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Ode'imín Giizis
Strawberry Moon



Photo by Abraham "A.J." McLarahmore VI

Left to right, Kendra Suggitt and Marlayna Freitas plant seeds in the tribe's hoop house on Seymour Street in Sault Ste. Marie during the Honoring Mother Earth Fair on June 1. (More photos on page 16).

Michigan Motorcycle Relay for Recovery starts at Tribal Court

SAULT STE. MARIE — Celebrating May as National Drug Court Month, Michigan hosted its second annual Motorcycle Relay for Recovery May 20-22. With the 2013 theme, "I'm Not Lost Yet!" the event celebrated recovery and attempted to bring awareness and understanding to drug courts, DWI courts and veteran's treatment courts statewide.

At each stop, the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals (MADCP) flag was passed to a new group of riders as a symbol of the collective impact of problem-solving courts.

The relay's starting point this year was the Sault Tribe Judicial Building in Sault Ste. Marie, where Sault Tribe has both an adult criminal drug court, Gwaiak Miicon, as well as a Family Preservation Court. Over 70 community members arrived to participate in the event. After an invocation by tribal member Cecil Pavlat, the JKL Bahweting school drum performed an honor song.

During opening ceremonies, **Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry** (below, right) told the crowd all the tribe's drug court graduates were there that morning. "They represent 1,458 days of sobriety," she said. "Just like addiction affects everyone — so does sobriety. They are all parents, and we have 16 children who have experienced sober parents for 1,458 days."



Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment talked about the alcoholism present in his home growing up. He said most people don't understand alcoholism. "They think, why don't you just quit? Addiction is a real thing," he said. "Addicts need our love and support, not our judgment."

Two drug court graduates stepped up to tell their stories in their own words.



Lois McLeod introduced herself as a grateful, recovering addict. McLeod described her path to dependency and Drug Court. She felt forced into the program at first; she was resentful, rebelled

and suffered the consequences. But at last she had a breakthrough, and began seeing Drug Court not as a burden but a lifesaver. She became close to others involved in the court. Today, she is drug free and is reunited with her children and family.



Chris Willis introduced himself as a recovering alcoholic who came to the Drug Court a young, alcoholic husband and father. He had tried to quit through sheer willpower and failed, making his binges even worse. He felt hopeless. He left his wife and child behind and came to Sault Ste. Marie. He was sober, joined AA and got a job but he did not commit fully and ended up failing. He called Sault Tribe Behavioral Health when he had a moment of clarity while trying to drink himself to death in a motel room. Today, he is drug free and is working on his relationship with his wife and son.

The relay was slated to stop at 12 courts throughout the state. Next stop was the Little Traverse Bay Band Tribal Court in Harbor Springs. LTBB cultural resource advisor Anthony Davis planned to ride the entire Michigan route, joining riders from Sault Tribe and our local community, including Fabry and her husband, Chuck.

According to the MADCP, the relay took place in collaboration with the All Rise America! National Motorcycle Relay for Recovery, which consists of drug court graduates, drug court professionals, veterans and other participants who will carry the All Rise gavel over 3,000 miles in 24 days, stopping at 25 events in 10 states, according to their website. The gavel passes to a new group of riders at each stop as a symbol of the impact of drug courts and a reminder that when one person rises out of addiction and finds recovery, we all rise.

Fabry said it was one of the best days at work she can remember. "Watching a whole family who has been reunited cry tears of joy and embrace on the courthouse steps is something I won't soon forget," she said. "The ripple effect in our community will be felt for a long time to come."

For more information about the MADCP relay, visit www.madcp.dreamhosters.com.

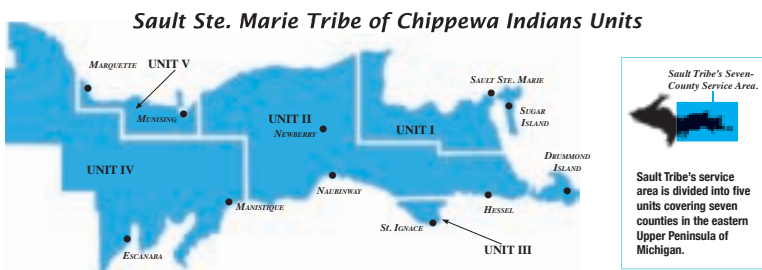
For more information about the national event, visit www.nadcp.org/relay-recovery.

Tribe pays out \$241,000 in 2 percent

A kid's fishing and summer activities program, EUP hospice services and a school bus were just a few of the \$241,000 in 2 percent payments disbursed by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians this spring, most notably for education. Also on the list this spring were recreation, building infrastructure, museums and good works such as a spay/neuter program.

The tribe paid out \$504,133 in long term agreements with city and county government across the eastern Upper Peninsula as well as educational institutions, bringing the total to \$745,578.

The tribe disburses 2 percent payments twice annually and has paid out over \$31 million in the EUP since the payments' inception in 1993. The slot revenue comes from the tribe's five Kewadin Casinos, in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique and Christmas and is disbursed across the tribe's seven-county service area in Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette and Schoolcraft counties.



In Unit I, Kinross Charter Township received \$8,500 for a kid's fishing and summer activities program. Chippewa County Health Department received \$18,111 for the Hospice of the EUP and \$50,000 to LSSU for education research.

Unit II's DeTour Village received \$6,609 for the village hall's roof shingles. Luce County received \$10,000 for its ice rink roof and Mackinac County received \$10,000 for the Top of the Lakes Snowmobile Museum.

In Unit III, the City of St. Ignace received \$3,600 for North Country Trail Association; \$4,000 for Fort DeBaude Genealogy Center; \$2,000 for LaSalle High School girl's softball, \$14,000 for Museum of Ojibwe's History Week Celebration; \$8,500 for its

library, \$18,000 for Little Bear fitness and \$10,000 to replace the Huron boardwalk. Mackinac County received \$7,000 for its spay/neuter program, Brevort Township received \$2,000 for fireworks and Moran Township received \$4,794 for gym equipment. Lastly, St. Ignace schools received \$19,613 toward a school bus.

In Unit IV, the Dale Thomas Center 4All in Rapid River Schools received \$3,609 and Nah Tah Wahsh Public Academy's Willow Creek Meeting Center received \$23,000.

Unit V's City of Marquette received \$2,000 for a Northern Michigan University motivational speaker and \$3,609 for Native American service learning partnerships. Alger County received \$2,500 for electrical upgrades to the fair board. Munising public schools received \$8,500 for cultural exploration and North Star Academy \$1,500 for instructional materials.

Cheyboygan Community Meeting June 20

Chairperson Aaron Payment will hold a community meeting in Cheboygan, Mich. on June 20 at the VFW Hall located at 734 VFW Road. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will run until all members have had their time with him. Chairperson Payment will provide pizza and pop for those who attend.

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Sault Ste. Marie powwow returns to traditional format

The year 2013 sees a return to a traditional powwow in Sault Ste. Marie, celebrating Sault Tribe's 32nd annual powwow July 2 through 7 with the theme, "Honoring our Brother the Wolf," at the powwow grounds in Sault Ste. Marie.

The public is invited and all tribal community members are encouraged to come to the powwow and spiritual gathering. Dogs are not allowed in the vicinity of the powwow arena, but they are welcome in the campground. Absolutely no drugs, alcohol or politics allowed.

Host drum is Bear Creek from Ontario, co-host drum is Four Thunders from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and invited drums are the Kitchitikiipii Singers from Manistique, Mich., and Mukwa Giizhik from Hessel. Serving as emcees are Beedahsiga

Elliot of the Cape Croker First Nation, Ontario, and Sault Tribe member Jody Gaskin. Head ogitchidaa is Bucko Teeple from Bay Mills Indian Community and Bud Biron will serve as arena director.

Head dancers will be selected on-site for each session.

The powwow opens Tuesday, July 2 with the blessing of the grounds at 10 a.m. with a following potluck brunch.

On Thursday, July 4, the day starts with a sunrise ceremony followed by a summer spiritual gathering at 9 a.m. (see story on this page).

On Friday, registration for vendors, drums and dancers opens at the powwow grounds from 3 p.m. until the grand entry at 7 p.m.

Dancers and drums must be registered to receive an honorarium and identification and social security card are required for registra-

tion. Adult dancers must be in full regalia. The first eight drums to register will be in the drum split.

According to Powwow Committee Chairwoman Jackie Minton, this year a chicken dancer from Red Lake will participate and has agreed to offer teachings. She said the dance revolves around self-confidence and facing your fears.

A kids carnival will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday night. Two bicycles will be given away — children must be with a parent or legal guardian.

Last year's popular car bingo returns this year, Friday evening from 5:30 to 8 p.m. across the street from the powwow grounds. Gates open at 4:30.

On Saturday, July 6, an art show will take place at the Bawating Art Gallery at the casino and convention complex, reg-

istration starts at 10 a.m., judging at noon. Drum and dancer registration takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dancers and drums must be registered to receive an honorarium, identification and social security card are required for registration. Adult dancers must be in full regalia. The first eight drums to register will be in the drum split with a blanket dance for all others.

Grand entry is 1 p.m. on Saturday and six kid's bikes will be given away. Winners must be with a parent or legal guardian.

The feast begins at 5 p.m. at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Center.

Grand entry again at 7 p.m. with a two-step contest at 9:30 p.m.

Starting at 7 p.m. in the DreamMakers is Keith Secola in concert with opening by Silver

Fox Lopez and Big Medicine and the Remedies. With each ticket sold, \$2 will be donated to the Sault Tribe summer powwow.

Sunday, July 7, morning Mass will be conducted by Brother John Hascall at 11 a.m. followed by a grand entry at 12 p.m.

For more information, visit saulttribe.com or find our event on Facebook.

For drums, dancers and general information, please call the powwow chairwoman, Jackie Minton, at (906) 635-6050. For vendor information, please call Linda Grossett at 635-6050. To volunteer, please call Cathy Abramson at 322-3823.

The powwow committee wants everyone to mark their 2014 calendars: Beginning next year, the date of the Sault Ste. Marie powwow will change to the second weekend of July.



Summer spiritual gathering gets new format

This year's Sault Tribe summer gathering begins July 4 with a sunrise ceremony at the

All tribal community members are encouraged to attend!

Waabino lodge on the tribe's powwow grounds. All community members are encouraged to come to

participate in this inclusive event that will be a little different from years past.

After breakfast, the nibi waboo (water ceremony) will begin around 9 a.m. followed by a gathering of the pipes for the pipekeepers, honoring our brother Maaingan.

Women young and old will learn water teachings so they can pray for the water on their own. Clifford Waboose will keep the fire and share teachings with our young men so they are able to tend fire when the community or family needs them. Clan teachings will be offered in the morning as well, followed by clan feast at noon. Everyone will then go over to the water to make offerings.

All tribal families and people are invited to this special gathering of those interested in sharing and being a part of this bimaadiziiwin.

Miigwech to all of you and we hope to see you with us as we celebrate this way of life.

**Welcome to Our 32nd Annual
Sault Tribe Maawanji'iding
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Come and Honor Our Brother the Wolf
JULY 2-7, 2013**

**Tribal Powwow Grounds off Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie, MI
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HOST DRUM: Bear Creek - Ontario	EMCEES: Beedahsiga Elliott - Cape Croker F.N. Ontario
CO-HOST DRUM: Four Thunders - Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	Jody Gaskin - Sault Tribe
INVITED DRUMS: Kitchitikiipii Singers Manistique, MI Mukwa Giizhik - Hessel, MI	HEAD OGITCHIDAA: Bucko Teeple - Bay Mills Indian Community
Head Dancers to be selected for each session on site.	ARENA DIRECTOR: Bud Biron - Sault Tribe

CAR BINGO - Friday Evening 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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DRUMS, DANCERS, AND GENERAL INFO:
JACKIE MINTON, POWWOW CHAIRWOMAN - (906) 635-6050
VENDOR INFORMATION: LINDA GROSSETT - (906) 635-6050

First 6 Drums Registered Receive Honorarium, all others Blanket Dance.
All Dancers must be registered to receive Honorarium. Adult dancers must be in full regalia to receive Honorarium. Tribal ID and Social Security Card needed at registration.

THE FUTURE DATE OF OUR POWWOW WILL CHANGE TO THE 2ND WEEKEND IN JULY BEGINNING 2014.

All drinks No Alcohol, Drugs or Politics.

Third annual Baawting Language Conference takes place June 21-22

FROM THE SAULT TRIBE LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

There is one common theme around Anishinaabe country on this question. “Why is our language important to us?” In language lies our identity, it’s who we are as Anishinaabe.

By speaking our language, we acknowledge all of our ancestors, all of those who were here before us — the ones who suffered the indignities and hardships placed upon them by the dominant society. If it wasn’t for their ability to look to the future and, by example, teach us the importance of perseverance and strength, we would not be here today.

Our spirituality lies in our language and the language lies in our spirituality, the two cannot be separated. If we lose our language, we lose our identity.

If we lose our Anishinaabe-

mowin, we are no longer a sovereign nation; we will be assimilated and acculturated.

One way to learn more Anishinaabemowin this summer is through the third annual Baawting Language Conference hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Cultural Division on June 21 and 22. Everyone is welcome to attend the eight workshops geared for beginning to intermediate language learners. This conference will take place on the Sault Tribe powwow grounds in Sault Ste. Marie and the nearby Niigaanigiizhik Ceremonial Building. No fee for Sault Tribe members, a fee of \$35 applies to all others. You can start the morning with a free breakfast before attending your choice of workshops. On the first evening of the event, a welcome feast will

be served for all participants.

The Kewadin Casino and Convention Center has reserved a block of rooms for this event if you need some accommodations. This is the reference file number: 0392 ST Language Gathering 2013. To make reservations, call (800) KEWADIN or 632-0530. If you like camping, the Sault Tribe’s powwow grounds are also an option with showers and washrooms on-site with no extra fee.

Visit the Sault Tribe website at www.saulttribe.com for periodically updated information on agenda items and schedules of presenters for this language gathering.

For more information, please contact Theresa Lewis or Cecil Pavlat at (906) 635-6050 or email tlewis1@saulttribe.net or cpavlat@saulttribe.net.

Powwow guidance for new participants

Visitors attending a powwow are often unsure how to participate respectfully. When in doubt, ask the emcee or a member of the powwow committee (you’ll see them in committee t-shirts). In general, feel free to be yourself, except when the emcee requests certain things. Pay attention to what the emcee directs people to do and you’ll be all right. And, remember, there are no drugs, alcohol or politics allowed at the powwow.

Here are answers to some of the most common questions:

Can anyone approach the drum or join in the singing?

Anyone can approach the drum in the arbor and talk to the drummers when they are between songs. It would not be possible to sit near the drummers while they are drumming due to limited space. Spectators are usually allowed to record and photograph the drumming unless the emcee specifically asks them not to. Also, some drums have made recordings of their drumming and would prefer that listeners purchase them rather than record their own version. And, no drum hopping allowed — one must be a part of the drum or invited by them to join the singing.

Can spectators join in the dancing?

Answers to some common questions about powwow etiquette



The emcee will announce when a dance is an “inter-tribal” dance. Anyone can participate then.

When can cameras be used?

Since the powwow is a public event, take pictures any time except when requested not to. At certain times, the emcee will announce that people cannot take photos — when someone is picking up a dropped feather, for example.

Are there any special rules for any attendees?

Women who are experiencing their period (their moon time) should not be around sacred objects. This includes the drum, so women on their moon time should not dance or enter the arbor. The reason for this is that a woman’s time is a very powerful time for her; she attracts spirits and her presence may be disruptive.

Is there any special attire that should be worn to a powwow?

The powwow is an outdoor event. Everyday street clothes are fine. Just be respectful and use common sense.

What is the respectful way to join a talking circle?

Women on their moon time should check beforehand to find out if there are any sacred objects present — staffs, feathers, pipes. If so, she shouldn’t join the circle. Usually, if a talking circle is open to women, sacred objects will not be present. It’s okay to join a circle late — shy people should be aware that it might be their turn to speak next, depending on their position in the circle. It’s okay not to speak. Just say “miigwech” when it is your turn.

What is the etiquette on pets? I’ve heard that dogs are not allowed.

Attendees should not bring their pets to the powwow, specifically dogs. However, they may stay in the campground area.

If anyone has questions, ask in a respectful manner and offer some tobacco, a pinch from a pouch or even a cigarette. Many times the person being offered tobacco will first ask what the request is, since to accept tobacco is to accept an obligation. If the person being asked doesn’t know, he or she will direct you elsewhere.

Sault powwow cleaning day and Hessel rummage sale coming

Project Powwow cleaning day

We would like to welcome all volunteers to take part in Project Powwow clean-up day on June 12 and June 26 from 9 a.m. to

4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Volunteers needed and appreciated. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Linda Grossett at 635-6050 ext. 26041 or email lgrossett@saulttribe.net.

Hessel rummage sale

Rummage and bake sales plus hot chili and fry bread at the Hessel Tribal Center on Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, June 23, 9 a.m.-noon.

Pastie benefit for Gathering of Eagles Powwow, order now for July 14

The Mukkwa Giizhik Community Committee is selling pasties to raise funds for the 21st annual Gathering of The Eagles Hessel Powwow.

Pasties are \$3 each. You can order them with or without rutabagas.

Pasties deliveries take place on July 14.

For more information, contact Lisa Burnside, 440-7666, Lana Causley, 322-3818, Terrie Milligan, 484-3717, Joanne Umbrasas, 322-3668 or Robin LaTour, 440-5403.

Seeking giveaway items in honor of loved ones for Sault powwow

Boozhoo, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, our traditional powwow is scheduled for Saturday, July 6 and Sunday, July 7. We recognize that not everyone will be able to attend this year.

The giveaway is a great way to participate even if you cannot be there. If you would like to send a special gift in the name of a loved one, please send this special gift along with a note explaining who this gift represents to the tribe’s

Culture Department, 531 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; (906) 635-6050.

The Powwow Committee will read your note and present your special gift to the powwow participants on Sunday, July 7, before the giveaway begins. In this way, you and your family will be a part of this wonderful cultural event.

Miigwech,

Lou Anne Bush, Sault Tribe Powwow Committee.

Community focus group on food, community building and suggestions

Come share your ideas about healthful food, food choices and your community. Please call 632-5210 to register. First 10 people who register and participate in the focus groups receive a \$20 gas card.

- Sault Ste. Marie, Tuesday, June 11, Sault Tribe Health Center, 6-8 p.m.
- St. Ignace, Tuesday, July 9, public library, 6-8 p.m.
- Manistique, Friday, July 12, YEA (116 N. Zhi Gag), 6-8 p.m.
- Wetmore, Saturday, July 13, warehouse (N. 6379 Atik Ameg), 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Skilled Trades Career Fair

June 18
10 AM to 11:30 AM

Kewadin Casino Whitefish Pt. Room
2186 Shunk Road
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

The following Skilled Trades representatives will be present and available to answer questions on site:

Iron Workers Local #8, Masons, Electricians, Plumbers, Boilermakers, Pipe Fitters, Carpenters, Laborers and Operators



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Upcoming Sault Tribe Powwows

Sugar Island

July 19-20: 17th annual Sugar Island Traditional Powwow, spiritual gathering on Friday, powwow on Saturday and Sunday. Grand entries on Saturday, 1 and 7 p.m., Sunday noon. Campers and vendors welcome. Save the date and reserve your space. For more information call Colleen St. Onge at 906-635-6050.

Rexton

Aug. 3: 10th annual Youth Empowerment Powwow sponsored by the Youth Education and Activities Program in Rexton. For more information, Dee Eggert at 906-635-7010, Lisa Burnside at 484-2298 or Patty Teeple at 341-3362.

Hessel

Aug. 16-19: 21st annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow, spiritual gathering and open drum on Friday night, grand entry at 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, potluck feast on Saturday at 5 p.m., grand entry at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Contact Information:



Lana Causley, lcausley@sault-tribe.net; John Causley, jcausley1@saulttribe.net; and Lisa Burnside, lburnside@saulttribe.net.

St. Ignace

Aug. 24-Aug. 25: A Rendezvous at the Straits Traditional Powwow, a family event celebrating the triangle of

history in the St. Ignace area.

A Parade of Nations will take place Friday, Aug. 23, down the main street of St. Ignace at 7 p.m. flag carriers, eagle staff carriers and dancers in regalia are invited to be part of the parade.

Rendezvous Powwow is Saturday, Aug. 24 through Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, at the New France Discovery

Center at the Father Marquette National Memorial in St. Ignace. Experience life when Native Americans and French Traders lived in harmony along the Straits of Mackinac! Admission is \$4 for adults daily or \$5 for both days, \$4 for elders for the weekend or \$3 daily, and children 5 and under are free.

The blessing of the grounds will take place Friday, Aug. 23 at 12 p.m. Grand Entrance will be at 12 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Host Drum is Sturgeon Bay and co-host drum is Wolf Wind. Native artists, dancing, food, demonstrations, historic reenactments and much more!

This family event is to be alcohol and drug free. It is sponsored by the St. Ignace Events Committee, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Michilimackinac Historical Society, and Kewadin Casinos.

For more information, contact the St. Ignace Visitor Bureau at 906-643-8717 or Darryl Brown at 906-984-2083 or turtlesback@

charter.net.

Newberry

Sept. 7: 7th annual Honoring the Waters Newberry Powwow at the Newberry Tribal Center. For more information, call Lois Bryant or Shirley Kowalke: 906-293-8181.

Munising

Sept. 14: Munising Powwow in Munising at the Munising City Park. Public Invited! Free Admission! No drugs or alcohol. For more information, call Angela Satterlee at 906-202-3947.

Kinross

Nov. 9: Honoring our Anishinaabe Veterans Powwow, Kinross Recreation Center in Kinross, Mich., grand entry at 1 p.m. with feast following. Call Jackie Minton at 906-203-4977.

Sault

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow, feast at 4 p.m., hand drum contest at 6 p.m., grand entry at 7 p.m., ring in the new year at midnight!

New DOI head states priorities for Indian Country

BY RICK SMITH

The new U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Secretary Sally Jewell was sworn in on April 12, 2013. Just a little over a month later, on May 15, she appeared before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to address her relationship with Indian Country as well as the DOI and to outline the agency's priorities in addressing Indian Country issues.

Jewell told the committee that she has come to see the "astounding breadth of the issues and responsibilities located within this one agency" and, with deep humility, acknowledges the great scope of her duties "from upholding our solemn trust responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives to making wise decisions about the use and conservation of the resources with which we have been blessed. Almost all of these duties and responsibilities are applicable to the Indian Affairs programs."

She indicated that her familiarity with Indian Country issues stems from 19 years in commercial banking, during which she worked with Indian tribes in the Northwest and served as the lead banker for NANA, an Alaskan Native concern.

"As Secretary of the Interior,

I am committed to upholding the federal government's obligations to Native Americans and to strengthening the United States' government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes and Alaska Natives," said Jewell. "I realize that the federal government has not always honored its trust responsibilities or fully recognized the sovereign status of tribes. I acknowledge this before discussing my broad goals and the challenges that we face."

First of the listed departmental goals and priorities is restoring tribal homelands. Citing ambitions of the Obama administration in advancing nation-to-nation relationships with tribal governments by protecting and restoring tribal homelands, Jewell said corrective measures are needed to rid the trust land process of the hindrances of the Supreme Court decisions in *Carcieri v. Salazar* and *Salazar v. Patchack*. The *Carcieri* decision holds that lands could not be taken into trust for tribes not under federal jurisdiction prior to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. Further, she said, the *Patchack* decision exacerbates the problems created by the *Carcieri* decision by allowing challenges to DOI acquisitions of trust lands for tribes could be chal-

lenged even if the subject land was already held in trust by the United States.

Jewell said the current federal administration supports a legislative solution to *Carcieri* decision and that "the president's fiscal year 2014 budget includes language that, if enacted, would resolve this issue." Regarding the *Patchack* decision, she said the administration could support a legislative solution that allows for judicial review of DOI decisions to acquire land in trust while protecting tribal lands after title transfers to the U.S. in trusts for tribes.

After remarks on the Cobell settlement, she declared her intent to continue honoring treaty commitments, specifically, tribal rights protected by a program to hunt, fish and gather within ceded territories. "There are 49 tribes whose off-reservation hunting, fishing and gathering rights in the Pacific Northwest and Great Lakes regions are supported by this program," said Jewell. "Five umbrella intertribal organizations assist the tribes in implementing relevant court orders and carrying out co-management responsibilities." Among court decisions and orders implemented through the protection program is *U.S. v. Michigan*, which applies

directly to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Settling Indian water rights disputes was the next topic highlighted in Jewell's testimony along with increasing renewable and conventional energy development on Indian lands.

Jewell spoke at length on what appears to be her paramount concern: providing high quality education in Bureau of Indian Education schools.

Protecting Native communities and natural resources through climate change adaptation was addressed. She pointed to the Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), which provides opportunities for field level managers, Indian Affairs staff and tribal representatives to improve technical skills. She also singled out the BIA Landscape Conservation Cooperatives, which enable the BIA to assist tribes in identifying and implementing strategies to address debilitating environmental impact on tribal lands.

Promoting self-governance

among Indian nations in tight fiscal times is challenging, said Jewell, but she indicated the "the cornerstone of my policy as Secretary of the Interior will be centered on promoting self-governance and self-determination, and the inherent right of tribal governments to make their own decisions to strengthen their communities." Still, the financial climate will make the choices tough and a clearer picture of options will be seen after the passage of the 2014 budget.

The final item in her testimony was on regulatory reform. Jewell said reform of the federal acknowledgment process is a high priority in the DOI and the department is actively working on a draft revision of federal sovereignty acknowledgment regulations and will be seeking tribal consultation soon. Depending on the results from tribal consultation, any resulting proposed rule will be released for public comment and published in the Federal Register. The current goal is to have a revised final rule sometime in 2014.

Dan Henning joins MIS staff

Dan Henning recently accepted a position with the Sault Tribe Management Information Systems (MIS) as a database analyst. He began on March 27 at the MIS office space in Sault Ste. Marie.

Database analysts work with the functions of the tribe's computerized programs and oversee implementation of improvements including communicating with companies on network program needs.

Henning was born in Traverse City, Mich., and trav-

eled extensively with his family while his father served in the United States Coast Guard.

He graduated from Baraga High School before he graduated from LSSU last April with a bachelor's in computer networking and web development.

His hobbies include website and graphic design, playing hockey, hunting and fishing.

Dan Henning, right, database analyst with the Sault Tribe MIS Department



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Tribe to get non-motorized transportation plan

The Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project is partnering with the Sault Tribe Transportation Planning Department to improve non-motorized transportation facilities in our seven-county service area to make it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

This project will involve developing a non-motorized transportation plan for the tribal areas and in particular its facili-

ties and communities across the eastern U.P. The plan will include stakeholder consultation, an evaluation of existing conditions, safety analysis, prioritizing routes for improvement, development of design guidelines and the preparation of an implementation plan. This plan will be designed to document the tribe's non-motorized transportation needs and to guide the tribe's investment

decisions related to non-motorized facilities.

The plan will include the tribe's housing developments, schools, recreation, offices, casinos and other facilities. It will be developed by Opus International Consultants and led by Jeffrey Bagdade, P.E., in consultation with the board of directors, tribal members and other stakeholders. Bagdade has more than 10 years of experi-

ence specializing in transportation engineering and planning, in particular, the implementation of Complete Streets. He has successfully led many projects and initiatives for or in coordination with tribal governments across the country.

In order to gather community input on needs for walking and biking, project planners have developed a short survey. Your opinions on the walkability and

bikeability of your community are very important to this planning process.

Visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/HVKL3CX to complete the survey.

For more information on the Sault Tribe non-motorized transportation plan, please contact Donna Norkoli at dnorkoli@saulttribe.net or Wendy Hoffman at whoffman@saulttribe.net.

Assault on a Culture offers an understanding of Anishinaabeg culture

LAUGHLIN, Nev. — *Assault on a Culture* by Charles E. Adams Jr. unravels the Anishinaabe culture and the forces and processes of environmental and anthropogenic origin that have caused the civilization to evolve since the Indians first arrived on the continent many years before the present. This book examines a specific Indian culture that tells a story that is not well known by members of the dominant society and even by many Anishinaabeg and it is told by an Anishinaabe descendent who has first-hand knowledge of the culture.

Anishinaabe ancestors first arrived in North America approximately 12,000 years ago when a thick sheet of ice covered much of the northern portion of the continent. The provenance in Asia of those peoples implies that the pathway taken to get to their Great Lakes home was long and arduous, severely testing the strength and resolve of those first Americans. For much of their tenure on the continent, the Anishinaabeg occupied a distinct, delicately balanced, socio-cultural niche that evolved primarily as responses to changes of the natural environment. Following first contact with European explorers about 500 years ago, European-Indian social and economic interactions including intermarriage, adoption of European trade goods and loss of a life-sustaining and culture defining land

base became dominant forces in Anishinaabe (Chippewa, Ottawa and Potawatomi) culture change.

The benevolent co-existence of the French, through the aggressive colonialism of the British, to the vigorous thrust by the United States to extinguish all Anishinaabe land title under the rubric of Manifest Destiny, comprise the central focus of *Assault on a Culture*. By 1880, formal treaties between the United States and the Anishinaabeg, crafted entirely by the Americans to favor their own land-accumulating interests, led to the creation of an Indian population with little or no land to call their own and minimal talents that would be needed to survive without the land. While the various activities undertaken by the Euro-Americans put the Anishinaabe culture in extreme crisis, it was not destroyed. Today, it thrives and strives to adapt to the ever changing demands of modern society, a clear indication of the strength and resolve of those indomitable people.

Native American tribes are beginning to take their rightful places in the American social and economic mainstream and the hurdles that they have overcome to get to this point is interesting and inspiring. *Assault on a Culture* aims to provide readers with a better understanding of the history of the Anishinaabeg of the Great Lakes and their incredible social, economic and

cultural accomplishments in the face of an unrelenting assault to prevent them from succeeding.

For more information on this book, interested parties may log on to www.Xlibris.com.

The author, Charles E. Adams, Jr. grew up in a small town in northern Michigan. After an extended stint in the U.S. Navy, he received a Ph.D. from Florida State University with a major in Physical Oceanography. He subsequently moved to Louis-

iana State University where for two decades he taught Oceanography in the Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences and conducted marine research in the Coastal Studies Institute. He presently provides environmental consultant services to governments and industries and has conducted basic and applied scientific studies in Africa and Asia. Adams is principal author of 24 peer-reviewed scientific articles and 25 techni-

cal reports.

Assault on a Culture by Charles E. Adams Jr.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Raspor, united in marriage in a traditional ceremony on May 18. Pictured (L-R) are Cal Burnside, Jeannie Antcliff, Becky and Joe Parish, and newlyweds Jennifer and Chuck Raspor.

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Sled dog and barrel racer Eran Menard joins Air Force

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Eran Rose Menard, a recent graduate of Sault Area High School, has known since the eighth grade what she wants to do after graduation. She said she didn't want to graduate not knowing what direction she wanted her life to go, so she made the decision to join the Air Force.

Menard's family has a history of serving in branches of the military. Her father retired from the Coast Guard after 22 years; her grandfather on her dad's side was in the Marines and a Korean War veteran; her other grandfather was in the Army and was a veteran of the Viet Nam War; her uncle is in the Army in Iraq and her 22-year-old sister is in the Navy reserves.

Menard said she is expecting to be assigned her Air Force job in June and will be leaving for basic training sometime late this fall or early winter. Her first choice in a military career is as an airman and her second is as a special vehicles mechanic for Humvees, tanks, ambulances and fire trucks. After her four-year

enlistment is up, Menard said she would like to work as an air traffic controller at a commercial airport.

Menard's family comes from Sugar Island in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and when she was just 18 months old, her father was stationed in Alaska. That's when her mother, sister and she moved back to Sugar Island to live with her grandparents. After her father's year was up in Alaska, he was stationed closer to home in Cheboygan.

Growing up with the grass between her toes, she joined the local 4-H club and began showing horses and rabbits at the age of 5. Then in 2004, her family bought and trained a sled dog team and in 2010 she became the bronze medalist for the three dog junior class in the International Sled Dog Racing Association.

In 2006, at the age of 11, she participated in the National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA) state finals, winning the youth third division and accepted a saddle, a wild card for the world finals

and a check. That same year she qualified for the Youth World Championships, so she gave her wild card to her sister. She rode in the 2007 world finals in Jackson, Miss., on her horse Chance, finishing 16th in the third division out of 1,000 youth riders. Then last year she again won the youth third division state championships on her new horse, Scamp, taking home a saddle and check.

Her family moved back to Sugar Island in 2009 and she participated in high school track, taking the gold medal for the high jump in her 8th grade year. She has continued to excel in sports, participating in the shotput, high jump and discus. This spring she is planning on setting a new school record in the discus throw.

In addition to keeping her horses fit and healthy, Menard helped her family make maple syrup from trees on their property this April and sold 5 gallons as part of her fundraising effort to attend the 2013 NBHA Youth World Championships in July.

She qualified for the championships on her horse Scamp and also won a wild card, which allows her to bring a second horse to race, her mother's horse, Doc.

The championships are being held in Perry, Ga., July 20-27 and Menard said she hopes to raise about \$3,000 to attend. An entry fee of \$600 was due by June 1 and she has stall fees, housing, food for the horses and herself and gas to get them all there.

If she places high enough in the world championships, she

could win a saddle and a 4-Star horse trailer.

If you would like to help Eran Menard by making a donation to help her get to the NBHA Youth World Championship, she has an account set up at Central Savings Bank in Sault Ste. Marie under her name. Or a check can be mailed in her name to Central Savings Bank, 511 Bingham St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Eran's parents are Burt and Tanya Menard and sister Brittany, of Sugar Island.



Sled Dog Race

HELP GET ERAN TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP — If you would like to help Eran Menard by making a donation to help her get to the National Barrel Horse Association's Youth World Championship, there is an account set up for Eran Menard at Central Savings Bank in Sault Ste. Marie. Or, a check or money order can be mailed in her name to Central Savings Bank, 511 Bingham St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.



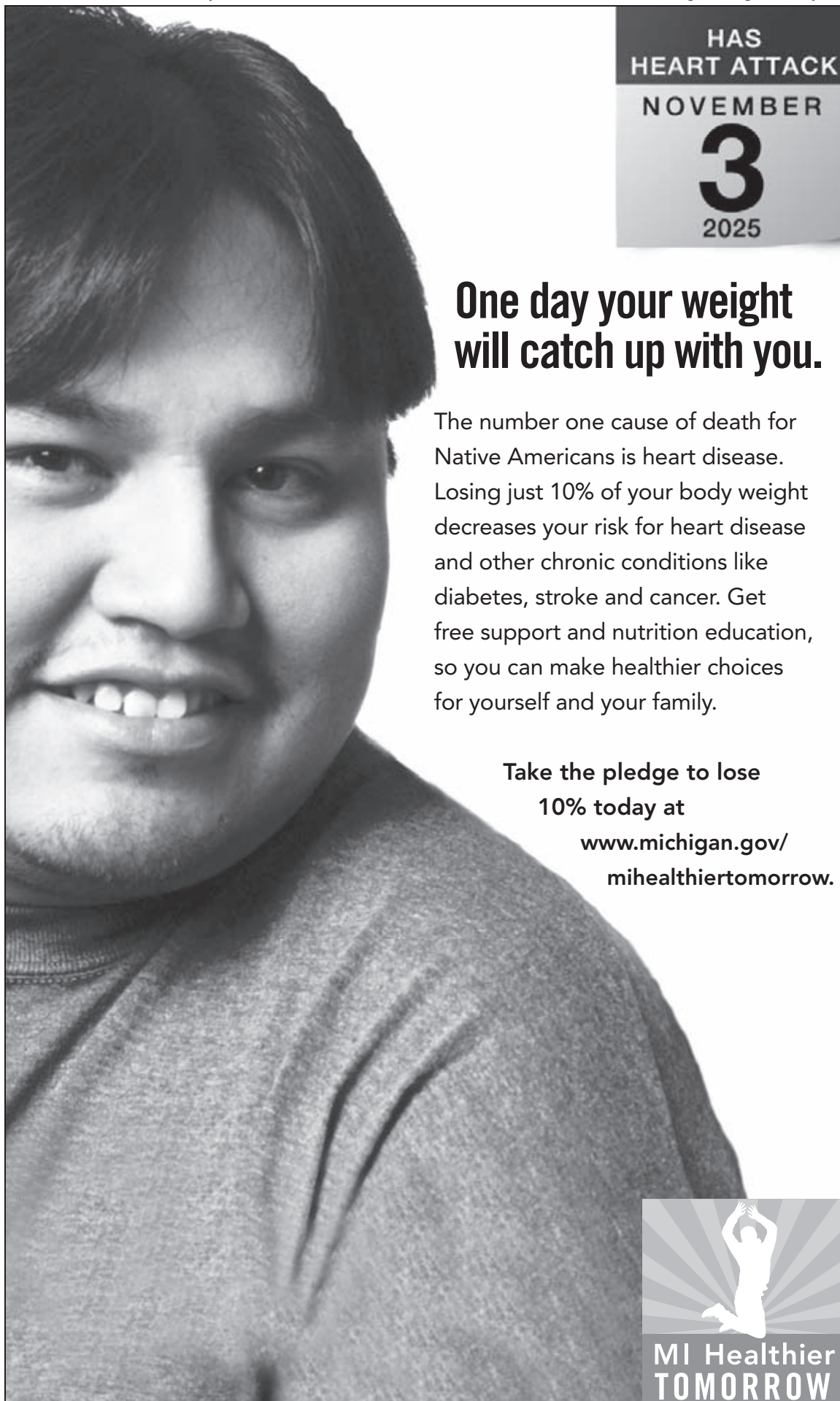
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Kevin Leonard earns doctorate



Kevin Philo Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. George and Angela Leonard of DeTour Village, Mich., graduated with a doctorate from the Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education Program in the College of Education at Michigan State University on May 3, 2013. Kevin, a Sault Tribe member, lives in Holt, Mich., with wife, Shannon Mulally, and son, Finn Leonard.

Graham serving in ITFAP internship



By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Jessica Graham left her home in Michigan's U.P. three years ago to attend the University of West Florida. Today she is going into her senior year and will be graduating next spring with a bachelor degree in environmental science.

On May 28 she began a summer internship with Intertribal Fisheries and Assessment Program's environmental coordinator Mike Ripley, who she will be helping with research, special projects, collecting fish for sampling and performing environmental sampling of local creeks. In addition to fieldwork, she will also be learning how to advocate for environmental issues, such as the letter Ripley is drafting in opposition to a proposal to construct a trailer park in coastal wetlands near Cheboygan.

Although she is not sure yet what she would like to do after graduation, she said she has a few options she is considering. If she decides to work after graduation,

she hopes to find a good position in either Florida or Michigan – saying it would be nice to be able to give back to her community. She is also considering graduate school for a master's degree in oceanography or an ocean science. "I am a big outdoors person and a lot of my relatives have studied and work in environmental fields," she said.

Using her internship as a sounding board for her future, she is hoping to determine if she enjoys working in fisheries or would lean more towards water quality issues and oceanography. "I picked environmental science because I can go more directions with that degree. I may even learn I want to make my career around the Great Lakes or go somewhere else," she said.

Graham's parents are Jeff and Sheri Graham. Graham has ties to both the Sault Tribe and Bay Mills, she and her mother are Bay Mills tribal members and her father is a member of the Sault Tribe.

Janetos makes Eagle Scout

Sault Tribe member Tommy Janetos (Bineshiinh) was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on May 8, 2013. Tommy is the son of Marlene and Rick Janetos, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and the grandson of the late Ann and Isaac Mckechnie of the Sault.

This is a significant accomplishment for a 15-year-old, as less than 4 percent of all Boy Scouts obtain the rank.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than 2 million young men. The title of Eagle Scout is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase, "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle."

Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout oath and law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages.

Tommy's Eagle Scout service project was to create a game room for teenage boys at the Children's Home Society of Florida. Last summer, family members, in the Sault (Gene, Cheri, Daisy, Danielle, Destiny, Ron, Jamie, Ronnie, Rheanna, Raven, Tara, Dave, Peyton, Ashton, Avery, Isaac, Nikki,



Eagle Scout Tommy Janetos and his mother Marlene Janetos

Adeleigh, Sawyer, Tessie, Tasha, Sally, Jim, Travis, Jimmy, Brenden, Charlie, Kim, Laura, Clark, Frankie, Ashley, Jessie, Kenny, Earl and Phyllis) all helped him with donations

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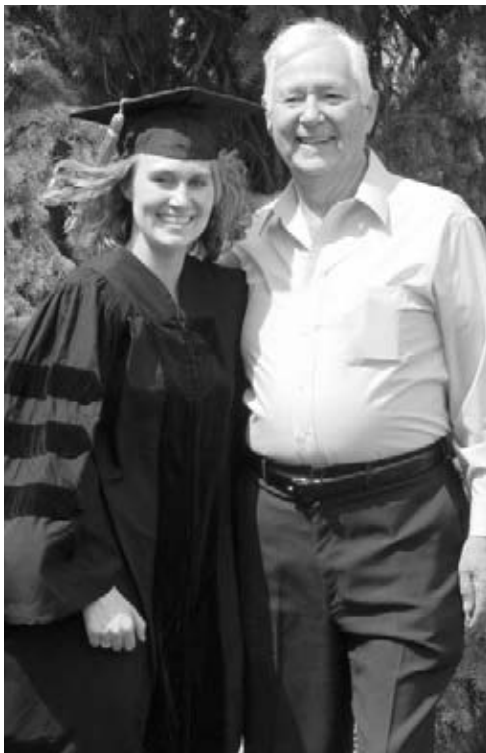
Lindroth earns doctorate in physical therapy

Pays for graduate school with Health Professionals Scholarship from Indian Health Service

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Jodi Lindroth graduated in May with her doctorate degree in physical therapy from Central Michigan University. Her grandfather, Joe Peterson, said she is the first in the family to earn a doctorate degree.

“The buttons on my shirt are just busting right off I’m so proud,” Peterson said.



Jodi Lindroth and her grandfather, Joe Peterson.

It was Lindroth’s mother, Kelly Hatinger, who told her daughter about the Indian Health Service (IHS) scholarship and recommended she apply for it. Lindroth said the scholarship programs offered by the IHS are based on current needs of Native American communities in the health professions. Students must re-apply every year.

In exchange for the scholarship, Lindroth had to agree to work for IHS at a tribal health clinic for the same number of years she received financial help. In her case, Lindroth will be working the next three years at the Menominee Tribal Clinic in Keshena, Wis.

IHS offers three scholarships for Native American and Alaskan Native students. The preparatory scholarship is for students enrolled in undergraduate prerequisite or preparatory courses preparing to enter a health professional school such as pharmacy and nursing.

The pre-graduate scholarship is for students enrolling in courses leading to a bachelor’s degree in pre-professional areas, such as pre-dentistry and pre-medicine and others as needed by Indian health programs.

The first two cover tuition and required fees for qualified American Indian and Alaska Native students.

And last, the health professions scholarship is for students enrolled in health professions programs and provides financial aid covering tuition, required fees and other educational and living expenses. This is the scholarship Lindroth was awarded. Students incur service obligations and payback requirements when they accept their scholarship.

Lindroth married her high school sweetheart, Greg Lindroth,

in the middle of her graduate studies in December 2011. Because Lindroth had to complete her clinical rotations in Grand Rapids and Sault Ste. Marie, the newly married couple was apart for about 18 months.

“I really appreciate the financial help from IHS,” she said. “It’s rewarding because now I get to give my time back by serving tribal people. I thank my family

and friends every day because they really helped get me through this program.”

Lindroth also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in health fitness and rehabilitative and preventive services from CMU.

Her grandfather Peterson said he encourages all his grandchildren, just as he did his children, to get a higher education. “Then they are one step ahead of every-

body else,” he said.

Peterson was the Sault Tribe vice-chairman serving with Fred Hatch and Joe Lumsden and served on the tribe’s board of directors for 10 years. He also served as the chairman of the tribal elders and today serves as the chairman of the Unit IV elders in Manistique.

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Top 10 reasons to attend Bay Mills Community College

BY ANGELINE BOULLEY

Aaniin! Thinking about college? Here are 10 reasons to consider Bay Mills Community College.

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CONVENIENT TRANSPORTATION – BMCC now offers low-cost bus transportation with three daily routes that include multiple stops in Sault Ste. Marie. Discounted multi-punch cards and reduced rates for elders. See website for costs and schedules.

HIGH QUALITY – BMCC is Michigan’s first fully accredited, tribally-controlled community college. It is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and is a

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SUPPORTIVE STUDENT SERVICES

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Biomedical engineering student Leslie LaLonde travels to Germany for internship

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Leslie LaLonde calls the Northern Hemisphere home. Her father, Harold LaLonde, was a Navy man for 20 years. He moved his family from California, where Leslie was born, to Seoul, South Korea, and on to Stuttgart, Germany, where she attended pre-school. The family moved to Newport, Rhode Island, in time for her to enter kindergarten. The summer before she entered the fourth grade her dad retired from the Navy and they packed up and moved to Traverse City in Michigan.

LaLonde is a student at Michigan Technological University who majors in biomedical engineering with a minor in German and plans to graduate with her four-year degree in the spring of 2015.

To help his students get a jump on internships, her academic advisor sends out weekly emails about available internships for biomedical students. Last Fall he sent out an email she couldn't pass up — a German-based, English-speaking internship with a scholarship - her application accepted, she headed to Germany.

Today she is working as an assistant for doctoral candidate Michael Bauer at Leibniz University Hannover. During the 12-week internship, she will assist his research on resorbable magnesium-alloy myocardial

graft support structures.

She plans on returning to Michigan Tech this fall for her last two years of undergraduate work. She said she might look for another internship for next summer or continue taking classes. She has big plans for her future, setting her sights on a master's degree and maybe a doctorate.

"In the end, I would like to work in a research position, possibly in the field of visual prosthesis," she said. "My fiancée and I also plan on getting married after I earn my bachelor's degree."

After taking German as a language in high school it came pretty easy for her in college and she earned her minor in German after her first year of study. During her senior year of high school she participated in the German American Partnership Program and went on a three-week exchange with other students from her class. They stayed with host families in Kronach for two weeks and toured Berlin and Dresden the final week of their stay.

LaLonde also finds enjoyment in theatre, performing in three plays since coming to Michigan Tech: in *Fuddy Meers* as Gertie, *Twelfth Night* as Viola/Cesario and *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* as Else von Grossenkneuten. She also served as a language consultant and

prompter during the Spring '13 production of *I Am My Own Wife*, a one-man show based on the life of Charlotte von Malsdorf, an East German transvestite during the Cold War.

LaLonde said she has received financial aid from the tribe's Self-Sufficiency program for her studies.

Her parents are Harold and Kelly LaLonde. Her brother, Donald LaLonde, 25, has a degree in product design engineering technology from Ferris State University.

Photo by Michael Bauer
Leslie LaLonde holding the model heart with the magnesium stent on it at the university in Germany Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universitat where she is doing her internship. The building she is standing in front of is the Institute of Materials Science.



Top 10 reasons to attend Bay Mills Community College

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\$28.5 million paid out in jackpots during 2012

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.

— In 2012, Kewadin Casinos customers won \$28.5 million in slot jackpots, \$13.9 million being over \$1,200.

“Many customers do not realize how many jackpots we have each day,” COO Tony Goetz said. “Our machines pay out well and we have many happy customers on a regular basis.”

Last year between the five properties, the casinos paid out \$28,549,623.79. The largest jackpots by site are as follows: Sault Ste. Marie \$33,750, St. Ignace \$50,000, Hessel \$6,467.36, Manistique \$23,371.43 and Christmas \$8,640.

All slot machines at any casino operate the same way. When a player drops in a coin or token

in the slot machine, one to three or more reels are activated. The reels spin randomly displaying various symbols that show the player if they have won anything. Each machine has a random number generator (RNG) that has been approved by the state of Michigan and tested by the Sault Tribe Gaming Commission. This RNG determines whether or not

the player will win or lose. Each spin is in no way related to the previous spin or the next spin. Every time the reel is set spinning, a new random number is generated. It is this reason that two big winning combinations could occur back to back. When a slot machine is not being played, this computer chip is still generat-

ing random numbers.

“It’s really about luck,” said Goetz.

For jackpots over \$1,200, St. Ignace customers hit the jackpot most with a total of \$6.1 million, followed by the Sault at \$5.6 million, Manistique at \$1.4, Christmas at \$618,000 and Hessel at \$170,000.

Kewadin offers free online games

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.

— Customers can now play for fun on Kewadin Casinos new online gaming website. The site, www.kewadin.com, offers customers the ability to play popular WMS slot games for free online. Current games include G+[®], Black Knight[®], Cascading Reels[®], Crystal Forest[®] and 5x4 Leprechaun’s Fortune[™].

“Online gaming is coming up in the industry,” said Tony Goetz, Kewadin Casino COO. “We are happy to partner with Williams Interactive on this project and look forward to the upgraded version of the site which we hope will come soon.”

Currently, players who sign in to the Play4Fun Network[™] site can unlock slots and receive free slot play based on their online activity. Customers can also try WMS’ My Poker[®] Video Poker for free on the site, which features many popular casino Video Poker themes like Double Double Bonus Poker and Jacks or Better

Poker as well as the multi-hand Winning Streak[®] Poker game. While playing, customers can toggle 14 different points of personalization within the game, everything from deal speed to screen brightness to background colors, just like they can at units of My Poker video poker on Kewadin’s casino floor. They can even save their personalization settings online and at the casino using a unique login, which will allow players to play My Poker the way they’d like without having to reset personalization options each visit.

Players will see Kewadin Casinos WinStream[™], which is a rolling real-time feed of players’ wins from Kewadin’s casino floor.

Kewadin’s version 2 of the Play4Fun Network free play online gaming website is scheduled to be operational in summer 2013.

Kewadin Casinos has five locations throughout Michigan’s

Upper Peninsula and has been in business for nearly 30 years. The facilities are owned by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and employ nearly 1,000. Learn more at www.kewadin.com.

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National Guard dad homecoming



Aaron Freeland, security guard at the Kewadin Casino in Christmas, joined the National Guard in 2009. Pictured here is Aaron at his homecoming with his son, Cole, 6, and while stationed in Afghanistan (below). He was assigned to the 1432nd Unit out of Kingsford, Mich. He deployed on May 3, 2012, and returned to the U.S. on March 28. His unit was deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, for nine months. He was awarded an Army Commendation Medal, ISAF NATO Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global Awareness of Terrorism Medal as well as a Combat Action Badge. Currently, Aaron is back working at the Christmas casino and, on his days off, he enjoys spending time with his son. We are very proud of you, Aaron. Thank you and your family for service to our country.



Aaron Freeland of the 1432nd Unit out of Kingsford, Mich. He deployed on May 3, 2012, and returned to the U.S. on March 28. His unit was deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, for nine months.

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Enjoying the art and science of weaving with a loom

By Rick Smith

Weaving is an ancient craft practiced since antiquity around the world. Our Anishinaabe ancestors wove baskets, fishing nets, bed mats and many other items. Long before the rise of the industrial age, weavers worldwide produced varieties of items from textiles for clothing and other functions to materials used in construction. The arrival of the industrial revolution brought textile mills and factories, largely eclipsing the old ways of the weaving craft.

Yet, even in this age of electronics and cyber space, there are those individuals who find enjoyment and satisfaction in weaving and creating goods with their own hands. Among American Indians, some folks continue weaving baskets and other works by hand. Sault Tribe member Jeremy Ripley is among those who weave ideas into custom creations, but he employs mechanical devices in making works of cloth. His primary instrument is a stately white oak and metal marvel called a Cranbrook eight-harness countermarche floor loom built by J.P. Bexell and Son of Pontiac, Mich. Among those who know, Cranbrooks are regarded as the finest looms of their kind.

Ripley holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in sculpture from Northern Michigan University. It was his curiosity about how things are made that led him to weaving. "My primary interest is in trying to understand the world around me," he said. "For sculpture, it may be how a piece of jewelry is constructed, how a ceramic mug is made or how iron is forged into a gate. This same interest was what brought me into weaving; how is cloth made?"

He started to learn about weaving through his own research. Sometime after college, about 2002, he began to meet with an eastern Upper Peninsula fiber arts group, the Country Spinners and Bridge Shuttlers. It was through this group that he continued to learn more about the craft and eventually acquired the loom. "This is where I made some great connections," said Ripley.

The materials he uses are mostly natural fibers from both

animal and plant sources. For example, he works with sheep wool and alpaca fleece as well as cotton and flax. Ripley noted, "Some animal fibers are available locally and it is a nice connection to work with locally raised materials."

He found working full-time in the upholstery business for 10 years, complementary to his weaving hobby. These days, though, he considers elevating his long-time hobby to something more lucrative.

Over the last five years, Ripley developed a good working relationship with the Three Pines Studio and Gallery in Cross Village, Mich. "The owners, Joanne Condino and Gene Reck, have given me great support and directions," said Ripley. This relationship has started me to think of this in more of a business way."

He has produced works for the gallery beginning with some alpaca scarves he crafted as accessories for winter wear. More recently, he entered yardage and lace linens in a textiles competition at Three Pines that ran from May 25 to June 11. The competition was still taking place at the time of our deadline.

In addition to weaving, Ripley sometimes spins some of his yarn. "I do spin a little and have woven with my own handspun," he said. But, for the most part, he prefers to buy the yarn he uses as it his understanding that it used to take seven spinners to keep one weaver supplied with yarn. He prefers to spend his time weaving, not spinning.

Ripley estimates his floor loom was built during the 1950s or 1960s, his spinning wheel, though, he believes was crafted around 1890.

Anyone interested in learning more about weaving and perhaps becoming involved in the craft could first seek nearby weaving guilds or other groups with related interests online. Folks in the eastern Upper Peninsula may contact the Country Spinners and Bridge Shuttlers via Lois Robbins at 632-3689, email loisrobbins@gmail.com, and Jeremy Ripley at 253-1565, email jerrirpley@gmail.com.



Photo by Rick Smith

Sault Tribe member Jeremy Ripley with his Cranbrook countermarche floor loom built in Pontiac, Mich., around the mid-20th century and his spinning wheel, believed to be made in the late 19th century.

VISTA volunteer helps elders

The tribe's elders' services staff welcome Justin Miller as a volunteer through the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to American (VISTA) program. In his year-long service, Justin hopes to create long-term programs that benefit elders and others.

Miller's project seeks to create access to healthier lifestyles in culturally appropriate ways for Native American elders. "A person must be dedicated to become a VISTA. First you have to be willing to live with a meager stipend, second you need a good sense of humor," he said.

Born and raised in Marshall, a town South of Lansing, Miller grew up hunting and fishing. In 2009 he moved to Mount Pleasant, Mich., and attended Central Michigan University, earning a bachelor's degree in anthropology last May.

This degree, he hopes, "will aid in my service to the elders and Sault Tribe." Anthropology is the study of humans both past and present. Basically, it concerns all of humanity, languages, cultures, histories and biology. "In my eyes, the four parts of anthropology are like a medicine wheel, interconnected and inseparable. They overlap and always affect each other."

AmeriCorps is offering him a break from college life and provides a platform to prepare for his future. "I feel people often ignore social problems and just pretend everything eventually works out. The hope for a VISTA is to empower communities so they can create a future in their own image," he said.

Justin started his service in April 2013. He looks forward to meeting new friends and enjoying his service to the tribe.

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Tribal Law Enforcement gets new patrol boat

JKL Bahweting School safety patrol volunteers treated to ride on St. Marys River by police department

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement recently purchased a 28-foot Henley aluminum boat hand-crafted to meet their needs while enforcing treaty rights on the Great Lakes – Superior, Huron and Michigan.

The newest in their fleet of six vessels, this boat can take up to eight-foot seas and has a net lifter and heated cab. Sault Tribe Police Chief Bob Marchand said conservation officers are tasked with net lifting if nets have been abandoned or have broke free. Before the purchase of this new boat, conservation officers had to pull nets by hand.

The boat was purchased with a COPS grant (Community Oriented Policing Services) that



was awarded to the department in 2011.

“We have worked hard over the past year to increase our enforcement,” said Marchand.

“This boat will enhance our conservation enforcement – when you have treaties and the responsibility to enforce them, you need the equipment to do that.”

He said having the heated cab and being able to ride through rough weather will also allow them to expand their enforcement season.

School liaison/conservation officer Al TenEyck acted as a liaison between Henley Marine and the police department during the construction of the boat. The two Honda 200HP outboard motors, net-lifter and electronics all came from the U.S. and were delivered to the marina on Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada by TenEyck during the construction process.

To celebrate their new boat and as a way to show their appreciation to the 10 students who volunteer as JKL Bahweting

School Safety Patrol guards, the police department took the students on a boat ride on the St. Marys River. Students had the chance to interact with officers on each of the two boats used for the event and had the opportunity to act as captain and take over control of the boat under the watchful eye of the officer in charge.

Marchand said, “Our sovereignty, in my eyes, is based on our treaty rights. Our commercial fishing on the Great Lakes, subsistence and inland hunting and fishing is really important to our tribe and tribal citizens. We are working today to enforce regulations and protect our resources for the benefit of future generations.”

See photos on page 13.

Michigan author, Walks-As-Bear, visiting the U.P.

MUSKEGON, Mich. — Michigan author David Walks-As-Bear will be doing a book tour in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, during the end of June. The American Indian novelist and writer will be signing copies of his books, appearing as a visiting author at local libraries and gathering research for his next novel.

Walks-As-Bear is a member of the Shawnee Nation and is an inter-tribal elder. The award-winning author has seen his Ely Stone books used for a major television series and another

optioned for a feature film. The Ely Stone novels feature an Upper Peninsula tribal cop named Ely Stone. Last summer Walks-As-Bear was in Cedarville and the Les Cheneaux Islands doing research for a novel that includes one of author Steve Hamilton’s characters in a book titled *Message From the Water Spirit*. Hamilton is another novelist writing a series featuring the Paradise U.P. protagonist Alex McKnight. This book by Walks-As-Bear will be a new Ely Stone series partner.

In addition to writing novels,

Walks-As-Bear is also a syndicated columnist who pens the *Bear’s Den*, a column carried in newspapers around the state and one in Canada. It derives a greater renown through its home publication in the U.P.’s own Great Lakes Pilot. The monthly periodical has extensive coverage in Michigan and five other states in the upper Midwest.

Walks-As-Bear is a retired United States Coast Guard reserve photojournalist and a member of the American Legion. He will be signing copies of his books at the first-ever author

book signing to take place at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Saint Marie, Mich. This coincides with the state convention of the American Legion scheduled at the casino. Walks-As-Bear will also appear as a visiting author at two area libraries, Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie and the Whitefish Township Community Library, where he will give presentations on his writing, followed by signing copies of his books.

Schedule: Book signing at the Kewadin Casino gift shop, 2186 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie,

Mich., (906) 632-0530, June 27-28, noon to 2 p.m.

Visiting author presentation and book signing at the Bayliss Public Library, 542 Library Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., 632-9331, June 27, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Visiting author presentation and book signing at the Whitefish Township Community Library, 7247 N. M-123, Paradise, Mich., 492-3500, June 29, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For further information, visit the author’s website at www.walks-as-bear.com.

Proposal facilitates American Indian vets memorial in D.C.

BY RICK SMITH

Legislation recently introduced into the U.S. senate would facilitate funding for the construction of a Native American veterans memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The Native American Veterans’ Memorial Amendments Act of 2013 would clarify provisions of the Native American Veterans’ Memorial Establishment Act of 1994.

According to the Smithsonian Institution, the 1994 act authorized the National Museum of

the American Indian to construct and maintain the memorial at a suitable site as determined by the museum. However, funding was not adequately addressed except to indicate that the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) shall be solely responsible for accepting contributions and payment of the expenses for establishment of the memorial. Further, the law prohibited federal funding to be used to pay any expenses for establishing the memorial and the project lan-

guished since.

The proposed amendments essentially removes several barriers to the project and allows the National Museum of the American Indian to be involved in fundraising efforts.

The NCAI indicated full support for the amendments act citing it will clear the way for construction of the memorial on property held by and adjacent to the National Museum of the American Indian. “Most impor-

tantly,” noted Jefferson Keel, president of the NCAI, in an official release, “this bill allows for more flexibility for tribal nations and the United States to work together to honor the contributions and sacrifices of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian military service members and veterans.”

Keel, a decorated military veteran, indicated he looks forward to when his fellow veterans are recognized for their roles

in protecting the sovereignty of their tribal nations and the United States of America.

Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) introduced the Native American Veterans’ Memorial Amendments Act of 2013 (S.1046). Then Senator Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) introduced the Native American Veterans’ Memorial Establishment Act of 1994. Inouye, a Native Hawaiian and Medal of Honor recipient, passed in December of 2012.

City of St. Ignace designates recreation areas tobacco-free

The City of St. Ignace was recognized on May 28 for recently designating parks and outdoor recreation areas tobacco-free.

Tobacco and secondhand smoke are the leading causes of preventable death and disease in Michigan and the U.S.

In Michigan, each year 12,700 people die from tobacco-related disease and 1,740 people die from disease caused by secondhand smoke exposure.

The Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project partnered with the EUP Great Start Collaborative to provide funding for signs at the parks in St. Ignace.

For more information on



Left to right, back row, Traci Tamlyn of the Great Start Collaborative, Deb Evashevski of the Downtown Development Authority and city clerk Renee Vonderwerth. Front row, Heather Bird (holding Cole Bird) of the Great Start Collaborative, Mayor Paul Grondin, Heather Hemming of the Community Transformation Grant and Great Start Collaborative kids (holding sign).

tobacco-free outdoor recreation areas, visit www.healthyupcommunities.com or contact Heather Hemming at hhemming@sault-tribe.net for tobacco-free outdoor areas toolkits.

Storytelling sessions in Sault Ste. Marie



Folks can take advantage of storytelling sessions in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., this summer. The sessions are sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The inaugural session took place at the Sault Tribe Ojibwe Learning Center and Library at 531 Ashmun Street on May 31. Storytellers at the session were (from left) Leonard Kimewon, Mel Frechette, Rebecca Parish and Pauline Andrews. Another storytelling session will be coming in June. Call Colleen St. Onge at 635-6050, extension 26497 for details.

Photo by Rick Smith

Tribal police get new 28' conservation boat



JKL School safety officer Al TenEyck (not in picture) set up a boat outing on the new conservation boat for 10 JKL safety patrol students as a show of appreciation by the Sault Tribe Police Department for their dedication. Above, officer Mike Povey (center) helps students with life jackets while officer George Parish is ready to assist them onto the boats. Computer teacher Vince Gross (left) and JKL intervention specialist Jamie Eavou (second from left) with the ten students: Makenna Reno, Carson Mackety, Adria Shook, Sydney Kuenzer, Tyler Fish, MaKenna Corbiere, Griffin Zajkowski, Logan Thompson, Kevin Krans and Jessica Thompson. See story on page 6.



Photos by Brenda Austin

The new conservation boat with six of the 10 JKL students on board.



JKL intervention specialist Jamie Eavou and officer George Parish with four of the safety patrol students on the second law enforcement boat that accompanied the new boat.

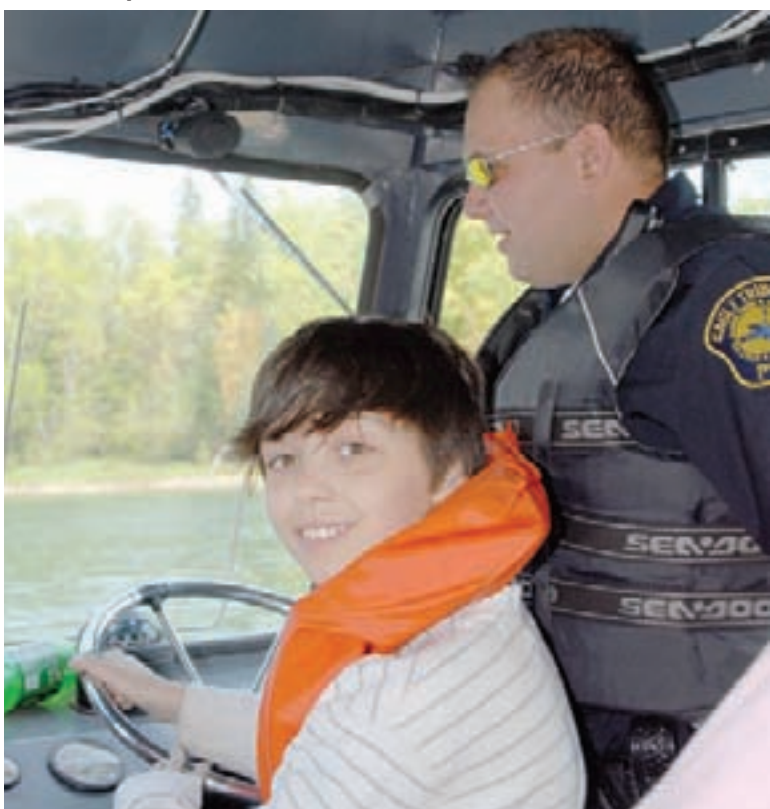


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Officer Al TenEyck stands ready to resume control of the boat after giving students a shot at navigating. Seventh grader Griffin Zajkowski was the first student to jump at the chance to be captain.

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Sault Area High School and Malcolm High School honor 2013 Native student achievements



Ogimaa Minisino, the drum of JKL Bahweting Public School Academy, performed at both ceremonies on May 15-16 in Sault Ste. Marie. From left, Dominic Cremeans, Kyle Dowd, singer Gizheday Matrious, Chris Gordon, Cameron Hoomstra, Zack Cole, David Jerome Anderson and Michael "Wogono-Giizhik" Gunckel.

Faculty and staff of Sault Area High School and Malcolm High School in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., recognized the achievements of Native students of the Class of 2013 in ceremonies that took place on May 15 at Malcolm High and on May 16 at Sault High.

Of approximately 200 students graduating from Sault High, about 70 have affiliation with American Indian sovereigns. At Malcolm High, 18 graduates have tribal affiliation out of a total of 35.

Scholarships awarded through the Reading Assistance Program at Malcolm High is new this year. Funding for the scholarships come from a grant to boost literacy among American Indian students by increased reading. Allison Campbell, Malcolm advisor for Native students, said the funding supports a reading challenge at the school which allots points for meeting specific reading goals. The two students

who accumulate the most points at the end of the school year win scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 for first place and \$900 for second place.

Awards presented to faculty and others at the ceremonies were the *Outstanding Secondary Teacher of Native American Students (In Memory of Joe Dunn)* to Jenine Sherman, *Outstanding Elementary Teacher of Native American Students* to Wynne Newill and Diane Possamai, *Outstanding Community Service of Native Students* to Amanda Fritz, and *Outstanding Community Leader to Native Students* to Maxine Anderson.

Students presented with awards were Russell G. Lipponen for *Outstanding Native American Graduate of Sault Area High School*, Tommy Mendoskin for *Outstanding Native American Graduate of Malcolm High School*, Samantha Pine-Bennett for *Outstanding Native*

American Art Student of Sault Area High School, Julian Locke for *Career Technical Education Student of Sault Area Career Center*, Joseph Menard-Sauro for *Most Improved Student in Academics, Attendance and Citizenship (In Memory of Steve LaSatz)* and Mikaela White for *Outstanding Ojibwe Language Student*.

Scholarship recipients included Savanna Pinkoski for a *Gates Millennium Scholarship*, Alma Sawasky for the first place *Reading Assistance Program Scholarship* and Caroline Neal for the second place *Reading Assistance Program Scholarship*.

A presentation of appreciation was given to Kewadin Casinos for continued support of the ceremonies honoring Native students at the schools.

Students at both schools enjoyed informal luncheons after the ceremonies concluded.



Chairman of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, Aaron Payment, addressed the 2013 graduates of Sault Area High School and Malcolm High School in separate ceremonies at the school on May 15-16.



From left, Tommy Mendoskin receives the award for 2013 Outstanding Native American Graduate of Malcolm High School from Allison Campbell, Malcolm High Native student advisor.



From left, Alma Sawasky receives the first place Reading Assistance Program Scholarship from Ms. Campbell.



From left, Samantha Pine-Bennett took the 2013 award for Outstanding Native American Art Student of Sault Area High School while Julian Locke received the 2013 award for Career Technical Education Student of the Sault Area Career Center and Russell G. Lipponen took the honor for 2013 Outstanding Native American Graduate of Sault Area High School.



From left, Joseph Menard-Sauro receives the 2013 LeSatz award from Amanda Fritz of Malcolm High recognizing the Native American student most improved in attendance, academics and citizenship.



From left, Ms. Campbell presents Caroline Neal with her scholarship earned through the Reading Assistance Program.



Ogimaa Minisino Drum sounds at Sault Area High School.



Mikaela White displays a plaque recognizing her award for Outstanding Ojibwe Language Student.

Photos and text by Rick Smith



Staff and participants at the Honoring Mother Earth Fair held at Sault Tribe Environmental Department's hoop house on Seymour Street on June 1, holding goodie bags, bumper stickers and information packets.



Environmental Department employee Tesha Zimmerman showing Marlayna Freitas how to plant seeds in the prepared soil.



Healing Lodge Singers, left to right, Maggie Maracle, Theresa Binda and her granddaughter Harmony Leziert and Christine L. Kay.

Photos by Brenda Austin & Abraham "A.J." McLarahmore VI



Bea Leighton (left) and Maggie Maracle displaying their wares for sale from their downtown store the Mahedeziwin.



Christine L. Kay



Harmony Leziert



Above, Becky Freitas holding Isabelle while five-year old Marlayna enters the drawing for the bike. Below, Marlayna Freitas with a donut.



With her parents sitting next to her, one-year old Isabelle Freitas takes a break and eats a hotdog.



Participants at the Cloverland Electric Cooperative booth getting energy saving tips from Cory Wilson.



Tips from former smokers campaign launched

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office on Smoking and Health recently launched the new Tips From Former Smokers campaign. This campaign features real people telling their stories of their health conditions caused by smoking commercial tobacco. The spots will air from April to June and

include television, radio, billboards and social media.

This round of spots feature one called Nathan's Story. Nathan is from the Oglala Sioux Nation and never smoked cigarettes, but after working in a casino for 11 years, he developed allergies and serious infections that triggered asthma attacks, eventually causing

permanent lung damage called bronchiectasis. His health became so bad he had to leave his job. You can read and view "Nathan's Story," at www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/stories/nathan.html.

Despite all that is known about the economic and health consequences of commercial tobacco abuse, an estimated 46.0 mil-

lion Americans (20.6 percent) continue to smoke. American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest smoking prevalence (32 percent) as well as smokeless tobacco use (7.1 percent) when compared to other populations. Tribal specific data from the American Indian Adult Tobacco Survey (AI-ATS) and the Alaska

Native Adult Tobacco Survey (AN-ATS) have revealed that the range for specific smoking estimates among tribal nations were as low as 28 percent to as high as 79 percent.

For more information, please visit www.KeepItSacred.org, or call the quit line at (800) QUIT NOW.

West Nile virus activity detected in Michigan

MDCH urges residents to "fight the bite" of mosquitoes during the summer months

LANISING – As the weather warms up and people begin to spend more time outdoors, Michigan residents should protect themselves from mosquito bites.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) would like to remind people, especially those spending time outdoors and children at camps, to protect themselves from mosquito illnesses by taking a few precautionary steps.

Mosquitoes in Michigan can carry illnesses such as West Nile virus (WNV) and eastern equine encephalitis (EEE). Mosquito-borne diseases can cause mild symptoms, severe infections requiring hospitalization and even death.

West Nile virus was recently detected in a wild turkey from Gratiot County. The turkey, which was reported to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and confirmed positive by the

Michigan State University Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health is the first WNV positive animal detected in Michigan for 2013.

The Culex species of mosquito that transmits WNV in Michigan thrives in hot, dry climates because it breeds in stagnant water that has not been flushed out by periodic heavy rain. With the drought conditions last summer, there were a large number of human WNV cases throughout the nation and in Michigan. Last year, WNV was responsible for 202 illnesses and 17 fatalities reported in Michigan.

Nationally 5,674 WNV cases and 286 deaths were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"One bite from an infected mosquito can lead to a severe and possibly life-altering illness. We know that prevention is key to protection," says Dr. Matthew

Davis, chief medical executive at the MDCH. "Taking a few minutes to protect ourselves and our loved ones from mosquito bites can make a big difference."

Protection is as easy as remembering to take these simple steps:

1. Avoid mosquito bites. Use insect repellent when outdoors especially from dusk to dawn. Look for EPA-labeled products containing active ingredients, such as DEET, Picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Apply more repellent, according to label instructions, if mosquitoes start to bite.

2. Mosquito-proof homes. Fix or install window and door screens and cover or eliminate empty containers with standing water where mosquitoes can lay eggs.

3. Help your community, report dead birds to Michigan's West Nile website online at www.michigan.gov/westnile, to help track WNV and support mosquito control programs.

4. Horse owners should vaccinate their horses. Horses can be infected too. Vaccines for WNV and EEE are readily available and

should be repeated at least annually. Talk to your veterinarian for details.

For more about diseases carried by mosquitoes, visit www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases or www.cdc.gov.

Treat clothing and outdoor gear: Permethrin is an insecticide and insect repellent recommended for use on clothing and outdoor equipment. You apply a permethrin product directly to the clothes and fabric-covered equipment you want to protect. Because many brands of permethrin-based insect repellent are available, check the product label for specific application instructions. Some sporting goods stores sell clothing pre-treated with permethrin.

Wear protective clothing: When you're in an area with lots of mosquitoes, wear: long sleeves, socks, long pants, possibly tucked into the tops of your socks, light colors and a wide-brimmed hat to help protect your ears and the back of your neck.

Insect repellents temporarily keep hungry mosquitoes from identifying you as a food source. The higher the concentration of DEET or picaridin in a product, the longer its protection will last. An application of a standard oil of lemon eucalyptus product protects you about as long as a product containing DEET at a low concentration.

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Manistique's road to promoting healthy living

By JUDIE ZERILLI

My story begins with two very important words in my vocabulary, pride and volunteerism. Having been born in Manistique and living most of my life here, I am extremely proud of my hometown. There was a time when I thought it boring and dull, uneventful and lazy. However, now that I am an adult, I appreciate the importance of beauty, peacefulness, tranquility and security. When I retired, I decided to volunteer for, among other community organizations, the newly organized Manistique Farmers' Market.

Every Wednesday during market season, I sit as market host in the information booth for two hours. In addition to offering my time, I also find it one of the most enjoyable places to be during the summer months, among people so appreciative and pleased to be able to take advantage of fresh home grown foods and vendors, thankful for the support of local shoppers. My volunteer position with the Farmers' Market led to sitting on the board of its planning committee, ensuring the sustainability of the market.

For some time in our community, thanks to the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health's partnership with the City of Manistique and Manistique Area Schools, there has been a concentrated effort to promote healthy lifestyles through nutrition, physical activity and the areas involved which would promote these choices. As a result, access to healthful foods and physical activity has increased at the schools, community challenges have been offered and won, local streets and sidewalks have been redesigned and completed in order to encourage healthful physical activity and the Farmers' Market has been organized and overwhelmingly attended and appreciatively sustained for four consecutive years.

In 2012, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, N.J., offered their inaugural "Roadmaps to Health" prize to communities that developed or improved healthy lifestyle choices. A narrative had to be submitted in order to be considered for the \$25,000 prize, which Kerry Ott of the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health wrote on behalf of the City of Manistique. Manistique's application for the foundation's prize was one of 163 entries nationwide. In September 2012, Manistique was notified that they were one of 11 communities chosen as finalists. Representatives from the foundation visited Manistique, toured our area and met with a panel of 25 different representatives who partnered in the healthy lifestyles plan. Introductions were made, questions were asked and finally, "Why does Manistique deserve the Roadmaps to Health prize?" was asked of this group from Manistique. After three hours, the chance of being awarded the Roadmaps to Health prize was in their hands.

It was in December 2012 that the call was received from the foundation with the news that Manistique was chosen, along with five other communities in the



By Peter Murphy

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Roadmaps to Health prize celebration in Princeton, N.J., on Feb. 20, 2013.

United States, for the Roadmaps to Health prize. Unfortunately, this news had to be kept secret until it was released to the national news media on Feb. 21. In the meantime, plans for Team Manistique were made to travel to Princeton to receive the prize, all travel expenses paid for by the foundation. Who was to be part of the team was decided when I was extended an invitation to join a team of five others. We would fly from Escanaba to Detroit and Detroit to Newark on Feb. 19, then be shuttled another 40 miles to Princeton for the prize winners award ceremony on the following day at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center.

Had Mother Nature had her way, none of us would have gone anywhere, but this was a once in a lifetime honor, and we were going to be there! A winter storm began on the afternoon of the 18th — blinding snow for hours accompanied by fierce winds and below zero wind chills. Schools were closed, events cancelled and I was sure our flight would be cancelled too, so I didn't bother packing, until I got the call at midnight that we were still going, "be ready at 4 a.m., our flight is at 6:30 a.m. We'll pick you up!"

Driving in blinding snow on

a nearly impassible US-2, we arrived at the Escanaba airport at 5:30 a.m., checked our bags, went through security and waited, and waited, and waited. At 6:50, our flight was cancelled, the airport locked the doors and we headed out for Iron Mountain, another 60 miles in a snowstorm. We would catch a flight there for Minneapolis at 1:45 p.m. That flight was delayed briefly but did depart, taking us in the exact opposite direction we needed to go, but it was our only option. In Minneapolis, the sun shone brightly but the chance to land on the east coast was questionable due to weather. More waiting and finally, at 7 p.m., we were on our way to Newark. We landed in Newark at 9:10 p.m., were driven to Princeton where we were welcomed by a foundation committee in our hotel lobby at 10:15 p.m. They were so very happy to see us, so welcoming — and we were exhausted. We immediately went to our rooms and crashed.

Wednesday, Feb. 20, we were treated to breakfast, then participated in prize winners' introductions and a group discussion, learning about planning, implementation and completion of the various projects. We finally learned we were the smallest

community prizewinner in the company of Minneapolis, Minn., New Orleans, La., Cambridge, Mass., Santa Cruz County, Calif., and Fall River, Mass., and most of the questions were directed at little Manistique: "Where is (multiple mispronunciations of 'Manis-teek')?" "What is the story about the paper mill that nearly closed?" "What's it like there?" And, "We heard you had to travel through a blizzard to get here, tell us about that."

After a 15-minute break, we were directed to an atrium where a luncheon would be served followed by recognition of the prizewinning communities and a video presentation of the programs that merited their winning of the prize. Each prize-winning team was presented with a framed certificate of the award, a prize-winners' flag to be flown in their community and photographic and video recognition to be released in the next hour. That afternoon, three separate panel discussions were scheduled featuring two of the six prizewinners and members of their communities, enabling them to learn about the programs that were developed and the steps

involved in establishing those programs. Power Point presentations of their cities were viewed, ideas were shared and congratulations acknowledged. That evening, a congratulatory dinner was held nearby with the opportunity for comments, questions, pictures and official congratulations to the prizewinners from the president of the foundation.

Thursday morning, Feb. 21, a box lunch was offered after final recognition and congratulations to the prizewinning communities and we were off to the airport and on our way home, hearing promises to visit our little town from the other five community teams. Manistique, Mich., made a name for itself and those who had never heard of us were impressed enough to want to visit us, and I was very proud of that.

For me, this was an amazing experience I will never forget — meeting so many people from all over the United States, all with one thing in common — making things better and encouraging healthy living, and many of those involved in promoting these life choices were volunteers. We should all, as Manistique residents, be aware of and appreciate the honor that has been bestowed upon our community, thanks to the devotion and determination of a group of people who cared enough to make a difference. Hopefully, realizing that a group of individuals who care can make such a positive difference will inspire the rest of us to step up and volunteer our efforts to ensure such improvements keep Manistique moving in a progressive direction — a shining example of pride and volunteerism.

Judie Zerilli is a lifelong resident of Manistique and a member of the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Coalition in Manistique. Judie serves on the Manistique SAH Farmers' Market work group and volunteers at the Market each Wednesday.

Sault Tribe health centers support healthy lungs

By KERRY OTT

As of Jan. 1, 2012, all Sault Tribe medical clinics went commercial tobacco-free to help improve the health of the communities. The policy was implemented to help eliminate second-hand smoke exposure along with sending a message that commercial tobacco use does not support good health, nor does it honor the tribal tradition of keeping tobacco sacred.

While Sault Tribe health care facilities work to promote health and prevent disease, exposing patients, visitors and staff to secondhand smoke was in opposition to the work at each health center. Secondhand smoke is both an indoor and outdoor air pollutant that causes or contributes to many serious health problems. It is also a classified known human carcinogen by the Environmental Protection Agency. According to



the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, when non-smokers are exposed to second-hand smoke it is called involuntary smoking or passive smoking.

So, as the weather gets warmer, we encourage all who visit or work at our tribal health centers to take a few minutes each day to enjoy some fresh air and sunshine and we thank you for your ongoing support of our tobacco-free campuses policy.

Putting tribal data into action

FROM ITCM

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's (ITCM) SEMA Program recently held a working meeting with tobacco program coordinators from eight Michigan tribes and tribal agencies. The focus was to review results of local tribal surveys, including the American Indian adult tobacco survey, and develop community action plans based on the identified community needs and evidence based interventions.

"For several years, we've been working with the tribal communities to conduct a variety of surveys that assess health behaviors, knowledge, attitudes and beliefs of local tribal members," Noel Pingatore, ITCM, said. "Tribes then use their tribal-specific data and reports for program planning and resource development."

The Inter-Tribal Council's SEMA project received an award from the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH), which provided the expert training services of Tricia Valasek and funding for up

to three participants from each tribal community. NALBOH will continue to work with ITCM and the tribes to assist them as they work on plans to further develop and sustain their commercial tobacco prevention and control programs.

"The SEMA Project is a five-year grant funded by the CDC - Office on Smoking and Health. Its purpose is to reduce commercial tobacco use among our tribal population in Michigan, while raising awareness of the ceremonial use of semah (tobacco) in our Anishinabe communities," SEMA project coordinator Deana Knauf said.

Tribes participating in the working meetings include Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, Hannahville Indian Community, Gun Lake Tribe, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Little Travers Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. American Indian Health and Family Services of Detroit also participates.

DONALD E. ADAMS

Donald Edward Adams, 80, of Rogers City, formerly of St. Ignace, passed away on May 24, 2013, at veterans hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born on Jan. 18, 1933, in St. Ignace to Earl Wesley and Olive Rose (nee Latondress) Adams.

He graduated from LaSalle High School in 1952 and entered the U.S. Army in 1953 and served two years. He was discharged in 1955.

Mr. Adams owned several restaurants, including one in Farmington and one in Plymouth. He also owned Karsten's Restaurant in Rogers City for several years.

He married Betty Ramsey on Feb. 17, 1976, in Farmington.

He loved cooking, gardening, and was a caregiver for the past several years in Rogers City.

Mr. Adams always had close family ties, and visited St. Ignace often. He was one of eight Adams children born in St. Ignace.

He was a member of St. Ignatius of Loyola Roman Catholic Church in Rogers City. He was also an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by a daughter and her family, Eileen Skaggs of Camp Verde, Ariz.; two granddaughters, Taylor Michelle and Ashley; and one great-granddaughter, Natalie; two brothers and their families, Bob and Eileen Adams of Niles and Gary and Carol Adams of Madera, Calif.; three sisters and their families, Lorraine and Ray Dulecki of Madison Heights, Marian King of St. Ignace, and Earlene and Randy Carlisle, also of Madison Heights; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, who died on Sept. 27, 2001; two brothers, Gordon Adams, who died Feb. 8, 2006, and Keith Adams, who died on Feb. 28, 2013; brother-in-law, William King Jr., who died April 26, 2013, and a daughter, Linda Adams.

A memorial Mass will take place on Friday, July 5, at 11 a.m. at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace with Father Pawel Mecwel and Deacon Tom McClelland officiating.

Burial will be in St. Ignatius Cemetery in St. Ignace.

Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace is assisting the family with arrangements.

JOYCE CARDWELL

Barbara Joyce (nee Nelson) Cardwell of Frankfort died Christmas Day of 2012 in Pendleton, S.C., after a protracted battle with ovarian cancer. She was 82.

Born in Marquette, Joyce's family moved to the Detroit area where she and her husband, William James Cardwell Jr., met at Michigan Bell. They had three children, Karen Kline, William James III and Barbara Elizabeth Bryan.

In addition to being a homemaker and loving mother, Joyce had a successful career as a real estate broker and, later, as a psy-

chologist for Oakland County Geriatrics.

After retirement, the Cardwell's moved to Frankfort, to the place where the family vacationed for many years. Joyce served on the city council and she cared deeply about Frankfort and its residents.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Bill.

She is survived by her three children (named above), six grandchildren and two great grandchildren, whom she dearly loved. Courtney Cardwell and Trevor (currently serving in the U.S. Army), Cardwell, Michael and Robert Lucas of Frankfort, Diana Bryan, Lauren Jewel (husband Ian) and their two children, Irene and Gregory.

Joyce loved to write and she wrote many short stories and two children's books which she was in the process of having published. She loved to walk with her lab, Lilly, and her sisters, Alva Brun and Sally Schuman. Joyce was proud of the fact that she was an elder in the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

We will all miss her until we meet again.

JOYCE D. DEHAVEN

Joyce DeHaven, aged 78, passed away on April 17, 2013, in Lakeland, Fla. She was a seasonal resident of Muskegon, Mich., where she was born to Harold and Sadie (nee Duffiney) Hansen on Aug. 30, 1934.

Joyce worked as CNA but spent most of her life as a farmer. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians, enjoyed photography, spending time on the farm, cooking and gardening. First and foremost to her was always her family. She was a selfless, funny, happy and strong-willed woman who will be deeply missed.

Survivors include her husband, Larry DeHaven; one son, Michael Degen; two daughters, Susan Degen and Sharon Degen; six grandchildren, Jennifer, James, Steven, Mikah, Dustin and Talon; six great-grandchildren, Alek, K-Cee, Vanessa, Nevaeh, Cearus and Luna; and many special friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation and services took place on April 24 at the Sytsema Chapel in Muskegon. Memorial contributions can be made to Every Women's Place.

ROBERT W. HANSON

Robert W. "Bob" Hanson, 63, a lifetime resident of the Naubinway area, died on May 24, 2013, with his family by his side and under the care of North Woods Home Care and Hospice and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Born on May 19, 1950, he was a son of William and Mary Lou (nee Alexander) Hanson. Bob graduated from Engadine Consolidated Schools in Engadine in the Class of 1968. Following his graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served honorably until 1971. Upon his return to Naubinway,

Bob became a commercial fisherman and was the proud owner of the *Anabelle*, his fishing vessel. Bob was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Michigan Post 290 of the American Legion in Engadine. He enjoyed all outdoor activities and attending his son's high school hockey and baseball games.

Bob was preceded in death by his father in January of 2013.

Survivors include his son, Ryan Wayne Hanson of Marquette; mother, Mary Lou of Naubinway; siblings David (Shari) also of Naubinway, and his sister and brother-in-law Anne (Robert) Becker of Traverse City, Mich.

His graveside service took place in Epoufette Cemetery in conjunction with his father's spring burial on May 30, 2013, with Fr. Frank Ricca of St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Naubinway officiating.

Condolences may be directed to www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

JUDITH L. HIRT

Judith Lillian Hirt, 69, passed away May 25, 2013, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born on July 8, 1943, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Basil and Margaret (nee Leask) McKerchie.

Judith always lived life to the fullest and had the opportunity to travel all over the United States with her children when they were younger. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the American Legion Auxiliary. She worked for Kewadin Casinos for many years before retiring.

Judith married Ronald Hirt in 1988 in Sault Ste. Marie. One of the greatest joys of her life was spending time with him boating and fishing.

Judith is survived by her son, Donald (Starr) Lundy of Gulfport, Miss.; daughters, Margaret (Tim) Thompson and Rebecca (Tim) Golladay, both of Sault Ste. Marie; eight grandchildren, Alderaan, Crystal, Tim, Desiree, Dan, Lisa, Marcus and Robert; and 17 great-grandchildren; brother, Basil (Tom) McKerchie of Sault Ste. Marie; and friend, Richard McKerchie.

Judith was preceded by her parents, Basil and Margaret McKerchie, and her husband, Ronald Hirt.

Visitation and services took place at Niigaagiizhik Ceremonial Building on May 28-29, with burial at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens Cemetery.

RONALD LAJOICE

Ronald LaJoyce of Trout Lake, Mich. passed away on May 15, 2013, at his home. He was born on Sept. 21, 1929 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Rudyard Knights of Columbus, fourth degree Knights of Columbus in Dearborn and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Ronald is survived by his wife, the former Orzelie Sowa, whom he married on July 12, 1952;

sons: Michael (Shawn) LaJoyce, Ronald (Michele) LaJoyce and David LaJoyce; daughter, Orzelie (Paul Bowen) LaJoyce; sisters, June (Frank) Pocaro and Louise Benson; grandchildren, Jason LaJoyce, Ashley Willis, Lindsey LaJoyce, Kelli LaJoyce, Cheyenne LaJoyce, Aaron LaJoyce, Shane LaJoyce and Samantha Ross; great grandchildren, Kaylee Ortiz, Rianna Roske, Westin Hicks and Silas Hicks; many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Antoine and Mabel LaJoyce; sister, Bernice Mitchell; brother, Virgil LaJoyce; and sons, Thomas LaJoyce, Anthony LaJoyce and Steven LaJoyce.

Visitation was on May 19, 2013 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and Cremation Center and services were conducted at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Trout Lake, Mich., on May 20 with Father Joseph Vandannoor as celebrant. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

RICKY C. LAPOINT

Ricky Charles LaPoint, aged 52, of DeTour Village, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on May 28, 2103, at his home. He was born on Dec. 13, 1960, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Ricky was the youngest of six children born to Edward and Victoria (nee Polaczyk) LaPoint. He enjoyed watching Detroit Lions football and having coffee with the guys at the local gas station.

Ricky is survived by brothers, Edward (Terry) LaPoint of Kincheloe, Mich., and Lawrence LaPoint of Sault Ste. Marie; sisters, Frances (Benny) Hank of Goetzville, Mich., Kathryn (Donald) Cruickshank of Sault Ste. Marie, and Theresa LaPoint of Sault Ste. Marie; nine nieces and nephews, Vicki (Eric) Puidokas, Jenni (Derek) O'Dell, Marci (Norman) Guild, Samuel Cruickshank, Misty Shaw, Dawn Cruickshank, Liza LaPoint, Samantha LaPoint, and Justin LaPoint; and 18 great-nieces and great-nephews, Jacob Farley, Jessy Farley, Kimberly Willis, Richard Willis, Anthony Franklin, Nevaeh Cruickshank, Trevor Shaw, Taylor Shaw, Samantha Cruickshank, Kimberley Cruickshank, Chloe Cruickshank, Ryver Stevens, Morgan Stevens, Ashton Causley, Madison O'Dell, Brayden O'Dell, Kennedy Guild, and Finley Guild.

Ricky was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation and services took place on June 4 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in DeTour Village with Father Janusz Romanek officiating.

Final resting place will be Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour Township.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.reamergalerfuneralhome.com.

SUSAN A. MCNALLY

Susan Anne McNally, aged 70, of Felton, Penn., and formerly of Munising, died on May 19, 2013, at her daughter's home in Felton following a lengthy illness.

She was born on Jan. 21, 1943, in Newberry, Mich., to the late Clifford John and Marilyn (nee Lung) McNally.

Susan graduated from Wm. G. Mather High School. She worked at the Munising public schools as a school bus driver and moved to Florida where she worked as a cook at the Flying J Truck Stop and was a crossing guard for the Temple Terrace Police Department.

She was an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was involved with feeding the homeless in Tampa. She loved to crochet afghans and did homemade canning, especially applesauce. Susan loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her one great wish was to meet all of her grandchildren and she was able to see them all last summer in AuTrain. She had a compassion for helping others and giving of herself without asking anything in return. Susan was greatly loved by those who knew her and she will be greatly missed.

Susan is survived by four sons, Gerald "Tom" (Diane) Fetterhoff of Muskegon, Mich., John R. (Camille) Fetterhoff of Kenmare, N.D., Scott E. Witty of Aniwa, Wisc., Timothy J. (Danelle) Witty of Munising; daughter, Mona (John) M. McNally-Joiner of Felton, Penn.; daughter-in-law, Tammy Fetterhoff Pyrek of Munising; 20 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three brothers, Clifford "Kip" (Pat) McNally of Munising, Clare (Denise) McNally of Traverse City, Mich., and Everett (Anne) McNally of Munising; sister, Tina (Ken Kleeman) McNally-Kleeman of AuTrain; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Dennis A. Fetterhoff, who preceded her in death on Oct. 25, 1997.

Visitation and services were at the Bowerman Funeral Home on May 24 and 25 officiated by Susan's son, Pastor John Fetterhoff, of the Faith Baptist Church in Kenmore, N.D. Interment will be at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Munising, she will be escorted by her sons, grandsons, and brothers.

Memorials are requested to be made to the family. Susan's obituary and guestbook may be viewed and signed at bowermanfuneralhome.net

THERESA A. TEEPLE-LABRANCHE

Theresa Anne Teeple-LaBranche, beloved daughter of Vincent Lehman Teeple and Linda Ann (nee Eames) Cook, has gone to be with the ancestors. Theresa Anne began



Gardner-Scarpello take wedding vows in two ceremonies



Suzette Marie Gardner of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Cosmo Damion Scarpello of Largo, Fla., were married on April 6, 2013, in Kincheloe, Mich.

Pipe carrier and cultural teacher, Cecil Pavlat, performed a traditional Native American ceremony with the bride's family in attendance.

A similar beach ceremony was

planned for May with the groom's family.

The wedding party included maid of honor, Jan Aube; best man, Dan Erickson; ring carriers, Gabrielle Erickson and Alyssa McCord. Readings were done by Debra Gardner and Jennifer Erickson.

The couple resides in Largo, Fla.

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began her journey home on April 21, 2013. She was born on Nov. 13, 1976, a stormy day in Sault Ste Marie, Mich. We called her our little bicentennial baby.

She was the loving mother of five beautiful children, Charliene Olivia Shannon, Kaleb Joseph Shannon, Hallie AnneMarie Shannon, Miranda Cheyenne Shannon and Claryssa Jo LaBranche.

Theresa Anne was a beautiful daughter, loving mother, adoring wife (Jerry LaBranche in 2010), wonderful sister and caring, understanding person. Theresa had infinite arms that embraced everyone who touched her life. She was the most forgiving, non-judgmental and beautiful soul who walked beside us.

She will be affectionately missed by her brothers James Cook, Vincent Jr., Vance and Christopher Teeple. She grew up with two adoring cousins, Lisa and Angela Cadreau, who were more like sisters and they will miss their precious times together. Theresa Anne loved her grandparents with all of her heart — survived by Theresa Teeple (Bay Mills) and gone to be with Emerson Teeple and Paul and Anne Eames.

Theresa loved animals and was always trying to save them when they were hurt or be sure they were buried if they died. She had many pets throughout her life, forever bringing home strays and the homeless. Theresa loved to cook and was famous among family and friends for her fry bread. She always said her secret ingredient was love. Theresa loved a good celebration and made some of the best

cakes. She always thought of who would be eating it when she made her food. She was an avid NASCAR fan and would be sure that nothing interfered with her race days. She was also known to be a great hunter and will be missed by all of her hunting buddies.

Services took place on May 26 and burial was on June 1 at the Mission Hill Cemetery.

Theresa will be remembered by many friends. The family is grateful for the enormous outpouring of prayers and loving words shared between family and friends during this difficult time, proving the love that Theresa Anne gave and shared with so many.

Take your loving spirit to be with our ancestors, my little butterfly, we will see you when we get there — baamaapii min gii waab min Giwwsekwe.

MAYBELLE THIBERT

MayBelle Thibert, 90, passed on April 8, 2013. She was born on Nov. 27, 1922. Beloved wife of the late Leo and loving mother of Diana, Don, Eugene, Dennis, Jeffrey, Laurel, Amy, Lenora and the late Leo R.; dear grandmother of 21; great-grandmother of 35; and great-great-grandmother of seven.

Visitation and services took place on April 12, 2013, at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black and Son Funeral Home in Highland, www.eltonblackandsonhighland.com.



President Obama presented **Jacob Robert Ellis** a Bachelor of Science in aerospace engineering from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., on May 24.

During this ceremony, Jacob received a commission as an ensign in the U.S. Navy and assignment to naval aviation training in Pensacola, Fla.

Jacob and his family would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude and deep felt thanks for all the support and prayers he received while attending the academy.

A successful moment in life is better if shared by all members of a group, not just by oneself. Awesome achievement Jacob!



Private Eugene Michael Carie, 19, a Sault Tribe member from Kincheloe, graduated from boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., on May 10, 2013.

Carie, from 1st Battalion, Delta Company, Platoon 1062, successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training. Carie was a team leader and placed as a rifle expert.

He reported back to Camp Pendleton for combat training May 21, and will be attending a military occupation specialty school for data network specialist.

Carie is the son of Annette (Thibert) and Robert VanDyke of Kincheloe. He is the son of William Carie of Flint, Mich. His parents, grandparents Eugene and MaryJo Thibert, brothers William Carie and Sean VanDyke, friend Cortney Coffey, family and

Graduations

friends are all very proud of his accomplishment.

We would also like to thank all enlisted and retired military members and their families.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you always, semper fidelis.



Kirsten Hoover, member of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is pleased to announce her graduation from Saint Leo University in Tampa, Fla. In May 2013, she received a Bachelor of Arts in accounting, graduating summa cum laude, all while still working full time.

She is equally pleased to announce that, on May 31, 2013, she received an offer from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to work as a financial institute specialist in the Tampa field office. Kirsten was one of only 16 hired from a pool of 1,600 applicants. She hopes to become a fully commissioned risk management examiner in the next four years.

Kirsten is the daughter of Jane Palermo of Royal Oak, Mich., and Mark Hoover of Oregon. She is the granddaughter of the late

William and Rita Dale, who lived in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Kirsten is pictured with her husband, Samuel Emoto.



Dennis Sparks, Sault Tribe member and former honors graduate of Sault Area High School, graduated from Bay Mills Community College earning an associate degrees in criminal justice and business management.

Dennis worked full time at Chum's Café for the Bay Mills Indian Community for the past 14 years. He also works with the Sault Ste. Marie Police Auxiliary. Along with attending school and his two jobs, Dennis managed to landscape and remodel part of his home in Sault Ste. Marie.

Pictured with Dennis is his girlfriend Tara Parish, who graduated this year from Lake Superior State University, earning a bachelor's degree with honors in social sciences and history. Tara works full time for Bay Mills Resort, owns her home in the Sault and has helped Dennis add that "personal touch" to his home décor.

Congratulations, my son. I am so very proud of you and Tara both.

Love you, Mom.



Cody Jodoin, 2011 graduate of Sault Area High School, graduated with an Associate of Science degree from Bay Mills Community College on May 18, 2013.

During his last semester at BMCC, he applied for and, after consideration of his volunteer service, grade point average and a review of his essay, was named Native American Student of the Year by the Scholarship Committee.

He will continue his education at Lake Superior State University in the fall where he will major in conservation.

Jodoin is pictured above being congratulated by Bay Mills Councilman Bucko Teeple and his wife Michele Wellman-Teeple, who was also Jodoin's former cultural teacher at JKL Bahweting Anishinaabe Public School Academy in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Birth....

JAMESON ACE MCCLELLAN

Jessica Gillotte and Ron McClellan are the proud parents of a son, Jameson Ace McClellan. Born Feb. 19, 2013, at 7:19 p.m. at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Jameson weighed 8 pounds, 13.2 ounces and was 21 inches in length. Jameson joins sisters, Jade and Janelle, and brother, Jordan, at home.

Jameson's grandparents are Joe and Jenny Gillotte, and Sandra and the late J.P. McClellan, all of of Sault Ste. Marie.

Jameson is fortunate to have two great grandmothers as well, Della Chalmers and Jeanne Gillotte of Sault Ste. Marie.





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

Unfortunately, while Members have made it clear, they want to evolve our Tribal government to include standard practices and protections that exist in all modern democracies, some Members of our Board do not understand the importance; are not concerned about enactment; or see the shift in power from the Board to the people, and feel threatened by the change. Thus, I think it is time to take another approach to convincing the Board that this is what we need and want.

Tribal Members have been patient; we have waited eight years since the Constitutional project began. It has been six years since the Constitutional Committee completed their work. For the four years I was out of office, the final draft sat collecting dust. Why? While some Board Members insist that a new constitution is too costly; others claim it is too complicated. During the 2012 Election, a failed candidate even claimed our people were not smart enough to understand the issues and vote on the new Constitution. Some Board Members claim that we should only vote on individual amendments yet they make no effort to advance individual amendments. Excuse after excuse, after excuse!

In this report, I will make a few points to underscore why a separation of powers is critically important if we are to evolve as a government. Still, I recognize some Members of our Board enjoy the discretionary and dictator-like authority they have over our people.

Just a few examples include a Member of the Board who stole over \$341,000 from a federal grant while Board Members sat complicit or ran interference for him. Whenever, I tried to make a change to address this corruption, Board Members knowingly or unknowingly (whatever the case may be) would bring a vote forward to empower this individual to continue this ring of corruption. I fired the guy; the Board put him back to work. I suspended him; the Board undid the suspension whereupon he attempted to destroy evidence the very first day. When the individual threatened to fire the victim's family Members if she continued to cooperate with the criminal

PLEASE SIGN ADVISORY PETITION TO COMPEL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT(S) TO FIX OUR GOVERNMENT!

SAULT TRIBE CITIZEN ADVISORY PETITION SUBMITTED TO: SAULT TRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & U.S. SECRETARY OF INTERIOR
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT(S)

Whereas, in 2005, the Tribal Board of Directors listened to Sault Tribe Citizens and created a Constitutional Convention to review the current 1934 IRA Sault Tribe Constitution and By-laws and make recommendations for improvements; and

Whereas, in 2007, after nearly \$500,000 was spent and over two years of monthly committee work meeting with Sault Tribe citizens in all election units and outside of the Tribal seven county service area, the Committee finalized their work with a series of recommended amendments to improve the Sault Tribe Government to include: a separation of powers, "at-large representation", a true bill of rights, right of initiative, Tribal citizen standing in Tribal Court and other due process rights and liberties not currently enjoyed by Sault Tribe Citizens; and

Whereas, a faction of the Tribal Board of Directors continue to wrongfully assert that the need to amend the current Sault Tribe Constitution does not exist and the Members DO NOT WANT the identified changes to occur.

Now therefore be it resolved, that we the assigned petitioners below ~ Sault Tribe Citizens ~ advise the Tribal Board of Directors and U.S. Secretary of Interior that we expect to be able to vote on amendments to the Sault Tribe Constitution during the year 2013.

SIGNATURE	PLEASE PRINT NAME	ELECTION UNIT	ADDRESS	PHONE AND/OR EMAIL

Please Sign and Mail to: **Aaron A. Payment, 1716 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783**

investigation (I heard the taped interrogation) I changed the org chart to protect the victim's family member's job; the Board voted to change the organization chart back and the victim's father was fired. When this Board Member was finally sentenced to prison, the Board voted to award a going away check of \$19,000 on top of the \$341,000 he stole!

The main problem here, is that this person was clearly above the law ~ because he was a Board Member! Board Members, who were part of a voting faction, either conspired with or looked aside while embezzlement was occurring from a grant we received from the U.S. Department of Justice. The question remains, were they complicit

or did they conspire?

Our Tribal government is broken. After this Board member went to prison, the Board again looked away while Chairperson McCoy spent over \$330,000 to a personal attorney friend who the Board said not to hire but the Chair did anyway. This expense appears to have nothing to do with the Tribe. While the Board did nothing to prevent it; they also did nothing to correct it (ie. Prosecute?).

Now, we have a Board Member ~ Director Pine ~ who has signed off on 2% funding that is intended to go to local government but makes it's way back into her personal finances. This looks an awful like an 'abuse of office' criminal violation as her position was used for per-

sonal gain. This might be why the MI Governor's office has proposed to eliminate the Board's role in deciding how local 2% funding is spent.

I learn something a long time ago that is tried and true with respect to governance. When your elected government fails you, go directly to the people. What we do know is that if the Board fails to move our Constitutional amendments forward, they will NOT BE RE-ELECTED. Some Board Members still say that necessary revisions to our Constitution are a pipe dream, that they are not needed, and that they will never happen.

As a Tribal Citizen who believes in good government, I disagree but I NEED YOUR HELP. If you agree that the

\$500,000 we spend so far over the last 8 years is worth finishing the project, please sign and circulate the above advisory petition to compel the Board to act.

We need thousands of you to act or some Board members will simply dismiss your concerns out of hand. Let's show the Board through a volume of signatures that we mean business. If you believe in a bill of rights, separation of powers, at large representation, holding your government accountable, having standing in our Tribal court, and that no one should be above the law, please sign and return the above.

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Aaron



2013 SAULT TRIBE CHAIRPERSON SCHEDULE & LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

JUNE

6-1-13

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10am Workshop: Legal Budgets/HR 3pm TBOD Meeting Agenda Review 5pm Membership Issues 6pm TBOD Meeting - St. Ignace 4pm Mushing Elders Dinner	4	5	6	7
* Chair Travels to DC for HHS STAC Meeting ~ Travel Day 6/4, Meetings 6/5 & 6/6 and Travel Day 6/7 *				
8am-3pm Financial Reviews: Governmental 12pm Budgets for Mods 4pm Inland Conservation	8am Signatures 9am In Office 10am Workshop: Legal Budgets/HR 1pm TBOD Prep Session for Next Week	8am Signatures 9am In Office 1:30pm Personnel Policy Review 12pm Mashiqua Elders	8am Signatures 9am In Office 6pm MQT Elders	8am Signatures 9am In Office 1pm Gaming Expansion Video Conference
8am Signatures 9am In Office 10-1pm Casino Oversight 1. Economic Trends 2. Market Trends, Marketing, Promotion & Advertising 3. Customer Service 4. Team Member Morale 5. Staffing 6. Performance Awards 7. Business Division & Area of Improvement 2pm Great Lakes Conservation 3pm Fishing Meeting with All Fishers 12pm Hessel Elders 5pm Mushing Elders	8am Signatures 10am Workshop: Legal Budgets/HR 12pm Lunch 1pm TBOD Meeting Agenda Review 3pm TBOD Meeting - Escanaba (Helenman Center) 5pm Membership Issues 6pm TBOD Meeting - Escanaba (Helenman Center)	8am Signatures 9am In Office 10am - 12pm Executive Team 12pm Elder Lunch 3pm Division Directors 3:30pm Program Directors	8am Signatures 9am In Office 9am Audit & Tax Commission Meeting 10am Budgets for Mods 11am-12pm Team Member Appointments 5:30pm Escanaba Elders	8am Signatures 9am In Office 2pm Gaming Expansion Video Conference 11am Newberry Elders
8am Signatures 9am In Office 12:30pm Tribal Elder Advisory in Newberry 4pm Financial Reviews: Casino & Enterprise	8am Signatures 9am JKL Fiduciary Committee 10am Workshop: Legal Budgets/HR 12pm Lunch 1pm TBOD Prep Session for Next Week	9am Member Services 10am Internal Services 11am CFO 12pm Treaty Rights & Natural Resources Protection (Law Enforcement/Conservation, Fisheries, Inland, Environmental & Individual Issues as needed) 2pm Health 5pm Nashbirway Elders	11am CORA Meeting Sault Tribe Hosts 5pm MI Department of Civil Rights Celebration and Dinner at Naganogoshik	8am United Tribes of MI Breakfast *Sponsored by Little River Band* 9am UTM Meeting & Indian Mascot Inservice. 12pm Tentative Inter-Tribal Lunch with House Natural Resources Indian Affairs Subcommittee Member. 2pm Legal 3pm Legislative/Planning Appropriations 4pm Ken Ernstinger (Gaming Comm, Housing, etc)

Notes: 8am - Signatures are processed daily at 8am & at additional times by appointment.

10am-12pm - Team Member Office Hours (usually) on Thursday & by appointment.

10am-5pm - Tribal Member Office Hours are all day on Friday, & by appointment

BOD & Chair Items (Blue)

Chair Attends & some committees (Black)

Elder Meetings (Green)

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Notes on spring 2 percent distribution cycle



**DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR,
UNIT IV**

Myself and Director Morrow have reviewed the 2013 spring distribution cycle 2 percent funding requests and the selection has been made.

As you all know, under the current agreement with the state of Michigan for gaming revenue

sharing, 2 percent of the tribe's gaming revenue is set aside and made available to local units of government as determined by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Unfortunately, during the winter months, the casinos do not make as much revenue as during the busier summer season. The short term 2 percent amount available for distribution was only \$ 26,609, for each unit. There were so many great projects to consider for short term, but unfortunately there weren't enough funds to go around.

I reported in the last tribal paper that there were a couple of long term agreements expiring and that the board of directors were going to have a discussion at a workshop to see if the long term funding identified could be shared with all units in a more equitable fashion. I'm

sorry to report that a discussion and consensus did happen at the workshop and the majority of the board members did not agree to equitably share the long term funding.

The 2 percent projects are awarded funding based on a number of factors: the availability of funds at the end of each 2 percent cycle, the project merit and the potential benefit to the communities. Other factors like project sustainability may be considered.

We usually try to make sure that the eight schools who apply for 2 percent funding across our unit get funded for their many projects, including cultural programs and teachings, tutoring, etc. Unfortunately, we could not give any of the schools funding this spring. Hopefully, in the fall distribution cycle, we can consider those important projects

submitted by the Title VII coordinators and will have the funding available to award them.

If you are interested in applying for 2 percent funding, call Candace Blocher at (906) 635-6050 to receive a application. The next deadline for fall 2 percent cycle is Sept. 30, 2013. Your application must be submitted by that date to be considered.

Human resources director Hopefully, by the time you read this article, a new Human Resources director for the tribe will have been hired. Interviews have been done and its time to move forward and get that position filled.

There are so many flaws in our Human Resources Department. It has been barely functioning for months since the last director left. The hiring for this key position was on the June 3 board meeting agenda in St.

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Enrollment

REMINDER to all parents and grandparents: Please make sure your children or grandchildren who are under the age of 18 have been enrolled and have a tribal card issued to them. If you're not sure if your children have been enrolled, call (800) 251-6597 and ask a worker to check it out for you. This is very important, so take a few minutes to make that call. There has been discussion by some board members that in order to receive services in the future from tribal clinics or heating assistance programs, your children must be enrolled to be considered on the application. The numbers will also help in the future when planning for expansion of services to outlying areas.

Thank you,
Denise Chase, vice chair
322-3819

Survey of casino teams started



**DARCY MORROW, DIRECTOR,
UNIT IV**

This month, we started the casino team member surveys. It has been really good to meet with the team members. I have seen a lot of familiar faces and a lot of new ones. It was nice to catch up with them all. Thanks to Director Sorenson and Director Chase for working together to get this survey done at all sites. Quite a few team members have asked what this

survey is going to accomplish, because they have done surveys in the past and nothing changed. Team members need to be assured this survey is serious to the board.

Once the surveys are completed, the board will open them and a report will be compiled. Depending on the findings, the board will decide what areas may need to be looked at and worked on. My personal goals as a board member, through these team member surveys, are to help find ways to boost the team members' morale and to make our casinos a place customers want to come and enjoy our facilities to increase revenue.

The Adhoc Health Access Exploratory Committee myself and Director Chase belong to has completed the health access revitalization/expansion options. This has already been sent out to all board members for their input. So the final step was for it to be presented at the June 3 board meeting.

We will be holding our Tribal Action Plan (TAP – a drug task force) Community Forum in June for Marquette/Gwinn and surrounding areas at Sands Township Hall, 987 State Hwy M-553, Gwinn, Mich., 4 – 6 p.m. We will be providing snacks and drinks for the event. We hope to have a lot of community input from every age group. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at my number below or Director Chase at (906) 322-3819.

Thank you again to the Escanaba elders who participated in the Indian Point Cemetery in Nahma, it is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you,
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Tips for using apps with kids from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission

Do your kids or grandkids use apps on your phone, tablet or e-reader? Of course they do. Many apps are fun, educational and engaging. But before you hand over your mobile device to a youngster, here are six things to know and do:

1. Try out the apps your kid wants to use so you're comfortable with the content and the features.

2. Use the device and app settings to restrict a kid's ability to download apps, make purchases within an app or access additional material.

3. Consider turning off your wi-fi and carrier connections using "airplane mode" to disable any interactive features, prevent inadvertent taps and block access to material that you think is inappropriate or just don't want.

4. Look for statements about whether the app or anything within the app collects kids' personal information — and whether they limit sharing, using or retaining the information. If

you can't find those assurances, choose another app.

5. Check on whether the app connects to social media, gaming platforms or other services that enable sharing photos, video or personal information or chatting with other players. Then determine whether you can block or limit those connections.

6. Talk to your kids about the restrictions you set for downloading, purchasing and using apps; tell them what information you're comfortable sharing through mobile devices and why.

Want to know more? The FTC has released a new report on mobile apps for kids that can be seen at www.ftc.gov/opa/2012/12/kidsapp.shtm. Following up on a previous report, the survey found, among other things, that many apps included interactive features or sent information from the mobile device to ad networks, analytics companies or other third parties, without disclosing the practices to parents.

Elders clean Indian Point Cemetery in Nahma, Mich.

Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit IV representatives Denise Chase and Darcy Morrow express thanks to all involved

On May 25, the Escanaba Elders cleaned the Indian Point Cemetery in Nahma, Mich. We would like to thank everyone who was able to help: Dee and Charlene Peters, Jack and Betty Majestic, Larry Godfrey, Anita Gillis, Ernie and Pam Demmon, Beau Rochefort, Bernard Robach, Ron Nelson and Levi Morrow. It was a beautiful day. We enjoyed each others' company and there was just enough wind to keep the mosquitoes off (that was a bonus). We would like to thank Ron Nelson for bringing his mulching machine, which saved us hours of cleaning. We appreciate this every year. Thank you to the casino for providing our lunch and cold drinks and to Bernard and Beau for cooking the brats and hot dogs.



Above, Unit IV Representative Darcy Morrow.

A program for needs outside of our service area



JENNIFER MCLEOD, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

It has been nearly a year since I was elected as a Unit One director by the people of our tribe. I have been thinking about all that has been accomplished, as well as not accomplished, during this time. As you all know, I am a teacher by profession, and as an educator, I have learned the importance of planning, implementation and reflection on my results for the purpose of improving the future. I apply these valuable skills to my work for our people and, looking back over this past year, I have learned one thing with absolute certainty: I prefer “professionalism over politics.”

Politics does not help anyone except, perhaps, the politician. Take a look at what is happening in our nation’s capital. The political deadlock (known as “sequestration”) is hurting every man, woman and child in this country. Likewise, the politics of our tribal government is also hurting our people. Although I was elected to my new job, I do not consider myself a “politician.” I consider myself a leader; chosen by my people, to serve our people to the best of my ability. I do not focus on the next election, I do not find fault with my fellow elected officials. My focus is on doing good things for the betterment of our tribe. As I sit here today, I can look myself in the mirror and say, “Year one was a good year.”

Serving our people on a national level, I have met with many federal members of the Congress and the Senate. I even had the opportunity to meet Vice President Biden. I have told the stories of our people, wonderful stories of perseverance and pride. I explained clearly the needs of our people — from our unborn children to the most senior elders of our tribe. I made certain the federal legislators understood the United States government’s TRUST RESPONSIBILITY to our tribe and all tribal nations. I spoke for our treaty rights, and the federal obligation connected to that sacred trust. This “educated Indian” stood in those same places where treaties were signed and became the teacher. I, along with many other members of our tribal board of directors, “stormed the Hill” in Washington, D.C., in defense of our people. Healthcare, violence against women, the Farm Bill, economic development, natural resources, housing, Indian Child Welfare Act and education were among the many topics addressed with national elected officials.

I was chosen as an official delegate to the National Congress

of American Indians (NCAI). NCAI’s mission is to protect and enhance treaty and sovereign rights, secure our traditional laws, cultures, and ways of life for our descendants; promote a common understanding of the rightful place of tribes in the family of American governments; and, improve the quality of life for Native communities and peoples. I am proud of the work our tribe has done at the national level, but there is much more to be done. Sequestration is causing great harm in Indian Country. This next year will see me strengthening these federal relationships and continuing to stand up for those treaty rights our ancestors worked so hard for.

At the state level, I have had the opportunity to meet numerous state representatives as well as Governor Snyder. Many of the same issues of the national level are also state level concerns. Healthcare delivery, natural resources, family services (including child welfare), economic development and, of course, casino gaming are topics tribal leaders work hard at to create positive outcomes for our people. Some of our issues can be quite difficult to work through. An example is the wolf hunt. Tribes throughout Michigan fought hard to convince the state of the negative impact a state-sanctioned wolf hunt would have. Even the request to obtain a meaningful “consultation” with the state was never granted to the level of acceptance of the tribal nations of Michigan. Clearly we have much work to do in developing these relationships.

The tribal level is where most of our work occurs. However, developing our board into a team has not met with great success (due to politics), but I remain hopeful. If you look, you will see where the politics have occurred. I have great respect for each member of the board and believe in them. At the point where members of the board are confident that every board member’s intentions are good, trust will develop. “Trust lies at the heart of a functioning, cohesive team. Without it, teamwork is all but impossible.” (Lencioni, 2002). Hurtful words, half-truths, untruths and speculations have no place in a professional working environment and I have no use for them. I prefer that we attack issues, not each other.

Discord, however, can be an important sign of progress. Tame meetings can often mean that important issues are not being addressed. It is critical, however, that personal attacks are not tolerated, failure to do so can stifle important interchanges of ideas. It is vital that we explore every idea fully, as it may lead to the right solution. Again, I respect the leaders our people have voted into office, and I am honored to serve with them. Working together we will achieve good things. “Working together” does not mean always agreeing. I have voted “no” on issues I believed were not good for our tribe, were not properly executed or the timing was not right (example: we cannot financially afford it right now). I have also abstained, when there was good reason to. Please

note that “politics” is not a good reason in my mind. I vote on the issue, not the person bringing it forward. In the end, I vote for what I believe is best for our people, and in accordance with our Tribal Constitution, that is my responsibility.

The biggest issue we must face at this time is sequestration. Our board must spend a great deal of our time dealing with the effects it will have on our tribe. As a result, we have increased scheduled financial meetings. Sometimes the meetings are straightforward, and easily handled by emailed financial reports. Other times, they are not. I have a very high attendance at these meetings, simple or not.

Recognizing that it can be expensive to bring everyone together to do a “walk through” on a report, we have implemented video conferencing to reduce expenses. Each director utilizes their judgment about the need to attend in person. Recently, I chose to hold office hours with downstate tribal members, rather than attend what appeared to be a straightforward financial meeting. The financial reports for this meeting were available by email, and so I was kept informed.

Our tribe’s financial structuring is complex and it is not a simple task to “reduce everything by five percent” the way the federal government has. Our tribal board has spent months discussing many options. Some are easy, others very difficult. Some we will implement, some we will not. In a previous unit report, I explained my priorities: The safety of our people comes first. In example, housing, food and medical care are TOP priorities. Everything else is subject to close scrutiny for reductions. It important that we establish priorities based on values, not politics.

Sequestration is probably the most contentious issue we must deal with. There are no easy solutions. During this process, however, I insist that any changes made to any of our revenue generating enterprises must make

good business sense. In the long run, making cuts to enterprises simply to support government activity, will hurt our ability to make money and be self-sufficient. In difficult economic times, the focus should be on generating profits. The more money (profits) our enterprises make, the more money we have for governmental services to our people.

I have found a very fulfilling project to be involved with — Drug Court. I serve as part of a team that helps our people rebuild their lives. This remarkable program allows people who would otherwise spend time in jail for certain drug or alcohol related convictions to participate in a highly structured program that teaches them to live drug and alcohol-free lives. It is not an easy program to get through for the participants, but the changes I have seen in each individual have touched my heart.

Recently, there has been an opportunity for the tribe to have a more active role in the education of our children at JKL Bahweting School. As the chairperson for the JKL Fiduciary Committee, I have been working with the superintendent of the school, Theresa Kallstrom, to find ways the tribe can support the school in the educational process. Three of the six members of the JKL Fiduciary Committee are educators and it is an exciting prospect to become more involved with our students.

On a monthly basis, I have begun to hold office hours down state. I remember what it was like to rarely see a board member when I lived in and around the Pontiac area. As promised, I am changing that. I have been at the Nokomis Learning Center in Okemos, Mich., and plan to be there regularly. I am looking for a location on the southeast side of the state as well. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

I remember what it was like to have little to no access to cultural and language activities as well. Plans are in the works for me to teach very basic Ojibwe to children (maybe some adults too) and

then to play games (like bingo) for prizes. There is no cost to the participants or to the tribe.

Also, I’m getting closer to establishing a non-profit fundraising group, to help tribal members who do not qualify for existing programs, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY LIVE.

The federal money we receive for programs restricts the tribe to serving members living in the seven-county service area. This group will have no such restrictions.

I know the need is great and immediate, and I’m sorry that it is taking so long. But, it has begun. I do not know how soon it will be available, but I have good people helping me.

What a great day it will be to provide even the smallest of help to our people outside of the current service area. I will provide more information as it becomes available.

This report is just a small glimpse of the things that we are doing at the board level. A more comprehensive report would be much, much longer. There are many committees and projects that board members are involved in, based on interest and expertise. I also serve on other committees, hold regular office hours (above and below the bridge), attend Unit I elders meetings and help everyone if I can.

I say miigwech to you all for this chance to work for the betterment of our tribe. I look forward to seeing you at the various powwows the tribe will host this summer or perhaps at a downstate event or maybe during office hours.

This has been a good year and I have plans for the second year to be even better.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

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Down payment assistance opens



DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aniin kina gwaya, hope your summer is starting off great. We had a Mother’s Day blizzard up here and it was a little worrisome that our summer was going to evade us. Fortunately, it looks like we are back on track.

News from Housing is that our Down Payment Assistance Program opened on Monday, June 3. Members who live in the seven-county service area must

be income eligible and first time homebuyers. This is a wonderful program that helps first time homebuyers get ready to make the big leap into home ownership.

The income eligibility is based on NAHASDA income guidelines, which are somewhat more liberal than local area HUD income guidelines. Home ownership was and still is a goal of our leadership in order to get our people self-sufficient.

This is powwow season. I know many of the local communities are looking for volunteers for the coming community powwows.

I put in 17 years working on the big Sault Tribe powwow. This year I am taking a break, however, I am still active in working on the Sugar Island powwow. Any help you or your family would like to contribute would be greatly appreciated. Our ogima, Big Mic Frechette has put on many successful fundraisers in order to financially support the Sugar

Island powwow. Gitchi-miigwech to Big Mic and the Sugar Island Powwow Committee.

Join us on Sugar Island, June 20-21. Please remember to bring your bug spray and sunblock. This is a traditional powwow and camping is rustic.

501(c)3 still eludes us. Housing is very interested in having our tribe draft an ordinance that will generate a number for us to submit to the foundations when applying for grants.

I believe this is the direction we need to go. The argument is that the tribe already enjoys non-profit status and that we should not be required to comply with state existing laws. This is fine, but after a while I just think we are losing opportunities. The longer we wait, the more opportunities we lose.

Have a good month and give me a call if you would like to chat about tribal affairs.

Sincerely,
Debra-Ann Pine
(906) 440-1334

Working to develop a well informed membership



Bridgett Sorenson, Director Unit III

I wanted to start off by saying that my reports have become lengthy, but I am trying to inform the membership of monthly activities of the board.

On May 6, we had our government financials meeting. Things we discussed were departments having to justify their travel and justify the need to fill vacant positions. It was also discussed that when committee members attend conferences, they should bring back a report. Individual elder meal programs will now be able to plan their own menus. We discussed the possibility of the YEA program returning to the Big Bear in the fall. We hired a language instructor for the cultural department.

On May 7, we had our workshop and meeting in Manistique. The administration building is going to be granted trust status so that will save the tribe about \$50,000 in taxes.

A company would like to rent space in the Lambert Center building, which will bring in some much needed revenue. We discussed 2 percent distribution and how we will split the allocation. I suggested each casino should be able to keep their share in their respective community. The smaller units do not like that idea, but I suggested it may provide an incentive for those casinos to generate more revenue. The idea behind the 2 percent is to offset the impact a casino has on the surrounding area so it makes sense to me. If one of the other units had a big project they wanted to fund in their community, then I would support that, but otherwise that money should remain in those communities that generate the funds.

There was discussion on the removal petitions such as that the members in your unit should be the ones that can remove you, not members from any unit. Should the number be 100 signatures or 10 percent of the voters in the last election? One hundred signatures is not a lot when you have 40,000 plus members. There currently is no deadline on turning in removal petitions but referendum petitions have a 60 day deadline.

The meeting agenda was filled with items that have not been discussed in a workshop such as the hiring of a CEO and constitutional amendments. Unless the item is a critical one, resolutions should not be added to the agenda unless there has been discussion by the board prior to the meeting. This is a way games

get played and it is not fair to the membership to be given notice of things that are on the agenda and they get removed because there has been no prior discussion. As I am writing this article, the same is happening to the June 3 meeting in St. Ignace, the chairman was not happy with the HR director interview process and selection, so he added about 10 items to the agenda.

On May 8, I flew to New Mexico with Cheri Goetz (Elder Division director) and Jeff Holt (Planning and Development) to the American Indian Justice Conference to present the Sault Tribe's Tribal Action Plan to combat substance abuse in our communities. The conference expenses were not paid for by the tribe.

May 9, there was an opening ceremony by the Pueblo of Laguna. There was a panel discussion by the Pueblo of Laguna Tribal Court Advisory Board about addressing victim safety and overall public safety issues in their communities. The next session I attended was on SORNA (Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act) Programs about community notification and public education. One statistic is that one in three women will be subjected to sex abuse and most are committed by non-natives. Three of our law enforcement staff was also present for this conference. In the afternoon Cheri, Jeff and I met with Beckie Murdock, our facilitator from Fox Technical Valley College out of Wisconsin. We worked on our Power Point presentation and divided up the slides and areas of discussion. On May 10, we gave our presentation to a crowd of a 100 or so people. Beckie gave the introductions and grant details, I gave background information on our tribe and Jeff and Cheri gave the meat of the presentation. They are the two people on our advisory board who have spent the most time on this Tribal Action Plan project. They have visited many communities doing focus groups and community forums and documenting the results. I was very proud to present with these dedicated team members.

During our three nights in Albuquerque, we visited three different casinos to see what they offered guests. The Sandia Casino Resort was beautiful. We had dinner at their restaurant buffet for \$13.50 and the food was great. They had many home made dessert choices that they served you. They offered new players club guests \$25 in credits, a voucher for a room for \$99 (normally \$300 plus) and a deck of cards. They had a golf course and raised their own bison on site. The cashiers addressed you by name. The convention center had pictures on the wall of elders and veterans of their tribe. There is no alcohol served on the gaming floor, you must remain in the bar area while drinking. This is at all casinos in the state.

The Hollywood Casino gave out \$10 in credits and a deck of cards to new players. We had lunch in their restaurant for \$9.95. The cashier collects your money on the way in and there

are no servers. You get your own food and drink and people bus your table when you are done. Their team members eat in there for \$3.25 a person. They also have an ice cream cooler of novelties such as ice cream bars and sandwiches.

The Hard Rock Casino and Hotel offered new players \$25 in credits. There was a steakhouse, a cafeteria/deli, bar serving food and we ate at a place called the Bowtie Bistro that served a soup, salad and pizza bar for \$7.95. The food was good and you could purchase dynamite desserts for \$2.75 each. This casino was very nice and clean. They are going to be giving up the Hard Rock franchise soon.

I have never really understood why we charge so much for our buffets and I have addressed this with casino management and have been told we offer a lot of protein on our buffets and I said have you ever been to a Golden Corral? They have 2-3 times more food options than we have. We need to have cheaper prices to get guests in the door and make it up on volume. We also need to make everything home-made instead of buying everything pre-made. My grandmother would have a stroke at the way we prepare and waste our food. She cooked in a restaurant for 40-plus years and never wasted a thing. She made a local restaurant very successful and had people come there specifically for her soups, entrees and desserts. These are the kind of people who need to teach our staff.

On May 13, we had our first casino improvement meeting with just the board in the morning and then with the COO in the afternoon. We finally got to set the dates to go into all five casinos with our surveys to the team members. Darcy and I have been pushing for change in the casinos with revenues declining and rock bottom team member morale. We seem to be spending all of our time on anything but these critical issues.

On May 14-16, the board, many of our staff and other tribes had National Indian Gaming Commission Regional Audit Training in St. Ignace. Areas discussed were IGRA violations, general welfare payments, facility licensing, Title 31, IRS topics, player tracking, fingerprints, background investigations and licensing of team members.

On May 17 and 20, Catherine, Lana and I met at the Hessel casino to conduct their team member surveys. While I was there, I was approached by a VIP who was not happy about customer service in the Sault Casino. She said she loves the Hessel casino and they treat her good. The Hessel surveys are now complete.

On May 18, Catherine Howell, her brother Joe and son, Rob, met with Keith and I and the Unit III elders to clean up the Grimes property and Wequayoc Cemetery. We worked from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. I would like to thank the following people for attending: Brenda and Jerry Garries, Arvella McCall, Ilene Moses, Rose Moses, Nichole

Causley and kids, Carol and Bill Brown, Lisa Fisher, Tony Grondin, Christine and Mike McPherson, Phyllis, MariAnn, and Bob Colegrove, Stephanie Sprecker and Laura Forrest. Darlene Brown and Helen and Otto Hyslop stopped in to check things out. The elders present would like to have their summer picnic on the property and will decide at their meeting.

From 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Keith and I were at the St. Ignace Casino doing team member surveys. It just so happened to be the 25th anniversary. We had complaints from the team members and customers about the promotion. I was very disappointed that it did not resemble or feel like a party atmosphere. There were no balloons or decorations. We served champagne and cake as usual. There was a two-man band, drawings and plinko but nothing overly exciting. Many customers and VIPs said they didn't know about it. Management said we were up about \$40,000 over last year, but what would we have made if we had done it right? When the Sault had their 25th anniversary, there was a three-day festival with concerts and events. It has always seemed to me that it is always about the Sault. Up until 2003, St. Ignace was always the money maker. I believe it is time for each casino to have their own marketing reps and make decisions about their own promotions, menus, drink specials, bands, etc. These areas know their customers better than anyone. The days of all being the same should be a thing of the past.

On May 20, we had EDC and casino financials. The St. Ignace Midjim Store was hit by a car driven by an unlicensed girl. A drunken man in the Sault walked through wet concrete at the Midjim and it had to be redone. The new V1 software system will soon allow for customers to redeem their points at the point of sale instead of having to go to the Northern Rewards counter for everything.

The tribe is looking at different cigarette vendors that could save us about \$165,000. The government is still short about \$350,000 so, according to the chairman, there should be no sacred cows going forward and mass layoffs if it can't be figured out. I look forward to no sacred cows but there should not be multiple hits to the casino for sequestration. We have board members who want to raise the drink prices and crab leg buffet prices. That should make us competitive. Wow! This is crazy. I suggested having a cheap rental rate at the Lakefront Inn so that instead of 50 percent occupancy we get closer to 100 percent and posting the price on the sign so travelers stop. We had a \$3 million dollar winner at the St. Ignace casino that we should be doing a commercial about. The St. Ignace casino is down \$470,160 for the first quarter and all casinos are down over a million dollars. When is enough, enough? We need to consider bringing back free credits and

free entry to drawings.

At the May 20 Great Lakes conservation meeting, there was discussion on the new access sites and the work that needs to be done so small boats can launch from there. The committee voted to give II Conguy's commercial license to his wife. Keith, Aaron Schlehuder and I were accused of trying to commit conspiracy by Chairman Payment about this license transfer. There was an email sent by Schlehuder to Keith, the committee chairman, our biologist, and I about the passing of II and that we would let the family grieve and make sure all provisions of the code were followed. The chairman apparently read it that we were trying to take time to circumvent the system. The board of directors has the final vote, so how could we do that. The other problem was that it was only sent to the Unit III directors. It was sent to the parties involved as a heads up. Then we receive an email from Chairman Payment stating he found a letter from his dad bequeathing him his license and wanted to know if we were going to give him a license. At this meeting, the committee was discussing issuing a small mesh permit to a fisherman who has had a permit in the past and the committee discussed this person threatening people about getting the permit and past behaviors while fishing. The committee was going to deny the permit request and then Chairman Payment convinced them otherwise.

When members of the board or chair are present at these committee meetings it should be to address questions or to be educated, not change committee recommendations.

On May 21, we had our workshop and meeting in Naubinway. There was discussion on a piece of property the tribe purchased two years ago for \$325,000 that now needs \$900,000 in infrastructure, for motor pool and the fisheries to operate out of. There was more discussion on the 2 percent, the chairman suggests that we look at discontinuing the \$50,000 we give to the Moses Dialysis Unit and make them become self sufficient. There are too many of our members with diabetes who get served for me to do that. Prior to the unit being established, people had to travel to Petoskey to get treatments. What was supposed to be a short meeting turned out to be four hours due to people posing for the camera.

On May 23, Lana, Denny, the chairman and I attended the Elders Advisory meeting in Newberry. It was the first of these meetings I was able to attend because the schedule always conflicts with our financial meetings. The elders had complaints on the health centers, tribal employees not being effective and still keep their jobs and the status of the proposed constitution. Part of the reason that things won't change is because of politics. Some people only have their job because of who they are, not because they do their

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Learning facts important to better operations



Keith Massaway, Director Unit III

The board of directors was invited to attend a National Indian Gaming Commission regional audit training last month in St. Ignace. Many board members attended and learned what our gaming commissioners have to deal with on weekly, monthly and yearly basis. One example is understanding what an Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) violation is and how, when and where they are to be responded to. Another is covering the minimal internal controls (MICs) and going into how they are audited and how and when the rules and regulations can be amended, changed and improved. Descriptions of the background checks and fingerprinting process

of each of our gaming employees and how the research is conducted took up an afternoon.

I must say, the part I struggled with to stay awake in was the filling out of the IRS reporting form. That process was done line by line and all applicable tax codes and amendments were used to detail how and why each figure was derived and recorded. Not a really riveting exercise. The board members who attended now better understand what this division does and how important it is that it runs smoothly.

Sometimes, it seems the casino management and the gaming commissioners are at odds with each other, but I now understand what each side sees as their mission, to make the casino business run efficiently and profitably, and the commission to make sure it remains inside the stringent rules and laws that protect everyone involved.

The audit committee is in the middle of working through the casino and enterprise audits. We are going over the findings and recommendations and presenting them to the full board. We had no substantial violations or infractions of the MICs or IGRA. We continue to look closely at areas that have had minor problems and are making suggestions so they won't become bigger prob-

lems in the future.

Director Bridgett Sorenson and myself have been to three sessions where casino employees had a chance to fill out questionnaires about the Kewadin casinos and its practices and their viewpoints on changes and improvements. Some are reluctant to fill out the forms. We explain this

is a board driven endeavor that aims to have the entire board better understand our team members' problems, concerns and suggestions on improvements. Bridgett and Director Darcy Morrow are going around to each of our casinos and having several open sessions so all employees can participate. This

will be a useful and I believe eye-opening event when all is completed.

Thank you for all the e-mails and the phone calls.
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We all need to shift our thinking from "me" to "us," and shift soon



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This is the time for unity in our tribe instead of just worrying about our own respective units. We should be working together and focusing on the greater good

rather than ourselves or just our little area. If the tribe fails, we all fail. Passing blame and pointing fingers will not solve anything, it will only divide us further. If we follow a logical path we can find some livable solutions to our problems.

So, how do we get there? First and foremost, we need to change all of the "me, me, me," to "US, US, US." In talking with team members, tribal and non-tribal, I hear a lot of "cut over there and not here." We need to be a true team and work together while saving what we can, where we can. Because, in the end, we all depend on the tribe in some way. We spend more time fighting and bickering amongst ourselves than problem solving. No department or program is more important than another.

Most governments are facing

the same problems we are, which is less money with more need. We will surely make it through this year but I am seriously worried about what we will do next year. A looming issue that needs to be faced is Obamacare. This is a huge unknown as far as cost and effect through the tribe. Tackling this issue will require all of us to work together.

To end on a bit of a positive note, things look okay (not great) currently because our debt IS being paid down and we have been working at streamlining our operations even while our casino businesses are in a bit of a downward trend.

As always, you can feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns at (906) 632-7267 (home), 203-6698 (cell) or dmckelvie@saulttribe.net.

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job. It is time people quit playing politics and worry about the tribe as a whole and not your friends, family and constituents. Do your job or there is the door, end of story.

The issue of the MIEA (Michigan Indian Elders Association) came up where an elder from Unit III has served for 17 years and other elders would like to have the opportunity. I understand that, but the way it was handled was not right. There was a resolution passed in 1995 for this elder to be appointed to serve for two years. There was never another one passed since then and this elder has been serving ever since. At the time of this discussion, we did not have the resolution in hand so the Elder Division director suggested we allow this elder to go to her last meeting in July and tell her someone new will be appointed for next year. The Elders Advisory board also wanted to go back to their subcommittees to get suggestions of those who wanted to serve and bring it back to next month's meeting. The chairman said someone needs to be chosen from the table. This again should not happen. We are not there to dictate to our committees what we want or why do we have them. This elder who has been serving for the past 17 years was told by a past Elders Division director that she could serve until she wanted to step down and then she needed to put in a letter of resignation. Apparently this is not the case, but why was there never another resolution brought forward in all these years for that position? There was a resolution appointing someone from Escanaba in

2006 who must have replaced the elder who was also named in the 1997 resolution and then in 2000 an elder from Ishpeming was appointed and served until 2012 when an elder from Munising was appointed. So the elder who served from 2000-2012 was able to resign last year and his seat filled, but the elder in Unit III was kicked off. I understand if others want to be involved but let's do things right.

On May 24, we had our Tribal Action Plan meeting and hope to have our forums and focus groups done by June and then we will put together a survey to gather more information. We also had our Health Adhoc Committee meeting. We are trying to prioritize what services we can offer to each area on a need or population basis. St. Ignace would like to have a walk-in clinic arrangement like the Sault has with War Memorial. We talked about offering later or weekend hours to accommodate the working people.

On May 25, I attended the Native American Festival put on by the Museum of Ojibwe Culture. There were opportunities to learn quill work, baskets, brain tanning, etc. There were two drums and the Grandmother Moon Singers in attendance. This is a great event and seems to grow every year. I was presented a beautiful quill box made by Tom and Sally Paquin from John Causley Jr. I appreciate the gift but I like helping out when I can and do not need to be recognized for doing so. I only made phone calls and sent emails to speed up the process. John Causley Jr. and Shirley Sorrels did most of the organizing.

On May 26, I attended the

Catholic Mass with Brother John Hascall. It was a beautiful day on the museum grounds and a great service. We need to all work together to be able to fund a new longhouse being built so it can be used for our youth, adults and events like this. I am hoping we can provide 2 percent funding to this project.

On May 27, Keith and I were at the Kewadin Shores Casino doing team member surveys from noon to 4 p.m. The saddest thing is that so many people fear the surveys because they are afraid of management retaliation. We assure them that the board members are the only ones who will see the surveys and their information will be compiled into a spreadsheet with all comments per casino.

On May 28, we had a workshop, which consisted of interviewing two finalists for the HR director position. This position has been vacant for about 18 months and we have spent about \$10,000 advertising for this position. We need a strong candidate to lead this department. The chairman now wants to hire a head hunter to find someone. If we were going to do this, then we should have done this months ago. Time is of the essence. At 3 p.m., Darcy and I went up to the Sault Casino break rooms to do surveys. I stayed until 9 p.m. We had 87 surveys completed and the same concern with management retaliation.

On May 29, Keith and I were at the Shores doing team member surveys from 6 a.m. to noon and I stayed around until 2:30 p.m. to try to get more done. We have about one-third of the team members left to survey.

On May 29, I met Denise



Scholarship recipient Zack Major with Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit III Representative Bridgett Sorenson.

and Darcy in Manistique to do their team member surveys. The surveys should be done by the end of June at all five casinos. I attended a reception that evening at the Museum of Ojibwe Culture for the youth who have been involved in creating artwork. Francie Wyers is inspiring youth to be artists. They did a great job and have a lot to be proud of. The museum is very involved with tribal youth learning opportunities and a youth entrepreneurship program.

On June 1, I went to Zack Major's graduation party to present him my \$1,000 scholarship. He will be attending Bay College in Escanaba in August to study music. I know he will make his family and community proud.

We will be changing the June

4 St. Ignace meeting to June 3 to accommodate the chairman to attend the HHS STAC meeting in D.C. The chairman was recently appointed to serve as a national at large representative to the Health and Human Services Secretary Tribal Advisory Council. Congratulations to him! The only thing I do not agree with is changing meeting dates when we have business that has to go on. He is needed in D.C. and does great things and the rest of the board is capable of running a meeting. If we don't agree to cancel a meeting, then he threatens to not go.

Until next month, enjoy the summer and spend quality time with your family! Feel free to contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net or 643-2123 (office) or 430-0536 (cell).

Summer brings lots of fun for all to the EUP



CATHY ABRAMSON
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Exciting events coming to Bahweting in July. I am putting this information out now in hopes that you and your family might attend.

Our 32nd annual powwow and summer gathering is set in Sault Ste. Marie for July 2-7 at our powwow grounds near the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Because many of our people asked, we returned to a traditional powwow. The blessing of the grounds takes place on Tuesday, July 2, at 10 a.m. with a meal provided by our elders and our Traditional Foods Program. On Thursday, July 4, Chief Dean Sayers and his wife, Amy McCoy Sayers, will lead our summer gathering where many teachings will be shared and given to those in attendance. There will be a sunrise ceremony and the gathering will begin at 9 a.m. with a lunch and an evening feast to close that evening's activities.

On Friday, July 5, while the

children's carnival is in full swing, we added another nostalgic event — car bingo in the parking lot of the Niigaanigiizhik Ceremonial Building. Many of us older people remember going to the Big Abe's car bingo in Bay Mills. For those of you who have never attended one, car bingo is playing the game of bingo while sitting in your car. If you get a bingo, you honk your car horn and runners will come and verify your win. It's a good time with cash prizes. This is a powwow committee fundraiser, so come on out and join in the fun.

By the way — our elders are selling raffle tickets and the drawing will be on July 7 at the powwow grounds. Please support our elders as they raise funds for their group activities.

On Saturday and Sunday, July 6 and 7, our powwow dancing begins. Come and enjoy. Meet new and old friends and family. For more information, visit www.saulttribe.com or find our event on Facebook. For more information, call powwow chairwoman Jackie Minton at (906) 635-6050. All vendors, please contact Linda Grossett at 635-6050. If you would like to volunteer at any of these events, please contact me at 322-3823 or email cabramson@saulttribe.net or on Facebook. Come and join the fun. See you there.

From July 15 through 19, warrior camp is scheduled for our young, soon-to-be men. The purpose of this camp is to pass on old time warrior values and teachings. It's character build-

ing using the seven grandfather teachings while learning life and survival skills.

Activities are lacrosse, archery, canoeing, running, drum making, singing, pipe making, fire keeping, sweat lodge building, naming ceremonies, making arrows, gathering medicine, making kinkinick (traditional tobacco), gathering cedar, language teachings, traditional foods demonstrations, HIV education, honoring our women and warrior games.

The staff of our Traditional Medicine Program designed and implemented this excellent learning opportunity for our young men. This year, Jackie Minton, culture camp coordinator, will lead this camp with the Traditional Medicine Program staff's continued involvement. Our healers and their assistants will all be there along with the men and women from the Sault, Bay Mills and Canada who have served as role models for our youth. We are fortunate to have elders, such as Henry Bouley, camp there all the while and teach our young men about life skills.

Last year, I saw firsthand what our young men have learned. As most of you know, I had been diagnosed and treated for breast cancer the winter before. Last year, at one of my check ups, the doctor was concerned with an enlarged lymph node they discovered. While I had been stoic in my attitude toward this cancer, I have to admit that I did get worried and I immediately went to seek out our healers for

doctoring. They were at the warrior camp and I traveled there for help.

As part of my doctoring, some of our young men attending the warrior camp prepared a healing lodge for me. I was deeply touched at the care and respect that they put into preparing this lodge. A young man from Hessel smudged the lodge, while a young man from Manistique placed cedar in the lodge and the fire and tended the fire, a young man from Batchewana came into the lodge with the healers and me. He brought his drum and sang a healing song for me. They were not asked to do this. They volunteered. This was an experience that I will never forget.

Sometimes we sell our young people too short, but, in a nurturing environment such as the warrior camp, they are learning about who they are and their purpose in life. The prayers that surrounded that lodge brought me the peace of mind I sought. It was an experience I never expected and it gave me hope for the future of our people. These young men genuinely took care of me and helped me heal. When I went for another biopsy, the doctors found nothing. I believe in the power of prayer and I have always believed in our youth. These young warriors, along with our healers, helped me through this. I believe this with my whole heart and soul. I am forever grateful to them.

That is my testimony for this camp. If you are interested in sending your son or grandson,

please sign him up as soon as possible. Space is limited. It doesn't matter where you live to attend this camp. Although, you must provide your young man the transportation to get there. This year, it takes place at the Sugar Island culture camp. Please contact Jackie Minton at 635-6050 to register.

Of course, our July would not be complete without announcing the 17th annual Sugar Island Traditional Powwow set for July 19-20. I love this powwow. This is a place where many families gather and share food and stories. For more information, call Mick Frechette at 440-8918 or Elaine Young-Clement at 440-6801.

So, why am I talking about these events in my unit report? The reason is I am involved with these activities and support them greatly. Yes, I continue to work with the board on budgets, policies, legislative issues with the state and the federal government and many other subcommittees and such. I am also involved in developing our community and our people. I am proud of how I was raised and I believe we should continue to reeducate our people about our ways of life. It reminds me that we must protect and perpetuate our way of life. I am very committed to this and it is a very important item to write about.

If you have any issues or concerns, please contact me at 322-3823 or at cabramson@saulttribe.net. I look forward to hearing from you. Hope you are having a nice summer so far.

On the Constitution and the corporate charter



D.J. MALLOY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

In these United States, we rely on the U.S. Constitution to protect our freedoms, our rights, our very way of life. It sets the stage for the people to elect representatives who govern within the bounds of Constitutional law. Our tribal constitution should be no different.

Three-branch government is a form of checks and balances that prohibits any one branch from having absolute reign over your government. It allows for a balance of power and protection for the rule of law. Elected representation provides for a system where the majority decides who will sit in the seats, but the minority is protected by the laws that each representative must follow. This is deliberate in that the influence of the majority is tempered by the rights of individuals,

thereby protecting political dissent and individuals and minority groups from the "tyranny of the majority" by placing checks on the power of the majority of the population.

We have before us an opportunity to protect our people in much the same way. It is imperative that we find a way to bring the most basic constitutional rights to our people. What I support doing at this time, because I do not see the board opting for a full constitutional reform (nor do I believe that the draft constitution proposed in 2007 is in the best interest of the tribe, for reason I stated in my November 2012 unit report), is to put to the people constitutional amendments. Those amendments I believe to be the most important are a separation of powers with elected judges, the right of initiative and the right of recall. There are others that are important, but these three provide the people an opportunity to have a balanced government with checks and balances, the right to recall representatives who fail them and the right to petition their government for change when their representatives refuse to act on the voice of the people.

It is easy to sit at the board table and spout off "I support this," and "I support that." Well, actions have always spoken louder than words. It is time for

the board to put their support to the test. It is time for the board to allow the people to decide what they support in governmental change. Our job is only to decide, based on everything we are supposed to know about the tribe, what is or is not in the best interest of the tribe and its stability. It is not our job to tell you what is or is not good for you. These amendments protect the right of the people to have a say in the way of the government with little cost to implement. It is up to you to decide how you want your government constructed.

On another front, but no less important, we have a corporate charter that has sat for almost as long. The board has the ability to place some of our businesses under this charter and insulate them from politics and board members who lack business experience. So far, the board has failed to do so much as put a board in place as stipulated in the law that created the charter. Why? I can only guess it is because it means releasing the reign over those businesses.

I believe the less the board is involved in any business we own, the better the business will do. For as long as I can remember, there have been board members who came to think of themselves as business minded people, even though their only experience is what they learned while in office.

Thank God we don't have board members who fancy themselves as doctors.

It is time for the board to step up to the plate and step back from presuming to know what is in your best interest. It is time to put the government within the reach of the people and our businesses in the hands of professionals. It is time for accountability on all fronts. If you believe, like I do, that the time has come for the board to loosen the grip on your right to have a voice in your own government, then call or write your representative. If

you believe it is time to put a halt to the long stream of business failures, then call or write your representative and tell them to follow the laws in place and activate the corporate charter. The one thing we are good at is making excuses to our members. Do not except any more excuses. Start demanding answers.

Always, I look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to contact me at (906) 440-9762 or at dmalloy@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully submitted,
DJ Malloy

Whether moving across the street or across the country, follow these steps to stay in contact

Following these steps will help eliminate problems down the road for you in keeping up with all manner of important official and personal correspondence.

If you've recently moved or plan to move, be sure to report your change of address with government agencies, including the U.S. Postal Service, the Social Security Administration and your state's Department of Motor Vehicles. Reporting your change of address to these agencies will help ensure that you receive your mail, including government benefits and correspondence.

While you're at it, be sure to report your change of address to the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department to maintain tribal cor-

respondence such as the monthly newspaper, benefit notifications and bulletins, elders' dividends and voting ballots.

It is not enough to only notify the post office of your change of address. If you do not notify enrollment of your new address, you will eventually lose postal contact with your tribe.

Members who move to new addresses should call the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department at 632-8552 or (800) 251-6597. It's a fast and easy process to make address change notifications.

Also, if you're planning a move, visit ProtectYourMove.gov for tips on how to choose reputable movers and avoid fraud.



This beautiful white morel was gathered by Mike Burton in Chippewa County in early June. To pick ground mushrooms sustainably, cut them at the base of the stem rather than pull them.



This pheasant's back or Dryad's saddle was collected by Jennifer Dale-Burton in Sault Ste. Marie. The spring shelf mushroom is best collected when small and tastes "beefy."

Harvesting sweetgrass sustainably

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Everyone loves the wonderful smell of sweetgrass. Fresh or burning, it's cleansing and refreshing and purifying. It is one of our four sacred medicines.

Sweetgrass scent is unmistakable. If you are unsure on your sweetgrass identification, just take a blade and rub it between your fingers, you'll know.

There is a right way and a wrong way to harvest sweetgrass. Sweetgrass grows from rhizomes that are something like bulbs under the ground and spread in the same manner. They are the first grass to seed in the season, but their seeds have a low viability rate. So, when you gather sweetgrass, cut only mature sweetgrass about three inches from the bottom of the plant.

I can tell you two stories. Once, my mom was picking

sweetgrass with old Mrs. Fox. My mom grabbed a blade of grass and cut her hand quite badly when she pulled on it. Mrs. Fox wrapped my mother's hand and told her she must cut the grass instead of pulling on it. Another time, I was at a powwow and saw sweetgrass braids with the roots hanging off the bottom of the grass. So I bought it and took it home, unbraided it and put it in some water, whereupon it began to grow back its roots and I planted it outside.

Sweetgrass might seem abundant but its habitat is disappearing across the country. It is easily crowded out by other plants. So treat it with respect. As with all gathering, I only take a quarter to a third of the plant. Never take the whole clump.

Enjoy and miigwech.

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Warrior Camp

July 15-19, 2013

At Mary Murray Culture Camp

Open to all male youth ages 12-16 that are members of a federally recognized tribe.



Hosted by Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Participants will learn traditional knowledge and skills based on Traditional Warrior Society Teachings

Hands on activities throughout the 5 days: Warrior teachings, spirituality, Natural life skills, Healthy lifestyles, Physical activities, and Leadership skills

24 hr Adult supervision, dorm style sleeping in camp ground setting, and meals provided.

For registration information please call or email: Jackie Minton or Linda Grossett at (906) 635-6050, jminton@saulttribe.net, lgrossette@saulttribe.net.

The four sacred medicines

Asemaa • Geezhik • Mashkodewashk • Weengush

This article is based on the writing and teachings of elders throughout the years here at the newspaper.

Anishinaabe biimadziwinn, the Anishinaabe way of life, is all about honoring one's culture and traditions and staying in balance with nature. To live the Anishinaabe way of life is to be respectful to the earth and all her children. The four sacred medicines are used in everyday life and ceremonies. Each plant represents a direction of the medicine wheel. When taking any plant from the earth, we explain why we need it and offer some tobacco in return for its generosity and help of the plant which shared itself so freely.

Asemaa — or tobacco, represents the eastern direction. It is used in the offering of prayer to the G'tchi Manidoo (Great Spirit, the Creator), acting as a medium for communication. Tobacco can be made into prayer offerings. It may be kept in a wooden bowl or placed in a cloth or buckskin bag made for that purpose. Tobacco can also be made into tobacco ties for giving, these are made by cutting small, two-inch squares of cotton cloth of any color, placing tobacco in the center of the cloth and tying the ends with a ribbon or yarn. Prayers are put into your tobacco tie. Tobacco uses vary with your needs. It can be sprinkled on the ground as you say your daily prayers, smoked in a sacred pipe or sprinkled on the waters with your prayers.

Elders say to hold the saama in your left hand, the one closest to your heart.

Geezhik — or cedar, represents the southern direction. The leaves are cleaned from the stems and separated into small pieces which are then used in many

ways. A tobacco offering is made before it is picked. You take cedar from the largest tree and offer your prayers explaining how you will use the cedar and identify yourself. Doing this ensures you will get the full spiritual and medicinal use of the cedar. Cedar use varies according to the tribe or people who use cedar.

Cedar is a medicine known for its purification properties and is often used as a smudge when dried. Cedar is a protection medicine as well. Many dancers place fresh cedar in their moccasins or shoes when they travel to a powwow or ceremony. This is believed to keep their energy pure.

Cedar is used for sweat lodge ceremonies and small pieces of cedar are cleaned from the branches. The cedar is placed dark side down on the crescent mound located behind the fire area. Cedar is used to make the spirit path from the fire pit to the sweat lodge center. It is also placed on the hot rocks as they are placed in the sweat lodge. The story of cedar is told during the teaching of the sweat lodge.

When a person has been in great stress or trauma, a cedar bath is sometimes made for comfort and healing to the body by adding cedar from the branches, cooked to an amber color and added to the bath water.

A cedar bath is sometimes used in funeral ceremonies. This purifies the body for the spirit ceremony that is to take place. It is a great honor to do this.

Elders say to put some in your shoes and only goodness will come your way.

Mashkodewashk — or sage, represents the western direction. It is also used for purification. Its smoke is used for releasing what

is troubling the mind and for removing negative energy and to prepare a person for ceremonies and teachings.

If you have experienced an abusive situation, burning sage in your home would bring you a sense of peace from the negative emotions. It is also used to cleanse the home and sacred items, such as an eagle feathers. Sage has other medicinal uses depending on the instructions from your tribe or elder.

Weengush — or sweetgrass, represents the northern direction. It is known for its sweet aromatic scent. Weengush is a powerful purifier and protector. It is said that when we burn sweetgrass, the grandfathers and grandmothers in the spirit world are as stars, and they see us and come close to hear our prayers. It has a sweet aroma that reminds people of their gentleness, love and kindness.

Our prayers are carried in the smoke by the grandmothers and grandfathers to the Creator. When we smudge, we cleanse ourselves by wafting the smoke with our hands over parts of our body. The prayer is that our minds have clarity of thought, our hands do good work and from our mouth comes the truth. When a woman or man experiences a negative situation, burning sweetgrass brings calmness to the room and everyone around the room. When used in healing circles or talking circles, it brings positive energy.

Many traditional people place a braid of sweetgrass in their cars for the pleasant aroma and for the medicine prayer for travel.

For any questions about these sacred medicines, offer tobacco to your tribal elder, traditional healer or spiritual leader.

Are you UP 4 the Challenge?



Attention Upper Peninsula Residents of: Cedarville, Kinross, Manistique, Marquette, Munising, Nahma, Newberry, St. Ignace, and Sault Ste Marie

The Sault Tribe
Let's Get Moving - Community Challenge
June 1 - July 26, 2013

Join your team and help your community receive \$2000 to make environmental improvements that make choosing walking or bicycling the easy choice for more residents.

You will earn daily Wellness Miles for physical activity, eating fruits and vegetables, being tobacco-free, drinking water, and even for shopping at your local Farmers' Market! The Community Challenge is good for you and good for your community!

Visit UP4Health.org for the rules of the Challenge and how to sign up for your Community Team.



SATURDAY July 27, 7 p.m.

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JUNE

Monster Truck Throwdown

29th | 7 p.m. | Saturday | Kewadin St. Ignace
On Sale Now | \$10 Adult Ticket/Ages 17 & Under Free
(if accompanied by an adult)

JULY

Keith Secola A Seventh Fire Entertainment Show

6th | 7 p.m. | Saturday | \$15.00 | On Sale Now

Vince Gill

24th | 7 p.m. | Wednesday | \$58.50, \$55.00 | On Sale Now

Tesla

27th | 7 p.m. | Saturday | \$38.50, \$35.00 | On Sale Now

AUGUST

Jeff Dunham

1st | 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. | Thursday | \$55.50, \$48.50 | On Sale Now

4th Annual Michigan Paranormal Convention

9th-10th | Friday & Saturday | \$45.00, \$75.00, \$95.00 |
On Sale Now

Pop Evil An All Star Entertainment Show

14th | 7 p.m. | Sunday | \$20.00 | On Sale Now

SEPTEMBER

Night Ranger with John Waite

22nd | 7 p.m. | Sunday | \$48.50, \$38.50 | On Sale Now

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