

Win Awenen Nisitotung

Official newspaper of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Spreading the word about Kewadin Country



By RICK SMITH

Last spring, the Kewadin Casinos marketing team decided to take an old casino promotion campaign, beef it up and set it in motion. What was once merely a graphic design on the casinos' website is now a multi-faceted invitation to all far and wide to enjoy the fun and hospitality

offered in Kewadin Country.

A realistic road map of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan features five big stars indicating the sites of all of the Kewadin Casinos. The design is "wrapped" on four of Kewadin Casinos' tour buses at this time and is also found on posters and magazine advertisements.

"We are going to be letting people know that the Upper Peninsula is Kewadin Country," said Dan Doyle, advertising manager for the casinos. "It is our intent to use the map of the U.P. with the tag lines 'This is Kewadin Country,' 'Visit Kewadin Country' and 'You're in Kewadin Country' on the buses.

Doyle explained that the campaign communicates an association of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with the fun and excitement of the Sault Tribe's five casinos. Essentially, people will get the message that, when in the U.P., visit Kewadin Casinos for the ultimate gaming experience, "if you're going to game in the U.P.," Doyle noted, then it has to be at a Kewadin Casino.

Doyle described the bus wraps as moving billboards which, when used with our other mar-

keting tools, communicates the Kewadin Country image to customers and potential customers. They are also useful in providing immediate information for a potential customer who may be planning a trip and may happen to see the bus. "They now know where our properties are and can then contact us if they choose to use Kewadin Travel or Group Tours," said Doyle. In addition, associating Kewadin Casinos with the U.P. allows for capitalization on the region's natural beauty and majestic landscapes.

Doyle credited Tony Rogers, Kewadin Casinos Design Center supervisor, for the excellent result on the bus wraps. "He did a great job with the design and we could not be happier. We have had a lot of positive feedback. The first month the motor coaches were wrapped and on the road, a news-

paper downstate took pictures of the bus while it was parked in a parking lot. The photographer stated she planned on putting the photo in their paper."

Filming for new television commercials and photo shoots were done for new print advertising during the first week of December, the brand was "refreshed" last year and will be seen on Kewadin billboards in 2012. It is currently seen on in-house signage and print media. "The photos will be used to update our current collateral," said Doyle. He noted that when the brand was refreshed in 2011, it was decided to use current branding elements and enhance them to offer a greater variety of eye appealing design layouts for the consumer. "We will be putting new design on all Kewadin billboards 2012," he added.



This realistic map — and moving billboard — of Michigan's U.P. is wrapped around four of Kewadin's busses, redubbing the U.P. as "Kewadin Country." The map was designed by Kewadin Design Center supervisor Tony Rogers.

2012 election begins; committee outlines election process



The 2012 notice of election was posted on Friday, Jan. 27. It details several areas of the election process but, more importantly, acts as the official start of the election cycle allowing members to submit their letters of intent to become potential candidates and start campaigning.

The Sault Tribe Election Committee is taking this opportunity to explain some of the election process and hopefully answer any questions tribal members may have.

The election is conducted by an all mail-in ballot system predicated on openness and volunteerism. Members are encouraged to participate in the many tasks it takes to conduct an election from mailing the of ballots to assisting in counting on election day.

On the ballot mail-out date, volunteers and the committee ver-

ify, stuff, seal and label all ballots to be mailed out. On that same day, the Election Committee, along with tribal police, deliver the ballot box to the local post office. Officers document the ballot box is empty and secured. It is important to note that the ballot box, once placed at the post office, is maintained by the United States Postal Service — it cannot be tampered with nor is there access to it by anyone other than postal employees.

The box remains at the post office until election night when it is delivered with tribal police to a public count site, where once again volunteers assist in opening thousands of envelopes to be counted. Ballots are then tallied with results being posted throughout the count. Unofficial results are posted that night and are deemed official at the next board

meeting.

We make the process as transparent as possible. Reports provided by the U.S. Postal Service indicate how many articles of mail get delivered and on what dates. These reports and other reports such as receipts of ballot printing, test ballots, etcetera, are available to the board following each election in a summary called the *End-Cycle Report*. It outlines the exact numbers of each aspect from ballots to registered voters to post office reports.

We hope this sheds some light on the processes involved and hope to continue informing members with a series of articles explaining different aspects of the election process.

Sault Tribe members are encouraged to volunteer and email questions or comments to electioncommittee@saulttribe.net.

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Position requires a Bachelor of Science degree in health education or health promotion. Other disease prevention degrees considered with a minimum of one year experience. CHES or MCHES certification preferred. Position requires some travel.

Direct inquiries to Human Resource Department, 2186 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Phone (866) 635-7032 or simply apply online at www.saulttribe.com.

Data analyst/performance improvement specialist

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking a full time data analyst for the tribal health division. The position will require knowledge and use of national clinical guidelines and standards of care to benchmark clinical data, produce reports, and assist the organization with quality improvement projects and grants. Knowledge of electronic health record systems, medical terminology, and working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point required. Working knowledge of statistical analysis software programs is desirable.

National travel will be required for training and professional development purposes with limited local travel.

Requirements: Minimum of a bachelor's degree in biostatistics, nursing, or other health related field and two years of experience in quality assurance or quality improvement in a health care setting. A master's in public health may be used in lieu of quality improvement job experience.

Position is full time with benefits, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. See posting and apply online: Performance improvement/data analyst at Sault Tribe Human Resource Department, www.saulttribe.com, by calling toll free (866) 635-7032, or fax (906) 635-4992.

Announcements

Tribal members: Join a committee!

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has openings on the committees below. Tribal members interested in joining a committee should send one letter of intent and three letters of reference to Tara Benoit 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Please call 635-6050 or email tbenoit@saulttribe.com with any questions.

— The Great Lakes Conservation Committee has one vacant seat for a small boat captain license holder.

— The Special Needs/ Enrollment Committee currently has three vacant seats.

— The Election Committee currently has one vacant seat.

New prescription procedures at VA

IRON MOUNTAIN – The Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Mich., is announcing new procedures for filling prescription medications, which will reduce wait times at the medical center's pharmacy and eliminate the need to drive just for refills. The new procedures take effect Feb. 27, 2012. Medication refills and new

non-urgent prescriptions will no longer be filled at the medical center's pharmacy window but rather mailed to the veteran patient's home.

To request a medication refill, patients can call the automated prescription refill system at (800) 805-1870, order online at www.MyHealthVet.com, or complete a medication refill slip and place it in the drop box outside the pharmacy window or mail it to the VA medical center.

All refills should be requested three weeks prior to running out of the medication.

Urgent prescriptions, such as medications that a physician believes should be started immediately, will still be filled the same day at the pharmacy window. For urgent medications at the medical center's seven community based outpatient clinics, the physician will write a prescription for the veteran to have filled at a local pharmacy.

Regalia making

A series of classes on sewing, feather work, beadwork and regalia accessories will begin with a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 29, at 5:30 p.m., at the Sault Tribe Interpretive Center next to tribal administration at 523 Ashmun

Street.

Classes will be conducted every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., March 7 through May 23, 2012.

Supplies are very limited. Participants will be required to buy most of their supplies and have time outside of class to work on regalia.

A parent or guardian who can sew must attend all classes with participants including the informational meeting.

Please contact the Mary Murray Culture Camp coordinator Jackie Minton 635-6050, extension 26144, or send email to jminton@saulttribe.net for more information.

Tribal tax form

Attention resident tribal members (those members registered in the tax agreement areas).

The Tribal Tax Office will not be sending a mass mailing of the 2011 Michigan Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit Form 4013. Resident tribal members may contact the Tribal Tax Office to request a 4013 sales tax credit form. 4013 Sales tax credit forms will also be available at the following tribal centers:

— Administration, Sault Ste. Marie

— Manistique Health Center
— Munising Health Center
— Hessel Health Center
— Sault Ste. Marie Health Center

— St. Ignace Health Center

This change is being put into effect to help alleviate delays in Michigan income tax refunds and credits due to incorrect addresses.

The Tribal Tax Office can be reached at 632-6281, or toll free at (866) 632-6281.

Prescription Drug Abuse Support Group

Have you experienced a loss, heartbreak or diminished relationship due to someone's abuse of prescription drugs?

Please join us as we work through this pain together.

Feb. 22, at 6 p.m., at Huntington Bank.

Please call Karen at 253-3103 for more information.

Correction

The photo "Loading On" on page 4 of the WAN January 2012 issue, should have read, "... Left to right, Karen Osborne of OneMain Financial, captains Daniel and Amy Voss of the Salvation Army, Bob Henderson of Sault Tribe motor pool and Tanya Van Midde of OneMain."

ACFS Child Care and Development Program

ACFS operates the Child Care and Development (CCDF) Program with funding provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care. The CCDF Program supports lower-income families through child care financial assistance and promotes children's learning by improving the quality of and access to early care, education and after-school programs.

The CCDF Program can subsidize a portion of child care costs for eligible parents or guardians so that a parent can work or attend an approved educational program. Eligibility criteria includes: having a Sault Tribe member child who is in need of child care and a gross household income below 85

percent of Michigan's Median Income Guidelines. Income guidelines changed from 60 percent of Michigan's Median Income to 85 percent on Oct. 1, 2011. (Please refer to Income Guidelines Table.)

The CCDF Program is also responsible for developing and

regulating quality child day care homes on trust lands. Some financial assistance may be available to start up a licensed child day care home on trust land.

Please call (906) 632-5250 with any questions about the CCDF Program. Applications

can be obtained at any ACFS office (Sault, Kincheloe, St. Ignace, Munising and Manistique) or at saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs.

Reminder: JKL School community forum slated for Feb. 23

JKL Bahweting Anishnabe Public School Academy in conjunction with Sault Tribe has hired the firm C2ae to conduct a feasibility study regarding possible expansion or new construction at Odenaang.

C2ae will facilitate a community forum on Thursday, Feb. 23, in the JKL Bahweting library at 6 p.m. to give the Sault Ste. Marie community an opportunity to provide feedback on options for expansion.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Child Care Development Fund 85% of State Median Income Effective 10-1-11 to 9-30-13									
Family Group Size	Gross MONTHLY Income								
	2	\$1,225	\$1,226	\$1,587	\$1,948	\$2,309	\$2,670	\$3,031	\$3,392
3	\$1,544	\$1,586	\$1,947	\$2,308	\$2,669	\$3,030	\$3,391	\$3,678	\$4,545
		\$1,974	\$2,404	\$2,834	\$2,964	\$3,394	\$3,824	\$4,544	
4	\$1,863	\$1,864	\$2,372	\$2,880	\$3,388	\$3,896	\$4,404	\$4,912	\$5,411
		\$2,371	\$2,879	\$3,387	\$3,895	\$4,403	\$4,911	\$5,410	
5	\$2,181	\$2,182	\$2,768	\$3,354	\$3,940	\$4,530	\$5,116	\$5,702	\$6,276
		\$2,767	\$3,353	\$3,939	\$4,529	\$5,115	\$5,701	\$6,275	
6	\$2,499	\$2,500	\$3,164	\$3,828	\$4,492	\$5,156	\$5,820	\$6,484	\$7,142
		\$3,163	\$3,827	\$4,491	\$5,155	\$5,819	\$6,483	\$7,141	
7	\$2,818	\$2,819	\$3,461	\$4,103	\$4,745	\$5,387	\$6,029	\$6,671	\$7,304
		\$3,460	\$4,102	\$4,744	\$5,386	\$6,028	\$6,670	\$7,303	
8	\$3,136	\$3,137	\$3,757	\$4,377	\$4,997	\$5,617	\$6,237	\$6,857	\$7,467
		\$3,756	\$4,376	\$4,996	\$5,616	\$6,236	\$6,856	\$7,466	
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Soo Firehawks Junior A hockey team makes Big Bear its home ice, tryouts this summer

Goudreaus buy GLJHL franchise and encourage local kids to tryout for new team

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A new non-profit hockey team with name recognition will soon be making its home at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

According to team co-owner, Doug Goudreau, the St. Ignace Firehawks, a Midget AA hockey team that he and his wife Paula started seven years ago, will be disbanding at the end of this season.

Goudreaus hockey program — Head Coach and Sault native Joe Esson and the new Soo Firehawks Junior A team — under a new GLJHL (Great Lakes Junior Hockey League) franchise purchased by the Goudreaus will be making the move to their new ice this March.

Junior A level of play is for youth ages 16 to 20 and Goudreau said he hopes to carry 20 local kids on the teams roster. A hockey camp and tryouts are being scheduled for this summer with the first league games scheduled for the first weekend of September. The team will also be doing some fundraising to offer scholarships to youth who otherwise might be unable to participate.

Goudreau said team members will be working and volunteering within the community outside of hockey.

As Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District Seven director, Goudreau said the new team will help fill a void. “We want to make our team a majority of local kids so they have an opportunity to move up to D3 college



The St. Ignace Firehawks, a Midget AA hockey team, will be disbanding at the end of this season and the new Soo Firehawks Junior A team — under a new GLJHL (Great Lakes Junior Hockey League) franchise purchased by the Doug and Paula Goudreau — will be making the move to their new ice this March. The Midget AA hockey team, the St. Ignace Firehawks are shown here in their last team photo. Back, L-R: Asst. Coach Matt Parker, James Goudreau, Cody Therrian, Patrick Sweeney, Ben Damron, Ryan Marshall, Seth Gruenberg, Matt Maclaren, Anthony Laaksonen, Taylor Mcrorie, Tom Robbins, Asst. Coach Bill Soden and Head Coach Joe Esson. Front, L-R: Brennon Wachter, Adam Derry, Trevor Mcrorie, Caleb Radtke, Quito Myotte, Tyler Goetz, Zach Harrington. Missing from photo: Mike Mullen.

or D1 college hockey. Scouts will come to their showcases and they will be seen,” he said.

The move is a natural one for the new team and Goudreau said they have had incredible community support. “The president of our league, Gerry Lullove, has been wonderful to deal with. Sault Tribe Board of Director Representative Keith

Massaway has been very helpful, as have Rex Matchinski, Jessica Dumback and Tammy Graham from Chi Mukwa,” he said.

The team will travel as far as St. Louis, Mo., with their closest rivals located in Kalkaska. Goudreau is a Sault Tribe member and said they chose Chi Mukwa for a number of reasons. “The Sault is a larger community

and the history of hockey here is pretty much unmatched by any other area in the state. The facility is perfect for us — we just felt it was the best place for the team,” he said. “We want to give local players a team and an opportunity — especially tribal citizens of that age — to use the tribal facility.” About half of the current Midget AA team are

tribal members.

Starting up another Midget AA team is not out of the question, Goudreau said. “We would like to start another Midget AA program in the Sault or St. Ignace, but we don’t have the coaching staff yet. There is a possibility it could start again under the Soo Hockey Association; we have talked to them briefly about it, but not in depth.”

Goudreau said The GLJHL is a Tier III USA Hockey program with 12 teams split into two divisions. The GLJHL offers scouting showcases, early bird tournaments, exhibition weekends, and a Final Four Playoff for the league championships.

According to its website, the GLJHL “will not make unfounded promises to you and give you unobtainable goals as others will but what we will promise you is simply this; if you work hard, commit yourself to be the very best you can, we will open the doors for you to move to the next level, either Tier I, II, or III juniors or college hockey.”

Assistant Events Manager at Chi Mukwa, Rex Matchinski, said the new team will be the beginning of a new chapter on the arena’s ice. “Hopefully they will build a good fan base being the team will be mostly local kids,” he said.

In addition to increasing revenues to the recreation facility, the Pro Shop, concessions and sports bar should also see an increase in traffic. Chi Muka is already home to the Soo Midget AAA Indians.

Tribe allots federal funding for winter maintenance on Mackinac County roads

BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors passed a resolution to release Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian (BIA) Indian Reservation Roads funding in support of winter maintenance on sections of county road H-63, also called the Mackinac Trail, in St. Ignace and Three Mile Road in the vicinity of Hessel. The meeting took place on Jan. 10 in Sault Ste. Marie.

According to the resolution,



the roads serve the residents of the tribe and county along with patrons of tribal businesses important to the general health and welfare of the members and residents of the reservations. The BIA has the responsibility of ensuring roads and bridges serv-

ing American Indian lands are adequately maintained to support the safe conduct of traffic vital to the safety and welfare of the general public and tribal economic concerns.

The board authorized a cooperative agreement between the tribe and the Mackinac County Road Commission with an annual expenditure of \$41,237.56. The roads in question were approved by the BIA for inclusion into the tribe’s inventory under the Indian

Reservation Roads Program. The road commission retains complete responsibility for maintenance of those roads.

According to the resolution, the action was taken because the road commission is not financially able to maintain the roads adequately without help from Sault Tribe and the BIA.

According to Jeff Holt of the Sault Tribe Planning and Development Department, the tribe has been aiding

the Mackinac County Road Commission on a year-to-year arrangement. As much as the tribe would like to have similar arrangements with other county road commissions in the tribe’s service area, it is presently unaffordable. Holt indicated this is likely the last year for the present arrangement with the Mackinac County Road Commission as work is underway on a different plan, which involves Sault Tribe Construction.

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SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS NOTICE OF ELECTION

January 27, 2012

The Election Committee of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians would like to inform you that a tribal election will be held for the tribal board of directors this year; with a primary held in spring and the general election held this summer. To the right are important dates and information pertaining to the election. The timetable for the election process is as follows (All deadlines are 5 p.m. ET):



- March 29..... Deadline for voter registration.
Last day to receive letters of intent for potential candidates.
Roll of registered voters prepared and posted.
Nomination petitions available.
- April 18..... Nominating petition deadline.
- April 25..... List of eligible candidates available.
- April 30..... Deadline for contests relating to nominations and voter registration.
- May 2..... Blank primary ballots mailed to voters.
- May 24..... Primary election date.
- May 29..... Deadline for contests relating to vote count.
- June 6..... Blank ballots for general election mailed to voters.
- June 28..... General election day.
- July 2..... Deadline for contest relating to vote count.
- TBA Installation of officers.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

Tribal chairperson
Unit I: 3 members
Unit II: 1 member
Unit III: 1 member
Unit IV: 1 member
The term of all officers will be four years.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

The election will be conducted by mail to the address shown in the Tribal Registrar's records. It is the responsibility of the tribal member to ensure that the address shown for him or her is correct. Please contact the Tribal Registrar's Office for any changes: Tribal Registrar's Office, 2428 Shunk Road, Mailing address: P.O. Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, phone 635-3396 or (800) 251-6597.

VOTING PROCEDURE

All ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the tribal Election Committee by 5 p.m. at the United States Post Office Sault Ste. Marie location on May 24, 2012, for the primary election and on June 28, 2012, for the general election. A post office box is provided by the United States Post Office for return of the ballots. The address of the box will be included on the ballot.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Tribal members who will be 18 years of age or older on the date of the election

are eligible to vote. The tribal Election Code states all resident members in an election unit shall automatically be registered and Non-resident members can choose one of the five election units in order to vote in tribal elections. Registration is permanent unless you move in or out of an election unit. Registration forms must be received by the tribal Election Committee, ninety (90) days prior to the general election, in order to vote in the upcoming elections.

Voter registration is open and tribal members who need to register (all previously registered members are considered permanently registered) can contact the Election Committee at the address given below or call the executive assistant at 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660 or the Tribal Registrar's Office.

In order to register, you must complete and return a voter registration form to the tribal Election Committee, P.O. Box 102, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, before 5 p.m. on March 29, 2012. Registration forms received after that time or not completed will be deemed unregistered for this election.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nomination of candidates:

Any tribal member who meets the requirements detailed in the tribal Election Ordinance is eligible for election to office. A candidate for nomination must be eighteen years of age or older by June 28, 2012, a qualified voter, and have established

one year residency within the election unit which they seek to represent. Any member; who holds an appointed or elected position in another unit of government, has been convicted of election fraud, misdemeanors involving gambling, theft, dishonesty or fraud, or a felony offense is ineligible for election to office.

Any person elected shall voluntarily resign employment position and/or surrender any rights under any contract with the tribe prior to assuming office. To be nominated, a candidate must file a letter of intent, background investigation forms, nominating petition, campaigning financing forms, etc., with the tribal Election Committee in accordance with the Election Ordinance. A nomination petition must bear the original signatures of the proper number of registered voters from the unit to be represented. A voter may sign only as many petitions as there are offices to be filled from their unit. Petitions must be submitted on the forms provided by the Election Committee obtained at the designated offices.

Campaign finance reporting:

The Election Committee requires candidates and others who expend money on the election to file reports on campaign fundraising and spending. If you plan to spend money on the election, you must contact the Election Committee to obtain the proper forms before doing so. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in

criminal prosecution.

Election contests, complaints:

Any tribal member may raise election disputes before the Election Committee. All disputes must be stated in writing, addressed to the chairperson of the Election Committee, contain the original signature and received under procedures provided in the Election Ordinance. The Election Committee will review disputes according to the Election Ordinance. Specific procedures will be available upon request.

Election ordinance:

This letter is a narrative statement of the requirements of the Election Ordinance and the Constitution. The Ordinance and Constitution are controlling, and may be examined at any tribal office. Questions regarding the election should be directed to the tribal Election Committee.

Designated offices:

Designated offices are the tribal offices as to which additional election material is available and for delivery of correspondence. Each designated office is defined in the Election Ordinance. Please note: Unit I the designated office shall be the Tribal Court office at the George Nolan Judicial Building, and Unit III shall be the Human Resource office at 3015 Mackinac Trail.

Mike McKerchie, Chairman,
Election Committee

Sault Tribe language instructor involved in fatal car crash - leaves behind language legacy

Orien Corbiere walks on, loss felt throughout Indian Country

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Sault Tribe community recently suffered the loss of Orien Corbiere, who walked on after being involved in a fatal car crash on Jan. 14 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Corbiere was hired as an Ojibwe language instructor for the Sault Tribe in May 2009. A fluent speaker of Anishinaabemowin, Corbiere was also blessed with a talent for understanding how to use today's communications technology. Using the Internet and web-based programs, he was able to offer live interactive language classes to students living throughout the country. He was also working to videotape himself giving lessons to make language instruction available to students on DVDs.

Corbiere was also very instrumental in language immersion camps held at the tribe's culture camp on Sugar Island. The camps are funded by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans.

According to Language Project Coordinator Cheryl Bernier, Corbiere served a major role under the grant as the camp director and language instructor. He oversaw the immersion camp project and worked with other language instructors who came from Manitoulin Island to serve as mentors at the camps. She said he was very passionate about passing the Anishinaabe language to future generations and truly enjoyed teaching others. His family was supportive of his efforts and would often participate and share their knowledge at various language events.

Bernier said being a language instructor was more than just an 8 to 5 job for him; it was a way of life. "He was funny, there was never a dull moment with Orien," she said. "He had a unique way of looking at things and he was always coming up with new ideas on how he could promote the language."

Sault Tribe Repatriation Specialist Cecil Pavlat was Corbiere's supervisor. Pavlat said he is not very optimistic about finding a language teacher of Corbiere's caliber. "I don't believe there are many traditional language instructors that have the technical knowledge Orien had. There are fluent speakers, but that doesn't make them a teacher. His



commitment to teaching the language was unrivaled."

Pavlat said his loss is a severe blow to the department and everyone who worked with him. "We talk about what Orien would want us to do," he said, "and I know that he would want us to continue to teach the language and to hang onto it as hard as we can and not give up. We hope that someone will want to come here and take up that fight; it is such a specialized field with such a limited pool of people."

According to Pavlat, our cultural identity as Anishinaabe lies in our language. "The danger of losing our language is very real," he said. "When it is gone, who are we as a people? This is sad — but what do we need Ojibwe language for? You don't unless you have the belief that its important, and he had that."

Pavlat said the number of students learning the language is not as high as he would like to see. "It is not just a problem that applies to the tribe, it applies to most tribal nations. Even on Manitoulin Island, the youth are not learning the language and most of them have fluent speakers in their homes. There is no need; they need English more than they need Ojibwe."

Until another language instructor is hired, all online language classes have stopped.

Sault Tribe Early Education Ojibwe Language Instructor

Theresa Lewis said she first met Corbiere as a student in one of his language classes before being hired in June 2010 as an instructor herself. Lewis said that he had his own style of teaching but that they collaborated on teaching methods and curriculum. "Orien made learning the language fun and interesting," she said. "He invented a board game called Anishinaabe Week and used it to teach the days of the week, numbers and word concepts such as 'nangwa (today),' 'jiinaagwa (yesterday),' 'was-naagwa (2 days ago),' 'gchi-was-naagwa (3

days ago).' It was part of how he brought the language to life," she said.

She said another game he used with students was BINGO — it created repetition and expanded on the words they learned for numbers.

Sault Tribe Unit I Board of Directors Representative Deb Pine was one of Corbiere's students. She said she appreciates the time Corbiere spent with his students helping them to understand word components and their origins. "I was able to figure out the meaning of a sentence without being exact by looking at how the words are broken down," she said. "We are so lucky to have had Orien, he was such a blessing and a gift to our community. He built a solid foundation and it catapulted us forward very quickly in our learning process. His loss is heartbreaking; I feel sad for our community."

Pine said she would like to see Corbiere honored within the tribe by dedicating a language room to him and calling it the Orien Corbiere room.

Corbiere grew up on Manitoulin Island on the M'Chigeeng Reserve speaking Anishinaabemowin as his first language. He once said that in his studies for his certificate in the Native language instructors program that he discovered the Anishinaabe culture is coded into the language, embodying the activities and beliefs of our ances-

tors.

Corbiere's educational background included a Bachelor of Arts degree in Native studies and a Master of Education degree with a focus on language curriculum from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ont.

It was Corbiere's belief that there was very little in common between the English language and Anishinaabemowin, that English is a poor language to use in the translation of our Native language — words and meanings are often lost.

Corbiere was predeceased by his parents, Mabel M. (nee Pitawanakwat) and Paul G. Corbiere and by sisters Rosalind Shigwadja and Ellen M. Migwans. Surviving him is his beloved partner Dollie Keway whom he affectionately called Loveliness. Also surviving are sisters Gertrude Shawanda of Birch Island, Veronica A. Corbiere, Caroline Corbiere, Nancy Corbiere (Ken Ireland), Shirley Kaiser (Klaus); brothers Archie Corbiere (Hilda), Alvin (Ted) Corbiere (predeceased Angeline) and George L. Corbiere, his Godchildren Kirby and Joanne Corbiere, all of M'Chigeeng First Nation, Ontario, Canada. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, students and friends.

Even though he is gone, it is with great hope that Orien's legacy will live on.

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If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, you may be a victim of stalking.

Stalking is illegal and is punishable by law. Stalking occurs when an individual or group makes contact with an unwilling participant and does not stop.

Stalkers may contact their victims through various sources, such as telephone contact, text messaging, emailing, social networking, showing up at the victims home or place of employment.

Stalking causes many physical and psychological effects for the victim, such as fear, paranoia, loss of sleep, stress and isolation, just to name a few.

If you or someone you know is a victim of stalking, there is help.

Call the Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) and speak with one of our advocates. Please call (906) 632-1808 today and get help.

Stalking facts:

- About 3.4 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year in the United States.
- About three in four stalking victims are stalked by someone they know.
- About 30 percent of stalking victims are stalked by a current or former intimate partner.
- About 10 percent of stalking victims are stalked by a stranger.
- People aged 18-24 years experience the highest rate of stalking.

• About 89 percent of femicide victims who had been physically assaulted had also been stalked in the 12 months before their murder.

• About 79 percent of abused murder victims reported being stalked during the same period that they were abused.

• About 54 percent of murdered victims reported stalking to police before they were killed by their stalkers.

• About 46 percent of stalking victims fear not knowing what will happen next.

• About 29 percent of stalking victims fear the stalking will never stop.

• Approximately one in eight employed stalking victims lose

time from work as a result of their victimization and more than half lose five days or more of work.

• Around one in seven stalking victims move as a result of their victimization.

• The prevalence of anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction and severe depression is much higher among stalking victims than the general population, especially if the stalking involves being followed or having one's property destroyed.

Stalking is a silent crime. Help break the silence. You can get help through the ARC by calling 632-1808 and speaking with one of our advocates.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

What is teen dating violence?

Teen dating violence occurs when one partner verbally, emotionally, sexually or physically assaults their partner.

According to a fact sheet from the Centers for Disease Control published in 2010:

• About 72 percent of eighth and ninth grade students are dating.

• Around one in four adolescents report abuse in a relationship.

• In the United States, over a 12-month period, 10 percent of all students had been abused by an intimate partner (i.e. sexual, emotional, verbal, physical).

Typically, teens are emotionally and mentally unprepared to deal with the consequences of being in an abusive relationship. Teens often want to show their

parents that they are mature and can handle being in an emotional relationship with another person. However, most teens do not have experience with dating, and accept intimidating or abusive behaviors as normal.

There are many signs of a teen victim of dating violence. Often, teens show:

- Depression
- Isolation
- Anger
- Alcohol use
- Pregnancy
- Lack of interest in school
- Emotional distress

(Information adapted from the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence newsletter, Winter 1999)

Teenagers from any social class, race or religion can become a victim of teen dating violence.

However, there are higher risk factors for teens who:

• Have peers who are involved in a teen dating violence relationship.

• Teens who have lack of parental supervision.

• Teens who are having behavioral difficulties in other areas of their lives.

• Teens who drink alcohol.

• Teens who view teen dating violence as acceptable.

(Information adapted from www.acadv.org/dating)

The teen years can be complicated and difficult for many teens even without dating. Teenagers can have healthy relationships when they realize they have self worth and self respect. Teen dating violence can be prevented by talking to your teen about the risk factors of intimate partner vio-

lence. There are many resources available for both parents and teens today.

Here are some safety factors for dating:

• Go on a double or group date for the first few dates.

• Always let someone know where you are and with whom.

• Leave behind a number and address to where you will be contacted.

• If your "gut" tells you something isn't right, listen to it!

• Be honest with yourself.

• If you feel you, a friend or your teen may be a victim of teen dating violence, tell someone, there is help available.

In addition to the safety factors for dating, here are a few resources for available on the web:

• www.acadv.org/dating.

• www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/teen_dating_violence.

• www.kidshealth.org/teen/your_mind/relationships/abuse.

• www.teensagainstabuse.org.

• www.michigan.gov/datingviolence.

If you or someone you know is a victim of teen dating violence, there is help. You can call the Advocacy Resource Center today and speak with one of our trained staff. We offer an array of services, such as advocacy, domestic violence education, teen dating/healthy relationships education, Keeping Kids Safe, crisis counseling, assistance with personal protection orders, legal aid, crime notification, residential emergency shelter, criminal justice support and safety planning. You can call 632-1808 or toll free (800) 639-7820 today.

Find us at www.facebook.com/advocacyresourcecentersmtribeofchippewaandians or on [twitter.com/#!/SaultTribeARC](https://twitter.com/SaultTribeARC).

25,000 hats knitted for troops

RUDYARD, Mich. — What do you do with 25,000 hand knit hats? Well, if you are an organization formed to support United States troops, you ship every single one of them to soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and other sites around the globe. The not-for-profit organization Warmth for Warriors, based in Rudyard, Mich., reached the milestone with a box of 52 hand knit wool hats shipped to Afghanistan this month. Over 7,700 hats were shipped in just 2011 alone.

The challenge is the cost of shipping thousands. "It was decided to create a more formal organization at that juncture," cofounder Polly Ross said.

"Warmth for Warriors became a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit corporation, with a volunteer board of directors."

The group's mission is to show appreciation for the sacrifices made by our soldiers and their families. To honor and support them, by providing active duty and retired veterans with warm handmade wool hats and other comfort items.

Fundraising to cover the cost of shipping is a major focus. "Those knitting and crocheting hats and other groups and individuals have been fantastic when it comes to making monetary donations to cover expenses," said Welcher. "Every donation helps! When you put 50 hats in a box with other comfort items over 150 times in a year, and send

it to the other side of the world, the costs add up."

Through the organization's online website address, www.warmthforwarriors.com, interesting connections and donations have been made. For instance, a Californian retiree has sent over 2,800 handmade yoyos that have been added to shipments. "The generosity of our citizens is sometimes overwhelming," Ross said.

Giving time to the Warmth for Warriors as the board of directors are Welcher and Ross, Jodi Cornwell, Gary Davis, Kathie DeNise, Kathy Gaylor, Dan Inglis, Sue Nayback and Doris Wilson.

Anyone seeking more information, or interested in making a donation, can contact Meta Welcher at (906) 478-6033 or send email messages to warmthforwarriors@gmail.com.

Housing recognizes 2011 outstanding employees

Each December the Sault Tribe Housing Authority recognizes an outstanding employee, construction crew and manager. This year's winners each received show tickets for two and dinner for two donated by the Kewadin Casino along with an award certificate and a \$100 gift card.

Employee of the Year — Chris Bosley, Carpenter

Chris has done an exceptional job during this past year. He was selected for going above and beyond on his personal time to learn and improve his knowledge in the area of moisture remediation

Crew of the Year — Rob Lockwood, Jay Fain and Eugene Neadow

This crew works on the western end out of the Manistique Housing office. They function great as a team and do excellent work. This crew was selected for going above and beyond helping get the projects in the western end organized and ready to proceed.

Manager of the Year — Arlon Goforth, Field Superintendent

Arlon was selected was selected for his dedication and ability to manage and to attend to the needs of 25 to 30 field workers under trying circumstances. He takes pride in his projects and wants his men to do the same. Arlon clearly exhibits a genuine desire to produce quality projects and keep his crews working.

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Sault Tribe named for role in national strategy against illegal drug trafficking on the border

By Rick Smith

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy released its new National Northern Border Counter-Narcotics Strategy on Jan. 20. The 76-page document articulates a new strategy to enhance existing federal law enforcement efforts to disrupt drug trafficking, reduce demand for drugs and supplement drug prevention and treatment. The new strategy calls for the involvement of Indian tribes having lands along the United States border with Canada.

Sault Tribe is one of six American Indian tribes named in the document as having lands directly adjacent to the Canadian border. Because of their proximity to the border, those six tribes are considered key strategic allies in disrupting the traffic of illegal drugs because “smug-

glers have been known to seek out tribal jurisdictions in order to smuggle illegal drugs into the United States.” The other tribes named as having lands adjacent to the northern border are the Bay Mills Indian Community, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota, Blackfeet Tribe of Montana and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe of New York.

A roster of 19 other tribes from Maine to the state of Washington with lands in the general vicinity of the border were also indicated as having importance to anti-smuggling efforts under the new strategy.

Some of the key objectives outlined in the document include:

— Enhance the coordination of intelligence collection among the United States federal, state, local, tribal and Canadian law enforcement agencies with

northern border counter-narcotics responsibilities.

— Increase the amount of seized illicit narcotics and drug proceeds crossing the border by bolstering security at and between ports of entry.

— Reinforce air and maritime capabilities along the border.

— Develop resources and provide training opportunities to tribal law enforcement agencies.

— Target the financial infrastructure of transnational criminal organizations and increase judicial cooperation with the government of Canada through sharing information and processing extraditions. The strategy also calls for increased capabilities for law enforcement to acquire information via electronic means. Further, the development of an expedited system for obtaining financial records and executing seizures are outlined

along with improvements in undercover operations and sensitive investigation tactics.

In addition to the law enforcement aspect of the strategy, the document calls for the mobilization of communities to identify, plan, direct resources and pursue effective actions to enhance health and social change. It further indicates a variety of federal, state, tribal and local programs are in progress to build stronger communities.

The strategy notes 60 miles of the 5,225-mile border involves Indian Country and evolving drug trafficking trends provide numerous challenges for law enforcement and intelligence operations under differing authorities, protocols and expertise. But success in disrupting the flow of illicit drugs across the border can be found by enhancing the partnerships involved and

building on current effective programs and operations.

The document is the first report from the Office of National Drug Control Policy since the enactment of the Northern Border Counter-Narcotics Strategy Act of 2010. The act calls for reports six months from the date of enactment and every two years afterwards. The document is submitted to Congress and sets forth the strategy of preventing illegal drug trafficking across the border between the United States and Canada. It also stipulates the specific roles and responsibilities of involved agencies and resources and is intended to reflect the unique characteristics of the communities and ongoing cooperation and coordination. It can be viewed in its entirety on the White House website at www.whitehouse.gov.

Federal employee health program opens to tribal employees

By Rick Smith

Employees of certain federally recognized tribes or tribal organizations could soon be eligible for health care insurance under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, according to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The office indicated coverage for employees of tribes and organizations that participate in the program would become effective on May 1, 2012.

According to the OPM, tribes and tribal organizations with programs under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and urban Indian organizations conducting conduct programs under title V are eligible to buy Federal Employees Health Benefits and Federal Employees Group Life Insurance

coverage. Sault Tribe operates a number of programs funded through the Self-Determination Act.

While variables, such as the number of employees of a given tribe and degree of geographic isolation, may influence whether the federal health program is actually the best choice for any particular tribe, OPM indicates the federal program could bring expanded and improved access to health care for tribal employees and employees of tribal organizations and urban Indian health entities plus an increased flexibility and variety of coverage options.

The option comes as a result of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act signed by President Obama on March 23,

2010, an act that detractors often refer to as “Obamacare.” A section of the act incorporated and enacted other legislative instruments already in place, allowing eligible Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations to buy the federal health and life insurance, rights and benefits for their employees. Eligible tribes or tribal organizations are entitled to buy the coverage for their employees as long as necessary employee deductions are made and contributions are paid.

According to an OPM letter sent to tribal leaders last December, by opting to purchase Federal Employees Health Benefits coverage, tribal employers must agree to use the program as the sole employer-sponsored

health insurance coverage for all eligible employees of the tribe or tribal organization. The letter stipulated that employers are prohibited from enrolling some employees in the federal program and other employees in alternate health coverage.

Tribes interested in participating in the program must provide OPM with a 90-day notice if they ever elect to have coverage through the federal program. A deadline of Feb. 1 was set for tribes interested in participating at the start of the program on May 1. As of press time, Sault Tribe officials and staff are reviewing and analyzing costs and benefit comparisons to determine the best option for employee coverage.

More about the Federal Employees Health Benefits

Program can be found on the U.S. Office of Personnel Management website at www.opm.gov. A copy of the 62-page 2012 FEHB Guide For Tribal Employees can be downloaded at www.opm.gov/insure/health/tribes/2012tribeguide.pdf.

Moving? Call the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department to update your new address so you will continue to receive your tribal paper and other tribal mailings.

Call (800) 251-6597 or 635-3396.

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- Hold meetings in person & electronically to link Members in all units & outside of the UP;
- Union representation for Tribal labor;
- Separation of Powers— New Constitution;
- **Special Master to prosecute Bouschor, Debra Pine's mother, and others who took \$2.66 million from us;**
- Restore programs & services like Elder checks, scholarships, glasses, prescriptions, recreation funds, etc.;
- Cut Board & Chair pay in half & save \$400K;
- Set a progressive agenda by meeting with Members in all units & outside of the UP and vote so no future board/ chair can renege.

BOUSCHOR's Illegal Campaigning Is REMOVABLE

Bouschor has accepted thousands in illegal campaign contributions from non-Tribal businesses and individuals. During the 7+1 litigation to recover the \$2.66, Bouschor ADMITTED under oath to receiving these funds to pay for the Pink Post Card and other illegal and salacious mailers. These are removable offenses.

Let's Hold him accountable once and for all!

STATEMENT OF FACTS REMOVAL PETITION TO REMOVE: BERNARD A. BOUSCHOR

Grounds for removal/ Tribal ordinance violated - **10.113 Campaign Financing, (1) (e)** which reads: Candidates shall not solicit or accept aggregate Contributions from any single individual over two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

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Deb Pine's Conflict of Interest!

At her first meeting as a board member, I witnessed Debra Pine being removed from the meeting for lobbying the Board to drop the lawsuit filed against her mother Jolene Nertoli and others who took \$2.66 million from every man, woman, child, and Elder of our Tribe.

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Please mail Contributions and/or signed removal petitions to my address listed above



THE ELDER TIMES

UNIT I ELDERS ENJOY A MID-WINTER EXCURSION

By Judy LaJoie

Call it a “winter escape” or, as the Canadians do, a “holiday.” Thirty-four Unit I Sault Tribe elders spent Thursday and Friday, Jan. 26 and 27, below the Mackinac Bridge in “Troll Country.”

Boarding a Kewadin bus from the hotel lobby with Steve Morris at the wheel, we knew we were in good hands. Driving conditions were good. At the Mackinac Bridge, Joyce McCoy spotted two swans looking confused and sitting on the top of the ice. Broken ice chunks covered the straits closer to land on both sides, but there was still open water.

Arriving early at Zehnder’s in Frankenmuth we passed time looking in gift shops and walking outside looking at snow and ice sculptures. It was Snow Fest Weekend and several groups of people were busy building their sculptures with snow that had to be hauled there to use.

Then it was time to be seated at Zehnder’s for a delicious chicken luncheon. Every bite was gourmet and years of experienced showed up with efficient serving of the meal.

At 3:30 p.m. we were escorted to another room where we were seated to enjoy a luncheon show, Dueling Pianos. Oh, my goodness,

did they ever duel, from both standing and sitting positions. Two extremely talented pianists playing on two pianos gave us a hilarious continual mix of family rated comedy along with playing requests for every kind of music. There was a patriotic segment where they asked veterans to come forward while they sang the national anthem showing Steven Tyler and Christine Aguilera how it was meant to be sung. A rendition of the Village People’s YMCA called for volunteers to be dressed as the four singers. It was ironic that Worley Rittenhouse was given the feather headdress to wear.

Worley also volunteered to be dressed for an Elvis impersonation, for which he did his best to play the part, but didn’t interpret their signal for that big arm swing Elvis did at the end of some of his songs. He really did look the part.

After the show we were bussed to the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant to spend the night. We were each given a package of \$20 to use for food and \$30 for gambling. Several of our group were winners. Some of us have relatives living in the area and were able to get together with them for a visit. My husband and I enjoyed

the time with my cousin, Bonnie, and her husband. Walking around at the casino, some elders voiced their discomfort at wearing Sault Tribe logo T-shirts because the Mount Pleasant tribe is one of the tribes protesting the Sault Tribe’s efforts to build a casino in Lansing.

Friday morning, we toured the Ziiibwing (place by the river) Indian Museum. At one of the exhibits the guide explained that birch bark lodges were built with two layers and filled with moss between the walls for insulation. This was new information for me as I had always wondered how they could have stayed warm in the single-walled lodges usually seen. There is always something to learn at exhibits like this and the live village our group toured last September in Lac Du Flambeau.

After our tour, we enjoyed a tasty buffet lunch (costing \$5.50 per person) at the Mt. Pleasant Senior Center. Hating to admit this, envy was definitely felt as their center is awesome. It includes lots of windowed areas for meals, cultural learning and enjoyment. Before leaving Mt. Pleasant, our bus drove past the site of the old Mt. Pleasant Indian boarding school, a federal facility where thousands of Michigan’s

Native American children lived away from their families in the early 1900s in an effort to take from them their culture. By June 1934 the school was closed and the facilities were turned over to the Michigan State Hospital Commission. Mt. Pleasant is try-

ing to preserve this piece of history.

Crossing the bridge on our way back to the Sault three swans were seen, this time in the water on the other side (smarter swans?). It was a short but wonderful sweet trip.

Elder subcommittees need help!

Sault Tribe members and non-native spouses (age 60-plus) are sought to fill two openings for alternate seats on the Hessel Elders Subcommittee.

Interested members must reside in the unit for which they are applying and should submit

one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation to Sheryl Hammock, Elders Services Division 2076 Shunk Rd, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

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Staying in touch for safety

The Elders Services Division gets many requests from elders requesting a Lifeline. The division has been working with the geriatric team in exploring possible alternatives to Lifeline in an effort to locate a quality product that is cost efficient.

The geriatric team has also been reviewing the criteria for eligibility for Lifeline through the Elders Health Fund. Priority is given to those elders who are homebound, have limited mobility or other health-related concerns and who do not have anyone in the home to assist them. Elders should speak with their primary physician and obtain a written prescription and then contact the Elders Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356 to see if they qualify for this service under the Elders Health Fund. If an elder does not meet these criteria, there are still things that the elder and their family can do for an elder to feel safe and secure while living an independent life.

Other options

— A Lifeline unit through your local hospital that has an installation fee and a monthly service fee, which varies in prices. Contact your local hospitals for more information.

— SafeLink, a free cell phone and free minutes program with income guidelines. To see if this service is available in your state you can visit www.safelink.com or call (800) SafeLink (723-3546).

— If you don’t qualify for the

free cell phone, you can always purchase a Trac phone from your local retailer and purchase a year service with minutes, which won’t expire until the year is up. You can carry this everywhere you go and have 911 at your fingertips. This is ideal for active elders who get out of the home.

— Telemergency units can be purchased online. Pay a one-time fee to purchase the unit and there would be no monthly service charge. Price ranges from \$80 to \$300 depending on the options selected. This is an affordable medical alert device that utilizes patented technology to allow you to call for help, even when you are not physically able to. The Telemergency unit allows you to feel safe and secure, while still living an independent life. One limitation is that you can’t be too far from your unit. If you leave your home frequently, keep in mind this will not work when you are away from home.

— A new item available is a Mobile, the Anywhere Help Button. This allows you to summon emergency help from virtually anywhere in the nation with GPS location detection. Installation fee and a monthly service fee varies in price. Contact Mobile for more information at (800) 800-1710.

— A baby monitor can come in very handy. It works well if there is another person living in the elder’s home, in the next apartment or even sometimes the neighbor next door. The person

listening will have the hand held speaker and the elder can request help by just talking and the person on the other end can respond.

The geriatric team is looking forward to providing helpful information and education to elders and families in an effort to assist elders in remaining in their home while feeling safe and secure and living an independent life style.

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UM finalizes NAGPRA compliance procedures

By Rick Smith

Officials at the University of Michigan recently declared they have finished development of policies and procedures for handling American Indian human remains and cultural artifacts under the 1990 Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

“This is a very good thing, and it represents a total 180 degree change in their policy,” said Cecil Pavlat, Sault Tribe repatriation specialist. He said the turnaround comes as a relief after a long, involved struggle since passage of the NAGPRA and credits multiple parties in swaying the university into compliance. He especially lauded the role of the university’s Committee on Unidentifiable Human Remains in reversing the stance taken by the institution’s Anthropology Department.

The NAGPRA requires all museums holding American

Indian remains and objects to catalogue and return them to the care of their people. In spite of the NAGPRA, the university retained about 1,600 human remains of American Indians along with around 16,000 funerary objects classified as culturally unidentifiable. In the spring of 2010, a federal court ordered the university to return the collections to American Indian tribes having the closest geographic and cultural affiliation with individual remains and objects.

Pavlat indicated that the Little Traverse Bay Band of Petoskey, the Bay Mills Indian Community and Sault Tribe are the main Michigan tribes now expecting repatriations as a result of the university’s reversal. “Immediately, there are 79 remains from three different places of origin, and that is just the beginning,” he said. “We anticipate getting them all back.”

In a written general statement prefacing the 76-page *University of Michigan Policy and Procedures for the University of Michigan’s NAGPRA Collections*, university officials indicate the institution “endeavors to be respectful of lineal descendants, Indian tribes/groups and Native Hawaiian organizations whose ancestral remains, funerary objects or cultural objects may be in the possession of its Museum of Anthropology or other collections-holding units.” The statement continues with assurances that American Indian human remains and objects under the control of the university are handled with respect and dignity. Further, the university states the intent to comply fully with the NAGPRA as a matter of policy.

Among eight leading specific categories addressed under the general policies and practices, subjects addressed are updat-

ing inventories with the national NAGPRA office, repatriation and disposition of funerary and cultural objects, repatriation and disposition of physical human remains, handling of human remains in storage containers, repatriation of identification or explanatory tags or cards associated with remains or objects, access moratoriums on claimed or requested collections, NAGPRA applicability to collections from outside the United States and the disposition of human remains of unknown origin.

A following section deals entirely with handling claims and requests from categorizing the types of claims to evaluating the validity of claims and exceptions to repatriation requirements.

Another section details ceremonial activities surrounding objects in possession of the university and eligible for NAGPRA protection.

Other sections cover acceptance and handling of new human remains and artifacts into the university’s collections, use of remains and items in teaching and research. A final section stipulates the university’s Office of the Vice President for Research shall work with the NAGPRA Advisory Committee and the museum to conduct a formal review of the university’s policies and procedures at least once every three years from the date of the last review. Proposals for changes or amendments will undergo a review and revision process before receiving final approval from the university’s general counsel along with a final review by the vice president of research.

The entire document can be viewed or downloaded at www.research.umich.edu/content/2012/01/nagpra-policies-procedures.pdf.

FCC streamlines Indian radio acquisition rules

By Rick Smith

Federal laws governing the establishment of commercial FM radio stations by American Indian entities or tribal organizations were recently further streamlined in unexpected action by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the agency of the U.S. government that regulates all radio and television operations in the nation.

In recent years, the FCC has slowly but steadily eased procedures for the acquisition, licensing, frequency allotment and assignment for FM radio in Indian Country.

A tribal priority proposal was among suggested changes to federal communications laws raised

by the commission in 2009 to help build an efficient and equitable distribution of FM radio stations in Indian Country owned by tribes and tribal entities to broadcast programs to fit their specific needs. A modified version of the tribal priority proposal was adopted in 2010 along with other policies to promote the growth of tribal ownership of FM radio stations.

At the end of 2011, the FCC changed its procedures for commercial FM allotment to a more equitable system to meet the broadcast radio wants and needs of qualified tribal entities.

The new procedures essentially stipulate that in order to qualify for tribal priority, an organization must be a federally recognized

tribe or an entity that operates under the control of a federally recognized tribe and can operate within tribal land boundary requirements. Populations served and where they live relative to proposed tribal broadcasting stations are also a consideration.

A 21-page FCC order and report, designated as MB Docket No. 09-52, FCC 11-190, was adopted on Dec. 28 and published on Dec. 29. The report explains in detail about the new policies to promote rural radio service along with measures to streamline radio allotment and assignment procedures. Copies of the order and

report can be downloaded at www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-adopts-new-procedures-native-commercial-fm-radio-assignments.

FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps indicated in a statement on the order that he is happy to support the item in a continued effort to bring new media outlets to tribal lands. He said he believes the measures will “lead to licensing significantly more tribal entities to serve Native Americans. This is a down payment on the FCC’s commitment to enhance the (radio station) ownership of tribal entities by establishing certain criteria which will prioritize ownership

for qualified tribes or tribal entities.”

Copps further expressed his hopes for similar work to continue in support of American Indian ownership of radio stations, “I commend the chairman for moving quickly on this item. It is my hope and expectation that the commission will continue this important work in the months and years ahead. During my time at the commission, I have endeavored to make bringing modern telecommunications to Indian Country a priority. Today’s action is a wonderful step in that direction.”

Canadian and First Nations reps meet

A historic meeting took place in January 2012 where representatives from Canadian and First Nations governments met to discuss priorities, dialogue on issues and highlight the importance of the relationship between the governments of Canada and the First Nations of Turtle Island.

Chiefs from across the country wore their traditional regalia, each headdress unique from the next indicative of the diversity amongst the great nations. While the diverse regalia differentiated the chiefs and their respective regions, the common messaging of critical issues united the First Nation leaders.

Their voices were strong, clear and cohesive speaking to issues such as the Indian Act, and

how the legislation works only as an obstacle that has created and advanced poverty, division and dependency amongst First Nations. Prime Minister Harper agreed that there were shortcomings within the act, he would not agree to unilateral extinguishment, but suggested working toward establishing new legislation that could slowly be introduced into the act. National Chief Atleo, stressed that the act must be removed, and sited respect and implementation of the treaties as the foundation to build on, to achieve forward momentum in the spirit of reconciliation.

Chief Sayers of Batchewana First Nation (BFN) attended the gathering and commented, “I See *“Historic Meeting,” page 11*

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Program to help American Indian businesses

A new program can help members of Michigan Indian tribes and their surrounding communities access business for a better chance of success or expansion.

The Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) network received a two-year, \$200,000 award to increase assistance to American Indian communities across the state. Funds will target businesses in need of assistance with growing or starting.

The funding allows the network to increase business assistance to the 12 federally recognized Indian tribes and their members through two business consultants and several business resource centers dedicated to outreach in these communities, according to the release. The consultants have annual impact goals of acquiring \$2 million in capital, performing 750 consulting hours and creating 25 jobs.

This initiative is being

undertaken in concert with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and their Department for Tribal Business Development. In 2010, the State of Michigan expanded into tribal business development and created a tribal business development strategy because there is a critical need for business support services in these communities.

Terri Fitzpatrick, vice president of Tribal Business Development at the MEDC commented, "We are excited to be working with the MI-SBTDC on this initiative."

Headquartered at Grand Valley State University, MI-SBTDC provides counseling, business education, information based planning and technology commercialization to new and existing businesses throughout Michigan's 83 counties.

Elaine Clement and Ross Miller were hired Jan. 3 as MI-SBTDC tribal business consultants. Clement is a member of



Elaine Clement

the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, based in Sault Ste. Marie covering the Upper Peninsula. Ross is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, based in Mt. Pleasant covering the northwest, mid-Michigan and southwest parts of the state.

The consultants were trained in 8(a) certification to assist in government contracting and are responsible for providing day-to-day small business counseling services to clients including analyzing business problems, developing solutions, and providing access to resources. In addition, they will assist in developing and maintaining positive, productive relationships with collaborative tribal organizations and individuals across the state.

"The funding will strengthen the American Indian business community," said Clement. "I look forward to working with the American Indian tribes as well as tribal members to develop their business ideas."

Clement, who has a degree in business administration, is working with all the Upper Peninsula tribes and surrounding communities — Sault Tribe, Bay Mills, Keweenaw Bay, Lac Vieux Desert and Hannahville.

She will travel from community to community to meet one-on-one with community members, helping them develop business plans, access financial management training as well as accessing resources and services. Whether an individual wants to start a business or grow their business, Clement has help for them.

Part of her job is to act as a clearinghouse for business tools, providing connections with specialized consultants and a whole network beyond that at no cost to the client, although there may be a fee for some of the trainings. She will help clients access all MI-SBTDC specialty team consultants, customized market research for information based planning reports and business training to increase knowledge and understanding of operating a successful business.

Contact Clement at (906) 440-6801 or clemente@gvsu.edu.

Sault area Facebook community hub launched

By Rick Smith

Sault Tribe members Joe Rogan, Robyn "Bobie" Eitrem Rogan and Tara Hetrick-McDonald continue construction of a Facebook group currently serving as an online community bulletin board for the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Membership is free and the site is easily found on Facebook at "Selling Goods in Sault, MI." The group was created by Robyn Eitrem-Rogan last December and since then membership has been growing rapidly. Members may post various types of notices from buying, selling or trading items to business promotions and announcements of fundraising events. The group also provides a convenient forum for getting tips and suggestions from others on subjects such as where to find wanted items or services.

Another feature of the site is currently under development. Tara Lyn's Corner will be the base for Operation TLC, an online community staging site to aid families that have experienced some form of catastrophic loss and need immediate help with basic daily needs. While procedures and plans are not yet



Photo by Rick Smith

The folks behind the new and exciting online community hub, *Selling Goods in Sault, MI*, from left, Robyn "Bobie" Eitrem Rogan, Joe Rogan and Tara Lyn Hetrick-McDonald. The Facebook group is open to the general public and serves as a platform to buy, sell or trade merchandise and bulletin board for area organizations and businesses. More services and features are under development including Tara Lyn's Corner, the base for Operation TLC which will serve as the site's support feature for those in the area who have experienced catastrophic loss or are in immediate need of help with basic needs.

final, the idea behind Operation TLC is to function as an enhancement for existing resources and provide an ongoing donation site to build and maintain a ready inventory of goods and services

when needed.

Robyn said the idea for the site came to her after helping a family that had lost all of its possessions. She discovered reaching out for help to Facebook groups was fast

and very productive.

"People gave unselfishly and helped clothe this family as well as offering food, furniture, household items and even some Christmas gifts for the family," she noted. "The response was enormous and it lasted a week, but people are still calling about donations. Another way people helped was to transport the donations from Brimley to the Sault area and one family donated their garage for storage of the items until the family gained a place of their own."

The Rogans and Hetrick-McDonald are incorporating lessons learned from the experience into *Selling Goods in Sault, MI* and especially into Operation TLC. Among the matters addressed were location, visibility and public awareness and membership involvement in helping others.

Not only is the site willing to help those in need, it offers to "give back" to area businesses. "I also wanted to offer our local businesses an opportunity to advertise their services and specials discounts 'for free.' I have seen many businesses give unselfishly during fundraisers and

it warms my heart that we live in such a caring community," Robyn said.

Joe Rogan is the moderator for *Selling Goods in Sault, MI* and Hetrick-McDonald will be the moderator for Tara Lyn's Corner.

Another feature under consideration is a free forum similar to the online Angie's List communities where members who have had dealings with local businesses offer critiques for the benefit of others unfamiliar with an establishment's reputation for customer satisfaction.

Members of *Selling Goods in Sault, MI* are included on many of the decisions that must be made by offering suggestions, reviewing options and voting.

"I dream that someday this group will flourish into a physical location — in addition to the online group," said Robyn. "A place where people can interact face-to-face when they are helping others."

Guidelines and other details are available on the site, click on the "Docs" icon at the top of the page for updates from the management and a YouTube link takes one to an audio introduction to the site.

Member teaches emergency preparedness to tribes

By Brenda Austin

Sault Tribe member Tim Bonno of St. Louis, Miss., teaches emergency preparedness to businesses and tribes. Recently the Elko Band of Western Shoshone hosted a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) train-the-trainer and program manager class in Reno, Nev., taught by Bonno and a co-instructor.

About 95 percent of the 43 people in attendance, according to Bonno, were representatives from tribes throughout California, Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

Bonno, whose family has roots on Sugar Island, grew up in the Detroit area and graduated with a two-year degree from Schoolcraft Community College. He then went to work for Michigan Bell

Telephone, now AT&T, eventually accepting a transfer to Texas where he lived for three years before moving to St. Louis. He finished his four-year degree in business administration at Maryville University. In 1990 he began taking classes in disaster management from the Disaster Recovery Institute International and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); attaining several certificates from both agencies in business continuity and emergency management.

Caught up in the changing economy two years ago when AT&T did some downsizing, he left the company and has developed his own consulting practice offering services related to emergency preparedness and business continuity.



Tim Bonno

When asked about what impact training like CERT might have on Native American tribes, Bonno said, "I feel that Native American tribes have been over-

looked in the past when it came to emergency management and preparedness. Over the years I have seen the average American population reached out to in these trainings and then more recently other groups. It's only been in the last few years that we have seen a greater interest and sharing with Native American tribes." Bonno said FEMA recently introduced "Ready Indian Country" (www.ready.gov/indiancountry) to help Native American's become better prepared.

According to Bonno, FEMA is demonstrating a great interest in reaching out to tribal communities and partnering with them. "Members of our tribe have the opportunity to help themselves and to help others in the time of a disaster through terrific training

like CERT. I hope tribal leaders and elders will take this opportunity to heart and find ways to bring this training into the tribe and its service areas," he said.

Offering his consulting services through classes FEMA contracts with him to teach, in addition to his own course offerings, he said the opportunity is there but tribes have to look for and request the training. His recent training in Reno went over so well, he said the tribes that attended are asking for additional training in other areas of emergency preparedness.

For more information visit Bonno's blog at www.timbonno.wordpress.com or call him at (314) 960-9472. He may also be contacted by email at tjb0000@swbell.net.

Valentine's Day tip from Social Security folks

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, making this a popular time of year for proclamations of love. Such displays of affection can be as simple and sweet as a heart with a "be mine" message, or as life altering as a vow before the altar.

If you happen to be a newly-wed who is head over heels in love, you may not be focused on things such as taxes or Social Security, but you should be. If you plan to exchange your maiden name for a married name - including hyphenated names

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Happy Valentine's Day from Social Security.

Canadian prime minister meets with First Nations

From "Historic Meeting," p. 9 believe this meeting is a good example of how Crown-First Nations relations should work, and our council is willing to work with Canada. We expect to see measurable outcomes that address issues at the community level."

Chief Sayers and fellow BFN councilors at the gathering were satisfied with the sentiments of the meeting but do not depend on anticipated outcomes. While the First Nation is open to the reestablishment of a new relationship with their treaty partners, namely the governor general of Canada, the First Nation has and continues to assert that they are a sovereign nation that will exercise treaty rights, as a responsibility to their people, and their nation.

As an expression of commitment to this effort, Chief Dean Sayers hand delivered BFN's letter of assertions to Prime Minister Harper during the lunch break provided to delegates of the meeting.

The letter of assertions formally notifies governments, land owners, resources users, developers and the general public of the rights and interests it asserts in its original, traditional and historic territory.

Chief Sayers directed his closing comment at Government officials, "the time for talk has passed and it is now time for action, we as leaders have commitments to our people and patience are wearing thin."



Daraka Hudacek, left, former administrative assistant to CFO Victor Matson Jr., on the right, left the tribe last month to be at home with her family. The mother of three, including a set of twins, was a professional and caring addition to the administrative staff and will be missed. The staff wished her well with a cake and gifts. Hudacek was replaced by Jill Romano, who transferred from the tribe's Purchasing Department.

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Keel delivers 2012 State of Indian Nations address

NCAI President urges citizens of Indian Country to get out the vote in national elections

BY RICK SMITH

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) President Jefferson Keel delivered the 10th annual State of Indian Nations Address in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 26, two days after President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union Address on Capitol Hill.

This was the first year for the address to be streamed live on the Internet and to employ interactive electronic communications for a question and answer session following the speech.

The main points of the address focused on increasing and strengthening the interaction between the citizenry of Indian Country and their state and national elected representatives, and Keel called on Congress to ease federal bureaucracy to increase tribal flexibility in managing their own business affairs.

Among the highlights of Keel's speech, described by the NCAI as a call to action, he expressed confidence in the current strength of Indian nations, the importance of the Native vote in the coming national elections and called for the United States

Congress to act on opportunities to increase tribal funding and autonomy. He also introduced the 93-page 2013 Indian Country Budget Request: Our Trust, Our People, Our America. The entire document can be downloaded on the NCAI website at www.ncai.org.

Keel urged all eligible citizens of Indian Country to get out the vote in the coming national elections

and to take tribal issues to their duly elected federal representatives in the House and Senate. He noted the year ahead presents an "incredible opportunity" for tribes if they are involved in the national democratic process. "Indian Country can have a significant impact on elections," Keel said, adding that a significant impact would most certainly be noticed in the halls of government in Washington, D.C.

Keel encouraged tribes to get out the vote in 2012 through the NativeVote.org website and campaign. "We must think big, we will work tirelessly for a big turnout in the 2012 election," he said.

He further advised voters to communicate with their federal and state representatives and become familiar with their opinions on issues crucial to their



Sault Tribe member Clyde Morell (left) attended the 10th annual State of Indian Nations Address in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 26, as a guest of National Congress of American Indians President Jefferson Keel (right), who delivered the address.

tribes. "Talk to the candidates," he said. "Learn if they are supportive of your tribe's needs."

Likewise, Keel admonished state and federal elected leaders to engage Indian Country to listen to its voices and needs.

"There are some important things the Congress can do right now that can grow Indian economies and create jobs," said Keel. "Without spending a dime, the Congress can fix the problems created by the Carcieri Supreme

Court decision and offer certainty for land-into-trust transactions that are critical to Indian Country's economic future."

Further, he asserted the need for the federal government to put decision-making power into the hands of the people who live in Indian Country. "We don't need the government involved in all our business decisions," said Keel. "We need flexibility. And by creating it, we will remove the barriers that cost us jobs

and opportunity. This is a goal I think we can all agree on, across the political spectrum, and it is something we can achieve with a change in policy, not an increase in spending. That is the kind of solution Washington is crying out for and we in Indian Country are eager to answer the call."

According to tribal leaders, Keel noted, ensuring the flexibility of tribal governments will bring more efficient programs and spending because decisions will be made by people in the best position to respond to needs of their communities. In addition, it will relieve administrative burdens for the federal government.

Keel also called for the federal government to begin a new era in the trust relationship between the United States and Indian Country through tribal consultation and consent. "There would be an outcry if the federal government tried to impose policy on a state without its consent," Keel observed. "But the concerns of tribal nations are routinely overlooked, even when more than a dozen tribes are larger than some northeastern states. This must not stand."

Closing with encouragement for federal and tribal governments to stand together for mutually beneficial support, Keel said, "Our nations are committed to the success of the United States of America. Let us realize that future together so that our nations thrive, today and forever."

National Native Network releases Tobacco Act policy brief

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – The National Native Network is releasing a policy briefing on the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act to assist tribal leaders in protecting the

health of Native people through enactment of the time-sensitive provisions of the Act.

"By embracing the Act, tribes have an opportunity to assert their sovereignty by not only protecting the health of Native people but by also requiring even tougher regulations on commercial tobacco," said Kim Alford, national network manager for the Intertribal Council of Michigan.

Scientific research has proven that tobacco control policies are valuable public health tools for tribal nations just as they are for the federal, state, and municipal governments. Tobacco control policies can reduce commercial tobacco prevalence rates, which in turn decreases tobacco-related diseases and deaths, and improves community health. The use of effective and evidence-based interventions is critical in reducing prevalence rates and the commercial tobacco related health

disparities from which American Indian and Alaska Native populations suffer.

The policy brief provides an overview of the Act, the commercial tobacco epidemic in Indian

country and how the Act can strengthen tribal self-determination.

"As sovereign nations, tribes are responsible for the health and protection of their constituents," Alford said.

She added, "Tribal leaders have an opportunity to respond to the commercial tobacco abuse epidemic and use their power to make a broad, collective change in tribal communities."

National Native Network is a diverse community of American Indians/Alaska Natives leading commercial tobacco abuse prevention efforts throughout Indian Country. The National Native Network management is led by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. For more information or to become a member of the site, visit www.keepitsacred.org.

Visit keepitsacred.org to download a full copy of the briefing.

“Tribal leaders have an opportunity to respond to the commercial tobacco abuse epidemic and use their power to make a broad, collective change in tribal communities.”

— Kim Alford, Inter Tribal Council of Michigan

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Mayor Bernero, Chairman Eitrem announce \$245 million downtown Lansing casino

LANSING, Mich. — Mayor Virg Bernero and Michigan's largest federally recognized Indian tribe announced Jan. 23 plans for a \$245 million downtown Lansing casino to be built in the heart of the city's entertainment district.

The 125,000-square-foot Kewadin Lansing Casino, to be owned and operated by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, would create an estimated 1,500 permanent jobs at the property and more than 700 construction jobs. A temporary casino would open in advance of the opening of the permanent facility.

The tribe will use the casino revenues to improve programs and services to members, including health care, education, housing, elder care, social services, and more. In addition, 10 percent of the annual income will go directly into the tribe's Self Sufficiency Fund. Another 3 percent of the annual revenues will be distributed and deposited to the Elder Health Self Sufficiency Fund, the Elder Employment Self Sufficiency Fund, the Funeral Assistance Self Sufficiency Fund and the Education Assistance Self Sufficiency Fund. Another 2 percent will be put aside to establish



Photo by Michelle Bouschor
Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero at the podium introduces the Kewadin Lansing proposal, with (left to right) Mark Alley, former Lansing police chief with the Lansing Promise, and Sault Tribe Chairman Joe Eitrem, at a Jan. 23 press conference in East Lansing.

a college scholarship program for tribal membership, regardless of blood quantum.

The City of Lansing will use its annual revenue payments from the facility to create the Lansing Promise, a program to fund four-

year college scholarships for Lansing School District graduates.

"This exciting project is a game-changer for downtown Lansing and will provide another major boost to our efforts to

revitalize Michigan's capital city," Bernero said. "It will create thousands of good jobs, attract tens of thousands of tourists to the region, and generate enough revenue to allow our city to send all of our school district graduates

to college."

"Kewadin Lansing Casino will generate significant economic benefits for Sault Tribe members in addition to creating thousands of good jobs," said Sault Tribe Chairman Joe Eitrem. "We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to join with the city and people of Lansing as we seek to exercise our sovereign government's legal right to develop Kewadin Lansing Casino."

Construction on the casino, to be located at Michigan Avenue and Cedar Street on property adjacent to the Lansing Center, will begin as soon as a development agreement and land transfers are approved. A development agreement between the City of Lansing, Lansing Economic Development Corp., and the Sault Tribe's Kewadin Gaming Authority was to be filed today for consideration by the Lansing City Council. The Sault Tribe's board of directors is expected to formally consider the agreement tomorrow.

The project will be built on City of Lansing-owned land to be purchased by the Sault Tribe. The tribe will file an application with the U.S. Department of the Interior to take the land into trust *See "Bernero, Eitrem," Page 16*

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— ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS —

When did the tribe begin talks with Lansing for a casino?

A This project has been in the works for over a year. When we began talking with the City of Lansing about this opportunity, both of us signed a confidentiality agreement. This was in the best interest of the tribe and the city in order to protect the project.

How much money does the tribe currently have into the project?

A Right now, the Sault Tribe does not have any money into the project. The developer, Lansing Future, has a pre-development budget of \$5 million and a temporary casino budget of \$5 million, none of which is the tribe's money.

How much will Sault Tribe spend on the project?

A The developer will cover all up front costs. In general, the developer has agreed to provide funds for all costs and pre-development expenses. This includes any legal

fees incurred by the tribe, as well as the costs associated with success in establishing our legal right to conduct gaming. The developer will then assist the tribe in obtaining the necessary financing for the permanent casino.

So, will the tribe ever put any money into this project?

A In order to put the land into trust, which will qualify it for gaming, the tribe must purchase the land with interest out of the Self-Sufficiency Fund as stated in the Lands Claim Settlement Act. The first parcel of land we need to purchase will be \$280,000. Prior to signing on the transfer of land, funds will be secured in order to provide our elders with their annual check in the amount that it would be if that money had not been used. There is a second parcel of land that will need to be purchased after the land is taken into trust, and that purchase price will be \$960,000. The actual purchase of this parcel will not occur for some time.

How is this project different from Greektown Casino?

A This project is far different. This casino, unlike Greektown, will be operated just like our five Kewadin Casinos up north. We will be regulated by the National Indian Gaming Commission, not the Michigan Gaming Control Board. We will not pay the high taxes the Detroit casinos pay. Greektown at times paid nearly 30 percent in taxes to the city and state. Now they pay 20.2 percent. Greektown Casino also had to pay an annual \$8 million regulatory fee to the Michigan Gaming Control Board. We will not have these payments in Lansing and we will have far less debt than Greektown did. The situation is different, the partners are different, and the regulation is different.

What will the tribe pay to this developer?

A The tribe will pay a developer fee of 14 percent of operating profit (after payment of expenses, but before debt) for seven years. After seven years of operation, we

will not owe the developer anything. We are estimating our operating profit to be \$125 million per year, based on projected revenues of \$250 million. In addition, the tribe would be responsible to repay the developer up to \$10 million in initial legal and start-up costs but only if the project is successful. We would not be where we are today with out the developer putting money into this project.

When do you expect to begin construction?

A By early summer, we expect to complete our purchase of the initial parcel and submit our application to the federal government (U.S. Department of the Interior) to place the land into trust. Because the tribe's Land Claim Settlement Act gives us the absolute right to this process, we expect a prompt and favorable determination. We recognize, however, that legal challenges are likely to occur that may slow the approval process. Ground-breaking will occur, and construction will commence, once we have those approvals.

Who else is helping to fund the project, what is their financial contribution and what do they own?

A Other than Lansing Future, no party is providing funding for the project. The casino will be 100 percent owned by the Sault Tribe. Lansing Future will not own any portion of the casino. Under its agreement with the tribe, Lansing Future will recover its initial costs only if the project is successful. Assuming the project is successful, Lansing Future will then also receive a fee paid for a limited period of time as a percentage of operating profits and paid only after expenses of the casino have been satisfied. When the tribe is ready to construct the permanent casino the developer will help the tribe to secure financing, probably through an investment bank or similar investor that specializes in funding these types of large projects. This institutional investor will serve strictly as a lender and will not be an owner.

PARTNERS IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Many parties are involved in the Kewadin Lansing project. Below offers a deeper look into the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the City of Lansing and Lansing Future, LLC, the developer on the project.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a modern expression of the Anishinaabeg who have lived in northern Michigan for millennia. With 40,000 members, the tribe is the largest federally recognized Indian tribe east of the Mississippi.

The roots of the tribe's modern government extend back to the 1940s, when a group of Sugar Island residents — descendants of the Anishinaabeg who for hundreds of years made their homes near the rapids of the St. Marys River — began work to gain federal recognition of their tribe. In the early 1970s, tribal leaders traveled to Washington D.C. and successfully submitted their historical findings and legal argument to the Secretary of Interior, who granted federal status in 1972 as the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Land was taken into trust in March 1974, and the Sault Tribe's Constitution — the final step in this long process — was adopted in fall 1975. The tribe has worked toward self-sufficiency ever since.

An elected board and chairperson, representing wide-ranging perspectives, experience and expertise, govern the tribe. The board meets with legislators and representatives from local, state and federal governments on a government-to-government basis, representing the tribe as a sovereign entity.

Member services

As a sovereign government under federal law, the Sault Tribe provides many of the services the State of Michigan and federal government provide to their citizens. Tribal member programs and services offered in its seven-county service area, the original lands of the tribe, include health care, education, elder care, courts and law enforcement, sanitation, numerous human services, group homes, housing, recreational services, child care, head start, hunting, fishing, gathering and other programs and services.

The tribe uses revenues from casino gaming for no other purpose than to support programs and services for its members. Kewadin Casino revenues accounted for 55 percent of the tribe's revenue in 2009. The monies help to maintain and expand these services as well as employ hundreds to ensure the effectiveness of the programs.

Gaming

The Sault Tribe successfully operates five northern Michigan casino properties. Kewadin Casinos celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2010. With locations in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique and Christmas, Kewadin employs 1,000 people with an annual payroll of more than \$25 million. In 2009, the five Upper Peninsula



Photo by Michelle Bouschor

Sault Tribe directors Patrick Rickley, Bernard Bouschor, Chairman Joe Eitrem, Keith Massaway, Tom Miller and Debra-Ann Pine were on hand to announce the project at the Jan. 23 Lansing press conference.

casinos drew 3.5 million customers from around the state and country to their facilities.

Kewadin Casinos opened in November 1985 as a one-room blackjack house with 80 employees. Now, the casinos have 86,000 square feet of gaming space with 2,000 slot machines and 50 table games. The casinos have more than 500,000 square feet of facility space with seven restaurants and delis, two on-site hotels, a 25,000-square foot convention facility, eight lounges, and four gift shops.

The casinos' success has provided funds to expand the tribe's business holdings from one casino to five and take ownership of multiple non-gaming enterprises. The casinos have brought year-round tourism to an area of Michigan's Upper Peninsula that was once only a summer destination, contributed millions to Michigan's economy and donated millions more.

Kewadin Casino revenues accounted for 55 percent of the tribe's revenue in 2009. The monies also help to maintain and expand these services as well as employ hundreds to ensure the effectiveness of the programs.

Statewide economic impact

The tribe is one of the largest private employers in northern Michigan with more than 1,700 employees. The tribe employs tribal members and non-members.

Since 1986, the businesses and government services of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, including Kewadin Casinos, have pumped more than \$4.4 billion into the State of Michigan, according to a 2002 study by KPMG, one of the world's most respected accounting and business consulting companies.

The tribe also has provided more than \$31 million to local governments across the eastern U.P. through 2 percent funds since 1993. The funds, generated by slot machines at the tribe's five northern Michigan casinos,

have been used by local governments to buy police and fire equipment, pave roads, create and maintain recreation areas, and more.

Two percent funds pay for road construction, schools, law enforcement, fire departments, emergency response teams and recreation services, and a wide range of special events and projects, from the Soo Locks 150th Anniversary Celebration to the I-500 snowmobile race.

Lansing Future, LLC

The developer of the Kewadin Lansing project is Lansing Future, LLC.

Lansing Future LLC is an entity that has been formed for the sole purpose of serving as "developer" to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe. Jerry Campbell founded Lansing Future, LLC.

Campbell is also chairman, president and chief executive officer of HomeBancorp Inc., the bank holding company of HomeBanc N.A., headquartered in Tampa, Florida. He previously served as chairman of the board of Citizens Republic Bancorp Inc. and chairman of the board of Citizens Wealth Management. Campbell also previously held the position of chairman of the board of Republic Bancorp Inc. since it was organized, in addition to serving as the company's chief executive officer from April 1986 to January 2000. From April 1986 to January 1996, he also served as president of Republic.

Campbell's background includes extensive involvement in higher education. He taught at Wayne State University, serving as an instructor of finance, banking and investment courses. Campbell also held a position on the Board of Trustees of Central Michigan University for 12 years, serving as chairman of the board for a four-year term. He has also contributed to the University of Michigan by serving on the Dean's Visiting Committee for the Business School.

Campbell's track record in business and in various local communities, in addition to the jobs created as a result of Campbell's entrepreneurial efforts, is a track record that is a tremendous asset to this project as he assists the Sault Tribe in their efforts to grow and provide for its members. Campbell received the Michigan Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Inc. Magazine in 1993.

Bill Martines has been named Lansing Future's managing director. Martines has a diverse business background that is multifaceted and perfectly suited for a development of this magnitude. There are a tremendous amount of "moving parts" in this deal.

Martines poses the unique ability to understand complex business opportunities demanding diverse business principals and entrepreneurial management solutions. His superior strengths include concept creation, business planning, execution and financial management. He maintains a strong commitment to choreographing each project with maximum accountability combined with a burning desire to "see the project through." Martines has been an entrepreneur and has also served as president for organizations other than his own. Martines is also president of All Day Interactive LLC and is one of the founding members of Union Circle LLC.

The developer functions very much like a facilitator coordinating a myriad of activities. These activities include everything from managing the legal process to overseeing site selection, land planning, architectural strategy, construction and project financing.

City of Lansing and Mayor Virg Bernero

The new casino will be built in downtown Lansing, Mich.

Lansing is located mostly in Ingham County, has a population of 114,297, making it the fifth largest city in Michigan.

The Lansing Metropolitan area, colloquially referred to as "Mid-Michigan," is an important center for educational, cultural, governmental, business and high-tech manufacturing, including two medical schools, one veterinary school, two nursing schools, two law schools, including the nation's largest law school, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, a Big Ten Conference university (Michigan State), the Michigan state capitol, the state Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, the Library of Michigan and Historical Center, and headquarters of four national insurance companies.

Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, now in his seventh year as mayor, tackles the challenges of today's economy with a fierce determination to bring common sense reforms to government and to create a favorable business climate for new, job-creating investments. His term expires in 2013.

Under Mayor Bernero's leadership, Lansing has leveraged more than \$700 million in new investments that will retain and create more than 7,000 jobs. Even in the face of serious revenue losses and rising costs, Bernero has erased more than \$42 million in city budget deficits without raising taxes by making government more efficient and more accountable.

To create a stronger voice for Michigan and its numerous automotive communities, Bernero formed a national alliance of automotive mayors to press Congress and the White House to support manufacturing and to assist Michigan's recovery from economic disaster.

Bernero and his Mayors' Automotive Coalition colleagues continue to work directly with the Obama Administration and Congress to bring critical federal aid back to Michigan to help redevelop closed automotive sites and create new jobs for displaced workers.

Kewadin Lansing Casino AT A GLANCE ...

- ✦ Temporary casino: About 15,000 square feet of gaming space with 350 to 500 slot machines.
- ✦ Permanent casino: About 125,000 square feet of gaming space with up to 3,000 slot machines and 48 table games.
- ✦ Total project footprint: About 279,000 square feet, to be built adjacent to the Lansing Center at Cedar Street and Michigan Avenue in downtown Lansing.
- ✦ Total project budget: About \$245 million. The tribe is responsible for the casino (\$135 million) plus slot machines, equipment and technology (\$45 million); \$50 million is the developer's responsibility for the elevated parking ramp and retail and \$15 million is the city's expense for the loading dock parking.
- ✦ Estimated annual revenues: \$250 million.
- ✦ Estimated full-time jobs at the casino: 1,500
- ✦ Estimated construction jobs: 700
- ✦ Construction timeline: 14-18 months to build the casino and the parking decks after ground-breaking.
- ✦ Parking: About 2,900 parking spots in two decks, with a 400-space garage to be built along the east side of the Lansing Center at Michigan and Cedar and a 2,500-space garage to be built north of the Cooley Law School Stadium.
- ✦ Design theme: Urban modern
- ✦ Assorted bars and restaurants
- ✦ "Comp" program to support existing local restaurants, bars and other possible partners.



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Tribal elder Dr. Stephanie Krebs (right) asks a few questions at the Feb. 1 community meeting at the tribe's Nokomis-Mishomis Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Community meetings

Sault Tribe community meetings concerning Kewadin Lansing have been ongoing throughout the month of February in both the Upper Peninsula and lower Peninsula of Michigan.

Meetings took place Feb. 1 in Sault Ste. Marie, Feb. 2 in Munising and Marquette, Feb. 3 in Sault Ste. Marie, Feb. 7 in Kinross, Feb. 8 in Manistique, Feb. 9 on Sugar Island, Feb. 10 in Brimley, Feb. 13 in St. Ignace, Feb. 16 in Escanaba and Feb. 17 in Newberry.

Meetings are still on the calendar on the following schedule: Feb. 19: 1-3 p.m., Inverness Township Hall, 734 VFW Road., Cheboygan.

Feb. 20, 1 p.m. at the Hessel Tribal Center immediately after the noon meal.

Feb. 23, 6-8 p.m., Grace Dow Memorial Library, W. St. 1710 Andrews in Midland.

Feb. 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., CrossRoads Conference Ctr., 6569 Clay Ave. SW in Grand Rapids.

Feb. 25, 4-6 p.m., Nokomis Learning Ctr., 5153 Marsh Road in Okemos.

Feb. 26, 12-2 p.m., Hyatt Regency Dearborn, 600 Town Center Drive in Dearborn.

Feb. 29, 7:30 p.m. at community center after elder meal in Naubinway. **Please join us at a meeting near you!**

Tribal members who cannot make a meeting can still check in at our new blog at www.lansingkewadin.wordpress.com for the latest developments.

Keep up with Sault Tribe Communications

For up-to-date information on Kewadin Lansing Casino:



See our blog at lansingkewadin.wordpress.com.



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Tribal elder Joyce McCoy takes notes as General Counsel John Wernet outlines the tribe's legal strategy at a community meeting.

From "Bernero, Eitrem," Pg. 13 as tribal lands under a specific provision of the federal Land Claims Act that gives only the Sault Tribe the legal right to the process. The tribe's intent is to open the casino after receiving federal approval.

Bernero said the casino would generate about \$6 million or more a year in revenue sharing payments to the city, enough to create the Lansing Promise to guarantee four-year college scholarships for every graduate of the Lansing School District who resides in the district. The Lansing Promise will be modeled after the highly successful Kalamazoo Promise. Bernero said former Lansing Mayor David Hollister will chair a steering committee of community leaders, which will report back in six months on a recommended structure and process for the scholarship program.

"I can't think of a better way to put casino revenues to good use than to offer our graduates from the Lansing School District scholarships to attend college," Hollister said. "And I'm delighted to chair this extraordinary effort."

Plans for the Kewadin Lansing Casino include up to 3,000 slot machines and 48 table games, and assorted bars and restaurants in an urban modern-themed property. Bernero and the Sault Tribe said the casino would be built by union trade labor and the casino staffed by union employees who are paid competitive wages and benefits. The project will include two parking decks with about 2,900 total spaces.

It is estimated the casino will generate about \$250 million a year in gross revenues.

The Sault Tribe has success-

fully operated Indian casinos in the state since 1984 and currently owns five Kewadin Casino properties in the eastern Upper Peninsula. With more than 40,000 members, the Sault Tribe is the largest federally-recognized tribe east of the Mississippi and one of the largest job providers in northern Michigan with 1,900 employees at its casinos, other businesses, and tribal government agencies. Chairman Eitrem said he and the tribal board of directors are "thrilled by the enthusiasm for the project from Mayor Bernero and his team and the cooperative spirit we have found throughout the City of Lansing."

"We have a true partnership in Lansing," Eitrem said. "We have found in Mayor Bernero and his team people who are committed to developing a first-class gaming facility in a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation. They sincerely want jobs and opportunities for their citizens and students just as we seek to provide jobs, services and a better future to our tribal members through gaming."

As the Sault Tribe seeks approval for the project from the federal government, Bernero and Eitrem said they expect challenges to the application.

"We know this will be a difficult process, but anything worth fighting for is seldom easy," Bernero said. "Many Michigan cities and their casinos have enjoyed the economic benefits of gaming for years, even decades. We believe Lansing has the same right to those benefits. We believe thousands of good jobs for Lansing and college degrees for thousands of Lansing students are worth fighting for."

Board approves Kewadin Lansing project

The following resolution was approved by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors on Jan. 24, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO: 2012-11

Approval of Comprehensive Development Agreement with the City of Lansing, Michigan
Authorization to Purchase Land in Lansing, Michigan Using Income from the Land Settlement Trust Fund
Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lansing, Michigan

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians settled certain land claims against the United States as evidenced and implemented by the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act (the "Act"), PL 105-143, 111 Stat 2652 (Dec 15, 1997); and

WHEREAS, in section 108 of that Act, Congress mandated that settlement funds provided to the tribe under the Act were to be deposited into a trust fund created by the Act for the benefit of the tribe, to be known as the "Self-Sufficiency Fund," and further provided that the board of directors of the tribe shall be the trustee of and shall administer that fund in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, section 108, subsection (c) of the Act specifies the purposes for which interest and income of the Fund and expressly includes, among those authorized purposes, the acquisition of land to consolidate or enhance tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, section 108, subsection (f) expressly provides that any lands acquired using interest or other income of the Fund "shall be held in trust" by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of the tribe; and

WHEREAS, these provisions of the Act create a valuable and unique opportunity for the tribe to engage in economic development opportunities that will be of substantial benefit to the tribe and to the tribal community; and

WHEREAS, the board of directors is authorized by Article VII, section 1(d) of the tribe's Constitution and Bylaws to expend funds for public purposes of the tribe and to regulate the conduct of trade and the acquisition, use, and disposition of property, and is further authorized by Article VII, section 1(k) to manage, lease, sell, acquire, or otherwise deal with tribal lands, interest in lands and water or other tribal assets; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe has negotiated a proposed Comprehensive Development Agreement (the "Lansing CDA") with the city of Lansing, Michigan under which the Tribe would acquire lands located in the city of Lansing using interest or income from the Self-Sufficiency Fund, seek to have those lands placed into mandatory trust pursuant to section 108 (c) and (f) of the Act, and establish its legal right to construct and operate a casino gaming enterprise on those lands; and

WHEREAS, the tribe has also negotiated a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Lansing (the "Lansing IGA") under which the city will provide active support for the project, will recognize the tribe's exclusive jurisdiction over the lands to be acquired by the tribe, agrees to

cross-deputization of tribal and city law enforcement officers, and agrees to provide other essential city services, all in return for limited revenue sharing payments from the project; and

WHEREAS, the board of directors has examined the legal theories supporting this project and is persuaded that, under section 108 of the Act, the tribe has a substantial and unique legal claim and a valuable opportunity that it can and should pursue in good faith and, further, is satisfied that this project has been structured so as to substantially minimize and limit the expenses and risks to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the board of directors has determined that, while this project necessarily requires the purchase of lands using interest or income from the Self-Sufficiency Fund, steps should be taken to ensure that this expenditure will not adversely affect the annual distribution to the tribe's elders and, further, that a portion of the future proceeds from this project will be returned to the Self-Sufficiency Fund as additional principal under section 108(a)(1)(C) of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of directors hereby approves the proposed Lansing CDA and authorizes the tribal chairman to execute that agreement and to subsequently acquire the parcels of land described in that agreement, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement, and further authorizes the chairman or his designee to sign, amend, and execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of directors hereby determines that the purchase of the lands described in the Lansing CDA will consolidate or enhance tribal landholdings, will generate an economic development opportunity beneficial to the Tribe and its members, and that, accordingly, the tribal chairman is authorized and directed to accomplish that purchase using interest and/or income from the Self-Sufficiency Fund, notwithstanding the provisions of Resolution 98-47, which shall otherwise remain in force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of directors likewise approves the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lansing (the Lansing IGA) and authorizes the tribal chairman or his designee to execute and to take all necessary steps to implement that agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of directors hereby expressly approves and authorizes the specific limited waiver of sovereign immunity and of tribal court jurisdiction set forth in

Article 8 of the Lansing CDA and the similar limited waiver of immunity set forth in section 7 of the Lansing IGA provided that, as is set forth more fully in those agreements, each such waiver:

1. is granted solely for the limited purpose of enforcement of the agreement within which it is contained;

2. extends only to claims that are (a) brought by the city of Lansing, (b) allege a breach of one or more specific obligations or duties under the applicable agreement, and (c) seek specific performance and/or injunctive relief;

3. shall continue for the longer of one (1) year following the termination of the agreement or two (2) years after the claim accrues or is discovered upon the exercise of due diligence; and

4. is enforceable in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan or any federal court having appellate jurisdiction over that court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to the closing date on each of the two parcels of land described in the Lansing CDA, the tribe's chief financial officer is directed to identify alternative tribal funds that shall be used to supplement the next subsequent annual distribution to the tribal elders under Resolution 98-47 in an amount sufficient to avoid any reduction in the amount of that distribution that would otherwise result from the acquisition of that parcel as authorized by this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that at such time as the enterprise contemplated by this resolution begins to generate income from the Gaming Authority to the tribe, 10 percent of the annual income to the Tribe from this project, after the payment of all necessary costs and expenses:

1. Ten percent (10%) of the annual income to the tribe from this project shall be deposited in the Self-Sufficiency Fund as an addition to the principal as authorized by section 108(1)(C) of the Act;

2. Three percent (3%) of the annual income to the tribe from this project shall be distributed among and deposited in the following funds: the Elder Health Self-Sufficiency Fund, the Elder Employment Self-Sufficiency Fund, the Funeral Assistance Self-Sufficiency Fund, and the Education Assistance Self-Sufficiency Fund; and

3. Two percent (2%) of the annual income to the tribe from this project shall be deposited into a fund to establish a college scholarship program for the tribal members irrespective of blood quantum.

4. The intention of this Board is to bring parity in wages and benefits to the members in the seven county service area.

DARLENE MAE TRAUTNER

Darlene Mae Trautner, 83, passed away on Jan. 21, 2012. She was born on Oct. 25, 1928, in Gould City, Mich., to the late George and Marcella (nee Aslin) Holt.

Darlene graduated from Gould City High School class of three students and from there she graduated from beauty school in Escanaba, Mich., and moved to Menominee, Mich., and worked at the Butterfly Beauty Shop on First Street. Darlene married Vern Trautner on May 23, 1953, in Menominee. He preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 1975. She also worked at Schloegel's Bay View Restaurant, Laueman Brothers and she did hair at the Luther Home and the Bridgeview Apartments, retiring at 70 years young.

Darlene was an active member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and was involved in the Catholic schools as well. She also was a member of the Christian Mothers and the St. Anne Sodality.

Darlene is survived by one daughter, Mary (Don Starr) Trautner of Cheyenne, Wyo.; one son, Thomas Trautner of Cadillac, Mich; five grandchildren, Kyle, Joseph, Daniel, Kayla and Meigan; two sisters, Marilyn (Don) McArthur of Gould City and Patricia (Warren) Pearson of Peshtigo, Wis.; three brothers, Donald (Sally) Holt and Willard (Betty) Holt, both of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. and Dwayne (Nancy) Holt of Holland, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents and her husband, Darlene was preceded in death by two infant children, two sisters, Doris LaPine and Mildred Irwin, and her brother, George Holt.

Visitation and a prayer service were held at the Cadieu-Thielen Funeral Home in Menominee. A mass was offered for Darlene on Jan. 28 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Menominee, with Fr. Michael Chenier officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Darlene's family is requesting that any expressions of sympathy be offered to either Menominee Catholic Central School or Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy High School in Marinette, Wisc.

MICHAEL N. LEE

With a broad smile and laughing eyes, Michael N. Lee brought warmth and strength to all who knew him. His quiet self-assurance provided his loved ones with a sense of security, as did his wise counsel. While his quick wit and calm demeanor put others at ease and his ready smile won him many friends. Mike understood the value of hard work and knew how to persevere through difficult circumstances. Family was always first in his heart.

The first years of the 1940s marked a tumultuous decade for America, as well as for the rest of the world. In Europe, fighting erupted between Allied and Axis forces and America would soon be drawn into this conflict by the bombing on Pearl Harbor. It was into this chaotic world that

Michael Neil Lee was born on March 21, 1941, in Manistique, Mich.

He was one of seven sons to Arnold and Geneve (Sorenson) Lee. The Lees were a close-knit family, though quite poor, living in the Upper Peninsula.

Michael often recalled the time his father killed a deer for food and brought home her fawn as a pet for the kids. The fawn would run through the house sliding on the floors. Michael received his education in the area schools until they moved to Tipton, Mich., where he took his place among the student body at Brooklyn High School, and was active on the baseball and basketball teams.

After graduating in 1959, Mike followed the same patriotic calling of other young men of the time and enlisted in the U.S. Army, proudly serving in Okinawa.

Although the service took Mike miles from home, a certain young lady stayed on his mind while he was gone; her name was Jean. Mike knew Jean since they were 6 years old. They grew up in the U.P. together, and because there weren't many kids around to play with, they became quick friends. Jean was quite a tomboy so she fit right in with Mike and his brothers (though he didn't like her hanging around with boys). After Mike left for the service, an aunt convinced Jean to write him and with that, their love story began. Once home, Mike and Jean went on two dates, and then got engaged.

Mike went to work for Wolverine Pipeline for the next 30 years. Because of his job, he and Jean moved around quite a bit – 17 times. During this time, they became the proud parents of four children, Jeff, Danelle, Steve and Angie. The kids were all close in age and enjoyed hanging out together. They were all active in sports, particularly football in the wintertime, though Mike wasn't able to see many of their games because he was often traveling.

When Mike wasn't on the road, he liked to take time to do some salmon and ice fishing on Little Paw Paw Lake. He and Jean were both avid bowlers — Mike being one of the best as he was inducted into the Bowling Hall of Fame in St. Louis. He also served as vice president of his bowling league in Kalamazoo for about 10 years. On the little more risky side, Mike loved to play with fire and burn things. Once, he was burning leaves at his house and fell into the fire, causing the fire to spread to the surrounding trees — just about burning them all down. Thank goodness for the fire department! But Mike was able to find humor in all situations, so he was able to laugh at it in the end.

In 1996, Mike suffered a heart attack, which, added to his diabetes, was a serious condition. He struggled through working one more year so that he could get in 30 years before retiring. He and Jean then started wintering in Casa Grande, Ariz., for five years, where they made many great friends and enjoyed playing cards together. Mike was happiest, though, just soaking up the sun in a comfy chair. Even when his health wasn't the best, Mike

was always ready with a joke and big smile. He even entertained the E.R. nurses with his jesting, making light of the situation.

All who knew and loved Mike will treasure his memory.

"I'd like my memory to be a happy one, an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like an echo whispering down the ways of remembered happy times and sunny days. I'd like to dry the tears of all who grieve, and instead leave pleasing memories of me. I'd like to think that for a little while you will remember me, and smile."

Michael Neil Lee, 70, of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Dec. 27, 2011. Friends and family gathered at Life Story Funeral Home in Kalamazoo to view his life story film. A service to honor his life was held at the same location Dec. 30. Honorary pallbearers were Jamie Lee, Mark Lee, Greg Lee, Robbie Lee, Austin Lee and Billy Tennyson.

Surviving is his wife, Jean; four children; Jeff (Cadace) Lee, Danelle (Bill) Pigott, Steve Lee and Angie (Brian) Wheatley; 11 grandchildren, two great grandchildren; five brothers and many

cousins, nieces and nephews.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents and one brother. Please visit Michael's personal web page at www.lifestorynet.com, where you may share a memory, upload a photo and sign his online guest book.

Memorial contributions can be made to the National Kidney Foundation or Autism Speaks.

RALEIGH L. FOURNIER

Raleigh Lawrence Fournier of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died Jan. 12, 2012, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie. He was born Sept. 21, 1942, in Sault Ste. Marie. He enjoyed Red Wings hockey, TV game shows and going to the casino.

He is survived by his sons, Raleigh Joseph "Sam" Fournier of Sault Ste. Marie and Benjiman Eustice Fournier of Bay Mills, Mich.; daughters, Kelly (Richard) Smart of Sault Ste. Marie and Lisa Geenen Fournier of Monroe, Mich.; sisters, Marie (Eugene) Pingatore of Sault Ste. Marie, Pete (Nick) Midrid of Albuquerque, N.M., Blanche Kivinen of North Carolina and Loretta Madrid of Albuquerque;

brothers, Merlin (Pat) Fournier of Sault Ste. Marie, Marc (Linda) Fournier of Sault Ste. Marie and Edward (Madeline) Fournier; grandchildren, Erika, Kaylene, Jillian, Ashley, Holli and Jessica Marie and one great-grandchild due in the Spring.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise LaBranche Fournier, in 1990 and his parents, Ruth Sprinkett and Edward Fournier.

Visitation and prayers were held at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Building with Brother John Hascall officiating. Traditional services were held at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Building. Final resting place will be Mission Hill Cemetery in the spring.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

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ELIZABETH J. GUGIN

Elizabeth June "Granny" Gugin, 87, of Hessel, Mich., died Jan. 4, 2012, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born June 21, 1924, in Cross Village, Mich., the daughter of Clarence J. and

Melvina Marie (Ames) Miller. Elizabeth (more commonly know as "Betty" or "Granny") grew up and went to school in Cross Village until she moved to St. Ignace, Mich., with her mother to work in a sewing factory. She married Harold Philip Gugin in 1954 in St. Ignace, where they lived for several years before moving to Hessel. Elizabeth was a homemaker who enjoyed raising her family. After her children were raised, she worked at the Spring Lodge in Cedarville.

Elizabeth was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Moose Lodge in St. Ignace. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, puzzles and playing board and card games. She also enjoyed cooking, baking and taking rides around the area. "Granny" enjoyed playing with her grandchildren.

Elizabeth is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Melvina "Betty" (James) Huffman, Sally Ann Huffman and Margaret Phyllis "Maggie" Currie, all of Hessel; son, George Harry Gugin of Lebanon, Ohio; son-in-law, Kenneth Lee of Hessel; step-daughters, Yvonne Johnson and Vernetta (Waldron) Hansen, both of Cedarville; step son-in-law, William Huffman of Hessel; step daughter-in-law, Mona Gugin of Hessel; 24 grandchildren, James (Valarie) Huffman, Lisa Colegrove, Roy (Denise) Currie, Robert Currie Jr., Melissa (Kevin) Smith, Amanda Gugin, Christopher Gugin, Yvonne Gugin, Linda (David) Roe, Chrissy Huffman, Robert Huffman Jr., April (Jason) Gould, Angel (Josh) Salvador, Vicky (Rick) Janes, William (Connie) Huffman, Barb (Larry) West, Tina (Frank) Miller, Tim (Lori Currie) Huffman, Michael (Melissa Smith) Huffman, Patti (Jeff) Boda, Carl Gugin, Joy (Cliff) Bruce, Bonnie (John) Laponsie and Tommy Gugin; 36 great grandchildren; and five great great grandchildren.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; son, Vernon Gugin; daughter, Donna Lee; step-daughter, Alice Huffman; step-sons, Leonard Joseph "Cookie" Gugin and Carl Gugin; brother, Samuel Miller; sons-in-law, Gerald Currie and Robert Huffman; and grandson-in-law, Ronald Colegrove.

A gathering and luncheon celebrating Elizabeth's life was held Jan. 12 at the Hessel Tribal Center.

We would like to thank Reamer Galer Funeral Home, War Memorial Long Term Care, Sault Tribe, Dr. Mackie and many friends, for everything — her care up to and after her passing, prayers, food, cards, flowers and monies. We appreciate and thank you.

— The family of Elizabeth (Granny) Gugin



Inurnment will be in the spring in Rockview Cemetery, Marquette Township, Mich.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home assisted the family. Condolences may be sent to www.reamergaler-funeralhome.com.

JOHN PHILIP HATCH

John Philip Hatch, 59, of Sault Ste. Marie, walked on unexpectedly on Jan. 27, 2012. John was born March 31, 1952, in Madison, Wis., to Fred and Gloria Hatch.

John was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He served in the U.S. Army as a medic and was a Vietnam veteran. John graduated from Loretto High School in Sault Ste. Marie. He received his bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University and master's degree from Michigan State University. He worked for the Department of Education in Washington, D.C. He came home and worked as an education director and the communications director for the Sault Tribe for over 17 years. John was instrumental in creating the Joseph K. Lumsden Public School Academy. He worked diligently and passionately to improve the quality of the Anishinaabe community.

John loved fishing the St. Marys River and Sugar Island where he and his family have strong roots and family ties.

John is survived by his son, Michael (Christian Norton) Hatch of Sault Ste. Marie; granddaughter, Mya Aegerter; mother, Gloria Hatch of Bemidji, Minn.; brother, Dr. James Hatch of Bemidji; sister, Nanci Hatch of Sault Ste. Marie; and extended family, Janice Manning of Sault Ste. Marie, Joseph S. Ballas of Mackinac Island and Connie Manning of East Jordan.

John was preceded in death by his grandfather, Fred Hatch Sr., who brought federal recognition to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians back in the early 1970s; his father, Fred Hatch Jr., aunt and uncle, John and Dorthea (Hatch) Christensen, and nephew, Matthew Smith. John loved his family and will be greatly missed.

Traditional services and visitation were held at the Niigaanigiizhik Cultural Building on the Sault Tribe Reservation Jan. 30 through Feb. 1 with Brother John Hascall officiating.

Burial was this spring at the Wilwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island. John was laid to rest next to his family.

MARY E. MORAN

Mary Moran passed away at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich., surrounded by her family on Jan. 22, 2012. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Dec. 6, 1953, to Hilliard and Marguerite Moran Sr. Mary was a lifelong resident of Sault Ste. Marie and enjoyed Bingo and visiting with her many, many friends.



Mary is survived by her mother, Marguerite Moran-Allen; her very close niece, Candie Kay of Escanaba, Mich.; her sisters, Beverly (Elmer) Blemke of Alpena, Mich., Hulda Moran and Theresa Moran, both of Sault Ste. Marie; brothers, Tom (Christine) Moran, Terry Moran Sr., Jeff (Kathy) Moran, Eli Moran, her twin brother Larry (Hazel) Moran and George (Jami) Moran, all of Sault Ste. Marie, and Patrick Perron of San Francisco, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her beloved dog, Molly.

She was preceded in death by her father, Hilliard Moran Sr.; brother, Hilliard Moran Jr.; and niece, Laura Moran.

Visitation and funeral services were held at Hovie Funeral Home with Brother John Hascall officiating, followed by a luncheon at the V.F.W. in Sault Ste. Marie. Burial will be at Pine Grove Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be left to Road to Recovery or Hospice of E.U.P.

ORIEN A. CORBIERE

Orien A. Corbiere began his journey to the spirit world on Jan. 14, 2012. He was well known and respected for sharing his passion of 'Nishinaabemowin, especially its morphology. He taught 'Nishinaabemowin in college and community classrooms, culture camps and on the world wide web.

He was employed by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He helped the Forest County

Potawatomi of Wisconsin with their language preservation efforts as well as other organizations. Some of his many other interests included woodworking, music, barbecuing and making pickled eggs, traveling, and visiting his many friends and making new ones along the way, and he was very tech savvy.

Orien was predeceased by his parents, Mabel M. (nee Pitawanakwat) and Paul G. Corbiere, and by sisters Rosalind Shigwadja and Ellen M. Migwans. He is survived by his beloved partner, Dollie Keway, whom he affectionately called "Loveliness." Also surviving are sisters Gertrude Shawanda of Birch Island, Veronica A. Corbiere, Caroline Corbiere, Nancy Corbiere (Ken Ireland), Shirley Kaiser (Klaus); brothers Archie Corbiere (Hilda), Alvin (Ted) Corbiere (predeceased Angeline), and George L. Corbiere, followed by his godchildren Kirby Corbiere and Joanne Corbiere, all of M'Chigeeng First Nation, Ontario, Canada.

He will be sadly missed by all of his siblings, many nieces and nephews as well as extended family, students and friends. Everyone who had the chance to know this wonderful man will know that there was never a dull moment with Orien. Visitation took place Jan. 17, at Niigaanigiizhik Ceremonial Building before going home to M'Chigeeng for services and burial. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is assisted the family with arrangements.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mabel M. (nee Pitawanakwat) and Paul G. Corbiere, and by sisters Rosalind Shigwadja and Ellen M. Migwans. He is survived by his beloved partner, Dollie Keway, whom he affectionately called "Loveliness." Also surviving are sisters Gertrude Shawanda of Birch Island, Veronica A. Corbiere, Caroline Corbiere, Nancy Corbiere (Ken Ireland), Shirley Kaiser (Klaus); brothers Archie Corbiere (Hilda), Alvin (Ted) Corbiere (predeceased Angeline), and George L. Corbiere, followed by his godchildren Kirby Corbiere and Joanne Corbiere, all of M'Chigeeng First Nation, Ontario, Canada.

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FABIAN ST. ONGE

Fabian Gerald St. Onge of St. Clair Shores, Mich., died Jan. 9, 2012. He was born Dec. 22, 1924, in St. Ignace, Mich., to Fabian and Christine St. Onge.

He was raised in St. Ignace and Mackinac Island. As a young man driving tour buggies, he met his wife one summer when she came up from Detroit to work in one of the shops.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, and his three children, Christine, Janice and Gerald; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

BETTY JANE COLEGROVE

Betty Jane Colegrove, 76, of St. Ignace passed away peacefully Jan. 31, 2012, at Evergreen Living Center in St. Ignace.

She was born on Feb. 27, 1935, in St. Ignace to Antoine and Gladys Moses. She graduated from LaSalle High School in 1953. She married William Ralph Colegrove on April 14, 1956, in St. Ignace, and he died Sept. 15, 1988.

She was a proud homemaker, holding true to the Native American customs of great cooking. She loved her flower garden, and fished some with the family. She also worked in housekeeping at local motels. She has lived in Evergreen Shores all her life. She attended the Assembly of God Church in St. Ignace and is an elder member of Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She will be greatly missed as all who knew her, loved her with her quiet ways. She was a true Native American lady.

She is survived by her son, Wm. Ralph Jr. and Wendy Colegrove of St. Ignace; daughter, Elizabeth (Patrick Dwyer) Colegrove of Jackson, Mich.; stepson, Louie Colegrove of St. Ignace; stepdaughter, Marsha and Larry Ites of Minnesota; sister, Phyllis (Louie) Colegrove of St. Ignace; brother, Levi (Donna) Moses of St. Ignace; 13 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren, and six great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Barbara Lynn Colegrove; stepson, Tommy Colegrove; grandsons, Ronald Colegrove Sr., Louis Brown, and John Paul Brown; brothers, Antoine Moses Jr., and Francis Moses; and a sister, Audrey Dunlap.

Funeral services were held Feb. 4 at Dodson Funeral Home with Pastor Kevin Hess, of the St. Ignace Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial will be in the spring at Lakeside Cemetery, in St. Ignace beside her husband. Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

JANE L. EISENHauer

Jane L. Eisenhauer, 70, of Farwell, Mich., passed away Dec. 26, 2011, at Andahwod, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

She was born Sept. 29, 1941,



the daughter of Jack and Josephine (Smith) Kirkpatrick in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Jane married James Eisenhower on March 9, 1963, in Mt. Pleasant. She attended Lake Superior State College and graduated from Central Michigan University, becoming a teacher.

Jane continued her career as a librarian, retiring from Surrey Township Library after 27 years of service.

She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of

Chippewa Indians; past president of VFW Auxiliary Post 3039; past president of District 11 VFW; member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church and a CMU Alumni. Jane loved traveling, reading and was a passionate advocate for literacy.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years Jim; three daughters, Jean and husband Jim Pratt of Owosso, Mich., Jaclyn Dean and fiancé Dennis Heller of Farwell, Julie and husband Tracy Spooner of Ashley, Mich.; one son, James Eisenhower and wife Shirley of Midland, Mich.; 10 grandchildren, Lawrence, Paul, Stephanie, Jessica, Juliet, Landen, Jonathan, Samuel, Thomas and Alexandra; and three great grandchildren, Danica, Marleigh, and Xzavier; one sister, Jean and husband Leon Williams of Grand Rapids; one brother, John Kirkpatrick and wife Sharon of Midland; and numerous other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

Funeral services were held Dec. 31, 2011, at Campbell-Stocking Family Funeral Home of Farwell with Fr. Bill Rutkowski officiating. Burial followed in Surrey Township Cemetery. Visitation, VFW Auxillary memorial services, and prayer service were held prior to the funeral.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Isabella Bank for the benefit of Jane L. Eisenhower. Please share your memories at www.campbellstocking.com.

DANIEL DAVID REATTOIR

Daniel David Reattoir, 71, of Strongs, Mich., passed away Feb. 5, 2012, at his home surrounded by family, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Dan enjoyed working, whether around the house, in his garden, or at one of his careers, including Dow Chemical Company, the Michigan Department of Social Services, the Chippewa County Health Department, and most recently, helping adult students in his community graduate from high school.

Dan proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Among the numerous boards and committees he enjoyed serving were the Brimley Area Schools Board of Education, and the Chippewa Township Board. He was very active in his church and his community until his very last days. He was a quiet and thoughtful supporter of people and the community and he helped in ways that were often unseen by others. Dan relished working with and for people, wanting to help them be the best they could be.

His life's motivation was providing a loving home and guid-

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Gardner awarded Congressional Badge of Bravery

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Deputy U.S. Marshal Richard Joseph Gardner was awarded the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Jan. 5, 2012, in a ceremony at the same Las Vegas courthouse where in January 2010 he responded to shots fired. U.S. Sen. Dean Heller and Congressman Joe Heck presented Gardner with the Badge of Bravery at the Lloyd D. George Courthouse.

Gardner was in his office on the second floor of the courthouse when 66-year old Johnny Lee Wicks opened fire in the lobby, killing Court Security Officer Stan Cooper – a friend of Gardner's for over 15 years. Running from his office he looked down into the atrium area and saw Cooper down. From there he headed to the back of the building and down a non-public stairwell figuring

he would either come out by the shooter, or the shooter would have to go past him when leaving the courthouse. As soon as Gardner exited the back door he engaged the shooter, taking some 12-gage shotgun pellets to the head, arm and body from a blast about 15 feet from where he stood.

The shooter was upset because he thought his Social Security benefits had been cut, but according to Gardner they hadn't been. "I was the first deputy to respond," said Gardner. "One of the court security officers fired a few rounds through the glass at him as he was reloading his shotgun, but he couldn't see the individual, only the barrel of his shotgun."

Gardner, court security officers and other marshals pursued Wicks across the street where he was shot and killed. "I didn't go down from the shotgun blast, but

I was bleeding. I took five pellets to the head, two to the arm and one to the body - we ended up killing the suspect after a lot of shots were fired."

Gardner said he believes that Wicks intended to kill a lot more people that day, but doesn't believe he realized the court security officers were armed. "I was fortunate in this incident there was no question that what we did was right," he said. "Unfortunately, a lot of police officers get second-guessed after the fact by people who weren't there - people that don't do the job."

He said that receiving the

Rahilly scores second place in national Punt, Pass and Kick

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Nine-year-old Kaitlyn Rahilly of Newberry, Mich., participated with 39 young athletes from around the country in the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick National Finals held January 14, the weekend of the AFC Divisional Playoff Game in Baltimore, MD.

She placed second in her age group at the national level and also holds the state record for the longest pass and total distance by a girl in her age division, which she earned at the state finals at Ford Field in Detroit, Mich., on Dec. 11.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Punt, Pass and Kick program gives youngsters a way to stay active while learning the basic skills of football. State finalists competed separately in five age groups at the Raven's team facility, with the top scorer in each group being crowned the national champion.

Kaitlyn, who qualified under the Detroit Lions program, placed third in the state competition last year, after finding out about the program through her school. Her father, Ben Rahilly, said his wife and their three other children all help Kaitlyn practice at a local gym. He said her brother, who plays football, thinks it's a great honor for her to have accomplished this on her own and loves shagging the balls for her during practice.

During the national competition, participants launched two punts, two passes and two kicks, with their score based on distance and accuracy. The best score from each activity was used to determine their final score. The youth advanced to the finals by participating in local, sectional and team championship competitions held during the NFL regular season. The four highest scorers in each age group qualified as national finalists.

Her father said she put in a lot of time and practice to get to the national competition. "Going through the process with her has been fun," he said. "Participating in the nationals was a big stepping stone for her; it's something that she is doing very well at. If she ever wanted to pursue football we would all be behind her in doing so."

According to the official Punt, Pass and Kick website, NFL stars including Pro Football Hall of

award was conflicting because it was such a tragic event. "It is nice to be recognized, but it is more of a recognition of the Marshal service as a whole and the job we do. We are responsible for protecting the judiciary and the court family - and we did that day," he said.

Gardner says he feels fortunate that he was in his office checking his email that day, because normally he is out on the streets looking for people to serve warrants to. "I have served warrants for a long time, so I have made a lot of entries into places and I've taken down a lot of armed suspects and have been

in standoffs with armed individuals. We try very hard to make it so they don't have a chance to use their guns," he said. "In 2011 we had two Deputy U.S. Marshals and about 10 task force officers killed serving warrants."

Gardner, 50, has worked for the U.S. Marshal Service for 21 years and was recently appointed to a two-year term on the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board. The seven-member board selects federal law enforcement officers for recognition for injuries sustained performing acts of bravery in the line of duty.

Freshman Woodgate makes dean's list

Sault Tribe member Shyann Woodgate, a freshman at Grand Valley State University, made the dean's list in her first semester of college.

She is majoring in architectural design and plans to transfer to Kendall College of Art and Design for her sophomore year.

She is the daughter of Kevin Woodgate of Kentwood, Mich., and Amy Champine of Coopersville, Mich.



Johnson named on winter dean's list

Travis R. Johnson, 21, made the winter 2011 dean's list at Northern Michigan University, with a 3.3 GPA. He will graduate this May with a major in Criminal Justice. The Rudyard, Mich., Sault Tribe member is the son of Esther and Paul Thompson.

Brooks-McDonald engaged



The Brooks and Montreuil families of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich, announce the engagement of Holly Brooks and Joe McDonald, both of Sault Ste. Marie. Joe is the son of John and Phyllis (nee Darr) McDonald of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. No wedding date is set at this time.

Birthday wishes!



Happy fifth birthday, Jayden!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Damon, Raven,
Rhiannon and grandparents



Photo by Ben Rahilly

Kaitlyn Rahilly (left) and Taylor Bryant, both of Newberry, won the state Punt, Pass and Kick competition. Rahilly qualified for the national competition which took place on Jan. 14.

Fame quarterbacks Dan Marino and Troy Aikman competed in the program as youngsters.

Finalists and one guest were provided with airfare, hotel accommodation and tickets to the AFC Divisional Playoff Game, where a special on-field award presentation aired on CBS on January 15, after the games third quarter.

The 40 finalists were treated to a sightseeing tour, which included visits to the Sports Legends Museum and the National Aquarium. Also, during practice at the Raven's facility, youth had a visit from retired kicker Matt Stover. During the Baltimore Ravens vs Houston Texans game, the participants were invited onto the field for the national anthem and then again during halftime, where they each threw a pass.

Over 500,000 youth from across the country competed in this year's program.

For more information, visit the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick website at: www.nflppk.com.

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Knowledge is power, and staff from the Sault Tribe health centers want you to know the facts about smokeless tobacco products. The week of Feb. 19–25 has been proclaimed as *Through With Chew Week* in an effort to call attention to the health risks of smokeless tobacco.

Sault Tribe health professionals want to inform the public about dangers associated with these types of commercial tobacco products and offer assistance to those who are interested in quitting.

“Smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to cigarettes, as



some people believe, and it is even more addictive because it contains a higher concentration of nicotine than cigarettes,” said Lauren Kross, Community Health educator. There are many types of smokeless tobacco including chewing tobacco, snuff, snus (pronounced “snoose”) and even dissolveable candy-like tobacco products. These types of tobacco

contain 28 known cancer-causing agents and the high levels of nicotine can also lead to heart disease and stroke.

“Smokeless tobacco can cause oral cancer, especially in the cheeks, gums and throat,” said Sault Tribe Dentist Bruce Anderson. “The use of smokeless tobacco can also lead to other oral problems, such as mouth

sores, gum recession, tooth decay, bad breath, and permanent discoloration of teeth.”

Dr. David Drockton and the team of Sault Tribe dentists have noticed a lot of smokeless tobacco use in the patients that they care for in the tribal dental clinics. “The problems that are mentioned here are real and we are very concerned about the use of these products,” they said. “We recognize how difficult it is to quit but have been very impressed with the results of our Community Health providers in the tobacco cessation program. We encourage anyone to contact them for help.”

For more information on the

health dangers of smokeless tobacco or for assistance with quitting, please contact Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210 or contact your local Sault Tribe health center. The tobacco cessation consultants with the Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program would be happy to help you establish a quit plan. If you would like to learn more about the effects of smokeless tobacco use on oral health, the Sault Tribe dental clinics are glad to evaluate. Please contact your dental clinic at the numbers listed below:

Sault Ste. Marie: 632-5260
St. Ignace: 643-7202
Manistique: 341-9547

Healthy Heart Month chair exercise classes

February is healthy heart month. In our efforts to support a healthy heart Newberry Tribal Health Center will be conducting chair exercise classes.

Exercise is one effort most anyone can make on their path to good health. In the chair exercise class, slow and gentle movements will be used during a series of chair exercises with a focus on range of motion, deep breathing,

strengthening and relaxation.

Classes will be at the Newberry Tribal Health Center on Mondays, 1-2 p.m. on Feb. 13, 20 and 26, and March 12, 19 and 26.

To meet new and interesting people, receive handouts on healthful recipes and have fun exercising, register for the class with Shirley Kowalke at 293-8181.

Remember to consult a doctor before beginning any exercise program.

You may want to learn more about another series of classes held here at Newberry Tribal Health Center. This class is sponsored by MSU extension with Jessica Price as your guide. *Eating Right is Basic* is a series of eight classes for adults, focusing on the dietary needs of senior citizens. This class began in January and meets every other Monday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. running through April 16.

There more classes over the

course of the year for all age groups with the core message of stretching your food dollars while keeping you and your family healthy.

You can expect to:

- Get a great new cookbook
- Prepare and sample delicious healthy recipes
- Meet new people
- Learn through hands-on activities
- Have fun

The next *Eating Right is Basic* class will be focusing on the needs of young families. This class is scheduled for Thursdays,

February 16 and 23, March 1, 8, 15 and 22, and April 5 and 12. Each class will last from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1:30 to 3 p.m. These classes will meet at the teen center across from IGA in Newberry.

Register for *Eating Right is Basic* by calling Jessica Price at 293-3203.

2012 canning and preserving workshops

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March
Cranberries and blueberries, March 5, 1-4 p.m., Kinross Recreation Center

Cranberries and blueberries, March 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center

Master food preservation, March 27-29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sault Tribe USDA office

April
Salsas, April 3, 5-8 p.m.,

Hessel Tribal Center

Master food preservation, April 20, 2-8 p.m. and 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., McCann School, St. Ignace

For more information or to register for a workshop, please call Connie Watson at (906) 632-5211 or send email to cwatson@saulttribe.net.

The workshops are free with funding from the Traditional Foods Grant Project.

Master food preservation workshops

A master food preservation workshop is set for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 27-29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sault Tribe USDA food distribution site, 3601 Mackinaw Trail in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Another workshop is scheduled for St. Ignace on Friday, April 20, from 2-8 p.m. and on Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m.-5

p.m. at the McCann School on Portage Street in St. Ignace, Mich.

For questions or to register, call Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5211 or email cwatson@saulttribe.net. These are free workshops made possible by the Sault Tribe Traditional Foods Grant Project.

Walking On

From “Walking On,” pg. 18
ance for his family. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed sharing that love and his work ethic with his sons and grandchildren. He was very proud of his sons and their families.

Dan is survived by the love of his life, Judy; sons, Ed (Karen) of Texas, Brian (Marcella) of Brimley, Jon (Flo) of Sault Ste. Marie, and Dan (Jennifer) of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Daniel and Levi of Texas, Miranda and Jordan Sweeney of Big Rapids, Christian of Brimlev. Kvlr and Tanner of

Sault Ste. Marie, and Abby and Ben of Sault Ste. Marie. He is also survived by a brother, Jerome, of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louise and Levi Soulliere, and his sister, Therese Carlson.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10 at Community Bible Church in Strongs with Pastor Stacy Nelson officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Community Bible Church. Arrangements were the care of Hovie Funeral Home.

Helping teens quit

FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Teens who start smoking could smoke more over their lifetimes— which may be made shorter as a result. It’s a good reason to quit.

But teen smoking expert Dr. Yvonne Hunt of the National Institutes of Health says quit programs are often designed for adults, and teens are not little adults – they think and talk differently, and have different

smoking patterns.

So Hunt and her coworkers developed a tool to help teens quit. Teens spend a lot of time texting, so SmokefreeTXT sends six weeks of teen-friendly texts to their cell phones. Teens can register at teen.smokefree.gov.

“If teens want to enroll on the go, using their mobile phone, they can also text “QUIT” – Q-U-I-T – to the shortcode “IQUIT,” which is 47848.”

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High school students invited to business institute

BY RICK SMITH

High school sophomores and juniors interested in learning how to prepare themselves for careers in the business world should make preparations to attend the Michigan State University Native American Business Institute this coming summer. Freshmen and seniors will be accepted with special considerations.

"All interested freshmen and seniors are encouraged to apply," said Kevin Leonard, senior program coordinator. "But we want to get a feel if applying freshmen have a suitable maturity and level of interest. If seniors plan on attending MSU, we have another

program that might be better for their purposes. Seniors planning to attend other schools could go. We don't want to say no to anyone, but we want to know if they are ready and if it is the right program for them. We don't want to limit opportunities for students who really want to be there."

The institute is a weeklong summer program for high school students who work with staff and leaders from MSU, tribal communities and corporate representatives. The event prepares participants for applying for college and shows them numerous opportunities that exist in academic and professional fields. It is scheduled

to take place from July 21 to July 27, 2012, on the MSU campus in East Lansing, Mich.

All expenses to attend the institute except costs for transportation to and from the students' homes. Leonard said costs for field trips, room and board plus other incidentals are provided by the program.

Students can expect to acquire personal skills in areas such as time management, studying and communication along with gaining knowledge in other areas like college admission strategies, financial aid and leadership. According to MSU, participants

can form lifelong friendships with other American Indian high school students, MSU students and support staff along with developing networks with business professionals and other relevant professionals. Students will have a chance to gain an appreciation and understanding of cultural diversity and its importance in the world.

According to MSU, the institute is part of the university's Multicultural Business Program to improve the recruitment, retention and graduation rate of students from different cultures through opportunities to enhance development of their potentials

in academics and successes in careers.

In addition, the program also fosters a positive awareness of differences in personalities, genders, physical forms and cultures.

The Multicultural Business Program continues support with programs for MSU students through individual counseling, career development and placement.

These programs receive corporate sponsorship along with support from the university's general fund and currently serves more than 650 students in business related studies.

White House launches new Indian education initiative

BY RICK SMITH

President Obama signed Executive Order 13592 establishing the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education during the third annual White House Tribal Nations Conference last December. The initiative aims to help expand and improve educational opportunities and results for all American Indian students. The measure includes opportunities for students to learn their own ancestral languages, cultures and histories and acquire complete and competitive preparation for pursuing college, careers and productive and satisfying lives.



Among other directives, the order calls for a new partnership between the U.S. departments of Education and Interior, to improve American Indian education. The departments are ordered to develop a memorandum of understanding with the Bureau of Indian Education within 120 days

from the date the executive order was signed on Dec. 2, 2011.

The departments organized four roundtable discussions to meet with tribal and community leaders and others with a stake in Indian education to help with the development of the memorandum and a tribal leaders education task force.

The one-day roundtables were convened in late January to mid-February in Rapid City, S.D., Norman, Okla., Albuquerque, N.M. and Seattle, Wash., and were open to the public with opportunities for people to give testimony in person or via teleconferences.

According to the executive order, the mission and functions of the initiative will be reached through strengthening partnerships between the White House, involved departments and Indian Country along with a number of other measures including furthering tribal sovereignty by supporting expansion and improvement of tribal educational agencies and tribal colleges and universities along with developing federal partnerships with public, private, philanthropic, and nonprofit entities to benefit American Indian students.

The order further stipulates funding for the initiative will

come through the Department of Education, subject to the availability of appropriations, and provide administrative support. It further establishes an Interagency Working Group consisting of senior officials from the departments of Education, Interior, Justice, Agriculture, Labor, Health and Human Services, Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency and the White House Domestic Policy Council.

Executive Order 13592 can be viewed in detail on the White House website at www.whitehouse.gov.

LSSU GRANITE Program applications being accepted for summer 2012

Applications for the Lake Superior State University GRANITE Program are now being accepted. Review of the applications will begin on March 1, 2012.

LSSU received a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to provide career exploration and preparation

activities for Native American students. This project promotes the study of the Earth and career opportunities for minorities within the geosciences.

LSSU Geology Professor Paul Kelso and the GRANITE staff have taken students on a two-week field excursion exploring various sites of interest to local

Native Americans out to the Black Hills of South Dakota and back for the past two summers. During the two-week summer field excursion, students studied interesting geologic sites along the route.

This program targets Native American students currently in grades 10 and 11, although stu-

dents in other grades and of other backgrounds may apply.

This summer's field excursion is tentatively scheduled for July 10-24. Students may request an application from Stephanie Sabatine at (906) 635-6664 or Paul Kelso at 635-2158, or the forms may be downloaded from the GRANITE website at: [http://](http://nac.lssu.edu/geology/main.htm)

nac.lssu.edu/geology/main.htm.

Mail completed applications to 650 West Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, email to Stephanie Sabatine at ssabatine@lssu.edu or to Paul Kelso at pkelso@lssu.edu, or sent via fax to 635-2848.

Take precautions first so your water pipes don't burst

With winter finally here we are starting to experience the cold temperatures of Michigan. One of the worst things that can happen during these cold months is having your pipes freeze, but there are some simple things we can all do to prevent pipes from freezing and breaking. When pipes freeze and break, not only does it cost you money in repairs and cause a mess for you to clean up, but it also can waste a lot of water and cause a large water bill for that month.

Some simple precautions that should be taken:

1) Close all inside valves that supply water to outdoor hose faucets and drain outside, open faucets and leave open for the winter.

2) Do not leave garden hoses attached to outside hose faucets, this causes the outdoor faucets to hold water and freeze.

3) Check around the home for other areas where water supply lines are in unheated areas such as basements, crawl spaces, attics, and garages and under kitchen and bathroom sinks (remember, both hot and cold water lines can freeze in these areas).

4) Should you have water lines in these areas, try to insulate these lines or let the water run (the size of a pencil lead, even just a small

drip will help), open doors on sinks, keep garage doors closed and if you live in an apartment building, keep entry doors closed. If you live in a mobile home, make sure your water connections are insulated. Pipe wrap is extremely cheap and available at any hardware store or big department store. Pipe wrap will not only keep your pipes from freezing but will also save you money on heating your hot water!

5) If you have pipes that are in areas where freezing is most likely, letting a faucet drip during extreme cold weather can prevent a pipe from bursting. It's not that a small flow of water prevents freezing; this helps, as water can freeze even with a slow flow.

But, opening a faucet will provide relief from the excessive pressure that builds between the faucet and the ice blockage when freezing occurs. If there is no excessive water pressure, there is no burst pipe, even if the water inside the pipe freezes.

A dripping faucet wastes some water, so only pipes vulnerable to freezing (ones that run through an unheated or unprotected space) should be left with the water flowing. The drip can be very slight. Even the slowest drip at normal pressure will provide pressure

relief when needed. Where both hot and cold lines serve a spigot, make sure each one contributes to the drip, since both are subjected to freezing. If the dripping stops, leave the faucet(s) open, since a pipe may have frozen and will still need pressure relief.

6) All household members should know where the shut off valve is located and know how to shut off the water. This will save wasted water and water damage to your home in the event that a pipe does burst. You may even want to practice this with your family just like a fire drill.

7) In the event you do have pipes freeze, keep your faucets open so when the lines start to thaw, the water will flow aiding the melting process. Please **DO NOT USE** a torch, kerosene heater, propane heater or any other open flame that may cause the water to boil, it will damage pipes and could start a fire. Should you use other devices such as heat tapes or hair dryers, **DO NOT** allow these to come in contact with water.

8) When away from the house for an extended period during the winter, be careful how much you lower the heat. A lower temperature may save on the heating bill,

but there could be a disaster if a cold spell strikes and pipes that normally would be safe, freeze and burst. A solution is to drain the water system. This is the best safeguard. With no water in the pipes, there is no freezing. This remedy should be considered even when the homeowner is not leaving but is concerned about a serious overnight freeze.

To drain the system, shut off the main valve and turn on every

Paul Davis Scholarship announced

Applications for the Paul Davis Scholarship, for a child, grandchild or great grandchild of an active National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) member, are now available. The Paul Davis Scholarship is named after an influential member of NARFE.

To apply, the applicant must have a family member who is active in the Michigan NARFE Chapter. The scholarship is to

assist students in their first, second, third or fourth year of college or someone in graduate school. Individual scholarships are for \$1,000.

Five scholarships will be awarded this year.

If you would like to receive an application or have questions, please contact Selden Collins at (906) 247-2011. The deadline to submit applications is April 1, 2012.

Moving? Call the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department at (800) 251-6597 or 635-3396 to update your address so you don't miss a single issue of *Win Awenen Nisitotung* or tribal election mailings.

IFWD answers common questions on licensing

Understanding Sault Tribe's harvest activities over time helps the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department (IFWD) understand our impact on the fish and wildlife populations.

Accurate harvest statistics are important for several reasons. First, we need to ensure the sustainability of our harvest for future generations. Second, we need to ensure our members have the opportunity and ability to harvest fish and wildlife to sustain

their families and their way of life. Lastly, but certainly not least, accurate harvest statistics are vital to protect the tribe's treaty right in the face of constant opposition.

The Inland Fish and Wildlife Department would like to clear up some common questions that we have been receiving.

First the STS number is the number that all of members' licenses are issued under. It is the red number that is on the harvest card.

Harvest reports should be filled out for the 2011 season. Many seasons, small game, and trapping do not end with the calendar year. In those cases, please report harvests that take place on a 2011 permit. So snowshoe hares, for example, harvested in January of 2012 should be reported on the 2011 harvest report. We ask that you report your fishing activity using the calendar year.

Harvest reports can be obtained by contacting the IFWD

or online. To acquire it online go to the Sault Tribe website at www.saulttribe.com. Under membership services click on Natural Resources, from this page click on downloads in the menu box on the left side of the page. The harvest reports first need to be saved to a computer, once that is done you can fill it out and email them to harvestreport@saulttribe.net. They can also be printed out and mailed to the address below.

The harvest report is due Feb.

1 and can be turned in at the law enforcement building at 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or to P.O. Box 1829, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Harvest reports are mandatory and members failing to submit reports will not be allowed any permits for 2012 without submitting a 2011 harvest report. IFWD thanks you for your cooperation and we hope you have had a safe and successful 2011 hunting season.

New bulb crusher recycles fluorescent bulbs safely

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

In a collaborative effort with the Sault Tribe Environmental Department, the Tribal Health Division purchased a Bulb Eater by AirCycle to be housed at the Environmental Department and used to recycle fluorescent light bulbs.

The health center, casinos and enterprises all have storage areas full of fluorescent tubes needing to be recycled. According to Water Resources Technician Joe McKerchie, it used to cost \$1.50 per bulb to recycle, plus transportation costs to the proper recycling facility.

Manager of Operations for the health center, Joel Lumsden, said the money used to purchase the bulb crusher came from additional Indian Health Services funding for equipment. "The Health Division is always looking at new ways to improve our ability to recycle," he said.

According to Lumsden, the bulb crusher will pay for itself in cost savings to the tribe within a short time and will allow tribal departments, enterprises and the casinos to reclaim space being used to store old bulbs.

The bulb-crushing unit clamps onto the top of a 55-gallon barrel. Each barrel can hold up to about 1,100 recycled bulbs and will weigh about 500 pounds when full. When the bulbs are fed into the crusher, the tops of the bulbs are sliced off and the tube pulled into the crusher under vacuum, ensuring no release of mercury into the air. The mercury and phosphor powders are pulled through a particulate collection bag. These collection bags are changed twice per barrel and an additional HEPA canister filter is changed every 10 barrels. Air is then pushed through an activated carbon filter before being released out of the machine, ensuring that any mercury vapor is captured. The carbon filter will be changed about every 10 years at the tribe's estimated use rate.

McKerchie said that once a barrel is full of crushed bulbs, a lid is clamped onto the top and the entire barrel is shipped out to be recycled. The unit is then attached to the top of another barrel and the process starts over. "The unit is simple to use," McKerchie said. "You put your safety goggles and gloves on and plug it into a normal household electrical outlet, turn it on and start feeding the bulbs in. It will do a bulb a second if you can keep up with it."

Because of current state regulations, a hazardous materials license is needed to ship the bulbs so the tribe contracts with a local company to have the barrels picked up.

McKerchie said he is looking forward to getting started. In addition to straight fluorescent tubes, the crusher can also be used for u-tube bulbs the casino uses and the smaller thinner bulbs from slot machines. McKerchie said the crusher could be used for the most common fluorescent tubes, including T12, T5 and T8 bulbs.

There will be a small charge for the casino, enterprises and other departments to use the equipment. McKerchie said even though the crusher was purchased with grant funds, there are maintenance costs such as replacement filters, barrels and disposal fees. In addition, Joe's time to operate and maintain it must be accounted for.

Environmental Program Manager Kathie Brosemer said, "What we may do is wait until enterprises or casinos have enough bulbs to fill up a barrel, then take the bulb crusher to that location and have the full barrel picked up for transport at that site instead of hauling it back with us."

She added, "Everything in the barrels will be recycled, the glass and phosphorus will be put back into circulation and the mercury will go back into industrial use."

Purchasing Department Manager and Chairman of the tribe's recycling committee, Brad Pringle, said the tribe and casino have been struggling for the past two years to find an economical way to dispose of fluorescent bulbs. "An organization like us goes through thousands of fluorescent tubes quarterly that need to be replaced," he said. "It's a great idea; the cost to recycle per bulb can be driven quite low. The casino has tens of thousands of stored bulbs waiting to be recycled."

Pringle said that after three years and 50,000 crushed bulbs, the cost per bulb for recycling should be driven down to about 26 cents.

Brosemer said the Environmental Department will keep looking for ways to make it easy for tribal operations to be as environmentally friendly as possible and that if people have ideas, they would like to hear them.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Water resources technician Joe McKerchie demonstrates use of the tribe's new bulb crusher, which will save money, time and space while safely disposing of mercury in bulbs.

Invitation to apply: Recent and coming college graduates

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support is looking for prospective associates for the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP).

PHAP is a competitive, two-year, paid CDC fellowship for recent baccalaureate college graduates (BA/BS) who wish to begin a career in public health. A PHAP associate is assigned to a state, tribal, local or territorial public health agency and works alongside local public health professionals. After completing the program, PHAP graduates will be qualified for future jobs with federal, state, tribal, local, and territorial public health agencies, and will be uniquely prepared to pursue an advanced degree in public health.

The associate application period is open from Feb. 1 through Feb. 29, 2012; visit the PHAP website (www.cdc.gov/phap) for more information about this exciting opportunity to gain frontline public health experience and to apply.

Sault Tribe Environmental Youth Corps forms

Come help make a change in your community! This youth club, aimed at high school-aged students, will strive to make a difference in the environment within their community and beyond. Fun activities include planting trees, adopting a beach, several recycling opportunities

and the ability to make a difference in your community, your state and your world. If you have an interest in the environment, come join us on March 1, 2012, for a movie and an organizational meeting at 206 Greenough Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., at 5 p.m.

2012 Black Lake Sturgeon Lottery Application

Sault Tribe has an allocation of 2 sturgeon from Black Lake in Cheboygan County in 2011. We will conduct a lottery on March 1, 2012 to determine who will have the opportunity to harvest a sturgeon. Please fill out the following application and return to Sault Tribe Law Enforcement at: **PO Box 1829, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.**

First Name	<input type="text"/>	Middle Name	<input type="text"/>	Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>			City	<input type="text"/>
		State	<input type="text"/>	Zipcode	<input type="text"/>
File Number (Red # on Tribal ID)	<input type="text"/>			Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
STS #	<input type="text"/>	Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>	Sex	<input type="text"/>
		email address	<input type="text"/>		

Partnership announced to bring casino to Lansing



**JOSEPH EITREM,
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN**

I am proud to write this report today after announcing some great news for all tribal members. On Feb. 23, our tribe and the City of Lansing announced our partnership to bring a first class casino to Lansing, Mich.

The board and I have been working on this agreement for over a year. When we started talks with the City of Lansing, we signed a confidentiality

agreement prohibiting us from talking about it with you. This was a very hard thing to do. But it was necessary in order for us to proceed with the project.

Right now, we have no money into this project. Our developer, Lansing Future LLC, will cover all the upfront costs of this project – including predevelopment expenses, legal fees incurred by the tribe, as well as the costs associated with establishing our legal right to conduct gaming and constructing and opening the temporary casino. Assuming we are successful in establishing our legal right to conduct gaming, the developer will then assist the tribe in obtaining the necessary financing for the permanent casino.

Many people I have talked with compare this project to Greektown Casino. This could not be further from the truth. This casino will be operated just like our five northern Kewadin Casinos. It will not be governed by the Michigan Gaming Control Board. The City of

Lansing or the developer will have no ownership in the casino – it will be 100 percent owned by us. We will not be subject to the high taxes as we were in Greektown Casino, and we will not have to pay \$8 million per year to the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

By this summer, we will purchase one parcel of land from the City of Lansing. In order to put this land into trust, which will qualify it for gaming, we must purchase the land with interest out of our Self-Sufficiency Fund as stated in the Lands Claim Settlement Act. The first parcel of land we need to purchase will be \$280,000. Prior to signing on the transfer of land, funds will be secured in order to provide our elders with their annual check in the amount that it would be if that money had not been used. There is a second parcel of land that will need to be purchased after the land is taken into trust and that purchase price will be \$960,000.

We don't expect this project

to be completed overnight and we are expecting legal obstacles. But, we are ready and we are confident in our right to take this land into trust.

We have set up multiple meetings throughout our service area and in Lower Michigan. So far these meetings have been going very well and we appreciate the opportunity to talk with you about this and answer all of your questions.

There is also a special section in the paper that has more details about the Kewadin Lansing project. You can also find updates on our website or at our new project blog lansingkewadin.wordpress.com.

The board and I see this project as a way to bring the additional revenue stream to the tribe. Right now, our five U.P. casinos are performing very well. But their consistent revenue is not enough to sustain our expanding need for membership services, our increasing number of elders, and our desire to bring back benefits to all of our

employees.

In the resolution we passed to move forward with this casino, 10 percent of the annual income will go directly into the tribe's Self-Sufficiency Fund. Another three percent of the annual revenue will be distributed and deposited to the Elders Health Self-Sufficiency Fund, the Elders Employment Self-Sufficiency Fund, the Funeral Assistance Self-Sufficiency Fund and the Education Assistance Self-Sufficiency Fund. Another two percent will be put aside to establish a college scholarship program for tribal members, regardless of blood quantum. The rest of the profits coming to us, which we are estimating at \$41 million the first year in operation, will go towards helping us reach our self-sufficiency goals.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office or your unit representatives.

Respectfully,
Joe Eitrem

Casino to be built two blocks from state capitol



**BERNARD BOUSCHOR,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Tribal Chairman Joe Eitrem and the tribal council (board of directors) has announced a \$245 million Kewadin Lansing Casino project in Lansing, Mich.

Kewadin Lansing Casino will bring jobs and revenue to the tribe for membership services and expand the downtown entertainment district in Lansing, the capital of Michigan.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe has lived in the Great Lakes area for thousands of years. Treaties with the United States diminished our ancestral territory and our ability to take care of our tribal communities.

The tribal leadership sought recognition of our tribe from the United States and we were successful 42 years later. In the '50s, our bands filed with other tribes that they were not fully compensated for lands that we lost in the treaties. The U.S. Lands Claim Commission

awarded funding set aside for the Ottawa and Chippewa tribes of Michigan. This later required federal legislative action with a tribal plan. When I was chairman, I worked with the tribal board and the other tribes to push for federal legislative action. We were successful — on Dec. 15, 1997, Congress passed Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, PL 105-143.

The Sault Tribe plan had a unique provision. Section 108, subsection (f) expressly provides that any lands acquired using interest or other income of the fund "shall be held in trust" by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of the tribe.

The tribal council (board of

directors) approved the acquisition of land with interest from the fund known as the "Self-Sufficiency Fund" on Jan. 24, 2012. Tribal Chairman Joe Eitrem announced at a Lansing press conference that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the City of Lansing had negotiated a comprehensive development agreement.

The project (Kewadin Lansing Casino) site is two blocks from the state capitol of Michigan. The casino is attached to the Lansing Convention Center, costs \$245 million and would create 2,200 jobs.

The economic benefit to our tribe would be immediate with an estimated income of \$42 million the first year of the per-

manent and job opportunity for tribal members.

The tribal board uses revenue from casino gaming for no other purpose than to support programs and services for members.

Our tribe has made the following annual commitment: 10 percent to the Elderly Self-Sufficiency, two percent to elders health, employment and funeral assistance and two percent for scholarship full tuition for all members.

Be proud of who you are, your heritage and your tribe.

I can be reached at (906) 440-4407 or 4710, www.Bouschor.com or 2681 Ashmun St. (stop by any time) in Sault Ste Marie, Mich.

Casino to benefit membership services, create tribal jobs



**DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I**

As most of the membership is now aware, the tribe is pursuing the opportunity to enhance its casino properties by expanding with Kewadin Lansing. Throughout this paper, as well as via e-mail, press releases and community meetings, the membership will be provided with considerable information regarding the Kewadin Lansing Project. If this project is suc-

cessful, it will provide the tribe with an increase in revenues for the betterment of our membership services.

I realize that we have heard all of this in the past, specifically in regards to Greektown Casino. With a track record such as Greektown I can also realize how skeptical the membership may be regarding this venture. The facts are that this opportunity is not another Greektown. I have had numerous calls and emails asking about this project. It is extremely important that the membership understand that this opportunity is different in the following ways:

(1) It will be a tribally-owned and operated casino on tribal land — Greektown was not.

(2) It will not cost the tribe anything unless it becomes operational and makes money. This means that if the project never opens or fails, the tribe never has any expenses to pay.

(3) The Greeks are not involved in this project in any way, shape or form. There was an effort by the previous chairman, Joe McCoy, to involve them in the Romulus project last year. But this project is different and is solely backed by Lansing Futures LLC.

(4) No board member is slated to have any role in management at the facility. In fact, the Constitution does not allow for a board member to work for the tribe and serve simultaneously.

(5) Any/all funds utilized from the Self-Sufficiency Fund will be replenished immediately after use.

(6) The land has not yet been purchased.

The membership also needs to understand that this incredible opportunity has been in the works for a few years. It has been made known to me that a former board member that advocated for business expansion and

economic development spearheaded the initial project with Mayor Bernero from conception in early 2008. Former Director DJ Hoffman is acknowledged for his foresight and continued work bringing this project to the forefront for the tribe.

Community meetings throughout Michigan are planned to explain the project and answer any and all questions by the membership. Look in this paper for a meeting to be held near you. There will also be post cards sent out to members in those areas where meetings are to be held.

Tribal member health insurance plan proposal

We are working on a grant opportunity that may allow the tribe to provide a type of health insurance for its members. The grant proposed will allow the tribe to offer a plan to Michigan tribal members who live inside and outside the service area to

buy in with federal subsidies and/or self-pay. It would give them the opportunity to seek medical services in the areas where they live. We are still looking at what opportunities there may be in doing the same in other states. But, it will depend on the feasibility and success of the Michigan proposal for Michigan members. I will provide more information on this as it develops.

As always, please contact me with you questions or concerns. You may reach me at djmalloy@saulttribe.net or at (906) 440-9762.

Respectfully submitted,
DJ Malloy

Don't forget to register to vote for this year's tribal elections. Call (800) 251-6597 or 635-3396 to verify your address and voter registration status.

Tribe will have 100 percent ownership in casino



DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

At the Jan. 24 board meeting, the board approved the resolution 1012-11 *Approval of Comprehensive Development Agreement with Authorization to Purchase Land in Lansing, Michigan, Using Income from the Land Settlement Trust Fund*

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lansing, Michigan. (See Special section, page 16, to read the entire resolution).

On Jan. 23, the tribe and Mayor Virg Bernero announced plans for a casino in downtown Lansing. Although we updated you that the board was looking at various economic development opportunities we could not report it to the membership because of a confidentiality agreement signed by the tribe and the city. Another reason is you don't want our competition to know what business opportunities we are considering. We have been working on this project for about one-and-a-half years.

The Lansing casino will be a Native American casino, on Indian land. The tribe will own it 100 percent. This casino can have a significant revenue stream back

to the tribe. The proposed revenue from the proposed Lansing casino in one year is more than all five of our U.P. casinos combined. Ten percent of the annual income to the tribe from this project shall be deposited in the Self-Sufficiency Fund as an addition to the principal. Three percent of the annual income to the tribe from this project shall be distributed among and deposited in Elders Self-Sufficiency Fund, Elders Employment Self-Sufficiency Fund, Funeral Assistance Self-Sufficiency Fund and Education Self-Sufficiency Fund.

Two percent of the annual income to the tribe from this project shall be deposited into a fund to establish a college scholarship program for tribal members irrespective of blood quantum. The tribe is holding community meeting to answer any questions

or concerns you may have about this project. If you can't attend a meeting in your area, stop by any other meeting. Each household is receiving a letter with a schedule of the meetings.

The tribe has over 40,000 members and is growing every day. We have to look at new business ventures that will increase the revenue streams back to the tribe so the direct services and programs that were cut can be put back in place. This year there were 4,170 elders who received an elder check; we will see those numbers increase every year. The cost for each elder to receive the \$575 check was about \$214 million. So, in order to increase the elders' checks to what they were or more, we need to look at more business opportunities to increase the stream of revenue back to the tribe. We feel that the tribe has a strong legal opinion from a

well-known legal firm that would allow us to purchase the parcel of land with the interest or income from the Self-Sufficiency Fund. Then we will send the trust land application to the federal government, and then we can move forward and game on the parcel.

The developer has agreed to pay all initial costs of this project, including the legal fees to take the land into trust. In this issue of the paper there will be more info and pictures for your review. I fully support this project. As I said before, we need to look at ways to improve services and programs to our membership. I hope that you are in agreement with us in looking to generate more revenue for expansion of services.

I, with Director Miller, am still working on the treaty rights defense for tribal members and I will update you in future.

History and background on Lansing casino project



KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

Now that most people have heard the news that we want to

open gaming in Lansing, Mich., it's time to give some history and background on what happened up to this point.

In 2008, Director Hoffman brought the land claims language we are now using as a basis for our claim to the attention of the board of directors. A small group of the board worked through the initial possibilities of the language and after months of discussions we then started working with our legal and other professionals in the tribe.

We were met with extreme skepticism on many fronts. Legal, political and financial hurdles were frequent and large. This small group of the board never

wavered and took on each challenge put before it and found innovative and ingenious answers to each task.

Legally, we had to prove to the board that this was strong language and had a high probability of success. We had to prove it was also viable from a political standpoint, researching compacts, federal law and precedences.

The biggest hurdle was the fact that the tribe had literally no financial recourses. We had to find a path that would eventually allow us to open gaming with little or no risk to the tribes finances. All of those questions were asked and thoroughly vetted, not by the board of directors

but by the numerous professionals tasked with looking at every angle.

Years went by with persistent and constant movement leading to the announcement this January. Many board members were skeptical, but through countless project updates, legal findings and financial structures presented, the board is confident this is much more than a possibility and the chance of success is extremely high.

The path is laid out and now the legal challenges will start. With our development partner we are moving at light speed towards making this project a reality.

Now, it has been stated that

four years have passed to get to this point. It can still take years of political and legal wrangling to open the full casino, but we know that the project will secure the future of the tribe as a Michigan business leader.

I'm not sure when you receive this unit report if any of the Lansing informational meetings will be still available to attend but if there are any questions please feel free to call me or any of the board members to answer any thoughts or concerns.

Thank you for all the phone calls and messages.

Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, (906) 643-6981, kmassaway@msn.com.

Vice chairwoman reports on the Lansing project



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

As the communications of the tribe and leadership have reported, we are moving forward with the project in Lansing to construct a casino in the city. I did not support this with my vote at the table but would like to express that I am fully behind this working in the best interest of our tribe. Our chairman and Legal Department have worked beyond expectations to address concerns, secure our position legally and protect our tribe. When we finally completed the two agreements, most all questions had been answered and firm support had been in the works to move forward. My position is simply, I'm gun shy and old wounds still sting, but we all must realize this is not anything

like Greektown and that makes me very excited about the prospect of owning a casino in Lansing that is on our LAND.

We have completed the due diligence and worked on this extensively. I also realize to do nothing on the business endeavor area we will remain in deficit as the members needs increases every year, we will remain making minimum payments on our notes, which I inherited from years ago and scrape for savings that gets harder to do every year.

With all that being said, I'm not going to go in full detail in this report as all is listed in an article enclosed. The communications we have had on this project since the announcement has been good and that relieves all members because there is nothing to hide. We do have a battle, as Indian people we also do, but please try to keep an open mind, trust that this project has been scrutinized in length from our board, existing executive staff, in-house and outside legal experts and we must prevail as services to our members are increasing, our existing businesses, programs and building need enhancing and most of all our land claims fund needs to be whole again, SO I'm going to work hard toward a grand success for our people!

Again, please keep an open

mind, attend the meetings in your area and call us with any questions. I must tell all of you that our chairman has worked countless hours on making sure our questions have been answered and our interests have been protected — he does have a vision for the FUTURE of our tribe and if we don't look to that, it would be a sad day. This endeavor could change our future for the good and that's what we must continue to work toward.

One more note, some tribes will fight us but I assure you, not ALL will. I have personally met and spoke with leaders of other tribes who say, "Well done." I'm sure we will see that some may even assist us in our battles, that's how Indians should battle, together. Please call or email me, (906) 484-2954 or lcausley@saulttribe.net.

Vice Chairwoman Lana Causley submitted her report for last month's newspaper but through technical difficulties, the newspaper did not receive it. Lana Causley, Unit II

It's a new year. As time goes, the years seem to shrink. (I remember my grandparents saying that, hmmm). It was very nice seeing many of our elders enjoy themselves at our holiday parties — miigwech for inviting me to attend.

Our tribe has finally finished our last request for the 2012 financials. We went over our capital outlay in detail — below are the totals for 2012.

Budgeted revenue is \$109 million with operating profit totalling \$24.6 million. The tribal government is scheduled to receive \$17 million from the casino.

The 2012 government budgets total is \$83.9 million with \$21.7 million coming from tribal support.

Capital outlay for enterprises is \$631,160 and the casino cap ex budget is \$4.4 million. In order to run our programs, keep buildings maintained, update and service equipment, this is a necessity. These are the priorities I've worried about over the years and are always in the back of my mind when we are spending. Both capex requests have been determined to be high priority with no excess, we asked and skimmed down as needed.

My first priority for 2012 is to keep our budget balanced and keep a very watchful eye on any unplanned spending, as you know from many past votes I have been very frugal in that regard and will continue to be cautious of any development plans or unplanned, spur of moment offers or proposals.

As you can see in the above remarks, just businesses and administration needs for upkeep, the request is over \$5 million. Very proper planning and not spending what we don't have is essential.

I have spoken many times on our wage review study and I am pleased to announce that in 2012, many front line workers will see an increase, per their job description (we planned for this). Please contact your immediate supervisor for details on your individual position and please remember this is a change in the works and when completed and planned for — all team members should be in a proper wage grid for their duties.

A few months back I wrote about our housing department's five-year plan, with that we have funds available for rehabilitation for home owners, this program opened this month so please call our housing department for assistance or application. I referred many members to this program already and its a benefit for those that live off our reservation land.

I'm pleased to announce we covered the entire Unit II area in our disbursements for our Unit II requests. This money has greatly assisted our communities and to date we have received over \$1

See "Vice Chair," pg. 26

What the Lansing project means to our future



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

I would like to address what the Lansing project means for the future of our tribe. In the 1980s when the market for Indian gam-

ing was growing rapidly, the Sault Tribe made its stake and gave birth to the Kewadin Casino. Many jobs that were never available before became available from the entrepreneurship of our tribal leaders and staff. The Kewadin Casinos expanded into other areas of the Upper Peninsula and have since been very lucrative and important for the future of our tribal families and communities we reside in.

The Lansing Casino project is another opportunity for the Sault Tribe to take a step forward into offering our membership and community jobs, tourism and fun! The Lansing project truly excites me, and other board members as well. We have looked into this project a great deal, and I cannot stress this enough: The

deal is extremely different than Greektown Casino.

The Lansing project will bring in a stream of revenue to the Sault Tribe that will ensure our tribe will have jobs for our future, will expand and expound upon our current services — such as our health centers, youth and education programs, recreational facilities — as well as schools, local businesses and many other areas.

Too often we forget what the Sault Tribe does for its membership and communities. We literally have had our hand in nearly everything, yet somehow the reputation of Sault Tribe is that it only looks after tribal people. This is simply not true, but we do have an obligation as Anishinaabe to look after our people. This

also means our community — the people we graduated with, the people we sit next to in the cinemas, the people standing in line at Wal-Mart, the people we see at sporting events — the community. Sault Tribe has been a leader, and I am proud of our people and where we are today.

The Lansing project is a wonderful opportunity to make life better for many. I understand the hesitation and, for some, the doubt that comes with taking on such a project. After Greektown fell through, it is most understandable that this new Lansing casino is met with suspicion or doubt. People fear that this Lansing project will fail, too. Our people have been through a lot, and there have been many ups and downs, but we move on in

life learning from our past mistakes and keep striving to make life better for our people.

Now is not the time to sit back and watch other tribes do what we are trying to do. Sault Tribe has a great chance to create a funding source that will provide Sault Tribe's future.

Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding this project. We ask for your understanding in the sudden nature of how this project was launched, but please understand that the competitive nature of Indian gaming requires such business decisions to be done so strategically.

Please contact me at (906) 322-3823 or email me at cabramson@saulttribe.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

In total support of downtown Lansing casino



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

First, let me say that I absolutely support a Kewadin Casino in downtown Lansing. I was born and raised in Lansing and I'm quite proud to bring this opportunity to my hometown.

The Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) and the Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Lansing are rock solid. I hold a seat on the steering committee and I can tell you that a tremendous amount of effort has been invested in this project by both parties—to get it right—so that Kewadin Lansing Casino is a

win-win for both our tribal citizens and the citizens of Lansing.

There are simply a few internal tribal provisions in that have to be completed in the CDA before I can cast my vote of support. Nothing deal breaking, but from a fiduciary standpoint, I feel compelled to withhold my support until those items are completed. And I'm confident that will happen. Until then, you can pencil me in as "cautiously optimistic."

Our tribal citizens have endured some very real hardships because of business decisions

that occurred under the three previous executive administrations — Greektown is a prime example. People are apprehensive — understandably so. Tribal citizens deserve the assurance that lessons have been learned. Bold action and risk management must go hand in hand. Since this project's inception, we've come a long way in embracing this principle. My opposition at this point has more to do with the timing of actions than anything fundamentally wrong with the project development.

But let me just say from a

tribal perspective, Chairman Joe Eitrem deserves the credit for navigating this project toward safe waters, which has not always been an easy task.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you have about the Lansing project, or any other tribal matter, at my phone or email below.

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Unlike Detroit, Lansing wants a casino there!



DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Mno zaagidwin giizhigak kina gwaya — Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

This has been an exciting

month for all of us up here in the north. As I'm sure you have already heard, our tribe is going to open a casino in Lansing. This deal is very different from the situation with Greektown. Right out of the gate, you can start by looking at how our resolution reads. I am very proud of the way the resolution was written so that there will be no question about what this currently seated board's intentions were when drafting it. Having been an employee of the tribe, I fought for the last amendment to be included that basically states our intentions are to bring wage and benefits parity to the northern tribal employees. We lost our benefits due to the poor decision making of the Payment administration and I for one am very

interested in restoring what was lost.

We have been out in the communities explaining what we are doing, how we think we can get it done and why we are doing it. Why we are doing it is this: Our population needs have grown and our revenue has flatlined. It was just time to make an aggressive business move.

I believe the best thing out of all of this is that, unlike the City of Detroit, which worked overtime to help destroy us, the City of Lansing wants us there. THEY WANT US THERE.

Right out of the gate, the city has agreed to treat the land purchase as "Indian land." To me, that speaks volumes. Most areas fight us when it comes to putting land into trust but these people

are excited to partner with us.

I will admit, I am a late-comer to supporting this project. I wanted certain things done, one being cleaning up the turnkey agreement between the developer and us. This particular developer is someone I inherited from the previous group of board members. Second, I waited for an opinion on our legal theory. Since both have fallen into place, I have given my support and have been helping our chief out in the field explain to the membership what we are doing. Most tribal members came into the meetings opposed and left supporting.

Exciting news — we have applied for a CMS Innovation Grant. Our people worked in conjunction with the University

of Michigan and Senator Marleau, 12th District. I would like to thank the following people for their quick attention to this valuable opportunity for our tribe: Laura Thompson, Cheri Goetz, Joel Lumsden, Courtney Kachur, Dan Frye and, most definitely, Bonnie Culfa. This group of dedicated people worked into the long hours of the night to accomplish this task. Their efforts could very well bring in over \$4 million in grant dollars for us if we are successful.

Again, gitchi miigwech kina gwaya!

God bless
Sincerely,
Debra-Ann Pine
440-1334
debrapine@yahoo.com

Take time to attend meetings about casino project



JOAN (CARR) ANDERSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT V

Members, I assume by now you know about the LANSING PROJECT. I hope you take the time to go to your posted meetings and find out from your representatives the true facts about this project. Ask questions, give your input on what your feelings are about it. Find out the true facts, not just the "rumor mill." There will be more information coming in the future on this project. My feelings are, "What do we have to lose." As a tribe we have to look into new economic developments.

We had our unit meeting Feb.

2 in Munising and Marquette. I was very impressed with the way it went. I want to thank all the members who attended.

Attention also, Unit V members, I will start conducting my unit meetings again on March 8 at 6 p.m. These meetings will be held every second Thursday of the month.

I have not had the last few meetings because of lack of attendance. So I am looking forward to seeing you and I hope you have questions.

It was brought to my attention that some people are not aware of upcoming events. Just

a reminder, please read *Win Awenen Nisitotung* newspaper on a regular basis to find out what is taking place in your units.

Keep phone calls and emails

coming.

Sincerely,
Joanie Carr Anderson
(906) 387-2802

Win Awenen Nisitotung Sault Tribe newspaper 2012 Calendar	
Deadline (Fridays)	Publication date (Fridays)
12 p.m., Noon	
March 2	March 16
March 30	April 13
April 27	May 11
June 1	June 15
July 6	July 20
Aug. 3	Aug. 17
Aug. 31	Sept. 14
Sept. 27 (Thurs.)	Oct. 12
Nov. 2	Nov. 16
Nov. 30	Dec. 14

For more information, call 632-6398 and ask for Jennifer or Sherrie, or email jdburton@saulttribe.net or slucas@saulttribe.net.

Rickley updates Unit III, elders checks and casino



PATRICK RICKLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

Aanii all,

I hope everyone has been wintering well, the groundhog predicts six more weeks of winter, although it doesn't seem like we've had much winter at all!

Not much to report about in Unit III other than the fact that the weather has been so mild, no

snow, business is slow, the traffic on the bridge has been down and our casinos are feeling the effects of a lack of visitors.

In this slow economy, we must keep striving to find a way to bring in additional revenues.

Some elders have asking why their check from the land claims settlement keeps getting smaller, when at one time it was up to \$1,600 and now they're getting just under \$600. My only answer is that every year we have more people becoming elders — the baby boomers — and that makes the slice of the pie a little smaller every year! The fund was set up to pay interest only, but years back, in order to garner votes for the elections, enough board members voted to pay out of the principal, that is why it got up to \$1,600. After the 2008 election, the tribe was in dire straights — it was running a \$15 million dollar deficit. The board of

directors had a lot of hard decisions to make to get the tribe back on solid ground. We had to pare down the workforce and bring all of the allocated funds back to the original intent, which was interest only, not the principal! It hurt but it brought us back to a more manageable position, and in this uncertain economy we must constantly be looking for opportunities to help sustain the tribal programs.

The other day I read an article about the the snowy owl (*Bubo scandiacus*), and that there have been more and more sightings in lower Michigan. When times get lean they migrate from their arctic tundra home in search of food, which brings me to Lansing. Times are getting lean for us up here in the North country and we need to expand our range.

In the next couple of weeks, the chairman and the tribe's

council will be holding meetings in every unit and downstate locations to explain our Lansing casino project and what our vision is for membership. A lot has been said about Greektown and speculations have been made as to why it failed. The Lansing casino will operated as an Indian casino on tribal land and not regulated by the Michigan Gaming Control Board — they were like dealing with the Gestapo!

Although the blame game continues, my surmising is this: I was watching C-Span in 2010 and stumbled upon the Securities Exchange Committee hearings against the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Hank Paulson, who was also the chairman at Goldman Sachs when insider trading was going on and the securities were being sold. That's about the time Lehman Brothers and Bear Stearns went down. Paulson, when being

grilled by SEC, was visibly shaken when asked if he knew that they were selling bad investments. He skirted the issue, but offered up this: When we knew that the market would crash and some of the investment companies would fail, we were ordered to collect all of the assets our investors had a stake in. Then, he mentioned Merrill Lynch. Merrill Lynch was right in the middle of the table at Greektown representing their investors. Director Abramson and I were kindly asked to leave the meeting because we wore the tribal hat, not the Greektown board hat. Chuck Moore was his name, and then the lawyers came in to feast! It in my opinion it was a well orchestrated hostile corporate take over!

Baa Maa Pii,
Director Rickley,
(906) 440-5149

Casino not doomed to failure as Greektown was



TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

I hope everyone is well and doing fine. Can you believe this mild winter? I am hoping for

another two months of it and then it can warm up.

Well it has been an exciting past few weeks as the tribe has entered a time in which we have introduced a new project that we hope will be a major revenue provider. Of course, by this I mean the proposed casino in Lansing, Michigan.

This has been a well thought out process that actually was the brain child of DJ Hoffman, beginning in 2008.

This is not a project doomed to failure as was Greektown due to acquiring more debt than it could sustain. During the last two years of his time on the board, a large amount of DJ's time and mine were spent on researching the land claims language and set-

ting the ground work so a project of this nature could be possible. It took much time and effort to get this to the point we are at. This is not a spur of the moment project, but one in which the board scrutinized the potential success of the project to insure that we were on sound legal footing before this venture went forward.

The beauty of the project is that this idea had also put us in contact with a developer that was willing to take on the entire financial liability of the process, from the pre-development budget to the permanent facility. The tribe will have none of its own money at risk in this venture. The project itself has been set up with a non-recourse clause. That

means the project and its' proceeds must stand alone and will not and cannot affect the northern operations.

The developer has stayed with us throughout the entire process and is still very committed to the project. As the board had confidentially agreements in place during this time, we were prohibited from giving out details that may have compromised the project. We still have some in place that must be honored for a time. All information that can come out, is coming out.

If this project comes to fruition, it will produce a cash flow of about \$30 million a year north to our tribal coffers to help in upgrading the services to members. All areas of the tribe will

benefit with this new revenue source. We expect major push back and legal challenges from other downstate tribes and individuals that do not want to see us produce a successful casino. This will not happen overnight. We feel we have done our homework and the legal opinion that we sought, actually came back stronger than we had expected.

At the unit meetings and with the mailings, I believe we will alleviate any concerns that some members may have regarding the overall structuring of this project. In addition to this momentous project, the board has been doing its' regular business.

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

Vice Chairwoman reports on Lansing

From "Vice Chair," pg. 24 million for just our unit in the past eight years. When I first got on the board our unit was receiving less than \$20,000 a year!

Many of our local schools count on this funding and it helps a lot. Your local fire rescue and townships all have benefited in the funding. If you are involved in your local units of government or schools, please remind them that the requests are due in early spring for 2012.

Our new website continues to increase and departments are doing a good job of getting information on the site, please refer to that as a guild for contact numbers and activities within our communities.

It's not the "old" website anymore, so please take the time to review it and please email comments and suggestions back. We have people designated to respond and do hear from them about your suggestions.

In closing, I would like to thank all the community members who helped with our children's Christmas parties. This is real work and they would not hap-

pen without those volunteers. In Unit II, we held four separate parties and here I would like to acknowledge those who made our children smile:

Engadine—Marilyn McArthur and crew.

Hessel—Arlene Graham, John Causley, Dorthy Currie, Mona Gugin and Bob Causley for the belly and red suit!

DeTour—Lisa Burnside, Barb Gale, Dorthy and Rich Royer, Robin Seaman, our Elder Mrs. Shaw (she's always there, every year) and Dale Bosley for his belly and red suit!

Newberry—Lois Bryant, Shirley Kowalke and crew.

Miigwech! You guys pull off great parties and many parents are thankful.

I will be in attendance at our monthly elders' meeting and as always, please call or email if you would like to meet face to face with me or discuss any issues.

Baamaapii,
Lana Causley,
Vice Chairwoman
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February 18, 2012 2:00 PM

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Storytelling — 2:00 — 4:00

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Feast — 6:00 — 7:00

Drum Social/Round Dances 7:00 — 10:00

**All BIG storytellers welcome
Bring your drum, regalia and your
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as a dish to pass**

**Contact : Jackie Minton or Josh Homminga
906-635-6050 for information**

Winter survival demonstrated at culture camp

BY JACKIE MINTON, CULTURAL BUILDINGS COORDINATOR

This year, tribal youth were taught about how to survive in the woods during the winter by mentors who attended winter survival camps under the direction of Bud Biron as they were growing up. Lead presenter for the groups was Pfc. Lakota Captain. Group leaders included Josh Homminga, Josh Biron, Hunter Captain and Spring Sage Medicine. It was pretty special to watch those who were past participants to now mentor new participants and passing the skills along to the next generation.

Friday night fun started out with a talking circle, dinner and a survival game called Lost at Sea. The game presented a scenario to

the groups with them in a plane crash at sea and having to rank in numerical order the importance of 15 items to save that would help them while they were waiting to be rescued. Participants split into four groups to work together in a team setting, sharing thoughts and ideas on what would be needed to survive.

The groups also came up with their own special name. This year we had the Wolves, the Polar bears, the Polar penguins and Raining Spirit Cub Scouts on Fire - Flying Eagles. The Wolves were winners of the survival game and were awarded extra chocolate for their survival lunches the next day. They decided to share their winnings with all the groups and handed out chocolate to everyone

the next day before leaving the main camp.

Saturday morning, after morning offerings and a big breakfast, a presentation on winter survival kits, first aid, types of snow shelters, how to make a fire, food and hydration, cold injuries and types of winter weather was given along with a booklet, *Winter Survival Guide and Tools*, by Lakota Captain.

All four groups were given a box of supplies containing flint, a striker, lunch, string and a knife to go out into the elements to build their lodges and fires. Each group chose one of the trails at the camp and made their way in the frigid weather. Everyone stayed out in the woods from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. building

their shelters and getting their fires going. One group even had a member build a "predator trap" so that they would be safe while in the "wilderness." When all the groups returned to the culture camp, they received warm socks, hot chocolate, soup and sandwiches. Everyone discussed what they liked, what was hard and voted on who should receive recognition for their efforts.

Prizes were awarded for best shelter, Raining Spirit Cub Scouts on Fire - Flying Eagles, group leader and members Hunter Captain, Alaysia Brewer, Frank Parr and Jenna Homminga; longest trek into the woods, the Wolves, group leader and members Spring Sage Medicine, Andrew Benoit, Gabe McKerchie,

Toni Willis, Maddie Vassar and Thomas Parr; most helpful group members, Nathan Benoit, Alaysia Brewer, Gabe McKerchie and Maddie Vassar.

Coming camps at the Mary Murray Cultural Camp are Sugar Bush, a seasonal camp where we teach the process and art of making maple syrup and sugar; ANA language immersion camp and regalia making.

Permission slips are available online from the Sault Tribe website at www.saulttribe.com, or from any of the YEA or Title VII coordinators. The slips can also be picked up at the Mary Murray Culture Camp office at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Left: Maddie Vassar, Jena Homminga, Alaysia Brewer, Ashley Hackworth and Frank Parr warming by the fire at the Raining Spirit Cub Scouts on Fire — Flying Eagles camp.



Right: Alaysia Brewer, Ashley Hackworth and Spring Sage Medicine.

Camp photos by Jackie Minton



Left: Andrew Benoit and Gabe McKerchie taking a much needed break.



Right: Leah Parr and Jenna Homminga at the winter survival camp.

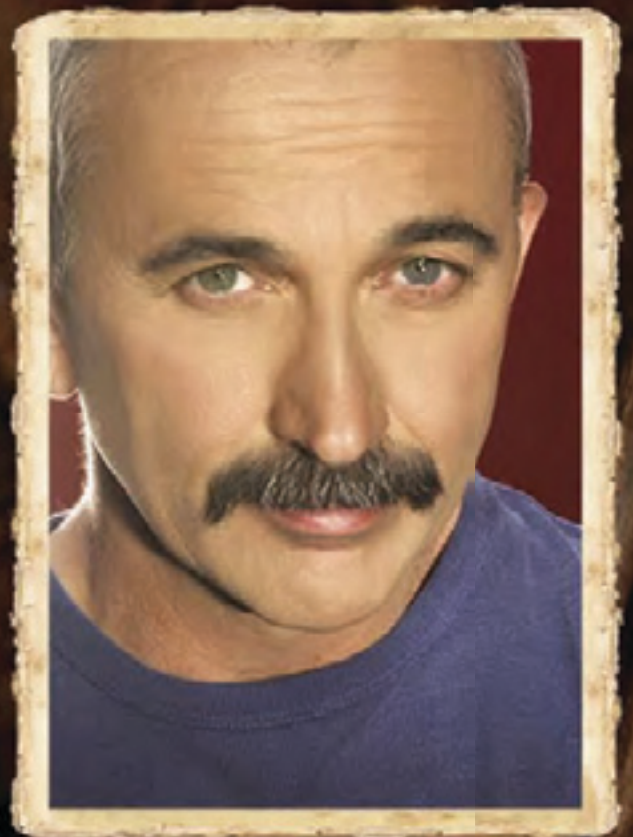
Below: Maddie Vassar.



MEAT FOR THE FREEZER — Sault Tribe member Nathan LaCost in Arizona tagged out on a young Coues buck last month with a bow. He said it was a great day in the woods even though he won't make the recordbook.



SAMMY KERSHAW



AARON TIPPIN



JOE DIFFIE

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