Jack as he was known, was born March 26, 1942 to John R. and Thelma Goudreau in St. Ignace, Mich. He attended Ursaline Academy and graduated from LaSalle High School in 1960. Jack went on to attend college at Michigan Tech, graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering. He was member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. While attending college he met his future wife Helen Kolehmainen and was married soon after graduation. He then enlisted in the Army as an officer and was stationed in Karlsruhe Germany for two years.

After the army Jack found a career at the Ansul Fire Protection company and settled in Menominee, Mich. where he and Helen raised their two children John Jr. and Michelle. Jack's job in sales for Ansul had him traveling all over the globe throughout his entire career. He was later transferred to Dallas, Texas, working for parent company Wormald. He spent five years there, then transferred back to the Menominee area. Soon after moving back Jack lost his wife Helen. He retired from Ansul in 2000 and moved to his cabin in Black River near Naubinway, Mich. A few years later his sisters set him up on a date with his childhood crush, Aquita (McGraw/Soblaskey). They married in 2007 and together enjoyed traveling the Caribbean and being snowbirds in Florida.

He enjoyed partridge hunting his entire life, was an avid boater, an expert cribbage player and most of all he enjoyed his family and teaching his grandsons the rights and wrongs of the U.P. lifestyle. He was an Elder of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a member of the American Legion.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, John R. and Thelma, brother Ricky, and his first wife, Helen.

Jack is survived by his son, John, Jr. (Elizabeth), and their two sons John III "Jack" and Will, daughter Michelle Helgesen (Jeffery) and his sons Adam (Mandy) and Josh (Geraldyn); his wife Aquita Goudreau and her daughters Julie Stegmeyer (Fred), Cindy Hanson, and son James Soblaskey. Sisters Mollie (Bob) Boynton, and Ruth Possanza. Also survived by many grand-

children and nieces and nephews who all adored the heck of him and will really miss his sense of humor.

A breakfast brunch was held at the Driftwood Restaurant in St. Ignace on May 25, 2022, before visitation at Galer Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace. Funeral service followed with Father Frank Ricca officiating. Final resting place will be Epoufette Cemetery.

The family requests memorial contributions be made in John's name to Freedom for Patriots, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Motor City Possum Rescue.

Freedom for Patriots: www.freedomforpatriots.org/donation/ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html

Motor City Possum Rescue: [PayPal.me/Gruss8@msn.com](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr) Venmo: @Cynthia-Russ-4

Galer Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

CHRISTINA LEHN

Christina "Cookie" Lehn, 87, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on April 22, 2022, at Hospice of the EUP "Hospice House" surrounded by her family.



Christina was born on June 13, 1934, on Drummond Island to the late John Paul and Julia Marie (Sailor) Kucharczyk. Christina was a graduate of DeTour Village Schools. Christina was married to Sylvester Lehn on Feb. 12, 1952. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She enjoyed spending time with her family, watching the freighters, cooking and baking, the Detroit Red Wings, berry picking, flowers, casino gaming, and loved the old-time country music. Her passion was her faith.

Christina is survived by her children: Mark Lehn of Sault Ste. Marie, Larry (Michelle) Lehn of Alexandria, Minn., Dwayne (Sandy Graham) of Sault Ste. Marie, Mary Lou (Michael) Faulkner of Rothsay, Minn., Dennis Lehn also of Rothsay, and Robert (Marcella) Lehn of Breckenridge, Minn. Christina is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Christina was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother: Clarence Kucharczyk, two children: Julia Marie Lehn and Donald Francis Lehn; and a grandchild.

According to her wishes, cremation services have already been accorded.

Memorial Mass is scheduled at St. Joseph Catholic Church on June 27, 2022, at 11 a.m. with Fr. Mike celebrating. Inurnment services will occur June 28, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Florence Catholic Cemetery on Drummond Island.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial may be directed to the Hospice House of the EUP.

C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services assisted with arrangements. Condolences

may be left online at <http://www.csmulder.com>.

EDGAR R. WILSON JR. Memorial Services June 25, 2022

Edgar Randolph Wilson Jr., 87, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away at War Memorial Hospital on Dec. 7, 2021.



Edgar was born on Feb. 5, 1934, in Sault Ste. Marie to the late Randy and Ida Mae (Albrough) Wilson. He graduated from Brimley High School in 1953. On May 7, 1971, he married Barbara F. Johndrow at the Salvation Army Church. He retired from The Glass Place in 1999 after 40 years of service.

Edgar was a long-time community member of both the Sault and Brimley. His memories of the area's history and family history was astounding and there were no strangers in his world. He loved taking on handy man jobs around the area, especially woodworking, at which he was quite skilled.

Edgar also enjoyed joining senior concerts and trips through the Sault Tribe. A gentle, generous, caring man — he will be greatly missed.

Edgar is survived by two children, Edward (Colleen) Wilson of Grawn, Mich., and Heidi Wilson of Sault Ste. Marie; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Wilson of Brimley.; six grandchildren, Calvin (Kara) Wilson, Alex Wilson, Jacob Wilson, Anna (Joe) Johnson, Pam (Cody) Greff and Samantha (Grant) Prindiville; and five great-grandchildren, Gavin, Porter, Haven, Avery, Lauren and Caroline Mae.

Edgar was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Barbara Wilson; three children, Mark Wilson, Cynthia Wilson and Garry Wilson; and two sisters, Alma Lesniak and Bertina Moore.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at E-Free Church, 1901 John Street in Sault Ste. Marie with Reverend Rod Case and Pastor Steve Habusta officiating. A short service and luncheon in the church basement to follow. Burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Bay Mills - Brimley Historical Society, P.O. Box 273, Brimley, MI 49715. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com. Memorials may also be left to Elders Services, 2076 Shunk in Sault Ste. Marie, for the Elder Trip Fund.

DYLAN T. KING

Dylan Thomas "Dyl" King, 28, passed away on Sunday, April 17, 2022, in Sheboygan Wis.



Dylan was born on Dec. 16, 1993, in Petoskey, Mich., the son of Debra Anne (Digranes) King and the late Randall James King. He graduated from Engadine High School with the class of 2013.

Dylan was a member of the

Sault Tribe. He enjoyed rock collecting and loved to go camping. He also loved to create things. He would often write music and poems. He was an excellent photographer.

Dylan is survived by his mother: Deb (Walter Pearce) King; his brother: Shane King of Sheboygan; Aunts and Uncles: Chris (David) King of Naubinway, Mich., Linda (Kevin) Pershinske of Maple City, Mich., and Terry (Jackie) King of Escanaba, Mich.; and six cousins: Lexa (Brian) Morrison, Katie (Clayton) Queen, Jessica and Andrew Pershinske, Tara Burke, and Dakota King.

Dylan was preceded in death by his father: Randall James King; and his grandparents: William and Donna (Giddis) King, Jan and Anne (Willoughby) Digranes.

A memorial service was held on May 8, 2022, at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building, 11 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Arrangements are in the care of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

CARMEN J. WAGNER

Carmen Jean Wagner, 60, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at her home.



"The business of life is the acquisition of memories. In the end, that is all there is."

And Carmen had so many memories she cherished! Carmen was born January 9, 1962, to Les and Maryjo (Robertson) Hill in Sault Ste. Marie. She graduated with the Sault High Class of 1980. On Sept. 25, 1982, she married Dennis Wagner at St. Mary's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie. Carmen was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was Supervisor for the Food Distribution for the Tribe. She loved spending time with her husband, children, and especially her grandchildren while camping, on retreats to the family cabin on Drummond, side-by-side rides, or outings on the pontoon.

Carmen is survived by her husband, Dennis; four children: Kenny (Jenny) Wagner, Krystle (Keenan) Wojnaroski, Kyle (Bonnie McKerchie) Wagner, and Kody (James Vollick) Wagner all of Sault Ste. Marie; seven grandchildren: Piper, Wren, Bella Jo, Olivia, Elaina, Isla, and Kieran; her mother Maryjo Hill; three sisters: Teri (Kevin) McElroy of Roscommon, Mich.; Darlene (Paul) Killips, Traci (Fritz) Alexander both of Sault Ste. Marie; and a brother: Les (Joy) Hill, Jr. of Sault Ste. Marie. Carmen was preceded in death by her father, Les Hill Sr.; and a daughter, Lynn Marie Wagner. Funeral services were held at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 25, 2022. Burial will be at Pine Grove Cemetery.

Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

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JOHN A. SMALE

John Alfred Smale, 62, of Hessel, Mich., died at McLaren Northern Hospital in Petoskey, Mich., on April 15, 2022. He was born on May 29, 1959, in Cedarville, Mich., to Marlow and Beverly (Morrow) Smale.



John grew up in Cedarville and attended Cedarville High School of Les Cheneaux Schools. He married the love of his life, Judy, on July 11, 1987. They bought a house in Hessel shortly after and have called that home ever since.

John enjoyed fishing, playing the drums in his band, landscaping, decorating his yard, and spending time with his friends and family. He would always say, "the more the merrier." He was a big fan of wrestling and would try to catch any wrestling match he could. He was especially a fan of wrestler Hulk Hogan.

John is survived by his wife, Judy Smale; stepson, Robert (Jodi) Henley, grandchildren, Seth Henley, Danielle Henley, and Kyle Henley; great-granddaughters, Rhyann Rain and Robbie Rose; sister, Becky Solomonson; nephews, Donnie (Tina) Solomonson and Eric Solomonson; niece, Danielle Solomonson; great-nieces, Deserray Pegg, Ciara Solomonson, Rozalynn, and Victoria; great-nephew, James; great-nephew, Kingston; and great-niece, Jordynn.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Marlow and Beverly Smale; brother, Marlow "Mush" Smale; sister, Lisa Smale; stepson, Jimmy Henley; and brother-in-law, Donald Solomonson.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation, of Pickford, Michigan, held services for the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

ROBERT ALAN ST. ANDREW

Robert Alan St. Andrew, 43, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., died April 9, 2022.

He was born on June 14, 1978, in Ft. Wayne



to Robert St. Andrew and Sonja Potter. He was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Robert grew up in St. Ignace, Mich. He was a roamer. He liked seeing different places and meeting new people. He, his dad and step-mom would ride motorcycles every summer to different places.

He loved his family very much. He especially spent a lot of time with his son Xavier when Xavier came to Michigan. They would go fishing and hunting and just enjoyed spending time together.

He will be deeply missed.

We love you son and you will always be in our hearts.

He is survived by his father, Robert; step-mom, Debbie; son, Xavier and his mom, Margaret; brothers, Louis, Joshua, Michael and Adam; sisters Shanoa and Shawn; and many aunts, uncles,

nieces and nephews and many other family members.

ROBERT L. BACKIE

Robert Leatus Backie, 86, Ortonville, Mich., passed away on January 19, 2022 at the Aleda E. Lutz Veteran Affairs Memorial Hospital in Saginaw, Mich.,



after a brave fight with cancer.

He was born in Green Bay, Wisc. on January 3, 1936 and was raised in St. Ignace, Mich. He graduated from St. Ignace LaSalle High School in 1953. He graduated from Ferris State University, Lawrence Technological University and studied at Dartmouth College – Amos Tuck School. In 1954, Backie was commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Korea and Guam (1954-1957). He received distinguished honors for his marksmanship while on the Marine Corps Rifle and Pistol Team. He later spent nearly 25 years as CEO of H.E. Services Company, and owned or partnered in as many as 12 different companies in the automotive industry.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda. Together they enjoyed 60 years of marriage, during which they valued the company of their family and their grandchildren. She was the love of his life, and his constant companion through his final days. He is also survived by his four children; Robin, Mason, Garrette and Carter. He leaves behind four grandchildren, Joseph, Brody, Brooklyn and River; two half-brothers, Arly Kruger and Daryl Kruger, as well as many cherished relatives and close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; Bernice Kruger and Lloyd Backie; Stepfather, George Kruger and his half-brother, Kenneth Kruger.

He was proud of his native heritage and participated as an elder member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He was also a licensed Merchant Marine Captain and a member of several engineering societies. His passion of the outdoors fueled his involvement with programs protecting nature, gaming and fishing. He was a life-long fly fisherman, who taught himself the art of tying flies. His flies have been recognized and used by the U.S. National Fly-Fishing Team. He forever loved his employees, adventure, traveling, skiing, fishing with his daughter, sailing with his sons and playing golf with his life-long friends.

A remembrance service will be held on June 16, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Hill Funeral Home - 11723 S. Saginaw Street, Grand Blanc, Mich., with visitation beginning at 11 a.m. Inurnment with military honors will follow the service and be held at 2:30 p.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made directly to: Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center (VAMC), Volunteer Services - 135, 1500 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48602. Donations payable to: Aleda E. Lutz VAMC (In the Memo space

please include: GPF #1022 /Robert L. Backie, or a charitable contribution may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate.

WILLIAM A. GUYER

William A. "Cotton" Guyer, 71, of Taconite, Mich., died Monday, April 25, 2022, in his home.

Born Dec. 5, 1950, in Grand Rapids, he was the son of Elwyn A. and Betty (Boudreau) Guyer. A 1969 Graduate of Greenway High School, Cotton lived most of his life in Marble, Calumet, and Taconite. Cotton and Sally "Chick" Markovich were married on Nov. 12, 1971, in Taconite.

Cotton was a diesel mechanic and a member of the fire brigade for Hibbing Taconite retiring with 30 years of service. He served on the Greenway Rec. Board and was commander of the Taconite Sons of the American Legion Post 301. An avid hockey fan, he was a member of the 1968 Greenway State champion hockey team, had been a hockey coach, attended the

state high school hockey tournament for 40 years, and became a legend at the Gopher Bar in St. Paul. He was a huge fan of all Greenway sports, even wearing his Greenway colors while attending Grand Rapids events. He was a member of the Friends of the Whitetails, the Scraggly Lake Campfire Association, had been a member of the Marble and Calumet Fire departments, retired from the Greenway Fire Department, was a member of the Smokey Stovers, and also a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

His parents; his wife Sally "Chick;" a grandson, Jayden Gangl; and sisters, Betty Lou Finke and Nanette Killham preceded him in death.

Survivors include his children, Tara (TJ) Saxhaug, Jennifer (Deacon) Kyllander, Joli (Mike Waskosky) Guyer, and Katie (John) Rubesh; grandchildren, Katrina (Tyler) Haigh, Reed and Luc Saxhaug, Cejay Howat, Lillie Waskosky, Andrew (Angie)

Erickson, and Jarett Rubesh; siblings, Guy (Jean) Guyer and Renee (Steve) Thorson.

Cotton made friends everywhere he went. He loved to entertain and he had the hugest heart. Cotton was extremely generous, almost to a fault. Some of his greatest memories were made at Burrows Lake with Chick, family, and friends. Wherever he was, there was sure to be a full moon nearby. As only Cotton would say, "thanks for leaving."

Visitation was held April 28, 2022, in the Peterson Funeral Chapel of Coleraine. Graveside services were held Friday, April 29, 2022, in the Lakeview Cemetery, in Coleraine and were followed by a celebration of Cotton's life in the Taconite American Legion.

Arrangements were made with the Peterson Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services of Coleraine. To leave an online message of condolence please visit: www.petersonfuneralchapelofcoleraine.com.

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**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

The last several months have been rough on the tribe. Just like clockwork, the six to 12 months prior to an election are always filled with propaganda and misinformation. I don't think I will ever understand why people choose to take that road. Actually, I think some people just can't control themselves or just don't care about the consequences.

The divide that has been created in our tribe over the last two decades is very sad. Promises made knowing that there was no chance or impossible to do. Our members have been manipulated because so many are vulnerable and by teasing people with things they need or want, they put their trust in the person.

Recently, a Sault Tribe member business owner conducted a referendum petition on a resolution the board had passed that would create a partnership within Sault Tribe Inc., where the tribe and a tribal family business owner (Binesi) would work together on securing large government contracts. Sault Tribe Inc. would be 51 percent owners and Binesi would be 49 percent owners. There was lots of false information put out to the membership and many people didn't really understand what they were signing.

When the referendum petitions were turned in, the board voted to

send them to our Election Committee and Legal for review. The election attorney basically said the person circulating the petition has to actually see the person signing it. In many instances, the petitions were mailed out to people to sign and Randy McGahey signed as the circulated instead of the person who had the petition in their hand. Many signatures were signed on the same day in different states, such as Florida and Michigan.

When candidates circulate petitions for their election, they must follow the same rules. Such as in 2020 with COVID, it was discouraged to go door-to-door to get signatures, so many petitions were mailed or emailed out. I made sure to tell those members that if they printed it or received it in the mail, then they are the ones that need to print and sign as the member and also as the circulator at the bottom because I didn't actually witness them signing it. This action actually gives integrity to the process.

The board then voted to deem the referendum petition invalid and asked for the election attorney's letter to be made public. If it is not in this issue of the newspaper, you can find it on our website.

What people are not understanding is by having a contractor that is able and bonded at such a high level that the possibilities to get more and bigger jobs is easier. Many of projects will then be able to be bid on by local, smaller businesses. It is a win-win with Sault Tribe Inc., making 51 percent of the profits. Currently we get 0 percent when other contractors bid on projects.

During the same meeting on May 10, the board also unanimously approved the resignation of the chairman. This is not the first time the tribe has had a chairman resign and we have a succession of officers to continue business as usual. Vice chairman DJ Hoffman will fulfill that role at this time. If for some reason DJ cannot be there, I then chair the

meeting as the secretary and then it would go to the treasurer of the tribe, Keith Massaway, in both my and DJ's absence.

I'm happy to report that we have been fortunate enough in the last couple of meetings to have Bud Biron smudge and pray with us. We used to always do this and I am so happy we are again. There has been so much hurt and anger within our tribe and towards the board of directors. It's long past time that our tribe begins to heal from all the lies, negativity and division.

We have so much work that we need such as changes to our codes, updating the constitution, implementing the new wage grid, improve our programs and services, etc. We have wasted so much time putting out fires, now is the time to come together and heal.

Our tribe, other tribes in the State and the State of Michigan continue to negotiate the lapsed 2020 Consent Decree. Our tribe is hosting the parties this week, beginning May 23. We have met and prepared with our legal teams for over two years trying to make sure we do our absolute best for our tribe and our members. We have an internal team made up of board members or their delegates. I appreciate the time these people have invested into something so important. I especially want to thank the delegate for Keith and I, Jason Grondin, for the sacrifices he and his family have made so he can attend and prepare for these negotiations. It is unfortunate that this continued through an election season and may continue well after the election is over.

All board members have been working on the lack of housing in all of our areas and many have passed resolutions expending ARPA funds to build houses, buy houses, buy property, add community centers, fitness centers or other activities for their communities. In Unit III, we struggle probably more than the other units because we just don't

have much land that is currently in trust. There is also not a lot of available land to work with. Keith and I continue to meet with housing, EDC, our real estate office and other agencies to facilitate the process of providing much needed housing.

With the pandemic the last two years, our elders did not get much time to socialize for meals or events, which made it hard on everyone. Humans need that social interaction to thrive. So, on May 12, our unit was finally able to have our monthly elder meeting at the elder complex. There were of course many questions and concerns brought forward and they will be passed on to our departments to answer and fix. Many are excited to be able to once again attend concerts, as well. A reminder that any member 55 and older may receive up to two show tickets per event that is hosted by Kewadin Casinos. Some of the events are held at our venues but not hosted by us so then we cannot offer free tickets.

If you would like to receive your free elder tickets you can call the box office at the Sault casino or if you live in or around St. Ignace you can go to the gift shop in the casino to pick them up. Tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis. It is also important to remember that these tickets cannot be given away to a friend or family member. The elder must be in attendance for the tickets to be accepted. Any violation will result in suspending the tickets for one year. This is a good thing because then elders that really want to see the show are able to with limited tickets.

The general election ballots are being mailed out the first part of June, so you may receive them prior to getting this issue of the newspaper. Many members didn't realize that there wasn't a primary election in Units III and V and that is why they did not receive a ballot. The counting of the ballots will be on Thursday, June 23, beginning at 5 p.m. I want to thank all the volunteers that help

stuff envelopes and open them at the counts. This is a big job and thankfully many casino team members have been able to help.

Also at the May 10 meeting, the board voted to authorize the Election Committee to investigate, with assistance from their respective attorney, all anonymous election activities. There have been some anonymous mailers and billboards this election cycle. There has been a statement put out by the Election Committee in regards to this that you can find on our website as well.

Congratulations to all the high school seniors who are graduating. My youngest son is one of them and will be attending a trade school for HVAC in the fall. Hopefully, when you graduate college, a trade school or just jump into the work force, you will consider working for your own tribe at some point.

This year, I gave scholarships



to Kylee Peter and Jonathan Litzner (pictured above with Birdgett Sorenson, L-R), both seniors at LaSalle High School. Kylee will be attending Michigan State University in the fall to become a nurse anesthetist. Jonathan will begin classes this fall at Bay Mills Community College to pursue nursing or radiology. Good Luck to both of you!

Please keep our tribe in your prayers as we continue to heal and move forward!

Questions or concerns, email me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or text or call me at (906) 430-0536.

Chair advisory election to be held after general



**BETTY FREIHEIT,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Hello Tribal Members, Congratulations to all those candidates who cleared the primary election!

The members have spoken. I applaud all candidates who stepped forward to run in hopes of serving our tribe. It is a stressful undertaking. I hope those that did not make it this time, will consider running again in the future. I look forward to working with the new board elected.

General election ballots will be mailed on June 1 and must be

returned by June 23.

I have received many reports of individuals not receiving ballots, or being told they are not registered to vote. I realize that not all units held primaries, but these reports were often in units that did. I also realize that some members may not have followed the voter's registration process.

This is a problem that occurs every election. So, we need to find solutions. We need to have a formal process that is posted online for people who do not receive ballots to follow. And we need someone to follow through in a timely manner.

Every ballot that is not received means a tribal member is prevented from participating in our elections. And that is not acceptable.

At the meeting held on May 17, 2022, the board publicly committed to holding a Special Advisory Election for the vacant position of chair. This is the process that was followed when Denny McKelvie died in office; a Special Advisory election was held and I won the privilege to serve out his term.

This is good news, as this is a decision that should be made by

the members, not the board. The board agreed it was best to wait until this election cycle was complete. I expect that we will begin the process immediately after.

I anticipate a number of individuals will come forward to vie for this very important position.

One item I hope to work on in the coming months is a Board Code of Conduct. One that guides and regulates the board's actions at the table and beyond. Not one that sits in a drawer for 20 some years and only emerges when board wants to use it adversely against other board or the chairperson.

We need a code that addresses conflict of interest. Such as board voting for family members to be appointed to committees or roles and other tribal activities. And voting for wages in compensation of immediate family members.

A code that would require board to disclose prior activities that would cause them to recuse themselves from certain negotiations or voting on select issues.

A code that would prohibit board from pushing for interviews and hires of family and friends, and in general using their influence outside the board table

to influence or micromanage outcomes.

I expect other items would need to be included and look forward to working with new and existing board on this much needed document.

In closing, please take care of

Please submit health survey



**DENISE CHASE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY

I received a number of calls regarding a letter that members

yourself and your family. Help your neighbors anytime you can. Please help take care of our elders.

Betty F. Freiheit
Unit 1 Director
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have received in the mail about a Community Health survey. They wanted to know what it is about and why they can only complete it online and didn't receive a hard copy of the survey to complete and mail back.

I contacted Health staff and was told that the survey letter was sent to every Sault Tribe household in the service area. It is a Sault Tribe Adult Health Survey and sent to one tribal adult per household to complete on the household. According to the flyer and information I received, the survey results will be used by the Health Division to evaluate its existing tribal programs and plan for new or improved services. This will help address the unmet

See "Chase Report," Page 31

Director Catherine Hollowell's last unit report

Dear Tribal Members,

This is my last unit report before I step down from office. I can't really express what a tremendous, lifetime honor it has been to serve our tribe on your behalf. Thanks to COVID, these last 2-plus years have been brutal for getting together across all our communities. We've lost a lot of good people during that time. But we are a resilient people. And, I sure see promise in the next generation, and roads of opportunity being forged for them.

I don't know where to begin in commending each and every employee in our workforce. Nothing but respect for each and every one of you that keep our tribal nation moving in the right direction. And, people can say what they want, but we are in much better financial condition now than when I took office in 2010. It's hard to make needed reforms and initiate purposeful objectives when you are burdened with debt. We've turned that corner, but contrary to what anyone might say, the Sault Tribe has financial oversight, compliance, fiduciary oversight, front and center, in anything we do. And, tribal members deserve to know that. Our professional



Unit II Director Catherine Hollowell with Fannie Aslin at her recent 100th birthday party at Newberry Tribal Center.

staff have been heroes in keeping us on sound footing. I am truly grateful for their hard work and dedication.

For the last three or more years, Great Lakes treaty protected fishing has been my focus of service.

It's been a journey. The 2000 Great Lakes Consent Decree

(US v. MI) was due to conclude in 2020 but was extended twice by the court due to COVID and our inability to convene in person. So, we went virtual. Five sovereign tribes; a gaggle of federal trustees; and the state of Michigan, seven parties in all. Talk about herding cats!! We are once again convening in person.



Hollowell holds up a beautiful blanket given to Fannie at her party.

The current extension expires the end of June. Same time as our transition to a newly elected board of directors. All parties at the negotiation table are under a confidentiality arrangement, so I cannot discuss details. But I can say this:

The Sault Tribe made good use of the last three years in preparation for negotiations.

We knew the assignment. Together with our staff, leadership designees and fishers representing knowledge from all three lakes of the 1836 Treaty waters: we put our nose to the grindstone and mapped every grid, of every management unit—learning the fishery and what it's going to take to be viable for the next generations forward...or for the duration of this next consent decree, for that matter. There is a lot at stake. Right now. In the coming weeks and months

ahead. The countless hours expended learning and understanding our waters in preparation for these negotiations.

It's been an education and it's strengthened the bonds between our user groups, our biological managers and our communities that depend on a healthy tribal commercial fishery.

The Sault Tribe is a fishing tribe! We are committed to maintaining a sustainable, commercial fishery for the future. We shall soon see if we are the only ones who are still committed to a safe, sustainable fishery. Much respect and appreciation for Brad Silet, our lead fishery team, Legal, Enforcement, and administration, who have stood strong together in support of our commercial and subsistence fishing community. Praying for the best outcome for all. Grateful and proud of their service to our tribe.

Be kind to each other.

Show patience for each other and learn from each other.

Zhawenigewin: Blessings, mercy and kindness,

Call me anytime: (906) 430-5551

P.S. Happy 100th Birthday to Fannie Aslin! Fannie serves on our Newberry Elder Committee and is a mentor to all!

Please consider attending our board meetings



MICHAEL MCKERCHIE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Where to start, a lot has happened in the last month and many members are concerned. Love them or hate them, when we lose long standing officials a lot of institutional knowledge

leaves with them. With that being said, our tribe is so much bigger than its officials and offers a diverse range of people and team members always willing to bridge those gaps and help where they can. I am always grateful to our team members that step up and help whenever and wherever they can. In addition to our team members, it is time for your board members to step up and take on whatever roles are needed as we work through this transition period. I can only speak for myself when I say that I will work with our team and do what is needed through this time.

It is election time, and many are out there promising this and that and social media is filled with drama. I just want to remind the membership that

we are tribe. We have diverse opinions on how our tribe should move forward, but let's remain positive and continue moving in a good way. There are several ways to engage in politics, don't take shortcuts and don't resort to negative campaign strategies. We are better than that.

When your leaders or prospective leaders take the low road, they inspire their supporters to do the same and truthfully it can work the opposite way as well when our leaders feed off of what they see on social media. Our values are reflected by our leaders that we elect. Smear campaigning and character assassination is at a recent all-time high. This in part by mirroring national politics but also in part our own engaging in dirty politics. Dirty politics have no business in our

tribal leader selection — none.

I am fortunate enough to have a diverse group of supporters. I do not have loyalists and I am thankful for that. My supporters have kept me in line. My elders aren't afraid to say something when they think I am wrong. I am thankful for this. I think several groups and social media sites turn a blind eye to "their" candidate that they can do no wrong, which leads to further problems. Hold us accountable, we work for you — all of you — not just those that supported us.

Now, more than ever, I ask you, as you are able, start attending our meetings in person or via Zoom. See for yourself, hold us accountable for our behaviors, actions, in-actions, etc. To attend a board meeting via Zoom, you must register to attend here:

<https://saulttribe.com/member-ship-services/membership-assistance>. To attend or present a membership issue during Membership Concerns, you will need to complete a membership participation form (available on that webpage). Deadline to submit a membership form on meeting day is 3 p.m. Regular meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Fishing negotiations continue and are expected to wrap up soon. They have consumed several of our attentions these last few years, and we are ramping up to try and finish this in the next few weeks. I'm unsure how the consent decree will finish up, but have been very proud of our team approach and our will to fight for our inherent rights. During this time, it's easy to recall sitting with Ralph Wilcox during my first campaign and term. He shared many concerns and taught me a few things before he passed on and I am thankful for those conversations, now more than ever. I've learned a lot more during negotiations and have been honored to be part of the team.

Shout out to Sault High Youth Council and several of our programs including ARC, Lodge of Bravery, and others, for their recent Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) event. Chi Miigwech for all those involved, especially those who spoke and shared their personal stories, and to our younger generation giving their time bringing awareness to native issues.

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

Board approves community center pavilion



KIMBERLE GRAVELLE
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Hello,
Good news! In April, the Board of Directors (BOD) approved Resolution 2022-122 - Unit 1 Cultural Community

Center Open Air Pavilion and Resolution 2022-123 Unit 1 Big Bear Community. The Open Air Pavilion will enhance the Niigaanagizhik Building. When renting the Niigaanagizhik Building, you may be bumped if a tribal member passes away because funerals take precedence over any other event. This leaves the renter trying to find another facility for their function. The Pavilion will alleviate this from happening. Funding was also set aside to update the interior and exterior of the Niigaanagizhik Building. These improvements are long overdue and will make the facility more user friendly.

The Big Bear Community Center resolution was passed to upgrade flooring in the gym, external basketball courts, out-

door audio-visual equipment (theater and PA system), outdoor fitness equipment, as well as an outdoor ice rink.

As I reported in the past, Unit 1 had identified that housing was a top priority. Recent comments have been made that some Unit 1 BOD don't care about the need for tribal member housing when, in fact, in February, the BOD obligated approximately \$16 million in ARPA funds by UNANAMOUS VOTE for housing. On Feb. 22, 2022, Resolution No. 2022-72 was approved for Unit 1 Elder Housing (quads and duplexes) and on March 1, 2022, Resolution No. 2022-84 was passed to provide 20 Modular homes and 35 manufactured/trailer homes in Unit 1. This is in

addition to the work our Housing Department is engaged in. Further, the Cultural Community Center Open Air Pavilion and Big Bear Community Center resolutions were discussed and sponsored by all five Unit 1 Board of Directors.

As always, I would like to thank team members for their dedication and continued hard work.

Please keep the men and women in the armed forces in your prayers and thoughts for a safe return to their families.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (906) 203-6083 or at KKGGravelle@saulttribe.net. Stay safe and healthy.

Thank You,
Kim

Firefighters respond to small electrical incident



From "Chase Report," pg. 29 health needs of tribal families. This will help with future expansion or planning of services.

The results will be presented to the tribal board and other departments for decision making and grant planning.

If you don't have web access to fill out the survey you can call and request a paper copy of the survey and it will be mailed to you. Call (906) 632-5210 or stop in at your local tribal center health center office and ask for one. June 10 is the deadline.

If you have further questions about the survey, there is contact information on the invitation letter mailed to your household, or you can call MPHI Project Director Shannon Laing at (517) 324-7344 or email tribalhealthsurvey@mphi.org.

People who complete and return the survey by June 10 can enter into a raffle drawing for a chance to win one of five \$100 gift cards. I urge you to complete the survey, as the information gathered will be used to assist the Health Division make plans for new or improved services that would better address your health needs.

Gladstone Building

The tribe recently purchased a new health clinic office at 2002 Minneapolis St. in Gladstone, Mich. The Pen Star staff will transition over to the new facility, once Rural Health Clinic Manager Marlene Glaesman comes up with a relocation plan and the facility is ready for occupancy. Part of the clinic will be used for Community Health/Health Clinic and part for exercise and fitness opportunities. I would like to see this facility have the addition of doctors and more staff. This has been a long-time goal of mine for the tribe to own our own health facility in Delta County where we are not leasing building space from other landlords.

I would like to say Migwech to the Manistique Kewadin Casino Maintenance crew: Ed Goudreau, Beau Rochefort, Bill Huebner and Christian Lawrence for doing the spring Indian Pointe cemetery clean up this year.

Congratulations to all the high school and college graduates!

If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 203-2471 or dchase@sault-tribe.net.

Thank you Denise Chase, Unit 4 Board Representative

Photo by Scott Brand

The Sault Tribe Health Center at 2864 Ashmun St. was evacuated for over an hour on Tuesday, May 10, after a fire alarm was triggered shortly before 12:30 p.m. Interim Fire Chief Kevin Mohar of the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department said a heating and cooling issue prompted the alarm. Firefighters noted minimal smoke and cosmetic damage to a small area inside the structure allowing staff to return at 1:36 p.m. In addition to three fire trucks and three ambulances, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Sault Police Department responded to the scene to assist with traffic control and congestion along the nearby street. Staff resumed normal operations after they received clearance to do so.

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Win Awenen Nisitotung news writer Scott Brand (right) shakes hands with Sgt. Brian Mattson of Sault Police Department who responded to a fire alarm at the Sault Tribe Health Center.

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