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Lansing casino partners agree to 90-day extension to complete land transfer

LANSING, Mich. — The business partners in the new casino proposed for downtown Lansing have agreed to extend for 90 days the deadline for transferring ownership of the land for the project from the City of Lansing to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Due to the complexity of the project and the many requirements of seeking federal approval for the casino, the partners said they simply could not complete all necessary pre-development work by the self-imposed deadline of Aug. 1.

“We are all here today to reaffirm our total commitment to this partnership and our unwavering drive to seeking federal approval for this spectacular Lansing casino and the more than 1,500 permanent jobs it will create,” said Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero at a July 25 press conference in Lansing. “We are also here today to announce that while we have made great progress on the plans and the project, the clock ran out on us to get everything done that was intended by Aug. 1, so we have mutually agreed to extend the deadline another 90 days to Nov. 1. We will have it done by then.”

Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment said, “My job is to protect the best interests of my tribal membership, which in the case of this project means making sure all necessary project details are settled before we file our trust land application. We knew the initial deadline we set of Aug. 1 was aggressive given all the work that must be done to file a solid and comprehensive application with the federal government to take this land into trust. While we have made significant progress on many aspects of the project,



Andy Balaskovitz/City Pulse

Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, Sault Tribe Unit 1 Director Jennifer McLeod, Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment, and Developer Bill Martines (L-R) stand at the podium together to answer questions at a July 25 press conference in Lansing.

we simply need more time to get everything done that must be completed.”

Some of the project details still being completed include a full parking analysis, project aesthetics, consideration of building a permanent structure versus a temporary building on the site of the corner parcel and more detailed civil engineering work that includes a detailed utility plan.

“Let me emphasize that all of these matters will be completed, none of the issues we face are remotely insurmountable, and we will get this done,” Bernero said. “While we have made a ton of progress, we simply just could not get everything done as fast as we initially thought.”

The \$245 million Sault Tribe

casino will be built in the heart of the city’s entertainment district, adjacent to the Lansing Center. The 125,000-square-foot Kewadin Lansing Casino will 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 Sault Tribe’s partner in the project is a group of investors previously known as Lansing Future LLC. The group has restructured itself and changed

its name to Lansing Future Development LLC. The restructuring occurred as one of the investors has decided to assume a much larger role in the project. That investor is Robert G. Liggett Jr., owner of Big Boy restaurants across Michigan. Liggett was and continues to be the project’s largest investor. All of the original investors in Lansing Future LLC remain partners in the reorganized entity and Bill Martines remains CEO.

The tribe will use casino revenues to improve programs and

services to its members: health care, education, housing, elder care, social services and more.

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.

The project has already been approved by the Lansing City Council, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors and the Sault Tribe membership in a tribal referendum held earlier this year.

The project will be built on city-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 as tribal lands under a specific provision of the federal Land Claims Act, which gives only the Sault Tribe the legal right to the process. The tribe’s intent is to open the casino after receiving federal approval.

Plans for the casino include up to 3,000 slot machines and 48 table games and assorted bars and restaurants in an urban modern-themed property.

The Sault Tribe has successfully operated Indian casinos in the state since 1984 and 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.

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Robert Marchand took home the People’s Choice Trophy at the third Annual Sault Area Auto/Motorcycle Show June 16 at Kewadin Casinos. Robert and Kathy Marchand with their grandson, Jackson Marchand, pose in front of Marchand’s 1967 Chevelle.

Registering to vote is important, and it's easy

Many people want to vote yet are intimidated by the task of registering to vote. But once you know what how to register, it's quite simple. So get out there and be registered to vote by Oct. 30 so you can vote in this fall's general election. Michigan is one of the states in which we American Indians can make an impact.

If you live outside of Michigan, you can go to www.registertovote.org, which has registration instructions for every state.

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To vote in Michigan, you must reside in Michigan, and you register in the town or township in which you reside. There are many places you can get an application, so do what's easiest for you:

- Local Secretary of State branch office;
- Local county, city, or township clerk's office;
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- Military recruitment centers;
- Voter registration drives; or
- Online at Michigan.gov/sos.



If you own a car, the easiest thing to do is register to vote when you renew your plates or license.

Turning in your form

If you fill out a form and turn it in personally, that's all you have to do. First time? Be sure to bring some ID and proof of residency, like official mail with your name and address on it.

If you mail it in, and have never registered to vote before, you have to send in some identification and proof of residency: a copy of your driver's license or ID card, and a copy of some official document (such as paycheck stub, utility bill, bank document or government document) that lists both your name and your address. Never send originals!

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Your city or township clerk will send your voter registration card to you will the card will note the address of where you go to vote. Keep it in your wallet or purse so you know where to go to cast your ballot.

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Elders should keep all of those vaccinations current

Things that wear down as we get older include our vaccinations. But Dr. Andrew Kroger of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says many older people don't realize this, "Adult immunizations are an excellent way to prevent many diseases that can be deadly. Vaccines aren't just for kids. Some of the protection you got from childhood vaccines may have worn off."

Consider the chickenpox vaccination you got as a kid. Chickenpox and shingles are caused by the same virus, but shingles is more common among people over 60. If you're over 60, you may need a shingles vaccination.

And you might want the vaccination against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis – known as Tdap. The parts about diphtheria and pertussis could keep you from infecting the grandkids.

Fight robocalls

What to do if you receive a "robocall" — If you're sick of hearing an automated message

when you pick up your phone, you'll be happy to know the Federal Trade Commission is cracking down on illegal robocalls.

A robocall happens any time you pick up your phone and hear a recording instead of a live person.

Illegal robocalls have exploded in the last several years because technology has made it easy for companies to use auto-dialers to place thousands of calls every minute. Oftentimes these calls are trying to scam you by offering phony credit card services, warranty protection plans and more.

It is illegal for a company to deliver an automated message trying to sell you something, unless the company has written permission from you to do so.

Calls from charities and political groups do not fall under that classification and are considered legal.

According to the FTC, here's what to do if you get a robocall:

- 1) Hang up. Do not press 1 or any other numbers to get off the list.
- 2) Consider blocking the number.
- 3) Report it at www.donotcall.gov.

Learn more about what the FTC is doing to crack down on robocalls and what you should

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President Obama signs HEARTH Act into law

By Rick Smith

American Indian tribal leaders across the United States may be exploring increased opportunities to generate more revenue, jobs and housing under a bill recently signed into federal law by President Barack Obama.

The Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act was passed unanimously by both bodies of the U.S. House and Senate and the president affixed his signature to the bill on July 30, making it the literal law of the land.

The main benefit of the HEARTH Act for Indian Country is that it eliminates requirements for tribes to go through lengthy and cumbersome procedures to acquire federal approval to lease their trust lands. Sometimes, it took years to acquire federal approval to lease tribal trust lands. With the enactment of the HEARTH Act, tribes are empowered to grant leases for business and residential purposes as they deem appropriate while following long-established guidelines of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Historically, tribal economic opportunities attracted through possible business leasing arrangements were often lost because of the lengthy time and other constraints involved in getting federal approval. Businesses simply gave up and moved on to more accommodating avenues. In addition, leasing residential lands



Photo courtesy of the White House

President Barack Obama signs the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act of 2012 in the Oval Office on July 20 as federal officials and Indian Country dignitaries look on. The measure should significantly boost opportunities for housing, revenue and jobs in Indian Country as it places authority to lease trust lands into the hands of individual tribes in the United States instead of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Prior to the new law, tribes often lost opportunities in generating revenue, jobs and housing as a result of the excessive time frame involved in acquiring approval from the Department of the Interior to lease trust lands for business and residential purposes.

to individuals was often slow and cumbersome enough to discourage financial institutions from becoming involved. Residential and business development should move much faster under the HEARTH Act because tribes will have the authority over agreements to lease their trust lands.

Tribes will be required to either have in place or develop their own leasing regulations, which must conform to Department of Interior regulations.

Sault Tribe has 1,738 acres of land held in trust through the Department of the Interior; alto-

gether, the tribe has 2,756 acres of land holdings, according to Brenda Jeffreys, the tribe's real estate manager.

White House spokeswoman Jodi Gillette noted, "President Obama understands that by allowing greater tribal control over tribal assets, we encourage

economic growth, promote community development in Indian Country and support tribal self-determination. That's why this administration is committed to strengthening tribal communities by improving tribal governments' capacity for controlling their own futures."

A White House blog indicated passage of the HEARTH Act is the latest addition to a list of accomplishments by the Obama administration on behalf of Indian Country.

While the HEARTH Act cleared both the House and Senate by unanimous decisions, some lawmakers wanted to see passage of a resolution first to "fix" the 2009 Supreme Court Carciere decision that casts doubt on the ability of the U.S. Department of the Interior to take lands into trust on behalf of tribes receiving federal recognition after 1934. Action to resolve the Carciere matter is still pending in Congress.

The HEARTH Act was introduced into Congress by Democratic House Representative Martin Heinrich of New Mexico in January of 2011 and was reported by committee the following November before it was passed by the House last May 15, it was passed by the Senate on July 17. Michigan Democratic House Representative Dale Kildee was among the 20 cosponsors of the bill.

Meier presents cyberbullying and suicide prevention talk at LSSU

The Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project hosts Tina Meier at Lake Superior State University on Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. in the LSSU Arts Center auditorium. Meier has appeared nationally and internationally on network television, newsmagazines and syndicated talk shows discussing bullying and cyberbullying which ultimately led to her daughter, Megan's suicide in 2006.

STAY invites the community to participate in a free presentation of Meier's personal story.

Information about her can be found online by visiting www.meganmeierfoundation.org.

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Border bill causing concern in Indian Country

By RICK SMITH

It's a beautiful morning and you're just beginning another day on a reservation in the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan when you begin hearing strange, muffled noises outside your home — then a much louder grumble-growling and squeaky-clinking sound of a bulldozer. It's so loud and shaking the walls enough it seems like it's in your living room! You wonder, "What in blazes!?" Upon opening the front door of your abode, indeed you do find a bulldozer taking a swath out of your yard while other men are moving machines and material around in the near vicinity. One of the men notices you watching and addresses you, "Good morn-

ing! Don't mind us, just gonna put in a short road through here, put up some high-voltage fencing and a couple of watchtowers. We should be out of your way in a couple of weeks."

Of course, the above scenario seems a bit far-fetched, but not by much if the Conservation and Economic Growth Act, H.R. 2578, survives the United States Congress intact.

Most of the proposed legislation is of little or no consequence to Indian Country and is largely a collection of 14 other bills lumped into one package. But one of those bills, the National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act, allows a "waiver of federal laws with respect

to border security actions on Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture lands."

The section prohibits the departments of the Interior and Agriculture from taking any actions that "impede, prohibit or restrict" U.S. Customs and Border Protection activities on federal land within 100 miles of an international border to prevent illegal entry into the United States. Including, it appears, lands held in trust by the Department of the Interior on behalf of American Indian tribes.

Under H.R. 2578, Customs and Border Protection would be authorized to construct and maintain roads, fences, install and operate surveillance equip-

ment and sensors, conduct air and land patrols, and to develop and deploy temporary tactical infrastructure such as forward operating bases.

The proposed law provides protections for certain lawful uses of the lands by others. Those uses include grazing, hunting, mining, public recreation and backcountry airstrips.

Where things get murky in regards to Indian Country is the fact that the Department of the Interior holds lands in trust for American Indian tribes of the United States. While such trust lands belong to respective tribes, technically, they remain under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior. A

clause in the National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act gives a vague acknowledgment about tribal sovereignty, but doesn't make clear what limitations, if any, Customs and Border Protection would have on tribal trust lands held by the Department of the Interior. A subsection states, "Tribal sovereignty — Nothing in this section supersedes, replaces, negates or diminishes treaties or other agreements between the United States and Indian tribes." It appears any Indian Country protections from possible infringement under the bill would depend on treaties or any other agreements already in place.

President's proposed budget would boost funding

By RICK SMITH

The White House announced the president's proposed budget in February of this year and, if enacted, will boost funding for the Indian Health Service (IHS) by 2.7 percent over last year, or by about \$116 million, according to official sources. The goal of the president in this component of the federal budget is to continue efforts to increase access to health care for American Indians. The total IHS budget for 2013 proposed by President Barack

Obama would amount to \$4.42 billion.

According to the White House, the IHS funding increase would support clinical services and staffing, tribal health programs and construction of health facilities. The budget also includes \$40 million for a new grant program to prevent substance abuse and suicide.

IHS indicated that if the proposed budget is enacted, the agency's discretionary budget would be increased by a total of

32 percent since the 2008 fiscal year.

The bulk of the requested budget increase, \$81 million, is designated to support the continued construction of two health facilities in Arizona; \$54 million would support contract health services and another \$49 million would support staff and operating expenses for six new and expanded health facilities. Funding to enhance the technology of information systems and services would receive a \$6 million boost

and \$5 million would go to contract services to help tribes cover costs for administrative functions. An increase of \$1.7 million would help with maintenance and improvement of health care facilities while another \$1 million would support administrative oversight and accountability.

The president's proposed budget also increases funds intended to strengthen tribal nations with \$346 million proposed to combat crime in Indian Country, a 12 percent increase over the enacted

2012 funding, according to the White House. Funds to protect tribal lands and the environment would receive a boost of \$26 million for a total of \$266 million in fiscal year 2013. Programs to address unemployment would receive a total of \$53 million, a raise of \$5 million over last year.

It remains to be seen how well the president's proposed budget will survive the enactment process through Congress.

Native students urged to prepare for STEM careers

By RICK SMITH

Among the many critical issues discussed at the National Intertribal Youth Summit in Chevy Chase, Md., from July 30 to Aug. 2, students learned about helping themselves, their respective tribes and perhaps the world through the many challenging and outstanding leading edge opportunities waiting for them now and coming in the future by studying science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) courses in preparation for rewarding careers in those fields.

"There is a particularly strong need for American Indian students in Indian Country and urban communities," said Dot Harris, director of the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Economic Impact and Diversity. "American Indian students, whether enrolled as undergraduates or in kinder-

garten through grade 12, need to acquire the education and skills to enter careers in STEM fields to have an impact on their energy futures. Students often recognize the importance of reinvesting their knowledge in STEM back into their home communities, bringing their skills back to their home tribes or urban neighbors."

The Department of Energy conducts outreach programs to educate and recruit American Indian students into STEM careers in the department's national laboratories and in other areas of the fields. The department often works closely with Indian Country in addressing energy, environmental and nuclear issues.

According to Harris, she has a high regard for STEM education as she is an engineer by trade with a bachelor's degree in



Dot Harris, director of the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Economic Impact and Diversity. electrical engineering from the University of South Carolina and a master's in technology management. She indicated the engineering field greatly enhanced her thinking and analytical skills and gave her great flexibility in work-

ing in an array of positions in the field of energy.

The U.S. Department of Justice reported that more than 200 American Indian youngsters and adult leaders from 53 tribal communities from around the United States convened at the national summit. The purpose of the summits is to provide a leadership forum for the youth of American Indian tribes to discuss issues of critical importance facing them as citizens of Indian Country. In addition, the summits allow opportunities for federal officials to hear directly from the young people. According to the agency, participants develop leadership skills and engage in discussions with tribal elders, leaders and mentors, youth advocates, field experts and officials from Congress. Further, the youngsters have opportunities to explore

the sites of the nation's capital, including the U.S. Capitol and the White House.

Committee vacancies

Seats on the Sault Tribe Child Welfare Committee are vacant. Interested tribal members should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from tribal members to Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Seats on the Sault Tribe Enrollment Committee are vacant. Interested tribal members should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from tribal members to Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Please contact Tara at (906) 635-6050 or tbenoit@saulttribe.net with any questions.



SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS HAVE A VOICE!

2013-2014 CSBG Program Announcement

The Community Service Block Grant program plan is available for your review. This program is designed to help alleviate the burden of an unexpected emergency. How we administer this program is partly determined by YOUR input.

If you have questions, please contact the Direct Service Case manager in your area, or call 1-800-726-0093.

The plan is available August 13-24 for comment at the following ACFS locations: 2218 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; 1140 N. State St., St. Ignace, MI 49781; 5698 W. US Highway 2, Manistique, MI 49854; 622 W. Superior, Munising, MI 49862.

Ref: Notice of Public Hearing/2013-14 CSBG Plan



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Ref: Notice of Public Hearing/2013-14 CSBG Plan

New hospice house opens in Sault Ste. Marie

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Residents of Michigan's eastern Upper Peninsula and their family members now have access to the new hospice house, operated by Hospice of the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

The home was made possible by enlisting the public in fundraising efforts in addition to community members who purchased items from different "wish lists" around town, including patio furniture from KMart and towels and bedding supplies from JC Penneys, household items from WalMart and items purchased from GFS and Parkers Ace Hardware store donated all the paint and primer.

Volunteer Coordinator Mary Jo Duvall said the hospice house provides patients and their families with end-of-life care and services, including pain and symptom management, nursing care, assistance with daily living tasks, the support of friendly volunteers and spiritual and counseling services for patients and their families.

All services are provided free of charge.

The home offers a residential environment with warm muted color schemes, a beautiful stone fireplace, meeting and education rooms, support groups and space



Photo by Brenda Austin

Left to right, an open house was held at Hospice House on July 19. Carolyn Fornicola, Karen Fornicola, Susie Verrett, Sister Peggy Fornicola and Dorothy Morley.

for individual grief support, a chapel, family room with a pull-out couch for sleeping, kitchen and laundry areas and offices for

nursing, Hospice and volunteer staff. It also includes five private rooms, a resource library, sitting room with wicker furniture and

an outdoor deck with patio furniture.

Duvall said Wier and Shunk Furniture stores each donated

\$10,000 in appliances and furniture and that Steve Gregory from Gregory Gardens donated his time, equipment and materials to do landscaping for the home. "There is a never-ending list of donations of items and time from people, business and groups from around the EUP," she said. Duvall said the House is still in need of donations of twin sheets, blankets and towels.

It is hoped that continuing fundraising efforts will help pay off the \$240,000 still owing on the homes construction.

In order for a patient to reside at the Hospice House they must meet standards set by Medicare and be hospice-eligible. Duval said their medical providers refer patients to hospice and that those patients who would be eligible to use the services provided by the hospice house are patients who don't have access to family or 24-hour in home care.

For more information or to find out about volunteer opportunities, contact Hospice of the EUP at (906) 253-3151 or hospice@chippewahd.com. The hospice house is located at 308 W. 12th Ave., on the corner of West 12th and Ryan in Sault Ste. Marie.

NMU research project tries pre-colonial diet

BY RICK SMITH

Forget the fry bread, the Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies is in the midst of a unique year-long research project to study the relationship between people and the indigenous foods of the Great Lakes region. The idea for the project came to NMU assistant professor of Native American studies, Dr. Martin Reinhardt, a Sault Tribe member, after attending an annual First Nations Food Taster at the university in 2010.

The food taster events are hosted by the university's Native American Student Association as a fundraiser and to provide opportunities for people to sample and savor an array of traditional and contemporary foods from American Indian recipes. After attending the event, Reinhardt found a keen interest in learning more in greater detail about how Great Lakes Indian tribes subsisted prior to the arrival of Europeans. He wanted to know the answer to the question, "If I wanted to eat the



Photo courtesy of NMU

Dr. Martin Reinhardt, NMU assistant professor of Native American Studies.

foods my Native ancestors ate, what would I have to know and do?"

After months of discussion with folks of the Native studies center, the Decolonizing Diet Project was developed and approved by the university's Internal Review Board. The project, launched last March, is following the chronicles of 25

volunteers who have committed to maintaining a diet of foods indigenous to the Great Lakes region. Volunteers are allowed to combine their diet with at least 25 percent indigenous foods while others committed to a diet exclusively consisting indigenous foods. In addition, the volunteers will follow an exercise routine developed by physical training specialists or physicians.

In an effort to learn about resulting effects on the health and social circumstances of the volunteers while following indigenous diets, the volunteers will be keeping multi-media journals and logs of their experiences. The indigenous foods acquired come from a number of sources in the local area including markets, gardens, foraging, hunting and fishing. A master food list is available to all participants.

Information from the project indicates important data collected from the study will be used in research in other fields of study as well as generating scholarly



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Indigenous foods such as mushrooms and berries above, can be gathered in the EUP woods and forests. The project is seeking donations of dried or frozen indigenous foods, or indigenous seeds for gardening.

media productions. Staff members on the project believe it will "serve as a catalyst for the revitalization of interconnections between humans and the world around us."

The project is seeking funding and donations of dried or frozen indigenous foods, indigenous seeds, gardening equipment and other items. So far,

support has come from Northern Michigan University, the U.S. Forest Service, Cedar Tree Institute, Kewenaw Bay Indian Community, several businesses and others. Anyone interested in supporting the project or who may have questions may contact Dr. Martin Reinhardt, principal investigator, at (906) 227-1397, or email mreinhar@nmu.edu.

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ARC represents Sault Tribe in Washington, D.C.

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is the landmark 1994 law enacted to help in the nation's fight against domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The Act is up for reauthorization and has been trapped in an ongoing Congressional stalemate. With that in mind, staff from the tribe's Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) took a trip to Washington, D.C. in early June to help educate Congressional leaders and state representatives of the importance of VAWA to Native American communities.

There are two competing versions of the crime fighting legislation – one in the Senate and one in the House. Both bills, S. 1925 and H.R. 4970, contain new provisions to address the criminal justice response to sexual assault, putting tools and resources in the hands of law enforcement and prosecutors to help make our communities safer. Both bills also have provisions to strengthen our country's response to domestic violence deaths.

But the Senate bill is stronger according to ARC Program Manager Lori Jump — it protects more victims and has had input from thousands of advocates of the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women. Jump said it is her belief that there isn't a good understanding when it comes to jurisdiction in Indian Country. The biggest difference between

the two bills, according to Jump, is the Senate version gives tribes the authority in specific cases to prosecute non-Native offenders on tribal land.

ARC Community Educator Hali McKelvie said their program is aware of Native women living off reservation who get justice no matter what race the perpetrator is, but women living on the reservation and dealing with a non-Native perpetrator are not getting that same justice. "We wanted to bring the faces of our community to Washington, D.C. and let them know that we aren't just a little Native community in the U.P. We are people who will definitely be affected by this legislation; hopefully, we will be impacted by it in a positive way," she said.

At issue with the House bill, Jump said, is the fact that it does not include any new protections for gay, immigrant, American Indian and student victims, which she said are contained in the Senate version. One of the reasons the group traveled to D.C. was to have the opportunity to speak to House members and talk to them about the difference in the two bills.

Jump said that what the House offered in response to some of the differences in the bills was to implement a federal court process for prosecuting violations of personal protection orders. But, Jump says, that shows their lack of understanding that for Native women living in the U.P. — fed-

eral court is three to five hours away depending on where you live in the tribe's service area.

"They don't have the resources to take our criminal cases, what in God's name makes them think they are going to take our civil cases?" she said. "It puts the burden on the victim. Native communities are the only communities that where you live impacts your access to justice. You cross that line and you don't get it. Why is it that Native women living on reservations are not entitled to the same justice that those living off reservation get?"

According to Amnesty USA, one in three Native women will be raped in her lifetime and two in five suffer from domestic violence.

ARC Case Manager Rachel Carr said that attending the Advocacy Day conference and the Congressional breakfast in D.C. was a good way to educate people on issues in Indian Country that might be difficult to understand unless you are a part of it. She said two members of Congress she spoke with didn't realize the House version of the bill was missing key provisions.

Jump said that Advocacy Day is an opportunity for state coalitions and administrative staff to take their issues to Congress. "Program people do not generally attend this but we didn't realize that when we signed up. We were told it was for the Michigan Coalition on Domestic

and Sexual Violence. So we cancelled all plans to go and then we received notice from them inviting us because there were no representatives from Indian Country. There were two Native women representing their coalitions from Wisconsin and Alaska but we were there representing our tribe," she said.

"Right now there are a couple of options, either one of the bills can be presented for a vote or they can go into conference and resolve the differences, which I think they will do – or it doesn't get passed this year," Jump said.

According to the 2010 US Census, more than 50 percent of Native women living on a reservation are married or in a relationship with non-Native men. "It's the non Native men who aren't getting prosecuted for domestic violence that occurs to

these women living on reservations," Jump said. "In 2010 Law Enforcement recorded 2,804 complaints. Of these, 117 were recorded as domestic assaults, 22 were criminal sexual conduct, 17 were other family offenses and 14 were stalking. In 2010, actual criminal complaints filed with Tribal Court totaled 109; meaning that less than 4 percent of complaints had action taken on them. Of the 117 domestic assaults and 17 other family offenses, only 8 criminal complaints were filed. Of the 14 stalking and 22 criminal sexual conduct complaints, zero resulted in criminal action. These statistics are unacceptable."

The Senate version of the VAWA passed the Senate in April with a vote of 68-31.

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Soo Co-op Credit Union recently awarded four college scholarships totaling \$9,000 to area students. This year, the recipients were selected from a field of 46 eligible students. Kody Wagner, Kristina Wicks and Alysia Wiley all received a \$2,500 scholarship to the college of their choice and Brandi MacArthur received a \$1,500 scholarship to Bay Mills Community College.

"The credit union is very

honored to be able to help our members achieve a higher level of education," Soo Co-op Credit Union President Lynda Ellis said.

The scholarship was named in honor of Nick Gerrish, a long-time credit union supporter, founder and former manager. The first Nick Gerrish Scholarship was awarded in 1986 and Soo Co-op Credit Union has, to date, awarded over \$151,000 in educational scholarships to area students.

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Seeing eye-to-eye across generation gaps

BY RICK SMITH

A three-year-old program is hailed as a miraculous development by some observers close to the action. The “Malcom Miracles,” as it has been dubbed, result from interactions between elders at the Hearthside Assisted Living Facility and students in a service-learning program through Malcolm High School in Sault Ste Marie.

The Hearthside program is one of the options of an array of student service programs students may participate in if they maintain good academic standing and can provide their own transportation to project sites. About 70 percent of the students participating in the Malcolm service programs are Sault Tribe members, according to school officials. The students volunteer for an array of benevolent programs and projects to help folks or organizations to some degree.

Such programs have been pushed in recent years by the federal government as a way to engage youngsters in contributing time and effort in learning about the many ways people can help their communities. And, according to school officials, it’s something more and more employers are looking for on resumes and job applications. The programs are supported in part by the League Michigan, a program of education through philanthropy intended to build character and gives youngsters the knowledge and awareness to “do good” in the world.

Malcolm High students became involved with residents of the Hearthside Assisted Living Facility after Wendy Ward, activities coordinator at Hearthside, asked the administration at the

Sault Tribe’s oath of office

There is some curiosity about the oath board members and the chairman make when taking office. So here is Sault Tribe oath of office — “I, (name), having been elected to the office of (position) of the board of directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for a term of four years, beginning (installation date), do hereby accept said office and affirm my eligibility for same as a member and qualified voter of the tribe. I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of (position) of the board of directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians according to the best of my ability. In discharging those duties, I will honor the seven teachings of our people: love, respect, honesty, humility, truth, wisdom and bravery.”

Each newly elected board member recites the oath in turn and then gather as a group to recite the Ojibwe oath in our Anishinaabe language. Directly translated into English, the group oath reads, “Continually as our ancestors were in the past, and are now and will continually be forever; I will honor the Anishinaabe way of life.”



Photo courtesy of Wendy Ward

As these young men begin Army enlistments with basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, elders of the Hearthside Assisted Living coffee klatch in Sault Ste. Marie will send them letters, care packages and news from home while they serve their country. Three of the lads recently graduated from Malcolm High School and were a major part of the Malcolm Miracles volunteer group that assists Hearthside staff and residents with an array of projects every year. The idea of adopting the lads came from one of the ladies of the group, Anita Hill, middle row, far right. From left to right, the lads are Matt Clow, Joe Williams, Gage Ward and Mike Pearce. Some of the ladies of the coffee klatch group, middle row from left, Mary Reinhart, Norma Music, Jean Crawford and Hill. Front row from left, Enid Dorey, Addie Greg and Frances K. Two of the lads and at least one of the ladies are Sault Tribe members.

school about the possibility of developing such a program. Malcolm High Principal Heidi Homeister asked English teacher Amanda Fritz to organize the program. After taking the prerequisite training through the League Michigan, she set the program in place. It started slowly with about five students involved. During the 2011-12 academic year, about 25 students participated.

Students new to the service programs have the option of attending four-day service learning camps at Central Michigan University or Michigan State University for indoctrination about student service organizations and why they are important.

In the Hearthside program, students make regular visits to see the elderly residents and join them in a wide variety of activities such as going shopping, having parties, playing games, helping to decorate the place for holidays and special occasions or just engaging in conversation.

Ward began noticing some amazing changes in the atmosphere at Hearthside soon after the program started. For one thing, said Ward, “The faces of the residents just light up when the students arrive, it seems like the whole place becomes brighter.”

She has observed reclusive residents become more interested in joining opportunities for socializing and either becoming engaged in activities or coming

out to enjoy watching the others. The residents appear to be energized by the arrival of the students.

Now, one might imagine a picture of interaction between elders and youngsters would consist mostly of an older person dispensing wisdom garnered from decades of living to a young person thirsty for such a gift. It happens, but that’s not the whole story, according to Ward. The interactions result in understanding and respect traveling in both directions. The youth learn about the life experiences of another generation and the older folks get first hand accounts of a changing society and world.

Ward points out that at times it is possible for students to gather some insight into their ambitions through a resident who has a lifetime of experience in a given field. For example, a lad who wants to become a truck driver may have the opportunity to speak at length about such a career to a retired long-haul driver. Then there are other elders with experiences in medical fields, the military and many other positions. And all of them have their own experiences of living.

The elders learn about the experiences of a newer generation. Ward explained how the residents are sometimes astonished at some of the details about changes in experiencing life as a teen. And sometimes youngsters

he participated in the program, it didn’t occur to him that elders might need help with even simple tasks. “I might not have seen the need to help an older person who might drop something, for example,” he noted. “Now, I wouldn’t hesitate to pick it up for them.”

Along with learning about physical limitations that can come with old age, students also learn about changes in the mental capabilities that can happen with old age. In some instances, Ward said, they learn some elders may forget faces and names but may still remember how they feel about an individual.

Participation in the program is voluntary in both age groups and while the students and elders mingle at will, sometimes bonds form. Sometimes those bonds can become exclusive. Some residents, for instance, refuse to engage in the activities if “their student” doesn’t happen to be there on a given day.

On occasion, students might learn the last lesson elders can teach them, the reality of about how life is fleeting and you never know when you’ll see someone for the last time.

While the primary objective of the program is to be a learning experience for the youngsters, both young and old appear to enjoy the program overall. “It’s a fun experience,” said Tynecia Sistrunk, another 2012 Malcolm graduate.

Hearthside residents Norma Music and Enid Dorey agree with Sistrunk’s assessment. Speaking of the students, Music said, “They’re a lot of fun.” Dorey added, “We always have a good time.”

are surprised to learn their elder conversation partner was a rebellious teen who dug rock and roll (back when it was good) and sported what was then considered hip attire and grooming standards.

Students also learn about the need for extending diplomacy and kindness to elders. One student who graduated this year, Dakota Beck, said that before



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Higher Ed announces 2012-13 tribal scholars

BY BRANDI MACARTHUR

The Sault Tribe Higher Education Department is pleased to announce our 2012-2013 Higher Education scholarship recipients. There were a total of 209 scholarship applicants. Our most popular categories were the Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship with 116 applicants and the Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship with 35 applicants.

This year, students were required to submit a 300-500 word essay about what it means to them to be a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The scholarship committee members, Angeline Bouley, David Houghton, Barb Smutek and Dan Adams, volunteered their time to review and rank the essays submitted by applicants. Scholarship committee members cannot score any categories that they apply for or that are applied for by an immediate family member.

"To ensure all students were given an equal opportunity, I blacked out personal identifying information from the essays prior to them being reviewed by the committee members. I also want to say congratulates and great job to the recipients on writing their essays as this is a very competitive program," said Brandi MacArthur, administrative assistant in the Sault Tribe Higher Education Department.

On behalf of the Sault Tribe Education Department and



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Education Department director and staff with 2012 scholarship winners at the Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship dinner following the fundraising tournament.

Scholarship Committee, we would like to congratulate the following students on their awards and the great essays that were submitted.

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

Rachel E. DeRusha, senior at University of Michigan studying Spanish, math and teaching.

Jennifer L. Donn, junior at Lake Superior State University studying nursing.

Michael A. Soule, freshman at Lake Superior State University studying engineering.

William D. Carr III, freshman at Wayne State University studying biology.

Tasha J. Opalka, sophomore at Lake Superior State University

studying nursing.

Michael S. Bowels Jr., sophomore at University of Florida studying engineering.

Jared A. Lucas, senior at Ferris State University studying music industry management.

Angie K. Carley, junior at Northern Michigan University studying elementary education.

John McLenithan IV, freshman at Wentworth Institute of Technology studying civil engineering.

Nicholas R. Roberts, freshman at Northern Michigan University studying health management and fitness.

John P. Carr Scholarship

Dorothy A. Karr, sophomore at Northern Michigan University studying radiography.

Don Corp Scholarship

Megan L. St. Andrew, junior at University of Michigan studying historical aspects of international studies.

Pamela Cable Gershon Scholarship

Hannah E. Vallier, freshman at Northern Michigan University Studying psychology.

Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship

Barbara L. Smutek, PhD at Michigan State University, studying educational psychology and educational technology.

Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship

Alyssa J. Maxedon, junior at University of Illinois studying food science and human nutrition with a specialty in hos-

pitality management.

Vic Maston Sr. Tributary Scholarship

Megan N. LaPlaunt, freshman at University of Iowa studying environmental sciences.

Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship

Rebecca A. Patzwald, graduate student at Michigan State University studying social work.

George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship

Emily S. Smith, graduate Michigan State University of Law juris doctor-indigenous law.

June Curran Porcaro Scholarship

Catherine S. Nash, senior at Bay Mills Community College studying early childhood education-family services

The Special Needs scholarships for students 18 and older were awarded to two lucky recipients in the amount of \$1,000 each to help with their educational expenses.

We would like to thank all students who applied for our programs and give a special thank you to the Scholarship Committee who dedicated their time to review our essays. We would also like to thank the Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Fundraiser Committee, our generous vendors and other contributors who have made donations towards our program which would not be available for our students without their support.

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Special Needs scholarships deadline extended to Sept. 30

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will be offering four \$1,000 scholarships to Sault Tribe members who have a documented physical or emotional disability. The scholarship is to be used for educational purposes. Two scholarships are awarded to tribal members under age 18.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 30.

Applicants must be enrolled Sault Tribe members (copy of enrollment card required) and have letter from a physician, mental health provider or special education professional documenting the physical or emotional disability of the individual along with letter from individuals or a parents/guardians stating what the Special Needs Scholarship will be used for and an itemized list of the expected costs.

Candidates can apply via mail, email or fax. Submit letter, copy

of enrollment card and itemized list of expected costs to Sault Tribe Education Department, ATTN: Brandi MacArthur, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; email bmacarthur@saulttribe.net; or fax to (906) 635-7785.

It is recommended applicants save documentation of having sent items to the Education Department, such as the fax confirmation, the sent email or the mail receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact Brandi MacArthur, Higher Education administrative assistant, at 635-7784, toll-free at (855) 635-7784 or bmacarthur@saulttribe.net.

Notice, for the Special Needs Scholarship, all identifying information about individuals is kept confidential. No names of applicants or awardees will be released to the public.

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Commuters can also join an existing vanpool.

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The MichiVan fleet ranges from from-passenger minivans to 15-passenger full-size vans. MichiVan also has two luxury commuter vans with a center aisle, individual reading lights and running boards.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Transportation Program would like to assist employees and departments with collaborating to form groups to access the MichiVan Vanpool service. If anyone is interesting in learning more about MichiVan or would be interested in creating a commuter group, please contact transportation planner Wendy Hoffman at 635-6050, extension 26602, or call MichiVan toll-free at (800) 826-7433.

Additional information can be found at www.michivan.com.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Left to right, Peggy Hemenway and Laura Collins, on staff at Sault Tribe's Traditional Healing Program, prepare traditional medicines they have gathered in the woods. They also grow some of their medicines near the Sault Tribe Health Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Hemenway looks down at a bee hive, one of the few remaining. If anyone can contribute a hive, please bring it in to the Community Health office at the tribal clinic in Sault Ste. Marie or the St. Ignace Traditional Healing office in Mackinac Straits Hospital.

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Missing the laughter in the language — a people's voice silenced

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Imagine waking up each morning to the sound of your nine brothers and sisters getting ready for the day. Just like any other family, they would be rushing to get ready for school and work and their parents would make sure all the children had something in their bellies to sustain them until their next meal before heading out the door. The family I am describing could be any family, but this one had a small home on a reserve on Manitoulin Island in Ontario, Canada. The early morning voices that bounced back and forth before heading out the door were speaking the only language they knew — Ojibwe.

Sault Tribe Anishinaabemowin language instructor Phyllis Kimewon Williams was one of those young children and said the language was very vibrant when she was a child. She said when it came time for her to attend school she didn't speak or understand a word of English. She attended a Catholic school where the nuns discouraged young Native students from speaking their language.

"They used a strap back then for discipline that reminded me of the tail of a beaver because it was thick, rectangular and long. And, when it came down, you could feel that sting for a long time," she said. "Not understanding what the nuns were saying, I got the strap one time because I spoke in my language. That was the only time I ever got the strap."

Williams has been teaching the language for many years throughout Ontario and Michigan and said she has noticed that Native people in Michigan seem to really hunger for their traditional language. She also said she is fearful that the

language is dying. "It's almost like we are at the 11th hour of the language," she said. "But there is hope in keeping it alive by teaching our little babies and young children."

About 15 years ago, Williams noticed a change in her community but didn't at first realize what it was. Then it hit her. "I felt such a sense of loneliness because I wasn't hearing the language of my people anymore. It made me think, 'Where are my people? Where is the laughter that is in the language?' So I thought of the time that I got the strap and thought the Creator gave me this language and so I should use it," she said. "From that time on, I turned things around for myself and those in my community."

She said she has also seen a change in young people on the reserve. "They were dressing so differently," she said, wondering if it was because of the movies and music they were exposed to.

"I thought, 'What is happening to my people?' From that time on, I made that effort and I had to think before I spoke to stay in the language each time I opened my mouth," she said. "The Creator gave us humor and laughter in our language because He saw what the Anishinaabe people would go through in their time here on Earth."

When translating the language into English, the humor is often lost. "Why or how that happens I'm not too sure, but I almost think that English has a more serious tone. The laughter was gone, the language started to disappear," she said.

Williams said there are about 400 fluent speakers left in her community.

Another big difference she has



Phyllis Kimewon Williams, Anishinaabemowin instructor

seen over the years is the way people interact. "People used to visit each other after supper time and I would always tag along with my parents," she said. "I wanted to hear the stories. We didn't have books; everything was oral. I would sit there two or three hours at a time just listening."

Respect is a very strong value that has also changed. "Today respect is going out the window. It is more visible among the young people. They have a lot coming at them every day — music, TV, computers and reading books. And everything is in English."

She said the schools on the reserve are trying to teach the young children, but questions if it's too little too late. "People in Michigan I have taught have said we are rich on the reserve because the language is still alive there, but for how long? The young people seem full of anger and don't want the language."

Williams said that when you speak the language, you live it, allowing the speaker to feel and see everything being talked

Williams reflects on linguistic experiences

about because it is so descriptive. "Because I love the language, I am in my glory teaching it. The more people I reach the more I can do to pass the language on to my people," she said.

Because of the fast pace of today's culture and the influence of drugs and alcohol, there have been other noticeable changes, Williams said. Among those are fewer young men sitting at the drum due to substance abuse issues. Another is people today talk faster. She said she often has difficulty understanding young people. "Young people are downsizing their words," she said. "When they do that the word loses its original meaning, but perhaps among themselves they will understand. But they are not showing respect to the proper meaning of the words they are using."

With more adults than young people showing an interest in learning the language, she keeps asking the question, "Where are my people?"

In a startling revelation, she said people don't hear about the abuse that goes on today on the reserve because it isn't written or talked about. "There has been a lot of abuse on the reserve at home," she said. "The Catholic Church is now sitting empty because of the sexual and emotional abuse that occurred in the 60s and 70s — everyone has turned away from the church."

She said that past abuse of alter boys in the four churches in their community was very prevalent. "The priests helped themselves to the little boys right at the altar. Then the Boy Scouts came along and their leaders did the same thing. Today I see many of these young men walking the streets

of the reservation drunk or doing drugs. They too have since gone on to become parents — how are they going to raise their kids?"

The effects of residential schools are still being felt within the community as well. "People did not know how to deal with the things they went through at the residential schools, so they brought that home with them and passed it on as well," she said.

Williams said children came home from the residential schools knowing only English and could no longer communicate with their families. "When those young children grew up and had their own babies the young mothers didn't know how to raise and nurture a baby because they had been taken from their mothers at such a young age," she said. "And so it continued. But someone somewhere along the way has to recognize that and work on him or herself; then they will be able to turn their life around for those that will be here in the future. Things like this we have never seen in books — nothing like this has ever been written."

Williams holds out little hope for the future of the Anishinaabe language, saying it rests in the ability of one generation to pass it on to the next. In this case the generation of youth she sees has shown little interest. "There is no need for them to speak the language," she said. "Everything today is in English."

Williams teaches the Ojibwe language to about 55 people in the tribe's service area. The Culture Department also offers language immersion camps at the Marry Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island.

Williams currently resides in Brimley, Mich.

Caring for your diabetes

BY LINDA A. COOK RN, DIABETES CASE MANAGER, SAULT TRIBE COMMUNITY HEALTH

If you have diabetes, take care of your heart. Having diabetes means that you are more likely to have a heart attack or stroke. Managing your diabetes will decrease your risk of heart attack and stroke. It is recommended your blood pressure should be 130/80 or less.

Managing your diabetes means:

- Keeping your blood pressure within normal limits — less than 130/80.

- Having a Hemoglobin A1c less than 7 percent.

- Keeping your LDL cholesterol under 100mg/dl (or under 70mg/dl if heart disease is already present) and triglycerides less than 150mg/dl.

- Getting at least 30 minutes of physical activity most days of the week.

- Staying or coming back to a healthy weight.

- Eating the right amounts of foods like beans, fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

- Quitting smoking.

- Taking medicines as recommended.

Exercise is a key component in keeping healthy. Exercise lowers your blood glucose levels, no matter which type of diabetes you have. Exercise also helps your body use insulin better. Even if you have physical limitations, there is an exercise that is safe for you. Sault Tribe has staff available to help get you started

on an exercise program for all levels of ability.

Managing your weight and food intake is also very important in the plan for diabetics. Your dietician at Sault Tribe will help you figure out healthy choices based on your needs and present lifestyle. It is important to balance food intake and energy output when dealing with the management of diabetes.

We have smoking cessation programs available to those who wish to quit. Smoking is very detrimental to health in every way. Smoking cigarettes restricts blood flow through the blood vessel, damaging all blood vessels. People who have diabetes and smoke are at higher risks of losing their feet or legs because of poor blood circulation.

Taking medications is important for managing your diabetes and preventing heart disease. Medications are prescribed for lowering blood glucose and blood pressure, also for lowering your cholesterol and triglycerides. Any time you take medications you should take them as recommended. Anytime you are thinking of stopping a medication you should call your doctor, nurse practitioner or physician assistant and explain why you want to stop the medication.

If you have questions consult with a diabetes case manager. Please contact Sault Tribe Diabetes Program at 632-5210 for further information.

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Spinal Muscular Atrophy defined

BY PRUDENCE ANGUILM, COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

August is Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) awareness month. SMA is a rare disease that affects the motor neurons in the voluntary muscles. This affects such things as crawling, walking, standing, and sometimes swallowing, however intellect is never affected. SMA is a fairly rare disease only affecting one in 6,000 babies born and making one in 40 people carriers. It is considered a pan-ethnic disease, meaning it can affect any gender, race, or ethnicity. SMA occurs when there is either a depleted or mutated survivor motor neuron gene one (SMN1.) The SMN gene is required for healthy, strong muscles.

SMA is divided among three (some say four) different types. Type one being the most severe, occurring either at birth or within the first few months. SMA type one is considered the number one genetic killer of children under the age of two. It is said that SMA type one kills more children every year than cancer.

SMA is usually diagnosed through a blood test that identifies if there are any mutations or depletions on the SMN1 gene. However in some cases, SMA is diagnosed through an electromyography (EMG) or a muscle biopsy.

For a baby to be born with SMA, both parents must be a carrier. Remember, that is one in 40 people. The reason for this is because SMA is an autosomal recessive

disease; meaning that for it to be genetically passed down, both parents must be carriers of the gene. If both parents are identified as carriers of the gene, they have a 25 percent chance of having a child with SMA, a 50 percent chance of having a child who is a carrier of the gene or a 25 percent chance of having an unaffected child. These percentages go for every pregnancy.

SMA is currently incurable. However the National Institute of Health says of 600 neurological disorders, SMA shows the most progress towards a treatment or cure. This is also beneficial to a multitude of other neurological disorders like Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, Fragile X and Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

SMA currently has no treatment or cure, but everyday advances in medicine prove to be optimistic. Excluding those who have SMA type 1, SMA patients live long, full lives. Most accomplish amazing things and, because intelligence is not affected by SMA, many SMA patients become doctors, lawyers, teachers, scientists, social workers and so much more.

More information and support can be found at these websites: www.fsma.org, www.fightsma.org or www.thegfs.org. The Muscular Dystrophy Association U.S. headquarters can be reached at (800) 572-1717 or via www.mda.org. The SMA Foundation can be contacted at (646) 253-7100 or toll free (877) FUND-SMA or online at www.smafoundation.org.

Brunner publishes book on cultural trauma

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Sharon Brunner has written and published her first book: *Remnants of a Shattered Past: A Journey of Discovery and Hope*.

Her book is the culmination of a journey that began with her Master's thesis. For her thesis, titled "The Aftereffects of the Boarding School Experience for Native Americans in Michigan," she interviewed Native American elders from three different tribes who had attended a federal boarding school in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and those who attended the Holy Childhood Boarding School in Harbor Springs, Mich. She said as she progressed in her research she realized that no one had ever compared the experiences of people who attended the missionary boarding schools and the federal schools. "I met with one man who had attended the federal boarding school and who now lives in the Lansing area and he told me I had two hours, that he was going turkey hunting," she said. "Five hours later we were still talking." What Brunner discovered was that people wanted to share their stories about their childhoods and boarding school experiences. She also met with others who attended the same federal boarding school. Brunner said her research showed



Sharon Brunner with a copy of *Remnants of a Shattered Past: A Journey of Discovery and Hope*.

that those who attended the federal boarding schools had a more positive experience than those who attended the missionary school.

With her thesis and Master's degree in social work from Grand Valley State University now behind her, she said it was in the back of her mind to write a book about what her research had revealed, but at that point she needed a break from both schooling and writing.

She began more research with a book in mind during 2008 and completed and published her

book in August 2011. Her book is a work of creative non-fiction that explores a future with hope and prosperity for Native Americans. She takes a look at America's relationship with tribes and how historical trauma may affect Native Americans today.

Brunner said she tried to present both sides of the story, beginning with first European contact. To use as an example of that first contact, she describes an Ojibwa village in the 1300s and looked at what the potential impact was as a result of others coming to this country. She asks the question what was Columbus up against when he explored the western hemisphere and if his opinions at the time may have been based on the Europeans fighting Muslims for 700 years.

"I struggled with a lot of the chapters," she said. "Some of the content could be offensive to some people even though I wrote it in a way that shouldn't be. Sometimes you can't avoid telling the harsh truth."

She also takes a look at what can be done to help fix past traumas that have spanned generations. "Part of the book addresses malignant trauma, which is something that is not well known," she said. "It is trauma that is nearly impossible to correct."

For example, Brunner said that

when children lay in bed at night and if they have a fear or a need they cry out and someone will come to their aid. But she said children at the boarding schools couldn't do that, they had to lie quietly and deal with whatever was going on by themselves.

While conducting research for her book, she wanted to also compare the experiences of Canadian aboriginals concerning residential schools in Canada and was able to meet with several people there. "Canada modeled their residential schools after Michigan's boarding schools," she said. "Michigan was one of the first states to introduce the day schools and boarding schools and took the lead in boarding school legislation."

According to Brunner, Michigan also had the highest number of boarding schools in the country when boarding schools were first introduced.

In one of the chapters, Brunner discusses spirituality and how people can hunger for it without realizing that is what is missing from their lives. She also offers a different perspective on the Bible then what would be considered mainstream.

Throughout the book she uses the characters of eagle and coyote to help tell stories and illustrate her points. Later chapters in the

book are based on interviews and real life experiences.

Brunner was a federal reviewer for the National Head Start Office from 1998 to 2011 and now she is currently an adjunct professor for Bay Mills Community College. She has served as a member of the Sault Tribe Child Welfare Committee for over 20 years and has worked for a tribal child placement agency and a tribal education program. Brunner strongly supports community volunteerism and sets an example by her role as an animal shelter volunteer and by supporting programs such as the Lake Superior Elders.

Her book is available for \$10 plus \$3 shipping and handling charges by mailing a check or money order to: Freedom Eagles Press, 4599 East 5 Mile Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. For orders of 10 or more shipping is free. Sharon Brunner can be contacted online by email at sbrunner4599@gmail.com or by calling (906) 632-9500. A revised version will be available soon at a cost of up to \$20.

Remnants of a Shattered Past: A Journey of Discovery and Hope, can also be found online at Amazon.com and will be available soon in ebook from Amazon.com and other sources such as Barnes and Noble.

Health care law gives women control over their care

Forty-seven million women are getting greater control over their health care and access to eight new prevention-related health care services without paying more out of their own pocket beginning Aug. 1, 2012, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced recently.

Previously some insurance companies did not cover these preventive services for women at all under their health plans, while some women had to pay deductibles or co-pays for the care they needed to stay healthy. The new rules in the health care law requiring coverage of these services take effect at the next renewal date – on or after Aug. 1, 2012—for most health insurance plans. For the first time ever, women will have access to even more life-saving preventive care free of charge.

According to a new HHS report also released recently, approximately 47 million women are in health plans that must cover these new preventive services at no charge. Women, not insurance companies, can now make health decisions that will keep them healthy, catch potentially serious conditions at an earlier state and protect them and their families from crushing medical bills.

"President Obama is moving our country forward by giving women control over their health care," Secretary Sebelius said. "This law puts women and their doctors, not insurance companies or the government, in charge of health care decisions."

These are the eight new prevention-related services:

- Gestational diabetes screening that helps protect pregnant women from one of the most serious pregnancy-related diseases.
- Domestic and interpersonal violence screening and counseling.
- FDA-approved contraceptive methods, and contraceptive education and counseling.
- Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling.
- HPV DNA testing, for women 30 or older.
- Sexually transmitted infections counseling for sexually-active women.
- HIV screening and counseling for sexually-active women.

The health care law has already helped women in private plans and Medicare for the first time gain access to potentially life-saving tests and services, such as mammograms, cholesterol screenings and flu shots without coinsurance or deductibles. Today's announcement builds on these benefits, generally requiring insurance companies to offer, with no co-pay, additional vital screenings and tests to help keep women healthy throughout their lives.

These services are based on recommendations from the Institute of Medicine, which relied on independent physicians, nurses, scientists and other experts as well as evidence-based research to develop its recommendations. These preventive services will be offered without cost sharing beginning Aug. 1 in all new health plans.

Group health plans and issuers that have maintained grandfathered status are not required to cover these services. In addition, certain nonprofit religious

organizations, such as churches and schools, are not required to cover these services. The Obama administration will continue to work with all employers to give them the flexibility and resources they need to implement the health care law in a way that protects women's health while making common-sense accommodations for values like religious liberty.

For women who are pregnant or nursing, the new preventive services include gestational diabetes screening as well as breast-feeding support, counseling and supplies. Health services already provided under the health care law include folic acid supplements for women who may become pregnant, Hepatitis B screening for pregnant women and anemia screening for pregnant women.

Women Medicare beneficiaries may already receive such preventive services as annual wellness visits, mammograms and bone mass measurement for those at risk of osteoporosis and diabetes screening. Approximately 24.7 million women with Medicare used at least one free preventive service in 2011, including the new annual wellness visit.

Because of the Affordable Care Act, secure, affordable coverage is becoming a reality for millions of American women and families. Men and children are also able to take advantage of preventive services at no extra charge under the health care law. These services include flu shots and other immunizations, screenings for cancers, high blood pressure and cholesterol, and depression.

To learn more about the health care services you may be eligible

for at no extra charge under the Affordable Care Act, go to www.healthcare.gov/prevention.

For information about the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services report on the number of

adult and adolescent women eligible for the preventive services at no charge after Aug. 1, 2012, visit www.aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2012/womenspreventiveservices.

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Sault Tribe member to intern in Orlando, Fla.

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

With his eye on the stars and his feet on the street, Jared Lucas has a passion for music that he puts to work by luring the inner muse from a recording artists conception of what they want for their music and then making it happen in the recording studio.

A former band member himself, he plays an ESP/LDT Eclipse electric guitar and has also played bass.

Lucas walked with his graduating class in May from Ferris State University and will receive his bachelor degree in music industry management in Dec. During his time at Ferris he was the resident engineer and co-manager at the universities recording studio. He will be leaving soon to begin his second internship in the music industry, the final requirement of his degree program, with Paint It Black Studios in Orlando, Fla.

Lucas said a lot of good things are coming from Paint It Black Studios — including American rock bands Alter Bridge and Creed who have both recorded there.

His first internship was in Dallas, where he learned a sophisticated digital recording system called Pro Tools, which he then came back to Ferris and taught to students in the studio.

He got his start in the music



Jared Lucas working with the Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) Pro Tools at his home studio.

industry when he began working for the Sault Tribe Entertainment Department at the age of 16 as a production assistant helping with stage lighting, sound, loading and unloading bands, working spotlights and meeting big name bands and celebrities.

The tribe also helped him out with some educational funding for books and classes during

his time at Ferris. Lucas was also just awarded one of the Bernard Bouschor Scholarships for \$1,000 after writing an essay about what being a member of the Sault Tribe means to him.

Lucas said he is thankful his parents have been supportive of his career choice. “My parents both really like music a lot,” he said. “Music will be around for-

ever — everyone loves music, or at least likes it enough to want to listen to it.”

He recorded his first band in his senior year of high school. Then in his sophomore year at Ferris he met two good friends who were later joined by a third to form the band, “The Hand In The Ocean.” A folk revival band, they are known for their banjo playing, acoustic guitar

and vocals provided by Nate Tapling. Lucas recorded and produced their four-track EP titled, We Fished All Night And Caught The Day, with songs Road To I Am, Green Seas, Not My Way To Feel and Without Stone Teeth. Band members are Nate Tapling, vocals, Jordan Evans, guitar/banjo/backing vocals and Jeremy Dulac, banjo/guitar/backing vocals. The EP can be listened to and downloaded for free at: <http://thehandintheocean.bandcamp.com>.

Lucas also recorded The Hand In The Ocean’s guitar player Jordan Evans with another group he belongs to, Jacques Rocque.

Unless he is offered an opportunity to stay on with Paint It Black Studios at the end of his internship, he plans to move to New York City to gain experience and network before someday opening his own studio.

Lucas said he has a few projects coming up soon, including recording and producing The Hand In The Ocean’s second EP and recording and mixing for local guitar player Steve Sivret.

His long-term goal is to be able to offer recording artists a secluded studio on the Lake Superior shoreline where they can get away while recording.

Jared is the son of Sault Ste. Marie residents Al and Sherrie Lucas.

Engagement

Brittany Ruth McNally, daughter of Dan and Donna McNally of Burrillville, R.I., and granddaughter of the late Raymond and Ruth McNally of Munising, Mich., is engaged to wed Kevin Blaine Zabinski on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012. Kevin is the son of Cindy and Ronald Zabinski of Granby, Conn. Brittany and Kevin met and graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass., in 2010. Brittany graduated with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering and works for Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford, Conn., as a project engineer. Kevin graduated with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering and works for Standard Builders in New Haven, Conn. The wedding will be an outside affair in Spencer, Mass., at Zukas Hilltop Barn at 4 p.m. EST.



ISHPI awarded \$4 million in U.S. Coast Guard task orders

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. — Ishpi Information Technologies, Inc. (ISHPI) was awarded three multi-year task orders totaling \$4 million via ISHPI’s GSA 8(a) STARS II Prime contract to provide support to the U.S. Coast Guard Telecommunications and Information Systems Command. ISHPI will be providing telecommunications and network systems, communications and engineering, and web design and database support.

“We are proud to be selected for this vital work based on our outstanding history of delivering our client’s mission,” said Noah T. Leask, chairman, CEO and president. “Through these awards, ISHPI will help ensure that



Noah Leask, ISHPI CEO

USCG networks are provisioned, maintained and provisioned correctly, telecommunication equipment is procured and installed correctly, telecommunication contracts and services are transi-

tioned easily and mission effectiveness is improved by providing secure wireless access to protected networks.”

Leask is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a disabled veteran.

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Raising funds for United Way



Photos by Brenda Austin

IN THE FAMILY — Sault Tribe employee and United Way Committee member Lisa Moran, above, volunteered her time at the United Way Work Place Campaign booth at Downtown Sault Sidewalk Sales. Below, Sault Tribe employee and United Way volunteer Ashley Macklin worked alongside two cousins (who are also Moran’s nieces) who also volunteered painting faces for the day, Karen Moran, 13, and Amanda Lehre, 18. All proceeds benefitted the United Way Work Place Campaign.





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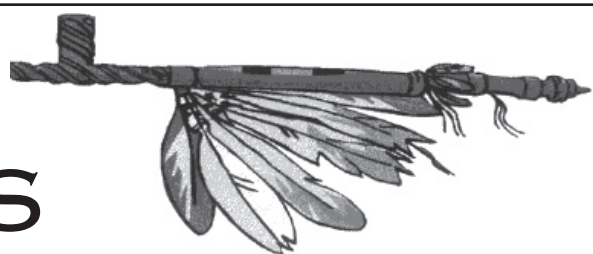


Photo by Tom Derwin

Unit V elders visited the Calumet Theater to see the show, Branson on the Road. On July 23, the group boarded an Altran bus for the 3.5-hour trip to Calumet. The group, Branson on the Road, provided great musical entertainment and lots of comedy. Unit V elders meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at 4 p.m. on lower level of the tribal center. They enjoy socializing, presentations and a dinner catered by the casino. If you are a Unit V elder 60 or older, please join us. For more information, call Tom Derwin, 387-3498 or Anita Nelson, 387-4763.

EAC meeting minutes for May

The following is a summary of approved minutes of May 21 Elder Advisory Committee meeting.

The meeting was opened by Bob Menard at 12:30 p.m. with a prayer being offered by Dolores LeVeque. A moment of silence was observed for those of our community who recently walked on and for our armed forces and their families.

Menard took the roll for secretary Brenda Garries, who was absent. There was a quorum of seven voting members present. Those absent were excused. There were no alternate members present and only one guest was in attendance.

Tribal registrar Julie Yacuone and enrollment coordinator Melissa Morehouse were the only staff present. No one from the board of directors was present.

The agenda was approved with three additions: 8c. Proposed bylaw change, 8d. Read letter to Vic Matson Jr., re: donation return, and 9b. Recognize Ilene Moses for her donation to graduating seniors.

Approval of the minutes of the April 23, 2012, meeting was tabled until the next meeting due to need for more information.

Yacuone and Morehouse explained how the voter registration process works as it relates to a person's official voting district

and answered many questions. They did a fine job of explaining and most people came away with a good understanding of how the process works, especially as it relates to moving one's residence within the seven-county service area, to downstate and to out of state.

Old business — Menard opened a discussion on the Meet the Candidate forums by commending everyone for a job well done. There had been one criticism of the forums on the Internet, suggesting excessive rowdiness. Menard read several back and forth emails on that issue wherein he refuted the excessive and unacceptable behavior claim. It was agreed that the process should be reviewed and some changes made. That will happen closer to the next election in 2014. There was consensus that the questions submitted by tribal members in attendance at the forums should be held in Sheryl's office for six months to provide a period for resolving any questions that might surface.

At this point, Menard asked for a motion to approve a phone poll taken to change the date of this month's meeting in accordance with the bylaws. Approval was granted.

The request from the Hessel — See "Elder briefs," page 16.



Raffle winners announced

Congratulations to the prize winners of the Unit I elders powwow raffle held on July 8:

1st Prize of \$300 cash: Mary Ruth Gamelin

2nd Prize of 2 night stay at Kewadin Casino and a dinner for two: Angie Leask

3rd Prize of Men's Ribbon Shirt: Dale Miller

4th Prize of Porcelain Indian Doll: Denise Atkinson

5th Prize of \$25 Midjim gas card and Sault Tribe T-shirt: Bill Marsh

50/50 drawing of Prize \$138: Theresa Little

If you have questions call Judy LaJoie at 647-5511.



The Unit I representatives annual steak day was on Aug. 1 and had a great turn out with lots of good food and laughter.

The menu was sirloin steaks (thanks to our board members), potato salad, green beans and wonderful strawberry shortcake. It was a warm sunny day. No better way to spend the day.

Top left, Joann Vreden, Jennifer McLeod along with Earl and Jan Rittenhouse.

Middle left, Community Health nurse Becca Gordon came to do some wellness screenings. Becca is checking Christine Moran's blood pressure.

Top right, Francis Flaler. Bottom left, Wilma Cairns, Deb Pine and Olivia Marie DeMerse.

Bottom right, Joyce McCoy, Olivia Demerse, Brother John Hascall and Joann Nault.





Mick Frechette works on his basket.



Mentors at the language immersion camp. This camp centered around making black ash baskets.



Josh Homminga's basket.



Group photo at the May camp.

Mushrooms out now

My husband, Mike Burton, and his mother spent a lot of time in the woods collecting mushrooms. She taught him and he taught me. It's important to learn about each mushroom species first hand, rather than from books. It's fun trying to ID them, but don't eat them unless you know for sure.



Lobster mushrooms are the result of a parasite overtaking a regular mushroom, in this case, a russala (at right). This gives the russala a whole different taste and texture. Look alongside forest roads near moisture and sun.

I've heard that the russala is related to the portabella mushroom and it does have a nice taste but is prone to be buggy and wormy — get them early!

Late summer mushrooms to watch for —



Black trumpets, one of my favorites, have an earthy pungent aroma and remind me of sliced roasted beef. These are a sort of chanterelle that come up late summer in hardwoods. These are considered excellent.



LION'S MANE — also known as bear's tooth — are delicate fungi that taste like cauliflower with melted cheese. Look for them on the end of fallen logs. Note: if you see similar fungi without the distinctive teeth also growing off logs, don't eat them; you could get stomach cramps.



CHANTERELLE ID — One sure way to identify a chanterelle is to examine the gills. Chanterelles have what are called "false gills." they are actually baldes that grow out of the mushroom cap, which are deep, often cross over and do not end in a regular ring around the stem, but irregularly.



Meadow mushrooms are related to the white button mushrooms in the supermarket. They start appearing in open fields and meadows when the nights start cooling off in late summer and early fall. Their pink gills are distinctive. Here they are above at different stages of growth. Below, how they will look when you see them on the ground.



LOOK-ALIKES — There are only a few mushrooms that can't be mistaken for anything else. It's a mistake to experiment with mushrooms. Above to the left are two little edible puffballs, and to the right a poisonous aminita. There are several varieties of aminitas around here, including the Destroying Angel, which can kill you. So be careful of your identifications. Below, the mushrooms to the left are small chanterelles, but the mushrooms on the right are not.



Above is a mature aminita. It is warty, with a ring around the stem, and underneath there may be the remnants of a veil that covered the gills before opening. The baby aminita will have all the mushroom parts inside ready to unfold, whereas the puffballs are solid white.

Krehbiel graduates from Air Force academy



Moses A. Krehbiel, son of Phil and Pam Krehbiel of Manistique, Mich., and grandson of the late Harry and Leona Kroupa of Munising, Mich., and Bill and Billie Krehbiel of Halstead, graduated as a second lieutenant from the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., with the cadet class of 2012 on May 23, receiving a bachelor of science degree

Menard graduates from University of Michigan



Sault Tribe Member Anthony "Tony" Menard from Negaunee graduated magna cum laude from the School of Engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, with a bachelor's degree in computer science engineering on Dec. 18, 2011. He is a member of the



Moses Krehbiel shaking hands with President Barack Obama.

in systems engineering space. President Barack H. Obama, who saluted and shook hands with each of the 1,073 graduates, delivered the commencement address in Falcon Stadium. The hat toss was punctuated with a flyover and air show by the United States Air Force Thunderbirds. Second Lieutenant Krehbiel plans to receive specific training in cyber defense this summer at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., before getting his service orders.

American Indian Science and Engineering Society. Tony is the son of Janice and Daniel Menard of Negaunee, brother to Dillon Menard, and grandson to June and Robert Menard (tribal elder) of Ishpeming and Phyllis and Carmelo Portale of Negaunee.

Tony was the valedictorian of Negaunee High School Class of 2007. His unwavering pursuit of academic and personal excellence has been an inspirational journey to witness for his family and friends. Tony will be moving on to the next phase of his life. His commitment to hard work and professionalism during the past four years has earned him a permanent position as software development engineer with the Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Wash.

Elders' meeting minutes

From "Elder Briefs," page 13 subcommittee to change the bylaws was discussed and it was determined that only Marquette and the Sault had taken the matter to their unit subcommittees for a vote. The question is, do the unit subcommittees support changing the bylaws to have anyone wanting to serve on the subcommittees first get the approval of the unit subcommittees before it is sent on to the board of directors. The matter will be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Menard read a copy of the letter he wrote to Vic Matson Jr. requesting that he return the \$100 donation made to the Meet the Candidate forum project by Aaron Payment since Payment was a candidate.

New business — Menard reminded the group that the matter of promoting the new constitution was put on hold in May 2011 so that the elders could concentrate on getting board approval for the Meet the Candidate forums in time for the 2012 elections. It was agreed that

resurrecting the issue and making it our major project would be a worthy undertaking for the elders. Action was taken to direct Menard to do some research and prepare an agenda that will carry over the next three meetings, at which time, hopefully, any new members to the tribal board will be 'settled in' and the elders will be comfortable bringing the Elder Committee's recommendations to the board.

Menard was directed to write a letter to Ilene Moses thanking her for her donation to the Elders Scholarship Fund. The St. Ignace PTA gave her money for making sweet grass pins for each graduating senior and, like last year, she chose to donate it.

There was no elder's services report since Sheryl couldn't make the meeting due to a sick child.

There were no questions or comments from the elder audience.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. with the next meeting to be June 25, 2012.

McKerchie donates hair to charity

When Ella McKerchie, 6, decided she wanted to cut her hair short, her parents hesitated. Her hair had never been cut, only trimmed. They asked her if she would like to donate her hair, and after some research, decided on Children with Hairloss, a Michigan-based organization that donates wigs to children in need.

Ella's aunt recently lost her hair due to cancer treatment, so Ella understood what it means to lose one's hair and why it's important to donate. She was excited about getting her hair cut and happy donate it to such a good cause.

On July 17, Christina and Mike McKerchie brought an excited Ella to get her hair cut at a local salon, where she had about 12 inches cut with 11 inches to be donated to Children with Hairloss. Her mom reported that



Ella McKerchie

Ella is "incredibly happy with her decision."

Ella is a first grade student at JKL Bahweting who plays Little League softball and dances at a local dance academy. She is a loving, caring individual who doesn't hesitate to help or give when needed.

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The Lifeline and Link Up programs help low-income households get telephone service. Call (888) 641-8722.

Birth notice

AIDEN M. LAWSON

Aiden Michael Lawson was born on April 26, 2012, at 10:17 p.m. in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., at War Memorial Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds, 10.5 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

Proud parents are Mike and Jill (nee King) Lawson. He joins his sister, Anna, 6. His grandparents are Frank and Jackie King of Sault Ste. Marie and Jack and Sandy Lawson of Dafer.



Roy completes Air Force basic training

Air Force Airman Jarrett Roy graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Jeff and Arron Roy of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and a 2010 graduate of Rudyard High School.



Bruecks enjoy Sugar Island powwow during visit home from Germany



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

REUNION — Jonas, Lukas, Linda and Sylvester Brueck from the city of Koeln in Germany visit the Sault tribe's newspaper office. Linda is a tribal member, niece of Joan Yother of the Sault and daughter of George Geiger. The Bruecks visited during the Sugar Island powwow, which they attended and had a great time.

Family get together



George and Gail Andrews came for a visit from Fairfax, Va., and met their cousin, William Ruthruff, 3 months old, son of Victoria and Jon Ruthruff of Hessel.

Brother and sister high achievers

Sault Tribe members and brother and sister Jacob Rochon and Rachael Rochon graduated together this spring from Mountain View High school in Mesa, Ariz., both with honors.

Jacob maintained a 4.0 GPA or higher to be on the Native American Honor Society. The Native American Honor Society has more stringent requirements than the traditional Honor Society, which requires only a 3.5 GPA. Jacob has maintained a 4.0 GPA or higher throughout his high school years. Jacob traveled to Germany, California and New York for school and his studies, and studied the Mandarin Chinese and German languages. He was also involved in the model U.N. and served as yearbook editor and photographer.

Jacob is going to be attending Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University in the fall of 2012. He plans on two majors, Mandarin Chinese and Foreign Relations.

Rachael Rochon is not only graduating from Mountain View high school one year early, with honors and a 3.5 GPA. Rachael was a theater student who participated in cross-country and badminton. During her last year Rachael took nine classes her



first semester. Major foot surgery putting Rachel seven weeks behind her second semester, but she managed to catch up and still complete 10 classes the second semester while being in the theater production of West Side

Story in the singing and dancing role as Anybody's.

Rachael is going to be in a motion picture based on a book in the fall of 2012. Rachael plans on becoming an actor and is currently working with two producers.

Members of the Cedarville Class of 2012



Cedarville graduates, in no particular order, Martin Paymentl, Danial Landreville, Kaytelyn Williams, Reat Moss and Erin Currie.



Charlotte Folkersma won the July Individual of the Month through the United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula's Spotlight Recognition Program. Charlotte was nominated by Hospice of the EUP.



Sara Lauren Potvin (L) graduated from the University of Southern Maine with summa cum laude honors and began graduate work June 2012. She is the daughter of Debrah Long.

Emily Christine Spang (R) graduated with honors from Kennedy High in Taylor, Mich., and will attend Henry Ford Community College beginning in September. She is the goddaughter of Debrah Long.

Congratulations to both focused, ambitious and scholarly young tribal women.



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MILDRED A. BERGMAN

Mildred A. Bergman, 84, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away July 12, 2012, at Hearthside Assisted Living.

Mildred was born Dec. 2, 1927. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Sara Bowden; brothers, Jack, Bill, Ed, and Joe; and sisters, Mable, Fran, Lizzie and Ethel.

She is survived by her children, Beth (Jim) Hart and Mark (Cathy) Ruditis; two brothers, Lawrence and Richard; grandchildren, Crystal Hart, David Hart, Scott Ruditis and Sheri Hicks; great-grandkids, Brianna Hart, Joey Nolan and Emily Ruditis; and many nieces and nephews.

Mildred was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the VFW Auxiliary, Telephone Pioneers and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She traveled all over the country and settled back in Sault Ste. Marie where she enjoyed her retirement.

According to Mildred's wishes, no public services were held.

Arrangements were handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

DRAYDEN G. BOEHMER

Drayden Gabriel Boehmer, "Dray, Dray," 3 years old, of Rogers City, Mich., lost his courageous six-month battle with neuroblastoma cancer at U-M Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor on June 14, 2012.

We were blessed and he came into this world on March 17, 2009. He was born in Alpena, Mich.



Drayden had a smile wherever he went and whatever he was doing; through his short life and all his pain, his smile always lit up the room. His spirit was that of a very special little boy. He loved Hot Wheels, the movies Cars and Toy Story and playing with his little 2-year-old sister, Jocelyn.

Drayden is survived by his dad, Arlan Boehmer of Rogers City; mom, Kayla Plume of Rogers City; sister, Jocelyn Lilith Boehmer of Rogers City; grandparents, Eric Boehmer of Rogers City; Susan Boehmer of Marine City, and Mike and Faye Plume of Rogers City; great-grandfather, Clyde Bonno of Sault Ste. Marie; and all the wonderful people who knew and loved him dearly. Everyone who knew him had a special place in their hearts for him.

Visitation took place at Beck's Funeral Home in Rogers City followed by service and prayers with Reverend Jeff Ryan officiating, Jesus Loves the Little Children was sung.

"Drayden, you are loved, missed and will never be forgotten — Forever in our hearts, you are in the arms of God."

JOHN W. COVEYOU

John William Coveyou, 48, of St. Ignace, died unexpectedly on July 15, 2012, at the home of his mother in St. Ignace.

He was born in St. Ignace Aug. 10, 1963, to Charles and Marsha (nee Bergeson) Coveyou.

He was graduated from

LaSalle High School in the Class of 1981 and lived in St. Ignace all of his life. He was a commercial painter and worked for the Dufinas on Mackinac Island as a cook and bartender in addition to Ryba Fudge and Sanders Fudge on Mackinac Island. Most recently, he worked as a self-employed painting contractor.

He loved to fish and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church.

He is survived by his mother, Marsha Coveyou of St. Ignace; a brother, Michael, at home; his twin brother, James, of St. Ignace; a sister and her family, Janine and Patrick Curry of Tampa, Fla., and seven nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Coveyou, in 1992.

Visitation and services were at the Dodson Funeral Home July 19 with Father Norbert Landreville officiating. Burial was at the St. Ignatius Cemetery.

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

AGNES C. FOX

Agnes C. Fox, 95, of Sugar Island, Mich., died on Aug. 4, 2012, at her home. She was born April 6, 1917, in Marquette, Mich.

She belonged to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was a member of the Sugar Island Lioness Club.

She is survived by her sons, Leonard (Helen) Fox of Menasha, Wisc., Lyle (Tina) Fox of Suffern, N.Y., Lowell (Joan) Fox of Kincheloe, Mich., and Ted (Marijo) Fox of Sugar Island; daughter, Patricia (Ray) Nigro of Central Nyack, N.Y.; brother, Lawrence Leask of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; grandchildren, Cindy Zimmerman, Leonard Fox Jr., Naomi (Ray) Stevens, Kenny Fox, Bradley Fox, Kelly Fox Walling, Cecelia Fox, Darren Nigro, Lowell Fox Jr. and James Fox; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Reginald; parents, Alfred and Louise Leask; son, Jerry Fox; grandson, Michael Fox; and brothers, Jim Leask, Ed Leask, Walter Leask and Elmer Leask.

Visitation and services were on Aug. 10 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Father Sebastian Kavumkal officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

MARY A. GROGAN

Mary Anna "Nan" Grogan, 79, of Moran, passed away on July 28, 2012, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital, surrounded by her family. She had suffered a stroke July 22 at home.

She was born May 25, 1933, in Epoufette to William and Delia (nee Paquin) Bellant.

Nan graduated from LaSalle High School in St. Ignace and married Patrick Grogan Nov. 8, 1952.

She was an elder of the Sault



Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Moran serving as Eucharistic minister and sacrist and the Altar Society for many years. She was an excellent cook, working at various restaurants including Al's Pancake House, Gustafsons in Brevort, and Borlands. She was known for her homemade pies and bread.

She enjoyed attending church, walking, gardening, picking berries, making jelly, canning and baking. She especially enjoyed spending time with family and caring for them.

She is survived by her husband, Patrick; five children and their families, Rodney and Lany Grogan of Sault Ste. Marie, Linda Grogan of St. Ignace, Kelly Grogan of St. Ignace, Mike and Joni Grogan of Moran, Tim Grogan of Munising; two sisters, Alice Quinlan of Newberry and Betty Carlson of Brimley; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers-in-law, Frank Quinlan of Newberry and Chuck Carlson of Brimley.

Mass of Christian burial was on Aug. 2 at Immaculate Conception Church in Moran with Father Pawel Macwel and Father Norbert Landreville officiating. She was buried in Epoufette Cemetery with Native American ceremonies.

Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace assisted the family with arrangements.

PATRICK A. KIBBLE

Patrick A. Kibble, 57, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died on July 9, 2012, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on March 6, 1955, in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Patrick enjoyed music from the classics to rock and roll. He loved Lawrence Welk and the Beatles and could sing all the Beatle songs from start to finish. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends at the Adult Learning Center, Cedar Home.

Patrick is survived by his brothers, Jack (Holly) Kibble of Sugar Island and Russell Kibble of Jackson, Mich., and his sister, Linda Neal of Baltimore, Md. Patrick is also survived by 10 nieces and nephews, John Kibble, Cassandra (Daniel) Eicher, Brian Kibble, Kathy Neal, Charles Neal, Matthew Neal, Shelia Kibble, Dorothy Wilds, Jacob Green and Jessica Green; lifelong friends, Patricia Lawless and Joan Myotte of Sault Ste. Marie; special cousins, Arthur and Patricia Harrington, Butch and Sandy Johnston and Mona and Gilbert Hyndman; and special Cedar Home friends, Pat Malloy, Shyla Bebee, Patrick Clay, Michele Ratcliff, Jami Sebert, Christine Keway, Jerry Paglinewan, Stefanie Bogue, Tony Guilmette, Victoria Constantini, Erin McDonald, Alex Perry, Kaylee Krull, Tabitha Bernier and Alan Boike.

He was preceded in death by his mother Charlotte (Harrington) Kibble in 2005 and his father Wm. John Kibble in 1967. A graveside service was conducted at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

Aug. 11, 2012, with Brother John Hascall officiating. Arrangements were in the care of Clark Baily Newhouse Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE SHAGEN

Lawrence "Larry" Shagen, 64, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on July 25, 2012, at Tendercare Nursing Home.

Larry was born on Sept. 6, 1947, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., to the late Clifford and Rita (nee Thiebault) Shagen. Larry served in the United States Army as an engineer during the Vietnam War. Larry worked as a police officer for the Sault Tribe Police. On Sept. 9, 1994, he married Betty C. Mattson in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Larry was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and American Legion Post 3. He enjoyed gatherings and barbeques and he loved being around people.

Larry is survived by his six children, Shani Shagen, Kimberly Russo, Frank Russo Jr., Tammy Russo, Joseph Russo and James (Jennifer) Bremer Jr., all of Sault Ste. Marie; three step-daughters, Christina Ott, of Sault Ste. Marie, and Mary (Brian) Mitchell and DyAnna Maddox both of Newberry, Mich.; his granddaughter, Peyton Perilloux, along with many other grandchildren and some great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Delmar (Sherri) Shagen and Timothy (Rydell) Shagen, both of the Sault Ste. Marie. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Betty C. Shagen; a daughter, Paula Shagen; two sisters, Mary Louise Shagen and Mary Elouise Shagen; and a brother, Paul Shagen.

Funeral services were held on July 28 at the C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Father Piotr Zaczynski officiating. Burial was at the Hillcrest Cemetery following the service.

Memorials may be left to the American Heart Association.

LEATHA M. VALLIER

Leatha M. Vallier, 88, of Manistique, Mich., passed away on July 14, 2012, at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique, surrounded by her children.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1923, in Garnet, Mich., the daughter of Faye and Bealous (nee Browning) Patterson. She was a graduate of Manistique High School.

During World War II, she served in the Women's Army Corps and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., from 1943 to 1945. She was discharged as a corporal.

On June 13, 1942, the former Leatha Patterson married Marvin J. Vallier in Manistique. They made their home and raised six children in the Green School area of Mueller Township. They thor-



oughly enjoyed all of the activities associated with small community living. Marvin preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 1991.

After Marvin's death, Leatha worked at the Kewadin Casino in Manistique for 15 years until her health caused her to retire at the age of 85. She worked as a hostess and then as a server, doing what she enjoyed best, taking care of customers.

Leatha was a member of the Manistique Moose Lodge, the Schoolcraft County VFW, the American Legion of Manistique and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She enjoyed playing bingo, horseshoes, bowling, pool and cards. Most of all, she enjoyed visiting with her family and friends.

Leatha is survived by her children, Earl Vallier of Clare, Gloria Kemp of Sault Ste. Marie, Sandra Brown of Centralia, Wash., Wayne (LuAnn) Vallier of Manistique, Susan (Charles) Truitt of Chatsworth, Ga., and Joan (Gordon) Thompson of Manistique; 13 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; sister, Alveda Terrian of Green School; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brothers, John and Leon Patterson.

A memorial service was held on July 20 at the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique, with Reverend Jay Martin officiating. Burial with veteran's honors followed at the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com

"Memories"

James Hilton Denman
11/27/1979 – 8/10/2008

It's hard to believe four years have gone by.

Sometimes I still think of you and just cry.

Tears are shed for the things I miss – a hug from you or a mother-son kiss.

I weep for the milestones we won't get to share.

Your wedding, the party, that whole fun affair.

No babies for you to love and watch grow.

No grandkids for me to let my pride in you show.

But I have the treasure of your memories that I hold close to my heart and that is what keeps me from falling apart.

Over the years my riches have grown, you see, I've realized I'm really not alone. Your spirit is with me in the morning light and it's with me as well when I settle down for the night.

I have a wealth of faith that money can't buy.

The Creator has His plan, I no longer ask why.

So, I'll be happy in my life and will not question His plan, because I know down the road we'll be together again.

Keep your signs and energies flowing from Heaven.

I love you and miss you,
James Hilton Denman.

Love thru infinity,
Mom



Regulating air pollution on tribal lands

By HAYLEY MOEN

SAULT TRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

The increase in industrial activity over time has caused increased concern for air quality. In 1970, the U.S. Congress addressed this mounting concern by creating the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Clean Air Act (CAA) as a means to manage air pollution. Under the Clean Air Act, government agencies collaborate with companies and facilities around the country, permitting and regulating in order to limit air emissions. Permits are issued based on limits set by the EPA on pollutants including ozone, carbon monoxide, particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, lead, oxides of nitrogen, sulfuric acid and hydrogen sulfide. These pollutants have the potential to cause health risks such as respiratory and heart problems, cancer, birth defects, and brain and nerve damage. Additionally, pollutants in the air contribute to acid rain and ground level ozone that damage all components of nature. The original Clean Air Act did not account for tribal governments' need and right to monitor for air quality; in 1990, Congress made a revision to the Clean Air Act that recognized tribes' rights to implement air quality programs on tribal land.

The New Source Review (NSR) is a section of the Clean Air Act created to ensure that the creation or modification of facilities does not make air quality

significantly worse in areas with good air quality, and does not interfere with reduction of air pollution in areas with bad air quality. On tribal land, NSR works to protect air quality in Indian Country in the same way as the states. Tribal NSR is used by the EPA to understand the state of air quality in Indian Country. Tribal governments have more flexible involvement; they are not required to implement the CAA programs, but may choose to implement those that are appropriate for their area. According to EPA's 1984 Indian Policy, tribal governments are to be treated as independent governments by the federal government, capable of implementing air quality programs consistent with EPA's standards and regulations. The EPA, however, may manage air programs for tribal governments until they are fully able to manage them.

Intertribal Council Inc. (ITC) of Michigan has thus far taken a primary role in developing emissions inventories and establishing NSR for Sault Tribe lands; however, we wish to increase the capacity of the Sault Tribe Environmental Department to contribute to air monitoring. As the Sault Tribe Environmental Department intern, I work both with the ITC and the Sault Tribe Environmental Department in order to develop this connection and increase Sault Tribe's involvement in air quality. My work involves implementing NSR



on Sault Tribe lands by completing NSR registration forms for minor sources (small sources) on tribal land including gas stations, construction companies, schools, clinics, government buildings and casinos. The emissions from gas stations are assessed based on the total amount of fuel pumped by the tanks in a given year. Pollutants are emitted into the air primarily as fuel is loaded from trucks into underground storage tanks at service stations. The splashing of the fuel in the tanks allows pollutant vapors to escape into the air. Most other facilities being assessed by NSR contribute to pollution through diesel generators that supply power to buildings by diesel combustion. Emissions are estimated based on the amount of fuel fed to the combustion process. Byproducts of combustion are emitted as air pollutants.

The EPA intends for NSR registration to be completed by each polluting facility itself; however, there is concern regarding the response from facilities. For this reason, it is becoming

increasingly important to develop a permanent air quality position in the Sault Tribe Environmental Department. This position would ensure that NSR is completed for facilities and will also ensure the development of the Sault Tribe Environmental Department's air quality capacity.

Of great importance is acquiring funding through the EPA for a permanent air quality position. Each year in October, the EPA posts a funding announcement with information about problems that can be addressed by the funding. Under sections 103 and 105 of the Clean Air Act, tribal governments may apply for funding opportunities to implement programs in air quality. The eligibility of the Sault Tribe for such a funding opportunity is based on if the tribe has a significant air pollution problem leading to health effects, or if air pollution has a significant environmental effect that could threaten cultural resources.

Funding opportunities also have specific areas, which are evaluated, including relevance of the project, the tribal government's long term commitment to implementing an air program, the participation of the tribal government in environmental policy and planning, and the past performance of the tribal government on similar projects. Sault Tribe qualifies in several ways. Most importantly, Sault Tribe is a federally recognized tribe and, therefore, eligible for funding.

Sault Tribe land is located in a pristine area in the Upper Peninsula with little industrial activity within reservation boundaries, however, our air pollution levels have been at times comparable to pollution levels in the most polluted cities in Michigan. The presence of highly industrial facilities within several mile of tribal land is an imminent concern to the area's clean air. According to the Ontario Medical association, in 2007 in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, smog related effects led to 415 emergency department visits, 103 hospital admissions, 48 deaths. Progress towards a strong air quality program is of great importance for Sault Tribe to prevent further deterioration of air quality. Sault Tribe and other tribal entities will be filling out a survey from the EPA in order to assess that state of air quality and if and where permits will be needed for tribal NSR. At present, the tribe does not have the power to properly regulate the facilities on tribal land. In collaboration of the ITC and the EPA, Sault Tribe is attempting to acquire treatment as a state under the Tribal Authority Rule, which may give the tribe more of the EPA's authority to issue permits on tribal land and regulate air emissions. This authority will be crucial in implementing emissions regulation and working to preserve the health of tribal land and its residents.

Haley Moen is a Sault Tribe Environmental Program intern.

Tribes stock 760,000 walleye fingerlings in Great Lakes waters

Analysis shows substantial contribution to walleye fishery

SAULT STE. MARIE

— Despite low water conditions in some of its walleye rearing ponds, the Inter-tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program (ITFAP) was able to raise over 760,000 walleye fingerlings for stocking in local waters. Overall, ITFAP's analysis shows a significant contribution of stocked walleye in ITFAP's traditional stocking areas, from 33 percent in St. Marys River to 90 percent in Grand Traverse Bay of Lake Michigan.

"We are very pleased with this year's production, especially considering the lack of spring rains reduced our primary culture pond to less than one-third of its normal water level," ITFAP fish culture manager Greg Wright said. "Despite the low water, the pond was still able to produce about a half-million fingerlings."

Wright added, "So, all factors considered, it was still a good year."

Early spring weather also caused difficulties with this year's walleye rearing. Matt Allard, ITFAP's aquaculture assistant said the unusually warm spring complicated walleye egg collections. "The spawning run was stretched out over a much longer time period, and we were getting a little nervous that we might not be able to collect enough spawning adult walleye," Allard said.

All ITFAP field staff coordinate their efforts during wall-

eye spawning time to ensure that enough eggs are collected to support each year's stocking program, said Allard. This year's early spring prolonged the walleye spawning run making it more difficult to collect the target number of adult walleye for egg collection.

The 2012 walleye fingerlings were stocked at traditional stocking sites in the Great Lakes and St. Marys River:

St. Marys River (five locations): 304,000

Brimley Bay, Lake Superior: 99,000

St. Martin Bay, Lake Huron: 230,000

Grand Traverse Bay, Lake Michigan: 127,000

ITFAP's walleye stocking program continues to be a cooperative effort between ITFAP and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. ITFAP collected walleye eggs from spawning fish in the St. Marys River and Brimley Bay for stocking back into those waters, as well as St. Martin Bay. MDNR provided ITFAP with walleye eggs collected from Bay de Noc, Lake Michigan, for stocking back into Lake Michigan. MDNR also assisted with trucking some fingerlings to stocking sites in the St. Marys River.

But since production was down this year, ITFAP was not able to meet all of its Great Lakes stocking targets or provide fingerlings

to MDNR for stocking in some inland lakes as it did in 2011.

Tom Gorenflo, ITFAP program director, said, "In 2011, our fingerling production was high enough to allow us to contribute walleye fingerlings to MDNR for stocking in inland lakes that are important for both the tribes and the state. We hope to resume that arrangement in 2013 when we get back to full production."

All walleye stocked by ITFAP are marked with oxytetracycline (OTC) to distinguish stocked fish from naturally reproduced fish. This helps ITFAP evaluate the success of the stocking program. The OTC mark can be seen on the vertebrae of a walleye under a special light. ITFAP collects walleye samples from tribal fishers as well as non-tribal sport fishers to look for the OTC mark.

Analysis of OTC marks shows that ITFAP's stocking program is providing a substantial contribution to local fisheries. For example, samples collected during the 2011 Cabelas walleye tournament on the St. Marys River showed 33 percent were stocked walleye. Sampling by tribal biologists in Brimley Bay showed 53 percent were stocked walleye. In Grand Traverse Bay, sampling showed 90 percent were stocked walleye.

The OTC analysis likely underestimates how much stocked walleye contribute to the fisheries because some newly hatched fry are not properly marked and the

OTC mark can fade as the fish grows older, added Gorenflo.

The stocking program is administered by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa

Exercise caution on lakes Huron and Michigan

SAULT STE. MARIE — From the beginning of August through the end of October, boaters in northern Lake Michigan and Lake Huron should be aware of the possible presence of tribal commercial salmon fishing nets. During their recreational boating and fishing activities, boaters should exercise extreme caution during low-light or bad weather conditions when navigating this area. Posters depicting what the nets look like, the general areas they could be set, and contact numbers for help, have been displayed at nearby launch sites.

Each net has large 6-inch by 14-inch orange floats that are spaced at intervals of 300 feet or less. The license number of the tribal fisher is on the net. Net ends are marked with staffs 5 feet in length above the water surface, colored with at least 50 percent reflective orange coloring and a 12-inch by 12-inch orange flag on top.

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority strongly recommends

Indians, and receives funding support from the Bay Mills Indian Community and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

boaters navigate around the nets they encounter, rather than between the staff buoys set at net ends. These salmon nets may be set at the surface and are composed of thick twine.

Fishers from the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are all required to uniformly mark their nets in the above manner.

For more information, contact CORA Executive Director Jane TenEyck at (906) 632-0043.

Government sales

Did you know that the government sells and auctions a wide range of items, from books and souvenirs to houses and cars?

Learn more by visiting www.usa.gov/shopping/shopping.shtml to browse through listings of items available for sale.

Financial analysis for end of fiscal year 2011

This section of the tribe's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the tribe's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on Dec. 31, 2011. Please read it in conjunction with the tribe's financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The tribe's total governmental assets decreased to \$.5 million or .6 percent over the course of this year's operations while total assets from business-type activities increased to \$136.2 million. Total primary governmental assets were \$225.7 million at 2011 year end.

Total liabilities in governmental activities decreased \$5.6 million or 9 percent and total liabilities in business-type activities were \$45.9 million. Total primary governmental liabilities were \$101.7 million at 2011 year end.

During the year, the tribe's expenses and transfers were \$5 million less than the revenues generated by grants, taxes and other sources for governmental activities.

In the tribe's business-type activities, total revenues were \$124.2 million while total expenses, taxes and transfers were \$119.5 million.

Dollars spent on member services increased \$.7 million or 1.1 percent while grant revenues decreased \$1.2 million or 2.8 percent.

The General Fund reported a decrease in expenditures of \$2.9 million for the year due to decreases in debt service and general governmental costs.

Major capital projects include purchase of a new Advocacy Resource Center for establishing a permanent home for the domestic violence and shelter programs run by Anishnabek Community and Family Services. Vacant property was purchased contiguous to the JKL School Building should the need for school expansion arise. A new roof was put on the Elderly Building in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. A new computerized HVAC monitoring system was installed for the main buildings in the Sault, Munising and Manistique. A federal grant was received to replace the lighting in 21 tribal buildings with energy saving "green" florescent bulbs.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of four parts — management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information and other supplementary information that presents combining statements for non-major governmental funds, internal service, enterprise and fiduciary funds. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the tribe.

Figure A-1

The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities (excluding gaming authority in 2010)	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	Current and other assets	\$ 41,386,986	\$ 40,820,785	\$ 23,210,789
Capital assets	48,103,253	49,203,836	112,962,901	12,308,702
Total assets	\$ 89,490,239	\$ 90,024,621	\$ 136,173,690	\$ 16,617,911
Current liabilities	\$ 16,452,787	\$ 21,078,744	\$ 45,899,135	\$ (365,331)
Long-term debt outstanding	39,335,000	40,262,005	-	-
Total liabilities	55,787,787	61,340,749	45,899,135	(365,331)
Net assets				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	37,599,663	35,426,589	73,260,234	12,308,702
Unrestricted (deficit)	(3,897,211)	(6,742,717)	17,014,321	4,674,540
Total net assets	\$ 33,702,452	\$ 28,683,872	\$ 90,274,555	\$ 16,983,242

Figure A-1, above. Figure A-2 top, below.

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities (excluding gaming authority for 2010)	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	Revenues			
Program Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 10,462,792	\$ 8,660,815	\$ 124,226,813	\$ 13,813,804
Operating and Capital Grants	41,605,291	42,791,635	-	-
General Revenues:				
Taxes	17,576,247	17,542,049	-	-
Interest/Dividends	53,553	59,502	18,106	10,356
Other	3,447,905	3,532,577	202	1,140
Total Revenues	73,145,788	72,586,578	124,245,121	13,825,300
Expenses				
Gaming	-	-	87,416,644	-
Other	-	-	14,500,307	12,954,383
Judicial	723,639	904,400	-	-
Education	8,345,663	8,369,233	-	-
Health & Welfare	37,886,308	36,741,070	-	-
Recreation & Culture	2,203,114	2,158,186	-	-

about the tribe's overall financial status.

The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the tribe's government, reporting the tribe's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

The governmental funds statements tell how general government services like public safety and health and welfare were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

Proprietary fund statements offer short and long-term financial information about the activities the government operates like businesses, such as the Midjims.

Fiduciary fund statements provide information about the financial relationships-like the retirement plan of the tribe's employees- in which the tribe acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another. In addition to these required elements, we have included a section with combining statements that provide details about our governmental funds and internal service funds each of which are added together

and presented in single columns in the basic financial statements.

Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the tribe's financial statements. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2

Government-wide statements

The government-wide statements report information about the tribe as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the tribe's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets — the difference between the tribe's assets and liabilities — is one way to measure the tribe's financial health, or position.

Over time, increases or decreases in the tribe's net assets are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

To assess the overall health of the tribe you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the gaming industry regulations and changes in federal law.

The government-wide financial statements of the tribe are:

Governmental activities — Most of the tribe's basic services are included here, such as

health and welfare, public safety, education, and recreation and culture. Taxes, federal revenue, state revenue and charges for services finance most of these activities.

Business-type activities — The tribe charges fees to customers to help it cover the costs of certain services it provides. The tribe's Gaming Authority and businesses should be included here.

Fund financial statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the tribe's most significant funds-not the tribe as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the tribe uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

Some funds are required by federal law and by bond covenants.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian's Board establishes other funds to control and manage grant money for particular purposes (Head Start, Fisheries, Sanitation, etc.)

The tribe has three kinds of funds:

Governmental funds — Most of the tribe's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how much cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) The balances left at year-end that are available for spending.

Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the

tribe's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement, or on the subsequent page, that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

Proprietary funds — Internal services for which the tribe charges internal customers a fee are generally reported in the general fund. Proprietary funds, like the government-wide statements, provide both long and short term financial information. In fact, the tribe's enterprise funds (one type of proprietary fund) are the same as its business-type activities, but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. We use internal services for the tribe's other programs and activities — such as the Management Information Systems, Human Resources, Accounting, etc.

Fiduciary funds — The tribe is trustee, or fiduciary, for its employees' pension plans. It is also responsible for other assets because of a trust arrangement — can be used only for the trust beneficiaries. The tribe is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in the funds are used for their intended purposes. All of the tribe's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net assets and a statement of changes in fiduciary net assets. We exclude these activities from the tribe's government-wide financial statements because the tribe cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TRIBE AS A WHOLE

Net assets: The tribe's combined governmental and business-type net assets were \$123,977,007 for 2011. **Gaming Authority amounts were excluded in 2010.** (See Table A-1.)

Table A-1

Invested: \$37.6 million of governmental assets are invested in capital assets (land, buildings and equipment) with \$73.3 million of business assets invested in the same manner.

Changes in net assets: The tribe's total revenues from primary activities (excluding special items) was \$197.4 million. **Note: Gaming Authority amounts were not included in 2010.** (See Table A-2.) The tribe's revenue comes mainly from gaming revenues, charges for services, taxes and federal sources.

The total cost of all primary activities was \$170.1 million and included both governmental and member services along with business-type operating costs.

The tribe was able to cover the current year's costs for programs and services of governmental operations through increased revenues. Table A-2 and the narrative that follows consider the operations of governmental-

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type activities and business-type activities separately.

Governmental and business-type activities

Revenues for the tribe’s governmental activities increased .8 percent, while total expenses increased 1.1 percent.

Revenues for the tribe’s business-type activities were \$124.2 million with expenses totaling \$101.9 million.

Table A-2

Table A-2 presents the cost of each of the tribe’s five largest programs — health and welfare, public safety, recreation and culture, education, and general government as well as its judicial services, public works and interest expense.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$68.2 million.

The cost of those services was paid from the following:

Taxes of \$17.6 million

Charges for services of \$10.5 million

Operating and capital grants of \$41.6 million

Interest, dividends and other revenues of \$3.5 million

The increase in governmental net assets for 2011 was \$5.0 million.

Business-type activities

Revenues of the tribe’s business-type activities were \$124.2 million and expenses were \$101.9 million. **Note: Gaming Authority amounts were not included in 2010.** (Refer to Table A-2).

Business-type activities provide all of the governmental tax revenues and the increase in net assets for the businesses was \$4.7 million for 2011 after taxes.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT’S FUNDS

As the tribe completed the year, its governmental funds reported on Page 15, a combined deficit fund balance of \$29.7 million, an increase in combined fund balance of \$4.0 million from 2010. The primary reason for the increase in fund balance is highlighted in the analysis of governmental activities. In addition, these other changes in fund balance should be noted:

Debt service expenditures were \$4.7 million.

\$5.4 million was transferred out to other activities from the General Fund, a decrease of 10 percent from 2010.

General Fund budgetary highlights

Over the course of the year, the tribe’s board made several changes to the tribe’s budget. The budget process falls into three categories:

Original budgets are approved by the board prior to the beginning of the program’s fiscal year.

Amendments and supplemental appropriations are approved as needed by the programs during the course of the fiscal year.

Year end modifications are made during the calendar year as needed for programs with non-December year ends.

Even with these adjustments, actual expenditures were \$1.2 million less than the final budgeted general fund amounts.

The actual excess of revenues over expense was \$5.6 million more than the final budget anticipated. This is due, in part, to greater revenues, less expenses and less operating fund transfers than the final budgeted amounts.

The most significant variances were as follows:

Tax collections were less than expected.

Other revenues were greater than expected.

Operating expenditures were less than budgeted amounts.

Other financing uses of funds were less than anticipated.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the end of 2011, the tribe has invested \$161,030,154 in a broad range of capital assets, including land, machinery and equipment, buildings, roads and vehicles.

Note: Gaming Authority amounts were not included in 2010. (See Table A-3.)

Table A-3

The principal change in capital assets consists mainly of equipment purchases.

Capital outlay

This year’s major capital asset additions included:

Tribal business equipment and building improvements: \$262,598.

All governmental and tribal internal service funds: \$2,396,217.

The tribe’s fiscal year 2012 capital budget projects spending another \$1,833,345 million for non-gaming capital projects.

The tribe plans to finance these projects with its excess cash reserves.

Long-term debt

At year end, the tribe had \$51,805,602 in bonds, notes, and other obligations. Government debt decreased by \$1,291,016 or 22 percent to \$4,603,590. More detailed information about the tribe’s long-term liabilities is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR’S BUDGETS AND RATES

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the General Fund budget for fiscal 2012. An amount appropriated in the General fund budget for operations is \$8.8 million, which is a increase from final fiscal 2011 budget. The tribe will use its revenues to finance current and expected future programs, program expansions into

outlaying areas, and the expected impact of inflation on those programs.

The largest fiscal 2012 budgeted expenditures are for Direct Services, consulting/ subcontracting and expansion of member services. If these estimates are realized, the tribe’s budgetary General Fund balance is expected to remain steady by the close of fiscal 2012.

As for the tribe’s business-type activities, we expect that the 2012 results will also improve based on reduction in operating costs and an increase in operating margins.

CONTACTING THE TRIBE’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our members, grantors, investors and creditors with a general overview of the tribe’s finances and to demonstrate the tribe’s accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians Administration Office, 523 Ashmun, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities (excluding gaming authority for 2010)	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Public Safety	4,456,536	3,613,918	-	-
General Government	9,325,103	10,626,327	-	-
Public Works	1,441,662	1,043,173	-	-
Interest Expense	3,774,190	3,944,424	-	-
Total Expenses	68,156,215	67,400,731	101,916,951	12,954,383
Excess (deficiency)	4,989,573	5,185,847	22,328,170	870,917
Transfers	29,007	28,943	(29,007)	(54,143)
Taxes	-	-	(17,576,247)	(542,049)
Changes in net assets	5,018,580	5,214,790	4,722,916	274,725
Net Assets – Beginning	28,683,872	23,469,082	85,551,639	16,708,517
Net Assets – Ending	\$ 33,702,452	\$ 28,683,872	\$ 90,274,555	\$ 16,983,242

Figure A-2 bottom, above. Figure A-3, below.

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Governmental Activities	Business-Activities (excluding gaming)
	2011	2011	2010	2010
Land and improvements	\$ 14,738,761	\$ 13,789,029	\$ 14,690,083	\$ 2,095,377
Buildings and equipment	78,426,840	210,859,630	77,658,302	19,072,579
	93,165,601	224,648,659	92,348,385	21,167,956
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(45,062,348)	(111,721,758)	(43,144,549)	(8,859,255)
Totals	\$ 48,103,253	\$ 112,926,901	\$ 49,203,836	\$ 12,308,701

Scope	Major Features of tribe’s Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements			
	Government-wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Entire Tribal government (except fiduciary funds) and the tribe’s component units	The activities of the tribe that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as public safety, health & welfare, and public works	Activities the tribe operates similar to private businesses: Gaming Authority, Midjim, and Northern Hospitality, etc.	Instances in which the tribe is the trustee or agent for someone else’s resources such as the retirement plan for Tribal Employees	
Required Financial Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement of net assets Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement of Net Assets Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets Statement of Cash flows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement of fiduciary net assets Statement of changes in fiduciary net assets
Accounting Basis and Measurement Focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of Asset Liability Information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term
Type of Inflow/Outflow Information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during year regardless of when cash is received or paid	All revenues and expenses during year regardless of when cash is received or paid

Sault Tribe’s Toll Free Phone Numbers

Sault Tribe Administration Building: (800) 793-0660

Contract Health: (800) 922-0582

ACFS Main Office: (800) 726-0093

Enrollment Department: (800) 251-6597

Advocacy Resource Center Women’s Lodge: (877) 639-7820

St. Ignace Health Clinic: (877) 256-0135

Manistique Tribal Community Center: (800) 401-0043

ACFS Manistique Office: (800) 347-7137

Munising Health and Human Service Programs: (800) 236-4705

All Kewadin Casinos: 1-800-KEWADIN

Facilities

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Facilities Listing as of 3/27/12

Sault Area Buildings
Kewadin Casino Sault
2186 Shunk Rd.

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
1-800-KEWADIN

Sault Ste. Marie Employment Office (906) 635-7032 or (866) 635-7032

Min Wabab Dan (Pleased with It) Sault Tribe Administration Building

523 Ashmun Street
531 Ashmun Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

(906) 635-6050
(800) 793-0660
Board of Directors

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 Chairman's Office
 Legal
 Budgets
 Accounting
 Payroll
 Cultural Division
 Planning and Development
 Transportation
 Executive Office of Membership Services
 CFO offices
 MIS
 Telecommunications
 Insurance
 Tax Agreement
 Facilities
 Gaming Commission (906) 635-7042
 Communications Department (906) 632-6398
 Education Department: (906) 635-7010
 Stay Project (906) 635-8629
 Workforce Investment Act: (906) 635-4767
 Adult Education: (906) 632-6098
 Higher Education (906) 635-7784
 Youth Education and Activities Program: (906) 635-7010.
 The Dawn M. Eavou Child Advocacy Center
 2163 Migisa Ct.
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 632-4001
 Chi Mukwa (Big Bear)
 Community Recreation Center
 2 Ice Circle
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 635-RINK (7465)
 After School and Summer Recreation Programs
 Events Management
 All-in-One Fitness Center
 Concessions
 Pro Shop
 Tribal Recreation
 Blades Sports Bar
 Physical Therapy
 Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting School Public School Academy
 1301 Marquette Ave.
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 4978
 (906) 635-5055
 Fred Hatch Building
 206 Greenough Street
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 Environmental Department (906) 632-5575
 Miskeke.gamig (Medicine Lodge)
 Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Building
 2864 Ashmun Street
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 632-5200
 Laboratory
 Medical
 Medical Billing
 Medical Records
 Radiology
 Administration
 Dental (906) 632-5260
 Patient Registration 632-5200
 Optical 632-5218
 Pharmacy 632-5226
 Behavioral Health 632-6075
 Community Health 632-5210
 Audiology, Traditional Medicine, Nutrition, Home Health Aid, HIV Coordinator, Diabetes Coordinator, Occupation Health Nurses
 Contract Health Toll Free (800) 922-0582 or 632-5220
 Niigaanagiizhik Building
 Ceremonial Building
 11 Ice Circle
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 632-0239
 Mary Murray Building/ Bonnie McKerchie Building
 2218 Shunk Rd.
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 Child Care Center (906) 632-

5258
 ACFS (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093
 Chippewa Service
 916 Ashmun Street
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 632-6077
 Facilities Management
 Northern Hospitality
 827 Ashmun Street
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 635-4800
 Sault Tribe Mary Murray Culture Camp
 266 Homestead Road
 Sugar Island, MI 49783
 (906) 635-5604
 Powwow Grounds
 10 Ice Circle
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 Nokomis/Mishomis Building
 2076 Shunk Rd.
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 Eldercare Services (906) 635-4971
 Sault Tribe Head Start (906) 635-7047
 Early Head Start (906) 635-7047
 Enrollment Department
 2428 Shunk Rd.
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 635-3396
 (800) 251-6597
 George K. Nolan Judicial Building
 2175 Shunk Rd.
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 Sault Tribe Law Enforcement/ Conservation (906) 635-6065
 Tribal Court (906) 635-4963
 Inland Fish and Wildlife Department (906) 632-6132
 Youth Education and Activities Program
 2469 Shunk Road
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 253-1321
 Big Abe Building
 (Inter-tribal building)
 179 W. Three Mile Rd.
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 Inter Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program (906) 632-0072
 MidJim Sault
 2205 Shunk Road
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 635-4782
 Sault Tribe Construction
 3375 M-129
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 635-0556
 USDA/Food Distribution
 3601 Mackinaw Trail
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 635-6076
 Advocacy Resource Center
 2769 Ashmun Street
 P.O. Box 1576
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 632-1808 or (877) 639-7820
 Lodge of Bravery
 Advocacy Services
 Legal Aid
 Shedawin Building - Empty
 2158 Shunk Road
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 Behavioral Health uses
 Somes Building - Empty
 1022 Portage Street
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 Garage Belongs to Purchasing
 Bi-Bagi (Call, Cry out, or Shout)
 2151 Shunk Road
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 Motor Pool
 199 Three Mile Road
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
Kincheloe Area Buildings
 ACFS Kincheloe Office - Child Placement
 60 Kincheloe
 Kincheloe, MI 49752
 (906) 495-1232
 Sault Tribe Housing Authority



154 Parkside Drive
 Kincheloe, MI 49788
 (906) 495-5555
 Administrative Office
 Construction – Kincheloe
 Maintenance
 Home Improvement Program
 Modernization Program
 Resident Services building
 10 Woodlake
 Kincheloe, MI 49788
 (906) 495-5555
 Occupancy/Applications Department
 Home Ownership
 Resident Services Department
 DeMawating Development
 42 Woodlake
 Kincheloe, MI 49788
 (906) 495-2800
 Youth Education and Activities Program
 Rudyard/Kinross
 Rudyard Schools
 11185 2nd Street
 Rudyard, MI 49780
 (906) 487-3471 ext: 228
St. Ignace Area Buildings
 Kewadin Shores Casino
 3015 Mackinac Trail
 St. Ignace, MI 49781
 (906) 643-7071
 1-800-KEWADIN
 St. Ignace Employment Office
 (906) 643-4176
 Kewadin Shores (Vacant)
 3039 Mackinaw Trail
 St. Ignace, MI 49781
 Casino Storage
 St. Ignace Health Clinic
 1140 N. State Street
 St. Ignace, MI 49781
 (906) 643-8698 or (877) 256-0135
 Administration
 Medical
 Nurses
 Dental
 Hygienist
 Traditional Medicine
 Community Health
 Nutrition
 Behavioral Health
 Optical
 Medical Billing
 Medical Records
 Pharmacy
 Lambert Center
 225 WaSeh Drive
 St. Ignace, MI 49781
 Head Start (906) 643-9733
 Stay Project (No number. Call main number in Sault Ste. Marie at (906) 635-8629.
 Enji Maawanji' Iding (Former McCann School)
 399 McCann Street
 St. Ignace, MI 49781
 (906) 643-3189
 Elder Meals
 Sault Tribe Youth Facility and Sault Tribe Law Enforcement
 1130 N. State Street
 St. Ignace, MI 49781
 Kewadin Casino Lakefront Inn
 1131 North State Street
 St. Ignace, MI 49781
 (906) 643-8411
 MidJim St. Ignace
 3045 Mackinac Trail
 St. Ignace, MI 49781

(906) 643-9906
 Youth Education and Activities Program
 St. Ignace
 (Not owned by Sault Tribe)
 Lasalle Middle School
 860 Portage Street
 St. Ignace, MI 49781
 (906) 643-7262
Hessel Area Buildings
 Hessel Casino
 3355 N 3 Mile Road, PO Box 189
 Hessel, MI 49745
 (906) 484-2903
 1-800-KEWADIN
 Hessel Tribal Center
 3535 Nopaming Drive
 P.O. Box 130
 Hessel, MI 49745
 (906) 484-2727
 Community Health
 Elder care services lunches
 ACFS on occasion
 Youth Education and Activities Program: (906) 484-2298
Manistique Area Buildings
 Manistique Casino
 5630 US 2 E., Rte. 1, Box 1533
 D
 Manistique, MI 49854
 (906) 341-5510
 1-800-KEWADIN
 Chigibig Ningabi An (Near the Western Shore)
 Manistique Tribal Community Center
 5698 W US-2
 Manistique, MI 49854
 (906) 341-8469
 (800) 401-0043
 Fax 341-1323
 Administration
 Sault Tribe Law Enforcement
 Elderly meals
 Health Center: Medical, Nursing, Dental, Hygienist, Optical, Pharmacy, Community Health, Nutrition, Patient Registration, Behavioral Health, and Traditional Healing
 Maintenance
 ACFS (906) 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137
 Housing Authority: Escanaba, Newberry, Manistique, Wetmore, Marquette
 1176 North Chitoma Drive
 Manistique, MI 49854
 (906) 341-5145
 Youth Education and Activities Program
 Manistique
 174 Zhigag
 Manistique, MI 49754
 (906) 341-3362
Escanaba Area Buildings
 1226 Wigob
 Escanaba, MI 49829
 Youth Education and Activities Program: (906) 789-0972
 Stay Project at this location: (906) 789-3192
Newberry Area Buildings
 Newberry Health Center and Community Building
 4935 Zee-Ba-Tic Lane
 P.O. Box 155
 Newberry, MI 49868
 (906) 293-8181
 Community Health
 Satellite Direct Services
Munising Area Buildings
 Christmas Kewadin Casino
 N7761 Candy Cane Lane
 Rt. 2 Box 223
 Christmas, MI 49862
 (906) 387-5475
 1-800-KEWADIN
 Victor Matson, Sr. Community Center
 Grand Island Chippewa Center
 Gchi-Minis Ednakiyaany Gamig
 Munising Tribal Community Center (Health and Human Service Programs)

622 W. Superior Street
 Munising, MI 49862
 (906) 387-4721, (906) 387-4614, and (800) 236-4705
 Fax 387-4727
 Health Clinic: Administration, Medical, Nursing, Medical Records, Reception, and Behavioral Health
 Data Entry
 Board of Directors office
 Elder Office
 ACFS
 Community Health, Traditional Healers office, Health Educators
 Youth Education and Activities Program
 (Not owned by Sault Tribe)
 Mather Middle School
 411 Elm Street
 Munising, MI 49862
 (906) 387-2251
Marquette Area Buildings
 K.I. Sawyer
 Sawyer Village/Eagle Ridge
 250 Voodoo Ave.
 Gwinn, MI 49841
Gas Stations
 The following gas stations are offering the discount to Sault Tribe members.
 Tribal owned gas stations offering gas and cigarette discounts
 MidJim Convenience Store
 2205 Shunk Road
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 MidJim Convenience Store
 3045 Mackinac Trail
 St. Ignace, MI 49781
 Not Tribal owned stations offering gas discounts only
 Kinross BP
 4440 Tone Road
 Kincheloe, MI 49788
 Cedar Pantry
 159 W M-134
 Cedarville, MI 49719
 Newberry BP Express Mart
 13975 M-28
 Newberry, MI 49868
 White Pine Lodge
 7889 E. W. M-28
 Christmas, MI 49862
 Freedom Value Center
 501 W. Washington Street
 Marquette, MI 49855
 Manistique Oil Company
 216 Deer Street
 Manistique, MI 49854
 Carnes BP
 2300 Ludington Street
 Escanaba, MI 49837
Law Enforcement
 George K. Nolan Judicial Building
 Sault Tribe Law Enforcement/ Conservation (906) 635-6065
 2175 Shunk Rd.
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 Law Enforcement Satellite Offices
 Kincheloe Public Safety
 Not a Tribal Law Enforcement office. There is an officer for the Tribe on duty at this location.
 4884 W. Curtis
 Kincheloe, MI 49752
 (906) 495-5889
 Sault Tribe Youth Facility/Sault Tribe Law Enforcement
 1130 N. State Street
 St. Ignace, MI 49781
 (906) 643-0941
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 Manistique Tribal Community Center
 5698 W US-2
 Manistique, MI 49854
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Balance and wisdom make good decisions



Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson
"Representing All Members Everywhere"

Let me begin by thanking you for the opportunity to once again serve and represent you as chairperson. I wake every day and do my traditional Anishinabe Biimaadziwiin prayer to thank the Creator for each new day and ask for the maturity to hear the directions of our ancestors to make good decisions that benefit all the members for generations to come. I ask for balance and wisdom to see past petty conflicts to see what is in the best interest of our people and to keep moving on a positive path forward.

REINFORCING OUR ELDERS' ROLE

We have had a busy first few weeks. I have spent my time so far getting reacquainted with our elder groups, traveling to their meetings and celebrations and recommitting to building a strong rapport and relationship to reinforce our elders' rightful role in advising our governing board. One example is the leadership our elders exercised with the tribal candidate forums during the election. The next will be their wise direction in recommitting to evolving our tribal government to include a separation of powers like most other tribes in Michigan.

A NEW CONSTITUTION

In many senses, amending our tribal Constitution is not about accepting foreign ideas but is really about revitalizing our Anishinabe Biimaadziwiin (our Indian way of life) of balance to ensuring that no one branch of government is all powerful. This concept predates European contact and predates the United

States Constitution formation and ratification in 1887. In fact, historical documents clearly show the origin in the Iroquois Confederacy Great Law of Peace, which was designed to balance power. This is a critical need as right now we do not have any rights as citizens to ensure our Constitutional rights are upheld. Right now, any such rights exist only subject to the benevolence of the board of directors. This must change.

We are not a real government if we do not have a separation of powers and a clear delineation of civil and constitutional rights. Please join me in supporting our elder groups in their advocacy on this issue. Others may filibuster and make excuses but there is no greater right that your constitutional rights as citizens of our tribal nation.

LIMITED DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CHAIRPERSON

As you all know, the people of the tribe voted to separate the chairperson and chief executive officer functions for our tribe. While there is a great diversity in what this actually means or what folks understood as they were casting their ballot, the fact remains that the functions have been separated with the provision for the board to delegate the administrative functions to the chair. Well, I am happy to report that though this issue has languished since the people voted in the spring of 2010, upon my request the board voted on July 13, 2012, to delegate the following administrative functions to the chair.

TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON AUTHORITY

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 below, the Tribal Chairperson is authorized and directed to manage and direct the day to day operations of the Tribe including but not limited to the following:

(a) Serving as the ceremonial figure head of the Tribe for public events and visiting dignitaries;

(b) Serving as the spokesperson for the Tribe on issues requiring a singular voice of the Tribal Board's official position;

(c) Guiding and direct-

ing tribal governmental and business operations to ensure operational efficiency, quality, service, and cost-effective management of resources;

(d) Performing any and all duties delegated to, authorized to be performed, or directed to be performed by the Chairperson in any previously adopted motion, resolution, or ordinance;

(e) Performing any and all duties delegated to, authorized to be performed, or directed to be performed by the Chairperson in the various Team Member Manuals;

(f) Performing all administrative and management functions required to be performed pursuant to the current organizational chart.

2. In the exercise of the authority delegated to the Chairperson by the Board of Directors in paragraph 1, the Chairperson shall consult with and shall be subject to the direction and review of the Board of Directors consistent with Article VII, Section 1(n) of the Constitution. All actions taken by the Chairperson pursuant to this delegated authority shall be subject to the authority of the Board of Directors and the Board may review, approve, modify, or rescind any such action. The Chairperson shall report to the Board of Directors at each regularly scheduled board workshop and shall provide an update of any activities, issues, decisions, or other matters requiring the attention of the board. In the event that the Chairperson is unable to attend any such workshop, the Chairperson shall assign the vice chair to provide that report.

3. The authority delegated to the Chairperson by this resolution shall continue until modified, rescinded, or extended by a subsequent resolution of the Board of Directors.

To change the delegation of authority, seven votes would be necessary so it looks like we may just enter an era of relative stability and calm over the operations of the tribe. For the record, though there was some consternation demonstrated by at least one board member, in the end the vote

was unanimous.

CHANGES AT THE TOP

Recently, we received a resignation from the former associate executive director for membership services. I welcome this voluntary resignation. Pursuant to past practice and the delegated authority of the chair, I have appointed an interim associate executive director to ensure continuity of services until we fill the position on a permanent basis. The method I used to select an individual to this interim post was to solicit from each board member their input of whom I should appoint on an interim basis. Though we have several qualified and talented tribal members current employed from which to choose, one individual stood out with the vast majority of the board identifying the individual by name.

Thus, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Angeline Bouley to the position of associate executive director, effective immediately. Angeline holds a master's degree in public administration, has served as our education director and assistant executive director since 2007 and has over 15 years of administrative experience working for three different tribes in Michigan.

This interim appointment is for a duration less than three months and until such time I can collaborate with the tribal board to rewrite this position to become a lead administrator in terms of a chief of staff to report directly to the chairperson such that the will of the people as evidenced in the recent election is honored along with the separation of the chair and CEO functions.

SIMPLE CHANGES?

At the time I write this report, I am aware that the wage report done recently shows that there is \$1.1 million in potential savings to be had from the results that show a cadre of our team members are overpaid. This same report shows that a segment who are underpaid to the tune of about \$500,000. While I intend to preserve the lower paid salaries of team members, I have no qualms about lowering the higher end salaries in order to afford the pay adjustments to get everyone at least up to the midpoint of the wage and salary study.

TRIBAL BOARD RETREAT A SUCCESS!

I am very pleased with the outcomes of our retreat, which included building a foundation for a positive rapport among our elected leaders. Those team members who presented their programs did an excellent job and instilled confidence. We spoke of the authority of the chair; the desire of the board to not micro-manage; the need to restructure to organize ourselves around functions rather than personalities; and opening up a dialogue to see each other's perspectives better. This was intended to be a beginning. We plan to schedule additional sessions to include such planning for our internal services, enterprises and our gaming operations.

I want to invite you to get more frequent updates on my Facebook page by typing in "Aaron Payment." Also, I want to give a plug for a membership driven site called the "Sault Tribe Guide" which is also housed on Facebook. I hesitated to join Facebook for the longest time, but it is an excellent way to keep up on tribal issues. Please join us.

SEND ME YOUR EMAIL FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$1,000 CASH!

Finally, with some of the savings of the "twice the chair, half the pay" motto, I am offering a draw chance for a chance to win \$1,000. All you have to do is to send me a working email by Oct. 15 so I can add your name to receive my tribal updates. There is no cost to enter but you must be at least 18 years of age. For spouses of tribal members who handle their email communications, you can also enter but please include the name of the tribal member in the body of the email. Send email addresses to aaronpayment@yahoo.com

MEETINGS COMING TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU

Information will be provided in next month's paper of meeting time and locations throughout the Upper Peninsula as well as throughout lower Michigan. I cannot wait to see you in person.

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Getting Drug Abuse Task Force up and running



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

As reported last month, on Aug. 7 we held a discussion and

presentation to form the Drug Abuse Task Force Committee. This information will be very important for any family that is in need. I have spoken to countless members about problems and ideas to combat them and to help families in need. This has been a priority for my community and me. I will also be asking that our Communications Department attend this workshop and report on available resources, how each tribal department can help, and making information and contact numbers available on our website to streamline assistance to tribal members. This is a hurtful, rising problem in Indian County and it will take the entire leadership,

every department and our community members to work through this. I will update monthly on the status. I hope many members attend our workshop and give input.

A few months ago, Director Hollowell and I met with our health director to discuss the possibility of reopening a satellite clinic in the DeTour/Drummond Island area. We asked to see statistics on members who used services and identify funding we could use to reinstate the service. Since this initial meeting, our director has scheduled a meeting with the facilitators needed and is preparing information to present to the board. I have requested that

we prioritize spending — I don't support spending any money we do not have, so we could plan with existing savings or additional IHS funds. I look forward to seeing this through and working on the service for our area.

We still must remain strict on our spending as our projected budget for the closing of 2012 is slated to be a \$300,000 surplus, if we stay within the planned, approved budget. As always in a new administration, people expect changes to be made. I'm supportive of making changing that will enhance service to members but I WILL be very frugal on any spending that will cause deficit spending or is not necessary for

retaining or enhancing service.

Lansing — in this edition of the paper, you will find an update on our Lansing project. We have postponed the date to complete initial requirements and have approved new developers for the project. As always, I'm watching carefully and representing our interests in every step we make.

Lastly, its powwow season and I look very forward to attending those coming up in our unit — Rexton, Newberry and Hessel. Please attend! I would like to say chi miigwech to our community members in our area who work hard to make the jingtamok happen!

Baamaa pii, Lana Causley

Enroll your children before they reach age 18



DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV, VICE CHAIRPERSON

I would like to start out by congratulating the new tribal chairman and the returning and newly elected board members. The membership has spoken in this election with their vote and I look forward to working with the new board and moving forward in a positive direction for our tribe and membership.

We attended a four-day retreat/orientation session on Sugar Island at the culture camp. The new board members were introduced to various staff and division directors who presented their programs and services available to the membership. I would like to thank all the staff who took time out of their busy days to attend this session, it was very informative. There will be more retreats/sessions in the future because the board did not get through all of the goals/items Chairperson Payment had on the list/agenda.

Currently, there are 4,296 elders 60 and over in the tribe and within five years those numbers will surpass 15,000 (baby boomers), three times the current number of elders. This will impact some direct service programs, elder's services and elder's checks. That's why it's very important that we look for other revenue making ventures/resources, like the Lansing casino, to be able to provide the needed services to our membership, especially the elders.

I would like to urge all parents to make sure your child has an updated tribal card and is enrolled. If you aren't sure if they're enrolled, please contact the Enrollment Department to find out. Remember, once they turn 18 and have never been enrolled they will not be able to apply for membership (unless the rolls are opened). This is very important as programs and services look at the head count of members for expansion of services like Head Start and childcare. It's very important for higher education, too. So please take a moment and call enrollment to verify your child's membership at (800) 251-6597.

It was reported by Dr. Bruce Anderson that he would be interviewing a candidate for the vacant dentist position open at the Manistique Dental Clinic. Right now, we have a contracted visiting dentist providing services to our members, so our children and elders won't be without the needed services.



Board members make pizza together at the Sugar Island Culture Camp.

Marlene Glaesman, Manistique and Munising rural clinic director, attended the orientation, too. She reported that the Manistique Health Clinic has over 2,500 active patient files. The clinic and ACFS need to expand their open hours for business to benefit the working people who can't get off work to receive services.

It was suggested by the Culture Department staff that the old Munising Tribal Center be utilized as a culture camp for the western end and a Cultural Department staff person be hired to provide cultural teachings and activities. Joan Carr Anderson has brought this up before so the building does not go unused. It would definitely

fill a need for the communities and will probably be discussed at a future workshop.

A future goal would be to allow our tribal members to attend board meetings by videoconference. They could address the board with their concerns ideas, and issues during the membership input. The tribal centers with video conferencing capability like Manistique and Munising could be a start.

In the last issue of the tribal paper a board member made statements that weren't accurate. She painted a picture that some board members only work or show up one day a week. She is greatly mistaken. She has no clue how many hours each board member

spends or works in their respective units. Board members field 200-plus phone calls a week, not to mention face-to-face meetings with membership daily, while assisting members to access community and tribal resources and helping them solve issues, holding office hours, community events, elder meetings and home visits, reading and processing over hundreds of emails a week, meeting with local government officials, plus attending board meetings, traveling time (4-5 hours a day), attending workshops, plus more. I can assure you that not one day of the week goes by that I am not contacted by constituents in my unit or someone else's, or membership at large. That is what I was elected to do and I enjoy working for the membership. So let's move forward — the election is done! I will not play into a board member's negativity, it drags everyone down. We cannot continue to run the government of the tribe as a house divided.

I would like to say thank you to Tom Miller for his years of service to the tribe and the Unit IV members. It was a privilege working with you.

Director Morrow and I will be holding office hours through out the Unit IV area. We will advertise the dates when scheduled.

I look forward to your calls and input. If you need to reach me, call my cell (906) 322-3819 or home 341-6783.

Thank you,
Denise Chase

Treasurer: Where are all of our dollars going?



DENNIS MCKELVIE, UNIT I DIRECTOR, TREASURER

As your new treasurer for the board of directors, I am going to try to keep you updated on the financial status of the tribe. Below are the latest reports (and definitions) that I have received. You must keep in mind that this plan and as with any plan changes will have to be made as the economy dictates.

DEFINITIONS
2012 Plan — terms

- 1) Northern casinos — \$17 million distribution received by the tribal government from the northern casinos. Amount is restricted by bank covenants.
- 2) Business income — Taxes paid to the tribal government from the non-gaming businesses.
- 3) Total income — Revenue received and utilized for the tribal support portion of the tribal government budget.
- 4) Program spending — Tribal support spending portion of the

— 2012 PLAN —		
	May 2012 (Estimate)	Proposed 2012
Northern Casinos	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Business Income	1,370,370	1,370,370
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,370,370	\$18,370,370
Program Spending	\$12,418,549	\$15,783,490
Cap-Ex Government	633,845	633,845
Debt Service	1,756,032	1,810,987
Enhancement	3,170,400	4,170,400
TOTAL SPENDING	\$17,978,826	\$22,398,722
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$391,544	(\$4,028,352)

PROJECTED CASH / INVESTMENT		
	June 2012	Dec. 2012
Special Revenue	\$18,442,147	\$12,256,387
Trust	8,712,278	10,300,164
Tribal	6,911,607	11,732,667
TOTAL	\$34,066,032	\$34,289,218
Internal Debt	\$33,200,000	\$33,200,000
External Debt	\$45,518,669	\$44,908,669

tribal government for membership services, internal service, administration and programs run by the tribal government.

5) Cap ex — That portion of capital spending not covered by other sources of revenue and requiring tribal support dollars.

6) Debt service — Payments on tribal government debt for money borrowed for past operational deficit spending only, includes interest and principal. Does not represent payments on

building or gaming debt.

7) Enhancement — Payment to Land Claim and Self-Sufficiency funds for money borrowed by the tribal government over the years. Rates are 12 percent on the land claim money and 8 percent on the self-sufficiency money.

8) Total spending — Total portion of the tribal support budget for the tribal government, does not represent funds from federal, state and other sources of revenue. Original overall budget was \$85.1

million of which \$22.4 million was tribal support.

9) Surplus/deficit — Represents government surplus/deficit planned for the year. Deficit of \$4 million was turned to a surplus due to operational savings and increase in other sources of revenue.

PROJECTED CASH/INVESTMENT

1) Special revenue — Outside money held by the tribe for tribal programs and specific purposes. Money can not be used for any tribal support needs — example dollars are IHS, BIA and other programs funded by outside resources.

2) Trust — Money held in trust for a specific tribal purpose; includes the judgment, Chairman's Classic and Self-Sufficiency dollars. Money can only be used for specific purposes.

3) Tribal — Dollar total from previous page.

4) Total — All cash / investments held in bank accounts and trust accounts. Only cash not represented is vault and cash in tills.

5) Internal debt — Money borrowed between internal funds. The majority is the \$20 million borrowed by the tribe from the Land Claims and \$9.5 million borrowed by the tribe from the Self-Sufficiency funds.

6) External debt — All money owed to banks for loans. Majority is the Gaming Authority loan, which will stand at \$36.1 million as of June 30, 2012. An additional \$2.75 million will be borrowed to

pay the bond avoidance litigation amount. The bond avoidance is a major impediment to the tribe's borrowing ability.

On another note, the elder population will continue to grow. As of July 1, 2012, we have 4,200 elder members and the estimate for Dec. 2012, is 4,500. In the next five to six years, that number will grow to over 6,000.

There is only \$30 million in the Land Claims Fund. The tribe has borrowed \$20 million of the fund and has been paying 10 to 12 percent back on the internal loan.

Some members would like all of the Land Claims dollars to be put into a bank and not be used to borrow from by the tribe. If the money was in a bank and we were lucky enough to earn 2 percent, the elder's checks this year would amount to approximately \$140 per elder. With the tribe repaying 10 to 12 percent, elder's checks may amount to \$600 (estimate) per elder.

With the plan that is currently in place, we should have the debt down to \$9 million within four years. At the current rate, we are paying our tribal debt down by about \$10 million per year to the bank on tribal debt with approximately \$1.5 million as interest.

I hope to have a more in-depth report next month.

Thank you,
Dennis McKelvie, Unit I board member
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Whew! Talk about hitting the ground running!



**CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I, SECRETARY**

During the week of July 23-27, I, along with our Legislative Director Mike McCoy, attended a number of meetings in Washington, D.C. There was a face-to-face meeting with the Medicare, Medicaid and Health Reform Policy Committee (MMPC). The purpose was to review and provide more detailed discussions of 2012 MMPC action plan priorities and assignments. The outcomes of this meeting was 1) continued work on the Affordable Care Act and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act health policy issues, regulation review and

development of draft positions with the greatest opportunities and highest priority for the Indian health system; and 2) reviewed strategies and process for advancing issues, identified tasks and timeframes and prepared for the Tribal Technical Advisory Group to meet with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services top administration.

I attended and participated in the Health and Human Services Tribal Consultation on the Federally Facilitated Exchange. (These "exchanges" are new health insurance markets specified in Affordable Care Act.) At this time, tribal leaders gave input to the top administrators of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Consultation with tribes on the development of exchanges continues to be inconsistent across the country. In a few states, tribes have been brought on as meaningful participants in the development of exchanges. However, in many more states, including Michigan, tribes do not have a seat at the table and are not being consulted with.

Congress intended for health reform to be used as an additional means to help meet the

United States' trust responsibility to provide health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives. If tribes are not allowed to meaningfully participate in the development of these programs at the state level, it is unlikely that tribes and their members will be able to reap the benefits they are designed to provide.

As chair of the National Indian Health Board, I was invited and attended the tribal leaders meeting with the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee. The meeting was chaired by Sen. Harry Reid with Senators Akaka, Bequick, Coons, Tester, Udall, Blumenthal, Murray, Stabenaw, Kroboclaw and Merkley. They were interested in getting input from various tribal leaders in the areas of education, the environment and economic development. Some of the topics brought up were: renewable and clean energy, tribal tax parity, Native American Global Trade Center-increased support for investments-domestic and foreign; and protection and preservation of the Great Lakes.

We also met with Senator Debbie Stabenow. Topics of discussion were the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, the Farm

Bill and request for recurring base funding for the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority to support tribal natural resource management. Senator Stabenow has been a good friend to Indian Country and supports us and will push for us in our areas of concern.

I attended the tribal board orientation session and retreat on Sugar Island. This was excellent! We hadn't had one in a long time. Our various program directors presented the services that they provide. I believe our new board members were impressed at the wide arrange of deliverable services that our tribal programs provide. Our program directors were also able to give input on their areas of concern. Our planning and development department, communications, budget and cultural staff were there to observe and take notes on how we can make improvements within and without our tribal organization. I am very proud of our staff. We have many talented individuals who really care about the future of our tribe. I feel confident that with the use of synergy and greatly improved communications, we will build a better organization that will, in turn, better serve our people.

Our tribal board also had time to ourselves to discuss how we could better work together to get things done on behalf of our tribal people and organization. This is just a start! We, as a board, have much more work to do together. At this time, I am very optimistic. I have been waiting for this opportunity for many years now. Of course, things will not happen overnight and I would appreciate your patience and understanding.

It was great to see everyone at the various gatherings, especially the Sugar Island powwow, which happens to be my most favorite! A lot of work goes into these events and I would like to thank all those individuals who worked so hard to bring these gatherings into fruition. These gatherings help bring our people together to celebrate our ways of life.

This report serves as a snapshot of meetings and events that I attend as your representative. If you would like more detailed information or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at my cell phone, (906) 322-3823, or at cabramson@saulttribe.net or on Facebook under Cathy Abramson.

Take care and I look forward to hearing from you!

Newly elected board doing an awesome job



**DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I**

The board and its newly elected members have had to hit the ground running as there is much to do and even more to learn. I sympathize with the new board members having to absorb so much, so quickly. I remember all too well the information overload and the expectation to make decisions while still trying to absorb all that is "the tribe." We are so much more than just casinos. We run an entire government as well as services, which are usually run by entities outside the confines of government on top of the casino and other enterprises. There is so much to learn and so little time to do so before having to "act." This newly elected group has done an awesome job and I am hopeful about the prospects of a forward moving board that acts in the best interest of the tribe and its members.

TEAM BUILDING

The board began the month with a three-day orientation on Sugar Island. We were privileged to receive a presentation as well as a question and answer period from each of our service directors. This gave us a unique look into not only what services we provide to members, but

also where we stand with that division financially, programmatically and strategically. It was quite productive and I believe it gives us a great foundation on which to build. Having said that, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the directors and support staff of Housing, Health, Anishinaabek Child and Family Services, Recreation, Education, Natural Resources, Environmental, Cultural, Elder Services, Tribal Court, Law Enforcement, Enrollment, Planning and Development, Budgets, Communications, Efficiencies, USDA Food Distribution, Gaming Commission, Legal, Legislative, Prosecution, Treaty Rights and the JKL Charter School for all their work and input.

Time was also spent looking at the organization with a critical eye. We discussed reorganization of administration, strategic planning and what role the board members have in serving the members. Having spent this time working together in such an informal setting has allowed board members to come together outside our roles as professionals and fostered getting to know one another on a more personal basis outside the boardroom. From my perspective, it was productive and long overdue.

REDUCTION IN BOARD PAY

Recently there was mention of a resolution to set the board's pay respective of 75 percent participation in different areas of commitment (i.e. national/state conferences, financial review meetings, committee assignments and the like). While I support the reduction of board pay, I don't support this resolution because

it really doesn't accomplish that goal. It still provides for the same rate of pay with only a 75 percent attendance record and it is discriminatory toward representatives of the units outside of Unit I. It also diminishes the value of the other important work that many do on behalf of the membership. (More about that later.)

I have never said that board members don't earn their wage. In fact, there are many capacities of being a board member and we all bring different tools and skills to the table to earn what we are paid. My stance has always been, we made cuts in the tribe that affected over 150 families with the loss of employment, and affected even more with a cut in services. The board did this with no sacrifice of their own. That is what I disagree with and exactly why I feel a reduction is warranted. Not because it isn't earned, but, moreover, because we too should "feel the pain." My philosophy is this: You don't feed your kids hot dogs and beans while you sit down to a dinner of steak and potatoes.

My suggestion would be to see a 20 percent reduction in the entire board's pay until such time as services cut in 2008 are restored. To date, I have stuck with my promise to donate 25 percent of my wages until the pay reduction is passed. I do this to funnel the money to members outside the confines of the tribal coffers and to aid those who fall short of qualifying for services but are none the less in need for various reasons. There have been, and may be, other board members who have taken a voluntary cut in pay. However, I support a formal resolution to reduce board pay by 20 percent and to further

allocate those realized savings to the Elder and Scholarship Funds.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A BOARD MEMBER

From that same resolution mentioned above, one would gather that the responsibilities of a board member are to attend meetings and conferences. I couldn't disagree more. I thoroughly believe with every fiber of my being, that my job as a board member is to represent the voice of the members. To be an advocate for you, to fight for your right to be heard and served and to make sure we are on track to preserve our culture and financial well being for the next seven generations. That is my job. I rarely travel for the board. Typically, we have a cadre of staff and board members who do travel to represent the tribe in the areas of their expertise. This information is brought back to the entire board to facilitate further action when necessary. I suppose I could attend a conference a week if I so choose. But it seems a waste of time and money when there is already adequate representation in place. There is value in attending conferences and even more value in representation in Washington and at the state level. But to say that encompassed our entire responsibility as members of the board is selling you short.

Each one of the members on the Sault Tribe Board of Directors brings something unique to the table. Each of us has our strengths and weaknesses. Some are better suited to testify in Washington on our behalf. Some are better suited to organizational and financial critique. Others excel in meeting the needs of our people by being

a voice for the members. Most of us fill our responsibilities by doing a little of everything.

A good portion of our people have felt disenfranchised for years. The fact that a board member will take the time to not only listen, but advocate for them is something they appreciate beyond words. I am of the mentality that we work for you. No one can be everything to everyone. We will progress much further by identifying what each of us does best, dividing up the effort required to represent you in all areas, and work together as a TEAM to accomplish the common goal!

IN CLOSING

Thank you for the time and effort you have afforded me on so many projects and issues. I can be reached via email at dmalloy@saulttribe.net or by cell phone at (906) 440-9762.

Respectfully,
DJ Malloy

Moving ?



TRIBAL MEMBERS!
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Call (800) 251-6597

Let's stay focused and prioritize our attention



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

As I'm sure you have read in other director reports and from the chair, we are moving forward in a rather swift manner to chart a course that is beneficial to our tribal organization, including our employees and the tribal citizens we serve. This pace is a direct result of the leadership of our new chairman. It is also a transitional period and there is a palpable fluidness within our

institution at the present time. But I'm happy to report there have been frank conversations and commitments made to work together—including progress on the subject of “executive authorities to the chair” and acknowledgement and respect for the “minority voice,” which includes the “minority voice” of the tribal legislative body.

We don't have to mimic the divisive factionalism that dominates national and state politics. Unlike those governments, we are still “nation building” and we've got work to do! Our challenges are different and demand respectful, responsible and vigorous discussion on these topics. Our tribal nation will be more resilient if we respect opposing views as legitimate and valid. The outcome promises to be a more responsive, transparent government that serves its citizens better.

We have to stay focused and prioritize our attention on a number of projects and initiatives

under way. A crisis that requires immediate response is drug usage within our tribal populations and in our tribal community. Thank you to both Director Causley and Chairman Payment for getting this emergency in front of us for some immediate action.

Our Lansing casino project is moving forward as planned, although you may have read in the media about the developer reorganizing internally. It's a move that increases my financial confidence in the overall project. Therefore I cast my first vote of approval on the project.

Finally, besides conducting our tribal elections on June 28, the other important event that occurred that day was the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling upholding the Affordable Care Act, informally known as Obamacare. The implications for our tribe's ability to provide better, more comprehensive medical care to our tribal members is tremendous! I urge our executive and elected leader-

ship to focus an aggressive effort on implementing tribal provisions available in this statutory law. The outcome will be the tangible benefit of increased coverage and increased quality of medical care for all tribal members who reside in the state of Michigan.

The Warrior's Camp and Junior Police Camp have concluded their annual summer gathering. The Rexton Youth Empowerment Powwow was held last Saturday.

The 20th annual Gathering of the Eagles Powwow in Hessel will be on Aug. 17-19: Friday night, spiritual gathering and open drum; community health fair at the Tribal Community Center as well! Saturday, grand entry at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., potluck feast at 5 p.m.; Sunday, grand entry at 1 p.m.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at powwow and I sure hope you can attend. Miigwech to Lisa Burnside, the Powwow Committee, our drum, our elders

and all the volunteers who make this powwow possible.

The 2012 St. Ignace Heritage Week will be under way Aug. 19-26 concluding with the Rendezvous at the Straits St. Ignace Powwow on Aug. 25 and 26. There will be many special opportunities during the weeklong event. Fort de Baude will be hosting daily genealogy sessions and the Museum of Ojibwa Culture will be hosting historians, storytellers and cultural programs and events. The all family reunion will be Thursday, Aug. 23, with live music, food and a parade. I'm really looking forward to this event and finally meeting some of the “Derusha Descendants” I've come to know on Facebook.

Enjoy the remainder of this blessed summer, everyone. And, as usual, please call or email me with your questions, comments and concerns.

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Connecting with tribal members everywhere



JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

As I sit to write my first unit report, I have once again realized that I am a very blessed woman. I have so much to be thankful for and so many to whom to say “miigwech, thank you.” Miigwech to the Creator for this beautiful Anishnaabe life. Miigwech to all of the tribal members who voted for me,

entrusting me with their hopes and dreams for a better future. Miigwech to all of those wonderful people who helped me to succeed during those days and weeks when my heart was breaking, from the loss of my brother Mike.

Miigwech for the support of my family, dear friends, and especially to my husband Denny, he kept the car running and warm for me, following along as I walked from house to house campaigning (and freezing). He painted signs, circulated petitions and fliers with me, ate too much fast food, and drove to the Gaylord post office TWICE, while I continued putting stamps on postcards. I also wish to acknowledge all of the candidates who stepped up and offered to serve our tribe, especially Shirley VanAlstine for her gracious decorum during the primary tie and recount. I know that I did not make this journey alone and I am grateful to everyone who helped

me along the way.

I have given much thought to what a unit report means, and what it should do. Upon reflecting on all of the input that I have received over the past few months, I have learned that our people want to feel connected, heard and valued. And so, in this small space, I will attempt to connect, to let you know that I am listening, and to make certain that you know how much I value the input I receive. This past month has been a whirlwind of activity as a new member of the board of directors.

I have attended many meetings, a press conference in Lansing, several days of orientation, and received tons of data and information on the status of our tribe. I have listened with pride as I learned in depth about the many good things our tribe is doing to help our people. For just one example, I've been serving as a member of our tribe's drug court, and have seen the

positive difference it is making. We have many good things that our tribe is doing but, for me, the most gratifying activity has been those times when our people called, emailed or met with me. I've been honored to listen to the needs of our tribal elders, homeless young people, tribal fishermen and frustrated members, answering their questions the best that I can. But not all of the “good things” comes as a result of “tribal government” activity. Our tribal community does many good things as well. I attended a community fundraiser and held a young woman who was grateful to our community for raising the money she needs to travel to Mayo clinic for medical care.

Clearly, there is much to be done, but working together will see us move forward as a people, as a tribe, as Anishnaabe. Please feel free to contact me: Text or phone at (906) 440-9151 or 203-6714, email at jennifer.mcleod.2012@gmail.com.

Very soon, there will be a new way for our people to connect with me. In the interest of transparency in government, I am developing a new personal website and a blog intended to provide timely information regarding my perspective on tribal issues, my thoughts concerning upcoming votes, as well as my thoughts concerning votes that I have cast. It is my hope that this website will provide another opportunity for our tribal people to participate (via online surveys, etc.), and feel that their voice matters.

One final thought, I do intend to find ways to meet with tribal members who do not reside close enough to attend board of directors meetings. I have already been invited downstate (date and place TBD) and I look forward to connecting, listening and representing the voice of our people as a member of the board of directors.

Miigwech,
Jennifer McLeod

Making headway in Unit V



JOAN (CARR) ANDERSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

First of all, I would like to thank all of our outgoing board members and chairman for all their hard work for our tribe, and congratulations to our new chairman, Aaron Payment and all other new unit directors. I am looking forward to working with all of you. I know this is a great commitment to make for anyone running for

the board.

Just a little update, our new chairman, directors and staff recently had an orientation on Sugar Island for three days. I could see how all of us can impact some changes for the good. I did appreciate all the questions and answers from our staff and directors. They, for the most part, looked in a positive direction, but this is where respect for each other comes in again listening to our fellow teammates.

In my Unit V, I believe we are moving forward. As of last month we have started scheduling appointments in Marquette for audiology with Ms. Dinnkin at the medical center. Thank you Bonnie, Marlene and staff. This was a great move for the western area. So, members, to make an appointment, call your tribal centers in our areas and they will set this up for you. I know this is just the beginning for our western area. There is more to come that we are working on. So keep the phone calls coming and the emails. I have been missing some

calls because I am out of the phone area so I would prefer you to call my home phone, (906) 387-2802, and I will get back with you.

Sincerely,
Joan Carr Anderson
P.S. Enclosed is the Indian Ten Commandments which we all should read.

- Indian Ten Commandments
1. Treat the earth and all that dwell therein with respect
 2. Remain close to the Great Spirit.
 3. Show great respect for your fellow beings.
 4. Work together for the benefit of all mankind.
 5. Give assistance and kindness whenever needed.
 6. Do what you know to be right.
 7. Look after the well-being of mind and body.
 8. Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good.
 9. Be truthful and honest at all times.
 10. Take full responsibility for your actions.

Announcing new board schedule

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors has issued a new meeting schedule for the remainder of 2012:

- Aug. 7 Kincheloe
- Aug. 21 Hessel
- Sept. 4 Sugar Island
- Sept. 18 Munising
- Oct. 2 Mackinac Island
- Oct. 16 St. Ignace
- Nov. 6 Escanaba
- Nov. 20 Marquette
- Dec. 4 Newberry
- Dec. 18 Sault Ste. Marie

General meetings of the board of directors are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month. All general meetings start at 6 p.m., unless there are no issues brought forward from the membership; then, the meetings may start at 5:30 p.m.

All Sault meetings will be held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, other locations to be announced. All special meetings will be announced.

For further information, please call Joanne or Tara at the Administration Office, (800) 793-0660, extension 26337 or 26338.

Getting up to speed on tribe, members needs



DARCY MORROW, DIRECTOR UNIT IV

Thank you to everyone who supported me during this election I am honored to be your new Unit IV Representative. I would like to congratulate Chairperson Payment and all the new and returning board members. And,

congratulations to our new vice chair, your Unit IV rep., Denise Chase. We need to move on from this election and move forward as a tribe, the people have spoken and changes have been made.

Since the installation, Director Chase and I have spent 100.5 hours each on the road and attending meetings from July 10 – July 31. This does not include the phone calls, hundreds of emails weekly, material to read or constituent work, for example, face-to-face meetings, phone calls, etc.

I have attended three elder meetings this month with Director Chase and Chairperson Payment. The elder meetings for Unit IV are as follows: First Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn – Marquette; second Wednesday of the month at Noon at the Manistique Tribal Center – Manistique; third Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Willow

Creek Building – Escanaba. If you haven't attended a meeting in your area, please do, they are always looking for more members.

A board orientation was held from July 29 through Aug. 1 on Sugar Island at the culture camp; what a beautiful building and grounds to have the orientation held at. We were introduced to 16 different programs and services with many staff in attendance to introduce us to their programs and what services are available to the membership. I would like to thank all the staff that presented to us. It was great information that will keep me up to date on programs and services for constituents.

I would like to address a director's report from last month stating that, due to the election changes, we have lost institutional knowledge. I am greatly offended by this statement, really – what about the knowledge the

new chair and board members bring to the table? I bring 20 years of knowledge from working for our tribe; five years within our health field, six years within ACFS and nine years casino management, which makes me well rounded to hold a position on our tribal board. I have seen the stranglehold of power many have held over the years while being on the board; it's time to get over your personal issues and move on so we can make positive changes for our membership.

This director's report also stated, "you have board members who show up for everything and half the board shows up for only Tuesday meetings." This board member has no idea what other board members do in their own units – people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. Instead of attacking other board members you should be worrying about helping the membership who

elected you into office. With all the emails, phone calls, meetings and conferences we will not be able to attend everything. As a board member I am able to read or present financials I do not need to have staff spoon feed me information that I can read myself and ask questions if I have any via email or a phone call.

For the betterment of our people, please leave your personal issues at the door and let's all work together and move our tribe forward in a positive way. I am proud to represent Unit IV as a full-time board member and available to help any member that needs it.

Thank you for your support,
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Sorenson learns the ropes, board on right track



BRIDGETT SORENSON, DIRECTOR UNIT III

First of all I would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote in the last election and those who supported me. I look forward to serving Unit III and the entire tribe as we move forward. I have been very busy trying to learn the ropes. The board had a retreat on Sugar Island from July 29–Aug. 1 at the Mary Murray Culture Camp. All department heads from the membership services introduced

themselves and their staff and gave presentations on the services they provide to tribal members. Even though I have worked for the tribe for 10 years, it is really amazing how many services we provide for our members when much of what you hear is negative.

One of the best things we provide is our newspaper to keep members informed on services and events within our tribes and things affecting other tribes. The Communications Department used to have a staff of 14 and now operate with four. In addition to the newspaper, they are responsible for the Sault Tribe Website, the Intranet and email blasts to our 4,600 members who have given us their email addresses. This is great for immediate updates so I encourage everyone to send an email to jdburton@saulttribe.net or call 632-6398 with your email address to be added to their list.

A department very important to me is the Education Department which consists of Head Start/Early Head Start, the Child Care Center, YEA,

STAY, WIA Employment and Training, Higher Education and Adult Education/GED. One of the more disappointing things for me was to hear that the St. Ignace Head Start only has 11 students enrolled for this coming year, when they can take 20. If you know parents of any 3- or 4-year-olds, please have them consider enrolling their child.

Getting children involved in an educational environment at an early age has many benefits. Kids have to be ready to read when they get to kindergarten instead of the early days of playtime, colors and shapes.

This year the higher education programs gave away 23 \$1,000 scholarships (from golf fundraiser), 260 need based grants (\$300-\$500) and 700 incentive awards, which are based on grades and credit hours. If you have a child who will be attending college, and you would like more information, please contact Brandi MacArthur at 635-7784.

The Elder's Division currently has 4,296 elders who are 60 years old and older. The scary fact is that within five years that

number will be about 15,000. We need to prepare for how we are going to handle that many elders and that is the primary reason for the declining amounts in the elder's yearly checks. At age 55, elders may attend the free lunch program held at the McCann School. These are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon.

On July 20, Director Massaway and I grilled for about 50 elders for their annual picnic. Side dishes were provided as a potluck and there were drawings and a 50/50. I enjoyed being a part of this and I think everyone had a good time.

Enrollment is currently at 40,605 members. When someone turns 55 they are considered a lifetime member. The rolls are currently closed except for biological children, under 18 years of age, of a current enrolled member. The cost to renew an expired tribal card is \$5 and a lost card is \$20. If you have enrollment questions please call 632-8552.

We have made positive changes to the board's meeting

schedule. We will be holding more meetings outside of Sault Ste. Marie. We will be going to Mackinac Island on Oct. 2 and St. Ignace on Oct. 16. It is important that we bring more meetings to these areas so members have a chance to address the board. The Unit III meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at the McCann School at 6 p.m.

In each unit report, I will try to give out resourceful information about these and other membership services. I am happy to report that the board is working well together and I think we will accomplish many things. We have a lot of areas that need work, that will not happen overnight but we are on the right track. I am in the process of setting an office up in the old Lambert Center building. My direct line is 643-2123. I will be there on Thursday, Aug. 16 and Thursday, Aug. 30 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. You can also call or email me to set up an appointment at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, 984-2052, or 430-0536.

The tribe needs to hold the line on spending



DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Hello everyone! How is your summer going? Good, I hope. I just was the lead female dancer for a powwow in White Cloud, Mich. This powwow is put on

by our southern brothers and sisters and is the Purple Heart Veterans Powwow. The chairman of the powwow committee is Mr. Gene Reid, who hails from Six Nations. Mr. Reid comes north to our community, many times over the years to do us the honor of being our head veteran at our tribal functions. It was with great honor the Bawating Drum and my family went down to support his efforts in his community. On a personal note, it was the first time since being married to my husband of 16 years that I have a husband who dances in full regalia. May I say he looked mighty handsome.

In the coming month, I plan on developing a new website. My previous site was with Apple.com and they discontinued the service.

I will keep you posted when I decide which site I'm going to go with.

We had our new member's orientation down on beautiful Sugar Island, Mich. I'm sure it was productive for our new members and greatly appreciated. The information presented was the information we get on a quarterly basis for all the divisions. These presentations allow us to make the best decisions possible when it comes to budgetary or strategic planning.

As I sit here and write, we have yet to have a regular board workshop and meeting so please forgive this report if it is short.

Our associate executive director resigned her position. Kristi Causley was in charge of membership services for our tribe. I

worked with Kristi on the last two July 4th Sault Tribe powwows, she was our behind-the-scenes chairwoman and I appreciated her leadership and help with this major tribal event. She was spot on with the details and each time, the event went as smoothly as possible. Best of regards, Kristi, in your future endeavors.

In closing, I want to tell you, or in some cases, reiterate, that at the beginning of the year we were deficit spending to the tune of \$2 million. We knew that at some point in the year, we would have to reevaluate our situation and make cuts. Our last CFO report before the election told us that if we hold the line in spending, we have the potential of realizing a \$350,000 reserve.

We need to hold the line on

our spending. We still do not know what the rest of the year will bring. We need a strong color season, so pray we don't have strong winds blowing through the U.P. and destroying our leaves on the trees. We need a strong snowfall for a good snowmobile season and we need gas prices to stay down.

As a tribal leader, I can set goals for our tribe but I cannot make false promises to you. We need to maintain the current budget and our current spending habits in order to protect tribal jobs.

Gitchi miigwech for this opportunity to represent you.

Sincerely,
Debra-Ann Pine
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CHRIS YOUNG

Thursday, August 30
at 7:00 p.m.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI



DAVID FRIZZELL AND JETT WILLIAMS

Friday, September 21
at 7:00 p.m.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI



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