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## Computed radiography comes to Sault Tribe Health Center

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe radiology is going high tech, joining the digital world. The Sault Tribe Board of Directors recently approved \$265,000 in Indian Health Services funding, allowing the tribes's Radiology Department in Sault Ste. Marie to upgrade from film to digital imaging.

The department will be using the existing radiology and mammography equipment, but it will be converted to a computed radiography system allowing the switch from a cassette holding the film image to a reader holding a digital image the software has converted.

The new system is being installed by Fuji Medical Systems and is expected to

be in use by this September. Radiology staff will receive onsite training from Fuji professionals at Fuji on how to use the new equipment and software.

Mickey Bickham, department supervisor, said the digital images can be manipulated, making them easier to read, and is the same technology used by War Memorial Hospital's Radiology Department.

The new system will be beneficial in other ways. "It will reduce patient waiting and processing times and lessens the amount of x-ray people are exposed to," Health Center Clinic Manager Tony Abramson said, adding that the new software would move the tribe's radiology suite into the next era. See "New Radiology" page 22

## Advocacy Resource Center buys and moves to new building

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) has moved from its former location inside St. Joseph Catholic Church to a building recently purchased on Ashmun Street.

ARC offers victims of domestic violence a variety of services, including free legal representation by Legal Aid Attorney Justin Derhammer, emergency shelter, counseling, information and referrals, advocacy and child custody exchanges, among others.

The center will eventually be able to offer emergency shelter to a maximum of 16 women and their children. Until renovations to the new building are complete, referrals for emer-

gency shelter are being made to the Diane Pepler Shelter. Lori Jump, ARC program manager, said renovations include installation of a top-of-the-line security system, fire-safety sprinkler system, restrooms and a kitchen.

The grant-funded program began in 1988 and was the first tribal program of its kind in the state. Since that time services, programs and staff have been added to offer additional support for victims of crime and domestic violence.

Jump said many options were explored while looking for a new home for the program. From looking into building transitional housing at the tribe's newest housing site, Odenaang, See "ARC moves," page 22

## Federal grants fund road and energy projects for tribe

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Two grant-funded projects are under way at Sault Tribe with one turning heads on Shunk Road in the Sault and the other turning light bulbs in governmental buildings.

Saultier Road and its adjoining cul-de-sacs on the Sault Tribe reservation are in the process of being torn up, hauled away and replaced.

Construction began June 13. According to Sault Tribe Roads and Transportation Manager Jeff Holt, general contractor Payne and Dolan of Gaylord will be installing the curbing and gutters and replacing the road with oversight from the engineering firm Northwest Design Group out of Petoskey. Sault Tribe Construction will help with oversight of the proj-

ect as well, Holt said.

The tribe received road funding from the BIA for the project.

Holt said the tribe's Housing Authority is also taking this opportunity to replace the driveways on Saultier and its cul-de-sacs. Housing Director Joni Talentino said, "The Housing Authority is pleased to partner with the transportation department to improve the Sault Ste. Marie housing site road. The road and driveways are over 30 years old and ready for the much needed upgrades."

Another BIA-funded road project set to take place this fall is the replacement of the casino ring, the road that circles the casino with both sides having an outlet on Shunk Road. The See "Grant projects" page 21



Photo by Rick Smith

A fancy dancer displays his finery during the first grand entry of the 30th annual Sault Tribe Powwow and Spiritual Gathering on July 2. The ceremonial observations and celebrations took place from June 29 to July 3 drawing drum and dance competitors from far and wide to vie for a part of \$30,000 in prizes. More photos on pages 12-13.

## Tribal fishermen reduce bycatch with new nets

*New "legged" gill nets catch larger whitefish; drastically reduce lake trout catch, zebra mussels and slime*

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — For years, tribal commercial gill net fishermen have been trying to reduce lake trout bycatch in northern Lake Huron and now a new gear has proven successful at doing just that. Since the Great Lakes Consent Decree was implemented in 2000, tribal commercial fishermen on Lake Huron have been reaching or exceeding the lake trout harvest limit.

Fishers are limited to 500 pounds of lake trout a day, which at times means fishermen might have to discard lake trout caught in their nets.

Management of the gill net fishery in northern Lake Huron was becoming increasingly difficult because of the discard

and harvest limit problems. To help alleviate these problems, the Intertribal Fisheries and Assessment Program (ITFAP), explored a fishing method developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff out of Alpena, which has greatly reduced the lake trout catch in their annual survey netting activities.

The fishing method is called "legged gill netting." The twine of a normal gill net sets on the bottom of the lake, but the twine on a "legged" gill net is elevated about three feet off the bottom. With legged nets, fish that swim closer to the bottom,



**ITFAP Biologist Mark Ebener said ITFAP adapted a net developed by the Alpena USFWS.**

such as lake trout, will swim under the twine and not be caught in the gill net as often. Based on early results from ITFAP's studies that compared standard versus legged gill nets, the legged gill nets made a significant difference in reducing accidental catches of lake trout. These results are so promising that the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is also conducting a similar study in Ontario waters of Lake Huron. Mark Ebener, ITFAP assessment biologist, said there is a large multi-agency effort on the Great Lakes to bring lake trout stocks back to naturally reproducing status as a keystone species. According to Ebener, lake trout disappeared out of Lakes Michigan, Erie and Ontario by about the 1960s with small populations continuing to exist in Lake Superior and portions of Lake Huron. Since the '60s

See "Reduce Bycatch," pg. 22



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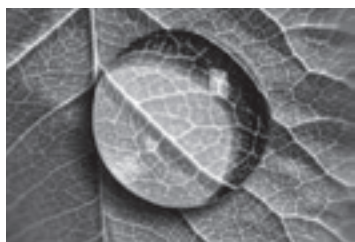
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Pictured above are area volunteers for United Way of the EUP celebrating a successful fundraising campaign. United Way of the EUP thanks everyone for all their donations, time and effort this past year, enabling Luce, Mackinac & Chippewa counties to raise \$286,829. Over \$14,000 came from Sault Tribe employee contributions. Sault Tribe United Way workplace campaign committee members are Sault Kewadin Casino's Rachel McKechnie, Kewadin Shores Casino's Bridgett Sorenson, Sault Tribe Payroll's Lisa Moran, Sault Tribe Housing Authority's Sheila Berger, Sault Tribe CFO Office's Daraka Hudecek, Anishnabek Community and Family Services' Teri Romano, Sault Tribe Executive Office's Mindy Kavanaugh, Sault Tribe Health Center's Connie Watson and Tribal Court's Danielle Christie.

## Family safety fair set for Newberry on August 10

NEWBERRY — Sault Tribe Housing Authority and the Newberry Tribal Center are co-sponsoring a great afternoon to share with your families. Date for the fair is Aug. 10 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center.



Moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, bring the kids and have a great afternoon together with hands-on learning.

Many different groups and agencies will be there with fun activities and learning experiences, like making a water drop magnifier or a bug jar, catching a sneeze, having

fun with exercises, playing with hula hoops, making and eating some fun and healthful snacks. Sit in the big red fire truck or the police car and learn about all the things they do to help make us safe.

Have you ever seen the sugar bug or looked through a microscope? Do you know

where to go for help if you have someone disabled, coping with blindness or someone that might need medical equipment? We will have people here who can answer those questions.

Call 293-8181 for more information.

## Committees have openings

The Sault Tribe Child Welfare Committee has two vacancies and the Sault Tribe Election Committee has one vacancy.

Members interested in filling a seat on either of these committees should submit one letter of intent and three letters

of recommendation to Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783.

Please contact Tara at (906) 635-6050 or [tbenoit@saulttribe.net](mailto:tbenoit@saulttribe.net) with any questions or concerns related to applying for positions on the committees.

## State Supreme Court denies appeal

The Michigan Supreme Court has refused to overturn a lower-court ruling ordering the Sault Tribe to pay \$2.54 million in damages plus legal fees to the owners of a parking garage near Greektown Casino-Hotel in Detroit.

In 2000, the tribe, which at the time owned Greektown Casino, signed an agreement with Bates Associates to purchase a parking garage near the casino. In the agreement, the tribe gave Bates Associates an option to purchase the garage back for \$1 seven years after the agreement was signed. In the event that Bates did choose

## Sayles sentenced to 35 months

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Sault Tribe member Nicholas James Sayles, 29, of Kincheloe, Mich., was recently sentenced to 35 months in federal prison for domestic assault by a habitual offender.

In addition, U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar ordered Sayles to serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison and to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Sayles pleaded guilty to a federal indictment charging him with domestic assault by a habitual offender on March

9, 2011. The charge stemmed from an incident at his home on Dec. 27, 2010, where Sayles assaulted his victim by choking her.

Sayles has two previous domestic violence convictions in Michigan state court.

U.S. Attorney Davis commended the Sault Tribal Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their work in the case prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul D. Lochner.

## Frazier given 30 years in prison

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Christopher Frazier, 39, of Escanaba, Mich., was sentenced to 30 years in prison following his conviction for the sexual assault of three minor children on the Bay Mills Indian Community Reservation, U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced June 28. Frazier is enrolled with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar, in issuing the sentence, noted the young ages of the victims, the severity of the acts involved and the need to provide an adequate deterrence not only to the defendant but to the tribal community. Judge Edgar noted that 50 percent of his time is devoted to sexual assault crimes in Indian Country and stressed the need to send a strong message to tribal communities that committing these types of crimes will result in harsh sentences.

U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis echoed the concerns of Judge Edgar. "Violent crime in Indian Country will be dealt with quickly and effectively in the Western District. These offenses are a priority within my office and the Department of Justice," he said. "Hopefully, this sentence will help inform everyone in Indian Country that these crimes will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

to buy it back for \$1, the tribe agreed to ensure that the building was in good repair.

Bates Associates exercised its right to purchase the garage back. In 2008, due to a dispute over the condition of the garage, Bates Associates sued the tribe.

In September 2010, the courts ruled in favor of Bates Associates and ordered the tribe to pay a \$2.54 million in damages plus legal fees.

The Michigan Supreme Court refused the tribe's request for appeal in mid-June and Bates has undertaken collection efforts since that time.

## Newspaper deadlines

Below is the *Win Awenen Nisitotung* production schedule for the rest of 2011. If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Dale-Burton at (906) 632-6398, ext. 26073, or send email to [jdburton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdburton@saulttribe.net).

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# Open house highlights clinic renovations



SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — An open house at the Sault Tribal Health Center on June 20 focused attention on the recently finished second floor expansion of patient examination rooms.

According to clinic's operations manager, Joel Lumsden, the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service Office received stimulus funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 totaling \$4.9 million in funding for improving tribal health facilities in the Bemidji office's service area covering Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Tribes in the service area submitted proposals totaling over \$42 million in project costs. The office then had to prioritize the projects based on scoring criteria to select the projects to be funded.

Sault Tribe was awarded funding for three ARRA projects to improve patient access to health care, one project each in the communities of Sault Ste. Marie, Manistique and Munising.

The renovation project in Sault Ste. Marie began in early 2010 and added six new patient examination rooms, two of the rooms are dedicated to diabetes specialty care. The new spaces recently opened for service on June 21.

Photos by Rick Smith

Above, officially opening the new examination rooms, from left, Health Director Bonnie Culfa, Dr. Rebecca Werner, Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson, Operations Manager Joel Lumsden, Diabetic Nurse Practitioner Sarah Willey and Community Health Manager Marilyn Hillman. Left, a view of one of the examination rooms.



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## Tribal officer helps in Lake Michigan rescue of two

MANISTIQUE, Mich. — A father rescuing his children from a Lake Michigan riptide succeeded in freeing his daughter to swim for shore the afternoon of June 8. But he and his son were still struggling more than 100 yards offshore.

That's when Manistique Public Safety received a call that several people were in danger of drowning in the rip currents of Lake Michigan off the Boardwalk Beach near US-2 and Range Street in Manistique.

Manistique Public Safety Officer Tim Russell and Sault Tribal Officer Tom Money donned water rescue suits carried in their patrol vehicles and executed a water rescue of the father and son while tethered to a rescue rope that was secured to shore.

All three victims were found to be suffering from hypothermia and the father and son were then transported to Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital by Manistique EMS.

According to a police report, two children, Harry A. Norbotten, 11, and Emma Norbotten, 12, were on a boogie

board playing in the surf when they were caught by a rip current which began pulling them out to deep water. Their father, Harry H. Norbotten, 42, swam to their rescue. When Norbotten got to his children, Emma was able to escape the current and she made it back to shore while the father and son were carried further out into the lake by the rip current.

Emma called 911 from her family cell phone on the beach.

All of the near drowning victims are residents of the Manistique area.

According to the report, the waves did not appear to be particularly large that evening but the undertow or rip current was very strong. This beach is posted to alert the public of the danger but citizens need to heed these warnings and stay out of the water or very close to shore when waves are present.

Manistique Public Safety officers were assisted in this incident by the Sault Tribe Police, the Michigan State Police and the Schoolcraft County Sheriffs Department.



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# Kewadin Sault hosts 2011 Rural and Ready

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SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Sponsored by international federal, state, tribal and county agencies along with the American Red Cross, the 2011 Rural and Ready Symposium, *All Walks of Life*, took place at Kewadin Casino on June 7.

Dozens of agencies in the fields of public health, health care, emergency management, and first responders from across the Upper Peninsula and Canada gathered at the casino for the sixth annual symposium. Each year, Sault Tribe Health Division works with local agencies to provide training, education and background that prepares participants to prevent, prepare, respond and mitigate a public health event.

The symposiums offer community partners the opportunity to further define roles and examine current issues with local emergency preparedness.

In addition, the symposium gave participants the tools to better prepare residents through family preparedness and training.

A highlight at this year's symposium, the Sault Ontario Police provided a demonstration of their emergency mobile command vehicle. The unit is designed for armed conflicts and can withstand hits from

.50-caliber guns. Participants enjoyed the Canadian hospitality as they snapped photos of one another commanding the vehicle and standing beside several of the "Batman" symbols engraved in its defense hardware. Participants quickly nicknamed the command unit, the "Batmobile" and appreciated the Canadian humor. Even in tough times and during high stress moments, you can still have fun.

Participants included officials and professionals in the fields of medical services, environmental protection, emergency services, education and law enforcement. Subjects covered included public safety, cyber security, mental health, self-sufficient planning, crisis prevention and disaster action teams.

Rural and Ready strives to enhance understanding and preparedness in different facets of dealing with all manner of public hazards or catastrophes on international borders between the United States, Canada and American Indian tribes.

The symposium sponsors were the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Michigan



Ruth Grant of the Michigan Department of Community Health begins the final class of the 2011 Rural and Ready Symposium staged at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie on June 7. A wide variety of officials and professionals attended the event to enhance preparation for dealing with public health crises or other emergencies.

Department of Community Health, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, Chippewa County Health Department, Chippewa County Office of Emergency Services, Algoma Public Health, American Red Cross and War Memorial Hospital.

Another Rural and Ready symposium will be scheduled for all concerned next year.

## Grant benefits Sault, Manistique, St. Ignace and Munising

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Community Health Program recently received a \$35,000 grant that will be used to enhance its efforts with the Strategic Alliance for Healthy (SAH) grant project.

"The goal of the Healthy People 2020 Action Project is to engage multiple sectors to strengthen policies, and create social and physical environments that promote health," said Marilyn Hillman, Community Health program manager.

"We will engage both school districts and community coalitions in the four funded SAH communities — Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Munising and Manistique — to implement policy, systems and environmental changes to increase physical activity and healthy eating to achieve Healthy People 2020 objectives," she added.

The tribe is looking to give \$6,500 mini-grants to the coordinated school health teams in each of the four communities to address the Healthy People 2020 objective on nutrition and physical activity. An additional \$2,250 in mini-grant funds would be available to each of the four funded communities to enhance efforts to make environmental changes that support physical activity, such as bike lanes, sidewalks or trails.

According to Hillman, tribal SAH project staff will work with community partners to support policies and environmental changes that will increase access to healthy foods and physical activity within schools and the broader community.

For more information on the SAH project or the Healthy People 2020 grant, call the community health office at (906) 632-5210.

## Canning and preserving workshops offered

Canning and preserving workshops will be offered by the tribe's Traditional Foods Program for the rest of the summer:

Jams and jellies, Wednesday, July 27, 5-8 p.m., Nokomis-Mishomis Place, 2076 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie.

Pickled products, corn relish, bread and butter pickles, and dill beans, Wednesday, Aug. 3, 5-8 p.m., Hessel Tribal Center, 3355 N 3 Mile Road, Hessel.

Tomatoes and salsas, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 5-8 p.m., Nokomis-Mishomis Place, 2076 Shunk Road Sault Ste. Marie.

Pickle lovers workshop, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 10-1 p.m., St. Ignace, site TBD.

Tomatoes and salsas,



Saturday, Sept. 10, 10-2 p.m., St. Ignace, site TBD.

Jams and jellies, Wednesday, July 27, 5-8 p.m. Nokomis/Mishomis Place, 2076 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie.

For workshop updates, new classes and locations visit [www.healthysaulttribe.com](http://www.healthysaulttribe.com)



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# It pays to pay on time at DeMawating



Above are DeMawating Development's first quarter "Pay On Time" incentive winners, left to right, Ashley Graham and Timmy Tobias accepting their new lawn mower from DeMawating Rental Manager Theresa Germain.



Above is DeMawating's second quarter winner, Lowel Fox Jr., pictured above with his daughter Aaliyah Fox and DeMawating Rental Manager Theresa Germain.

## Apply for weatherization assistance

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Weatherization Program is accepting applications through Sept. 30 or until funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first. To apply, contact Danyelle Clement at 495-5555 or toll free at (800) 794-4072.

Services can include, but are not limited to the following:

- Air-sealing measures, such as caulking and weather stripping
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- Insulation and air-sealing of the roof/attic area
- Repair and efficiency modifications to central heating systems

Eligibility depends on income and household size:

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1	\$ 21,780
2	\$ 29,420
3	\$ 37,060
4	\$ 44,700
5	\$ 52,340
6	\$ 59,980
7	\$ 67,620
8	\$ 75,260

For families with more than eight persons, add \$7,640 for each additional person.

## Notice for public comment for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services is requesting review and comment from the public for the fiscal year 2012 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

This plan will be available for review and comment at all ACFS offices on July 1, 2011.

Staff will be available to discuss the LIHEAP 2012 Plan.

# Uncle Sam wants you to have financial literacy

By RICK SMITH

The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports economic changes in recent years shows many citizens need to improve their understanding of financial matters to make informed monetary decisions. The agency noted many people have difficulty with basic financial concepts such as living within a budget. According to the agency, people with financial savvy play an important role in ensuring the wealth of their families as well as contributing to the financial stability of the nation.

Over 20 different federal agencies promote financial literacy in over 50 different programs and initiatives, but the GAO indicates the government needs to refocus efforts with a more effective strategy. The Financial Literacy and Education Commission coordinates those federal efforts and recently released a new strategy, which received guidance on measures the GAO suggests should be incorporated into the strategy's implementation later this year.

Until then, those interested in diving into learning about prudent monetary practices may visit federal websites such as the commission's [www.mymoney.gov](http://www.mymoney.gov), where visitors

can learn the basics of finances and get help with making decisions on buying homes, balancing checkbooks, investing in retirement accounts and other matters. The website provides financial tools and insight for different stages of one's life.

Folks may also want to peruse [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov) to explore an abundance of topics on money, taxes, saving, investing and related areas.

Another useful site to visit, [www.investor.gov](http://www.investor.gov) is hosted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and helps visitors learn about stocks, bonds, mutual funds, money market funds, certificates of deposit and other investments as well as avoiding fraud.

The U.S. Department of Labor offers a variety of helpful financial information related to employment compensation, retirement plans, benefits and savings along with an array of other subjects at [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov).

Another federal site worth looking into is [www.benefits.gov](http://www.benefits.gov), its basic function is to determine eligibility for federal benefits for more than 1,000 federal benefits, assistance and grants programs. In addition, the site has information about the programs and how to apply for them.

Anyone curious about one's Social Security benefits can calculate retirement benefits and get help in planning comfortable golden years can visit the U.S. Social Security Administration online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). Visitors can estimate personal future earnings amounts effective after retirement at different ages.

One may also look at retirement options and learn how family members may qualify and apply for Social Security benefits. In addition, folks can learn how and when to apply for Medicare benefits.

Financial literacy, the GAO notes, is good for individuals, families, tribes, communities and, ultimately, the entire United States.

# HIP accepting applications

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority Home Improvement Program (HIP) is accepting applications to develop a priority list for 2012. You may be eligible to receive HIP assistance if you meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be Sault Tribe members
- Reside in the seven-county service area
- Annual income does not exceed guidelines
- Present housing is standard
- Own the home or land
- Have not received HIP assistance after Oct. 1, 1986
- Did not acquire present housing through participation in a federal government-sponsored housing program

— Have no other resource for housing assistance

Applications can be picked at Sault Tribe Housing Authority, 154 Parkside Drive, Kincheloe, MI 49788.

To have an application mailed to you, please call 495-5555 or toll free (800) 495-5598.

Examples of possible repairs include, but are not limited to, electrical, plumbing, heating system, roofs and gutter systems, foundations, porches and landings (restrictions apply), additions (restrictions apply), weatherization, exterior painting for preservation purposes, floor covering (restrictions apply) and new home.

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# Elders Committee May 2011 meeting minutes

Following are the minutes from the May 23, 2011, meeting of the Elders Advisory Committee.

Bob Menard opened the meeting at 12:35 p.m. and a prayer was offered by Worley Rittenhouse. A moment of silence was observed for those of our community who recently walked on and for our armed forces and their families.

Secretary Joan Karlson took the roll. There was a quorum. Nine voting members and two alternate members were present. Those absent were excused.

One guest was in attendance. Sault Tribe Board of Directors Representative Cathy Abramson was in attendance. Sheryl Hammock, Elder Division director and Mike McKerchie, chairman of the Election Committee, were also in attendance.

The agenda was accepted with the addition of items 7b - "discuss status of two letters to the board, one requesting an increase in the mileage rate and the other a requested change in the Unit Subcommittee by-laws for Hessel and Newberry.

The minutes of the March 28, 2011 meeting and the April 25, 2011 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Under old business, Bob opened the discussion on the "Meet the Candidate Forum" issue by giving a history of what has transpired to date and introduced Mike McKerchie, chairperson of the Election Committee, to speak on the issue. Mike pointed out that his committee was in favor of the concept and that they felt the elders should take full responsibility for organizing and hosting the forums, with the Election

Committee only providing oversight. He said he prepared a resolution in support of the idea and brought it to the board for approval, the resolution being necessary to change the Election Ordinance to allow the proposed forums. The board did not act on the resolution pending a "brain storming" session with the elders at a workshop. The plan would then be to have a meeting of the minds with the elders, change the committee by-laws to allow for such an activity and revise the Election Ordinance for the same reason. Bob showed an overhead transparency of the outline he presented to the Election Committee when he met with them on May 6, 2011. The overhead showed highlighted changes that were suggested as a result of the discussion with the Election Committee. Bob

spent a considerable amount of time engaging the group in a discussion on the significance of the elders having permission to provide such an important benefit to the tribal community. He stressed the need for taking advantage of the opportunity, in that, done properly, it would reinforce the traditional role of the elders in the tribal community. The next step is an invitation to participate in a board workshop.

Bob had provided each member, in their meeting packet, a copy of the letters sent to the board as a result of action taken at the April meeting. The board sent the Newberry subcommittee by-laws to the tribal attorney to make the requested change and denied the Hessel subcommittee request, both as recommended by this committee. The request for a change to

increase the mileage rate was denied.

Under new business, by consensus, due to the lateness of the day, discussion on the state of the tribe was tabled until the next meeting.

Phil Payment had nothing new to report on the Elder Scholarship Program.

Sheryl Hammock passed out a document that explained the requirements for holding 50/50 raffles. She had nothing more to report.

Brenda Garries questioned how voting members from outside the seven-county service area are assigned to a voting district. Bob said he would see if he could get an answer for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. with the next regularly scheduled meeting to be June 27, 2011.

## 2011 Elders Scholarship Program announced

Applications are solicited for two one-time \$500 scholarships from the Sault Tribe elders for qualified freshmen enrolled in public colleges, universities or trade schools. Deadline for applications is Aug. 1, 2011. All applicants must be registered Sault tribe members with the following qualifications:

- Successfully completed and passed all five General

Education Development (GED) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a GED certificate or graduated from an accredited high school with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50;

- Accepted or enrolled in any two or four year public college, university or trade school in any field of study as a full-time stu-

dent;

Applicants must submit letters of application that include:

- Name, address, telephone number, proof of tribal enrollment and social security number;
- Transcript from the applicant's high school verifying the cumulative grade point average or proof of achieving G.E.D. requirements stated above;

- Letter from the college, university or trade school, showing acceptance for the 2010-11 school year;

- Academic major or course of study to be pursued;

- Essay of 300-500 words describing how you feel a college education will benefit you, your career objective and why this scholarship will help you achieve your goal.

All requirements listed above must be packaged and received no later than Aug. 1, 2011, by the program coordinator, Philip Payment, 2076 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

If you have a question, please contact Payment at (906) 484-3775.

PLEASE NOTE — Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

## Dinner with the John Johnstons revitalized for 2011

After a one year interruption, "Dinner with the John Johnstons," was back with a two-night performance to a full house at the Crow's Nest at the LSSU Cislser Center. Written by Sharon MacLaren and produced by Peter DeCourcy, the dinner theater is performed with one character at each guest table. The year is 1823, and Johnston and his Anishinaabe wife are celebrating the engagement of their daughter, Jane, to Henry Schoolcraft. (Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton)



Jane Johnston (Kitty Drockton) and Henry Schoolcraft (Michael Nelson) lead the dance.



John Johnston Esq. (Peter DeCourcy), at right, dances with a dinner guest.



Dinner guest Mike Burton (L) awards Hudson Bay Tradiing Company agent John Siveright (Jay Gage) with a fine war club.

## Every month can be Social Security online month

BY DAWN L. TERRELL

Have you ever stopped to appreciate the many celebrations we enjoy in this country? For example, did you know that July is National Baked Beans month? It's also National Hot Dog month. If beans and hot dogs are not on your diet, that's okay — it's also National Blueberry month!

As you're marking your calendar to keep all of these festivities in mind, we want to make sure you're aware that

every month can be National Social Security Online month!

When you're taking all of these commemorative foods out on a picnic (July is also National Picnic month), take your laptop or tablet with you to visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). Whether you want to see what's new at Social Security with our news section, find an answer to a question with our frequently asked questions section, or plan for your retirement with our retirement estimator or benefits

planners, you can do it all at our website.

Make [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) a part of your recreation (July is National Recreation Month). Visit our history page to learn all about the history and early days of Social Security. Resting on a blanket under a tree is a fun way to spend a picnic, but if you get bored (July is National Anti-Boredom month), you'll want to tune into some of our fun public service announcements

featuring Patty Duke, George Takei, Chubby Checker, and Don Francisco at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/psavideo.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/psavideo.html).

If you're feeling ambitious and ready to retire, you may even decide to apply online for benefits. You can apply in as little as 15 minutes. Patty Duke and George Takei will tell you about it in their online videos.

If you go to our home page, you'll find our most popular services listed on the left side of

the page. These include getting or replacing a Social Security card, applying for retirement or disability benefits, applying for Medicare, and getting extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs. There is so much you can do at Social Security's website, you may find yourself celebrating National Social Security Online month throughout the year.

*Dawn L. Terrell is the Social Security Operations supervisor in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.*

# Sault Tribe Child Care Center expands staff

**BY CHILD CARE CENTER STAFF**

The Child Care Center would like to welcome the smiling faces of Alyssa Rickley, Jessica Owaski, Jillian Jorgenson and Nikki Sambrano to its family of early childhood educators. All are Sault Tribe members.

Rickley is a Sault Tribe member from St. Ignace who attends Lake Superior State University. She is studying elementary education and believes this job puts her on the right track for her future career goals.

Jorgenson is a Sault Tribe member and former student worker returning to the program after graduating from Sault High in 2010. She hopes to pursue early childhood education as a career choice. However, she is not sure if LSSU will be her school of choice as she would like the opportunity to explore living somewhere other than Sault Ste. Marie.

Sambrano is a Sault Tribe member who recently moved to the area with her family from White Lake, Mich. She says it is exciting to be here and that she is looking forward to meeting all of the children and their

families. Sambrano is ready for the challenge of helping children learn through play.

Owaski is not only an employee of the center but also proud parent of Andrew, one of the center's toddlers. She grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and is no stranger to the Child Care Center as her daughter Mackenzie, who now attends JKL Bawheting PSA, attended the center several years ago. Owaski loves working at the center and enjoys being with the children.

The Child Care Center not only provides high quality care and educational services for children, it also provides individuals enrolled in college or raising a family an opportunity to work part-time flexible hours in a fun and exciting environment. As is the case with Jorgenson and Rickley, the Child Care Center provides excellent hands-on experience for individuals exploring the possibility of education as a career choice. In addition, there are many opportunities for high quality professional development.

As part of the Education

Department's Early Childhood Education programs, there are opportunities for promotion within our organization, which

is how we got lucky enough to have Owaski join our team on a permanent basis. As an employee of the Child Care Center,

Sambrano will have an awesome opportunity to become a member of her new community.



Photo by Rick Smith

New staff at the tribal Child Care Center in Sault Ste. Marie are, from left, Jessica Owaski, Alyssa Rickley, Jillian Jorgensen and Nikki Sombreno.

## Health Division gives thanks for jobs well done

**BY BONNIE CULFA  
HEALTH DIVISION DIRECTOR**

Aanii, happy summer! We had a wonderful ribbon cutting ceremony for our newly remodeled space (formerly Contract Health) on June 20 that added six exam rooms as a specialty clinic for our tribal members with diabetes to see Sarah Willey NP who specializes in diabetes.

The ceremony was blessed with an honor song and song of blessing from the Healing Lodge Singers, a women's hand drum group. They blended harmonies beautifully, singing traditional songs in our Anishnaabe language. It set the tone for the entire event as one that lifted the spirits of all who were present. The songs were a welcoming of this new place for healing in our health center in Sault Ste. Marie.

A special thank you and acknowledgement goes out to Unit I Director Cathy Abramson for her participation and cutting of the ribbon, opening the new clinic space, and to Dr.

Rebecca Werner, our medical director, who gave us wonderful ideas and assistance during the design, planning and implementation phases of the project. In addition, thanks go to Joel Lumsden and Tony Abramson Sr. who worked closely and tirelessly with me to secure the ARRA funding from Indian Health Service for this project, as well as to Marilyn Hillman and Sarah Willey who worked with me to bring additional diabetes funding for this endeavor. Thank you to the Community Health staff who gave tours of the new space and to the rest of the team who kept on seeing patients without disrupting care to those who were there that day for an appointment. Lastly, I would like to thank the construction crews and Billy Sams for working after hours and weekends to turn out such a beautiful clinic space for patients. Everyone loves it.

Next month I will tell you about what we are adding to our optical services.

The wildly popular Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Law Enforcement Department will once again offer its Junior Police Academy for Sault Tribe youth aged 11-15 this summer.

The free-of-charge camp is from Monday through Friday, Aug. 1-5, at Boedne Bay in Moran, Mich.

Law Enforcement train-

ing activities include physical fitness, felony traffic stops, evidence collection, simulations, taser presentation, building entry, MILO simulator, report writing, first aid training, water safety, swat team techniques, fingerprinting, K-9 unit presentation and fire safety. Recreational activities include swimming and games.

Transportation may be pro-

vided if needed. Call Chief of Police Robert Marchand at (906) 635-6065.

Fill out registration forms and send to Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department, P.O. Box 925, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Forms may also be acquired from the download section of Law Enforcement at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

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# Students going west for geological excursion

By Rick Smith

For the second consecutive year, high school students enrolled in federally recognized American Indian tribes will experience the beauty and learn about the geologic nature of many places through a program at Lake Superior State University. All expenses for travel, lodging and meals are courtesy of grant funding from the National Science Foundation.

Geological Reasoning and Natives Investigating the Earth (GRANITE) at LSSU takes participants on field excursions of one to two weeks to study and engage in activities that mix concepts of geology with indigenous knowledge and ways.

“Students will integrate Native American explanations of physical phenomena with scientific explanations so that they individually construct the linkage between ways of thinking scientifically and ways of knowing from within their culture,” notes a project description.

Along with nurturing interest in pursuing geological careers,



Photo by Rick Smith

From left, Stephanie Sabatine, Lake Superior State University director of the Native American Center and campus diversity; students, Patricia Cain and Holly Austin; and Paul Kelso, professor of geology and physics at LSSU.

the program brings the students to an understanding of the importance of earth sciences in their lives and the quality of living in their communities.

“Last year was the first year of the GRANITE program,”

said Paul Kelso, the LSSU geology professor heading the undertaking. “There were 11 students involved last year and again 11 students this year.

The program is open to students from outside the eastern

U.P. We have a woman from Iron Mountain participating this year. Last year there was a woman from California who was part of the group.”

He added that 11 students is the class limit.

Keslo noted many of the sites visited during the 2010 excursion might be included this year along with a few alternate sites. While the itinerary isn't firm and is subject

to change along the way, the group will be traveling by automobile and may include visits along lakes Michigan and Superior, the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, Devil's Lake State Park and Natural Bridge State Park in Wisconsin, Pipestone National Monument in Minnesota, South Dakota's Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Bear Butte State Park and Homestake Mine, and on to the Vore Buffalo Jump and Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming.

The group is tentatively scheduled to depart for a two-week excursion on July 7. Sault Tribe members Holly Austin and Patricia Cain are two of the students included in the 2011 GRANITE excursion.

Students interested in joining the 2012 GRANITE summer excursion should watch for online information updates and applications beginning in January at [www.nac.lssu.edu/geology/main](http://www.nac.lssu.edu/geology/main). The deadline for applications is likely to be in March.

Questions should be directed to Paul Kelso at (906) 635-2158, [pkelso@lssu.edu](mailto:pkelso@lssu.edu), or Stephanie Sabatine at 635-6664, [ssabatine@lssu.edu](mailto:ssabatine@lssu.edu).

## STEP helps individuals and our tribal communities

FROM TRIBAL COURT STAFF

In 2009, the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court was awarded a Tribal Youth Program Grant from the United States Department of Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The four-year grant funds the court's Sault Tribe Enhanced Probation (STEP) program, which provides reintegration services for delinquent youths returning home from residential detention placement and diversion services for youth in danger of being placed out of home.

The STEP program started in September of 2010 and has one officer.

Families involved in the program are treated as the functional units and the primary agents of change. Together, the youth, families and the STEP officer develop treatment goals based on the specific individual needs and strengths of each youth and his or her family. Once goals are developed, the STEP officer works with the youth and family to hold the youth accountable and help them learn the skills needed to reach their goals and remain together.

The STEP officer is involved daily with the youth and other family members, either in the home or in the community and is responsible for teaching and modeling appropriate and functional behavior in the areas of life skills, communication skills, parenting skills, problem solving and relationship development. Other responsibilities include monitoring community service projects in which the youths are involved, monitoring youth employment and assisting with their vocational or educational planning.



Tessa Laaksonen, STEP officer

The officer also assists in assuring that referred youths' academic needs are met by advocating for appropriate school placement, teaching effective academic skills, attending individual education plans and other school meetings along with monitoring the youths' school attendance and progress. Other responsibilities include using flexible grant funds for meeting youth and family environmental needs and client reinforcement, overseeing court approved electronic monitoring and the administration of court approved drug screening.

Working extensively with families, the STEP officer helps them to connect with community services that will assist in meeting their needs. This not only helps them to relieve any crisis, but also builds an effective support network when they are no longer involved with the STEP program.

Youth progress through levels in the program in which they can gradually earn more trust and responsibility as they move toward goal completion, their progress is monitored on

a weekly basis by the STEP officer.

With the development of the STEP services and reintegration programming, the tribal court has been able to reduce the number of youth at risk of removal from their homes due to delinquent behaviors. Also, with these enhanced probation services, our tribal youth ages 11-17 have been provided with an opportunity to learn the skills to make better decisions and choices through positive peer interaction and in home programming designed to fit the needs of the family and in order to keep the juvenile in the home and avoid residential placement for delinquency.

The STEP program not only benefit involved youth directly by providing enhanced probation services and also reintegration services for those returning from residential delinquency treatment, it also greatly benefits the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians community financially. Currently, the average out of home placement is \$180 per day, with an average length of stay being 12 months, or 365 days. Hence, the average cost to place a youth in residential delinquency treatment due to delinquency issues is \$65,700. Currently, five tribal youths are placed in the STEP program as an alternative to out-of-home placement, saving the tribe approximately \$328,500.

In addition the Family Division of the 50th Circuit Court has also used the program, placing one tribal youth in STEP, rather than placing him in an out-of-home facility, keeping the youngster in our community.

## NASA launches women's website

By Rick Smith

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) recently unveiled a website specifically designed to highlight the women of the NASA workforce and inspire girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

NASA created the site in response to a presidential executive order signed in March of 2009 that established the White House Council on Women and Girls, which reviews and recommends changes in federal policies and practices relevant to women in the workforce as part of its duties. A NASA team created the Women@NASA site under the agency's Open Government Initiative to achieve more transparency, participation and accountability with the American people.

At this time, the website features videos and essays from 32 women employed in different capacities throughout the space agency. A narrative on the site indicates the NASA folks hope to give visitors a “glimpse of the talent we have at the agency today. Their stories illuminate the vibrant community of dedicated women workers who play a vital role at the agency. You'll hear stories of women overcoming almost every obstacle imaginable to pursue their dreams and make a difference in the world.”

Among the women in the spotlight, Loria West, who lost her parents and was left

paralyzed from the waist down in a tragic car accident when she was 9 years old. Today, West works in the office of the NASA chief financial officer assessing all levels of budget information and preparing reports for senior executives.

“I'm living proof and I'm here to tell you that what doesn't kill you will only make you stronger,” she relates in her video. She reflected on her attitude toward reaching goals in life, “It's all about what you can put into it is what you can get out of it.”

In addition to the 32 videos and essays, informal biographies and photos of 22 other women of the NASA workforce are featured on the site. Visitors can learn about women such as Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, and others, such as the first female shuttle commander, aerospace engineers, astronaut trainers, flight controllers, geologists and a pyrotechnics specialist.

Another component of the site provides a video and links on academic preparation with information on careers and internships at the agency.

Visit Women@NASA at [www.women.nasa.gov](http://www.women.nasa.gov) to learn more. Those interested in learning more about the White House Council on Women and Girls may also visit at [www.whitehouse.gov/linktoadministration/eop/cwg](http://www.whitehouse.gov/linktoadministration/eop/cwg). Find out more about the NASA Open Government Initiative at [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov).



# Member opens Sault auto repair service

BY RICK SMITH

Following through on a desire to pursue the vocation he enjoys the most, Sault Tribe member Mike Cook opened Mike's Garage in Sault Ste. Marie earlier this year and indicates, since then, it's been extremely busy.

Cook was raised on Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie and is the 14th born among 15 siblings. His brothers, "Bucky" and Tom Cook operate long-established auto repair services in the Sault on Portage Avenue.

Picking up an interest in the auto repair trade from his father,

as did his brothers, Mike began building 35 years of experience as a mechanic in Sault Ste. Marie with his brother, Tom, before taking work at a Grand Rapids Ford dealership as a "heavy line" mechanic working on gas and diesel engines for 10 years.

He moved back to Sault Ste. Marie to help with the maintenance and repair facets of two family enterprises, the Long Ships Motel and the Lock View Restaurant. Later on, Cook also helped with another family business through his wife's father, this one the Palace

Saloon. In addition, Cook had a sideline business conducting auto repair work in his family garage.

"I wanted to get back into mechanics because I enjoy it so much," Cook said. He dove back in last January with a four-bay garage at 902 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie on the southwest corner of Ann Street and Ashmun, next to Hungry Howie's Pizza. Along with contact information, a sign on the front of the garage reads, "Your one-stop repair shop, no job too big or too small."

Cook notes the garage is equipped with the latest diagnostic equipment and enjoys an advantage of sharing information and tools with his brothers, "Bucky" at Cook's Amoco, 301 East Portage Avenue, and Tom at Cook's Union, 720 East Portage Avenue.



Photo by Rick Smith

Mike Cook with his daughters, from left, Macy and Alexandra, in his office overlooking the four service bays of Mike's Garage at 902 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Cook, who has been licensed in auto repair for over 30 years, opened the service earlier this year and reports business is good.

"My main goal is to give the public great repair work at affordable prices," Cook remarked. He and his wife, Tammy S. Cook, have two

daughters, Alexandra and Macy, and live in the Sault area.

Mike's Garage can be reached by phone at 635-5755.

## Adams appointed special assistant

BY BOB TENEQUER

LAGUNA, N.M. — David Adams, Pueblo of Laguna tribal prosecutor, was appointed special assistant to U.S. Attorney General Kenneth Gonzales' office in improving laws on domestic violence against Native women in New Mexico.

Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Gonzales and Pueblo of Laguna Governor Richard Luarkie announced Adams' appointment on June 23 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

In response, Adams said, "I am grateful for the opportunity and know it will be a tremendous responsibility."

The U.S. Attorney's office for New Mexico has made it a priority to improve the process of getting domestic violence cases against women into the federal court.

Ken Thomas, program manager for the Laguna Behavioral Health Services, said he is glad there is now someone who can speak at both the local and national levels in regards to domestic violence against Native women.

Adams said until last year, individuals could only be sentenced in tribal court to one year in jail for domestic violence offenses against woman. With the recent passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act, individuals can now be sentenced up to a maximum of three years behind bars.

Corrine Sanchez, executive director of the Tewa Women United organization was elated by the news. "This is a great step for tribal communities in addressing violent crimes against Native women in New Mexico." She expressed hope that the outcome of Adam's work will not only serve as a model for state tribal communities, but throughout the country.

The Tewa Women United is a 20-year-old grass roots organization serving the Tewa-speaking pueblos.

Numerous studies show that



Sault Tribe member Dan Adams

American Indian and Alaska Native women experience much higher levels of sexual violence than other women in the United States, according to an Amnesty International report published in 2007.

The report further states that 34 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women — or more than one in three — will be raped during their lifetime, the comparable figure for the nation as a whole is less than one in five

According to Adams, the intent of his appointment is to help improve the quality of cases and investigations, enhance the coordination of resources and to improve training and better working relationships between law enforcement agencies.

Typically, he said, when there is a major case in Indian country there are tribal agencies, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Federal Bureau of Investigations all involved in an investigation.

Adams has been working with the pueblo's tribal court for four years and has been the chief prosecutor for one year. He is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He graduated from University of New Mexico Law School in 2007, specializing in Federal Indian Law.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office, Adams is among three tribal prosecutors who have received the special designation as Special Assistants to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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## Sault resident publishes second book in series

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault resident Beverly Waters McBride has published the second book in her series, *Up The Creek*.

*Up The Creek* takes a character from McBride's first book, *One Foot in Two Canoes*, and follows her life as she learns to rise above abuse and overcome limitations.

The book is a good read as a second in the series or as a stand alone if you haven't read the first. The main character, small town teacher Beth Morrison, grows into a thriving artist and along the way learns she has a reservoir of strength and substance she wasn't totally aware of.

Marrying a dentist and moving to his hometown in Maryland, Morrison finds he has a hidden dark side. Escaping from his abuse, she returns home to Maryville to reestablish herself.

McBride's novel is a reflection of life in Sault Ste. Marie set in a small town named Maryville. McBride said she is donating a copy of her new novel to the Bayliss Public Library and will also be sharing a booth at the Sault Tribe powwow where she will have signed copies of her book available for \$15.

Many topics in *Up The Creek* will be familiar to residents of the Sault, including a chapter dedicated to a women's gathering, as well as references to the tribe's cultural building and a number of local businesses. The one constant theme throughout the novel is overcoming adversity, just as in her first book the characters learned the importance of living a balanced life.

Writing during lunch breaks,

evenings and on weekends, McBride said it took her about two years to write and edit the book for content. "I use experiences that I have as I go through life," she said. "If something intrigues me, or I think it would be interesting to describe it and add some color to it, then I use those experiences

when I write."

*Up The Creek* is available online at Amazon.com, Books-a-Million, Borders and Barnes and Noble and locally at UP Books. If purchasing through Amazon.com, McBride asks that you consider first going online to manateeliteracy.com to click on the Amazon link.

By doing this you will help provide funding to a charity she supports through her work, The Literacy Council of Manatee County.

McBride will be available July 21 at 7 p.m. at Bayliss Public Library for a book signing and discussion. "To learn to love again is important," McBride said. "It is a learning process and that is what I tried to convey in the book — that it is possible to reestablish your life and love again even if you have faced adversity."

Peppertree Press in Sarasota, Fla., published the soft cover book. Work on the third book in the series is under way.

McBride is also excited to announce that after a leave of seven years she has returned to Sault Ste. Marie where she has been hired by Goodwill as a workforce specialist working on program development, grant writing, business projects and resources for staff. Heavily involved in local theater during her previous residence, she said there has been interest from LSSUs Fine Arts Academy in having her involved in some

way again with their upcoming productions.

McBride has a master's degree in vocational rehabilitation from the University of South Florida. For more information about *Up The Creek*, visit: [upthecreek@beverlymcbride.com](mailto:upthecreek@beverlymcbride.com).



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# EAB trap: What is that purple thing in the tree?

If you have driven down Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie lately you might have noticed a purple triangle type thing hanging from a tree. This purple box type thing is an emerald ash borer trap. Hopefully, most of you have heard about emerald ash borers and the threat they pose to our native ash trees, in particular the black ash tree, which is of great importance to our basket makers.

Emerald ash borers are small green beetles whose larvae feed on the living tissue under the bark. They are non-native and do not have any predators to keep their populations in check.



Originating from Asia, this invasive insect species was first found around Detroit,

Mich., in 2001. Since then, emerald ash borers have spread to 15 states and two provinces, killing tens of millions of ash trees. None of our native ash trees are safe. The borers have spread throughout Michigan and into the Upper Peninsula. One of the factors that led to the rapid spread of the borers is through the movement of infested ash firewood. The borers are one of the reasons we "Don't Move Firewood."

They have yet to be detected on Sault Tribe lands, however, that does not mean they are not present. Sault Tribes' native seeds and species technician Robin Clark placed two

traps on Sugar Island and one trap on the reservation (the one seen on Shunk Road). The purple traps, which are sticky and baited with a compound that simulates a distressed ash tree, are designed to attract the destructive emerald ash borers, should they be present.

Residents should not be concerned if they see the traps and should not disturb them.

This will help us to track emerald ash borers and to detect if they have hit any of our tribal lands and, from there, we can work on controlling this invasive insect.

## Project seeks growth in EUP originated food availability



Photo by Rick Smith

The EUP Food Hub Project steering committee, from left, coordinators Rick Shapero and Neil Moran, Michelle Walk of Michigan State University Extension and Dustine King of the Chippewa/East Mackinac Conservation District, pictured at the start of a recent public meeting at the Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. More meetings are likely to be scheduled.

BY RICK SMITH

Folks in the eastern Upper Peninsula who produce and peddle foods might do well to take note of the fledgling EUP Food Hub Project. The same is true for folks interested in enjoying the local bounty. The goal of the project is to significantly bolster the availability and marketing of local foods, expanding the sales and income of food producers through schools, restaurants, retail and other outlets as well as making tastier and more healthful options more readily available to everyone in the area.

The general public is encouraged to attend meetings of the organizers behind the project to learn more and contribute input on reaching goals of the EUP Food Hub. "Our hope is in order to create an EUP food hub we get the whole community involved," said Rick Shapero, an organizer for the project. "It's really a partnership between producers and consumers."

Shapero said consumers are key figures in supporting food hubs, not only through patronage, but in educating others about the health and community benefits of eating local foods and advocacy which could lead to local foods becoming available in schools, restaurants, stores and other institutions.

Some of the subjects the hub organizers are exploring are forming or partnering with a food co-op, existing marketing possibilities, a food

processing facility and distribution warehouse, using hoop houses to increase local food production, grant funding and others.

Food hubs appear to be the latest evolution in the "locavore" movement, the international practice of eating locally produced foods in the interest of fresher, tastier and more wholesome foods in one's diet that, in turn, supports the sustainability of natural resources and environmental protection. Other than home gardens and roadside stands, seasonal farmers' markets are generally the best sources of locally grown foods.

The scope of food hubs can vary from small, narrow markets to large markets offering a great diversity of foods. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) working definition of a food hub is a centrally located facility with a business management structure facilitating the acquisition, storage, processing, distribution and marketing of locally or regionally produced food products.

The USDA identifies core components of food hubs as a facility for farmers to drop off their wares for distribution to wholesalers or other customers in search of local food, a business management team to coordinate all marketing operations plus spaces and equipment for food storage, light processing and packaging. As options, other services may include providing spaces

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## Tribal camping permits for gathering only

BY TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFF

There have been many questions and concerns surrounding Tribal Code Chapter 23: National Gathering Code and the use of national forest campgrounds without fees.

Although it is true tribal members can receive permits that authorize free camping at designated National Forest Service campgrounds, it must be in connection with the exercise of treaty gathering rights.

Chapter 23 of the Tribal Code defines "gather" or "gathering" as "means to take or acquire or attempt to take or

acquire possession of any wild plant, or part thereof."

Tribal camping permits are intended to be used by members exercising treaty gathering rights on national forest lands as defined by Chapter 23. The signatory tribes and the USDA Forest Service agreed that fees and length of stay restrictions at designated campgrounds should not interfere with the exercise of treaty-reserved gathering rights. This agreement set forth the fee exemption in designated national forest campgrounds.

By submitting applications to receive fee exemption

*A reminder from Sault Tribe Law Enforcement*

vouchers for approved National Forest Service campgrounds, members are acknowledging they will abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the Tribal Code and any stipulations on the tribal camping permit.

Violation of Chapter 23 could result in, but not be limited to, civil fines, revocation or suspension of National Forest privileges and court fines and costs.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., (906)-635-6065.

## Grassroots Campaign seeks support

BY RICK SMITH

The Save the Wild U.P. environmental group is partnered with the Water Action Vital Earth (WAVE) environmental coalition in an effort called the U.P. Grassroots Campaign to Defend Our Water and Stop the Eagle Mine.

Save the Wild U.P. has been striving to protect natural resources in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for about seven years. WAVE is a new platform dedicated to protecting water resources in the region. Both organizations are based in Marquette.

The goal of the Grassroots Campaign is to prevent the commencement of metallic sulfide mining operations at the Kennecott Eagle Mine on a river in the wilderness of the

Yellow Dog Plains northwest of Marquette. Metallic sulfide mining has a well-documented reputation for producing forms of waste that can cause severe and permanent damage to natural environments.

In addition, the Kennecott Mining Corporation exists under a parent company, Rio Tinto, which is a multinational mining concern based in London, England, and Melbourne, Australia, that has a reputation for ruthless exploitation of people and the environment.

"We will fast, vigil, pray, do walks and consider other nonviolent means of expressing our distress at the continued development of the mine," Save the Wild U.P. noted in a recent letter. "We will support activi-

ties at Eagle Rock organized by members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and other tribes. And we will use the campaign as an opportunity to consider how we will resist new mining projects in the sulfide ore rich western U.P. that Rio Tinto and other mining companies are planning."

The organization also indicates it seeks recruits and other forms of support.

The letter further indicates that Kennecott may begin construction work on the mine as early as mid-September and will include blasting through Eagle Rock, a site considered sacred by Anishinaabe of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

More information is available at [www.savethewildup.org](http://www.savethewildup.org).

## Four Chippewa County beaches under scrutiny for E. Coli bacteria levels

The Chippewa County Health Department is monitoring recreational waters at four popular beaches in Chippewa County — Sherman Park and Four Mile beaches in Sault Ste. Marie, Sugar Island Township Park on Sugar Island and Brimley State Park. The public beaches will be routinely monitored and tested for *E. Coli* bacteria from now until the end of September 2011.

The county Health

Department is prepared to issue any advisories or closures deemed necessary when the water quality exceeds the safe limits for recreational swimming.

In addition to routine monitoring, department staff will investigate illicit sewer and storm drain connection in the vicinity of the beaches, wet weather source tracking, piloting of rapid testing methods and extensive sanitary surveys.

Funding for the microbial source tracking was received from Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

For more information regarding this study or for beach water quality conditions, please visit [www.chippewahd.com](http://www.chippewahd.com). To report beach conditions, call 635-3602 or email [cdaley@chippewahd.com](mailto:cdaley@chippewahd.com).

## Summer interns working with Environmental staff

**Emily Gadzinski** is working as an Americorps Vista volunteer at the Sault Tribe Environmental Department. She creates and organizes outreach materials for the public and is currently working with another intern to create brochures and posters to educate the public on the affects of indoor air qualities on health and safety. She is also working on an interactive game that teaches children land use management as well as the effects humans have on natural habitats.



Gadzinski just finished her first week in the office and has some ideas and goals she plans to accomplish while employed with the department. She said she's excited to see what this summer has in store for her.

**Dana Krementz**, 19, came to Sault Ste. Marie this summer to work with the Sault Tribe's Environmental Department on air sealing outreach. She said, "I think the best way to describe my work this summer is making sure that members are properly informed about



issues concerning indoor air quality and are aware of all of the programs and incentives available to assist themselves, their families and their homes in addressing important indoor air quality concerns."

Krementz has been gathering information about issues and solutions and then putting that information into brochures and posters to share with members at the next few powwows. She has also started an indoor air quality awareness campaign that includes informative and hands on workshops on issues such as radon, mold and how to get your home weatherized for free. She said, "It has already been an amazing two weeks and I can't wait to see what the summer will bring."

## Freitas hired as GIS technician



**Nathan Freitas** was hired as the geographic information systems (GIS) technician for the Sault Tribe's Environmental Department in March of this year. This is somewhat of a first official position for GIS in the Environment program, and as such has involved getting lots of new equipment for the new GIS lab. GIS allows us to visualize a theme or phenomenon rather than simply read about it. This will permit us to see the big picture and answer "what-if" questions such as: what areas would be most affected by an oil spill in Lake Huron?

Freitas' main objective right now is to put together

all existing geographical data about the lands and waters where we live, into one central database. This includes mapping all tribal properties across the seven counties in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. There are several departments within the tribe that have expressed an interest in having this information.

He will also be working with Crystal Bole on her project doing water quality assessments. Identifying rivers and streams that have an impact on tribal lands and modeling water quality data are a few of the anticipated jobs for the GIS lab this summer.

Freitas found out about the grant funded position through the tribe's web site.

He has a bachelor's degree in science from Utah State University, graduating from there in 2005. He then went to the University of Nebraska in Lincoln where he earned his masters degree in geographic information systems, graduating in 2010.

Describing the Sault as small but very enjoyable, he said he especially enjoys all the trees in the area because where he is from in Utah they don't have many trees.

## To use or not to use — incandescent bulbs v. CFLs

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

**SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.**—Many people are finding themselves frustrated when shopping for light bulbs. With the current incandescent bulb being phased out as part of the Energy Independence and Security Act, that leaves you with one of two options. Stock up on the old bulbs, or get used to the new CFLs. Eventually the old familiar bulbs will no longer be offered on store shelves.



So why the switch?

Here is what I was able to find out about Compact Fluorescent Lamps, or CFLs, from environmental experts within the community.

Generating electricity has a huge environmental impact. By using a CFL bulb you will be getting more bang for your buck — they generate more light and use less electricity doing so than an incandescent bulb. They also have longer lives, lasting up to 10 times longer and saving consumers anywhere from \$30 to \$50 in energy costs over the life of the CFL.

Kathie Brosemer, Environmental Program manager for the Sault Tribe, said, "We can no longer discount the cost of electricity. Coal fired utilities in Ontario alone kill about 300 people a year from asthma, emphysema and more. Within the U.S. coal fired utilities kill about 13,000 people a year; these are excess deaths that would not be happening if we did not burn coal. These are the direct impacts of electricity consumption and production — we have to think about that when we turn on a switch. If we can have the same amount of light for 11 watts of power that we used to need 100 watts for, we have a moral obligation to do that."

Brosemer said that in order to shut down existing nuclear and coal plants we all have to use less power and build renewable resources. "Be more efficient, get rid of the beer fridge

and that second fridge, it's an energy hog. When you buy new appliances buy the most efficient one you can. When you buy light bulbs, get the most efficient ones you can. That is what is going to shut down coal and nuclear power plants."

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), if every household in the U.S. replaced just one incandescent light bulb with a CFL, it would prevent 90 billion — yep, billion — pounds of greenhouse gas emissions from power plants. That is the equivalent, according to the UCS, of taking 7.5 million cars off the road. And according to the Environmental Protection Agency, by replacing light bulbs with CFLs at the same minimal rate, Americans would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes for a year.

Whoo hooo! Sign me up! Yes, there are what some people perceive as drawbacks to the new light bulbs, and I've even been known to complain about the new bulbs myself. But read the paragraph above one more time. It takes each of us replacing only one bulb to make a huge difference. And if you really look at the new CFLs, you will see there are far more options in lighting available now as compared to when they first came out. Really, they aren't all that bad. In today's economy every little bit saved makes a difference.

And if that isn't enough to convince you, listen to what LSSU Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Derek Wright, Ph.D.

had to say: "I like CFL bulbs and here is why — the CFLs do have a little bit of mercury in them, but coal, which is where we get most of our electricity, has quite a bit of mercury in it. Burning coal is the number one source of mercury in the environment from humans, accounting for roughly two-thirds of the total mercury in the atmosphere. The number two source of mercury in the atmosphere is the incineration of medical and municipal waste. Because CFLs use less electricity, you don't have to burn as much coal.

"You can now buy instant-on CFL bulbs, three-way bulbs — and you can also buy them with a yellow tint like an incandescent bulb. If you read the box carefully you can essentially get a florescent bulb that is comparable in performance to an incandescent light bulb. On one hand, they are environmentally friendly, and on the other you can save real money," Wright said.

CFL light bulbs should be recycled, not just tossed in the trash because they do contain a small amount of mercury, although, according to Brosemer, not as much as the thermostat on the wall in your home. To recycle old CFL bulbs, save them in a safe place where they won't break and when you have enough to return, they can be taken locally to Cloverland Electric on M-28 or to the Chippewa County Recycling Center. If you take them to the local recycling center you must hand deliver them to a person and not deposit them in the glass-recycling bin where they will break. The Chippewa County Recycling Center is open seven days a week and there is always a person on site every day from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information about CLF bulbs, visit online at [www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3585\\_30068\\_30172-90210-,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3585_30068_30172-90210-,00.html) or [www.epa.gov/cfl](http://www.epa.gov/cfl).

From "Food Hub" page 10 for wholesale and retail vending along with spaces for community kitchens, health and social programs and similar activities.

Along with expanding the availability and market for locally grown foods, the hubs can benefit communities by creating jobs.

A variety of different types of food hubs have been operating successfully across the United States for years. One Appalachian food hub reports annual sales of over \$500,000 and estimates their food demand is two to three times

the available supply.

The EUP Food Hub Project is going forward with help from the Chippewa/East Mackinac Conservation District, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Michigan State University Extension. Those interested in learning more or attending meetings should call coordinators Rick Shapero at (517) 282-4950 or Neil Moran at (906) 322-4264, Chippewa/East Mackinac Conservation District Executive Director Justine King at (906) 635-1278 or Michelle Walk of Michigan State University Extension at 635-6368.



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# 2011 Brings the 30th annual Sault Tribe Powwow and Summer Gathering



Above, fresh in from Crandon, Wisc., the Young Firekeepers Drum pauses for a photo while unloading their gear before taking part in the powwow.



A fancy dancer moves to a beating drum.

The 30th annual Sault Tribe Powwow and Summer Gathering paid tribute to the spirit of Strength in Unity in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The anniversary gala began in a somber tone with a blessing of the powwow grounds on the morning of Wednesday, June 29. Campers began trickling in over the next two days as sunrise ceremonies were observed hours before all day spiritual gatherings followed by feasting. Youngsters enjoyed romping among fun accommodations set up especially for them on Friday, July 1, as registration for the drum and dancer competitions opened.

The drumming and dancing commenced with the first grand entry early in the sunny afternoon of Saturday, July 2, complemented by a profusion of colorful regalia, pulsing rhythms, echoes of ancestral voices in song accompanied by the mass circular flow of hopping promenades. Kiosks surrounding the spectacle offered an array of specialty comestibles and crafts. The grassy area just east of the powwow arena was festooned with enough tents to rival any popular state park.

Participating drums and dancers of all ages stood to win a portion of \$30,000 in prizes in an assortment of competition categories. Winners were announced after the competition on Sunday, July 3.



Top, a shawl dancer displays her plumage; top right, a fancy dancer showing his moves; above, more fancy dancers.



A few of the many folks behind the scenes who helped make the powwow possible, the crew who prepared lunch and dinner spreads are, back row from left, Dillion Currie, Lloyd Bouschor, front from left, Ashley Hackworth, Lorita "Jean" Gabow and David Bouschor.

*Text and photos  
by  
Rick Smith*

**To all involved, however you were involved, chi miigwech!**



Shawl dancers enter the arena.



Reigning Miss Odawa Nation, Emma Schwander and brother Quinten.



Colorful bustles of fancy dancers.



Danielle Smith of the drum Young Firekeepers ready for competition.



Jingle dress dancers enter the arena.



King's Great Lakes Whitefish of Cheboygan, Mich., offered food from a kitchen on wheels.



Sault Tribe member Richard Lee holds one of the offerings at a vendor's kiosk.



Above, crafts on display at a vendor's stand. Right, dancers mill and mingle as they await the start of the first grand entry.



## LORRAINE MILLER

Lorraine (Peanel) Miller of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died June 4, 2011, at her home. She was born August 15, 1936, in Sault Ste. Marie.



She enjoyed spending her time with family, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was most happy when her children were around. She loved family picnics, gardening and Saturday afternoons with Fozzy, the little white dog.

She is survived by her sons, Oren (Fran) Miller Jr. of Dafter, Mich., Bruce Miller of Kincheloe, Mich.; daughters, Mary (Chuck) Wartella of Moran, Mich., Debra (William) Oberle of Rudyard, Mich., Diana Paradowski of Christmas, Mich., Laurie (Clay) Reynolds of Midlothian, Texas, and Julie Miller of Montague, Mich.; sister, Beatrice Willis of Hessel, Mich.; brothers, Joseph Mongene Jr. of Dafter and Fred Mongene of Racoon, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Anna Mongene; brothers, Frank Mongene and Kenneth Mongene; sisters, Eleanor Germaine, Loretta Miller and Dorothy Suggitt.

Visitation and funeral services were on June 8 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Pastor Jeremy Paradowski officiating. She will be laid to rest at Lakeview Cemetery in Kinross, Mich.

## THELMA PETERSEN

Thelma Harriet Petersen, 92, of Sheridan, passed away on Dec. 5, 2010, at Spectrum Health United Memorial Long Term Care in Greenville. She was born Aug. 30, 1918, in Munising, the daughter of Theodore and Mabel (Carr) Paquette.

She worked at the former Gibson Refrigerator Company for 25 years, and at the hospital for several years. She enjoyed TOPS, going to the casino and returning to the Upper Peninsula for visits. She especially loved her family and was a very devoted grandmother.

She will be lovingly missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Beverly (Lewis) Nielsen of Greenville; grandchildren, Randy Nielsen of Greenville, John Nielsen of Greenville, Tony (Val) Nielsen of Gun Lake, Julie (Tom) Boni of Greenville, Tom Smith II of Greenville and Tim Smith of Belding; great-grandchildren, Brooke, Zach, Booker, Teagen, Kortland, Kody, Paige, Amy, Mary, Tom II, Tanner, and Jackie; three great-great-grandchildren; brother, Theodore Paquette of Munising; sisters, Viola Magnusson of Munising and Pearl Perry of Marquette; and special friend, Virgil Badgley of Sheridan.

She was preceded in death by a son, Theodore Petersen; daughter, Mary Lou Hatfield;

grandchildren, Lisa Nielsen and Shanda Smith; and siblings, Grace Kultenback, Mary Rose Johnson and Joseph Paquette.

Funeral services, including committal, were held at Hurst Funeral Home in Greenville with Rev. Kay Welsch officiating followed by interment in Sidney Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hunt for a Cure (c/o Spectrum Health United Memorial Foundation). Online messages of condolence may be sent by visiting [www.hurstfuneralhome.com](http://www.hurstfuneralhome.com).

## DAVID E. LAJOICE

David Edward LaJoice, 64, of Gladstone, passed away on June 6, 2011, at the St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba.



David was born Feb. 21, 1947, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the son of Francis and Ethel (Nay) LaJoice. He was a graduate of LaSalle High School in St. Ignace. As a track and field athlete at LaSalle High School in St. Ignace, Mr. LaJoice held a number of records for many years. He held the 200-meter dash record from 1965 to 2006.

Shortly after high school he enlisted in the United States Army and served his country proudly from 1966 to 1968. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was an avid fisherman and hunter, a good Scrabble and cribbage player and loved the Detroit Tigers.

He is survived by his brother, Mike LaJoice of Gladstone; four sisters, Nancy (Tom) Flynn of Gladstone, Annette Powers of Grand Forks, N.D., Cindy (Robert) Thomas of St. Ignace and Terese Myers of Gladstone; a stepson, Mitch Peterson; four stepdaughters, Tina LaCount, Jill Lynch, Judy Peterson and Peggy Hema; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Ann "Tick" (Johnson) LaJoice; his parents; and a brother, Gregory LaJoice.

According to family wishes cremation has taken place and a private graveside service held at the Carp River Cemetery near St. Ignace.

The LaJoice family was assisted by the Skradski-Boyce Family Funeral Homes of Delta County. For additional information or to leave the LaJoice family a message of condolence, go to [www.skradski-boycefuneralhomes.com](http://www.skradski-boycefuneralhomes.com).

## HILLIARD MORAN JR.

Hilliard Moran Jr. passed away peacefully at his home on May 27, 2011, surrounded by his family. He was born July 8, 1943, to Hilliard and Rhoda (Griffin) Moran Sr. in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Hilliard proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1962 until his honorable discharge in 1966. He was a member of the American Legion, V.F.W. and the Moose Lodge. Hilliard was a professional painter. Some of his

work included the Norris Center, Mackinac Bridge and the International Bridge.

Hilliard is survived by his step-mother, Marguerite Moran-Allen; his sisters, Beverly (Elmer) Blemke of Alpena, Mich., Birdie Anderson of Hessel, Mich., Sunday Spence and Paula Hoy, both of Plymouth, Mich., and Hulda, Mary and Thyresa Moran of Sault Ste. Marie; brothers, Tom (Christine) Moran, Terry Moran Sr., Jeff (Kathy) Moran, Eli Moran, Larry (Hazel) Moran and George (Jamie) Moran, all of Sault Ste. Marie, and Patrick Perron of San Francisco, Calif. Hilliard is also survived by his cats, Boots and Sheba.

Preceding Hilliard Moran in death are his parents; niece, Laura Moran; and his dogs, Tiny and Browndog.

Visitation and funeral services were at Hovie Funeral Home officiated by Brother John Hascall. Pallbearers were Andrew Lehre, Allen Lehre, Mike Moran, Terry Moran Jr., Tom Moran Jr. and Greg Blemke. Entombment with full military honors took place at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. Memorials may be left to Friends of Caring Animal Shelters, P.O. Box 626, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

## JAMES H. CARR

James H. Carr, 82, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., lost his fight with cancer on April 12, 2011. He passed away peacefully at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Mich. He was born June 29, 1928, in Sault Ste. Marie, to James and Laura Carr and brother to Erma DeAngelo of Canada and Mabel Wagner of Florida.

He will be greatly missed and loved by his sisters. He was a father to eight children, Mildred, James, Anthony, Carolyn, Lester, John, Colleen and Erma June. He had 16 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. There are so many who love him and will miss him dearly.

He was a printer most of his life at the Royal Oak Tribune. On his free time he explored his excitement for flying and later learned to fly with the birds in his glider. Later in life, he moved back to the Sault where he grew up. He loved the country there and thought it was one of God's beautiful spots. He spent his later years there with his best friend, his dog Rightguard, who also passed recently. He also enjoyed writing stories as well as telling them, and he had many to share.

When his illness made it hard to continue on his own, he moved down with his children. They were there to help with his care and to keep him comfortable.

He was such a stubborn man but loveable and had a heart of gold. So many will miss him and all of his stories he loved

to share.

He was also a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

There will be a memorial service for him on July 22, 2011 at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. for family and friends.

May he rest in peace and let him soar with the angels now.

## THERESA MCCALL-BOWERMAN

Theresa Anne Mccall-Bowerman passed away at home unexpectedly, after a long battle with complications following surgery, on June 11, 2011.

Theresa was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. on April 30, 1973, to Russell and Gloria McCall. She attended local school until she moved to California with her mother and graduated from high school there. She moved back to the Sault in the early 1990s. She worked at the casinos and later was an aide at Jefferson school. In 1993, she met her first husband, Mike Steward, of Brighten. Mike and Theresa moved to Brighten in 1997 and later returned to the Sault where Theresa attended Lake Superior State University. She dropped out of college to care for Mike when he became ill. Mike passed away in 2003. In 2006, Theresa met and married Dale Bowerman, and gave birth to a wonderful baby boy, Jayden, in 2007. Theresa was so happy, for she finally had the one thing in life she longed for, a child of her own.

Surviving Theresa are her parents, Russell McCall of the Sault and Gloria McCall of San Diego, Calif.; her son, Jayden Dale Russell Bowerman of the Sault; her husband, Dale of the Sault; her stepchildren, Mark Steward of Brighten, Mich., and Christopher Swinson of Cheboygan; her grandmother, Joan Mishoe of San Diego, Calif.; her best friend and cousin, Tina McCall-Massaway of the Sault; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding Theresa in death were her grandpa and grandma, Russell and Sadie McCall, brother, Raymond McCall; aunt Shirley Bishop; uncle Ed Tallman; cousin, Ed Tallman Jr.; granddad, Mishoe; aunt, Angie; first husband, Mike Steward; and nephew Mark Steward.

Visitation was at the Sault Tribe Ceremonial Building on June 17, 2011.

*The Call from Gram*

*I got a secret, but I'll never tell. I got a secret, a secret, but I'll never tell. Okay, I'll tell you if you promise not to tell.*

*In this world of pain and sorrow where people judge you by how you look, dress or act, it hurts. The pain at times is unbearable. It hurts like you were cut with a knife. I know a place where my best friend, my cousin, and me — no, she's more like a sister — go. It is a gate.*

*As Tina and I walk through this gate, the pain we carry is gone. For once inside our magic gate we are famous ballet dancers or gymnasts. Maybe even millionaires. Maybe we*

*are living in great big mansions.*

*Best of all, we're just moms. We make our dolls mud pies and we sprinkle them with lilacs. Oh, how our dolls love them.*

*Inside our magic gate there is no pain or sorrow. It is just the two of us. With our imagination, our dreams and each other.*

*Then comes the call from gram, it's time to come in, and out the magic gate we go.*

*Today I found a new gate. I am scared at first, for I must go alone through this gate as I stand at this gate thinking about walking through alone.*

*Then I hear a call from gram. It's time to come in, and in the magic gate I go.*

*Grandma McCall and Raymond greet me with hugs and kisses. I am no longer afraid, for I am with my family.*

*Raymond says to me, sister, you are free to be yourself. People do not judge you here. For there is no pain or sorrow here, only love. You are home and you are now at peace.*

*So, on the other side of this gate, I'll wait for you. When it's your time to come home, don't be scared. When you are standing outside the gate thinking about walking through alone, listen.*

*Then you'll hear the call from gram. It's time to come in, and in the magic gate you'll go.*

*We'll meet you on the other side. So once again all of our family we will be together again. So don't be sad, and mourn for me, for I'm finally happy and at peace.*

— Written by Tina McCall June 17, 2011

*Thank You*

The McCall family would like to thank Dr. Rechner for all she did in helping Theresa fight the infection, and to the people who sent flowers, the people who sent food, the people who helped in the kitchen setting up the luncheon, the many people who phoned or stopped by. Most of all, thank you to Brother John Hascall. On such short notice, he gave up his day off. Without Brother John we could have never given Theresa the proper service she deserved. Thanks to the many friend and family who attended the service, the people who sent cards (sorry we can't list all your names).

It is nice to know that we still live in a wonderful town. When something so tragic happens, your friends and family comes to your aide.

Once again, thank you, all. Without you we would never of made it through this trying time.

— Russell McCall, Tina McCall-Massaway and the McCall Family

# Five generations strong



Photos courtesy of Sharon Barnett

**FIVE GENERATIONS** — Left to right, great-great-grandmother, Alice Greenly and great-grandmother, Sharon Barnett of Sault Ste. Marie; grandmother Danyele Claypool of Sardis, Tenn.; and mother, Amber Kidd with baby daughter Brilynn Jewel Story of Taylor, Mich. Four of the women were born on a Wednesday but Amber was born on a Saturday, because she was born a little early. Even though we haven't been able to get together lately, a graphic artist made this photo for us. Above right, Brilynn Jewel Story was born April 27, 2011. She weighed 9 pounds, and was 21.5 inches in length.



## ELLIOT VON POVEY

Elliot Von Povey was born to Robert II and Kasey (Kuemin) Povey May 12, 2011, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He weighed 11 pounds, 4.8 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length. He joins big sister Ava Jo Povey at home.

## Births

Grandparents are Lisa Moran, Robert and Valerie Povey, Kerri Sams, and John II and Lisa Kuemin. Great grandparents are Thomas and Christine Moran, Josephine and the late Glenn Povey, William Sams, Elmo and Carol Smith, John and Mary Kuemin, and Ronald and Diana Morgan. Great-great-grandparents are Betty and Basel Willis, Marguerite (Moran) Allen and Edna Burris.

## CASSANDRA MARIE CAUSLEY

Cassandra Marie Causley was born June 12, 2011 at Northern Michigan Regional



Hospital in Petoskey. She weighed 6 pounds, 13.5 ounces and was 18 inches in length.

She joins her big brother and sister, Bradley and Elysia, at home.

Parents are Brad and Monique Causley. Grandparents are Perry and Sandy Causley of Lansing, Mich. Great-grandparents are Catherine LaPointe of Sault Ste Marie, Mich., and Bar and Ted Hriniak of Cedarville.

# Olsons celebrate 50th wedding anniversary



**Ted and Darlene Olson** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2011. Darlene is a native of Mackinac Island and a member of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Ted was born in Duluth, Minn., and was stationed on the Island with the U.S. Coast Guard. They wed in St. Ignace, Mich., on June 10, 1961. They spent many years on Mackinac where they raised their family of one boy and two girls until 1981, when they left the Island. Ted and Darlene took up residency in many different states, California, Alabama, Montana and Las Vegas, before they moved back to Michigan in 1997, where they now reside in St. Ignace and enjoy time with their family.

They have five grandchildren and four, soon to be five, great-grandchildren. Their love for one another is extraordinary and it shows wherever they go. Wishing them a happy 50th anniversary and many more happy years together.

# Wachters celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

On Friday, June 3, 2011, 50 or more family members and close friends joined Don and Lois Wachter to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at the Wachter family home on Lake Street in Naubinway. Donald Henry Wachter and Lois Ann Vallier were married on June 2, 1951, at St. Stephen's Church in Naubinway.

The original wedding party included bridesmaids Iona (Dolly) Shoemaker, Genevieve and Betty Wachter, and Yvonne Reichmann (sisters of the bride). Groomsmen were Tony King, Robert (Cy) and Rich Wachter (cousin and brothers of the groom) and Vincent Vallier, the bride's cousin. The couple honeymooned in the Porcupine Mountains.

The couple moved to St. Ignace shortly after their marriage and lived there until 1962, when they moved to Gwinn. Don is an educator who taught science and was a school administrator. Lois is a home-



maker, seamstress, gardener and excellent cook. Both were involved in many community and church groups over the years and especially enjoyed Don's time with the Forsyth Male Chorus.

The Wachters have three children, Deborah (Gordon) Boucha of Gaines, Susan (Marshal) Walker of Traer, Iowa, and James (Sandy) Wachter of Gladstone; eight grandchildren, William (Kami), Robert (Tracie), Katherine



and Mary Boucha, Melodee Walker, Myndee (Matt) Vail, Zachary Walker, and Stephanie (Andrew) Craddock; and seven great-grandchildren, Tyler, Elizabeth, Terriann, Trenton and Owen Boucha, Scarlett Walker and Ethan Craddock.

All of Lois' brothers and sisters were able to attend as did Don's brothers and sisters.

The couple spends their summers in Naubinway, and winters at their home away from home in Punta Gorda, Fla.

# Gerou graduates from Baker College

Jill Elizabeth Gerou of Perkins graduated cum laude from Baker College in Owosso, Mich., with a registered nursing degree after completing the 2011 spring semester. Jill graduated with honors and consecutively earned dean's list status. She is the daughter of Scott and Mary Gerou of Perkins, Mich.

Congratulations from Scott, Mary, Jess, Andy, Sarah, Mark, Logan and Jonu.

We are all so proud of you.



# Ellis graduates from Grand Valley

Melissa Ellis graduated from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in social work. In her four years at Grand Valley, Melissa skated on the GVSU synchronized skating team. Melissa is now attending Grand Valley State University for her master's degree in social work. Melissa is the daughter of Gerald and Darlene Ellis of Drummond Island, Mich., and a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Congratulations Missy, and thank you to the Sault Tribe



Higher Education Department for its support.

# In memory of Glenda LaCoy

In loving memory of Glenda Page LaCoy who passed away one year ago on July 4, 2010. She was a strong and caring woman who will live on in the hearts and memories of her family and friends. We miss you.



# Thanks for powwow help —



The Sault Tribe Cultural Division and Powwow Committee extend a chi miigwech to the departments and individuals who helped out with powwow project clean-up days. There was so much to be done, without your help it would have been impossible.

Miigwech to Robert D. Miller, who donated a truckload of Sugar Island cedar. Chi miigwech to Billy Sams, Ed LaPointe and your entire team with Sault Tribe Construction, chi miigwech for your constant effort and willingness to help get the job done, and to Jennifer Dale-Burton and the Communications Department for your expertise with the powwow button design.

Miigwech to Jeff Behling for donating a beautiful piece of linoleum for the powwow first aid building, to Gordon Food Service for supplying the food and Midjim gas station

for donating the ice, Bay Mills Cultural Division for donating cedar and poles for the elder's lodge, Chip MacArthur and his team at Facilities Management — it has been a great experience working with your department, Tessa Laaksonen with Sault Tribe's Enhanced Probation Program and their hard working community service members, the entire Purchasing Department staff for all of your help, the Christian Leadership Group who worked unbelievably hard and to Randy Menard and Lori Gambardella for all of their support and hard work.

We also extend a chi miigwech to all of the volunteers who offered a helping hand. This couldn't have been accomplished without all of you and your steadfast approach, ambition and desire to keep our traditions alive.

# Kostner and Modern West show in autumn



Kevin Kostner's band Modern West is a mix of rock and country.

Kevin Costner and Modern West, a rock/country band Costner founded in 2007, will perform at Kewadin Casinos on Sept. 6. Costner and his band were originally scheduled to perform last August but canceled due to his involvement with the Gulf oil spill. Tickets for the new show will go on sale June 17 at 8 a.m.

Tickets from the original show that were not turned in for a refund will be honored at the rescheduled show. A new ticket, in the same section and seat, will need to be issued for the Sept. 6 show. Patrons will be called by Kewadin Casinos staff to receive instructions on how to exchange the tickets.

Kevin Costner and Modern

West have released two full length CDs and are at work on their third. CMT will be airing a one-hour documentary July 2; check local listings for times.

Tickets for the show are \$48.50 and can be purchased at the box office by calling 800-KEWADIN or by visiting [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

# Cosby coming to Kewadin

One of America's most beloved comedians of all time, Bill Cosby, is coming to Sault Ste. Marie for two shows on Oct. 1. Cosby has captivated generations of fans with his comedy routines, iconic albums and best selling books such as *Fatherhood*. His comedy transcends age, gender and cultural barriers.

Cosby broke television's racial barrier with *I Spy*, becoming the first African American to costar on a television series while winning three consecutive Emmys. He created and produced the Emmy-winning cartoon *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids*, which began airing in the 1970s and was made into a film in 2004. The show, based on Cosby's childhood in Philadelphia, was designed to educate and entertain.

The former Navy serviceman's illustrious list of accomplishments includes roles on the children's educational show *Electric Company* and creating and producing the Emmy award winning *Little Bill*, which is based on his bestselling book series.

Perhaps Cosby's greatest contribution to American entertainment and culture is *The Cosby Show*, about a close-knit, upper class black family. Cosby said his intent was to portray an American family. *Time* magazine called the show "an encouraging sign of maturity in matters of race." The show dominated the number one spot for years, earning nearly unanimous critical praise. *Life* magazine described the program as "a gentle, whimsical, warmhearted" show whose "delicious ordinariness of its pleasures and tribulations has given millions a fresh, laughter-splashed perspective on their own domestic lives."

Bill Cosby's next book, *I Didn't Ask to be Born, but I'm Glad I Was*, will be released by



the Hachette Book Group in November. In his humorous and insightful manner, Cosby talks about the Bible, being a grandfather and his first love.

Cosby has received the Kennedy Center Honors, the Presidential Medal of Freedom (America's highest civilian honor), the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor and the Marian Anderson Award.

Tickets to see Bill Cosby at Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater went on sale Friday, June 24, at 8 a.m. Show times are Oct. 1 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more ticket information, call 800-KEWADIN or visit [Kewadin.com](http://Kewadin.com).

# Praise for team members



## LaPrairie made Kewadin Christmas team member of the year

Slot Attendant Kathy LaPrairie was recently selected as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Christmas.

Team members are chosen by their peers for this award and receive a personal plaque, \$200, entertainment tickets, dinner and a hotel stay. All the Team Member of the Year winners are displayed on a plaque in their casino.

Kathy has been with Kewadin Casinos Christmas for four years, starting out in the gift shop and then moving to the Slot Department. She enjoys working in an environment

where she has close contact with so many people.

"I'm a people person," said Kathy. "I love helping our customers."

Assistant Casino Manager Todd Masters agrees. "Kathy is excellent with our customers and is a great person to have on our team," he said.

She was given her award in a presentation at the casino surrounded by her family, which included her sister, brother-in-law and a relative on leave from the U.S. Navy. Kathy lives in Munising with her significant other, Marty Martell.



## Tim Gordon team member of the month in the Sault

Congratulations to Tim Gordon, Slots, the Sault's Team Member of the Month! Be sure to congratulate Tim when you see him. Nice Job, Tim!

## Ray Wheeler team member of the month in St. Ignace

Congrats to Security Supervisor Ray Wheeler, selected as the May Team Member of the Month for Kewadin St. Ignace! As a security supervisor, it is extremely difficult to be liked by staff members and perform their job duties. Ray has been doing just that for almost two decades. Ray has received countless positive letters from customers and is completely respected by his coworkers. Congratulations Ray, this has been long overdue.



# Your family deserves a smoke-free home

BY LAUREN EVELEIGH,  
COMMUNITY HEALTH  
EDUCATOR

We do many things to keep our families healthy and safe, like teaching our children to eat nutritious foods and wear their seatbelts in the car, but did you know that allowing smoking in the home or car poses a serious health danger — even after the smoke is gone?

It is well known that secondhand smoke is harmful to health. In fact, according to the U.S. Surgeon General, there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. In addition, thirdhand smoke, the toxic residue left behind after the smoke clears, settles onto surfaces such as the carpet, curtains, furniture, and even our clothes, skin, and hair. New research has shown that these chemicals can linger for days, weeks, or months and they are especially dangerous for children and babies who crawl on the floor and put things in their mouths.

Your family deserves a smoke-free home.

This is the message that the Sault Tribe Health Education Program and partners, including the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project and the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition,

are sending with an ongoing media campaign. You may have seen or heard the television and radio ads running on local stations recently — and even more materials are being rolled out in communities throughout

the U.P. during the month of July. This media campaign was made possible by funding from the Department of Health and Human Services.

As part of this campaign, a brochure has been created

to help explain the dangers of secondhand and thirdhand smoke and how to protect your loved ones. The brochure, titled “Clean Air & Good Health: Your Family Deserves a Smoke-free Home,” will be available at

every Sault Tribe Health Center and Sault Tribe Housing site throughout the Sault Tribe’s seven-county service area. Brochures, flyers and table tents will be distributed throughout the summer to help spread the word about the importance of smoke-free homes and cars.

Five easy tips can help protect your family from secondhand and thirdhand smoke:

- If you do smoke, take it outside or try to quit.
- Make your home a smoke-free zone, and ask guests not to smoke indoors.
- Have a smoke-free car at all times and ask friends not to smoke in your car.
- Avoid places where others have been smoking whenever possible.
- Talk to your landlord about a smoke-free policy if you live in an apartment building or other type of housing unit.

For more information, visit your local Sault Tribe Health Center, Sault Tribe Housing site, or local Health Department, or call Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210. The brochure may also be accessed at [www.healthysaulttribe.com](http://www.healthysaulttribe.com). A wealth of information and resources are available at [www.mismokefreeapartment.org](http://www.mismokefreeapartment.org).



FREE BROCHURES — Kristen Thompson, Patient Registration Clerk, placing brochures in a display rack at the Sault Tribe Health Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

**\$15,000 Spin to Win**

Kewadin St. Ignace  
July 8-10, 2011

**\$15,000 Partners Video Poker**

Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie  
July 15-17, 2011

Prizes for Best Mascot & Team Name  
(not required to participate)

**\$8,000 Spin to Win**

Kewadin Manistique  
July 29-31, 2011

**\$30,000 Blackjack**

Kewadin St. Ignace  
July 29-31, 2011

**Slots of Fun - 2-7 p.m.**

Mondays - Hessel & Christmas  
Tuesdays - Manistique

## POKER MANIA

**Weekly Texas Hold'em Poker**

Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie  
Every Sunday 4 p.m.

Kewadin St. Ignace  
Every Wednesday 6 p.m.

Call 1-800-KEWADIN or check [kewadin.com](http://kewadin.com) for details.

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**Kellie Pickler**

Saturday, July 9  
at 7 p.m.  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Michigan



**REO Speedwagon**

Thursday, July 21  
at 7 p.m.  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Michigan

**Josh Turner**

Thursday, August 4  
at 7 p.m.  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Michigan



## LADIES NIGHT FRIDAYS

All Kewadin Sites  
All women (19 and older) will receive \$5 in Kewadin Credits and be entered into random hourly drawings from 5-10 p.m. for \$20! **\$1 beer for everyone from 4 p.m.-10 p.m.**  
Simply register at the Northern Rewards Club.\*

## HESSEL'S SATURDAY NIGHT BEER SPECIAL

Kewadin Hessel  
4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Buck a Beer!

## WATCH THE TIGERS SUNDAY

Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie  
Kewadin Hessel, Kewadin St. Ignace  
and Kewadin Manistique  
- MillerCoors Giveaways  
- Beer & Drink Specials!

## JULY BEER OF THE MONTH

Enjoy the sweet taste of  
**Leinenkugel Summer Shandy**

On special at all Kewadin bars and lounges!

## LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

Live Entertainment Fridays and Saturdays  
Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Manistique starting at 9 p.m.

Comedy Night Wednesdays in St. Ignace and Thursdays in Sault Ste. Marie.

Visit [kewadin.com](http://kewadin.com) for complete schedule of performers.

\*Please note that Club hours vary by site.



# Board addressing several significant issues



**TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT IV**

Well, it has warmed up somewhat, so enjoy it while it is here. The board of directors

has been addressing several items that have affected the tribe significantly. The first and foremost of course is the resignation of the chairman, Joe McCoy.

I requested a motion to appoint to fill the chairman's vacant position on the June 28 board of directors meeting agenda. I believe things will quiet down once a person is appointed to fill the remainder of the term. Unfortunately, the motion was tabled to a future date. The advisory election request will not pass, so this appointment process is the next step.

The Bates garage court decision cut into our tribal dollars in the amount of \$2.6 mil-

lion. This court case was the result of some bad decisions made in the past, around 2000. Hopefully, we will learn and avoid these expensive lessons.

The fishing case continues like a runaway train in the Bays de Noc area. Most recently, the front page story was one of the Jensens failing to lift their nets within the required five-day limit. I was told funerals and weather combined to miss the five-day limit. They did lift the nets, which contained 800 pounds of rotten fish and 300 pounds of good fish. They were ticketed and they paid a small fine.

This occurs at least once a year depending on the severity of the weather and the abil-

ity to access the nets without risking their lives. The court recently handed out sentencing that I believe was a surprise. It was the maximum plus. We need to rein in the state and regain control of our treaty fishing rights.

We are continuing to work on the tribal administrator's job description and the hiring of a qualified individual. I believe it will help the governmental programs of the tribe to operate more efficiently and maximize the dollars available.

The board is working on several economic development projects that, hopefully, will provide us with increased revenue. This will, in turn, allow us to provide more services to

the tribal membership.

The JKL Fiduciary Committee continues to work with Bahweting school to move forward on the possibility of a new school being constructed in the next two years.

School budgets are coming to an end for the 2010-2011 school year, June 30, and the new one starting July 1, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year. Su Palmer, the Bahweting superintendent for the past four years, is leaving the school and I would personally like to thank her for her service and dedication to the school and ultimately, to our students.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 644-3334 or 322-3827.

# 35 years of developing services to members



**BERNARD BOUSCHOR,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Dear tribal member,

Upon recognition we needed a survey of our membership, the tribal council conducted a needs assessment with the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 1975. The assessment was the most comprehensive data available on our membership. The information provided the basis for the future development of the tribe in our health delivery system. Health was the number one need identified in the assessment. The Sault Tribe's tribal council responded and has built a network of community health centers in

Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique and Munising. Our health delivery system has expanded to bring health services closer to where our memberships live.

A key factor in meeting some of the needs of membership in the health area is the building of partnerships with local hospitals, local medical providers and the health network the tribe has built. I am proud of the fact that I have been a part of development of the Sault Tribe health delivery system since its origin in 1975. I remember back at a meeting with Indian Health

Services at the first tribal office at 206 Greenough. We met to hammer out the details of our first contract, which provided \$40,000 and was used for dental for the elders. Even in the '70s our tribal elders were always a big concern of our tribe.

The tribal council has appointed me to the Community Care Clinic Board, which is a partnership with War Memorial Hospital. The partnership was formed in 1995 when I was chairman and has provided health care to members when access to the Sault Tribe health center is not available. The good

news is the tribe continues to build strong positive relationships with health organizations that benefits you, the membership.

Our tribal elders kept the dream of a tribe alive for 50 years or more and the recognition of our tribe in the '70s was the elders' dream come true. The tribe had nothing in the '70s and, in my opinion, we have come a long way. Things are getting better, so stay positive — our future is what we make it.

Bernard Bouschor  
Tribal council member  
Unit 1

# Encouraging our youth imparts confidence



**DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I**

on the powwow trail, I love all of it!

This is where I learned to have confidence in myself.

Back before there was a casino and all we had was each other, our elders came together and formed a group called the "Niiganigiishik," translation "Leading Light." We were a dance troupe, so to speak. The elder men would make bustles and porcupine roaches; they also strung drums, wrapped drumsticks and taught the songs to the boys. The elder women would sew for everyone, whether it was aprons for the boys or shawls for the girls. Complete outfits would come from them for us children and we were encouraged to dance and sing. When we got to the powwows, we were encouraged to be champions!

When I was growing up, all I knew were competition powwows. Our people across the Great Lakes all competed with each other in many different areas. Heck, that's how we were able to do gaming. It's part of our culture and like my uncle, Pie, used to say, "Nothing wrong with some good healthy competition. You'd never know how good you were at something if you didn't give a try once in a while." So these children from the "Niiganigiishik" club were encouraged and we learned confidence.

What really makes me get emotional about looking back

on this is that the odds were against us. We were poor and living in and around the Marquette-Shunk area with lime piles for a playground that were later fenced off and called a hazardous waste site. "Encouragement" was an intangible gift that to this day can have no price tag attached to it. We, as children, had no idea how valuable that gift was — I just know, we believed them when they said we could be champions.

Last night, my heart just about came out of my chest. I went down to the rez to my aunt's house. I knew the Bahweting Singers were having drum practice, so I hurried up and put the kids in the car so I didn't miss too much of practice. When I pulled up, there were three young guys and their teacher practicing bustle dancing. That teacher was the champion dancer from the "Niiganigiishik" club, Abe Bouschor. My nephew jumped out and joined them. There were five of them dancing together, getting ready to compete in this year's powwow. Abe was working with each dancer while the drum threw out a sneak up song and then came a couple of competition songs for them. My heart soared out of my chest. We have young guys dancing again! They are coming from our community! It's been years since I have seen that many new, young men trying to learn

to dance. The people gathered there that night did what our elders did for us . . . we "encouraged" them.

In closing, I want to "encourage" the unsung heroes of the tribe. These are the people who make this tribe a tribe. Your efforts are not forgotten and I can say, they are greatly appreciated.

Let me tell you about a few of them: Carol Eavou who, every board meeting, does our opening prayer for us. Bud Biron, who keeps the Bahweting Singers going and helps young guys stay strong in their sobriety. Les Ailing, who puts the Waabaano Lodge up every year for our people to come home to for ceremonies. Edie Nichols, who sews for the young people who want to dance in our community and sews for our elders who have walked on. The powwow committees for the Sault, Hessel, Manistique, Newberry and Sugar Island, who come together to put on big events for our people to come home to. This one is a special one, Rita Bricker, who has to enforce crappy rules put to us by the IRS to comply with gift giving for a pow wow. (Can you believe that?! Poor Rita.)

These are just a few of the people I want to give a shout out about. Too many times, you don't hear about various tribal members and their quiet efforts that help make this tribe special. I want to encourage member-

ship to look around at the people who help you out in your life and give them encouragement to continue. I am thankful for all of the unsung heroes of our tribe and their efforts that make us a strong nation.

These are just a few of the people who I run the roads with up here in the U.P. and I have to say, I'm pretty proud to be in a tribe with them.

Did I mention IT'S  
POWWOW SEASON?!  
Baamaapii kowaabmin!  
Sincerely,  
Debra-Ann Pine  
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# Vice chair discusses tribe's financial state



**LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

There are many conflicting comments about the financial status of the tribe. I'd like to use this unit report to give you an update and factual information provided to the board about our status.

Before I get into that, I'd like to talk about the lawsuit in which we were recently involved. Since 2008, we have been in a dispute with Bates Associates about a garage the tribe purchased (2000) to use when we owned Greektown Casino in Detroit.

Part of the agreement we had with Bates was that they could purchase back the garage for \$1, and if they did, the garage would be in good condition. The dispute we had was over the condition of the garage. After we refused to turn over the papers for the facility, Bates sued our tribe.

In mid-June, the Michigan Supreme Court refused to overturn a lower court ruling ordering us to pay \$2.54 million in damages plus legal fees to Bates Associates. We are not satisfied with this and did dispute it to the end; the circumstance were damaging to us. We were told as a board to always keep this lawsuit in mind and hoped we would be successful. We have since complied with the judgment by court order. I have spoken about this in

past reports.

Now, on to current financial topics. We are working with our staff to craft a solid strategic plan for the tribe that takes into account all of the current projects and anticipates any challenges that may be coming. As you have experienced as a tribal member, we have had many devastating hits with lawsuits; most have been settled and we will move forward.

That being said, we posted a \$1.3 million deficit in 2010 and are looking at posting a \$2.5 million deficit in 2011. Our focus must be on reducing our debt and refinancing our Gaming Authority debt, which will provide the flexibility we need to pay down our internal debt and then grow spending within the tribe. By 2012-2013, when our annual deficit shrinks to under \$1 million, payments will start to go back into the Land Claim Fund with the goal of replenishing this fund back to its original amount by 2019. Throughout this time, program spending can and should remain consistent, if we stick to a crafted plan and keep the goals in mind. Any additional spending will increase this debt. When you see that I or others are not supportive of certain financial endeavors or increases in an area, please know that I always keep the "entire big picture in mind." Funds that are given to us from the Kewadin Casino properties will increase as a direct result of refinancing our debt at the Gaming Authority as well.

Here is a breakdown from 2011 to 2013 to give you an idea of where we are at and headed. In 2011, we can expect \$18 million from the casinos, in addition to \$1.6 million in other tribal business revenue. Our total debt is anticipated to be \$22 million, leaving us at a \$2.4 million deficit. For 2012, we will receive

## 2011 Budgeted Tribal Support Casino Tie-out

ACFS .....	437,000
Cultural .....	487,000
Education.....	491,000
Elderly.....	525,000
Employment.....	35,000
Fisheries .....	93,000
Government.....	2,825,000
Government Debt.....	4,365,000
Health Services .....	2,667,000
Internal Services.....	3,727,000
Judicial.....	233,000
Law Enforcement .....	425,000
Legal Department.....	2,190,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$18,500,000</b>

more from the casinos, \$18.5 million, and expect to receive the same amount in other tribal business revenue. Total debt for 2012 is projected at \$20.9 million decreasing our annual deficit to \$800,000. Finally, in 2013, we again project more revenue from the casinos, around \$20 million. Additional tribal business revenue will again remain the same. Total debt looks to be \$22.1 million, again decreasing our annual deficit to \$500,000.

As you can tell, Kewadin Casino properties are key to our tribal budget. See the table above to view a breakdown of where the funds we receive from the casinos go.

The path to get us back on the right track may seem lengthy, but we have a plan and we must stick to it. Again, many things could and will affect this plan, including the revenue stream from our casinos, the economy and a pending bond avoidance lawsuit stemming from the

Greektown Casino.

This is the lawsuit I spoke of in my December 2010 report and the fear I had then, if we were not successful in this last ghost, our entire financial outlook would change and could cripple us. I don't share this information to scare the membership — it's your right to know and a very difficult situation to struggle through when there is any turmoil within our tribe.

To share some facts about this, the lawsuit states that when we restructured our debt in 2005, Greektown Casino was insolvent, or was made insolvent by the restructuring. This is absurd. We feel these moves were legal business transactions. We are confident a court will also find the same because the tribe has sovereign immunity, and also because the transactions we made were entirely appropriate, approved by the Michigan Gaming Control Board and occurred three years

before there was any hint of a Chapter 11 filing. This litigation against the tribe, the entity that has lost its entire investment in Greektown Casino after bringing thousands of gaming jobs and literally billions of dollars in new revenues and taxes to Detroit and Michigan, amounts to outrageous greed without merit or evidence. This case is ongoing and a final decision is not expected until 2012 or 2013.

All that said and shown, know that the lawsuit is personally my priority on the board's agenda, along with our focus to pay down our debt, replenish the Land Claim Fund, and start to rebuild our reserve funds.

As reported last month, Director Hollowell and I sponsored the action to prepare and create a job description for the constitutional amendment to separate the chairperson and CEO. The board has been provided with the first draft and discussed it. I suggested during a workshop that we give our input and then bring it to the community to gather yours and finally set the role so there is separation and accountability. We will not let this drop and it will be back on our agenda for discussion.

In closing, it has been a very trying time. We have not appointed a chairperson yet, but the board, on a vote of 9 to 1, authorized me as vice chair to carry out the duties and the authority to sign on behalf of our tribe for the time being. There is absolutely no increase of my wage. I won't get into all the politics that go with that, let me just say . . . I will do the very best I can with help from members, staff and board who rely on our tribe. I will battle the battles quietly BUT . . . I will always be here.

See you at the coming powwows and our elders meetings.

# MDEQ holds air permit hearing for wood to ethanol plant planned for Kinross

By JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

On June 21, Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) held a public hearing on the Frontier Kinross LLC 40 million gallons per year wood-to-ethanol facility in Kinross, Mich.

MDEQ staff held the hearing at the Kinross Township Hall to a standing room only crowd.

Approval of the permit seems likely. Andy Drury of the DEQ said that the facility "meets the requirements" imposed by the state and the DEQ is permitted to consider only those requirements and no other considerations.

"We always have to act on what we know today," he said. They can't look at climate change for the same reason, he added.

One sticking point was the question, who decides what is comfortable enjoyment of life and property? A property owner who lives beside the plant site is a former Algoma Steel worker was very concerned about the

particulates — soot — that he predicted would be covering his property. He had questions on the height of the stack emitting the plant byproducts and was not satisfied by what he heard. For odors and health matters, the company had proposed a higher stack for better dispersion, Drury said.

Other property near the proposed facility would be Sault Tribe housing and a school.

According to Drury, they can't look at how the air quality is affected by trees going out and trucks coming in. They can only look at emissions, not the whole picture. He added that the objection that Houghton Lake was used as background was a good point. Houghton Lake, 165 miles south in the lower Peninsula, should not be used for comparison.

"We won't let it get as bad as the national," he added, referring to air quality.

According to the modeling of pollutants to be release from the

facility, CO (carbon monoxide) and NO2 (oxides of nitrogen) are already over 85 percent of the allowed threshold. Drury didn't know the degree of accuracy for DEQ modeling but said it was "typically conservative." As to the planned plant expansion, Frontier would have to come back to get approvals for any changes to the permit, he said.

DJ Malloy, Unit I representative on the Sault Tribe Board of Directors who lives in Kinross, said that the DEQ had not consulted with the Sault Tribe. She said that Native American children are at 25 percent greater risk of asthma. She told the DEQ panel that the tribe opposes the plant.

Malloy questioned the panel on particulates, emissions, fugitive dust from trucks, regulations and modeling. The panel was unable to provide answers on volume of dust kicked up by four truckloads of lumber per day and where it would disperse. She added that mitigation land pro-

vided by Frontier was not in the treaty ceded area.

A tribal liaison named Craig Fitzer said tribal consultation was part of the public comment process. He went to Inter Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCMI) and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe (based in Mt. Pleasant) through the Environmental Protection Agency.

Malloy said that ITCMI does render some services but Fitzer would have found out about tribal children having a 25 percent higher rate of asthma had he consulted the tribes. She said consultation would be very much appreciated in the future.

A note from ITCMI ESD Travis Maki, however, asked a number of questions about the impact upon tribal resources, such as the availability of plans to the tribes, a definition of impacts, impacts of fugitive dusts on tribal treaty right activities, and an abatement plan for protection of tribal resources.

Upon other questioning from

the crowd, the DEQ said mobile discharge from the trucks was the township's responsibility and that it is not really regulated. Neither was the noise their responsibility.

A number others took the opportunity to voice their opposition or support for the project.

## Super Colon travels to Sault Ste. Marie for July 26 display

On Tuesday, July 26, from 12 to 6 p.m., Sault Ste. Marie will be visited by the Super Colon at the Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun.

The giant Super Colon is part of a display to teach people about colorectal cancer. The Prevent Cancer Super Colon exhibit is an inflatable, interactive colon that gives visitors a close-up look at healthy tissue, tissue with non-malignant colorectal diseases, as well as tissue with various stages of colorectal cancer.

# Working on national funding at the fore



**CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aanii! I do hope that you and your family enjoy the holiday celebrations. I am definitely looking forward to doing some relaxing and enjoying the company of family and friends.

Before I report any further, I would like to congratulate George Snider on his many years of dedication and service to our people in helping them receive their GEDs. He is retiring after 34 years of service. Chi miigwech, George, for all that you have done to assist our members in achieving their goals of completing their education degrees. You are truly unique in your approach to working with our members. I know that you will continue to serve our people in other ways. We know we will definitely see you make your rounds in December!

It's powwow time and I have, so far, enjoyed some of the gatherings that lead up to the two days of dancing, drumming, prayers, feasts, ceremonies and celebrations.

This past week, our tribe had the privilege of hosting the National Indian Health Board meeting. Tribal leaders from across Indian Country met at

Bahweting to work towards a strategic plan for NIHB. Thank you to Tony Goetz and the Kewadin staff for the wonderful and accommodating service that was provided to all involved. Also, thanks to Graz and Reenie Shipman for opening our meeting in prayer and giving a little history of Bahweting.

While visiting, NIHB tribal leaders attended our blessing of the powwow grounds feast. They had the opportunity to eat the delicious traditional foods (rabbit and corn soup, venison and wild rice, fresh and smoked whitefish, squash, strawberries and blueberries and fry bread) of our area. Thank you to Jackie Minton, Laura Collins, Jean Gabow and Peggy Heningway for all the love and care that you put into that food. They said it was the best feast that they were ever served anywhere!

They were extremely impressed with our ceremonial building and the chairman of the Porch Band of Creek Indians was going home to recommend that their tribe build one, too.

They received a tour of our health clinic and we highlighted our traditional medicine program because that was their great interest. I want you to know that tribal leaders across Indian Country continue to push using our traditional ways to help heal our people's minds, bodies and spirits. We woodland people are very blessed that we have so many medicinal plants in our area.

They were also amazed at our dental clinic and all the prevention services that are provided. Not all tribes have what we do. As a matter of fact, one of the tribal leaders made

a comment that IHS had sent a bunch of dentists to their area and they spent days pulling a lot of people's teeth. They have no dental clinic and their health clinic is in danger of being closed due to lack of funding. Again, I was reminded how fortunate that we have such a comprehensive health care delivery system.

I had the privilege of giving our southwestern leaders from Arizona and New Mexico a tour of the great waters and beautiful green trees in our area. They were absolutely astounded at the beauty and the abundance of the truest form of natural resources that surround us. It should be a reminder to us that we have been blessed and the Creator has provided for many of our needs at Bahweting.

In June, I spent two days on Capitol Hill pushing for health care support for 2012 budget.

I had visits with staff of the following members:

Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-CA) (Interior and Labor HHS subcommittees);

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA) (Labor HHS Subcommittee and Native American Caucus);

Senator Deb Stabenow (D-MI);

Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN) (Interior subcommittee and Native American Caucus);

Rep. Norm Dicks, (D-WA), (Appropriations Committee);

Rep. Denny Rehberg (R-MT), Chair of Labor HHS committee, Native American Caucus; and

Rep. Don Young (R-AK) Chair of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.

I also spent some quality time with Congressman

Tom Cole (R-OK) and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT). Rep. Cole is Co-Chair of the Native American Caucus and is on the Interior Appropriations subcommittee. Rep. DeLauro is on the Labor HHS Appropriations subcommittee.

Everyone said that there has been absolutely no discussion that IHS funding would be cut in the 2012 budget (it's not even on the radar screen). As a matter of fact, according to Cole and DeLauro, contract support dollars should receive a slight increase. That is encouraging, but until the budgets are approved we must continue to remind them of their trust responsibility to all native people.

We pushed for the new SAMSA proposal, which calls for establishing a \$50 million budget for a new Behavioral Health - Tribal Prevention Grant. This grant would go directly to tribes, if funded. (I attended the tribal consultation on this topic when I was in Milwaukee for NCAI — it is important that tribes respond to what they want this program to look like because if we don't give input, the federal government will set the requirements for us.)

Because this is new and not funded yet, this program budget request will be relying on \$50 million from the Prevention and Public Health fund that is under the Affordable Care Act. Since anything associated with the ACA is a target and this is a new funding item, it is likely target for debate or cuts by those new members that oppose the ACA.

Also, on Friday, Executive Director Stacy Bohlen and I

attended a White House meeting regarding the Affordable Care Act. This meeting was open to all community leaders from all backgrounds. The Department of Health and Human Services had its staff in attendance to field questions and input. The outcome of this meeting and the bottom line is that more information needs to get out to the consumers. A better line of communication needs to be established and funding is needed to do so. We left feeling better just knowing that our tribes are not alone in trying to get the word out. **THERE IS SO MUCH WORK TO DO!**

Also, when meeting with Senator Stabenow's staff, I informed them that all the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) tribes opposed the New Frontier LLC ethanol plant in Kinross. Since that time, her staff has contacted me and we have sent our resolutions and news articles regarding this topic. I informed her staff that we would like to meet with her soon.

I would like to thank Director Malloy for carrying our tribe's message to the hearing that was held in Kinross, Mich., in regards to this plant receiving an air permit. We know that this will be an uphill battle, but it is important that the state and federal government hear from tribes and that they realize how their decisions affect our people, our communities and our resources.

Well, time to get this report in to Jennifer so that I may continue to enjoy the rest of our powwow festivities!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (906) 322-3823 or email me at cabramson@saulttribe.net.

## Constitutional reforms critical to our future



**DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

As each month passes, I am more and more convinced this tribe would benefit immensely from putting a new Constitution in place. We have come a long way since the inception of our existing Constitution, and it needs to be addressed in order to reflect and address those changes. When Sault Tribe received formal federal recognition in the 1970s, we were a tribe with a very small land base and no services. We didn't have a court system, law enforcement or conservation enforcement. Back then, we were looking to begin anew

and the members who fought tirelessly to make that happen put in place a document that did just that. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who rekindled the tribe and put us on a path of self-sufficiency and new beginnings.

Self-sufficiency, that was the goal. How could they have known we would grow by leaps and bounds and, one day, outgrow the corporate-style Constitution put in place? And even if they could have known, how would they have paid for the legal advice to construct a Constitution that would address a separation of powers and representation for those living outside the "service area." Heck, there weren't any services then let alone a service area! I fully applaud and respect what these people did to put us back on a path to claim our land rights, treaty rights, educational rights and all that comes with being recognized by the United States as a federally recognized tribe. But we have outgrown this corporate structure. We need a Constitution that divides the powers for legislative, executive and judicial branches.

There have been several hundred thousand dollars spent developing and honing this document. It was in committee for about two years and was given to the board by the Constitutional Convention Committee for presentation to the people for a vote. And I remind you that it is still sitting on a shelf collecting dust and not providing us with any of the protections built in it. Civil rights, right of redress, right of initiative, separation of powers, elected judges, these are just a few things set forth in the new document.

We have outgrown "the board." We have a much bigger land base, over 39,000 members and a multitude of divisions and departments on top of several enterprises. We employ over 2,000 people. It is not in our best interest to have one body that makes the laws, interprets the laws, enforces the laws and levies legal judgment on anyone determined to be in violation of the laws. And while the new Constitution addresses many areas of government, I believe that this separation of powers is the keystone of the document.

We have a lot on our plates right now. We are still without an official chairman. We have lingering legal issues over the loss of Greentown. We lost another lawsuit over Bates Garage resulting in roughly a \$2.5 million judgment against us and as a result, we are looking at a \$1.4 million deficit in this year's budget.

Perhaps if the government was able to focus just on governing, rather than having a shotgun approach with too many irons in the fire, things would be different. For that

reason I continue to support bringing the new Constitution back to the table. If we started working on this right away, we could actually put out a ballot to the membership at the same time we send out ballots for the next regular election with no additional costs incurred. If you agree, speak out and call your board members.

As always, I need and value your input. Please feel free to contact me at (906) 440-9762 or djmalloy@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully,  
DJ Malloy

## Get your pressure canner lid tested

Don't blow your lid! Connie M. Watson, health educator with Sault Tribe Traditional



Foods Grant program, is offering pressure canner lid testing on Wednesday, July 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center, third floor, Conference Room B 2864 Ashmun Street, in Sault Ste. Marie. The dial gauge on a pressure canner should be checked yearly for accuracy.

If this time does not work for you, drop your pressure canner lid off at Community Health prior to July 27.

# 2010 financial highlights, long term debt



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

The independent auditor's report—conducted by the certified public accounting firm, Anderson, Tachman and Company—for the year ending Dec. 31, 2010, is complete. This is an annual audit of all financial activity of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, including, governmental activities, business-type activities, the Housing Authority and Kewadin Casino Gaming Authority. The following financial highlights are from governmental and business-type activities only. I will report on Kewadin Gaming Authority next month.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

■ The tribe's total government assets increased to \$90.02 million, or 2.66 per-

cent, over the course of this year's operations, while total assets from business-type activities increased to \$16.62 million, or 5.07 percent.

Total primary governmental assets increased \$2.95 million, or 2.84 percent.

■ Total liabilities in governmental activities decreased \$3.07 million, or 4.77 percent, and total liabilities in business type activities increased \$0.53 million, or 59.05 percent. Total primary governmental liabilities decreased \$2.54 million, or 4 percent.

■ During the year, the tribe's expenses were \$5.21 million less than the revenues generated by grants and other revenues for governmental activities.

■ In the tribe's business-type activities, total revenues increased by \$1.7 million while total expenses by \$1.33 million.

■ Dollars spent on member services increased \$2.81 million, or 5.74 percent, while grant revenues increased \$6.15 million, or 16.81 percent.

■ The General Fund reported a decrease of \$0.158 million for the year due to losses associated with the bankruptcy of Greentown

Casino and an increase in debt service payments.

■ Major capital projects included equipping the new Tribal Health and Human Services Clinic in St. Ignace; tribal buildings and building site improvements and modifications, and upgrades and improvements and IT upgrades throughout the organization.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$67.4 million and includes the tribe's five largest programs—health and welfare, public safety, recreation and culture, education and general government as well as its judicial services, public works and interest expenses. The cost of those services was paid from the following:

- Taxes of \$17.54 million.
- Charges for services of \$8.66 million.
- Operating and capital grants of \$42.79 million.
- Interest, dividends and other revenue of \$3.53 million

The most significant variances from 2009 were:

— Tax collections were greater than expected (Gaming Authority revenues).

— Operating expenditures were less than the budgeted amounts (kudos to all our staff and team members).

## LONG-TERM DEBT

At year end, the tribe (excluding Gaming Authority) had \$13,721,483 in bonds, notes, other obligations and leases outstanding, a decrease of \$2,962,520 over the previous year (2009). Government debt decreased by \$2,341,178, or 16.39 percent, to \$11,942,606.

Clearly, this is only a snapshot of our financial status. It indicates that compared to 2009, the tribe realized modest financial improvements with reduction in operating costs, increased revenues and an expansion of member services for the year 2010.

Maintaining or improving our financial picture in 2011

poses more critical obstacles. Although on track to realize estimates of a \$1.2 million increase into our General Fund for 2011, the recent loss of the Bates Garage court case (a dispute over a contract re-negotiation from 2007), we will instead see a deficit of \$1.3 million. Pretty disappointing. Seems like the entire 2010-2012 governing term will be focused on cleaning up financial and legal mistakes from the past. Having said that, I am committed to making sure we don't make the same mistakes again.

This is just one portion of a general overview of our tribal finances. If you have questions or need additional financial information, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to get you the information you seek.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer. Hope to see you on the Powwow trail!

Catherine Hollowell  
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Photo by Brenda Austin

Charles McKechnie of J. Ranck Electric, Inc. was helping his partner Ben Hopper install light fixtures in one of the ice arenas at Big Bear.

From "Grant projects" page 1 project is expected to take six-weeks and will include re-surfacing, new curbs and gutters.

Holt said construction is set to begin in August or September and work will be done in phases, ensuring the impact on casino patrons is minimal.

"We are extremely pleased with the enhancements to our facility that are planned with the Ring Road project scheduled to get underway later this summer," Kewadin Casino COO Tony Goetz, said.

Another project gaining ground has had Chip McArthur of Facilities Management and his team hauling ladders, pads of paper and pockets full of pencils as they have gone from one building to another counting and recounting over 7,000 lamps and ballasts. Phase one of the lighting project includes 11 Sault Tribe governmental buildings, which are benefiting from a Department of Energy (DOE) grant being used to retrofit light fixtures with more energy effi-

cient lamps. This DOE project was \$382,400.

The buildings being retrofitted with new lamps are Chi Mukwa Arena, Mary Murray Culture Camp, the YEA building, the downtown Administrative complex, USDA, Northern Hospitality, Chippewa Service, the Nokomis-Mishomis Building and Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building.

Holt said with the new lighting retrofits in place they are hoping for an energy cost savings of 25 percent.

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**From “ARC moves,” page 1** to renovating existing tribally-owned buildings to putting up a shell and finishing the building with grant funds. It was former Unit 1 board rep D.J. Hoffman who made the comment that it might make more sense to purchase a building.

With construction bids coming in as high as \$840,000, Jump said she wasn't going to leave any stone unturned. So when Isaac McKerchie called to tell her about a building that had just come on the market she decided to explore the opportunity. With the tribe designating \$350,000 towards the purchase, renovation or construction of a building and ARC funds of about \$180,000, the former physical therapy office was purchased for about \$335,000, way below estimates to construct a new building.

Jump said they have a wide range of services to offer clients and would like to see more people from the western end of the tribe's service area and other outlying areas use the program more. “If we can't help, we can find someone that will provide

what they need,” she said.

In order to use the services of the legal aid attorney, clients must be a Sault Tribe member, a victim of domestic violence and must not have allegations of abuse or neglect in a protective services case.

Derhammer travels to his clients in outlying areas, eliminating transportation issues and providing representation on their behalf in state court.

In order to access help through the shelter, the only requirement is that you are a victim of domestic violence. “I don't care who walks in the door if they are a victim. We are not going to deny anyone services because they are not a tribal member,” Jump said.

Additional services offered to clients include assistance in filing a Crime Victim Compensation application, a women's talking circle, transportation and a 26-week men's education group.

For more information about the program, call (906) 632-1808 or toll free 1-877-639-7820.

**From “New Radiology” page 1** of digital imaging.

“If we want to send an image to someone else for consultation or an additional review, this will allow us to do that easily without going through the mail,” he said.

The entire upgrade, according to Abramson, will cost about \$270,000.

Sorry ladies, the mammogram procedure remains the same. “Some of our patients think they don't have to have the compression with the new imaging. But you still perform the mammograms with compression — the only difference is how the image is captured,” Bickham said.



ARC staff in front of their new home (L-R), community educator Annie Thibert, legal aid attorney Justin Derhammer, ARC Program manager Lori Jump, legal aid secretary Vanessa Owaski Patzwald and victim advocate Rachel Carr. (Photo by Brenda Austin)



Radiology staffers Mickey Bickham and Virginia Halabrin with Clinic Manager Tony Abramson (L-R), pose with the exciting new digital radiology equipment. (Photo by Brenda Austin)

## Researchers develop new way to reduce bycatch

**See “Reduce Bycatch,” pg. 22** lake trout populations have recovered in Lake Superior and recovery is proceeding nicely on Lake Huron. Continued progress at helping lake trout populations recover partly involves keeping fishery harvests at acceptable levels.

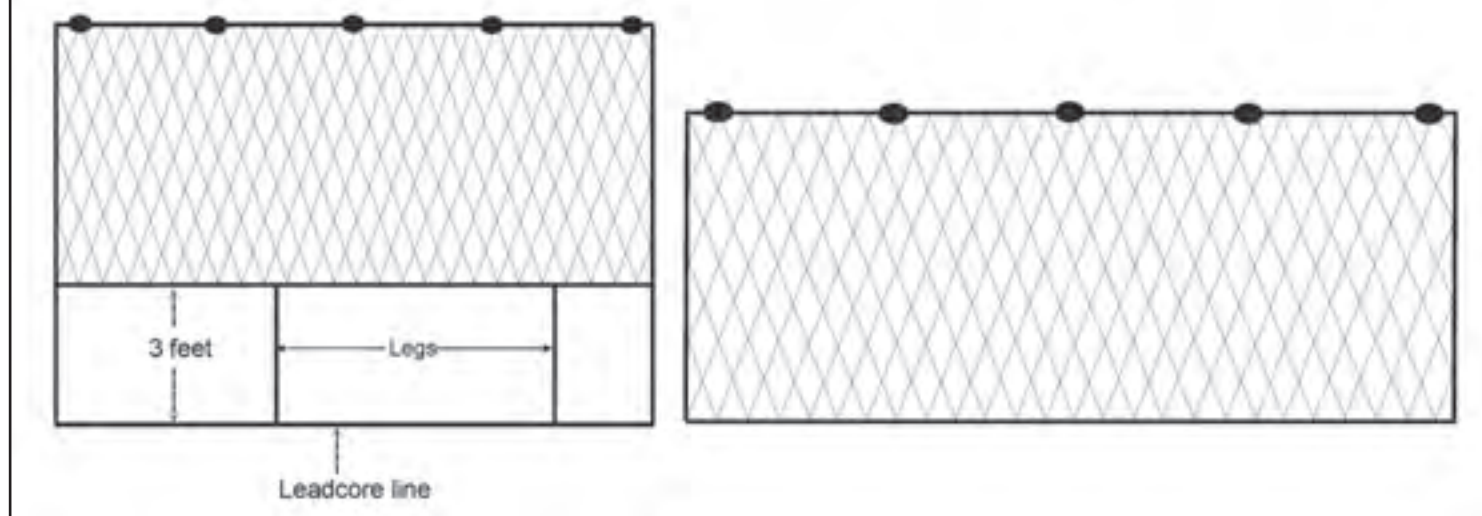
Ebener said after reviewing results from gill net catches made by the Fish and Wildlife Service during 2005-08 showing a 80 percent decrease in lake trout catch using the legged gill nets versus standard gill nets, he decided to try it with tribal fisheries.

“We started an experiment in 2009 with the Bay Mills Tribe in a small area around Hammond Bay in Lake Huron. We used 16 gill nets — eight were legged nets and eight were standard gill nets. We gave them to one of the Bay Mills commercial fishers and asked him to keep track of the catches in both nets,” Ebener said. “In the first year the results were amazing.

“Overall there was about a 40 percent reduction in lake trout catch with only a small eight percent reduction in whitefish catch.”

The testing was repeated in 2010 and was again very successful. Ebener said that, based on studies, if 50 percent of the Sault Tribe large mesh gill nets in northern Lake Huron were replaced with the legged nets, tribal fishers would likely never exceed their lake trout quota. “It just wouldn't happen,” he said. Sault Tribe fisheries are the 40-

**The Legged Gill Net (left) versus the Standard Gill Net (right): Three feet of space at the bottom allows for a 40-80 percent reduction in lake trout catch, according to studies.**



largest harvesters of lake trout in that area followed by Bay Mills.

Ebener presented his findings to the Sault Tribe Conservation Committee and the board of directors, who had previously approved \$40,000 from the fishermen's fund to construct 100 new legged gill nets. The nets were given to Sault Tribe commercial fishermen, in exchange for the same number of their existing nets, which were then converted into the legged nets and returned to them.

About six Sault Tribe commercial fishermen agreed to participate in the study and use the legged nets. At first, most fishermen were skeptical, but by the end of 2010 word had spread about how effective the new nets were and others were

eager to participate. Ultimately, 189 legged gill nets were put into the Sault Tribe fishery in northern Lake Huron.

As an added bonus, fishermen realized after using the legged nets that they weren't pulling in the hundreds of pounds of zebra mussels they often did when using the standard gill nets. With legged nets, they were also able to avoid much of the green algae (Cladophora), which often “rolls” along the lakebeds and clogs their nets and dramatically reduces the catch of fish. Algae can also be so thick at certain times of the year that it actually destroys the standard bottom set gill nets.

Another positive aspect of the legged nets is that since they are raised three feet off the bottom they also extend three feet

higher than the standard gill nets, and at certain times of the year they will catch some of the larger sized whitefish, which tend to move up off the lake bottom as the water warms.

“The standard nets didn't even see those larger whitefish,” Ebener said. “The guys have discovered that this new gear works well for a variety of reasons.”

The study is expected to continue and be expanded this summer as a result of additional funding ITFAP received from the USFWS. This funding will allow for the purchase and construction of more legged nets that will be distributed to tribal fishers.

Ebener said some of the fishermen have decided to make their own legged nets at a cost of about \$26 a net. One of the

first fishermen to use the nets in the 2009 study has converted 10 of his standard gill nets to the legged nets. “I am also putting up four com

mercial trap nets with legs on them,” Ebener said. “In Lake Huron, trap net fisheries are not allowed to retain lake trout. Most of the fish caught in trap nets are alive and can be released alive. The legged net reduces the number of lake trout being caught and discarded by trap net fisheries, which we then have to count against our quota.”

For information about how to convert standard gill nets to legged nets, or for more information about receiving free legged gill nets, contact Mark Ebener at ITFAP by calling (906) 632-0043 or by email at: meberner@lighthouse.net.

## Sault Ste. Marie

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

These Ojibwe language classes begin with potluck dinners and you are invited to bring your favorite dish to share.

Instructor demonstrates different stories and language sheets are provided to those in attendance for vocabulary recognition.

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 family participation in singing and dancing or just listening.

For more information, call 635-6050.

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

No registration is necessary. Please bring your own lunch.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Unit I Elderly Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center, 2076 Shunk Road.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

## St. Ignace

Anishinaabemowin language classes, Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., at the McCann Center.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Unit III Elderly Committee meets on the second Friday of each month after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Unit III constituents meet on the fourth Monday of each month, 6 p.m., at the McCann Center.

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

## Hessel

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

For more information, call (906) 635-6050.

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the third Monday of each month after the noon meal at the tribal center.

Call (888) 711-7356.

## Newberry

Elderly Advisory Board meets on the fourth Monday of

each month at 12:30 p.m. at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the third Friday of each month at 11 a.m. at Zellar's Village Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Anishinaabemowin classes, Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.

Call Orien Corbiere at 635-6050 or the Newberry Tribal Health Center at 293-8181 for more information.

## Manistique

Unit IV Elderly Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Naubinway

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Naubinway Pavilion. For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Escanaba

Unit IV Elderly Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month on the second floor of the Willow Creek Professional Building, 3500 Ludington Street. Catered meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by meeting.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Munising

Unit V Elderly Committee meets at the tribal center at 4 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

Dinners on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Unit V meeting for all tribal members, 6 p.m. at the tribal center on the second Thursday of each month.

For more information, call Joan Anderson at 387-2802.

Anishinaabemowin classes, Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., at the tribal center.

For more information, call (906) 635-6050.

## Marquette

Unit V Elderly Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Notices

General meetings of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors typically take place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Open forums for members start about 5 p.m. and meetings start around 6 p.m. All Sault Ste. Marie meetings will be held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, other locations are to be announced.

Special meetings are typi-

cally announced as possible. Special meetings may be called from time to time by the chairperson or by majority vote of the board of directors. Locations, dates and times for meetings are subject to change. In the event a special meeting is called that is open to the public, an official announcement will be released.

General meetings, special meetings and workshops are open to the public unless otherwise noted as closed. To view approved resolutions, please visit [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) and go to the board downloads section.

Meeting schedules are published in the Sault Tribe newspaper annually prior to the start of yearly meeting cycles. Schedule information can be acquired anytime at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) with a search for "board schedule" or by calling (906) 635-6050.

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. Marie 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 websites 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 and 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 every day.

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

If you have any questions, please call Jill King at 440-4494.

Book your party at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

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

Call (906) 635-7465.

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.

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.

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program available for appointments in Sault Ste. Marie, Kinross, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique, Marquette and Munising health centers.

Bring semaa for an offering to appointments with healers. Traditional healing is holistic. Women on their moon cycle should make appointments before or after their cycles.

For information, call 632-5204, 632-0236 or 632-0220.

Sault Tribe arts and crafts exhibitions and sales are scheduled for second Thursdays-Saturdays until October, then it is weekly, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Bawating Art Gallery at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

The events feature handcrafted gifts for all occasions.

Participating vendors must be members of a Sault Tribe member's household.

For further information, call Rachel McKechnie at 632-0530 extension 53573.

Sault Tribe extends an open

voter registration policy to all members. Once members register to vote, it is permanent unless members change residency into or out of election units where living when originally registered.

Sawyer Village in Gwinn, Mich., is a Sault Tribe housing enterprise. Housing units consist of three and four bedroom townhouse apartments, duplexes and single homes.

Rentals range from \$350 to \$725 per month. The units include ranges, refrigerators, basements, garages, washer and dryer hook-ups and most of them have a dishwasher.

Flooring options are hardwood or carpeting. Most pets are accepted and we have month to month leases.

Eagle Ridge Apartments, located in Marquette, consists of two buildings with eight two-bedroom apartments in each building. These apartments include all utilities and are \$575 per month with one-year leases.

We have eight experienced team members who manage Sawyer Village and Eagle Ridge.

Come make one of our houses your home. Call (906) 346-3919 to set up an appointment today.

Children must have at least one biological parent who is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians before they can be enrolled as full, bonifide members.

Simply submit a copy of the child's courthouse birth certificate or state copy, social security number and current mailing address. You may mail or fax this information to the enrollment office, or drop it off in person. Please allow two to three weeks for children's tribal cards to arrive in the mail.

Sault Tribe flags are available for purchase by calling 632-6398 or toll free (800) 793-0660.

Desk flags (3x5 inches) are \$3, banners (18x24 inches) are \$30, parade flags (3x5 feet) are \$50, pole flags (4x6 or 5x8 feet) are \$75 and \$100.

Add six percent sales tax and \$4.50 for shipping of first item plus \$1 for each additional item, \$.60 for the 3x5 inch flags.

Would you like to be on one of the many Sault Tribe committees that help guide our tribes services? Get involved by watching for notices about committee vacancies in *Win Awenen Nisitotung*.



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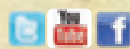
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