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Lana Causley, head veteran Gene Reid and Lana's daugter, Sierra.



Rene Shipman



A beautiful day at the Hessel powwow

# Tribal ID cards allowed at border crossings

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Tribe is working closely with First Nations tribes across the Canadian border to help resolve issues that all indigenous people's of North America are currently facing related to international border crossings between the U.S. and Canada.

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) went into effect June 1 of this year, requiring the use of a U.S. passport, U.S. passport card, enhanced driver's license or Trusted Traveler Program cards for U.S. citizens returning home from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean or Bermuda and traveling by land or sea.

According to Joanne Ferreira, public affairs specialist with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), tribal ID cards with a photo are still being accepted as valid border crossing documents. "We realize there are U.S. Native Americans who still only have their photo ID tribal cards and are in the process of obtaining WHTI compliant IDs or making tribal cards WHTI compliant. We have continued to accept photo ID cards after June 1 and through a modest, but reasonable transition period. At some point, we will have to close this transition period, but we will notify the tribes when that is," she said.

Ferreira said the DHS wants to continue to move towards the development of Enhanced Tribal Cards, which would improve the security of all documents presented at the U.S. border and facilitate the entry of those using WHTI compliant documents.

Throughout the development of the WHTI, DHS and the Department of State have considered the comments of Native American communities directly affected by implementation of the initiative. Ferreira said, "DHS and US Customs and Border Protection take very seriously the concerns of Native Americans and are committed to giving full consideration to the ideas that federally recognized tribes propose."

In order to become designated as WHTI-compliant, tribes will have to enhance their tribal enrollment and identification cards.

"In 1794 when the Jay Treaty was signed off on by the US and Great Britian, the treaty did not give us rights as Native peoples of North America," said Chief Dean Sayers of the Batchewana Indian Band, Rankin Reserve, in Ontario. "It did, however, recognize our continued ability to travel as we were in the habit of doing throughout North America. We hope the U.S. will continue to recognize this international treaty. The policy that Homeland Security is following with regards to the WHTI is a contradiction of the Jay Treaty, from our perspective. We have advised the U.S. government and the Canadian government that we will do our best as a people to meet the requirements of Homeland Security and the travel initiative."

Sayers said his tribal council will not endorse having to choose between being designated as an American or Canadian Indian when filling out paperwork for identification purposes. "We are neither, we are North American Indian. We have never been in the position to have to make that kind of determination before," he said.

The creation of a boundary between the U.S. territory and British North America came about shortly after the American Revolutionary War, bisecting Indian nations, including the Six Nations (Iroquois). This was an intrusion by the governments into lands that were the territory of the tribes.

The should be able to cross the border when and where we want ... If you have an identification card saying you are Anishinaabe, you shouldn't have to recognize the border. I would like to see that for all the tribes on either side of the river.

— Sault Tribe Chairman Joe McCoy

Then in 1794, Britain and the United States entered into a treaty known as the Jay Treaty. Article III of the Jay Treaty provided for free border-crossing rights for United States citizens, British subjects, and "the Indians dwelling on either side of the boundary line." Indians were also not to pay duty or taxes on their "own proper goods" when crossing the border.

Sayers said they have purchased equipment to develop a tribal ID card that will be administered and managed by the First Nations, in particular Batchewana and Garden River. Security features surpassing those required by Homeland Security will be incorporated into the new IDs, according to Sayers.

"I believe, based on preliminary discussions we have had with Homeland Security, this has led — at least in part — to the exemption to the WHTI until we have the opportunity to develop this card and meet U.S. requirements."

He added, "If we follow down the road of allowing those governments to determine who a First Nation or an Indian is, we will see ourselves just slipping away. We are hoping the U.S., under the leadership of President Obama, will live up to the expectations that we as First Nations Indian people of North America have based on the beautiful words he spoke in regards to the elimination of those policies that have detrimental effect on our culture and people."

The Sault Tribe and First Nations communities share family bonds and continue to maintain social, political, cultural and economic ties. The Anishinaabeg Nation on both sides of the border numbers about 340,000 people.

Sault Tribe maintains a respectful relationship with the U.S. government while hoping the rights as Anishinaabeg people be respected and recognized. "We should be able to cross the border when and where we want. That is what I would like to see," said Sault Tribe Chairman Joe McCoy. "If you have an identification card saying you are Anishinaabe, you shouldn't have to recognize the border. I would like to see that for all the tribes on either side of the (St. Marys) river. We are going to do everything we can, within reason, to comply with the WHTI requirements."

One of the concerns the Sault Tribe has regarding WHTI requirements is the cost of implementing a secure database of private citizenship information. The tribe has estimated

See "WHTI requirements," page 18

# News briefs.

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For more information or to register please call the U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network at 228-9203 or 1-800-369-9522 from anywhere in the U.P.

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For further information, call or visit our Web site at www.experienceworks.org.

# **Elders and family Fun** Night Sept. 9 in Sault

Fun Night is slated at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center on Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 9, 5-7 p.m., for elders and families.

We are recruiting elders to participate in a month-long series of health education classes and kicking it off with the Fun Night. It will begin with a brief session covering health information followed by fun and games. Enjoy pizza, bingo, games and more plus prizes for winners.

Attendees must register at 5 p.m. Please RSVP at 635-4971 or toll free at (888) 711-7356, ask for

# Batterer sentenced to prison for 46-month term

MARQUETTE, Mich. - Brandon James Vert, 23, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, was sentenced to 46 months in federal prison for domestic assault by a habitual offender on Aug. 21. In addition to the prison term, senior U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar ordered Vert to serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison, to pay a \$100 special assessment, and to have no further contact with the victim. Vert was also ordered to pay \$5,942.64 in restitution to the

Vert pleaded guilty to the offense on April 28, 2009. The charge stemmed from an incident at the Kewadin Casino and Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie on Dec. 7, 2008, during which Vert assaulted his wife, breaking her ribs. Vert was previously convicted of domestic violence

against the same victim on three separate occasions, and was on probation stemming from one of those convictions at the time he committed the offense.

U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis commended the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the City of Sault Ste. Marie police departments for their work in this case. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul D. Lochner.

Win Awenen Nisitotung welcomes submissions of news articles, feature stories, photographs, columns and announcements of American Indian or non-profit events. All submissions are printed at the discretion of the editor, subject to editing and are not to exceed 400 words. Unsigned submissions are not accepted.

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

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# Incentive fund helps juvenile probationers

By Brenda Austin

Just prior to school starting each fall, the Sault Tribe Probation Department uses funds from the juvenile incentive program to purchase backpacks and school supplies for probationers and their siblings.

The incentive program is used to help reward young probationers for positive behavior. Small rewards such as McDonalds coupons, movies and items from Bath and Body Works and JC Penney are used as incentives. Last winter, one young boy on probation had made a lot of positive changes in his life and needed a new winter coat. Using the incentive program, Tribal Court was able to purchase one for him.

Pizza parties and movie days are also something the kids look forward to.

This year a total of 15 backpacks filled with school supplies were given to probationers and their siblings. The remainder of the backpacks and supplies were donated to students at JKL



Trenton Boulley and Jennifer Blair of the juvenile incentive program give leftover backpacks to Lori Jodoin (L-R) for JKL Bahweting School students.

Bahweting School.

Shopping at Kmart, Jennifer Blair, juvenile probation officer said she was

able to purchase crayons, colored pencils and glue sticks for the younger children and five-subject notebooks for older children. "Most of these kids don't have very many positive things in their life. So if they put in a good effort during the school year and have passing grades and good attendance, we plan an end of the year pizza party and movie day. That is a really big thing for most of these kids," she said.

According to Blair, each of her probationers is a success story in their own way. One young man has made some pretty remarkable changes over the past two years. "He has made leaps and bounds in his behavior and ability to handle the stressors in his life. He still has a lot of work, but he has made a great improvement. He has a lot of potential and I hope that he grasps that at some point," she said.

Most of the probationers Blair works with are children who live on the reservations in Sault Ste. Marie and in the western end of the tribe's service area. Many of these children come from lower income families who, according to Blair, have a lot of struggles to overcome.

In an effort to help tribal families involved in the tribal court system, a food pantry was recently opened. Funds from the incentive program are used to purchase food for the pantry from the EUP Food Bank. A used refrigerator was recently purchased for the pantry allowing Blair to purchase milk, eggs, bread and meat to add to the nonperishable items.

Donations to the food pantry are welcome. Nonperishable food items, paper products and laundry detergent are some of the items most requested. Sault Tribe Court is located at 2175 Shunk Rd. in the Sault. If you would like to make a donation, ask for Jennifer Blair or Ed McKelvie, or call (906) 635-4963.

Anyone wishing access to the food pantry must first be approved by the Probation Department.





The Academy of Performing Arts recently held an open house at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center, with ribbon cutting at left, and, at right, students in costume for the big night.

# Tribe offers online language class "Nish-1"

By Brenda Austin

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.

– The Sault Tribe language program offers classes throughout the seven county service area in addition to bringing a real-time internet-based language class

right into your home or office.

Internet-based Nish 1 is the first of four levels. Nish 1 meets Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. There is a \$20 fee per school year, which is scheduled from September to June. The subscription is renewable each September. Students can join any time during the year.

Language instructors are Orien Corbiere, from M'Chigeeng First Nation in Ontario, and Leonard Kimewon, from Wikwemikong, Ontario. Both instructors have been working to develop curriculum which they hope to publish into a language book with an accom-

panying CD. As the demand grows for online classes and additional classes are offered, Corbiere said they also hope to produce a DVD series which would be similar to participating in an immersion course.

Corbiere said the classes he teaches in person are very similar to the e-class. During the online class Corbiere presents that week's lesson using a PowerPoint slide show. The program teaches 'Nishinaabemowin from its own context. Students are taught conversational 'Nnishinaabemowin and how to get their ideas across, rather than concentrating on grammar. Lessons are generally inspirational stories, Native narratives, conversational dialogs and occasionally a good joke.

Two classes are held in the Sault, one Thursday evenings

at the Niigaanagiizhik Building from 7 to 8 p.m. with a potluck dinner, the other Wednesdays at noon called the "Lunch Bunch." Classes are also offered in Hessel, St. Ignace, Manistique and Munising.

The online class has students from Iowa, Manitoulin Island in Ontario, Manistique, Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie. The classes are open to all members of the community and, with the exception of the Internet-based

Nish 1 class, they are free.

Corbiere said the biggest difference between speaking the English language and Anishinaabemowin is that our traditional language is very

"We talk in pictures," he said. "There is a lot of ancestral culture evident in the language. I teach how each word reflects the thinking of our ancestors. Most people who come to learn the language are looking for a

connection with their identity. Our language is what makes us unique."

To register for the Internet-based Nish 1 class, or for questions about times and locations of community based classes, call (906) 635-6050.

# Notice of Intent to Construct MOORE'S ROAD

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs hereby announce their intent to construct Moore's Road. The project is located in Mackinac County, Section 19, Township 41N, Range 3E. The total project length is 500 feet. This project is scheduled for construction during the 2009 construction year. Work will include earthwork, clearing, grubbing, construction of subbase, grading, drainage, and construction of aggregate base and asphalt pavement. Plans and other related information concerning this project are available for viewing by contacting:

Brenda Cooper, Transportation Planner, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783

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Sault Tribe Purchasing Department

# RUMMAGE SALE! Friday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 1022 E. Portage in the Soo

The Sault Tribe Purchasing Department will hold a "Rummage Sale" on Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The sale is open to Tribal Members, Employees and the General Public.

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Anishnaabek Community and Family Services is requesting review and comment from the public for the FY2010 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Community Service Block Grant (CSBG)Plans. These plans will be available for review and comment at all ACFS office locations on August 3, 2009. ACFS staff will be available to discuss both the LIHEAP and CSBG 2010 Plans.

# Free Laker Athletic Tickets for Sault Tribe Members

To be eligible for tickets, Tribal Members must fill out the Free Laker Athletic Ticket Application and check off the games they wish to attend. Mail the application, along with a copy of your Tribal Card, to the address indicated on application by September 23, 2009. Applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis until all tickets are disbursed. There are a limited number of tickets. Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with any remaining tickets. Please call (906) 635-4777 for additional information or applications. APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2009.

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# From the Kitchen of Bob Flowers

# Bob's prize winning white chili

In past years, I made this same basic recipe, but with chicken or pork as the meat and with more potent hot peppers. This year, I tweaked the herbs and spices, changed to ground beef and reduced the heat. Everyone who has tried this recipe has fallen in love with it. It's not as pretty as red chili, but it sure tastes great. Try this recipe on a cool fall night. It'll warm you to your toes.

Ingredients:

24 oz. great northern beans, cooked

24 oz. pinto beans, cooked ½ cup salsa verde (found in most grocery stores)

1 large white onion, diced ½ cup chopped green onion 1 tbs. Sriracha brand pepper

2 tbs. ground coriander

1 tbs. ground cumin 2 stalks celery, sliced w/ leaves 1 ½ lb. ground beef (80/20

2 tsp. kosher salt, or 1½ tsp. table salt



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3 tbs. fresh chopped cilantro 2, one-inch minced serrano chile peppers ½ tsp. white or black ground pepper 2 cups heavy cream

½ cup masa harina (next to cornmeal in grocery)

3 tbs. cooking oil

Heat oil in a large pan. Add diced onion. Sauté over medium heat while stirring until onion begins to soften, about 2 minutes. Add ground beef and flatten. Let cook for about five minutes, then break it up. Stir and cook until meat has lightly browned. Add remaining ingredients, except for masa harina, and reduce heat to a simmer. Cover and cook for two hours, stirring every 20 minutes



Chili chef Bob Flowers with his sister and fellow cook, Sandy Gallagher.

or so to prevent the chili from sticking. Taste and add seasoning to taste.

Place masa harina in an eightounce cup with just enough water to form a thick paste. Stir with a fork until all lumps are removed. Slowly stir in two tbs. more water to form slurry. Stir slurry into the chili and again cover. Cook over low heat for ten minutes. Stir and test chili thickness. Serve in bowls.

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# 2009 chili contest sets record attendance

SAULT STE. MARIE The 2009 Local Heroes Chili Cook Off in Sault Ste. Marie broke attendance records on Aug. 11 at Pullar Stadium.

"We had our largest crowd ever, over 850 people," noted Molly Paquin, director of the United Way of Chippewa County.

The eighth annual event was a community fundraiser in support of local United Way operations and features local competitors from municipal services, businesses and other concerns. About 40 varieties of chili were offered for sampling by all attendees and a panel of local volunteer judges.

The Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department received the nod for best hot chili while the Sault Housing Commission Safe Haven Homeless Shelter picked up best mild chili. The Sault Farmers' Market took best white chili while the Girl Scouts garnered best vegetarian chili.



Chili Judge DJ Hoffman samples a contestant's chili at the 2009 Local Heroes Chili Cook Off held Aug. 11.

Soo Super Valu walked away with the prize for best professional chili. The Boys and Girls Club of Bay Mills received two wins for best decorated booth and chili of the people's choice.

# Get help from Down **Payment Assistance Program**

The Down Payment Assistance Program helps Sault Tribe members become homeowners of structurally sound homes. The funds are HUD dollars restricted to lowincome tribal members. Eligible applicants receive up to \$5,000 toward down payment and clos-

The program is open to Sault Tribe members residing within the service area in Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Schoolcraft, Delta, and Marquette counties.

The application period ends Sept.18, 2009.

The program is open to Sault Tribe members with total incomes at or below 80 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size. Participants must obtain a mortgage with a local lender. The Housing Authority will help applicants demonstrate

they have stable income and the ability and willingness to meet financial obligations.

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

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Borrowers are required to participate in home buyer education sessions designed to help them understand and fulfill the responsibilities of homeownership.

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# Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians **Housing Authority**

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# adult flu vaccination clinics Oct. easonal

This year's annual community seasonal flu vaccination clinics are set for Tuesday, Oct. 6, for adults only, from 12 noon to 6 p.m., at three locations:

- LSSU Norris Center gym-
- Drive-through at Sault Ste. Marie City airport on Meridian Street as a convience specifically for elderly, frail, and handicapped people and their drivers.
- Bay Mills Resort Horizons Center in Brimley

Vaccinations are free to Sault Tribe members, but you must bring your tribal identification card for verification.

The general adult public is welcomed to the clinics.

The cost for most adults is \$20 or bring Medicare cards, employer vouchers, tribal cards or tribal proof of employment.

LSSU students and faculty with identification cards will pay only \$10 at the Norris Center site; adults visiting the Bay Mills site for their vaccination will pay \$15 and it is free for Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Bay Mills Indian Community members.

Participants are reminded to wear short sleeves. Seasonal influenza (flu) shots are recommended for children aged 6 to 59 months, pregnant women, those over 50 years of age and people of any age with certain

In addition, people who live with or care for people at high risk should be vaccinated. Seasonal flu kills about 36,000 Americans a year and leads to about 200,000 hospitalizations.

Over the last six years, many people have been vaccinated at the annual seasonal flu clinics and they are a cooperative effort by many area agencies. These agencies also use these events to practice procedures for vaccinating large numbers of people quickly. If a rapidly spreading communicable disease should enter Chippewa County, nearly 40,000 people

receive medication within 48 hours.

These agencies provide a great service for the community. Many area agencies cooperate to put on these clinics including the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Chippewa County Health Department, Lake Superior State University, Bay Mills Indian Community, War Memorial Hospital, Chippewa County Office of Emergency Management, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, American Red Cross - Chippewa County Chapter and the U.S. Border

include businesses and volunteers who donate their time to assist at the clinic.

If you need additional information about the annual community adult seasonal flu vaccination clinics, please call the Sault Tribe Health Center at (906)632-5200 ext. 23370.

To lessen the chance of becoming ill, citizens are encouraged to receive both the seasonal flu vaccine as soon as its available as well as the novel influenza A (H1N1: formerly swine flu) vaccine. Information on the novel influenza A vaccination will be available in October.

# CDC recommendations to counter H1N1 virus

Right now, parents everywhere are preparing for a new school year, finding out who their children's teachers will be, buying school supplies and seeing the doctor to make sure their kids are healthy and ready to learn.

But, if you're a parent, you need to add one more item to that back-to-school checklist: what to do if someone in your family gets the flu.

This fall, the Centers for Diease Control and Prevention (CDC) has to plan for a new version of seasonal influenza plus a potentially serious strain, the 2009 H1N1 virus.

The CDC continues to report higher than normal levels of flu-like illness and actual H1N1 outbreaks in some parts of the country. That's very unusual at this time of year.

The CDC estimates so far we've had more than one

million cases of H1N1 in the United States. Similar to seasonal flu, with H1N1 you'll get a fever, cough, sore throat, stuffy nose, achiness, headache, chills and fatigue. Sometimes H1N1 causes diarrhea and vomiting. Just like seasonal flu, it can be severe and potentially deadly.

H1N1 can be dangerous for a person with an underlying medical condition—such as asthma or diabetes—or pregnant women. So far, it's been most contagious among children and young adults age six months to

# Take precautions

Wash your hands, cough in your sleeve and stay home when you're sick. Get the vaccine when it's available.

How severe the flu becomes this fall will depend on how seriously each of us takes action to reduce the risk now.

24 years. Health care workers, emergency responders and people caring for infants should be on guard.

Scientists believe this virus could worsen with the arrival of school. But if we prepare for the virus now, it does not have to.

Some of these precautions are simple and personal. Make it a routine to wash your hands often with soap and water. Cough into your elbow or into a tissue, not in your hands.

Stay home if you're sick, and start planning now in the event that one of your kids gets the flu. And ask yourself these questions: If you work, have you made arrangements for child care? Have you talked with your employer about what to do in case you need to be out?

Some preparation is community-wide. If you're an employer, now is the time to plan to meet your objectives

with a reduced staff. You do not want an employee who is ill to spread flu in the workplace.

If you're a medical provider, don't risk being overloaded and overburdened. An outbreak will

not only bring people who have H1N1 into hospitals and doctors' offices-you'll also see the "worried well." Plan now to deal with the influx of patients that could come with an outbreak.

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# Avon Foundation awards grant for breast cancer awareness

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund awarded a \$50,000 one-year grant to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Center to increase awareness of the lifesaving benefits of early detection of breast cancer. Avon Foundation supports work on this important health issue and recognizes the excellence of the Get on the Path to Breast Health Program.

The breast health program at the health center will educate area women and refer them to low-cost or free mammograms and clinical breast exams in their own communities. The vital program will also provide patient "navigation" services, including assistance finding financial resources, transportation, appointment scheduling, patient reminder letters and other support services.

Since December 2008, the Get on the Path to Breast Health Program in the Sault has reached 1,500 women with information about the importance of early detection of breast cancer and has referred almost 1,200 women for mammograms and clinical breast

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women in the U.S., and the leading single cause of death overall in women between the ages of 40 and 55. According to the American Cancer Society, 6,120 new cases of breast cancer will be detected in Michigan this year and 1,310 lives will be lost.

Nationwide, there is a new diagnosis every three minutes and a death from breast cancer every 14 minutes. While advances have been made in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure, early detection still affords the best opportunity for successful treatment. Programs, such as Get on the Path to Breast Health, help ensure that all women have access to early detection information and options, even poor and medically underserved

women. "We are proud that the Avon Foundation shares our mission and has chosen to support our program. With these funds we will be able to continue to provide breast health education,

mammography and naviga-

tion services to our community members," said Michele Bickham, radiology supervisor at the health center.

Since 1993, the foundation has awarded more than 1,100 grants to community based breast health programs across the United States to educate underserved women about breast cancer and linking them to early detection screening services.

For more information, call Amanda Leonard, at (906) 632-5237. For more information about breast cancer, contact the American Cancer Society at (800) ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org, or the National Cancer Institute at (800) 4-CANCER or www. cancer.gov.

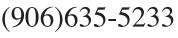
To learn more about the Avon Foundation, call (866) 505-AVON or visit www. avonfoundation.org, where you can access the free printable Breast Health Resource Guide in English and Spanish. For more information or to register to support the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer events, visit www.avonwalk.org or call

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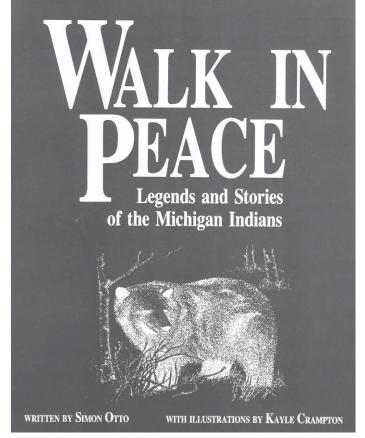
# Walk in Peace, a stroll through Indian stories

Author Simon Otto was born of Ojibwe and Odawa parents, raised in northern Michigan and writes books on American Indian stories for young and old. The old Indian legends were one way of explaining observations on human behavior and natural phenomena to curious children and to help them remember important facts and details about life and their surroundings.

According to the jacket cover of Otto's Walk in Peace, both of his parents were very interested in preserving their cultures in their family. Visitors to their home often discussed current events in Indian Country and regaled children with stories originated from Michigan Indians. The author notes in the preface to the book that those visitors were elders, his grandfather, medicine men and women and others. Otto drew on his memories of those old tales in writing the stories in the

Walk in Peace contains 18 short stories from American Indian lore with finely rendered pointilistic illustrations of the wildlife story subjects. The stories tell of such things as how the turtle got its shell, the woodpecker its plumage, the loon it distinctive call and why it is always in the water.

An example of the storytelling style in the book is in the



The Legend of the Cedar Tree. Note how the story leaves the reader with a few facts about

When the animals and plants were created on Mother Earth, each one was placed in a suitable location. The plants were asked where they wanted to live. Each one chose a spot that had good soil, wind, sun and rain.

Most of the trees wanted to be on a hill or high ground where they would be closer to Brother Sun's warmth. They

also wanted a good view.

Each tree, the maple, beech, pine, and oak chose not to live in the moist valley. This wetland had no plant life and was bar-

*As the cedar tree looked for* a good spot, she saw a winding stream running through the valley. This stream pleased her and she decided that she could fit in

She went to the Great Spirit and asked about the valley. The Great Spirit answered that her

choice in the wetlands was a good one and would have its rewards. Although she didn't know what these rewards would be, the cedar tree agreed. She asked to be granted just one favor, she wanted to be able to spread thick roots just beneath the ground. That way she would be well anchored and able to drink enough moisture.

The Great Spirit thought about it and granted her wish.

So, off to the valley went the cedar tree, happy and singing as she went. Meanwhile, the trees on the hill were laughing. They mocked here saying, "You're feet will always be wet!" Little did they know that her roots would be different from theirs.

In a few years, other cedar trees grew next to her in the valley. She was happy, because she had company. Soon the whole valley was covered with large cedar trees. The stream ran clear and cool amongst them. Brook trout discovered the stream and the covering from the overhanging cedar

Many bugs and insects also sought out the cover of the cedars. This brought the birds, who loved the cedar's thick branches. Now, all the cedar trees were happy because each one had become the home of song birds. Soon, Waboose (Rabbit) discovered this wonderful place and thought it was and ideal spot for his family.

When winter came, the cedar trees broke the cold wind. The snow hung on their thick, green branches and became a perfect home for many animal brothers and sisters.

As the cedar trees looked up at the maples and beeches on the hill, they saw that they were naked of their leaves. The cold breath of winter chilled their branches and they stood shivering high on a hill.

The cedar trees remembered then the rewards that had been promised. Now they understood. The cedar still remains in the wet, low lands, blessed with the companionship of many animal friends.

The book is available in hard cover or paperback through Michigan Indian Press, 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or phone (906) 632-6398 (please call for shipping and handling charges). It is also available at Book World in Sault Ste. Marie. Hard cover copies are \$17.95 and paperbacks are \$9.95.

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# Native flute circles growing across the globe, major flutists convention set in July for Eau Claire, Wisc.

By RICK SMITH

Fans of American Indian flute music might like to know they can do more than just enjoy listening to the flutes.

From time to time, the Sault Tribe Cultural Department offers workshops on building wooden flutes. If that's not an option, instructions on how to build basic, simple and inexpensive PVC flutes can be found online at www.instructables. com/id/Making\_Simple\_PVC\_ Flutes, or perhaps in public libraries. In addition, plastic flutes may be available in music stores. They won't compare to wooden Indian flutes but will serve to gain mastery over technical aspects of playing the instrument.

So, how does one go about learning to play it? "If someone has the good fortune to have a wooden flute," says Professor Elda A. Tate of Northern Michigan University, "just play it!" She says the sound production is not difficult nor does it require years to develop a good embouchure, the lip muscles required to play wind instruments. Usually, American Indian flutes have five or six finger holes, different cultures may use a different number, she says. Sometimes it takes a little practice to close the holes with the fingers."

Then one could find some like-minded individuals and form a flute circle to help in learning the art.

The popularity of American Indian flute circles has spread around the world in recent years. Tate, who has studied the culture and music of almost 20 tribes and has transcribed music for Native flute, attributes the rise in popularity of flute circles to R. Carlos Nakai, a Navajo-Ute considered to be the world's premier performer on the American Indian flute.

"Flute Circles really started around 15 years ago with Nakai's influence and have really grown in number in the last five years or so," Tate said.

About two years ago, Tate started the Gitchee Gummee Flute Circle in Marquette. The group "includes anyone interested in learning Native flute. I act as facilitator — helping them to understand the notes, scale of their flutes and encouraging them to play their own music."

She has some advice on forming a circle too, "As far as starting a circle, it is just finding people who wish to share information on the flute, getting together and determining what the players would like to do. Many circles bring in noted players, such as Kevin Locke, R. Carlos Nakai or Jeff Ball and host a concert. Much effort is needed to organize, raise funds and sell tickets. In the Gitchee Gummee circle, the goal thus far has been to learn the flute, play some traditional songs together and create each individual's songs. For those

who have cedar flutes or other hand-carved instruments, I usually help them to know that instrument and bring forth their own music. There is no right or wrong! I am happy to provide information or help someone get started." Tate can be reached via e-mail at etate@nmu.edu.

Anyone forming a flute circle may also want to look into the International Native American Flute Association (INAFA). The organization lists over 100 flute circles in 37 states, plus more in Canada, Peru, the United Kingdom and Australia. There are more unlisted Native flute circles in Germany, the Netherlands and Spain.

The association was created by Nakai in 1987, according to its executive director, Kathleen Joyce-Grendahl. She said the association is open to everyone interested in Native American flute and culture and helping it

In Michigan, two flute circles are listed with INAFA — Tate's in Marquette and another downstate in Sanford. A third unlisted flute circle is known to exist in Chesaning.

Much more information surrounding American Indian flutes and flute circles can be seen by visiting the organization's Web sites at www.worldflutes.org or www.inafa.org.

"I honestly believe everyone should play the Native flute," says Tate. " . . . A very beautiful, peaceful sound is easily

produced. It is indeed in tune with nature."

The 2010 International Native American Flute Association convention is scheduled for July 14-18 at the University of Wisconsin Haas Fine Arts Center in Eau Claire. Prominent American Indian flutists and flute makers, R. Carlos Nakai among them, are scheduled to appear.

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# Features Junior Police Academy Camp held at Bodne Bay

By Brenda Austin

BODNE BAY, Mich. — "Drop your weapon, do it now!" The weapon in question was a rubber 9 mm hand gun. The order came from a teen behind the wheel of a Sault Tribe police car with a microphone in one hand and a gun in the other pointed at the suspected perpetrator.

Now in its ninth year, the Sault Tribe Police Department sponsored kids ages 11 to 15 at its Junior Police Academy camp held at Bodne Bay, Mich. For five days, camp participants and Sault Tribe police officers practiced firearm and safety drills, building entry, target practice, traffic stops and used a simulator - similar to a large interactive video game – to practice proper responses in different emergency situations.

According to Interim Chief of Police Bob Marchand, the purpose of the camp is to give police officers the chance to interact

one-on-one with youth in a positive environment. "The camp allows us to interact with tribal youth on a different level; often when we have contact with kids it's because we have initiated a traffic stop or are responding to a 911 call at their residence. This is a great opportunity for us to show them that we are human too and like to have fun, even though we are serious on the job," Marchand said.

Emphasizing teamwork, discipline and respect of self and others, Marchand said it doesn't matter what profession the kids choose to go into, those are important qualities for them to be exposed to. "Out of the 39 kids at camp this year, if one or two of them goes into law enforcement that is great," said Marchand. "Now when we see these kids on the street we know their names and they know us. If you open those lines of communication when the kids are young, hopefully

that positive interaction carries over into their adult lives."

Camp participants also spent time playing volleyball and basketball with the officers and, weather permitting, enjoyed swimming in Lake Michigan.

For 12-year-old Jaycie Gamelin, her first year at camp is one she will remember. In addition to learning fingerprinting techniques, she was partnered with Marchand for building entry geared up in a facemask, bulletproof vest and carrying an assault rifle that shot "paint balls" at the bad guys.

Ken Nolan, 14, enjoys camp so much this was his third year. "You get to learn about guns and gun safety," he said. "The camp will help prepare me to work at the prisons because it teaches how to enter buildings safely and how to handle weapons. I also liked the interactive MILO machine where real life incidents were played on a large screen and we had to respond to them."

Marchand said the camp is successful because of all the people who volunteer their time to help. In addition to officers being scheduled to work at the camp, many volunteer on their days off. Tribal court staff and executive assistant to the chairman, Lona Stewart, also volunteered their time.

"It is a team effort," Marchand said. "It wouldn't be successful without all the people who volunteered their time. Even the officers who didn't come out to the camp still had to work the road or do additional shifts so people could be at camp."

The state grant that funds the camp each year was cut back and there was some concern that camp might have to be cancelled this year. There was just enough left in the budget to fund this year's camp and thanks to a \$1,000 donation from Tribal Court's Juvenile Fund used to purchase a majority of the food, camp went on as usual. The tribe's Youth Education and Activities program also donated a van to provide transportation for the kids and Tony Goetz at Kewadin Casino authorized the use of two casino vans. Marchand said the majority of the camp's expenses come from purchasing food and transportation. "We fell within budget this year and are hoping to do some fundraising between now and next year to bring our budget back up so we can continue to offer the camp to our tribal youth," he

Tribal elders Tony Grondin and Barry Adams did the opening ceremony Monday afternoon for the five-day camp.

"Everybody in our department is willing to commit time from their life and away from their family to go out there and hopefully pass something on to the kids. That says a lot about them," Marchand said.



Officer Eric Rye with cadet Chelby Archambeau of Paradise, Mich., during a traffic stop simulation.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Officer Dan Frechette with cadets Mitchell Rader and Daniel Frechette, both of Sault Ste. Marie, getting geared up for building entry practice.



Above: Participating in a traffic stop is cadet Codie Johns of Wetmore, Mich. Below: Officer Sam Gardner shows cadet Jaycee Gamelin of Sault Ste. Marie fingerprinting techniques.





Interim Chief of Police Bob Marchand with cadets Kenny Nolan of Sault Ste. Marie and Cadet Andrew Hutchinson of Manistique, Mich., playing with a basketball.

# First Sault History Fest goes down in history



Sault Tribe member Ron Paquin (Right) goes over some fine points about building birch bark canoes with a visitor at the first Sault Ste. Marie History Fest Aug. 14-15.



Across from Paquin's birch bark canoes, a couple of wooden canoes on display near the Kemph Marina. The 1920s tug Gerald D. Neville was moored nearby in the marina in first rate shape for showing.



#### By RICK SMITH

Folks in the eastern Upper Peninsula area had a chance to see bits of the past come to the fore when the first Sault History Fest took place on the weekend of Aug. 14-15 on the east end of Water Street.

The Chippewa County Historical Society and the City of Sault Ste. Marie officially sponsored the event to raise funds for preservation of the historic Bishop Baraga house.

Those attending engaged all of their senses with exhibits, displays, demonstrations, reenactments, live music, food and games for fun glimpses of days gone by.

Historic homes opened to visitors for tours and, in the home of John and Susan Johnston, portrayers of the couple spoke with them about life in years of yore. Their daughter, Jane Johnston Schoolcraft, also entertained guests. Exhibits waited to be seen in the other homes while long forgotten skills, arts and crafts were demonstrated or sold on the porches or in yards.

Making mention of a few features to illustrate, Sault Tribe member Ron Paquin showed visitors elements of building birch bark canoes with a static display of a work in progress alongside a finished vessel; nearby, another static display of wooden canoes. A few steps away, in the Kemp Marina, a spiffy tugboat from the 1920s,

the Gerald D. Neville, awaited inspection. A life-sized replica of an encampment stood in the backyard of the Johnston home in plain view of a blacksmith with his equipment and some of his wares. Just east of the Baraga home, one could see a mock-up of an old fish camp equipped with antique hardware.

Aside from Paquin, several other Sault Tribe members took part in the festival performing music, running concessions and in other functions.

In addition, children were invited by announcements from a town crier to join the fun of making toys from plants and other material or playing with old fashioned and antique toys, making and enjoying ice cream, churning butter, playing games of old and other fun opportunities.

For those who appreciate mechanical works of art, a few gleaming antique cars were parked in a handy spot for admirers.

In the meantime, well over a dozen area musicians took turns playing all through the entire event.

The official sponsors received contributions for the inaugural event from the Osborn Trust Fund, Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau, Michigan Council for Art and Cultural Affairs, National Office Supply and Waste Management.



All photos by Rick Smith

Left, (L to R) Jim Couling of Twilight Walking Tours, Mike Bennett and Peter DeCourcy respectively portray two voyaguers of the regional fur trade era and John Johnston of Sault Ste. Marie whose livelihood was in the fur trade of the time. Above, Lois Robbins demonstrates a pre-industrial age method of spinning clothing material. Below, a History Fest volunteer equips a couple of girls for a rollicking game of hoops. The game is similar to playing catch except it's done by tossing and catching hoops with sticks. Children enjoyed opportunities to try out many other old games long faded into obscurity.



# Aaniin enikamigak?

Aaniin binoojiinyag! Hey kids!

Aamoo, Amy McCoy indizhinikaaz. Bumblebee, Amy McCoy is how I am called.

Oshkagoojin wa'aw giizis! It is a new month! Ani-dagwaagin miinawaa ani-waatebagaa. It's getting to be fall and the leaves are changing. Mii iw wenji-izhinikaazod "Waatebagaagiizis" noongom omaa Baawating. That's why it's called the

leaves changing moon now here in Sault Ste. Marie. Mii gaye maawanjichigaadem. It is also harvest time.

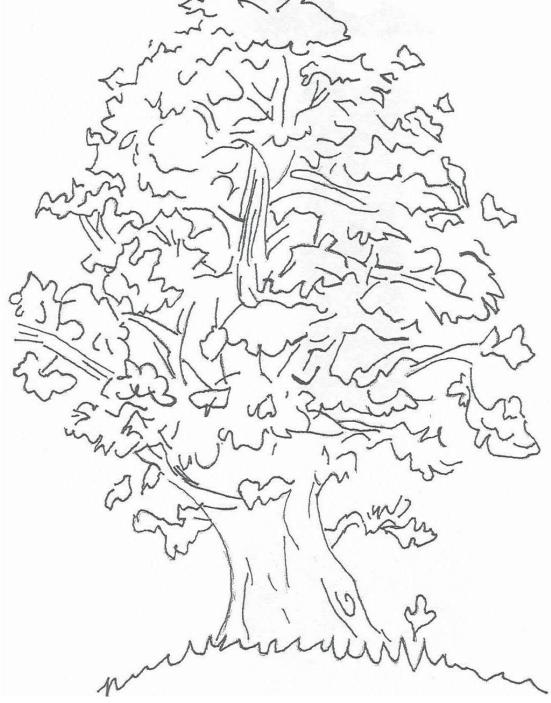
Dazhindandaa eniaanji-inaandebagaamagak. Let's talk about the changing colors of the leaves. Aaniin enaandegin aniw gaa-mikamang niibiishan gojiing? What color leaves do you see outside? Aanind

niibiishan miskwaawan. Some of the leaves are red. Aaniind niibiishan ozaawaawan. Some of the leaves are yellow. Aanind niibiishan ozaawi-kosimaandewan. Some of the leaves are orange.

Nashke! Attention! Ganawaabandan gaa-izhichigewaad binoojiiyag oodi Chi-mukwa-wigamigong. Look at what the children and I did at Big Bear.



Binoojiinyag gaye niin ingii-niimimin "Macaroni" dibishkoo "Macarena" ezhinikaadeg gagwe-gikendamaang Ojibwemowin Chi-makwawigamigong. The children and I danced the "Macaroni" like the "Macarena" as it's called as we learned Ojibwe the the Big Bear.



Gaa-mazinibii'ang (Drawn by) Vikki Cook NASHKE! Mii aw aninaatig. This is a sugar maple. Gidaa-atisibii'aan aniibiishan miskwaa, ozaawaa miinawaa ozaawi-kosimaan-inaande dibishkoo ezhinaagwakin wa'aw giizis. You can color the leaves red, vellow and orange as they look this month.

# Biidaasigekwe Odibaajimowinens Angeline Williams, from "The Dog's

Children"

Gii-aginzod a'aw Miinigiizis Biidaasigekweban odibaajimowining, Biidaasigekweban gii-tibaajimo giishpin awiiya onzaam niibiwa wiigwaasiminan miijid odaa-ozhaabozogonan. Last month (lit. "when the Raspberry Moon was counted") in Angeline William's story, she said that if anyone ate too many cherries that it would give him diarrhea.

O'o ige gaa-tibaajimod: This also she told:

Gegapii naaningodinong ani-gimiwan aapiji gashkawang. Sometimes, when there is a very thick fog, in the end there is rain. Naaningodinong ashpaasin gichi-awang, naaningodinong. Sometimes, when there is much fog, it is blown aloft.

Mii iw ginwezh gimiwang.

It rains for a long time.

Maji-izhiwebad.

There is a storm.

Gomaapiich debisemagad waa-izhi-niiskaadak.

In the end it comes to the point where there is a bad tempest. Meminda ge dagwaagig maji-izhiwebad.

Especially in the autumn there are storms.

Mii gaye apiich gichi-naanooding.

That is the time of big winds.

Aapiji mashkawiziimagad nooding.

The wind is very powerful.

# Word Search: Angeline Williams' Kidowinan (Words)

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Aabajitoon Biidaasigekwe odibaajimowin ji-gagwekendaman anow ikidowinan.

Use Angeline William's paragraph to learn these words.

Gegapii	In the end, finally
Gashkawang	. It is thick fog
Ginwezh	. A long time, for a long time
Awang	. It is foggy
Maji-izhiwebad	. It is stormy
Gomaapiich	. Soon, after a while, in time, at one time,
Debisemagad	. Come to pass, come to the point that
Niiskaadak	. It is bad weather
Meminda	. Especially
Dagwaagig	. When it's autumn
Gave	. And. also, too

# Anishinaabemowin Pronunciation Key

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Short vowels (are said short, or quick)

/a/ = "uh" like u in up = "ih" like i in hippy /i/ **/o/** = "oh" like o in wrote

Long vowels (must say twice

as long, or just longer)

= "ah" like a in father = "ee" like ee in keep

/ii/ = "oo" like o in nope /00/ = "eh" like eh in get /e/

As you read a word, look for syllables with consonant+vowel or consonant+vowel+consonant combinations. For example: Babaa - About, around, here and there Ba + baa (Buh + bah).

# Episcopal Church condemns Doctrine of Discovery

By Rick Smith

The Episcopal Church took a bold step in favor of justice for American Indians when it denounced the validity of the Christian Doctrine of Discovery at its general convention in July.

The Doctrine of Discovery was the instrument authorizing early Christian European explorers of the Americas to claim lands and conquer "heathen" populations. It eventually became incorporated into laws of the United States for the expansion of the new country. Robert J. Miller, a professor at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Ore., an Eastern Shawnee and author of Native America, Discovered and Conquered: Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, and Manifest Destiny, summarizes the doctrine in a letter to Indian Country Today, "The Doctrine of Discovery is a tenet of international law that was primarily developed by European monarchs and the Catholic Church in the 15th and 16th centuries. Starting with a papal bull issued by Pope Nicholas V in 1455, European Christians declared

# U.S. Census offers tools to teach kids about 2010 count

BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. Census Bureau is helping school children to learn about the important function of its count of Americans every 10 years and why accuracy is so vital.

The bureau created a program called 2010 Census: It's About Us. The program provides educators with resources and materials so children can help deliver this message to their families to help ensure every child and every household member is counted in 2010.

All public, private, tribal and home schools in the United States, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa with students in kindergarten through grade 12 can find the resources on the bureau's Web site at www.census.gov; look for Special Topics and click on For Teachers and Students.

The lessons in the program are not only designed to familiarize students with the 2010 Census questionnaire, it helps children build map literacy by teaching students how to read different kinds of maps and how to create their own maps.

In addition, students are immersed in census data and encouraged to collect data on their own, plus challenge students to get to know their communities and think about community needs.

The lessons make it easy for teachers to include the materials in lesson plans.

Adults in households should note that recruitment for census takers begins this fall to help handle the work coming in 2010. Questionnaires sent out in February and March of 2010 will be found in mailboxes in preparation for Census Day on April 1.

The questionnaire for this census is one of the shortest since 1790, when the U.S. Census started. It asks a mere 10 questions and takes less than 10 minutes to finish. Filling out and returning the form is easy, important to everyone and confidential. Completed forms can be returned by mail, those who don't return the forms by mail can expect visits through July from census takers to gather the needed information from you.

In December, by law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the president of the United States for apportionment of funding for needs and government representation.

The census is the most important factor used to make federal "formula" and "needbased" funding decisions for the next 10-year period.

In the 2010 Census, it's critical that "non-enrolled" American Indians and those of lineal descent identify themselves as "Native American in Combination with One or More Races."

Organizations use these figures to apply for services and grant programs that serve non-enrolled and mixed-blood Indians.

Most federal dollars go to only federally recognized tribes. However, millions of dollars are also set-aside for organizations that serve American Indians living outside the reservation. Those monies can help nonenrolled and mixed bloods with housing, education, economic and employment assistance, health and wellness, financial literacy, entrepreneurship and business financing.

Results of the 2000 Census showed 4,119,30 respondents identified themselves as "Native Americans in Combination with One or More Races" and another 2,475,956 marked themselves as "Native Alone (enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe)." This is a difference of 1,643,345 between the two groups and it represents those who identified themselves as "mixed-blood."

The 2000 Census was "flawed," according to the bureau. It did not count how many of the 1,643,345 "mixedbloods" were non-enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe. Most believe more than 90 percent meet that crite-

Some may be direct descendents of an "enrolled" member, yet do not qualify under a tribe's "content of degree of Indian blood" to be a member.

The 2010 Census aims to correct this flaw to obtain accurate measures.

it was their divine right to own vacant lands around the world and to claim lands that were occupied by 'pagans and enemies of Christ.' Europeans then began operating on a firstcome, first-served basis and the race was on to 'discover' new lands."

After colonies were established, the doctrine continued to serve as a basis of claims to land and dominion over Native peoples. "The United States Constitution and federal laws reflected the Doctrine of Discovery as early as 1787-90," Miller notes.

The U.S. Supreme Court formally adopted and further defined the doctrine in 1823 in a court case known as Johnson v. M'Intosh. The court ruled the doctrine had always been the law on the continent and Indian and tribal rights of complete sovereignty were necessarily diminished.

"In short, Indians no longer owned the full property rights in their tribal lands or their own sovereignty because their discoverers, essentially, owned those rights," Miller explains. "This 600-year-old Doctrine of Discovery and the Johnson v. M'Intosh case is still the law in the United States and under international law. In fact, it remains the dominant legal principle by which many countries, including the U.S., Canada, New Zealand and Australia, continue to control the lands and sovereign powers of their indigenous peoples."

The Episcopal Church resolution calls upon the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Queen Elizabeth II and the Archbishop of Canterbury to disavow and publicly repudiate the claimed

Tf Congress were to seriously consider the Doctrine of Discovery and move federal Indian laws and policies away from that feudal, racial, ethnocentric and religiously inspired law, there could be important and major advances for American Indians and their governments, and it could result in a more fair legal system in the United States."

#### - Robert J. Miller, Shawnee professor and author

validity of the doctrine against all people.

In addition, each diocese of the Episcopal Church is encouraged to "reflect upon injustices committed against indigenous people and to urge all Episcopalians to seek a greater understanding of the indigenous peoples, supporting their ongoing efforts to attain sovereignty and fundamental human rights."

Another convention document explains the doctrine is now deemed "as fundamentally opposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ and our understanding of the inherent rights that individuals and peoples have received from God, and that this declaration be proclaimed among our churches and shared with the United Nations and all the nations and peoples located within the Episcopal Church's boundaries.'

Further, the resolution urges the U.S. government's endorsement of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of

Indigenous Peoples.

Miller indicated, in reality, ramifications would probably amount to very little if the Vatican withdrew the papal decrees or if Queen Elizabeth II withdrew the charter based on the doctrine. "But, on the other hand," he notes. "If Congress were to seriously consider the Doctrine of Discovery and move federal Indian laws and policies away from that feudal, racial, ethnocentric and religiously inspired law, there could be important and major advances for American Indians and their governments, and it could result in a more fair legal system in the United States. I hope Congress will reconsider the total control it has over Indian affairs and the paternalistic relationship it has with tribal governments and Indians under the doctrine."

In any case, Miller lauds the bravery of the Episcopalian measure, "Even if these dramatic events never take place, however, the Episcopal Church has taken a valuable and courageous step by focusing Americans and the world on how European Christians used international law to dominate indigenous peoples and to dispossess them of their lands and assets. Will other Christian churches and the international community have the same courage to look at the foundations, histories and laws that helped create European domination of indigenous peoples?"

Miller doesn't make any predictions. "This is a very encouraging development," he said. "And will hopefully encourage other churches and even governments to examine their use of this international law against Indigenous peoples."

# **Free Wildcat Athletic Tickets** for Sault Tribe Members

To be eligible for tickets, Tribal Members must fill out the Free Wildcat Athletic Ticket Application and check off the games they wish to attend. Mail the application, along with a copy of your Tribal Card, to the address indicated on the application by September 23, 2009. Applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis until all tickets are disbursed. There are a limited number of tickets. Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with any remaining tickets. Please call (906) 635-4777 for additional information or applications. APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 23, 2009

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# Win Awenen Nisitotung • September 4, 2009 Features Workforce Investment Act helps students find summer employment/internships

#### By Victoria Cook

With the economy in such a rough state of affairs it is difficult for many to find employment. This can be even harder for students who will need to quit work or drop down on hours during the school year. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is just the thing to help struggling teens and young

WIA allows businesses to hire youth for a 10-week period. Many youth from around the tribe' service area have taken part in the program over the

years. This summer was no exception.

This summer was a little bit different because the program gained extra funds through government stimulus packages. This enabled the manager, Brenda Cadreau, to employ more workers this summer. "WIA authorizes federal funding for services designed to assist Native American youth and adults in obtaining and keeping productive employment," according to a pamphlet supplied by Cadreau.

Services that the WIA offers

to tribal members include work experience, "which offers shortterm, temporary employment to Native American youth ages 14-21 who are attending school full-time." As well as on-thejob training, in which clients learn job skills while working at an actual place of business and employers are reimbursed 50 percent of that client's wage for a specified training period," Cadreau notes in the pamphlet she created.

Another service the WIA offers to seniors is the Senior Employment Program, which provides part-time employment opportunities to Sault Tribe members age 60 and over, according to Cadreau.

The final service offered is classroom training, it provides training in institutional settings. Selected vocational programs are targeted to current and future employment trends in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

For more information on any of the programs offered by the WIA administration office to all of the service area, call Cadreau at (906) 635-4767.



Brenda Cadreau, Workforce **Investment Act manager** 

# WIA employers appreciate the extra help

The various employers and supervisors of WIA workers had nothing but good things to say about the program and the employees with whom they worked. They all agreed the program was a great asset to their departments as well as to the student workers.

Eric Clark supervised Ally Dale during her internship with the Inland Fish and

Wildlife Department. He said having Dale around was helpful because "there are a lot of things that need to be done throughout the day that are time consuming, she helped me from experiencing work overload."

Jennifer Dale-Burton supervised Victoria Cook at Win Awenen Nisitotung. She said "the WIA program helped us get Vikki for the summer

— and she's a jack of all trades for everything we do here. It was great having an extra set of hands, plus have someone do some archiving work for us - something we never have time for."

Dale added that it's nice to have youth around to inject a little energy into the office, and watch them mature.

Kim Russo supervised

Nathan McCall in the banquets department. She said "the program allowed me to hire a worker, even when it was out of the budget, which was helpful espeically in the summer, which is our peak season."

Joy Page at Sawyer Village in Marquette said, "Having a student worker this summer has been a great benefit to our company as we are short handed."

Grondin helped in the office, on the grounds, and "spent time shredding a mountain of paper that has been getting out of control," said Page, who summed it all up for the youth:

"The program has taught Tiffany is responsibility, communication skills, important safety practices while on the job, and being on time each day," Page said.

# WIA workers gain experience and skills

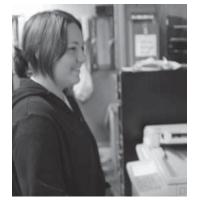
# Victoria Cook (right)

Thought her job at Win Awenen Nisitotung was really helpful to jumpstarting her career. She said the position helped to build her resume and gave work experience in the specific field. It gave her the chance to work in the industry right out of college. She also said that "it was a great learning experience. "



#### Tiffany Grondin (right)

Responded positively about the program and said she would recommend it to other teens. She feels having a summer job with Sawyer Village has helped her to mature and learn responsibility. She said, beyond this, she also learned good communication skills and safety prac-



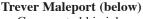
#### Ally Dale (left)

Felt her internship was a helpful supplement to her education. She is attending Western Michigan University for conservation studies. The program gave her the ability to do field work, use the equipment and collect data. She has been using geographic information system software to create a map booklet for members



# Alexis Henderson (left)

Says working for motorpool as a dispatch attendent helped to teach her responsibility because she had to wake up early and be ready to work. She said it also helped her to learn about office work in general. She gained experience in customer service through answering phones and greeting visitors.



Commented his job working with YEA was a fun learning experience. He said he primarily helped with the kids and with various activities of the day taking place while he worked. He said he liked having the job because it was something to do and he could "keep it real."



# Michael McLeod (below)

Enjoyed working for Grooves Music because it gave him the chance to do what he loves. He said with the economy the way it is, it was difficult to find work. The program helped him to do something in which he is truly interested. It also helped him to get his foot in the door and was hired as a regular employee.



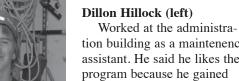
#### Jared Eby (right)

Entered the program at MIS to gain valuable experience in a working environment. He said he learned about how computer systems function and how key they are to businesses they help operate. He said he thinks the program is a great way to get kids started in their fields of interest or just give them a fun



### Nathan McCall (right)

Has been a utility worker for banquets though the WIA program for two years now. He likes that the program gives him summer employment. He also enjoys having on the job training. He said the best part of the program is it helps him to further develop his work ethic for his transition in to adulthood.



tion building as a maintenence assistant. He said he likes the program because he gained work experience over the summer at an early age. He also got to see how his job affects all of the other people in the building.



#### Randy McLeod (left)

Enjoyed his time working for ITFAP. He learned to sew gill nets and helped the crew lift trap nets. He said he also set minnow nets at the walleye hatchery ponds. He said he was also able to help collect data at the various sites. If the program were offered to him again, he said he would take advantage of



# Povey graduates from basic training

Adam Povey graduated from Air Force basic military training In Lackland AFB, Texas, on Aug. 15, 2009.

Povey is currently attending techincal training school at Keesler AFB in Mississippi where he will be studying eletronics. Following the completion of eight weeks of training he will be going to Sheppard AFB in Texas where he will receive additional technical training on F-16 and A-10 fighter aircraft.

Povey is the son Lisa Moran and Robert and Valerie Povey. His grandparents are Thomas and Christine Moran and Josephine and the late



**Adam Povey** Glenn Povey. Great-grandparents are Marguerite Allen and Basel and Betty Willis.

# Jodoin to compete in dance contest

Sault Tribe member Kimberly Jodoin, 12, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was recently selected from 10 to 14-year-old ballet dancers from across Canada to compete at the British Association of Teachers of Dance Scholarships in Toronto, Ont., in October.

Candidates for this program are selected by receiving high marks in their ballet examination and recommendation of an examiner from England.

Kimberly is a member of the Sherry Walsh Dance Academy competitive team and trains in ballet under Sherry Walsh.



**Kimberly Jodoin** 

Emery McKelvie and his family would like to take this time to say thank you. The benefit dinner held in his behalf was a great success. This is a very trying time for our family, yet seeing all of the support of friends, family and community members really helped to boost the spirits and is very much appreciated.

Thank you, Emery McKelvie and family

# Members visit museum and memorial in Pearl Harbor

Sault Tribe members Lt. Col. Greg Allen; father, Bob Allen; and uncle, Dale Allen, recently visited the USS Missouri Museum in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Dale and Bob were in Hawaii in 1954 while serving in the armed forces, Dale in the Marines and Bob in the Army.

Lt. Col. Allen is a 25-year active duty Army veteran who served numerous tours stateside and overseas, including Germany, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Kosovo and Iraq. His most recent deployment was in 2008 to Iraq where he served as the Multinational Corps lead for transition to the Iraqi police back to Iraqi control. He is currently assigned as a deputy brigade commander at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

He was born in St. Ignace and raised in Ishpeming, Mich., where his parents, Bob and Deanna Allen, still reside. His uncle, Dale, lives in E. Hazelcrest, Ill., a suburb of

Military service is a longstanding tradition in the family. The Lt. Col.'s ancestor, John B. LaVake, was General Sherman's flag bearer during the Civil War. "The U.P. is a pretty patriotic place," he said. "Both grandfathers, great grandfathers and my uncles were in the military. My mom's brother was in WWII."

Lt. Col. Allen was enlisted between 1982 and 1987 and became an officer in 1990. He is a graduate of Northern Michigan University and has served his entire career with the Military Police Corps. He



FAMILY TRADITION — Above, Sault Tribe members (L-R) Army veteran Bob Allen, Lt. Col. Greg Allen and Marine veteran Dale Allen aboard the USS Missouri, the ship upon which the Japanese surrendered in WWII. Below, Bob and one of USS Arizona's mooring quays.



would someday like to make general and then retire.

He is also a traditional dancer and has danced in powwows across the United States and given numerous demonstrations to local scout groups during Native American Month. He became interested in it after

he left home. He grew up in the U.P., where there was not a lot of Native American culture in his area. Traveling across the country in the military, he became exposed to numerous Native American cultures, sparking his interest in traditional dance.

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# Viola Neadow walking on deeply spiritual

The family of Viola Neadow wanted to say "thank you" to all, for the beautiful drumming that was done at our mother's wake. Our family and friends couldn't compliment you guys enough. Some have never seen or heard any drumming of any kind. You made a great impression on them.

I'm sending this printout of a vision that our cousin had while you were drumming and singing songs for our mother. We thought we would share this with you, so all can see what beautiful things can happen.

Greatly appreciated, The family of Viola Neadow

July 17, 2009

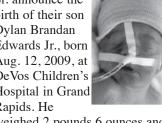
It was so strange what I saw the night of aunt Vi's funeral service on Friday night. I didn't know that there was going to be an Indian ceremony that night, so I was intrigued to hear what the Indian culture does when someone passes away. Or just get a small glimpse into what they do. What happened next was unexplainable. When I got home that night I was still not believing what it was all about. So I thought I had better write it all down on paper. It was so real; I could see every tiny detail of everything I saw.

As soon as the drum boomed for the first time, the hair on my head stood straight up. If I had hair on my toes it would have stood up, too. The goosebumps were everywhere. This feeling went on for the whole service. Then I started to see things in my head. I actually was looking

# DYLAN EDWARDS JR.

Kayla Bruce and Dylan

Brandan Edwards Sr. announce the birth of their son Dylan Brandan Edwards Jr., born Aug. 12, 2009, at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. He



weighed 2 pounds 6 ounces and measured 14.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Robert and Laura Cook of St. Ignace and Kurt and Tammy MacDougall of Kinchloe. Great- grandmother is Ruth McCarney of Engadine.

#### **ACEA JOHN BRUCE**

Acea John Bruce v born to Samantha Hudak and

Jack Bruce at 9:16 p.m. on July 11, 2009, at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 14.75 ounces and was



20 inches in length.

Grandparents are Russell Jr. and Kathy Hudak, and Alice Bruce, of Chebovgan Mich. Great-grandparents Russell and Dorthy Hudak, and Gertrude and Bob Newman, also of Cheboygan.

#### JOSHUA OWEN WILLOUGHBY

Joshua Owen Willoughby was born May 2, 2009. He



to my left and then to the right to see if anyone else was seeing what I was seeing in my mind. I was sitting on a couch in the far back, so I couldn't see what was going on up in front as the men sang, but my mind kept seeing this — happening. I need to share this experience because it was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen in my life.

The background was hazy colors like misty blues, pinks, purples, creams and lavenders. There was a single stream of smoke floating into the air in the middle of four Indian women. There were four Indian women who were dressed in white dresses; they were so beautiful. They were made of the softest buckskin with a lot of ornate red beading on the bottom of them. They had on high white moccasins and a belt around the middle. I could actually see the softness of their dresses. The headdress was a simple white band of buckskin with one white feather

weighed 8 pounds, 13.5 ounces

and was 21 inches in length.



and Brian Willoughby of Rhinelander, Wisc. Sarah is a Sault Tribe member and Brian is a member of Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Grandparents are Tom and Karen Derwin of Munising and Russ and Lynn Willoughby of Ashland, Wisc.

#### **CHLOE' LAYNE ZALEWSKI**

Chad and Jennifer (nee Preseau) Zalewski are pleased to announce the birth of their first child. Daughter Chloe'

Layne Zalewski was born March 22, 2009, at Providence Hospital in Novi, Mich. Chloe' weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and was



20 inches in length. Dean and Bonita Preseau and Anthony and Antoinette Zalewski of Cheboygan are Chloe's proud grandparents. Lilalee Hoglund, Thomas and Marlene Boyd of Cheboygan are the great-grandparents.

Grandpa Dean, mom Jennifer and baby Chloe' are Sault Tribe members.

on the back of their heads. They each had two long braids with strands of white buckskin woven in them. I remember that their hair was so shiny that it glistened as they moved.

The women had their heads down, dancing methodically to drumbeat and song. Their arms were extended and they had long, wing-type feathers. The wings (as I called them) were so soft looking that they sparkled. They kept moving their arms slowly up and down dancing to the singing and to the drums.

Aunt Vi was lying on the ground in front of the dancing women. She was lying on branches and leaves; it seemed that it was all types of branches like pine boughs, leaves and even just wood branches. It didn't look real because I got the sense that the branches were soft, not like hard and picky. Lying on these branches was Aunt Vi. She was covered with a blanket. The blanket wasn't fancy but it was white with a couple of red stripes around the top. The top stripe was thin and the second was wider.

As she was lying in front of the women who looked so beautiful, my thought was they looked like white-winged birds. As they kept moving their wings up and down it reminded me of white doves.

That's what they were. They were gorgeous white shimmering winged doves!

As the Indian drums beat and the men sang and the "birds" wings were going up and down, Aunt Vi disappeared as the music grew louder and louder the song was coming to the end poof — it was like magic, a white dove flew out from under the blanket. The dove flew towards heaven, as the dove was rising towards heaven, the winged Indian women looked

up, they too turned into doves and all rose to heaven together.

This was so unbelievable that I was seeing this; I thought everyone could see it but no one acted like they saw this so I knew it was only me. But that isn't the end! After one of the men who were singing explained to us what the last three songs were about, I could see the dove again.

When they were singing the healing song for the family, the dove appeared again. As they sang, the dove was flying down from heaven, (for some reason the dove looked so much bigger now) and came up behind all the family sitting in the front and gathered them into the comfort of the dove's wings and held them.

The dove looked down at them, I could see love in its eyes as it held the family. As fast as the dove came from heaven, it returned the same way.

This is my story about what I saw. Some people may think I lost it, but I know what I saw and these images will be with me for the rest of my life. Even today, July 22, I can picture it all over again.

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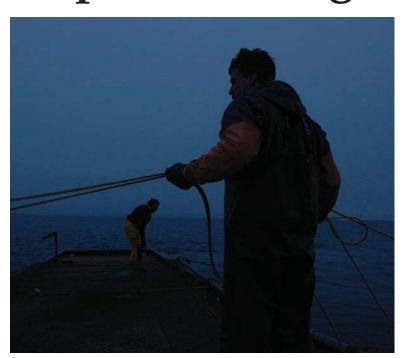
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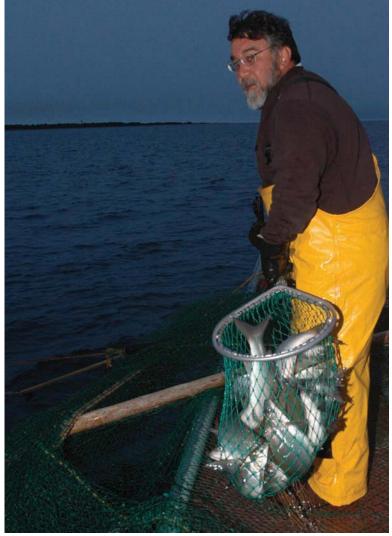
# Trap net fishing with Bay Mills tribal member Donald Tadgerson on his boat, Mr. Mine



Captain Donald Tadgerson gets an early start on his trap net boat, Mr. Mine.



Crew member Keith Swendson bringing in the net.



Roger Parish nets the fish trapped against the side of the boat - aptly named a trap net boat - after the net is hauled out of the water and across the deck.



Keith Swendson gets ready to throw the marker with Tadgerson's tribal ID back into Lake Superior.



As the fish are netted they are stored in large plastic bins.





Photos by Brenda Austin







Keith Swendson (left) and Donald Tadgerson (right) getting ready to store the fish below the boats deck. Below: Roger Parish (right) and Keith Swendson (left) rest in between hauling in nets.



Fish trapped in the net against the side of the boat. Below: Donald Tadgerson (left) helps Roger Parish (right) empty out a net full of fish.



Swendson holds the net open with a wooden pole while he scoops out the trapped fish. Below: When the shift cable linkage broke, the men found a way to temporarily make it work until they could get back to dock and have it repaired.



Tadgerson and Swendson walk across the slippery deck with their latest catch. Below: Roger Parish checks a net for gillers, fish whose head gets stuck in the net.



Roger Parish (left) storing the fish below the boats deck. Keith Swendson makes sure there are enough tubs above deck for more fish. Below: Most of the days catch is sold to local restaurant owners who meet the boat at the dock. Keith Swendson cleaned some fish to take home.











# Walking On

LESLIE "BUTCH" ANDRESS

Leslie "Butch" Andress, 66, of St. Ignace and Mackinac Island, died July 24, 2009, at War Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Mackinac Island March 13, 1943, to Joseph and Ruby (nee Perault) Andress and was a maintenance employee of Chambers Riding Stables on Mackinac Island and a barn hand.

Mr. Andress loved to make American Indian crafts, root lamps, feather fans and other crafts. He never owned a motorcycle, but always considered himself a biker.

He was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island and was an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He was in a wheelchair since suffering a stroke in 2002 and a resident at Tendercare in Sault Ste. Marie for four years.

He is survived by three daughters and their families, Michelle and David Hiser of St. Ignace, Elizabeth and Michael Rypkema of Minnesota, and Christine and Lee Pantella of Florida; three stepchildren and their families, Gary and Shelley Mitchell of St. Ignace; three brothers and their families, Pat Andress of St. Ignace, Carl and Cora Andress of Hessel, and Don Andress of Mackinac Island; a sister, Mary Siders of St. Ignace; eight grandchildren, Zack, Jade, Christopher, Mackenzie, James, Chrystal, Allen, Tammi and four greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his life partner, Tootie Mitchell; a brother, Joseph Andress; a sister, Barbara Ann Elizabeth Chambers; and a sister-in-law, Mary Andress.

Visitation was July 30 at Dodson Funeral Home. Services followed with Deacon Donald Olmstead officiating. Burial was July 31, at St. Anne's Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

Memorials may be directed to the family, with envelopes available at the funeral home.

SHEREE' "DIGGA" BENOIT

Sheree' Alynn "Digga"
Benoit of Sault Ste. Marie,
Mich., entered her final resting place on Friday, August 14,
2009 after a 14-year battle with
Multiple Sclerosis. She was
at home surrounded by family
and friends. Digga was born on
September 4, 1973 in Sault Ste.
Marie, Michigan.

She is survived by her mother, Barb Christie, of Sault Ste.
Marie, Mich.; her father, Melvin
(Barbara) Benoit of Sault Ste.
Marie; sister, Danielle (Jason)

Christie of Sault Ste. Marie; brothers, Troy (Leslie) Benoit of Grand Ledge, Mich., and David (Seri) Christie of Seattle, Wash. She is also survived by three nieces, Macie, Brooke and Isabella; and two nephews, Tristan and Tyler.

Digga was preceded in death by her step-father, Rick Christie, grandfather, John Murphy, aunt, Sara Clerc, great-aunt, Catherine "Cuddy" LaFaver and grandparents, Basil and Helen Christie.

Digga had a contagious laugh and could always bring a smile to your face. She loved NASCAR, UFC fighting and most of all her cat, Bean, and best friend and companion, her dog, Charlie.

She will be greatly missed and forever remembered by her grandmother, Dorothy Murphy, several aunts and uncles and many cousins and great friends.

A celebration of Digga's life was held at her home on August 18, 2009.



#### HAROLD H. EAGLE

Harold H. Eagle, 81, of Waterford, Mich., died July 31, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Mae Eagle for almost 60 years; dear father of Richard (Betty) Eagle, Dennis (Debbie) Eagle, Steven (Brenda) Eagle and the late Judy Eagle; dear brother of Everett Eagle; and also cherished by four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Eagle was retired from Detroit Edison. He was a member of Dixie Baptist Church and, along with his wife, enjoyed participating in the 4H fair for over 50 years.

A memorial service was held Aug. 5, 2009, at the Dixie Baptist Church in Clarkston, Mich., Pastor J. Todd Vanaman officiating. Memorials may be made to the Dixie Baptist Church. Condolences may be made online in the www. modetzfuneralhomes.com guest book. Arrangements were made by the Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, Waterford, Mich.

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Anthony Jay Lee, aged 16, of Hessel, Mich., died Aug. 1, 2009, at the University of Michigan C.S. Motts Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. He was born March 19, 1993, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Anthony was a student at Les Cheneaux Community Schools where he enjoyed playing and following sports. He also enjoyed watching college and professional football and knew the names and playing positions of the players on many of the teams. In a bittersweet moment, Anthony met some of his football heroes when they visited him at the University of Michigan Hospital. Anthony loved to ski, ride snowmobile, golf, hunt, fish and boat. He especially enjoyed fishing and boating in Florida when he was visiting there.

Anthony is survived by his father, Forrest Jay Lee of Hessel; his mother and stepfather, Kwi Cha and Paul Hitchens of Hessel; grandmother, Bokrae Lee in Chonju City, South Korea; three sisters, Kounghee Pack of Seoul, South Korea, Barbara Lee of Hessel, and Rosemary Hitchens of Cedarville, Mich.; and one brother, Danny Hitchens of Cedarville.

Anthony was preceded in death by grandparents, Choe Buynghun, Forrest "Bub" Lee, and Barbara June Lee.

Visitation was on Aug. 5 at Reamer Galer Funeral Home, in Pickford, Mich. Funeral services were on Aug. 6 at the Les Cheneaux Community School gymnasium in Cedarville. Interment is in the Maplewood Italian Cemetery in Hessel.

Contributions in Anthony's memory may be made to the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, 5455 Corporate Drive, Suite 306, Troy, MI 48098 or American Red Cross, Chippewa County Chapter, 511 Ashmun Street,

Suite 202, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783-1918.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www. reamergalerfuneralhome.com

#### PETER O'NEIL

Peter O'Neil of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away at War Memorial Hospital on July 18, 2009. He was born Jan. 3, 1914, in Engadine, Mich. Peter was a member of the Strongs Community Bible Church and attended the Church of the Nazarene in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the V.F.W. of Hulbert, and the American Legion of Brimley, Mich. An avid outdoorsman, Peter loved to fish, hunt and garden. But, he especially loved to be with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Peter loved to share stories about WWII, where he served in the 3rd Armor Division. After his service to his country, Peter began his career with Kimberly Clark Paper Company in Munising, Mich. He was a very devoted, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to everyone. Peter dedicated his life to ministry, changing the lives of many.

Surviving Mr. O'Neil are his wife of 65 years, Sadie; his son, Lyle "Pete" (Sandy) O'Neil of Caledonia, Mich.; his daughters, Deanna (John) Zarse of Lafayette, Ind., Carolyn (Ernie) Booher of Phoenix, Ariz. and Cheryl O'Neil of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and his sister, Alice Greenly of Sault Ste Marie. Peter is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren.

Mr. O'Neil was preceded in death by his daughter and son-in-law Patricia and David Klunder.

A celebration of Peter's life took place at Hovie Funeral Home on July 21. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Hudson Township, Mackinaw City, Mich., and will be announced at a later date. Memorials may be left in care of Peter's family.



SUZANNE J. PAQUIN

Suzanne Jeanette Paquin of Mount Joy, Pa., passed away June 6, 2009. She was born in San Diego, Calif., on Oct. 7, 1966, the daughter of Dennis Pierre Paquin and Diane Lucille (nee Robida) Paquin. Suzanne, known as Suzie, was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Suzie graduated from Capistrano Valley High School in Mission Viejo, Calif., in June 1985. She was employed in various service-oriented businesses in South Orange County, Calif. Suzie's son, Steven, was born on Aug. 16, 1999, in Lancaster, Pa.

Suzie was proud of her membership in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and American Indian historical creativity was important to her. She learned to make dream catchers from traditional materials by copying one made by her aunt, Vanetta Rae Paquin. She made many dream catchers for family and friends. Suzie acquired a California license to use exotic or rare bird feathers in her creations.

Suzie moved to Pennsylvania in 1999 and enjoyed living with her life partner, Gordon Sullivan, in Amish country in Lancaster County. For the last 10 years of her life, however, Suzie suffered from a myriad of increasingly difficult health

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# Walking On

From "Obituaries," page 16 issues. Throughout her ordeals, Suzie remained positive about her life and was always more concerned about others than herself. Family and friends will remember Suzie for her beautiful smile.

Suzie is survived by her life partner, Gordon Sullivan; two sons, Steven and Jesse; mother, Diane Paquin; father, Dennis P. Paquin; sister, Sheryl L. Galuppo and husband, Rock, along with nephews, Marius, Dominic and Vincent; sister, Candace L. Gunn and husband, Shane, along with nephew, Ethan; step-brother, Loren F. Gibel and wife, Joyce; stepsister Karyn L. Davis; niece, Brittany N. James and husband Trevor; and niece, Amanda J. Monson.

#### Native American prayer

I give you this one thought

I am with you still, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain,

I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift, uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone,

I am with you still, in each new dawn.

 $-\,Author\,\,unknown$ 

KATHERINE M. PAVLAT Katherine Margaret Pavlat,

85, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.,

passed away Aug. 13, 2009, at Tendercare Nursing Home. She was born in Pickford, Mich., on Feb. 9, 1924, the daughter of the late Frank and Margaret (Beaudin) Santigo.

Katherine was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She loved people and had lots of friends. She enjoyed getting together and spending time with them.

Katherine is survived by 10 children: Larry (Janet) Pavlat, Veronica Caskey, James (Kathy) Pavlat, Rosaline (Lynn) Armstrong, Howard (Angie) Pavlat, Gene (Mar) Pavlat, Anton Pavlat, Gloria (Tony) Kangas, Dale (Sue) Pavlat, Phillip (Debbie) Pavlat and several grandchildren, greatgrandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alois Pavlat; two children, Richard and Tina; a granddaughter, Tina Marie Pavlat; and a daughter in-law, Ann Marie Pavlat.

Visitation was held Aug. 16 at the C.S. Mulder Funeral Home followed by funeral services on Aug.17 with Brother John Hascall officiating with burial at Riverside Cemetery.

# ETHEL "DOROTHY" SHANNON

Dorothy Shannon of Sugar Island passed away at War Memorial Hospital on Aug. 22, 2009. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie on Dec. 15, 1951, to Ensio and Emily (Vowels) Lahti

Dorothy is survived by her brother, Skip (Anita) Lahti of Sugar Island, and her sisters, Esther (Franze) Schultz and Anne (Dennis) McKelvie, both of Sugar Island. Also surviving are many members of her extended family and her dog "Toto."

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Russell, her parents, her brothers Edward and Emil Lahti, and her sisters, Elma Brendel and Emerald Lahti.

Visitation was held at the Niigaanigiizhik Building on Aug. 25. Funeral services were held Aug. 26., with burial at Wilwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island. Arrangements were handled by Hovie Funeral Home.

### JOHN GEORGE STYES SR.

Our loving Lord took home one of his children on April 14 when John George Styes Sr. left this world and returned to his heavenly family. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ruth Melton Styes; three sons, John George Styes Jr. and wife Karen, William Scott Styes Sr., Charles Wayne Styes Sr. and wife Helen; two daughters, Mary Frances Styes and Peggy Sue Styes; eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. In addition to his family, John opened up his heart and home to six more nieces and nephews during his lifetime. John was born in Epoufette, Mich., and passed on to his children so many fond memories of his childhood home on the lake such as fishing, romping in the woods, attending his little schoolhouse and his dog, Pete, a bulldog which was a best friend.

When he was old enough he joined the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corp) and was assigned to Camp Pori in Mass, Mich. He later joined the United States Coast Guard. He was aboard the U.S.S. Hunter Liggett, part of WWII fighting in the Pacific theater. Like so many of his generation, he knew exactly where he was and what he was doing when the war ended. While in the miliary, he met his future bride, Ruth Melton of Wilmington and returned to Wilmington to marry her and begin his family life. He went to trade school

at Wilmington College, which later became the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, to learn bricklaying and was a bricklayer most of his life. Many buildings in Wilmington show his craftmanship including some UNCW buildings and historic renovations.

John loved to read nonfiction, especially American history and the diaries of Civil War era people. He also loved to grow his own vegetables and looked forward every spring to planting his crop and watching it grow. He loved to tell his children and grandchildren stories of his life passing on to those who listened not only his childhood and military adventures but also so much about the world and how to live well in general. He was so wise, generous and compassionate. We always knew that he loved us so much and was so proud of each of us. When his grandson, Billy, asked him what it was like to be sitting in his chair, meaning at this moment in life with so much of his family around him, he stated that he thanked the Lord every day.

John was admired, respected and loved so deeply by his family and although we know that he has left this world, we also know that there will be a day when we will see him again. We will miss him and remember the moments of his life with us for the remainder of ours. We will continue to thank the Lord every day for what he gave us in John, husband and father. I love you, Daddy.

#### ESTELLA M. ZARA

Estella M. Zara, 72, of Crestline, died May 6, 2009, at MedCentral/Mansfield Hospital, after a brief illness. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on August 31, 1936 to the late James and Edna (nee Lewis) Crowder. She married Joseph C. Zara in Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 29, 1958, and he preceded her in death on July 22, 1997.

She moved to Crestline following her marriage. As a daughter of a career Army father, she treasured living in

Panama as a child. Stella was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Crestline, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary, Crestline. Stella's life was her husband and her children.

She is survived by two sons and three daughters, Patricia L. and David O'Neil of Lewis Center, Lynn M. and Chris Snyder of West Jefferson, Joseph M. and Tracey Zara of Galion, Mary C. and Kent Smith, Hilliard and Michael A. and Rae Zara of Ontario; 10 grandchildren, Erica Collins Wright, Matthew C. O'Neil, Andrew J. O'Neil, Alyssa M. Snyder, Ashley C. Snyder, Sophia C. Zara, Nicolas J. Zara, Claire E. Smith, Catherine Z. Smith, and Leslie A. Wirick; one great-granddaughter, Kenslie Wright; two brothers and two sisters, Joan Thompson of Erwin, Tenn.; James and Lee Crowder, Columbus, Ga.; Robert and Carole Crowder, Kingsport, Tenn.; and Judy and David Lane, Erwin, Tenn.; brother-in-law, James A. and Mary Jo Zara, St. Louis, Mo.; sister-in-law, Josie and Sam Anatra, Crestline, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Cheryl, and her sister, Joyce Washburn.

Services and funeral took place May 10-11 in Crestline and burial followed at the St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society in care of the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made to the family at masfh. com.

# Please note

Obituaries of Sault Tribe members are printed free of charge including photos and accompaniments families might want, such as favorite prayers or psalms.

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# White House initiates online Reality C

In the midst of all the talk about health care reform lately. some earnest and some otherwise, it appears facts are falling by the wayside or just getting lost in the shuffle. It seems folks are either trying to reassure you that proposed changes will all be wonderful or they're trying to convince you it's the beginning of the end for you and your loved ones.

In an effort to give the citizenry of this country better information about the debate.



the White House recently launched the Reality Check page on its Web site. It features a series of videos addressing misconceptions surrounding the proposed health insurance reform. Linda Douglass of the

White House Office of Health Reform answers videotaped questions from people after attending recent "town hall" meetings across the country to discuss the reform with representatives.

In addition, officials such as Kimberly Teehee, senior policy advisor for Native American Affairs at the White House Domestic Policy Council, address misconceptions concerning their fields of expertise. In Teehee's video, she responds to misinformation about how

proposed reforms relate to Indian Country and the Indian Health Service (IHS).

Teehee points out, for example, that health reform proposals do not spell the end of the IHS and, furthermore, the IHS is not a form of health insurance and it is erroneous and misleading to compare the agency to the proposed public option health insurance.

What's more, one can submit feedback to the White House through the page and sign up to get updates.

The White House reports response to Reality Check has been incredible and suggests people are eager to separate facts from fear-mongering and rumor tactics used by those resisting change.

Not only does the site provide an opportunity to give them feedback, they encourage visitors to offer suggestions "to better understand what new misinformation is bubbling up online or in other venues."

Visit www.whitehouse.gov/ realitycheck.

# New Serve America Act rewards volunteers

BY RICK SMITH

The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act passed into public law last April.

It reauthorizes and expands the National and Community Service Act of 1990, increasing opportunities for Americans of all of ages to take part in voluntary service programs in exchange for education funding.

Students in grades six through 12 can take advantage of the Summer of Service program for \$500 in education awards. High school students are also eligible for the Semester of Service program.

The law also establishes Youth Empowerment Zones for secondary students and youth who are not in school. The zones are partnership programs created to provide coordinated service-learning opportunities.

The purpose of the programs is to promote and support highquality projects that engage students in meeting community

needs showing good results while enhancing students' academic and civic knowledge. In addition, they support efforts to build community capacities for meeting needs, including training educators and strengthening infrastructure to expand services.

The Serve America Act nearly quadruples AmeriCorps service opportunities from 75,000 positions annually to 250,000 by 2017, and focuses on education, health, clean energy, veterans, economic opportunity and other national priorities. It also ties the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to the maximum Pell Grant level, now \$5,350, but set to increase over

For people aged 55 and older, the Act improves options by expanding age and income eligibility for the Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions programs. It also authorizes a Silver Scholars

program for those who perform 350 hours of service to receive a \$1,000 education award. Serve America Fellowships and Encore Fellowships allow individuals to choose from registered programs where they may perform services. In addition, the Act permits individuals to transfer their education awards to their children or grandchil-

Further, according to the document, the Act "enables millions of working Americans to serve by establishing a nationwide Call to Service Campaign and a September 11 national day of service, and investing in the nonprofit sector's capacity to recruit and manage volun-

Moreover, support for innovation, strengthening and expanding proven volunteer initiatives and seed funding for experimental programs are provided by the Act along with bolstering management, costeffectiveness and infrastructure. The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act is named

in honor of the late Sen.

Kennedy, a long-serving and distinguished Democrat from Massachusetts, who died recently on Aug 25.

# **Echo Hawk issues** reservation proclamation for Gun Lake

WASHINGTON — Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk announced Aug. 24 that the Match-e-be-nashshe-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan's reservation proclamation has been signed. Approximately 147 acres, more or less, will serve as the tribe's initial reservation under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 986; 25 U.S.C. 467). The land is located in Wayland Township, Allegan County, Mich.

"I am pleased to issue this proclamation and to exercise the authority delegated to me by the Secretary of the Interior to the Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians," Echo Hawk said. "The land is for the exclusive use of Indians on the reservation who are entitled to reside at the reservation by enrollment or tribal membership. These properties will provide opportunities for economic development, self-determination and self-sufficiency."

On August 10, 2009, Assistant Secretary Echo Hawk signed the proclamation for the Tribe's initial reservation. With this proclamation the trust lands are now legally a formal reservation.

A proclamation is a formal declaration issued by the Secretary, proclaiming that certain trust lands, acquired for an Indian tribe, are a new reservation or are being added to an existing reservation. The request for a proclamation must originate from the tribe. The parcel was acquired in trust under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act.

# **From "WHTI requirements," page 18** it would cost over \$400,000 with border tribes to assist them

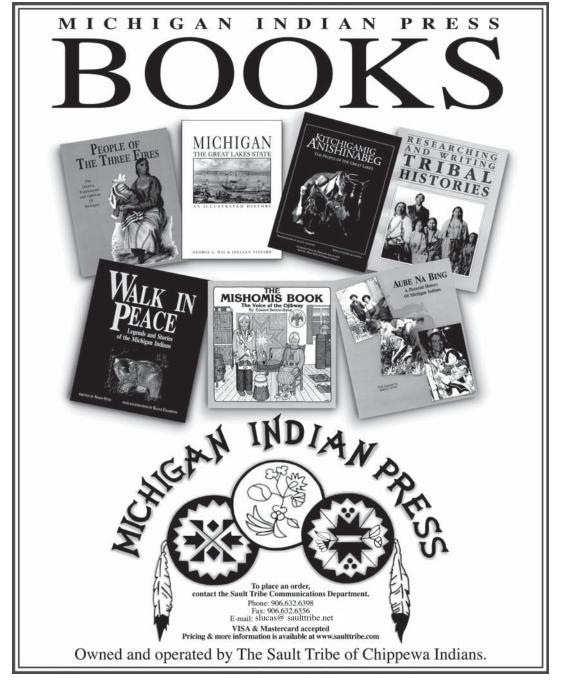
to create a WHTI compliant identification system. Beyond that, it is estimated an additional \$90,000 a year would be required to operate and maintain the system.

The Sault Tribe, Batchewana and Garden River met with Jodi A. Gillette, deputy associate director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs recently in Washington, D.C. Gillette is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. As an outcome of that meeting, a local liaison, LeRoy Fraser, was appointed to work

in meeting WHTI requirements and giving them a voice in the process.

Sault Tribe Unit Director Cathy Abramson said the stricter border crossing requirements has impacted Anishinaabeg people on both sides of the border both culturally and in some cases, spiritually.

It is the belief of the Sault Tribe leadership that members of sovereign nations should be empowered to travel within and throughout their traditional lands without interference from other sovereigns.



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# It's good to be a "picky" eater when you pick it yourself

In her medical practice with Sault Tribe, Dr. Rebecca Werner has seen "tons and tons of health problems from eating packaged foods and refined sugar. If people ate healthier they wouldn't have as many problems. There's a lot of literature, a real good basis of knowledge, that shows that high blood sugar, high cholesterol, heart

way, collecting sap in buckets hung from spiles set into maple trees. Up the road steam billows from stacks jutting from RMG Family Sugarbush's state-ofthe-art production facility where more than 20,000 gallons of sap are boiled down in a gleaming stainless steel plant (478-3038, west end of Thompson Road).

Harvey O'Brien welcomes



Miriam and Lillian Clark eat carrots right out their family garden.

disease is related to how people eat," she said.

She tries to practice her own advice. Her family grows whatever they can when the weather cooperates. And what they don't grow, they try to buy from local growers. She likes the idea of her money going right back into the community and she knows the food is usually healthier.

"We don't know what pesticides and what types of fertilizers have been used to grow commercially grown produce," she said. And, "the onset of early puberty has been linked to hormones in meat and dairy products." Her family buys locally raised chickens from John and Cindy Dutcher and eat fish they catch. Dr. Werner was pleased to learn that locally raised pork, beef and lamb are also available now from Bob and Tina Love at Love's Meats in Rudyard.

"It's hard because processed foods are easy - stick it in a microwave — but we're not thinking of what's healthful." Dr. Werner says the moms she sees often say "all our kids will eat is hot dogs." She recommends trying a variety of foods. "The more kids are exposed to different foods, the more they'll

One way to expose kids is by growing or picking their own food or seeing how it's made. Children who pick their own beans or taste the fresh sweet sap straight from the tree are less likely to object to seeing that same food on their plate.

Here are some places in the EUP where visitors can watch food being produced or pick their own. Be sure to call before

In early spring, when nights are frosty but days are warming up, maple syrup producers start boiling sap. Marvin and Mark Besteman (478-5412) in Rudyard demonstrate maple syrup- making the old fashioned visitors to his wood-fired sugarbush on Tone Road in Kinross (495-5707, 2784 West M-80) and so does Alan Raynard at Maple Woods Farm in Pickford (647-6697, 20513 South M-129). The Raynard family still collect their sap in tin buckets.

Sap production depends on the weather and families' schedules so be sure to call ahead before visiting.

In late March or April, visit Eric Wallis's farm in Rudyard to watch sheep shearing. Return in May to see Eric and Michigan State University veterinary interns monitor the births of about 1,000 lambs. Eric sells lamb meat and blankets from the wool. (478-7451, 7538 West

Scan the eastern horizon near the Rudyard exit off I-75 for a herd of bison grazing on the flat fields. Sometimes they're close enough to the fence to see reddish calves grazing alongside their giant mothers or ask Orv Kabat for a tour of his ranch. Circle K Ranch sells meat from these grass-fed and hormone and antibiotic-free animals. Bison is prized because it's "very low in total fat, saturated fat, cholesterol and sodium," according to the American Heart Association.

To see baby goats or watch goats being milked, visit Diane and Ron Remondini of Dafter. The Remondinis sell shares in their goat herd to people who want fresh whole goat milk. They also raise lambs, pigs, goats or cows for those without the facilities to raise their own and want to know how their meat-animals were raised. Call the Remondinis at 630-0677.

The Dutchers in Goetzville specialize in raising grass fed poultry in healthy surroundings. Floorless pens that are moved every day to new clean pecking grounds. Free-range turkeys roam in a barn open to a pasture. There's a high demand for poultry raised in healthy surroundings and the Dutchers sell all the 1,000 chickens they raise each year.

Pick-your-own farms start producing in July when strawberries are ripe. Head south out of the Sault to Dan and Angela Ellis's strawberry farm to harvest your own or buy organically raised strawberries already picked (635-1037, 6495 South Nicolet Road).

Throughout the summer, George and Delores Freeborn in Brimley offer real financial savings for ambitious pickers (248-2796, 11072 West M 28). They let customers pick for free in exchange for leaving an equal amount with the Freeborns to sell at their home-based produce stand. This year George predicts he'll have green and yellow beans and if the weather cooperates, will offer corn and digyour-own potatoes. Frost killed most of their strawberries but he and Delores planted another four acres that should be ready for picking next year.

North of Newberry Paul and Joanne Behm bake artisan sour dough bread in a wood-fired brick oven at their North Star Brick Oven Bakery (658-3537, 19639 M 123). If the timing is right, hot fragrant loaves can be bought straight from the oven. Their bread is raised with a sourdough starter begun ten years ago from yeasts floating free in the air around the bak-

In mid-October visit Centennial Cranberry Farm in far northern Chippewa County (1-877-333-1822 or 492-3314, two miles west of Whitefish Point Road on Wildcat Road). Tours are offered all summer but are best during harvest season. Watch cranberries being "beaten" from their plants to form a floating carpet of red that is boomed to a corner of the pond and loaded for sale as juice berries or sorted by workers seated at an antique Bailey Separator.

Ask the farmer you buy vegetables or meat from if you can stop by their farm. Local growers are proud of what they sell and may agree to a visit.

# Kinross Township Hall goes smoke-free

The Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition recently recognized the leaders of Kinross Charter Township for implementing a 100 percent smoke-free policy in the township hall.

For more information, call the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition

at 635-3636 or visit www. chippewahd.com and www. smokefreeup.org. To learn more about the status of state smoke-free legislation, visit www.makemiairsmokefree.org

For information about Kinross Charter Township Hall, call 495-5381 or visit www.kinross.net.



**CUKES GET PICKLED Connie Hill (right) Norma** Castro (above) pickle pecks of cucumbers. The cukes came in all at once and needed immediate attention. Please contact them if you would like to take advantage of more vegetables. "Anyone who knows how to can and can take vegetables at a moment's notice, please contact us," said Chris Cadreau. "The Elders Ag Team is a spinoff from the garden group that has been going for the past four years. We have gardens all over the area. We are going to have a bunch of produce." Call 635-9118 or e-mail goodgroundseeds@gmail.com.





Submitted by Connie M. Hill, health educator, Traditional Foods Grant coordinator, Mskodiisminag (beans) — (L to R) Elaine Clement, cultural training specialist; Chris Cadreau, Elders Advisory Team; Ciara Clement, age 6; and Alaysia Brewer, age 10, prepare green beans for pressure canning at the Niigaanagiizhik Building. The Traditional Foods Grant Project, Cultural Department and the Elders Advisory Team have been working together to promote eating and harvesting locally grown foods in the way our ancestors. These green beans were donated from the elders' garden in Sault Ste. Marie and donated to the community to preserve for a time when fresh beans are not available. Harvest season is here and a lot of produce is available to community members interested in preserving food. If you would like to join our fresh food network, please call Connie Hill at Sault Tribe Community Health 632-5211, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# **MSU SNAP-ED Family Nutrition** Program offered free of charge

Michigan State University Extension and the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are pleased to offer the MSU SNAP-ED Family Nutrition Program to residents of Chippewa and Mackinac Counties. The program is available to families and individuals who are eligible to receive commodity foods or food stamps. The program offers no cost, nutrition education at various locations, including your home, the Sault Tribe Health Center, the Sault Tribe Food Distribution Program, or other

meeting place of you choice. The M.S.U. SNAP-ED

Family Nutrition Program provides education and materials about a number of nutrition topics including: improving shopping skills and getting more for your money, managing your resources and budgeting your money for food, adding a variety of foods to your diet for improved health and making delicious, low cost, quick and healthy meals.

For information or to find out if you are eligible, contact Dorothy Bell at (906) 632-5210.

# Outrage provoked over threat to pure water

Major players are supporting grassroots organizers in a local feud with Canadian governments over a matter with potentially widespread ramifications. American Indians and others are involved in the fray. The friction, smoldering for some time, now seems to be reaching kindling point.

Back in 1979, some Canadian municipalities north of Toronto in Simcoe County began looking for land to either expand an existing garbage dump or create a new one. About seven years later, county officials selected 20.7 hectares dubbed Site 41 in Tiny Township to open a new landfill. Years went by as governmental trudging through bureaucratic hoops progressed to gain approval.

Beneath Site 41 sits the Alliston aquifer, a large underground lake first mapped by the province in 1976, citing its "major extent and significant potential for development," The aquifer is a primary water source for numerous towns and also feeds creeks and rivers flowing into Georgian Bay on Lake Huron, several inland lakes and Lake Ontario.

In 2006, according to the Stop Dump Site 41 organization, a widely respected scientist,



William Shotyk of the University of Heidelberg, tested the waters of the Alliston aquifer and found it so free of contaminants that he said it's comparable to 5-6,000year-old Arctic ice core sources, the cleanest water in the world.

Governmental officials dismissed the results, declaring them "misleading" considering that not all of the fresh water in the world has been tested.

The land depth over the aguifer at Site 41, now also called the North Simcoe landfill, averages about 13 feet. The warranty on seams of plastic material proposed to prevent

leakage from waste in the dump is two years. Officials estimate the dump would be active for 34 years.

All this caught the attention of many people, some quite traditional Anishinaabe women among them.

Later in the year, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment issued final approval for the dump at Site 41. In the following year, the project's engineering consultant refused to release data on the project to the county and concerned residents. The county Community Monitoring Committee, an official coalition of county officials and residents, filed a Freedom of Information request for the data and still waits for compliance.

Last year, Mohawk elders, Danny Beaton and Stephen Ogden, walked roughly 40 miles from the landfill site to Toronto to draw attention to the situation. An estimated 600 cheered them at their journey's end. At another rally, a radio show host expressed the drive behind the growing concern, "We are talking about garbage and the purest water in the world, and how we can keep them apart forever."

More recently, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment issued a "take water" permit to allow preparation work on the

Construction work on Site 41 began earlier this year as various forms of protests began attracting more attention to the project.

The provincial government ordered the county to obtain the engineering data and release it to the Community Monitoring Committee.

Last May, the Anishinabe Kweag, women from the Beausoleil First Nation, set up a protest encampment across the road from the entrance to Site 41. About two months later, the ladies of the camp blockaded the site, successfully stopping construction work. Later, the county obtained an interim injunction against the blockade so that preparation work may continue.

Protests continue and arrests have been made — including elders — on charges of mis-

On Aug. 19, Anne Ritchie-Nahuis, a dairy farmer and director of the Simcoe County Fedration of Agriculture, who was arrested herself, sternly demanded an explanation and action from the minister of the Environment for Ontario, regarding environmental damage observed a few days earlier, apparently caused by work on the landfill.

"The flow that had been identified as the world's cleanest water ever tested and scientifically verified has been forever altered," she wrote.

Further, she charged the ministry with dereliction of policies and inaction in shutting down the project in accordance to provincial policy after changes were noticed.

"You have failed the people of Ontario, and the residents of Simcoe County will have no faith in the Ministry of Environment," she noted. Ritchie-Nahuis is also suing Simcoe County over the inci-

In the meantime, groups, individuals and businesses large and small, famous and obscure — are joining the fray in support of preserving the water. The David Suzuki Foundation is on board as are over 24 American Indian and mainstream organizations. American activist and author Ralph Nader supports the cause along with Canadian governmental figures and environmentalists. A score of businesses, from Labatt Breweries to the Elmvale Bakery, also aid the

The Anishinabe Kweag vigil continues as does the grassroots resistance and support grows as

# LSSU study turns local grass into heating fuel

By Toni Boger

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. -Lake Superior State University is the site of a new research project for alternative fuel sources

The project, led by LSSU biology department head Gregory Zimmerman Ph.D. with help from Justin Wilson, a senior environmental science major from Sault Ste. Marie, is studying the potential of reed canary grass pellets as an environmentally friendly and economical heating fuel, as well as a possible economic stimulant for the eastern Upper Peninsula.

The grass used in the study is known as reed canary grass, an abundant but weedy species in the EUP. The first phase of the study was on the grass's practicality as fuel, a second phase demonstrated how the grass could be made into heating fuel. Both phases showed the grass pellets to have several potential

"Reed canary grass is a sustainable source of heating fuel, does not compete with food

production and, compared to the use of fossil fuels, reduces the release of greenhouse gases,' said Zimmerman, who added that he hopes the rest of the study will confirm the grass pellets' numerous advantages over current fuels such as propane.

Harvested grass, along with various additives, were sent through a small pellet mill driven by a tractor attachment. The grass was turned into pellets used in a multi-fuel stove. The result appears to be an effective and environmentally friendly source of heat.

Zimmerman acknowledges the generosity of the staff at LSSU's physical plant as a reason for the study's accomplishments. The current location of the project and where the process of making pellets occurs is the garage behind the university's physical plant. The staff of the plant has allowed Zimmerman and Wilson access to the garage during the course of the project in addition to other logistical help. Zimmerman has been grateful

for the staff's help through all phases of the study and says that they deserve a "big thanks."

The first two phases of the study received funding by the Biomass Energy Program of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth. Although he is preparing for the third phase, Zimmerman has already found one major economic advantage based on results from the first two phases.

"Based on an average of six fields in the EUP, three acres of reed canary grass would make enough pellets to replace 800 gallons of propane," he said.

He added that he hopes the next phase, which could also be funded by a grant, will show that grass pellets are competitive with wood pellets while confirming the cost of making and using the pellets to be much less expensive than propane.

The ideal situation of study for this phase would involve a co-op of area farmers sharing the cost of a "pelletizer" and the effort taken to market the reed canary grass pellets to area residents and businesses. He believes that keeping the co-op local could reduce transportation costs to ship the pellets and could also reduce the cost of heating for farmers, businesses and residents.

In addition to planning the next phase of the study, Zimmerman and Wilson have been busy demonstrating how well reed canary grass pellets work to various community organizations. LSSU's Board of Trustees, local conservation groups and visitors to the Sault Ste. Marie Farmers' Market are just some of the area residents who have seen how these pellets work in a multi-fuel stove.

Future plans for Zimmerman and Wilson include continuing their demonstrations to residents throughout the area. They will also repeat the pellet-making process in the fall.

For more information on upcoming demonstrations by Zimmerman and Wilson, or for information on how the project is moving along, keep checking LSSU's Web site for updates at www.lssu.edu.

# DNR hosts two open house meetings

LANSING - The Department of Natural Resources will host open houses on Tuesday, Sept. 15, and Thursday, Sept. 17, to provide information and receive public comment on proposed forest management treatments for 2011 in the Sault Ste. Marie management unit.

The Sept. 15 open house will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Kinross Township Hall, 4884 West Curtis, in Kincheloe. This meeting will be for Chippewa

County and east Mackinac County.

The Sept. 17 open house will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the DNR Naubinway Field Office on US-2 in Naubinway. This meeting will focus on west Mackinac County.

Each year, the DNR inventory and evaluate about one-tenth of the state forest. Information gathered and proposals are available for public review and input toward the final decisions on those proposals.

increase since 2002 in Salmon Trout River MARQUETTE, Mich. - The population of Coaster Brook

Superior Watershed Partnership is celebrating a decade of implementing on-the-ground habitat restoration projects in the Salmon Trout River watershed and recently released state monitoring data has documented a dramatic increase in the threatened Coaster Brook Trout population linked to the SWP projects.

The Salmon Trout River is located in the Huron Mountains of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and has become well known in recent years due to a proposed nickel mine near its headwaters. But the Salmon Trout is also known for being the last river on the south shore of Lake Superior with a naturally-reproducing

Coaster Brook Trout show 70 percent population

After a long period of decline, monitoring by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Michigan Technological University has documented a steady increase in the number of large Coaster Brook Trout in the Salmon Trout River. While Coaster Brook Trout populations in the Salmon Trout River remain relatively small, monitoring data indicates a 70 percent increase in the number of adult fish since

MDNR Fisheries Research Biologist, Dr. Ed Baker, attributes the population increase in large part to the numerous projects implemented by the partnership. "The

Superior Watershed Partnership has been instrumental in protecting and improving habitat in the Salmon Trout River," said Baker.

He also noted that "stream habitat protection and enhancement are important parts of an effective fishery management plan and continued habitat improvement will be important for the long term health of the fish population."

The SWP plans to continue implementing projects that have been prioritized in the Salmon Trout Watershed Management Plan. The plan was developed by the SWP and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

# Town incorporates Ojibwe language on local signs



Photo courtesy of Michael Meuers

Left, Noemi Aylesworthy, owner of the Cabin Coffeehouse, stands with Michael Meuers at the front entrance of the cafe where the initiative to incorporate Ojibwe terms on business signs began. Meuers is a contract employee of the nearby Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians as well as a member of Shared Vision, an organization concerned with cultivating ethnic diversity and equality. He came upon the idea of placing Ojibwe terms on signs of local businesses during a discussion with Aylesworth.

By RICK SMITH

Hoping to get the cooperation of at least 20 local businesses to incorporate the Ojibwe language on some of their signs within six weeks by the end of July, a non-profit group promoting ethnic diversity in Bemidji, Minn., was surprised to reach 56 by the month's end. Others entities, large and small, are adopting the practice as days go by.

Bemidji is a town of about 13,400 souls in the northern reaches of Minnesota, declared to be the first city on the Mississippi River. It is also the regional hub of federal Indian Health Service operations serving five states including Michigan.

The initiative of placing the Ojibwe language on signs in mainstream settings is the brainchild of Michael Meuers, a Bemidji resident and member of a grassroots organization called Shared Vision. Helping the group with technical aspects of the project are two elders of the nearby Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians Reservation and a professor of Bemidji State University who is fluent in Ojibwe.

"The Bemidji community will be a model for race relations in our state," said Carolyn Jacobs, executive director of Shared Vision. "We will embrace cultural understanding and respect between the Indian and non-Indian community, and strong participation of Indian people in every aspect of Bemidji community life.

Bemidji will be known as a community that works together to expand opportunities for people of all races. The Ojibwe signage initiative is just the first of many we hope to accomplish."

Meuers said the original idea was for businesses to include indigenous words only on standard signs that are not likely be changed, such as expressions of welcome, thanks and signs designating restrooms. He and Rachel Houle, the other member of the Shared Vision subcommittee tasked to work on the measure, began knocking on doors to rally involvement. The duo soon found the practice catching on much better than expected.

"A lot of people have taken it further," Meuers observed. A grocery store added Ojibwe names of fruits and vegetables to signs in its produce department as well as translations for teas, herbs, varieties of rice and other goods. A café created table tents featuring basic words and numbers in Ojibwe. A childcare service developed story books in which phonetic translations in Ojibwe accompany the English wording.

"The big boys and small businesses, all volunteer," said Meuers. He rattled off a list of organizations adding Ojibwe to signs: many of the town's businesses and professional services, municipal buildings, Bemidji State Park, arts and events centers, Goodwill Industries, the university, a science center and civic organizations among others.

Part of the reason amending signs is catching on so well, Meuer speculates, is because of the considerable Ojibwe population surrounding Bemidji. "We're at the center of three large reservations," he said. In fact, Minnesota has 11 Indian reservations. Bemidji has the three largest reservations in the state as neighbors: the White Earth Indian Reservation to the west, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to the east and Red Lake to the north.

"I think it would make American Indians feel welcome and respected, teach others a little bit about the original inhabitants of this area and the tourists are going to eat it up," said Meuers.

Meuers said he noticed how a simple symbolic gesture could help matters after the Red Lake Reservation shooting spree by a 16 year old Ojibwe in 2005. A flag of the Red Lake Band that usually hung in the mayor's office flew for a week at halfmast outside of city hall after the tragedy. "A small, symbolic gesture," said Meuers. "But there were lots of positive comments about it."

Some people hope incorporating the indigenous language will catch on enough so that even people in distant places associate Bemidji with Ojibwe terms. "I'd like to see people think of Bemidji when they hear 'boozhoo,' in the same way people think of Hawaii when they hear 'aloha," Meuers said.

"You can't just sit down and talk about the truth. It doesn't work that way. You have to live it and be part of it and you might get to know it."

— Rolling Thunder, Cherokee

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# Sault Tribe announces 2009 scholarship winners

The Sault Tribe Higher Education Committee has selected the following tribal members to receive scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year. Committee members David Houghton, Barb Smutek and Dan Adams reviewed and ranked essays submitted by applicants.

"With so many deserving candidates, our committee had a difficult job and I appreciate their hard work," said Angeline Matson, education director. "I would also like to thank all those who volunteer on the Golf Scholarship fundraiser, especially Jessica Dumback, Jake Sillers, Jeff Holt, Tamara Roche, and Lona Stewart."

Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship (10 recipients at \$1,000 each)

- Jacob Ellis, freshman at US Naval Academy studying Aeronautical Engineering and Naval Aviation;
- Ethan Howard, freshman at Central Michigan University studying Business Administration;
- Nicholas Cushman, sophomore at University of Michigan studying neuroscience;
- Tammy Proulx, sophomore at Bay Mills Community
   College studying health and fitness:
- Skylar Wisniski, freshman at Ferris State University studying medical technology
- Stephanie DePetro,
   junior at Northern Michigan
   University studying to become a registered nurse;
- Eric Dinnan junior, at
   Northwood University studying entertainment and sports promotion and business management;
- Jacob Rohlfs, freshman at Eastern Illinois University studying science education and physics;
- Dillon Menard, freshman at Lake Superior State

University studying mechanical engineering; and

Meghan Wandell senior at
 Wayne State University studying language arts, early child-

hood, and elementary education.

George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship (\$1,000) — Terry Alan Walsh, second year law student at Southern New England School of Law

Joseph K. Lumsden Mem-

orial Scholarship (\$1,000)

— Norma Castro, senior at
Lake Superior State University
studying social studies, history
and secondary education

Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship (\$1,000) — Norma Castro, senior at Lake Superior State University studying social studies, history and secondary education

June Curran Porcaro Scholarship (\$1,000) — Samantha R. Hurley, junior at Northern Michigan University studying social work

Vic Matson, Sr. Tributary Scholarship (\$1,000) — James L. Goudreau, junior at Northern Arizona University studying environmental engineering

John P. Carr Scholarship (\$1,000) — Katy L. Matson (Munising hometown), sophomore at Michigan State University studying pre-dental program

Don Corp Scholarship (\$1,000) — Amanda Weinert, freshman at Northern Michigan University studying Art and Native American studies

Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship (\$1,000) – Nicole Bye, junior at Lake Superior State University studying sociology and social work

Pamela Cable Gershon Scholarship (\$150), Elizabeth Olli, freshman at Michigan State University studying landscape and restoration architecture.

# Deputy assistant for Indian Affairs appointed

Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk announced on Aug. 4 that he named Donald "Del" Laverdure as deputy assistant secretary-Indian Affairs effective July 29. Laverdure is an enrolled member of the Crow Tribe of Montana (Ties the Bunndle Clan) with ancestry from the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana.

"Del Laverdure is a dedicated public servant and experienced law professional who has built his career on service to his tribe and to Indian Country," Echo Hawk said. "He shares my vision for improving tribal communities, supporting tribal sovereignty and self-determination and honoring the federal trust responsibility. I am deeply gratified that he has joined Indian Affairs as part of my management team."

Since 2006, he served as chief legal counsel for the the Crow Tribe and served as a

senior advisor to the chairman.

He also held judgeships with his and other tribes and chaired the Crow tribe's Judicial Ethics Board, protem appellate justice for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona Court of Appeals (2008-2009), chief appellate judge for the Havasupai Tribe of Arizona (2006-2009) and appellate judge for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of Michigan (2003-2004).

From 2003 to 2006,
Laverdure was an assistant professor of law at the Michigan
State University College of Law
and was the founding director
of its Indigenous Law Program.
Prior to his positions with the
Crow Tribe and Michigan
State, Laverdure worked for the
University of Wisconsin Law
School (2001-2003), where he
was a William H. Hastie Fellow,
as an adjunct professor of law
and as director of the Great
Lakes Indian Law Center.

# THE MOVING WALL





ST. IGNACE — Kewadin Shores Casino welcomed the Moving Wall with a special ceremony and a 21 gun salute on Aug. 20. During the memorial's five day stay, over 600 people visited and 30 volunteered.

The Moving Wall is the halfsize replica of the Washington, D.C., Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and has been touring the country for more than 20 years. It was created to enable those who could not travel to Washington, D.C., to experience the positive power of the wall.

John Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built The Moving Wall. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas, in October 1984. Two mobile replicas of the original wall now travel the USA from April through November, spending about a week at each site.

Thanks to all the community volunteers who spent time at the display, including EMTs and therapists, and those who helped out serving food, walking the wall to assist visitors with name searches, guarding the wall, manning an information booth, setting up the display and taking down the display.

Photos by Michelle Bouschor HONORING THE WALL — Above left, a color guard marches to post the banners at a special opening ceremony for the Moving Wall displayed in St. Ignace last month. At top right, taps are played. At left, local dignataries, including Tony Goetz at far right and Pat Rickley at far left, speak of the display. Below, visitors search the Moving Wall for names of military personnel who died in Vietnam.



# **Team member of the month**



Congratulations to Carol Syminow, designer in the marketing department, for earning the August Team Member of the Month award at Kewadin Sault. She started working with Kewadin in May 2000 and enjoys the variety of projects she works on in the dynamic casino environment. She was born in North Dakota, lived most of her life in Montana and resides in the Sault. Pictured above with Carol is Marketing Director Bill Marsh (left) and Vice President

# Still time for ZZ Top tickets

nights, two shows, one rock legend — ZZ Top is coming to Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater in Sault Ste. Marie for two nights of rock on Sept. 6 and 7.

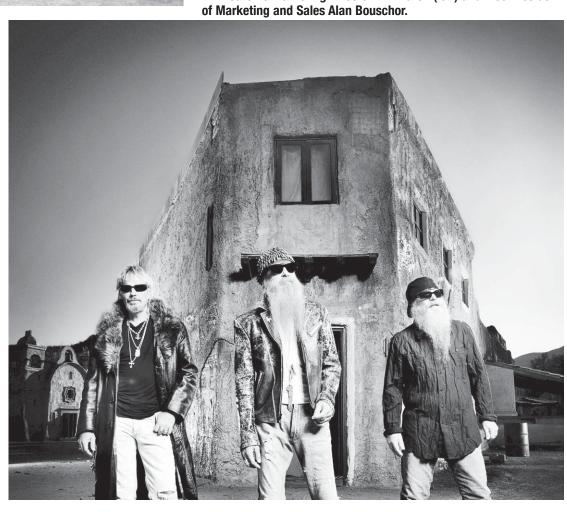
Tickets are still available for \$55.50 and can be purchased online at www.kewadin.com, at the Sault Ste. Marie box office or at the St. Ignace Eagle Feather gift shop.

Kewadin has a rock solid line up this fall including the great blues artist BB King on Oct. 14, rock greats REO Speedwagon on Oct. 25, Musical Comedians Comedy Tour on Nov. 14, Brenda Lee's Christmas Show (featuring Jingle Bell Rock and Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree) in

SAULT STE. MARIE  $-\overline{\text{Two}}$  December and the Irish Comedy nights, two shows, one rock Tour, slated for March 12, 2010.

ZZ Top is an American rock trio that formed in late 1969 in Houston. The group members are Billy Gibbons (lead vocals, guitar), Dusty Hill (vocals, bass, keyboards) and Frank Beard (drums, percussion). The band holds the distinction of being among the few rock bands still composed of its original recording members for nearly 40 years.

ZZ Top reached peak commercial success in the 1970s and '80s, scoring many hit songs during that era, but they remain together today and are still touring and releasing albums. ZZ Top was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on March 15, 2004.



# State of the tribe from Chairman McCoy



DARWIN "JOE" McCOY TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii! Hope this report finds you well.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

I would like to extend my apologies for being unable to attend the Aug. 26 Unit III meeting in St. Ignace. I will be looking at my schedule for the next few months to determine if I will be able to attend one of your upcoming Unit III meetings. Please contact my office for verification. In the meantime if you would like to meet with me to discuss your concerns and ideas, please call 635-6050, or toll free (800) 793-0660, and Lona will schedule a time with you or advise if I am scheduled to be in your area in the near future.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of the beginning of August, due to the efforts of many employees and the board of directors in curbing and reducing spending, as well as receiving additional funds from federal agencies, we have gone from a deficit of \$1.6 million to a surplus of approximately \$900,000. It is crucial that we do not expand any programs at this point in time due to the continuing unstable economy. We will be okay for 2009 as long as the following occurs:

- We continue to reduce tribal support funding when we receive additional outside fund-
- The economy must stabilize or our casinos will have to make further adjustments to keep the bottom line EBITDA at \$31 million;
- We have to closely monitor costs associated with outside consultants; and
- We must continue to look at all the areas where we can realize savings. We have been able to use additional federal dollars to reduce tribal support allocated to different programs and services without reducing the level of services currently offered to our membership.

My office has received several calls from our elders inquiring whether they will be receiving a check in January 2010. As a reminder, the payment to our elders from the Land Claims Fund has always been intended to be the interest earned off that particular fund. We will not know exactly how much your check will be until we get closer to the end of the year and can determine the actual earnings from this fund. The estimated amount will be published in a future article.

In addition to returning the elder payment back to its original intent, the board of directors also put the funding requirements for the Funeral Assistance and Education Self-Sufficiency programs back to spending only the interest earned from the funds.

For various reasons, number one being the economy and downturn in casino revenues, we simply do not have the available resources at this point in time to continue supplementing these programs. We want to let our membership know that, as of the end of July, the Funeral Assistance Fund is out of money for this year. If you have any questions related to this or obtaining assistance through any other program, please contact administration and we will attempt to locate other resources for you.

#### SECRETARIAL ELECTION

On Aug. 24, a meeting was held with the Office of Self Governance Director Ken Reinfeld and Michigan Agency Superintendent Gerald Parrish. Mr. Parrish voiced the BIA's concerns regarding our secretarial election. A subsequent update was provided to the board of directors by our legal counsel who was in attendance for this portion of the self governance meeting. The BIA is concerned that any secretarial election for the Sault Tribe is estimated at \$55,000 per election and the local agency does not have the funding to provide this at this time. They are waiting for word back from the central office, where they are trying to find the funding from year-end monies. We basically will have two options if they cannot secure the funding through the BIA: one, Sault Tribe pays for the election itself or includes this as part of the annual self governance agreement; or two, the BIA conducts the election via polling stations only.

While the law requires that the BIA holds these elections for us, it does not state any requirements as to how the election is held. Mr. Parrish also reiterated a previous concern the BIA had: the agency understands we will be looking at additional constitutional amendments, and even if the BIA can find the funding to support the current one, it would still like to see us include more than one item for this vote. At the very least, the BIA would like us to reference that we plan to have additional secretarial elections so the BIA office can properly prepare for them in its coming budget cycle.

I campaigned on the separation of the chief executive officer position from the chairman's position and I strongly believe in and support it. One of the key things I had thought this would accomplish is to separate the politics from the business of the tribe. This is so critical to our future success and one of the reasons we are pursuing the corporate charter referenced under economic development. I cannot state strongly enough how much I support the separation of politics from the business operations of our tribe.

#### **ECONOMIC** DEVELOPMENT

Another part of my campaign for chairman of our tribe was to work with the board of

directors to build our economic development opportunities by diversifying our options and taking the politics out of running our businesses. The board of directors accepted the final draft of the corporate charter on Aug. 25, 2009. This is a step in the positive direction of separating politics from our businesses. Resolution No. 2009-181 petitions the Bureau of Indian Affairs to issue this corporate charter to Sault Tribe to serve as a vehicle for economic development. The final document still requires a legal and technical review by the BIA, which can take some time. In the meantime, staff will be working on setting up the structure so that once it is approved by the BIA, we can begin implementing it.

Article 8 of the charter mandates that, "the corporation shall have uninterrupted control of and exclusive responsibility for the operation and management of the enterprises and the tribal board will not interfere or involve itself with the day-to-day operations of the enterprises, provided the corporation maintains profitability."

Several board members felt it was important to clarify that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors has every right to access information and be a part of the corporate charter; however, if

any board members wish to sit on the corporate board, they will do so as a non-voting, ex-officio member, as another protection from politics in our businesses. The board of directors will have to transfer by resolution any businesses that we want to include as part of Sault Tribe Incorporated.

The board of directors may also resume "ownership" of any tribal business that is transferred. again by resolution, so long as the resumption of that business does not result in financial insolvency of the corporation.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** WORKSHOPS

We continue to hold Wednesday workshops twice monthly for the purpose of reviewing quarterly updates of our membership services, internal services, business updates and casino updates. There have been a few cancellations in the last few months due to other priority business, so I encourage you to please contact the board of directors office for additional information on the coming month's schedule or to inquire about any changes to posted agendas. Call 635-6050 toll free at (800) 793-0660.

All quarterly reviews are held at the Sault Kewadin Casino location and begin at 9 a.m.

#### TRIBAL OPERATIONS

Our tribal employees may be seeing a change in their health insurance. On Aug. 25, 2009, the board of directors overwhelmingly approved (9-1) negotiating a contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, with the full contract to be brought for board review Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009. This change is estimated to save our tribe over \$1.2 million and will expand the area where employees are able to use the insurance.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield is a much more widely recognized insurance carrier. As a point of information, we are self-insured for most, if not all, of our insurance coverages. This means, in part, that we set the benefits for the plan. What is covered right now should not change unless the board of directors takes official action to amend the plan. We ask for our employees to be patient while this transition occurs. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Insurance Department at (906) 635-4937.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office or e-mail me at jmccoy@ saulttribe.net.

Miigwech Chairman Darwin "Joe" McCoy

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# Good times, hard times ahead for Sault Tribe



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR,

Miigwech to all who participated in making our 17th annual jiingtamok such a memorable time. Having the community come together in this way provides the medicine we all need to work together to strengthen our tribe.

It was a beautiful weekend in Hessel, enjoyed by all who attended. I would like to recognize our community drum, Mukwa Geezik, you have succeeded in making our area proud with the teaching you have given to our youth. We are all very grateful. Miigwech.

This past month, we received a positive financial update by our executive director-CFO. For the first time in many months, we are projecting an almost \$1

million dollar reserve for 2009. This number is only a projection and can be impacted by many things locally, within the state or nationally.

Our tribe received additional funding through our BIA Self Governance Compact as well as through our IHS compact. Our collections from billing insurances for visits to our health facilities was also higher then budgeted.

Miigwech to our staff who are keeping program spending down and looking for other resources to serve members. This reserve will help fund our programs for

Our areas still have hard times ahead. Local service agencies are preparing for

the more than 400 area residents who will be coming to the end of their unemployment benefits this fall. Many families will be affected by this and there will be an increased need for services.

I want to remind members to use the services we offer, including those designed to assist with employment opportunities, like the Native Employment Works program. Be sure to contact ACFS to see if you qualify for programs or for assistance in completing resumes. Baamaapii,

Lana Causley (906) 484-2954 Lcausley@saulttribe.net

# The Vietnam wall was emotional gathering



KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR,

This past week, I had the privilege of representing the tribal government at the welcoming ceremonies of the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall. The feelings and stories were extremely moving and emotional. It rained throughout the entire hour-long ceremony but soon after taps was played, the rain stopped. That was very profound. I am extremely grateful that I was able to speak at the gathering. I would like to thank all the volunteers who manned the wall, 24 hours a day, the entire time it was on display.

The board passed a motion to move forward on the possible change in the health care administrators for tribal

employees. If the move happens we would change from NGS to BC/BS. The reason for the change is simple. BC/BS has put in a better bid for the business and would save the tribe a considerable amount of money over the next three years. The coverage and the cost to employees would remain the same. In the current economic environment we, the board, have to explore any and all opportunities to save money without hurting services.

The elders' picnic also went off without a hitch this year. Director Rickley and I cooked for the elders and had a great time. Sometimes it was hard to see us because of all the smoke but we pressed

on. The Unit III elders do a great job and I believe they understand what the tribe is going through in the tough economic times and are helping all they can.

In August, I also attended a YEA recognition feast. The conversations and food were extraordinary. I would like to thank Sue St.Onge and her staff and all the YEA members for their hard work and all the progress on the many projects they under-

Thank you for all the e-mail and phone

Keith Massaway (906) 643-6981 kmassaway@msn.com

# Petosky: Unit V update for Munising area



SHIRLEY PETOSKY, DIRECTOR,

Dear friends, we are having the last of summer vacation, sure went fast, didn't it.

Two percent monies are the topic right now at meetings. How most of it gets spent makes for hard decisions. I do know that all of our schools are hurting. Many schools have been closed and teachers let go. I am going to put as much two percent funding toward our schools as pos-

I don't know how the new medical plan that President Obama has proposed will affect tribal health federal monies. No one that I have asked seems to know either, it's a wait and see situation.

The gas station for the Munising area

is still the BP Station in Wetmore.

Flu clinics will be coming around soon. Make sure you find out if you need the shot or not. Keep yourself and your family healthy.

Greektown is still up in the air. However it plays out, we have to believe that we have the strength of character to do whatever is necessary.

Don't forget the Unit V meeting will be at the Munising Tribal Center on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m.

Munising powwow will be on Saturday, Sept. 12, starting at 12 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass.

The board of directors meeting will

be on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the Munising Tribal Center, 5 p.m. membership questions, 6 p.m. board meeting.

If you need to speak to the chairman that day please call the Sault to make an appointment to see him.

In closing, watch out for the little ones heading back to school, drive safely and obey school bus warning lights when children are being dropped off or picked

Until next month — fight nice. Shirley Petosky Unit V Rep. (906) 387-2101 shirleypetosky@yahoo.com

# Plan ahead for emergencies

September is emergency preparedness month — the perfect time to come up with a plan for emergencies BEFORE they happen. Below are a few tips from State Farm Insurance on power outages:

#### BEFORE THE OUTAGE

- Have flashlights, a batterypowered radio and extra batteries on hand.
- Set aside extra water and buy or make extra ice.
- Have a phone that doesn't require electricity, either a standard telephone or a cell phone, rather than a cordless telephone.
- Keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full.
- Make sure the battery in your smoke detector is fresh. Test the smoke detector to make sure it's working.
- · Keep an appliance thermometer in the freezer. If the freezer is 40F or colder when the power returns, all the food is safe.

#### **DURING THE OUTAGE**

- · Never use candles for emergency lighting, use flashlights.
- Turn off or disconnect any appliances, equipment or electronics that were on when the power went out. When power comes back on, it may come back with momentary "surges" or "spikes" that can damage equipment such as computers and motors in appliances like the air conditioner, refrigerator, washer or furnace.
- Leave one light on so you know when the power returns.
- Avoid opening the refrigerator and freezer. This will help keep your food as fresh as possible. If you must eat food that was refrigerated or frozen, check it carefully for signs of spoilage.
- Use generators safely. If you have a portable generator, only run it outdoors with adequate ventilation. Never use a genera-

tor indoors or in attached garages. The exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide, which can be deadly if inhaled.

 Listen to the radio for updates.

### AFTER THE OUTAGE

- Do not refreeze any dairy products, seafood or food that has thawed completely. If in doubt, throw it out. Immediately throw out any food with a strange color or odor. Downed power lines
- · Stay away from downed power lines.

Thank you to Shirley and Paul Petosky for purchasing supplies needed for Munising School's Native Education Program. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

 Kim Swanberg and Cindy DeJong

# Miigwech

We, the family of Mary Albert, would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Jackie Minton for her role in the memorial dance at the Hessel powwow.

Jackie e-mailed me one day to see if the family would be interested in a special dance in memory of Mary (Dode) Albert. Of course we were honored by this request and Jackie set about on her mission.

What was accomplished was a competition dance for all youth at our powwow. The casino donated first (\$100), second (\$50) and third (\$25) place prizes for the competition and 17 kids from age 1 to 16 competed. I did not get the names and ages of our top three winners but in our eyes they were all winners.

We would also like to thank Kewadin Casinos for the cash donations, the Powwow Committee for allowing us the time to recognize the contribution that Dode provided our

community and, of course, all of this wouldn't have happened if we hadn't had dancers. Thank you all for your participation.

Dode's love for children was one of her greatest assets. I'm sure she was watching as we actually heard from her during this time, and was pleased to see them dance not once but twice. A special "thank you" goes out to our judges Rienne Shipman and Lana Causely — this was by far the hardest task of the

The competition was so close the dancers actually had to perform a second dance before our winners were announced.

A big "thank you" goes out to all involved in making the Hessel powwow a success year after year.

Sincerely,

Chris, Kim, Vicki, Jason, Tad, Maggie, Bev, Nancy, Betty, Fred, Patty, Michael, Peter, Ryan, Charlie, Justin, Courtney and

# CORA tribes' hunting, fishing agreements overseen by seven party executive council



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR,

As your board member, it is important to keep involved and informed in regards to our hunting and fishing rights. My report, while rather technical and, to some, a not so interesting subject, will show you how involved our tribes are with protecting our rights and resources. This is a very important part of our job duties to our membership.

On Aug. 29, in Roscommon, Mich., I attended the meetings of the 2000 and 2007 Consent Decrees Executive Council. The council was established by the 2000 and 2007 Consent Decrees and is a governing body made up of principals from each of the five Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) tribes and the federal and state governments.

We are fortunate to have very dedicated staff who constantly challenge the state on our behalf. Those staff members who represented us at this meeting are biologists Tom Gorenflo and Eric Clark, attorney Aaron Schlehuber and interim Chief of Police Bob Marchand. Vice chairwoman Lana Causley and Conservation Committee Chairman Jason Grondin also attended.

#### **TECHNICAL FISHERIES** COMMITTEE

The Technical Fisheries Committee is made up of biologists from the tribes, state and federal government. The committee reported on tasks assigned by the council. These tasks were determining the meaning of "significant" in regard to sea lamprey mortality on lake trout, methods for estimating the lake trout discard mortality in northern Lake Huron and estimating survival of stocked lake trout in Lake Huron.

There was considerable discussion and debate regarding the sea lamprey stipulation, but additional work needs to be done and no action was taken.

These lake trout issues are highly controversial among the parties to the decrees and they have the potential to greatly impact the tribal commercial fishery in lakes Huron and Michigan.

Tribal biologists are trying to achieve a consensus with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Michigan Department of Natural Resources in a manner that will minimize impact on the tribal fishery.

#### **SMELT REGULATION CHANGE**

The tribes proposed an amendment to the CORA regulations and to the Great Lakes Consent Decree. This proposed change would allow for target fishing of smelt with small mesh nets that have a mesh size of 1 to 1.5 inches. The existing regulation did not allow for smelt fishing with gill nets or impoundment nets with a mesh size of less than 2.5 inches. The Council approved the proposal. SUBSISTENCE FISHING

Our tribe proposed a change to the current subsistence fishing reporting requirements for hook-line fishing. Current CORA regulations and the Great Lakes Consent Decree require monthly reporting for all subsistence fishing regardless of the type of gear used. Sault Tribe argued that hookline fishers are having a difficult time reporting monthly, as they don't typically fish each month, and they question the need for such relatively insignificant harvests. We also noted that there is a high degree of administration required to handle several hundred or more reports each month. As an alternative, our tribe proposed a biannual reporting process or a process where the hook-line fishers would be included in the routine creel surveys conducted by MDNR. The state indicated that it would be open to discussing this further and assigned the TFC to discuss the proposal and provide some recommendations.

#### INLAND CONSENT **DECREE**

With the 2007 Inland Consent Decree going on two years into implementation, there are many issues that need to be better defined. Some of the issues discussed were regarding general "house cleaning" issues such as notification procedures, protocol for revisions of particular tables in the

Consent Decree.

There were several issues discussed that are of significance to our tribe.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT **MECHANISM**

The most contentious issue discussed by the council was establishing a law enforcement agreement between the five tribes and the state for enforcement of the Inland Consent Decree. This issue was left to be resolved after the 2007 Inland Consent Decree was implemented. The state is aggressively seeking the tribes' authorization to allow DNR officers to enforce the tribal inland fishing and hunting regulations. Conversely, the tribes are seeking either cross-deputization agreements or the authority to approach unidentified hunters and fishers to determine license, affiliation or both.

So far, the tribes have refused to grant MDNR the authority to enforce against tribal members unless the tribes are, at a minimum, given the authority and legal protection to approach unidentified hunters and fishers engaged in inland activities and ask to see their license. However, the state is unable or unwilling to provide the tribes with the necessary legal protection in the event that a non-tribal hunter or fisher refused to show a license or harassed the tribal officer. There was extensive debate on this issue but no resolution by the council. The tribes said that they wanted to first see how a recent agreement between Michigan State Police and Little River Band worked

in practice, in regard to providing tribal officers the necessary legal protection.

#### **CONSULTATION**

The Inland Consent Decree indicates in numerous locations that the state will "consult" with tribes for a variety of management and regulatory functions. To date, many of the provisions remain unimplemented or have been implemented in a haphazard manner. Furthermore, the information sharing protocol in the Inland Consent Decree lacks sufficient detail to ensure that the expectations of the parties with regard to consultative processes are met. The council discussed the intent of the consultation process indicated in the decree. An agreement was reached to establish one or more committees to facilitate consultation and the exchange of informa-

#### **BLACK LAKE STURGEON** ALLOCATION

The decree states that when the estimated number of breeding adult sturgeon reached 750 in Black Lake in Cheboygan County, the tribes would have an allocated number of sturgeon for harvest. The estimated population for 2009 crossed that 750 fish threshold. Discussions were had over the method for developing a proposal for how the allocation procedure would occur. The council agreed that a proposal would be developed in the coming months that would detail the procedure.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at cabramson@saulttribe.net or call me on my cell phone number, (906) 322-3823.

# Board business for the month of September



TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

As always, I hope that everyone is healthy and enjoying our dwindling summer. My summer seems to have slipped away rather quickly and I can attribute that to being very busy, particularly on the Greektown issue.

As I begin this report, we are still in the ball game (despite the rumor mill) and are working extremely hard on maintaining our control and ownership of this potential revenue source. There are many things that are underway but, for purposes of confidentially, cannot

be reported on at this time but will be as soon as possible.

The board of directors has again been focused on budgets and ensuring our administration and program directors are as efficient as possible in providing services with the present amount of funding available. We cannot expend more money than the revenue we generate. Stimulus monies have been a tocal point also, with several projects being submitted for, with several others under consideration. As they are funded, the members will be informed of these projects.

The board is easing into its role as the liaisons for the tribe to the federal and state governments. This will ensure that we are actively involved in the governmental process and are proactive, not reactive. You will see the board attending more of the national workshops that the elected officials should

Bahweting school is preparing for another year with the board considering an expansion to the facility that would allow another 100 students to attend

the K-8 system in the next school year. There are some financial areas being worked on between the tribe and the public school academy and, hopefully, they will be settled

Two percent dollars for the fall may be less than we had anticipated but with two months to go, we do not know the total that will be available

As board members, we have many varying roles have to play. Denise and I, as Unit IV representatives, try to do the best job that we can, but we

cannot do that without the cooperation and input of members.

If there are things you need help with or have questions about, please contact us and we will attempt to help you to the best of our abilities.

With that I wish you a very good "summer."

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# Representative Reports September 4, 2009 • Win Awenen Nisitotung Board of directors needs to move forward



DJ HOFFMAN, DIRECTOR,

'Most of the Fortune 500's top 20 companies now do business in Indian Country, including Wal-Mart, Exxon, GM, Ford, Verizon, AT&T, Home Depot, Target and Bank of America."

The abovementioned quotation derived from Business Weekly illustrates the economic potential that lies out there for tribes. These potential opportunities have been overlooked unfortunately by our tribe. However, all is not lost. After nearly eight months of pulling, prodding and pleading, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians is finally submitting a corporate charter for adoption by the Department of Interior for economic activities. This will afford our tribe with the opportunity to develop and maintain businesses free from the meddling of politics, thus ensuring that they have a chance to be successful and provide revenues to tribal ser-

A tribe may incorporate under Section 17 of the IRA, 25 U.S.C. § 477, by which the Secretary of the Interior issues the tribe a federal charter. Through Section 17 incorporation, the tribe creates a separate legal entity to divide its governmental and business activities. The Section 17 Corporation has articles of incorporation and bylaws that identify its purpose, much like a state- chartered corporation. However, a federal charter assures the corporation the same benefits as the tribe, including enjoying the tax exemptions and sovereign immunity.

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

This process will take time, but the proverbial ball is finally rolling. The board has approved the charter, and now it is on its way for federal approval. For once, we have progress in the realm of economic development. I have posted the entire charter on my site at www. dihoffmanblog.com, and will provide a much more thorough reporting on the charter next

#### GREEKTOWN

We still, at this time, are the debtors in possession of Greektown. The key dates for the tribe are Nov. 3 (plan confirmation hearing) and Oct. 20 (competing proposal deadline).

In summary, the tribe must have its competing plan in place by these dates.

There are a few board members who continually run around with the doom and gloom commentary and approach. Are the odds stacked against us? Probably so. But what are these naysayers doing to prevent the potential loss of a viable economic engine? That is the question they should be asked by members.

We must continue to push to retain Greektown. For upto-date information on daily filings related to Greektown Casino, please click on the link provided on the main page under the topic of Greektown, Bankruptcy at www.kccllc.net/ greektowncasino.

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL** AMENDMENT

The following is a summary of the constitutional amendment that was approved on May 19, 2009, to be sent out to the membership through the secretarial election process. Over three months later, and although nine board members voted to send this issue to the membership, some are attempting to derail and misrepresent the pro-

Constitution and Bylaws of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of **Chippewa Indians** ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING BODY

Sec. 3. The members of the board shall be qualified voters of the tribe, eighteen (18) years of age or over. Any person elected or appointed to a position on the board who is either an employee or independent contractor of the tribe shall voluntarily resign his or her employment position and/or surrender any rights under any contract with the tribe prior to assuming the duties of office or taking the oath of office. Failure to voluntarily resign and/or terminate the contractual relationship with the tribe shall bar the elected or appointed individual from assuming the duties of office or taking the oath of office. **SUMMARY:** 

YOU CANNOT BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TRIBE AND SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER SIMULTANEOUSLY. AKA NO DOUBLE DIPPING/ CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF **OFFICERS** 

Section 1. The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the board of directors, perform all duties consistent with the office as chief executive officer of the tribe, and exercise any other lawful authority delegated the chairperson by the board of directors. The chairperson shall vote only in case of a tie unless otherwise provided by the tribe's constitution and bylaws.

**NEW PROPOSED** CONSTITUTIONAL **AMENDMENT** 

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SUMMARY:

AMENDMENT REMOVES:

"Perform all duties consistent with the office as chief executive officer of the tribe."

CEO title no longer required by constitution

Title may be simply executive director for oversight of governmental operations, or tribal manager. This has been done before by individuals other than the chairperson who filled the employment position.

The position has an established job description, and was funded out of indirect. In fact, I believe it is still one of the positions in the tribe's approved indirect cost proposal.

Under this amendment:

The chairman no longer serves in an employment-related capacity, complying with existing constitution and latest amendment regarding "conflict of interest."

The board, of which chairman is a member per constitution, would oversee organizational structure that is adopted by tribe, AKA organizational chart.

Addressing suggestions proposed to change amendment three months after its submittal to Secretary of the Interior:

Purely a political attempt to derail separation of powers.

Suggestion to define CEO position in constitution is ludicrous. We do not have any employment positions defined in the tribe's Constitution. Would some also suggest placing the Human Resource director, CFO and purchasing manager in the Constitution?

Defining that the CEO position reports to the chairman in the Constitution – negates the separation of powers or conflicts of interest from the position, the CEO position defined in this manner leaves the position beholden to one master, thus politics continues to rear its ugly head - as the employment position will do whatever the chair, whomever it may be, wishes it to do.

The constitution provides that the chair shall:

"Exercise any other lawful authority delegated the chairperson by the board of directors."

For those wishing to have the CEO, executive director, etc. report to the chairperson, or that the chairperson is to have oversight of the position - the board may delegate that authority to the chairperson, by majority vote.

In the event that the delegated authority is abused, the board may also take that authority away. This provides a safety

Placing that the position reports to the chairperson within the Constitution does not.

It is a more efficient utilization of an executive director/ CEO to actually make them do the job they were hired to do, and allow the entire board to hold the individual accountable for their performance or lack thereof.

An employee constantly running to the chairperson for approval is merely carrying out the chairperson's directives not performing their own.

"Having the CEO answer to the chair for administrative purposes" negates the intent of that individual to actually perform or be held accountable for performing the duties they are tasked with.

Addressing previously stated articles regarding the role of the chairperson:

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There have been articles submitted within this paper that depict this change as limiting the chairperson to no role aside from running the meetings of the tribal board. The individuals drafting those articles clearly need to read the tribe's constitution. The chairperson shall: "exercise any other lawful authority delegated the chairperson by the board of directors." In addition, the chairperson is a member of the board of directors.

#### ARTICLE IV -**GOVERNING BODY**

Section 1. The governing body of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians shall consist of a board of directors.

Sec. 2. A chairperson shall be elected at large by the voters of the tribe and shall serve as a member of the board of direc-

ARTICLE VII - POWERS Section 1. The board of directors shall exercise the following powers, subject to any limitations imposed by the laws of the United States and subject further to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in this constitution and bylaws: (a) To employ legal counsel, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior; (b) To negotiate and consult with the Federal, State and local governments on behalf of the tribe;

- (c) To advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates of Federal projects for the benefit of the tribe;
- (d) To expend funds for public purposes of the tribe and to

and the acquisition, use and disposition of property;

- (e) To regulate the inheritance or testamentary disposition of real and personal property, other than property held in trust, of the members of the tribe;
- (f) To provide for the commitment of incompetents and for the appointment and regulation of guardians for minors and incompetents, subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior; (g) To promulgate and enforce ordinances governing the conduct of persons within the jurisdiction of the tribe, to establish a reservation court and define its duties and powers; (h) To exclude and remove from the tribal lands any person not legally entitled to be there; (i) To adopt resolutions, ordinances and a code, subject to the review of the Secretary of the Interior, providing for the licensing, regulation and control of nontribal persons coming upon or being within the territory or jurisdiction of the tribe as defined in ARTICLE II of this constitution, for the purpose of recreational boating, hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering wild rice or other fruits of the earth or other usual rights of occupancy;
- (j) To adopt resolutions, ordinances and a code, subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior, providing for the regulation and control of tribal members who hunt, fish, trap, gather wild rice or exercise other usual rights of occupancy upon or within the territory or jurisdiction of the tribe as defined in ARTICLE II of this constitution;
- (k) As authorized by law, to manage, lease, sell, acquire or otherwise deal with the tribal lands, interest in lands and water or other tribal assets; (l) To prevent the sale or disposition of any tribal lands, or
- other tribal assets; (m) To manage any and all economic affairs and enterprises of the tribe and to engage in any business not contrary to Federal law that will further the economic development of the tribe or its members, and to use tribal funds or other tribal resources for such purposes:
- (n) To establish and delegate to subordinate boards, organizations, cooperative associations tribal officers, committees, delegates or other tribal groups, any of the foregoing powers, reserving the right to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power or to cancel any delegation.

As you can see, there are many tasks aside from running a meeting that are entailed within these constitutional requirements.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime at: (906) 635-6945 Home (906) 322-3801 Cell djwhoffman@hotmail.com www.djhoffmanblog.com

Sincerely,

regulate the conduct of trade DJ Hoffman net, and checks and balances.

### Sault Ste. Marie

Anishinaabemowin classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building.

The classes are immersion in the Ojibwe language and begin with a potluck dinner. Bring your favoritea dish.

It's a great time to eat, visit and enjoy our culture.

Everyone is welcome. Call (906) 635-6050 for more information.

Drumming, Mondays, 7-9 p.m., at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building.

The drum is the heartbeat of the Anishinaabe people.

Hear different songs and styles of singing. It's a great time for the family participation in singing and dancing or just listening.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Anishinaabemowin language class, Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m., at 531 Ashmun Street.

No registration is necessary. Please bring your brown bag lunch.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Oct. 6: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.

Open community hour, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

Oct. 7: Culture Committee meets, 6 p.m. at the Niigaanaagiizhik Ceremonial Building.

For more information, call Jackie Minton at (906) 322-4975 cell or 495-5165.

Oct. 7: Unit I Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at 2076 Shunk Road.

For questions, call 635-4971

# St. Ignace

Anishinaabemowin language classes, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., at the McCann Center.

Participants will enjoy a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a language lesson at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 635-6050.

**Sep. 11:** Unit III Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the McCann Center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Sep. 23:** Unit III constituents meeting, 6 p.m., at the McCann Center

For more information, Keith Massaway at 643-6981 or Patrick Rickley at 440-5149.

**Sep. 11:** Unit III Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the McCann Center.

meal at the McCann Center. For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

#### Hessel

Anishinaabemowin classes, Mondays, 5-7 p.m., at the tribal center

For more information, call 635-6050.

**Sept. 21:** Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

#### Newberry

**Sept. 18-19:** Second annual Honoring the Waters Powwow.

For information, call Lois Bryant or Shirley Kowalski, (906) 293-8181.

Admission is free. No drugs or alcohol.

**Sept. 25:** Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee meets, 11 a.m. at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Sept. 28:** Elderly Advisory Board meets, 12:30 p.m. at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

# Manistique

Oct. 14: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

#### Naubinway

**Sept. 30:** Unit II Naubinway Elderly Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. at the pavilion.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

### Escanaba

**Sept. 17:** Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. Location to be announced.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 15:** Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. Location to be announced.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

# Munising

**Sept. 10:** Unit V constituents meeting, 6 p.m. at the tribal center.

For more information, call Shirley Petosky at 387-2101.

**Sept. 12:** Kitchi Miniss Powwow at the Munising Alger Centennial Arena, 12 p.m.

Public is invited and admission is free.

Grand entries at 1 p.m. and feast at 5 p.m. Any dish to pass is welcome.

Drug and alcohol free event. Native crafters only, no food vendors. Table space \$15.

Contact Anita Nelson by e-mail at anelson1@jamadots. com or phone (906) 387-4763.

**Sept. 21:** Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meets at 4:30 p.m. at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Sept. 22:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meet, 6 p.m.

Location to be announced. Open community hour, 5 p.m.

For further information, call (800) 793 0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

Oct. 5&19: Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meets at 4:30 p.m. at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 8:** Unit V constituents meeting, 6 p.m. at the tribal center.

For more information, call Shirley Petosky at 387-2101.

#### Marquette

Oct. 1: Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee meeting, 6 p.m., at the Holiday Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

#### **Announcements**

Crossing the Canadian border became much more complicated after June 1.

Sault Tribe members may no longer use tribal cards to cross the border, since they are not approved by the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

Fortunately, you can easily obtain an enhanced driver's license rather than applying for a United States passport.

For more details, visit your nearest Secretary of State office or www.michigan.gov/sos.

If you would like more details on the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, visit the U.S. Department of Homeland Security online at www. dhs.gov.

Foster homes provided by Sault Tribe members are needed for our young.

Make a difference in the life of a child, consider being a foster parent.

Call Anishinaabek Community and Family Services at 495 1232 or (800) 347 7137.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities needs your help.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Parent Advisory Committee.

The committee is instrumental in developing programs for our children throughout the seven-county service area, creating policy and representing their communities to determine where spending will be most beneficial to the greatest number of our youngsters.

The committee is comprised of volunteers from throughout our tribe's service area and meets once a month on the third Wednesday.

We encourage all relatives of children or anyone interested in their welfare to join us.

All meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.

For more information, please call Youth Education and Activities at (906) 635 -7010.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities in Sault Ste. Maie offers many fun and educational services to youth from kindergarten age to high school seniors.

Computer lab, Monday through Friday, 3:30-6:30 p.m., and on Saturday, 11-4 p.m.

Computers are available for use in a relaxed atmosphere with opportunities for socializing and other fun.

Free tutoring is available daily for everyone. Young folks can learn how to animate objects, customize Web sites and other exciting media projects every Monday.

On Tuesdays, we can conduct science experiments concentrating in school core subject areas such as chemistry and physics.

We dabble in art on Wednesdays, creating all sorts of masterpieces.

On Thursdays, the local tribal youth council works on developing projects for our community and gets some play in as well.

We have parties on Fridays, we show off our moves in Dance Dance Revolution tournaments.

Board game lovers of all ages can enjoy a peaceful afternoon dueling in a fierce game of Scrabble or other games every Saturday.

Come visit for a good time and to meet new people or old friends. Free drinks and snacks are everyday.

We're waiting for you at 2428 Shunk Road next to the enrollment office.

If you have any questions, please call Rachel Mandelstamm at 440-4494.

Book your party at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

We're equipped to accomodate skating parties, group parties and birthday parties and we rent our hospitality room, basketball and volleyball courts.

Call (906) 635- 7465.

A down payment assistance program is available to eligible Sault Tribe members in the seven-county service area.

The application period ends Sept. 18.

Please call Dana Patrick or Ryan Madigan at 495-1450 or (800) 794-4072, for more information.

DeMawating Development Property Sales and Rentals offers three and four bedroom duplexes for rent. Low move in costs only \$200 for Sault Tribe and Kewadin team members.

First three months of payroll deducted rent will be increased to cover cleaning and pet fees, if applicable. Rent must be deducted from pay to receive the low move-in cost benefit.

Attention American Indians: lease to purchase three bedroom 1.5 bath duplexes available if qualified.

DeMawating is within one of the Sault Tribe's tax agreement areas and an equal opportunity company.

You do not need to be American Indian to rent a home.

For information on any of our properties, please contact the DeMawating office at 42 Wood Lake, Kincheloe (906) 495-2800.

Silent Hearts, bereavement support groups — Loss of a child support group meets on the first Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Chippewa County Health Department, Superior Room, 508 Ashmun Street.

Infant support group meets on the second Monday of each month. 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., same time and place as above.

Silent Hearts is a support group for parents who have lost a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death.

Melanie Greenfield and Margaret Swedene run the group for Hospice at the Chippewa County Health Department.

source of emotional support and help through education and sharing free of charge. For more information or to

The groups can become a

register, please call the Hospice office at 253-3151.

Hospice of Chippewa County is a United Way Agency.

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority is pleased to announce the opening of the waiting list for our Rental Assistance Program that provides rent subsidies for income qualified

working families.
First come, first served;
limited number of vouchers

available.
Tenant-based program, the tenant is subsidized, not the rental unit. Participants must find their own housing within the Sault Tribe service area.
This allows participants to select quarters that meet their needs

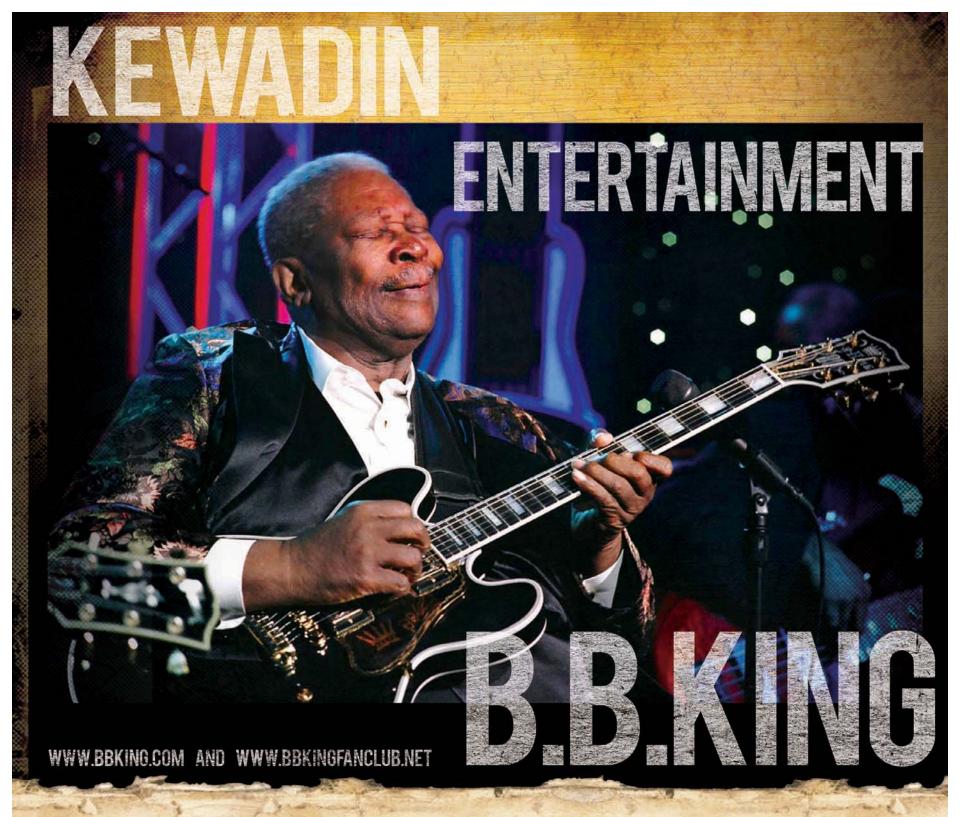
and program requirements.

Participants will be required to pay 25% of their adjusted income to the landlord and the Housing Authority will pay the remainder up to fair market rent for the areas. Rentals must pass a housing quality standards inspection prior to leasing.

Sault Tribe Housing Authority recognizes many needs cannot be met by the existing low-income rental program. This new program was created to expand housing opportunities while meeting unique needs of members' families, thus providing rental assistance off trust land.

The funding for this program is limited. We will be able to assist families for a maximum of two years. During those two years, we will be able to work with families on home ownership counseling and advocacy if they are interested.

For more information or to request an application, call Heather Alstrom at 495-1450 or (800) 794-4072.



# September

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Reo Speedwagon - Sault Ste. Marie 25th | 7:00 p.m. Sunday | \$42.50 | On Sale Now

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