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HEALING MEDICINE — In July 2007, tribal member Barbara Derusha went on a personal journey to the U.P. to reconnect with places she had not visited for several years. On her way out of the waabano lodge, she snapped the photo above. She was given her spirit name at this time, “Chi-Badz-Wa,” which means, “water running under logs.” Derusha said, “Obviously, this personal journey gave me many lifelong memories to cherish, all of which I connect to with this medicine wheel with sweetgrass image.”

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Photos by Brenda Austin

NEW ROOF — DeTour Village Hall is getting its roof reshingled and \$6,609 in Sault Tribe 2 percent funds is enough to pay for about half the cost. Mayor Anthony Bosley said he appreciates the tribe’s help, acknowledging the tribe has done a lot for their community in the past few years. Directors Catherine Hollowell and Lana Causley said the tribe uses the hall for meetings and events and that the tribe is happy to help. Left to right, Catherine Hollowell, Mayor Anthony Bosley, township clerk Marilyn McGuire and Lana Causley.



HOSPICE CARE — Hospice of the EUP received \$18,111. Left to right, president of the Hospice board, Dr. Jim Tetzlaff; hospice board members, Patty Savitskie and Frank King; Director Cathy Abramson; hospice board member Pastor Barry Levine; Director Jennifer McLeod; Hospice board treasurer, Lynda Ellis; and hospice board member Wendy Malaska.



KINROSS COMMUNITY RECREATION — The kids summer activities programming and fishing event received \$8,500 in 2 percent funds. Directors Jennifer McLeod, Cathy Abramson and D.J. Malloy said they are excited the tribe was able to approve 2 percent funding to help provide activities for area youth. Left to right, Kinross program aide Dawn MacDonald, Township Clerk Sheila Gaines, Kinross program aide assistant Ashley Bertram, Director D.J. Malloy, Recreation Center manager DeDe Frasure, Township Supervisor Jim Moore and Directors Cathy Abramson and Jennifer McLeod.

WANTED: Looking for used kidney

By DANIEL MCCOY

I have put it off long enough. About 10 years ago, I was diagnosed with IgA nephropathy or better known as Berger's Disease. It is a slow degenerative disease that adversely



affects the kidney function. It is one of those types of illnesses no one would notice until the kidneys are almost done working, and my doctor says I am getting to that point. When you get to that point and you don't have a spare, then you start dialysis. You then live a good portion of your life connected to machines that do what the little kidney used to do.

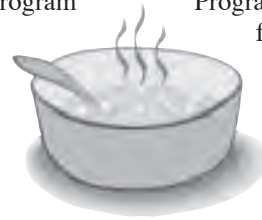
So, if you know anyone with a

spare that they don't need, have them call Andrea Davis at (216) 983-5138 at University Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. They will be looking for kidneys that use type A or type O blood.

Tell them Dan sent you. *Dan is a Sault Tribe member, the son of the late Ken and Helen McCoy of Sault Ste. Marie. He has one daughter, Jennifer, and granddaughter, Mackenzie. He lives in Parma, Ohio.*

Cook once, eat twice

On Thursday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hessel Community Center the USDA Food Distribution Program will be offering a cooking class and roasting turkey with vegetables for lunch. Afterwards, participants will make turkey-noodle soup



from leftovers. Everything is being provided by the USDA Food Distribution Program. Class size is limited, for more info, call Mark Willis at 635-4971 or send email to him at mwillis@saulttribe.net or Marlene Porcaro at 635-6076, mporcaro@saulttribe.net.

New petition launched to stop wolf hunting and restore voters' rights

Keep Michigan Wolves Protected filed language July 2 with the Secretary of State to launch a second referendum campaign to stop the trophy hunting and trapping of wolves and restore the right of Michigan voters to weigh in on critical wildlife issues, according to a press release.

"This second referendum will preserve the impact of our first referendum that has already been certified for the ballot - ensuring Michigan voters have the right to protect wolves and other wildlife matters," said Jill Fritz, director of Keep Michigan Wolves Protected. "Michiganders deserve to have their voices heard on the wolf issue, and we hope they'll have an opportunity to vote on two ballot measures next year to do just that."

Senate Bill 288, which became Public Act 21 on May 8, 2013, allows the seven-member Natural Resources Commission to open up a hunting season for any species classed as "protected" under state law, including gray wolves.

"This bill is a radical over-reach by some state lawmakers, and it's only fair to allow citizens to weigh in on this important question of wildlife policy," added Fritz.

According to the release, Keep Michigan Wolves Protected is aiming to collect at least 225,000 signatures to qualify for the November 2014 ballot.

In a responding release, State Senator Tom Casperson said, "I will be relentless in maintaining management policies to ensure that the people of the Upper Peninsula are heard as they overwhelmingly have pleaded for management efforts, including hunting, to help address problems caused by a growing wolf population in their backyards."

"After all, U.P. residents are the only people whose daily lives are impacted by wolves in their communities, not the leaders of this referendum effort who primarily live out of state and are motivated much more by fundraising for their so-called 'animal welfare' organizations than truly protecting animals with management efforts according to science," Casperson added.

Keep Michigan Wolves Protected maintains in its release that the seven-member NRC is composed of political appointees, "most of whom have no wildlife management experiences whatsoever."

More than 255,000 Michigan voters signed the group petition.



Nancy Warren of Ontonagon County, has had wolves on her property for the last 15 years. She has served as a volunteer wolf tracker, helped handle 11 wild wolves, conducted wolf education programs for 20 years and most recently a signature collector for the Keep Michigan Wolves Protected campaign. "I can speak from my experience in collecting signatures in the U.P. that when people learned the facts namely that producers who have had depredations are issued permits to kill any wolves on their property on sight; that producers can kill any wolf in the act of attacking their livestock and Wildlife Services can kill problem wolves and that it has taken the population 20 years to grow to 658 animals, I found that people in the U.P. do not support hunting or trapping wolves."

Elders services Lifeline emergency unit test

These units automatically dial and send a prerecorded message to 911 and are triggered by a small pendent worn around your neck. The units have a nine-volt battery back up in case of power failure. The pendent also has a 12-volt A23 battery. Owners of the telemergency units should test their pendent and system monthly to ensure that the batteries and units are functioning correctly.

Procedure for battery testing:

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 2. Open top lid of base unit and ensure that both 911 and power switches are in the "on" position.
 3. Ensure that both "green" lights on the face of the base unit are on .
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 4. Depress and hold red pendent button for five seconds, the base unit will beep and red light on pendent will flash. This indicates a successful test and the system is functioning normally. Immediately cancel tests by pressing the large stop button on the front of the base unit, the pendent red light will continue to flash until it resets, this is normal.
 - A. If the red light on the pendent does not flash, replace 12 volt A23 battery in pendent. A small Phillips head screw holds the pendent together, remove screw and carefully split apart pendent to replace battery.
- If you encounter any problems or have questions, please call (906) 635-4971.

Chronic pain management program

A 12-week chronic pain management treatment program begins July 22 through Oct. 14. Weekly sessions take place on Mondays at 10 a.m. and Fridays at 3 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center auditorium in Sault Ste. Marie.

The objective of the sessions is to reduce chronic pain and learn alternatives to using pain medications for coping with pain. Those interested should call Wm. Lane Barber at 632-5200, extension 22620 or contact your health care provider to enroll.

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U.P. segment of U.S. Bicycle Route 35 opened

By RICK SMITH

Representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Chippewa County, Rudyard Township, Sault Tribe and the Adventure Cycling Association gathered in Rudyard alongside the Mackinaw Trail on June 13 for a ribbon cutting ceremony. The group met for a ceremony to mark the grand opening of the Upper Peninsula leg of U.S. Bicycle Route (USBR) 35, which spans from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., south to St. Ignace, Mich., along the Mackinaw Trail, officially known as County Designated Highway H-63.

In its current stage of development, USBR 35 extends south from the Upper Peninsula and roughly follows the eastern shore of Lake Michigan to the border with Indiana. Eventually,



Photo by Rick Smith

Officials and others gather on USBR 35 at the site of the ribbon cutting in Rudyard surrounding one of the signs that mark the trail. Currently, USBR 35 extends south from the Canadian border through the Upper Peninsula and roughly follows the eastern shore of Lake Michigan to the border with Indiana. Eventually, it will extend much farther to the south to reach New Orleans, La.

according to Kerry Irons of the Adventure Cycling Association, the route will extend to New

Orleans, La.

The Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health is a key

organization in planning and developing non-motorized transportation routes in communities throughout the tribe's service area and connecting adjacent community routes to USBR 35. Funding for the non-motorized routes comes through federal funding from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"The U.S. Bicycle Route System is a national network of regionally and nationally significant bicycling routes spanning multiple states," said Heather Hemming of the Sault Tribe Housing Authority. "The purpose of the USBR numbering and marking system is to facilitate travel between states on routes identified as being more suitable than others for cycling."

The Housing Authority is a component of the Strategic Alliance for Health.



Environmental Department welcomes new staff

By BRENDA AUSTIN

What is a brownfield? According to the Environmental Law Institute, a brownfield is "an industrial or commercial property that remains abandoned or underutilized in part because of environmental contamination or the fear of such contamination."

In an effort to categorize and list potential brownfields owned by the tribe, the Sault Tribe Environmental Department has welcomed brownfield coordinator/environmental specialist Abraham "A.J." Mclarahmore and public involvement/records clerk Amanda Peters.

Mclarahmore graduated from Lake Superior State University (LSSU) last year with a bachelor degree in science and geology and a minor in biology. He said since the brownfield department is new, they are currently working



to develop procedures and best practices. "We don't currently have a list of brownfield projects," he said, "but one of our top goals is to assess what the tribe has and see if any of them fall under the brownfield category." He started his position with the



tribe the last week of May.

Mclarahmore said once his assessments are complete, he will begin planning strategies to mitigate whatever problems there may be with designated tribal properties, allowing the tribe to use that land or building again.

Mclarahmore spent most of his life in Cedarville, graduating from Cedarville High School. He is married to Sarah Mclarahmore and they are expecting their first child in December. He is enlisted in the 1437th Army National Guard and was deployed to Iraq for eight months in 2009-2010.

Peters began her part-time employment in May and is working on the brownfield project with Mclarahmore, keeping public records and developing a website where people can go to view the information. She will be keeping both paper and electronic copies of the projects. "We are also looking into holding public meetings about brownfield projects and doing environmental outreach on our website, Facebook, Twitter and our blog," she said.

Peters holds two associates degrees – one in liberal arts and

also in business administration with a minor in health care administration. She continues to attend LSSU and will graduate next year with two bachelor degrees, one in business management and the other in marketing. A member of the Alpha Theta Omega sorority, she has helped with fundraising for breast cancer awareness and in building up the sorority on the university's campus.

Peters graduated from Sault Area High School and her parents are Bob and Tammy Vickers.

The Environmental Department will have a presence at this summer's powwows and will be attending the Cedarville Frog Fest where they will have an informational booth set up.

Both Mclarahmore and Peters are members of the Sault Tribe.

Author has book signing sessions at Kewadin

By RICK SMITH

Michigan mystery writer and syndicated columnist, David Walks-As-Bear, recently conducted an Upper Peninsula book signing tour promoting his works. He made appearances at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center on June 27-28 as well as the Bayliss Public Library on June 28 and the Whitefish Township Library on June 29.

According to his publisher, Wildland Press, the award winning Walks-As-Bear is an elder of the Shawnee Nation and his stories have been used for major

television productions and a feature film. He is the creator of the character Ely Stone, an Upper Peninsula tribal cop. His Bear's Den column appears throughout the state along with a Canadian outlet. The column is found in the monthly *Great Lakes Pilot* along with excerpts from his books.

Some of the titles Walks-As-Bear wrote are his latest, *Witiku, the Shape Shifter, The Murmurings, Old Money, The L.P. and Shamus Ghillie U.S. Secret Service in Medicine Hat*. He also wrote a science-fiction thriller titled *No Green Card*.

Wildland Press indicates Walks-As-Bear is a retired photojournalist and member of the American Legion.

Photo by Rick Smith

Right, author David Walks-As-Bear talks with, from left, Rosemary Ciluffo and Theresa Wheeler of Grand Rapids, Mich., at his first ever book signing at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie on June 27. Walks-As-Bear signed books the ladies bought during a cordial chat.



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Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act information

In 2010, President Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare. While this legislation was passed over three years ago, we are just beginning to implement and to understand the implications that the new regulations will have on the U.S. healthcare system. The requirements mandated by the law will change how the Sault Tribe Health Centers will deliver care and receive compensation. While many different factors will contribute to the overall success of the reform, we must first be aware of how the new health care provisions will affect us on an individual and tribal basis.

Three of the overall goals for the ACA are increasing health insurance coverage to all Americans, decreasing overall

health care costs and reducing health disparities. There will be several options available for those who need assistance to purchase health insurance, including Medicaid, Health Insurance Exchange program and individual government subsidies. Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, all Americans must be insured.

If all of our tribal members are insured, then more resources can be made available at our tribal health centers. The tribal Health Division team would like to encourage you and help you receive health insurance. Support will be offered at all of our tribal health centers for Medicaid enrollment and the "insurance exchange" programs. Just ask for assistance at the tribal health center nearest you.

When will the ACA be imple-

mented?

Enrollment will begin Oct. 1 and the program will be implemented Jan. 1, 2014.

What is the insurance "Exchange"?

This is the new system being set up in each state offering Health Insurance. Insurers will need approval to be part of the exchange. The benefits and coverage offered will determine the type of medical plan to be offered to Michigan consumers.

How will a tribal member enroll for this new insurance?

Once enrollment begins on Oct. 1 and the exchange is ready for business, there will be two methods to enroll — either online or by mail. The tribal Health Division team will provide members with enrollment assistance.

Will there be tax credits to

help purchase insurance?

Information from your federal income tax will be used to determine whether you qualify for tax credits or reduce or eliminate cost.

How will this benefit our tribal members and tribal health centers?

The positives coming out of the ACA are that more of our tribal members will have insurance and be able to access the health care system. Because the federal government and the Indian Health Service funds our clinics at only about 50 percent of our level of need, the remaining costs need to be found elsewhere. Having more insured tribal members using our tribal clinics will help to provide savings to the tribe's Contract Health Program, to purchase needed equipment,

to improve and expand all health care services and ensure that our people are able to live healthy and productive lives.

Who will help our uninsured tribal members with this new health coverage?

The Health Division has set up a team from various tribal departments that will help our tribal members with the new insurance options and how to enroll on the Michigan exchange. As our team learns more about the implementation of this new insurance exchange, we will get the word out to the membership. One online resource is www.nativeexchange.org. Also, Carol Pages Montie in the Contract Health Program at (906) 632-5220 can help answer your questions.

Luce County opens safe prescription drug disposal drop box

Community members now have access to a safe and secure way to turn in their unwanted, outdated and expired household medicines.

A newly installed prescription drug drop box at the Luce County Courthouse in Newberry offers an easy way to dispose of accumulated medications. Aimed at reducing the intentional or accidental risk of household medicine misuse, abuse, consumption by children or pets and improper disposal. The drop box provides a regularly accessible means to dispose of medications, supplementing the twice yearly Drug Enforcement Agency's Prescription Take Back Day program.

The ongoing success of the DEA program demonstrates the public's appreciation of having an opportunity to discard their unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs from their homes. Nationwide, the last Prescription Take Back Day in April collected 50 percent more pills than the previous collection day. Combined with the previous five collection days, more than 2.8 million pounds — 1,409 tons — of prescription medications



Prescription Drug Disposal Project participants, back row, left to right, Luce County Sheriff Kevin Erickson, Michigan State Police Lt. Dave Hopper, Helen Newberry Joy Hospital CEO Scott Pillion, Sault Tribe Rural Health Program Manager Marlene Glaesmann, Snyder's Drug Store Manager Bruce Klusmeyer and patient advocate Tracy Paramski. Front row, LMAS District Health Department Director Nick Derusha, Great Lakes Recovery Centers prevention specialist Mary Jenerou and Sault Tribe Community Health nurse Lisa Simmons.

to date have been removed from circulation.

Working together, Helen Newberry Joy Hospital (HNJH) Community Relations' Deborah Doyle and Snyder Drug Store Manager Bruce Klusmeyer, researched options and contacted the drop box manufacturer.

"We knew the service was

needed," said Doyle. "Once the project was determined to be feasible, other local health-related organizations were invited to participate including Luce County Sheriff Kevin Erickson, Michigan State Police Lieutenant Dave Hopper, LMAS District Health Department Director Nick Derusha; Sault Tribe Community

Health nurse Lisa Simmons, HNJH patient advocate Tracy Paramski and Great Lakes Recovery prevention specialist Mary Jenerou."

"The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians supports community wide efforts to address the safe disposal of prescription and over-the-counter drugs," Sault Tribe Rural Health Program Manager Marlene Glaesmann said. "We are pleased to participate with state and local drug take back programs across the Upper Peninsula."

Disposing of household medications that are no longer needed reduces the chance that someone other than the prescribed patient may accidentally misuse or abuse the medication. Studies have shown that, unfortunately, medicine cabinets have become the supply of choice for those seeking controlled substances, usually from the homes of family and friends.

It also keeps the medication out of the water supply. As Simmons points out, "Improperly disposing of medications by flushing or throwing them away presents a risk to the environment. When flushed, they

enter the wastewater system. Wastewater treatment plants and septic systems are not designed to remove these substances, which can then make their way into the soil, surface water and groundwater. Even throwing them away puts them into landfills, again leading back to the soil and water."

Unacceptable items include illicitly manufactured controlled substances (marijuana or methamphetamine for example), patches, thermometers, IV bags, aerosol cans, hydrogen peroxide, infectious waste, needles or other sharp objects.

Individual or loose pills must be in a sealed plastic bag and liquids must be in tightly sealed containers.

Once collected, the sheriff's office will ensure the medication is disposed of according to state and federal laws. For security purposes, the drop box is monitored by a camera and will be emptied daily.

Please direct any questions to your local pharmacist, the Luce County Sheriff's Office, 293-8431, or Deborah Doyle at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital and Health Care Center, 293-9130.

Food challenge encourages eating local produce

The Chippewa County Healthy Food Access Committee partnered with the Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant project and Sault Tribe Traditional Foods Grant project to host the first Let's Get Local Food Challenge set for August.

The challenge coordinates with the Let's Get Moving Challenge and encourages community members to continue to buy fresh, healthful, local produce at their local farmers market. For the month of August, participants will pledge to eat at least one meal entirely from local ingredients each week (four meals total). To qualify as being deemed "local," the produce must be grown in either the Upper Peninsula of Michigan or in Michigan. If participants cannot access produce grown in the Upper Peninsula or Michigan, they can purchase produce grown in the United States. Local food calendars will be available through the month of September. These calendars

include daily meal ideas, lists of in-season fruits and vegetables and recipes of the month. Community members can pick up these calendars at their local farmers market or at www.up4health.org.

To sign up for the local food challenge, leave a comment on the Let's Get Local blog at www.up4health.org. Participants may sign up any time before or during the month of August. Those who sign up for the challenge are asked to submit a photo with a brief description of the local healthy meal that they have prepared and email it to mbunker@saulttribe.net. Participants may enter up to four times during the month of August for a chance to win a \$50 farmers market gift certificate.

For more information on the Lets Get Local Food Challenge or other U.P. events, go to www.up4health.org or email communityhealth@saulttribe.net.

Join us in putting some of your grocery budget back into the community while putting healthy local foods into your bodies!!

For the month of August, pledge to eat at least one meal entirely from local ingredients each week. Pick up one of our Let's Get Local Calendars for June through September at the Farmer's Market for menu ideas!

To sign up for the challenge, leave a comment on our Let's Get Local blog at www.up4health.org. Join any time before or during the month of August.

WHAT IS "LOCAL"?

- Upper Peninsula of Michigan
- Michigan
- Locally "produced" (i.e. bread or jam)
- If all else fails, go for minimally processed & grown/raised in the US!

Get creative with your local meal! Write the story behind it or take a photo w/ a short description and email it to mbunker@saulttribe.net with your name, address, & telephone number. Enter up to four times and the end of the month, we'll do a drawing for a \$50.00 Farmers Market gift certificate!

Chronic Pain?

What: Please come join the chronic pain management treatment program. This will be a 12-week group focused on teaching chronic pain management techniques.

When: Weekly on Mondays and Fridays from July 22 to Oct. 14, 2013. Monday sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m. and Friday sessions will be at 3 p.m.

Where: Sessions take place in the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center auditorium.

Why: To reduce chronic pain and learn alternatives to using pain medications for coping with your pain.

Contact: Wm. Lane Barber MA, LPC, NCC at 632-5200 extension 22620 or your health care provider to enroll.

Munro volunteers as tribal veterans' representative

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Ron Munro is the Sault Tribe tribal veterans representative (TVR) outreach worker through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He volunteers his time – unpaid – to help tribal veterans access their VA benefits. TVRs are appointed and supported by tribal governments while receiving formal training from the VA – but are not VA employees.

Munro said he functions as a liaison between veterans, the VA and other organizations. Since April when he attended his first round of VA training, Munro has been able to offer his assistance to 25 veterans in Chippewa County. Although he is a TVR, Munro said he could assist any veteran within Chippewa County. Once his budget receives a boost by the tribe's board of directors, Munro said he hopes to be able to offer his services to tribal members and other veterans within the tribe's seven-county service area.

Also attending the TVR training was Walt Parish from the Bay Mills Indian Community.

Munro can help provide information and assistance on completing paperwork for healthcare enrollment, claims and education benefits and home loan benefits. He can also help families and spouses of veterans with death benefits and find answers to any questions they may have.

The goals of the VA outreach program are to reach out to all veterans while finding those who

are most underserved, help families of veterans, increase access to healthcare and benefits, help improve quality of life and act as a liaison. The TVRs receive ongoing training through the VA, including annual formal training sessions.

Munro himself is a disabled veteran injured in the line of duty during his enlistment in the Navy.

One of the projects currently underway within the VA and IHS, according to Munro, is a medical records sharing system, which will allow access to veterans medical records by both health care systems allowing veterans to receive better care. "We can help any veteran," he said. "We try to find out what their needs are so we can find services to help meet those needs. I was surprised to learn that Chippewa County has homeless veterans – I will try to get them in touch with the right programs that can assist them with their housing needs."

Munro said that according to statistics, Native Americans have served more per capita in the different branches of the military than any other minority group. "The VA is finding that Native America veterans are receiving the least amount of services. The VA is doing outreach to these Native veterans and their families to help them access services available to them," he said.

Munro has attended elder meetings in the Sault to seek referrals and make elders aware



Above: TVR Ron Munro (left) and Mary Beth Skupien, Ph.D., director of the Office of Rural Health, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (front, third from right) took part in a recent training for tribal veteran's representatives.

of VA services. He will be attending the next training session for TVRs in August.

Munro can be contacted by calling (906) 440-0679 or by email at munro@centurytel.net.

The TVR program began in 2001; with this year being the first year training for TVRs was held in Farwell, Mich. For more information about the TVR program, contact Minority Veterans Program coordinator Buck Richardson at William. richardson@va.gov.



Sherri Deloof, VISN 11 rural health/telehealth coordinator, tribal veteran's representative Ron Munro and Lisa Erich, Saginaw telehealth coordinator.

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U.S. OCR dismisses school mascot complaint

BY RICK SMITH

The Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) filed a complaint on Feb. 8, 2013, with the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (OCR) against 35 public K-12 schools and their 12 respective school districts for using sports mascots with American Indian names, nicknames, chants or imagery. The complaint was filed in light of increasing research showing the use of such mascots harms the academic achievement of students with American Indian ancestry and after extensive attempts through normal channels to encourage schools to drop Indian mascots. The OCR recently dismissed the complaint citing Michigan did not give specific examples or anecdotal instances of incidents where students suffered harm because of the use of mascots.

The MDCR has several options open to pursue the matter further and, according to spokeswoman Leslie Fritz, the department fully intends to continue pursuing a satisfactory resolution.

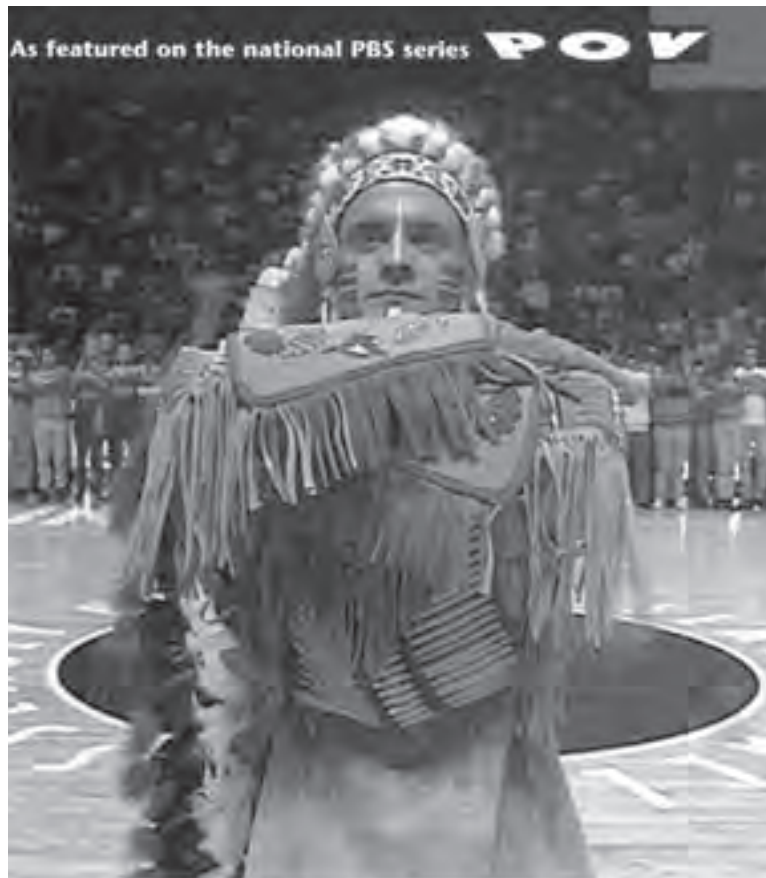
It appears schools use Indian mascots without any intent to cause harm and even consider them as displays of respect, according to the MDCR, but that view is invalid when it is shown the use of such mascots do indeed cause harm.

Imagine if, in place of Indian mascots, sports teams chose to “honor” United States military

service members and veterans in the same manner. Instead of a caricature of a “noble savage” wearing a war bonnet and face paint, teams could use exaggerated and inaccurate likenesses of men and women in uniforms festooned with all the flash one can imagine a military member might don, including service decorations such as the Medal of Honor. During games, teams could have people in costumes as live incarnations of those military style mascots prancing around and cutting clownish antics to entertain and heighten team spirit. Gestures such as snappy salutes and brisk marching in place could replace tired and dull moves now in use, such as the “tomahawk chop” and war whoops. Imagine the thunderous, rhythmic cadence coming from a few hundred or thousand sports fans vigorously marching in place together in the stands.

And imagine the array of nicknames — clichéd names like “Warriors” and “Chiefs” could be retained while “Redskins” could be retired and replaced with the “Big Red Ones” in honor of a famed Army infantry division.

Some might think the above would be great fun and tribute. Others, who have an accurate understanding of the military, its history, uniforms and honors, would be absolutely appalled at such a blatant trivialization and mockery of the U.S. military services, its members and veterans everywhere. This is akin to the



scenario Indian Country faces today. It appears the controversy over Indian mascots actually stems largely from the fact that some people have a better understanding than others about what is and what is not actually conveyed in the imagery. Some people

think Indians no longer exist, so no harm. Others know better. Compound the situation with the impressionable minds of young school students and a whole new dynamic is added, because the skewed imagery of Indians prevalent among many Indian mascots

represents some of the blood flowing through the very veins of some of the students.

Actually, sports teams should probably stick to “honoring” predatory wildlife and violent natural phenomenon, very little likelihood of perceived effrontery and offense taken that way.

Those interested in a better understanding of the opposing view in maintaining Indian mascots may arrange for a screening of the documentary *In Whose Honor? American Indian Mascots in Sports* by calling Colleen St. Onge at the Sault Tribe Ojibwe Learning Center and Library at 635-6050.

The documentary was viewed at a meeting between officials of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and some of the state’s American Indian tribes. The officials also discussed matters currently surrounding the issue of Indian mascots in schools. It was made clear the dismissal of the MDCR complaint by the U.S. Department of Education does not mean it is the end of the matter. Further, the civil rights officials invited the help of the tribal officials and, for that matter, tribal citizens throughout the state. “We’re busy people,” one of them noted, “but we believe very strongly in what we do. I hope that you will help us to help the people you represent. You’re the eyes and ears for your people if we’re needed.”

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U.P. media honored for excellence in encouraging news

The 2013 Good News Awards set a record for the greatest number of awards presented in its 16-year history, 33. In addition, eight certificates of merit were presented to media outlets from throughout the Upper Peninsula at the annual luncheon and awards ceremony on June 6 at the First Presbyterian Church in Marquette.

The Good News Awards honor regional works of excellence in broadcasting, print and on the web that affirm the dignity of people, recognize and uphold universally-recognized human values and uplift and nourish the human spirit. The religious leaders of the Presbyterian, United Methodist, Catholic, Episcopal and Evangelical Lutheran Churches in the Upper Peninsula region sponsor the awards.

This year, 17 newspapers, online publications, radio and television stations entered a total of 58 entries for the awards, which began in 1998. Forty-three media professionals were recognized for the positive stories they wrote and programs they produced during 2012.

Win Awenen Nisitotung received an award in the non-daily publication category for an August 2012 feature story titled *Seeing Eye-to-Eye Across Generation Gaps* (teens and elders help each other through school program) by Rick Smith.

This year's award marks the third such honor for *Win Awenen Nisitotung*. The paper also received awards in 2010 for the feature story *Playing for Change: Working for World Peace* and in 2012 for the straight news piece, *Tapawingo Farms Aims to Help Disadvantaged Youth*, both of those stories were also written by Smith.

Other honorees in the category were the *Bay Mills News*, Brimley, for *Eagle Staff Donated to Brimley Schools* (ceremonial tribal eagle staff donated to local school district) by Sharlene Myers, the *Munising News* and the *Upper Peninsula Second Wave*.

In addition to the feature story award, the *Bay Mills News* also took awards for a straight news piece, *Locals Travel to Rome for Kateri Canonization* (members of Blessed Kateri Church traveled to witness canonization of Native American) by Shannon Jones, and a certificate of merit in the photography category for *Mush!* (dogs work across snowy trails as part of the annual Kinross Sled Dog Race) by Jones.

Other non-daily winners in the straight news category were *The Munising News*, *Marquette Monthly* and the *Upper Peninsula Second Wave*. A certificate of merit went to *The North Wind* of Marquette. The *Second Wave* and *Marquette Monthly* took awards

Win Awenen Nisitotung garners third award since 2010



Attendees at the 2013 Good News Awards in Marquette included representatives from media outlets throughout the Upper Peninsula.

in the regular column category. The *Second Wave* also took an award for photography.

Daily publications that took 2013 awards were the *The Daily News* of Iron Mountain and *The Daily Globe* of Ironwood. Certificates of merit were awarded to *The Daily Globe*

of Ironwood and *The Mining Journal* of Marquette, which also garnered awards for editorial and regular column pieces. *The Daily Press* of Escanaba and *The Mining Journal* received awards for works in the series category.

Regional television stations honored at the ceremony

were *WBUP-TV/WBKP-TV* of Ishpeming, *WLUC-TV* in Negaunee and *WBUP-TV/WBKP-TV* in Ishpeming. Radio station taking honors were *WMQT-FM/8-18 Media* in Marquette, *WYKX-FM* in Escanaba, *WNMU-FM* in Marquette, and *WDBC-AM*, Escanaba.

Sugar Island preservation group raffles classic auto



By Rick Smith

The Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society is offering a 1978 Mercury Marquis Colony Park station wagon in a raffle to raise funds to restore the Brassar Road schoolhouse on Sugar Island. According to Art Leighton and Wayne Corbiere the school was built in the mid-1890s and is the last of four schoolhouses that once served the island.

According to David Bean of the island's historical society, the classic station wagon is in very good condition, has logged only 55,118 actual miles and has never been subjected to any restoration work. It features a brown and tan color scheme with leather seats, air conditioning, AM/FM radio, cruise control, power locks, power seats, power steering and power windows. The car has a

351 cubic inch M engine with a positraction rear end. The nine-passenger car has a remarkably clean interior with inward facing seats in the back.

The raffle winner will have the option of taking \$1,000 in lieu of the station wagon. However, the vehicle could probably fetch somewhere between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

In addition, the historical society raffle offers an antique Stevens .22 caliber rifle or \$200 as second prize and the third place prize is \$100.

Tickets for the raffle are available until Nov. 15 at various area events and powwows from members of the historical society. Additional information about ticket sales may be acquired by calling Art Leighton at 253-0966 or Wayne Corbiere at 635-8457.

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Payment elected to vice presidency of MAST

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Aaron A. Payment, Sault Tribe chairperson, was elected as vice president of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes July 10. MAST officers were nominated and elected by their peers to two-year terms at its July 9-10 annual organizational meeting in St. Paul, Minn.

Michigan had a strong showing in this term's election of officers. In addition to Payment, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe council member Michele Stanley was elected president and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians council member Kim Alexander as treasurer. Greg Matson of the Oneida Band in Wisconsin was elected secretary.

Founded in 1997, MAST serves 36 tribes across Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa with three representative organizations, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council and United Tribes of Michigan. Its mission is to "advance, protect, preserve and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign nations of the Midwest." MAST

also holds a legislative impact meeting in Washington DC each year.

"I am very proud to serve as vice-president of MAST," said Payment. "I will do my best to represent not only our Sault Tribe interests but also that of our fellow Anishinaabeg — Chippewa, Odawa and Potawatomi."

Payment added, "One recent accomplishment is our MAST resolution passed in January, for which I made the motion, that called for President Obama to establish a Tribal Counsel on Indian Affairs. Just over a week ago, the President signed an Executive Order creating this new body. Attending regional and national meetings allows us to represent our interests at the highest level. I am excited to do so!"

The 11 years Scott Vele has served as MAST's executive director, he has seen many leaders come and go. "Sault Tribe has always been a staunch supporter of all tribes," said Vele. "The strong, respected leadership driven by Aaron Payment, Michele Stanley, Greg Matson and Kim Alexander assures better communication with each other,



MAST EXECUTIVE BOARD — (L-R) MAST Executive Director Scott R. Vele, Secretary Greg Matson (Vice Chairman, Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin), President Michele Stanley (Tribal Councilwoman, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council), Treasurer Kim Alexander (Tribal Councilwoman, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) and Vice President Aaron A. Payment (Tribal Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians).

Congress, the Senate and the White House as MAST moves into more positive direction. I'm proud to serve with these four

peers of mine."

Payment attended the MAST meeting with Unit 1 Director Jennifer McLeod and Unit 1

Director Cathy Abramson, who was attending in her capacity as chair of the National Indian Health Board.

Bayliss receives Lucy Ashmun-Ripley collection

BY RICK SMITH

The Bayliss Public Library conducted a reception in honor of a donation of a collection of documents and artifacts of Lucy Ashmun-Ripley from the era of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The collection consists of assorted records, personal cards and letters, photographs, news clippings, artworks and other materials.

"We're really excited about this," said Ken Miller, director of the Bayliss Library, "we like it anytime someone gives us family papers that we can preserve."

Miller explained the library keeps historical records and memorabilia in the climate-controlled Judge Joseph H. Steere Room, which houses a wide variety of items focused primarily on the eastern Upper Peninsula but includes materials from a wider range as well. He said anyone who has any old family papers laying around should consider donating them to the library. "Doesn't matter if it's just some of your grandmother's old letters," said Miller, "things like that can contribute greatly to research." As an example, he cited how he recently experienced



Photo by Rick Smith

The Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie conducted a reception on June 15 for the donation of the Lucy Ashmun-Ripley collection of family documents and artifacts. Pictured here are some of the descendant family members of Sault Ste. Marie. Appearing in the photo in the front row, left to right, Jeremy Ripley, Sarah Davis, Ann Marie Woodall and David Ripley. In the back row, left to right, Jim Woodall, Edna Kelly Koller, Mike Ripley and Mike Aikens. The collection is available for viewing by the public at the library. See more photos on page 21.

the past coming to life while he perused an old ferry service accounting book from the Lucy Ashmun-Ripley collection. "You got a feel for the day-to-day activities of the ferry service," Miller noted, along with reading content often either directly or indirectly related to historical events.

Lucy Ashmun-Ripley was the granddaughter of Samuel Ashmun, daughter of Edward

Ashmun and the wife of Charles Ripley.

Samuel Ashmun was a representative of the American Fur Company from 1818 to 1830 who spent his time posted in remote wilderness areas. He married Nancy "Keneesequa" Brushette, the daughter of a Chippewa chief in 1827 and they settled in Sault Ste. Marie in 1838. The town's main street is named in his honor and, while the family name was

originally spelled as Ashman, the street was named Ashmun due to a typographic error and the family changed the spelling of the family name. Ashmun went on to serve as a justice of the peace, probate judge, county judge, postmaster and was elected to the state legislature three times. He and his wife had a large family and lived in Sault Ste. Marie.

Edward Ashmun served as an Indian interpreter and fur trader, postmaster of Sault Ste. Marie, justice of the peace, government interpreter, keeper at Whitefish Point Light, lake customs inspector and served two terms as the Chippewa County sheriff. Edward and his wife, Amanda, lived in the family home and had nine children, which included Lucy, who was born in 1850.

Charles Ripley was born in New York in 1845 and became a lawyer as well as a Michigan timber looker. He married Lucy Ashmun in 1870 in a service officiated by Rev. T.R. Easterday. Ripley took a job with the federal government as a customs inspector in Sault Ste. Marie and later became a clerk for the L.P. Trempe store as well as serving three terms as the township clerk

and village assessor, a member of the village commission, deputy registrar of deeds and deputy postmaster. He led the firm of Ripley and Pickford beginning in 1883 and became a captain as he put the first steam ferry in the county into service in 1877. It is believed that Lucy was the only woman to pilot a steamer across the St. Marys River as well as from DeTour to Whitefish Point through the St. Marys River Canal. Charles left Ripley and Pickford in 1888 and, in 1896, merged his ferry line with another ferry service to form the Sault Ste. Marie Ferry Company where he served as general manager until 1903, when he ran a ferry service serving the Huron Mountain Club out of Marquette.

Lucy was also a teacher in the schools of Sault Ste. Marie as well as a member of the Pythian Sisters and the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church. She and her husband lived to celebrate 60 years in a marriage that produced 11 children and 16 grandchildren before she passed in 1933 at her family's home on what is now designated as Water Street.

NOAA seeks public input for potential new marine sanctuaries

The United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is seeking public input on a proposed process and associated criteria to evaluate potential new national marine sanctuaries in the nation's marine and Great Lakes environments.

NOAA will finalize the proposed process and criteria upon receiving public comment. NOAA will then consider whether to begin accepting nominations for new sanctuaries.

The National Marine Sanctuaries Act in 1972 gave

NOAA a mandate to identify, designate and protect marine areas of special national significance. The public's involvement in shaping the mechanisms used to nominate new sanctuaries will help NOAA in this mission.

"National marine sanctuaries support local economies by ensuring a healthy and productive ocean," said Holly A. Bamford, Ph.D., assistant NOAA administrator for the National Ocean Service. "Our goal is to establish a process communities can use to recommend areas of the marine environment that could benefit

from designation as a sanctuary, and we're asking the public to tell us what they think that criteria should be."

In 1995, the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries deactivated the previous process for nominating national marine sanctuaries. Since that time members of Congress, state officials, tribes, non-governmental organizations and others have expressed interest in pursuing new national marine sanctuaries.

Reestablishing the nomination process will not affect the public's current use of the marine

environment. NOAA may implement regulations only when an area is designated as a national marine sanctuary — a process that is highly public and participatory and typically takes years to complete.

Comments can be submitted electronically via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Under Keyword or ID, type in NOAA-NOS-2013-0091. Click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields and enter or attach your comments. To read the full Federal Register notice, visit

www.sanctuaries.noaa.gov.

All comments must be received by August 27.

The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries serves as trustee for a system of 14 marine protected areas, encompassing more than 170,000 square miles of America's ocean and Great Lakes waters. Through active research, management, and public engagement, national marine sanctuaries sustain healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies.

Obama issues executive order establishing White House Council on Native American Affairs

By Rick Smith

President Barack Obama issued an executive order on June 26 establishing the White House Council on Native American Affairs. The new council is primarily tasked with improving coordination of federal programs and the use of resources available to Indian Country communities. The secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior is tasked to chair the council and members include heads or senior-level representatives of 30 federal executive departments, agencies and offices.

“I am honored to chair this council,” noted Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. “Throughout the year, the council will work collaboratively toward advancing five priorities that mirror the issues tribal leaders have raised during previous White House Tribal Nations

Conferences: 1) promoting sustainable economic development; 2) supporting greater access to and control over health care; 3) improving the effectiveness and efficiency of tribal justice systems; 4) expanding and improving educational opportunities for Native American youth; and 5) protecting and supporting the sustainable management of Native lands, environments and natural resources.”

The council consists of 14 major executive departments including the departments of Defense, Justice, Treasury, Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, Energy, Education, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security. The roster of eight federal agencies further forming the council include the Social Security

Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Small Business Administration, Council of Economic Advisors, Domestic Policy Council, National Economic Council, Council on Environmental Quality and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The remaining eight federal offices assigned seats cover Personnel Management, Management and Budget, U.S. Trade Representative, National Drug Control Policy, Science and Technology Policy, Denali Commission, White House Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs and the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs.

The order mandates the council to coordinate its outreach to federally recognized American Indian tribes through the White House Office of Public Engagement

and Intergovernmental Affairs. Further, the council is required to meet three times annually in addition to meetings convened as deemed necessary by the chair, who may also invite other interested agencies and offices to attend meetings as appropriate.

The mission and function of the council, in brief, is to collaborate in the “development of federal policy recommendations to support tribal self-governance and improve the quality of life for Native Americans, and shall coordinate the United States government’s engagement with tribal governments and their communities.” The section of the executive order detailing the council’s purpose further mandates that the council shall make recommendations to the president on improving federal efforts to support the advancement of tribal autonomy and prosperity, coordinate more

effective and efficient consultation with tribes and assist in organizing the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference.

According to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), “the council has been a top priority of tribal leaders from the very earliest days of the Obama administration.” The NCAI passed a resolution during its 2009 annual convention that called upon the president to establish such a council. In 2012, after Obama’s reelection, the NCAI again urged the president to create the council as part of several measures to strengthen governmental relationships between the United States and recognized American Indian tribes.

Other tribal organizations supported the development and establishment of the council, including the United Tribes of Michigan.

Tribe awarded nearly \$4.5 million for housing



By Rick Smith

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently awarded \$563 million to 539 American Indian tribes across the United States. The awards are the annual HUD Indian Housing Block Grants the agency distributes to tribes for an array of housing services.

According to HUD, Sault Tribe is receiving \$4,482,114 this year.

The funds cover housing operations, modernization measures, financial assistance programs, as well as safety and prevention services, according to Joni Talentino, director of the Sault Tribe Housing Authority.

Specifically, the funding will support modernization and upgrades to current rental housing to address any needed safety concerns, moisture remediation and increase in energy efficiency.

Further, the funds go toward routine and urgent unit maintenance, warehouse operations, utility costs, insurance, work order system, inventory control and tracking, equipment and vehicle maintenance, snow removal and lawn care for elderly and handicapped residents.

In addition the funds boost the Housing Authority’s down payment assistance and rental assistance programs. One program helps income eligible families with down payment assistance and closing costs required to buy a home. The other program aids

income eligible members who are unable to get into low-income housing on the open market by subsidizing required rental amounts.

The block grants also provide funding for homeowners who live off-reservation to replace water heaters and furnaces as well as to help with necessary repairs and replacements to bring homes up to standard conditions.

In Sault Ste. Marie, the Odenaang housing site will receive help from the grant toward furthering the project to connect the water and sewer pipes to the city’s system.

In St. Ignace, the grant will support acquisition of state low-income tax credits to secure matching federal construction funding.

The grant supports tribal housing prevention and safety efforts by funding the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement’s canine and the Mary Murray Culture Camp, which provides many healthful cultural activities for the youth and adults living in the tribe’s housing communities.

Further, the grant enables staff from the Housing Authority with providing housing residents with financial management training, community building events, safety fairs and referrals to outside agencies to provide assistance to specific concerns and self sufficiency training to housing residents.

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Non-motorized transportation plan in development

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— The Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project is partnering with the Sault Tribe Transportation Planning Department to improve non-motorized transportation facilities within 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 facilities and communities across the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This plan will include stakeholder consultations, evaluations of existing conditions, safety analyses, prioritizing routes for improvement, development of design guidelines and the preparation of implementation plans.

This plan will be designed to document the tribe's non-motor-

ized transportation needs and to guide the tribe's investment decisions related to non-motorized facilities. The plan will involve tribal areas including housing developments, schools, offices, casinos and other tribal facilities. The plan will be developed in consultation with the tribal council, members and other stakeholders.

The plan is under development by Opus International

Consultants and led by Jeffrey Bagdade, who has more than 10 years of experience specializing in transportation engineering and planning, and in particular the implementation of Complete Streets projects. He 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 devel-

oped a short survey. Your opinions on the walkability and bikeability of your community are very important to this planning process. Visit online at www.saulttribewalkingandbiking.notlong.com find the survey.

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

HHS seeks applicants for HHSentpreneurs Program

Wanted: innovators and entrepreneurs

Health and Human Services (HHS) Deputy Secretary Bill Corr recently announced that the department is seeking innovators and entrepreneurs to apply for the HHSentpreneurs Program. Launched last year, HHSentpreneurs connects private sector innovators and entrepreneurs with teams of federal employees working on projects that address some of the biggest challenges in health, health care and human services.

The first individuals hired last October through HHSentpreneurs are working on critical projects including the Affordable Care Act, health resilience technology, and the nation's organ transplant system.

“By bringing the best in the public and private sectors

together, HHSentpreneurs is creating an environment in HHS that fosters innovative solutions to new and old challenges,” Deputy Secretary Corr said.

HHSentpreneurs is recruiting the brightest experts and entrepreneurs in the nation who have demonstrated a significant record of achievement in their fields. In last year's competition for four projects, six individuals were selected from a field of more than 100 candidates. These highly talented professionals from business, industry and academia bring successful innovations, models and business practices to work on specific, high-priority projects over a period of six to 12 months.

This year, HHSentpreneurs intends to place six to eight external entrepreneurs into the following projects starting in the fall of 2013:

• Application of design

thinking to grants: The Administration for Children and Families seeks to improve grantee program implementation to better meet the needs of the low income populations that the agency serves through the creation of a low cost, replicable methodology to better assess grantee client problems.

• Cloud-based GIS maps displaying aggregate data on medical malpractice:

The Health Resources Services Administration seeks to build a public-facing Geographic Information Systems map application that displays medical malpractice data to allow researchers and the general public to better view, analyze and understand this information to support the development of novel tools and strategies to improve patient safety and protection.

• Health information exchange accelerators:

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology seeks to accelerate health information exchange (HIE) by developing new tools that can reduce HIE implementation effort and cost for a wide range of health care entities including those that are not eligible for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Electronic Health Records Incentive Program.

• Modernizing the

National Plan and Provider Enumeration System: CMS seeks to improve the existing National Plan and Provider Enumeration System to improve usability, scalability and data quality.

• Predictive analytics, merging innovation and business operations:

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources seeks to leverage the field of predictive analytics to

generate predictive risk models to proactively manage grants across HHS operating and staff divisions.

• Publication planning and clearance process improvement project: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs seeks to re-engineer its publications planning and clearance process to better meet the needs of a communications landscape dominated by digital and social media.

Applications are being accepted until Aug. 16, 2013. For more information and to apply, visit www.hhs.gov/open/initiatives/entrepreneurs/index.html.

The HHS is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.

Full participation of indigenous nations in U.N. sought

WASHINGTON, D.C.
— Indigenous governments, including the tribal nations of North America, are seeking an official status in the United Nations in the lead up to the high level plenary to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (WCIP) in New York City in September of 2014.

In late May of 2013 during the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York City, more than 72 tribal nations and 10 Indian and Native Hawaiian organizations, including the NCAI, called on the U.N. to adopt rules to recognize the “regular and permanent status” of constitutional and customary Indigenous governments at the U.N. and become fully inclusive of all indigenous governments. More specifically, the joint statement (download at http://files.ncai.org/broadcasts/2013/June/Joint%20statement%20WCIP%20For%20Distribution_FINAL.pdf) made three recommendations for consideration leading up to the WCIP:

1) That a new monitoring body be incorporated within the UN to help guide implementation of the declaration by members states of the U.N.;

2) That the U.N. take action to address the issue of violence against Indigenous women, including convening a high-level conference to discuss this matter, ensuring any monitoring mechanism of the declaration pay particular attention to Article 22, and to appoint a special rapporteur with a specific focus on violence against Indigenous women and

children; and

3) That the U.N. take action to give constitutional and customary governments of indigenous peoples a dignified, permanent status within its processes, which acknowledges their rights as self-governing nations.

In a global meeting recently conducted in Alta, Norway, tribes continued to advocate that the U.N. adopt rules to recognize the “regular and permanent status” of constitutional and customary indigenous governments at the U.N. and become fully inclusive of all indigenous governments.

Currently, indigenous governments have no official status in the U.N. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are given a formal “consultative status” in U.N. processes and are relied upon in matters affecting indigenous peoples, while the elected or traditionally appointed governments of indigenous nations are often denied an active role in discussions affecting their people.

The global meeting in Alta took place to prepare for the U.N.'s high level plenary meeting set for September of 2014 and produced an outcome document with recommendations for the implementation of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples with input from seven indigenous caucuses from throughout the world. Recommendation 2.10 states: Pursuant to the universal application of the right of self-determination for all peoples, recommends that the U.N. recognize indigenous peoples and nations based on our original free existence,

inherent sovereignty and the right to self-determination in international law. We call for, at a minimum, permanent observer status within the U.N. system enabling our direct participation through our own governments and parliaments. Our own governments include inter alia our traditional councils and authorities.

Participating in the Alta meetings were Chairman John Sirois of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Chief John Giesbrecht of the Kwikwetlem First Nation, Chief Wilfred King of the Gull Bay First Nation; Dwight Witherspoon (tribal council representative) and Leonard Gorman (executive director, Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission) on behalf of the Navajo Nation. Frank Ettawageshik of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and executive director of the United Tribes of Michigan also participated as an official delegate of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

Statement of the NCAI: “The tribal nations that participated in these meetings helped continue the push for full and effective participation for indigenous nations in the U.N.

NCAI has an NGO status with the U.N., yet believes that tribes should be afforded their full and effective status, and is committed to acting as a resource for tribes wanting to participate in U.N. discussions.

NCAI insists that Indigenous nations need an active, direct voice in the U.N., especially con-

sidering that indigenous nations remain at the forefront of the world's most challenging issues — from climate change to poverty. To recognize the autonomy of indigenous governments and afford them a rightful seat at the table is a critical step to fully implementing the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Letters

A challenge to our board of directors

With the election of a new chair and several new board members to our tribal leadership about a year ago, I had high hopes our tribe could start moving forward. That we could finally start moving away from the stagnant culture that has sickened our tribe for too many years. That we would finally get a new constitution, a separation of powers, reductions in board salaries and many other needed changes that the people have been asking for.

But what did we get? It seems what we got is just more of the same old song and dance. We have the same constitution, no separation of powers and the same board salaries. We even have the same whining, complaining, back and forth bickering where everyone blames everyone else for nothing getting accomplished. And what happens, as usual? Nothing gets accomplished. Well, except that each board member who just can't seem to get anything done still collects a nice paycheck each

month.

So considering that nothing seems to have changed, I pose a question to the entire board (from the chairman on down). Why did you run for the current position you presently hold? Was it because you like the money and perks of the job or because you wanted to lead our tribe? I assume few will say it was because of the paycheck, so I have to assume then it was because they wanted to lead our tribe.

If that is the case, then stop whining about grievances of the past and current challenges of your job and do the job you were elected to do by the people. The bottom line is that whining accomplishes nothing. It just makes the people you are whining about impossible to work with and makes you look weak and ineffective to others. So board members, I challenge each of you to grow up, buck up and do your job. Stop the childish bickering and blame games and lead this tribe forward into pros-

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Valid photo tribal cards can be used as only form of identification when crossing U.S.-Canadian border

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

This is a question and answer article about border crossings for Native Americans and Canadian aboriginals using their valid photo ID tribal identification cards to cross the International Bridge between the twin Saults, or any U.S.-Canadian border crossing.

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Public Affairs Liaison Chief Douglas Price answered questions provided by Win Awenen Nisitotung (WAN).

WAN: Can U.S. tribal members and First Nations members use only their tribal IDs to cross

the [U.S./Canadian] border?

CBP: Yes, Native Americans born in Canada can use their Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) identification. All Native Americans who are members of a U.S. federally recognized tribe can use their tribal photo identification card, an approved enhanced tribal card (ETC), a valid U.S. passport, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST cards or enhanced driver's license to cross the border.

WAN: If that is the case - will they be under any additional scru-

tiny or delays by doing so?

CBP: As with any traveler, possessing an old, worn or faded travel document could cause delays if the officer cannot determine if the document belongs to the individual presenting it. Officers can request additional identification to verify the information on the original document presented.

WAN: If tribal members and First Nations members can in fact cross using only their tribal IDs, do you see this changing in the near future?

CBP: North American Tribes that are looking to issue secure, enhanced tribal cards (ETC) are encouraged to enter into agreement with DHS (Department of Homeland Security) to develop a machine-readable document that complies with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. The ETC establishes identity, tribal

membership and citizenship for the purpose of entering the United States by land or sea—enhancing safety and security of U.S. borders while facilitating legitimate travel and trade.

WAN: I understand Anthony Fazzari was recently hired as the chief supervisory officer [at the Sault, Michigan side of the International Bridge]— I would appreciate a direct quote from him about his beliefs surrounding the tribal/First Nations ID concerns.

CBP: Chief Fazzari began his career with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Sault Sainte Marie, MI in 1997 and has served as the port's border community liaison since January. He is committed to CBP's mission statement to "serve the American public with vigilance, integrity and professionalism."

WAN: Is there a count of how many First Nations/U.S. tribal members cross the Sault Ste. Marie international bridge daily? Other ports of entry?

CBP: We do not track the number of Native Americans or any other ethnicity at the port of entry who simply cross the border, however we do collect certain information during secondary inspections.

WAN: What if a tribal/First Nations member is going through customs and an officer thinks that person can't pass with their tribal card alone? What should that person do?

CBP: Travelers can ask to speak to a supervisor at any time if they have questions, complaints, or accolades for our officers. We have supervisors on shift 24/7. They can also call in advance of their arrival if they have questions.

Askwith and Stanaway begin 10th concert year



Sault singers and songwriters Susan Askwith and Dave Stanaway are beginning their 10th year of concerts at the Johnston Historic Home on Water Street next to the U.S. Coast Guard Base in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. They are featured each Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. during July and August.

Over the past 10 years, the songwriting team has composed more than 50 songs celebrating the vast history of Sault Ste. Marie and the surrounding area.

The duo began by writing a dozen songs, which they performed during their first year. The themes of the early songs were closely tied to the settler John Johnston, his wife Ozhaaishkodewikwe, their family and the lives of Native Americans of the time.

Audiences were instrumental in suggesting other themes and events worthy of recalling in song. Each year, Askwith and Stanaway expanded their music to include lore of the eastern Upper Peninsula and Great Lakes and of more recent historical events.

Both the original Coast Guard Cutter Mackinac's contribution to the war effort during World War II and the building of the Mackinac Bridge in the 1950s became song topics.

Other songs relate the history of EUP communities, including St. Ignace, DeTour, Drummond Island, Bay Mills, Point Iroquois, Barbeau, Sugar Island and Neebish Island.

Askwith's poignant song, *The Easily Wounded Nature of our Souls*, is an example of poetic license in imagining a woman's plight, based on an actual event in DeTour. The lyrics tell of a widow who, after the death of her husband in a duel, turned to knitting socks as a way to make a living and to connect with people in the most basic of circumstances — human comfort.

With hundreds of shipwrecks in the Whitefish Point area alone, Stanaway began to research Great Lakes lore. The result was two songs about shipwrecks: *The Sinking of the Daniel J. Morrell*, a ship that sank in Lake Huron in November 1966; and *The Cyprus*, about a 100 year old shipwreck discovered in 2007.

Stanaway and Askwith have recorded a CD, *John Johnston, His Life and Times in the Fur Trade Era*. The CD is available at the Johnston Home and online at the studio website at www.borderlandrecords.com, as well as at several area businesses.

The Johnston Historic Home is open daily from noon to 5 p.m. In addition to the Johnston Home, the Kemp Museum and the Schoolcraft Dependency Office building are open to the public. Bishop Baraga's home is undergoing restoration with plans to have the first floor open to the public later this year.

For further information, contact the Chippewa County Historical Society 635-7082 or visit the website www.cchsmi.com.

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Tribal member James Menard publishes book

Turns youthful fascination into a two-year publishing project about little known Oshkosh plow truck

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

What does a heavy equipment master mechanic do after he retires? In this case, he writes and publishes a book. James Menard said his wife, Suzanne, a language arts teacher at JKL Bahweting School, encouraged him to find a hobby, so he did. He decided to document something that had fascinated him as a youth, the Oshkosh WT-2206 trucks he watched and photographed on his small plastic camera at Kincheloe AFB, near his hometown in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The truck, which he says was so often hiding in plain sight, was a one-of-a-kind snowplow designed for use on Strategic Air Command (SAC) and Air Defense Command nuclear bomber bases throughout the North American snow belts.

The big yellow plow has a local history, which Menard was able to document in his book. Menard said with help from the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory he found the original engineering reports of the WT-2206 when it was first tested in Raco, Mich., in 1957.

"I found the actual test documents for all the prototypes, the technical drawings and every engine (gas and diesel) and plow that was used on them are all documented in the book," he said. It took over two years of research, travel and connecting with other people and organizations throughout the country familiar with the truck to gather the necessary information and photos for the book.

Everything there is to know about this truck has been captured in Menard's book with original documentation and specifications, photos and glimpses of life in a different era.

What makes this truck unique is the cutting edges on the top and bottom of the rollover plow, allowing it to plow in both directions. Menard said that once an alert siren on one of the bases was activated, the bombers had to be able to take off on a cleared runway within 12 minutes. "There were no excuses, there was no room for foolishness. These bombers were carrying nuclear ordinance, the runways had to be clean."

Menard said he remembers watching the plows through the perimeter fencing on the base in Kincheloe and seeing signs saying deadly force was authorized and that no photographs were



Jim Menard with his newly published book

allowed. "So the plows were there, but didn't exist. Only the guys that drove, managed and maintained them — and the people that built them — knew about them," he said. Menard's brother-in-law worked at the AFB and used to take young Menard to work with him, where he used his plastic camera to take pictures, some of which are featured in the book.

Menard said when Oshkosh was awarded the contract from the Air Force in 1959 for 160 of the 4-wheel drive snow-removal trucks, it couldn't have come at a better time for the almost bankrupt company. The 54,000-pound trucks were originally produced at a rate of two a day and were equipped with 333 horsepower engines. The rollover plows are capable of clearing 10-foot swathes per trip. The plows were designed for high-speed runway clearance at speeds up to 55 miles per hour.

Many of these plows are still in use today. According to Menard, there are seven WT-2206s still in use at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, a decommissioned base in northeastern Iosco County. Three are in use at KI Sawyer by Marquette and two at the old Kincheloe base, now Chippewa County International Airport. Menard said the truck featured on the cover of his book is still used every winter.

Menard had help in his researching efforts from the truck's manufacturer, which is where he met 94-year-old

Clarence Jungwirth, who still puts in 4-hour days at the factory and to whom he dedicated his book. "He is one of the original draftsmen of the WT-2206," Menard said. "Jungwirth told me when they were all at the AFB in Kincheloe testing the plows the general and colonels all had stop watches. When the flag was dropped, the five trucks took off to clear the runways and came back 19 minutes later — they had been expecting it to take an hour. He said nobody said a word and the next day they had an order for 160 trucks."

Menard said the trucks were built and maintained so well and have lasted so long they became a black sheep at Oshkosh because that limited their market for new truck sales.

Over half of the 378-page book is color and includes over 300 color photos and many drawings from the original 1950s manuals Menard found at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri at the Army Engineers Library. Menard took most of the pictures in the book during his travels.

He created his own company, Northland Press, to publish his book and used a digital press in Ann Arbor to print the book. He worked with local editor Jan Reed and graphic designer William Gerrish. "It's my book and I wanted to do it all myself," he said. "I didn't want to involve anyone else except my production team. There are a lot of extra charges for someone else to do your work, we could do the work

Cookin' with the WT-2206

Menard says he has heated up many hot meals on exhaust manifolds, including his mother's recipe for pastys.

A pasty is a regional fare of the U.P. of Michigan, Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. It's a meat pie that Finnish miners brought to work for their meals wrapped in aluminum foil. The miners used their shovels over a carbide lamp to heat their food. Menard says many men who worked at the SAC bases in Northern Michigan will remember heating pastys up on a WT-2206 exhaust manifold.

This is his mother's pasty recipe (page 225 of his book) that he likes to eat with ketchup or a Memphis style BBQ sauce. It is also good with gravy, he says. "There is always a small nook or casting on the exhaust manifold where a partially opened can of soup, pizza, or a pasty wrapped in foil will fit."

Julia's Pasty Recipe

- Cook times vary with length of runway
- Snow depth will also affect cook times and temperature settings. The deeper the snow, the hotter the oven.
- Always partially open the can and make sure it is contained in some form of foil wrap.
- Always keep the valve covers on your engine tight to avoid that 30WT motor oil flavor.

Shell:

- 1 cup finely grated suet (lard)
 - ¾ cup shortening
 - 1 Tbps. salt
 - 3 cups pastry flour
- Mix with fingers until fine and moisten with ice water until pastry stays together firmly.

Filling (for one pasty)

- ½ cup pork and beef, cut small
- ½ cup onions, chopped fine
- ¼ cup turnips, chopped fine
- ¼ cup potatoes, chopped fine

Roll pastry out thin. Cut dough using a 9-inch plate turned upside down. Fill dough with alternate layers of meat and vegetable, beginning and ending with the meat. Season to taste. Fold pastry in half to meet in the middle, press sides firmly together near the top and prick with a fork three or four times. Bake in a 400-degree oven for one hour.



ourselves, so why farm it out?"

Menard was born in 1953 in Sault Ste. Marie. He has had a passion for trucks and heavy equipment from an early age, pursuing an education in the field and graduating with an associate's degree from Ferris State University. After a 40-year career as a heavy equipment master mechanic at the Operating Engineers Local 324 in Detroit, a

Cat field serviceman for three different dealers and an equipment manager for Green Holdings in Des Moines, Iowa, he retired. Menard says his book is a treasure for truck enthusiasts, historians and fans of the Oshkosh WT-2206 truck.

Menard's book can be purchased by visiting his website at northlandpress.net.

A child abuse investigator's call to the church

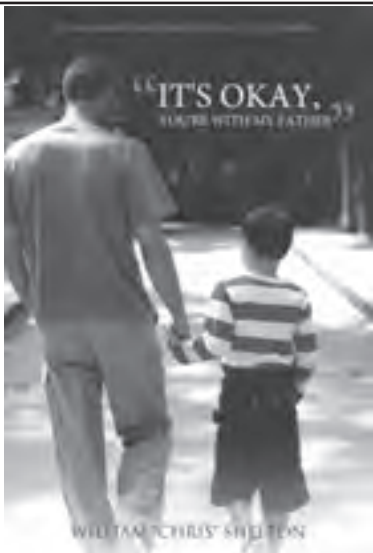
Sault Tribe member William "Chris" Shelton published a book in 2011 titled, *It's Okay, You're With My Father* (A Child Abuse Investigator's Call to the Church).

Shelton, who indicates he is a founding minister of Reach Out Christ's Kingdom (ROCK) Ministries, describes the work as an effort against child abuse.

Those interested may inquire about more infor-

mation or acquiring copies of the book by contacting the author at P.O. Box 111, Piggott, AR 72454; visit www.reachoutchristskingdom.org, email rock_ministries@live.com or go to R.O.C.K. Ministries on Facebook.

The book is also available through www.westbowpress.com or by calling (866) 928-1240.



Employee snapshot

Name: Mary Menominee
 Department: Inter Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program
 Position: Administrative secretary
 Years at job: 25

What she likes best about her job — "I like the fact that our program is all about helping the fishermen. I also enjoy my co-workers!"

Bio — "I am married to Tom Sauro, who also works for the tribe in the health field. We have dogs, cats and horses, which keep us very busy. My hobbies are gardening, landscaping and beading."



Conventioneers parade on Sault reservation



Pictured are just a few highlights of the recent parade on the Sault reservation led by motorcyclists as it coursed from the powwow grounds parking area onto Shunk Road, passing the casino complex. Above left, a color guard from the United States Coast Guard. Above right, bagpipes and drums from Ontario gave an international flavor to the parade.



Automobiles carried some of the convention VIPs along the parade route.

Sault Tribe became a part of American Legion history during the organization's state convention in the Sault from June 26 through June 30. The 2013 assembly of Michigan legionnaires and associates marked only the second time the state organization massed a convention in the Upper Peninsula. According to Mark Sutton, public relations officer for the American Legion Department of Michigan, the first legion state convention in the U.P. took place over July 4-6, 1930, at the Soo Theater.

Kewadin Casino and Convention Center was the base of operations for the 2013 convention and, on June 29, a parade on the reservation featured conventioneers and other military affiliated organizations.

The legion is a veterans' social and mu-

tual-aid organization that stems from a caucus of U.S. military officers that formed in Paris, France, after the conclusion of World War I. Later, in 1919, the organization's official name and structure were adopted and, in September of that year, the American Legion was chartered by Congress. The American Legion Department of Michigan received its permanent charter from the national organization in 1920.

Missions of the legion include commemorative ceremonies, veteran and active duty military support activities and some civic youth programs.

The American Legion Department of Michigan will return to enjoy the facilities of the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center for its 2016 convention, according to Sutton.

Photos and story by Rick Smith



Above left, a quite spiffy group of legionnaires representing Michigan Post 27 of Bessemer, Mich. Above right, American Legion auxiliaries express some regional pride along the route.



Above left, fire trucks from the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., marked the finishing touch of the parade. Above right, some of the spectators who watched the historic promenade.

Kildee honored in Sault at the Niigaanagiizhik

By RICK SMITH, SSMTCI
 PHOTOS BY GLENN ZARING, LRBOI

As part of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights' (MDCR) 50-city tour to commemorate its 50th anniversary, former Democratic U.S. Representative Dale Kildee was honored for his years of action in the halls of government in advancing and supporting Indian Country. Representatives from most of the American Indian tribes of Michigan and the United Tribes of Michigan attended the salute at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building on June 27.

Kildee received a resolution from the MDCR acknowledging his contributions and accomplishments. The resolution indicates Kildee "dedicated his life to advocating for Native Americans and helping improve Indian Country, possessing a passion for Native culture, language and self-determination for Native American People" and "recognized and reaffirmed several of Michigan's tribes, demonstrating long-standing support of sovereignty and treaty rights and the tribes' rights to game."

The resolution further indicates Kildee founded the Congressional Native American Caucus to provide a policy forum between Congress and tribal nations. Kildee and his colleagues on the caucus amended the Self-Determination Act, which allows tribes to administer Indian Health Service functions and established the Indian Education Foundation.

According to the resolution, Kildee introduced amendments to Indian housing laws that mandated federal government involvement

in providing housing assistance to Indians and promoting economic self-sufficiency and self-determination.

The department also cited him as a champion of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Act, which provides free tuition to Michigan Indian residents to attend colleges and universities.

The Native American Dollar Coin Act was introduced by Kildee and signed into law by the president in 2007. The law requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and distribute coins commemorating American Indians and their contributions to the development and history of the United States.

Tribal representatives bestowed the 83-year-old former Congressman with gifts, more proclamations, heartfelt personal accounts of how his help benefited individuals and communities coupled with a tinge of sorrow and some good-spirited laughter.

Kildee retired from Congress after 36 years of service. He indicated he will be joining the international law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld as a senior consultant on American Indian law and policy and a consulting firm as a policy advisor.

The guest of honor and all attendees enjoyed a savory feast of regional delicacies, which included whitefish, rabbit, venison, sweet potato casserole, rice dishes, salads, corn on the cob, desserts and other fare.

The event was sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.



Above right, left to right, Dale Kildee with J. Michael Zelle, chairman of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights Commission. Zelle presented Kildee with a proclamation in honor and gratitude for his decades of support in civil rights matters.



Above, Cathy Abramson, Sault Tribe Unit I board representative and chair of the National Indian Health Board, speaks about the influence Kildee had on improvements in the lives of herself and her people in education and other areas.



Right, tribal leaders presented Kildee with the Pendleton blanket he donned.



Kildee jokes with Bud Biron and others of the Bawating Drum.



Lisa Dietz speaks to attendees about protecting the waters of the Great Lakes.

Scenes from the 2013 Sault Tribe Powwow



Feather dancer

Dancers Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton



Jingle dress dancers



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Tribal Chair Aaron Payment spent \$1,000 for 10 new bicycles for a kids bike drawing — winners were Dadrian Pitawanakwat, Savannah McDonald, Tyya, Teddy Krogh, Xander Shimko, Kenz Isrow, Cody Cole, Arthur Maulson, Vicki Dowd and Da'Jon Willis.



Traditional dancer



Young shawl dancer



Photos by Angeline Bouley

Above, the entry receiving the best of show was this set of sculptures titled, "Spirit Family," by Mary Jane Holat. The Bawating Art Gallery is part of the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center complex. Below are a more winners.



Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Friday night car bingo powwow fundraiser was a blast for players and volunteers alike. Below, volunteers sold hot dogs, pop, chips and daubers to players.



Barbara Dietz's beaded doe skin dress



Chloe Neusser's watercolor



Abe Bouschor's woodburning on wooden box



Lisa Dietz's carved pipestone.

Sault area auto show continues to grow



Michigan's master of rock and roll, Mr. Bob Seger, once waxed poetic about cars like these in a nostalgic number in which he mentions something about working on mysteries without any clues in the back seat of his '60 Chevy.



Antiques and not-quite-antiques were on display for all comers to admire the industrial artistry of bygone eras and the perseverance of an appreciative few as demonstrated in the rolling works on hand at the show.



Spectators had much more to see at the fourth annual Sault Area Auto and Motorcycle Show on June 15. The show took place in a nearby parking area just south of the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.

"Registration was up to 55 cars this year," said Brad Pringle, who conducted the show, "last year there were 30 cars, that is excellent turn out for a show with no advertising budget."

The show featured prize drawings for grand prizes from the show's major sponsors, Kewadin Casinos and Bay Mills Resort and Casinos, along with door prizes sponsored by Antler's Restaurant, Palace Restaurant, Advanced Auto, Parker's Hardware, Quaker State Express Stop, Pennzoil Quick Stop and Katering by Kevin. Other sponsors contributing to the show were All Star Graphics, Soo Motors, Rodenroth Motors, O'Connors Motors, Soo Super Valu Foods, Frito Lay of Sault Ste. Marie along with the Adam and Lisa Rutledge family.

Trophies were awarded for best auto in show, people's choice and best motorcycle. Bob Collia won the trophy for best in show. In addition, plaques were awarded for Top 10 in different vehicle maker categories.

Those interested in learning more about participating in the show or associated virtual swap meet next year should call Brad Pringle at (906) 440-7764 or Cecil Pavlat at 449-7849.

Photos and story by Rick Smith

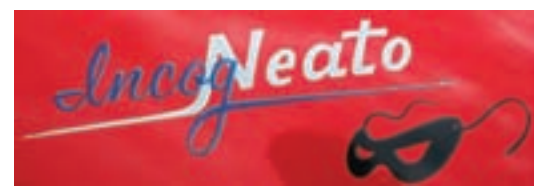
OH, BABY! Above left, the interior of the rare and beautifully customized classic 1955 Lincoln Capri, "IncogNeato," owned by Gary Hough of Rudyard, Mich., appeared at the show. Left, a view of the rear. The Capri luxury model was introduced in 1952 and production continued until about 1959. The cars came with what were then considered innovative luxury features such as automatic headlight dimmers, air conditioning and other options. It was available as a hardtop or convertible. Below, its appearance from the front in all of its high gloss glory.



Muscle cars, kids, in case you've heard the term and have no idea what that means, these are some examples from the late 1960s-70s. These cars often featured big engines, lightweight bodies and the ability to attract attention, especially from officers of the law.



Above, a 1964 (and a half) Ford Mustang owned by Jean Shourds of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Below, the Mustang's gleaming power plant demonstrates that something economic doesn't necessarily mean nothing fancy. The car conjures memories of the Wilson Pickett rhythm and blues hit, Mustang Sally



Above, a close-up of of a detail on the trunk lid and, below, an image of the vehicle's 355 Windsor engine. This stunning machine evokes the manic guitar picking and calm, cool and collected narration of Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen doing Hot Rod Lincoln.



100th birthday celebrated

Berniece V. Bouchey celebrated her 100th birthday at an open house in her honor.

The former Berniece LaDrig was born on May 30, 1913. She was married to Joseph Bouchey for 54 years. He passed away in 2006.

She has one daughter and son-in-law, Jeannie (John) Bakos. Her son and daughter-in-law, Joseph G. (Janet) Bouchey, are both deceased. She also has seven grandchildren, many great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



Birth announcement

SUMMER L. KEENE

Kristopher Keene and his wife, Kellie, are the proud parents of Summer Lynne Keene, born May 28, 2013, joined at home in Leesburg, Fla., by her brother Gavin James.

Grandparents are Jeannette and Tom Storms of Buckley, Mich., Bruce Keene of Tavares, Fla., and Doug and Linda Coldiron of Leesburg. Great-grandparents are Jim and Eirnelia O'Neil and great-great-grandmother is Vivian Blanchard of Gould City.



Brule gathering, recognition



Above, left to right, grandson Nick Brule and son William Brule with their grandfather and father, Gilbert Brule. Below, Spc. Nick Brule, an Olympia, Wash., native now serving a second tour in Afghanistan, was recognized for his great knowledge and ability with the Command Post of the Future System. Brule built a battle tracking product in the system to improve command and control decisions for the command.



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Leask retires as Michigan Army National Guard chief of staff

LANSING — Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians member John Leask Jr., a colonel in the Michigan National Guard, retired from the military in June after more than 37 years of service, according to a release. Leask served as the chief of staff for the Lansing-based Michigan Army National Guard headquarters with responsibility and oversight of more than 8,700 Michigan Army National Guard men and women.

Leask began his career in 1975 after graduating from Alpena High School. He served as an enlisted soldier before earning his commission as a military officer through Central Michigan University's Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1985. His first assignments as a second lieutenant were with Company A, 125th Infantry Regiment's rifle and mortar platoons in Alma. He was promoted through the ranks as an infantry officer at the company and battalion levels, including Company C, 125th Infantry Regiment, based in Alpena and Cheboygan.

In 2002 as a lieutenant colonel, Leask was selected for a one-year assignment in Riga, Latvia, as the bilateral affairs officer. After this tour of duty, he was assigned to the Michigan Army National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Lansing as the mobilization and readiness officer.

In 2007, Leask deployed to



Col. John Leask, MANG (Ret).

Afghanistan for one year to lead a team of advisors. While there, he helped establish the Afghanistan National Civil Order Police brigade for the Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan. His advisor team worked directly with the Afghan National Police in sustained tactical operations to enable them to take over security operations from U.S. and NATO forces.

Among Leask's military awards are the Bronze Star, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award and the Army Commendation Medal (three awards).

Leask and his wife Jane are Holt residents. He is the son of Patricia Leask and the late John (Jack) Leask of Alpena.

Beebe graduates Florida State



Sault Tribe member Hali Nicole Beebe, daughter of Sean K. Beebe and Nancy Jones Beebe of Charleston, S.C., and granddaughter of Cecil and Nancy Jones of Sault Ste. Marie, graduated from Florida State University on May 3, 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in religion and international affairs as well as a minor in Russian. She is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Eta Sigma honors societies and is an active member of the Catholic Student Union. Hali is blessed to be attending the University of Notre Dame on a scholarship to continue her studies. She will be working towards her master's in theological studies with a concentration in biblical studies.

10th Annual Youth Empowerment Pow Wow

August 3, 2013
 Grand Entry at Noon

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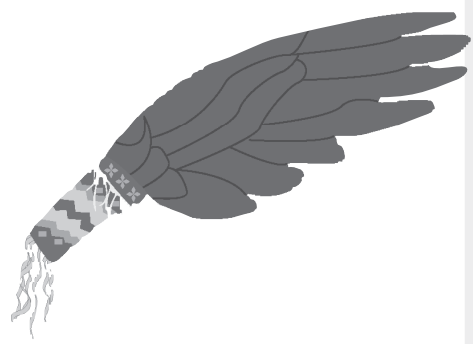
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 Main Course provided by Community Health / Traditional Foods Program

All Drums & Dancers Welcome –
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 Youth Fire Keepers – Selected at Pow wow
 Youth Emcee – Selected at Pow wow
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 Head Youth Male Dancer – TBA
 Head Youth Female Dancer – TBA

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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 psychologist for Oakland County Geriatrics.

After retirement, the Cardwells 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 Sandra 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.

SCOTT A. GEROU

Scott A. Gerou, aged 56, of Perkins, Mich., passed away unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack on June 13, 2013, at home. He was born on Dec. 23, 1956, in Escanaba, the son of Oliver Joseph and Frances Clara (nee Mastaw) Gerou.

Scott was a lifelong resident of Perkins. He was united in marriage to the former Mary Rabito on June 2, 1979, at the St. Joseph Church in Perkins. They made their home in Perkins where they raised their three daughters. Scott and his family spent seven years in 4-H raising and showing livestock. Scott was a lifelong member of the St. Joseph Church in Perkins and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. His hobbies included gardening and fishing.

Scott's working career in the logging industry began as a piece cutter in the woods. He later owned and operated Gerou and Daughter's Trucking for over 20 years. For the past few years, Scott drove truck for different independent contractors. He took joy in the simplicity of life and

nature and especially enjoyed spending time with good friends and family. He treasured sharing his gift of being mechanically inclined with helping family and friends and will be remembered for his kindness in time of need, the love that he showed his family, honest opinions and his unique sense of humor. All who knew him will sadly miss him.

In addition to his wife of 34 years, Mary, survivors include daughters, Jessie (Andrew) Anderson of Hyde, Mich., Sarah (Jake Husted) Gerou of Escanaba, Jill (John Nikcevic) Gerou of Milwaukee, Wisc.; brothers, Donald (Deloris) Gerou and Mike (Lois) Gerou, both of Perkins; sister: Cathy (Bill) Brooks of Lake Villa, Ill.; sister-in-law, Doris Kern of Escanaba; grandchildren, Logan Scott Gerou, Laylee Jacquelyn Nikcevic and Kinslee Louise Husted; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents; his siblings, Paul, Gerald, James, Steven and Janice; grandson, Wyatt Andrew Anderson and beloved pet "T.J." preceded Scott in death.

Scott's family received friends on June 17 at the Skradski Funeral Home in Gladstone and services followed at the St. Joseph Church in Perkins with Rev. Fr. Jacek Wtyklo officiating. Burial is in the Perkins Cemetery in Perkins.

The Skradski Family Funeral Homes of Escanaba and Gladstone assisted the Gerou family. Please visit www.skradskifuneralhomes.com where you can express your sympathy to the Gerou family or leave a memory tribute about Scott.

SHIRLEY E. KONLE

Shirley E. Konle, 85, of Epoufette, passed away on June 22, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital in Petoskey.

She was born on Sept. 3, 1927, in Rexton, to Mack and Mary (nee Goudreau) Alexander.

She graduated from high school and attended two years of banking school. She married Robert Konle on July 1, 1950, at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace.

Mrs. Konle retired from First National Bank of St. Ignace as North Bay branch manager on Aug. 31, 1990, after 14 years with the bank. She also was a telephone operator from 1960 until the office closed in St. Ignace in 1976. Her family owned Konle's Standard Service on State Street in St. Ignace.

She loved to bake and plant flowers, and she especially loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a very hard worker and loving caregiver for several years. She loved to go to the casino on Thursdays and other days when she could.

Mrs. Konle was an elder in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; two daughters and their families, Sandy and Roger Cece of Brevort and Cathy and Charles Campbell of Pickford; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three sisters and

their families, Mary Lou Hanson of Black River, Irene "Mickey" Bailey of East Lansing and Betty Smith of Rexton.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Terry Konle, who died on March 25, 2010; a sister, Alice High; and three brothers, Fred Alexander, Peter Alexander and Patrick Alexander.

Visitation and services took place on June 27 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Moran with Father Pawel Mecwel officiating.

Her burial place is in Epoufette Cemetery in Epoufette.

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

ALLEN J. MIRON

Allen Jordan Miron, aged 19, of M-28 Shingleton, died on July 3, 2013, following a single car accident on H-15 in Shingleton. He was born on

March 1, 1994, in Munising to Heidi Howard and Allen Miron.

Jordan grew up in Shingleton and went to the Munising Public Schools. During high school, he played basketball, football and wrestled. He worked at the Woodlands Restaurant, Wood Island Waste Management, Iverson Snowshoe and G&G Logging.

Jordan loved dirt bike riding, snowmobile racing, four wheeling, camping, hunting and fishing. He was a funny young man and an instigator, and especially enjoyed teasing his sisters.

He is survived by his mother, Heidi (Roger) Streeter of Shingleton; father, Allen Miron of Wetmore; sisters, Hailey Streeter and Emma Miron; stepsister, Brooke Streeter; grandparents, Jerry and Beverly Ann Howard of Shingleton, Allen Miron of Wetmore and Janis (Bill) Hill of Munising; step-grandparents, Duane and Fern Streeter of Germfask; aunts and uncles, Brenda (Don) Watson, Dwayne Miron, Marlina (Brian) Cromell, Laurie Howard, Paul Howard, Leon (Mary Ann) Howard, Shawn (Diane) Howard, Daniel Howard, Stephen Howard, Elizabeth Howard, Debbie (Jay Hauler) Howard, David Howard, Hannah Howard and Sarah Howard; niece, LillyJayde; nephew, Kahdyn; numerous cousins and great-aunts and uncles.

Visitation and services took place on July 8-9 at the Bowerman Funeral Home in Munising conducted by Pastor Jason LaFlamme. Interment will be at the Munising Township Cemetery in Wetmore. A time of fellowship will take place at the Munising Baptist Church following his burial.

Jordan's obituary and guest-book may be viewed and signed at bowermanfuneralhome.net

OWEN W. O'BERRY SR.

Owen Wallace O'Berry Sr. was born on Feb. 27, 1939, and died on Feb. 10, 2013. His words of wisdom and encouragement will be greatly missed by special niece, Jennifer McLeod.

Loving father of Stephanie Cafek, Ruth (Joey) DeMuro,

Lois Baker, Lisa (Dan) Fairbrother, Owen (Pam) O'Berry Jr., Connery O'Berry, Mark O'Berry, Erin O'Berry and Tiffany O'Berry; 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Greatly missed by sisters, Lois (Jim) Meyers, Carleen (Ray) Rodriguez, Carol Monjeure, Deborah (Carl) Deaton; brothers, Ronald O'Berry, Dennis (Diane) O'Berry and David (Christine) O'Berry. Also missed by many nieces and nephews.

Owen served in the U.S. Marines and was a great spiritual leader.

Rest in peace, Strong Bear, we will remember you always.

BEVERLY J. POQUETTE

Beverly Jean Poquette, 57, of Escanaba, Mich., passed away on July 1, 2013, at the St. Francis Hospital as a result of an extended illness.

Beverly, or Webber as many of her friends knew her, was born March 16, 1956, in Escanaba, the daughter of Walter and Lydia (nee Parr) Poquette.

She is survived by her sisters, Barbara Poquette of Escanaba and Patricia (Tony) Bean of Calumet, Mich.; brother, Donald (Debbie) Poquette of Escanaba; five nieces, a great niece and great nephew and many cousins in the Sault Ste. Marie area.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A ghost supper celebrating her life took place on July 6, 2013, with many friends to bid her farewell in the traditional ceremony.

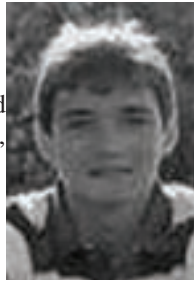
HAROLD VANALSTINE

Harold VanAlstine of Dafter Township, Mich., passed away at War Memorial Hospital on June 4, 2013.

He was born on Nov. 10, 1949, in DeTour, Mich., to Henry and Loretta (nee Bernard) VanAlstine.

Harold was a skilled butcher and worked in a large meat packing plant near Syracuse, N.Y. He was an excellent musician, he learned to play the steel guitar from his mother and he followed his passion of music by playing and singing old country and rock songs. Harold loved nature. He was a member of the American Legion post of Syracuse, N.Y., and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Surviving Harold are his companion, Verna Quint of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; daughters, Michele (Tim) Babcock of Oneida, N.Y.; Kimberly (David) Calhoun of Rome, N.Y.; son Robert (Ginny) VanAlstine of Fredericksburg, Va.; brothers, Norman (Carol) of Holt, Mich., Gerald (Denise) of DeTour, Gary VanAlstine also of DeTour, Tim (Lynn) of Drummond Island, Mich.; sister, Shirley VanAlstine of Sault Ste. Marie; seven grandchildren; two nieces; and six nephews. Harold will also be missed by his spe-



cial friends Jim Stinehart, Casey Quint, Brooklyn, and Kamiyah.

Memorial services will take place at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Hovie Funeral Home.

THERESA DELORME

Theresa Ann DeLorme peacefully passed away on June 20, 2013. Theresa was born Nov. 30, 1935, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and lived in many parts of the U.S. before returning to the Sault. Upon her return, she worked for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for over 20 years. Theresa was a strong, independent woman who enjoyed what life offered by returning to her origins. As a tribal elder, she participated in many tribal functions when her health allowed.

Theresa was preceded into death by her parents, Harvey and Frances (nee Boucher) DeLorme and siblings Barbara Pine, Harvey, Gerald and Donna DeLorme. She was a beloved aunt who will be missed by many generations.

She is survived by her two sisters-in-law, Theresa and Betty; 11 nieces and nephews; nine great nieces and nephews; and seven great-great nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass for Theresa was conducted by Brother John Hascall at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church on July 6, 2013 with burial to follow at Wilwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island on a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and Cremation Center assisted the family with funeral and cremation arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

WILLIAM A. ST. GERMAIN

William A. St. Germain "Chief," 87, of Black Lake (Cheboygan), died at home on Monday, June 24, 2013.

The son of John J. and Lucille M. (nee Corrow)

St. Germain, Bill was born in L'Anse, Mich., on June 5, 1926. He married Dorothea F. Heckman on Oct. 5, 1984, in Nazareth, Pa.

For more than 38 years, Bill worked for the Detroit Elevator Company as a superintendent managing the construction of elevators in large commercial buildings in Michigan and many other states. Many people in the area will remember Bill as the owner of the Harbor Light Inn on Black Lake during the 1970s. He was a member of Cheboygan VFW Post 3623, the Building and Construction Trades Council, the International Union of Elevator Constructors, and the McAllen, Texas Elks. Very proud of his Native American heritage, Bill was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

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Chi miigwech to powwow volunteers

Chi miigwech to those who volunteered for the 2013 summer powwow, including anyone we inadvertently forgot to mention: Ashley Macklin, Laura Porterfield, Jake Sillers, Brenda Austin, Joe Causley, Melody Fish, Clarence Hudak, Colleen St. Onge, Liz Wall, Lou Ann Bush, Rachel Fish, Dean Sayers, Amy McCoy-Sayers, Clifford Waboose, Don Waboose, Ashley Hackworth, Ruth Hackworth, Neil McCoy, Don Lawrence, Dale Teeple, Justin Miller, Marcie Smith, Sandy Corbiere, Jennifer Tadgerson, Ashley Dow, Robert McRorie, Jennifer-Dale Burton, DJ Malloy, Aaron Payment, Wendy Hoffman, Rose Allard, Mike McCoy, Angie Rudd-DeClue, Linda Mastaw, Jackie Sylvester, Cathy Abramson,

Melissa Killips, Edyth Nichols, Susie Lively, Marty Nolan, Marlene Porcaro, Chad Macklin, Mike Povey, Dan Frechette, Cheryl LaPlaunt, Virginia Manitowabi, Basil Willis, Ryan Lubben, Ken Lively, Clyde Bonno, Frank Marble, Pauline Andrews, Chelsea Pavlat, Jim Sylvester, Ray LaTour, Tony Abramson, Cecil Pavlat, Les Ailing, Pam Mahanna, Tony Abramson Jr., Eric Clark, Robyn Clark, Miriam Clark, Lillian Clark, Peggy Hemenway, Keith Smith and Val Smith.

We would also like to thank all the great help from casino departments: bar/beverage, maintenance, shipping and receiving, housekeeping and purchasing. Miigwech!

— Sault Powwow Committee



Above are participants of Sault Tribe Language Department's May 16-19 immersion camp at the Mary Murray Cultural Camp on Sugar Island. The final camp is Aug. 15-18. Please join them. Please contact the Language Department at (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

Old articles tell the story of Mrs. John Whalen, 1803-1922, of Sugar Island

SUBMITTED BY CATHY ABRAMSON

Editor's Note: The following is from two photocopied newspaper articles from a newspaper identified only as "The Star," which is presumably the Sault Star in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. One article is a historical reprint from 50 years earlier, 1921. The next is an obituary sometime within a year of the first article. Tribal member and unit director Cathy Abramson recently found the photocopy among some old papers of hers.

1921 from "The Star"
50 YEARS AGO – 1921

All previous records for longevity, for this district at least, if not for the entire dominion, are eclipsed by the claim made that Mrs. John Whalen, an Ojibway Indian woman living near Garden River, has this year seen her one hundred and eighteenth birthday anniversary. She had spent her whole life in this vicinity. Incredible as this may seem, there is in the possession of her realities a copy of the record of her birth in the archives of the U.S. Indian Department in Washington, which places the date of this event in 1803 at a point on the south shore of the

St. Mary's River in the state of Michigan. At the present time she lived with her youngest daughter Mrs. Dan McCoy, on Sugar Island directly across from Garden River. Mrs. McCoy is herself nearly 70 years of age. Mr. Thomas Thibeault, of Garden River, one of her youngest grandsons, who supplied The Star with the details, is himself 43 years of age.

It is known that she came to reside on the Canadian side of the river previous to the signing of the Robinson treaty in 1850, when the land of this district was ceded by the Indians to the government.

(Undated article from "The Star," circa 1922)

Mrs. John Whalen, the oldest known Indian woman died on Saturday at Payment, on Sugar Island, according to information received here, Mrs. Whalen, who originally was christened Wahsaya O-ge-bay-anquet, was 119 years old. Born in the autumn of 1803 in a wigwam on the north shore of Sugar Island, Mrs. Whalen made that island her home all her life.

She saw many tribal wars; saw the coming of the paleface with his steamboats and ax and

rifle. During the last summer of her life she saw a seaplane fly almost directly over her lodge on its way from lower Michigan to the fishing ground of Batchawana Bay, and she was happy. It was the consummation of an oft-repeated dream.

Mrs. Whalen's two surviving children of a family of 11, Mrs. Dan McCoy of Garden River and Pat Whalen – are themselves old folks, each being near the 70-year mark. They have children and on down for five generations, all of whom live in the vicinity of Payment, and at Garden River on the Canadian side of St. Marys River.

In all of her 119 years Mrs. Whalen had never strayed farther from home than St. Ignace to the south and Bay Mills to the west, and for the past four years she had scarcely been out of sight of her little village where she had lived practically all her life of more than a century. She spoke only her native Ojibway tongue. An Indian priest from the Canadian side of the river visited Mrs. Whalen once a week. She was a convert to doctrines of Father Marquette and the other early Jesuits who first brought the Christian religion to the north country.



Abe Bouscher, a Sault Tribe member from Sault Ste. Marie, posed for a poster as part of a new U.S. Health and Human Services Department and Indian Health Service diabetes and prevention campaign for men.

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Bill enjoyed hunting and boating, but his passion was golf. He played golf on the Stoney Links Men's League and the Monday Travel League. After living most of his life in Northern Michigan, in 1985, Bill and Dorothea began spending their winters in Mission, Texas. Wintering in Texas gave Bill and Dorothea the enjoyment of playing golf year around. Bill will be remembered as a fun-loving guy with a great sense of humor who had a huge passion for the game of golf.

Surviving Bill is his wife of more than 28 years, Dorothea St. Germain of Black Lake (Cheboygan); daughters, Sandra Rapson and Tina (Ron) Lemuel, both of Bay City; step-daughter,

Sandra Butler of Allentown, Pa. and step-son, Barry Fisher of Marion, Ind.; as well as nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

Bill was preceded in death by his son, Robert St. Germain, in 2011, and 12 brothers and sisters.

Cremation arrangements were in care of the Chagnon Funeral Home. A gathering to pay tribute to Bill's life was held at Stoney Creek Restaurant in Onaway July 13. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, friends make a donation in memory of Bill to their favorite charity. Send a memory or a condolence to Bill's family at www.chagnonfh.com.



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Charley Pride coming to Kewadin Sault in October

He is second in sales only to Elvis Presley on RCA Records, has earned 39 number one hits on the Billboard Hot Country Charts and was the second African-American inducted into the Grand Ole Opry. Charley Pride, one of the few African-American country musicians to have considerable success in the country music industry, is coming to Sault Ste. Marie to perform in the Kewadin Casino's DreamMakers Theater on Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.

Tickets to this live show went on sale last June 28 and are \$58.50 and \$52. The show starts at 7 p.m. and tickets are available at the box office, or through Kewadin.com or on the casino's

Facebook page.

The one and only Charley Pride is a timeless everyman, revered by his musical peers and adored by countless millions of fans around the globe. His golden baritone voice has transcended race and spanned the generations. Between 1969, when he first hit number one on the singles chart with *All I Have to Offer You (Is Me)* and 1984, when he commanded the top spot again with *Every Heart Should Have One*, Pride scored more than 36 number one country singles.

Over the past 30 years, Pride has remained one of the Top 20 best-selling country artists of all time. His incredible legacy

includes 36 number one hit singles and over 70 million albums sold — 31 gold albums, four platinum albums and one quadruple platinum. He has earned countless awards and accolades.

Pride continues his illustrious career with the release of *Comfort of Her Wings* and *Pride and Joy: A Gospel Music Collection* on Music City Records. These albums show that Pride has not slowed down and proves his voice is as good, if not better, than ever. Still touring to sell-out crowds, Pride continues to please his audiences.

Get your tickets for Charley Pride at Kewadin's DreamMakers Theater. For more information, visit www.kewadin.com.

Travel magazine rates Kewadin Shores Casino as best in Michigan

Kewadin Casinos St. Ignace was voted best casino in Michigan by Michigan Travel Vacation Magazine.

The announcement came in the magazine's special-issue which features the winners of the Best of Michigan Awards. The winners in all categories represent Michigan visitors' choices for all of the best that Michigan has to offer.

According to the magazine,

the Best of Michigan Awards offer a chance for our visitors to recognize who they think is the best of Michigan.

Michigan has some of the most amazing destinations for all four seasons, incredible products and unforgettable places to go and things to do.

Kewadin Shores Casino St. Ignace is at the gateway to the Upper Peninsula and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

This location is situated on the shores of Lake Huron and offers a variety of Vegas-style gaming including blackjack, poker, let it ride, roulette, craps, three-card poker, live keno and a variety of slots.

A first-class restaurant, the Eagle Feather gift shop, on-site hotel, sports bar and lounge are all available.

For reservations or information visit KEWADIN.com.

Rethman is Kewadin Manistique Team Member of the Year

Randy Rethman, slot floor person, was recently selected as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Manistique.

Team members of the year are selected by their peers and receive a personal plaque, \$200, entertainment tickets, dinner and a hotel stay along with a plaque located in each casino.

Randy started working for Kewadin in January 1993. He has worked in with Security, Surveillance and Gaming Departments and lately in Slots. According to fellow team members, Randy is exceptional on the gaming floor.

"He is very prompt in his job duties, is always very friendly to customers he is helping," said Tammy Gould, co-worker. "He always wishes our customers luck again and congratulates winners. He is very timely in what he is doing and is just an overall exceptional employee."



When presented with the award, Randy was completely taken by surprise. "I am in shock," he said. "It feels good to be recognized for hard work. Thank you all."

Randy added the best parts about his job is making customers happy and enjoy their time at the casino.

Randy lives in Manistique and has two children.



Congratulations to Abe Bouschor, Kewadin Sault's team member of the month! Abe started working for Kewadin in 2010 in the maintenance department. He is from the Sault and has four children. Abe says he enjoys everything about his job. "It's nice to be recognized in my job that I take pride in doing," he said. Way to go, Abe!

Lansing-Based firm, Martin Waymire, wins "Silver Anvil" for public affairs excellence

NEW YORK — Martin Waymire Advocacy Communications, a Lansing-based full-service public relations and social media marketing firm, won the nation's top award for public relations excellence — the Silver Anvil.

The firm was recognized by the Public Relations Society of America for its work on the campaign to defeat Proposal 5, the proposed "Super Minority" constitutional amendment on

Michigan's November 2012 statewide ballot. Proposal 5 would have required two-thirds of both chambers of the Michigan Legislature to raise any tax or close any tax loophole.

Considered the "Oscar" of the public relations profession, the Silver Anvil is the oldest and most prestigious award given in the nation for outstanding achievement in PR. Martin Waymire's award came in the category of Public

Affairs, Associations/Nonprofit Organizations. It is the third Silver Anvil won by Martin Waymire staffers in the past 20 years, all for managing ballot campaigns.

"Helping bring together the extraordinary coalition of associations and nonprofits that made up Defend Michigan Democracy, developing the strategy and then executing it precisely is extremely satisfying," said Martin Waymire partner Roger Martin.



Congratulations to LuAnn Vallier, pit boss at Kewadin Manistique and our April Team Member of the Month! LuAnn has worked with Kewadin Manistique since 1999. She lives in Manistique with her husband, Wayne. She says she was "astounded" when she realized she won this award. "Thank you, thank you, thank you," she said. LuAnn said the best part of her job is the clientele and working with people. Way to go, LuAnn!



Kewadin Christmas slot manager Linda Martin is the team member of the month! Linda has worked for Kewadin since May 24, 1994. She and her husband Leonard have been married 41 years and have two daughters, Shawna and Jennifer. "I feel so appreciated, what an awesome feeling," Linda said, adding working with positive, upbeat smiling people is the most rewarding part of her job. Congratulations, Linda!

Delegation visits Isle Royale National Park

BY JON MAGNUSON

On the morning of May 25, Justin Miller, an AmeriCorps volunteer working with the Sault Tribe's elders program, traveled to the Keweenaw Peninsula to explore possibilities for a future trip by local youth to one of North America's most remote, magnificent national parks. Along with seven young people from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC), Michigan Technological University's (MTU) faculty member Marty Auer and a team of volunteers from the Cedar Tree Institute (CTI) boarded a research boat in Houghton for a venture to Lake Superior's Isle Royale National Park.

The trip was designated "Maamaadizi," meaning "beginning of a journey" in the Anishinaabe language.

During the next five days, the group hiked miles of trails, prepared food over camp stoves, learned navigating skills, practiced tai chi in forest meadows and slept in tents and sleeping bags. National Park Service ranger Seth Tuuri commented, "I've never seen a group like this. No complaining about the weather, food or the trails. These kids are comfortable in the forest. They know how to kneel down on the ground, ponder lichen growing on a rock. They're eager to look for signs of wildlife most visitors to Isle Royale never think about."

Isle Royale, in the far northwestern part of Lake Superior, is one of the most fascinating of North America's national parks. A designated wilderness area, there are no vehicles or roads permitted on the island. A highlight of the group's adventure was a visit to Rolf Peterson's remote Moose Research Center, accessed by boat from the park's Rock Harbor. The group hiked



Photos by Anna Solberg

Rolf Peterson shares insights with KBIC youth at Isle Royale's Moose Research Center.

through dense groves of hardwoods and pine forests, arriving at a small cabin where the world-famous researcher and his wife have spent the last 40 summers. The delegation roamed, with a sense of reverence and astonishment, through a collection of hundreds of moose antlers. They were spellbound by the retired MTU professor's knowledge of the natural world, especially the relationship of the 800 moose and eight wolves that still roam the dozens of islands that frame the boundaries of the park.

During days on the main Island, Jeff Noble, a forester and former forest fire fighter, used an eyeglass, inviting curious group members to examine small flowers, spores and leaves. During evenings, sounds of loons and the howls of a lone grey wolf punctuated the dark nights.

The KBIC youth delegation was made up of 11 and 12 year-olds, with representatives of the tribe's wolf, bear and crane clans. Participants included Amy Selden, Kayla Dakota, Abby Spruce, Jessica Wickstrom, Jaycie Forcia, Bobby and William Genschow. Rich Wickstrom, Jessica's father, served as the

KBIC delegation's chaperone, supervisor and much-appreciated cook.

A helpful, insightful team member for the maamaadizi project was Justin Miller, an AmeriCorps volunteer working with the elders program for

the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Justin joined the group as a representative from that community to explore intertribal partnerships for future trips to the park. Other participants included boat captain Stephen Roblee, CTI volunteers Willie Noble, Dan and Adam Magnuson. MTU students Nate Zgnilec and Miles Corcoran served as guides and also as deckhands for the research vessel. Northern Michigan University environmental studies student Anna Solberg accompanied the group as the project's photographer.

As KBIC's Kayla Dakota waited to board the 36 ft. long *Agassiz* to return home, she turned to CTI's director saying with a proud smile, "I will return here one day, many years from now, with young people from our tribe. I will be their guide."

As the *Agassiz* started up its diesel engines, 12 year-old

William Genschow, standing for the last few moments on the dock, looked at the rugged, forested ridges and rocky shoreline and said, "We won't be forgotten. We'll always be known as the first official delegation from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to ever visit this national park, and I will remember what I was taught by our tribal elders — no one owns the land, we all belong to it."

The Cedar Tree Institute is a nonprofit organization that provides services in the areas of mental health, religion, and the environment. The institute is currently working with Sault tribe's Kathleen Brosemer, environmental program manager; and Jan Schultz, botanist with the U.S. Forest Service, in coordinating the Zaagkii Project, a native plants and pollinator protection initiative involving five Native American communities in northern Michigan.



Maamaadizi delegation to Isle Royale included volunteers from the Cedar Tree Institute, Michigan Tech graduate students, boat captain Steve Roblee and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community youth with KBIC youth chaperone Rich Wickstrom.

Ashmun family home and the Ashman sisters



Photos courtesy of Mike Ripley

The Ashmun family house stood where the present day fire station stands in Sault Ste. Marie. Standing to the left, Captain Charles Ripley, the four ladies to his left are Jenny (nee Ashmun) Kelly, Mrs. Reuben (Anthony) Kelly, Mollie (Ashmun) Kelly and Lucy (nee Ashmun) Ripley; the six children on the left are Burt Ripley, Dan Hecox, Ray Kelly, James Kelly, Clyde Ripley and Edna Kelly; the boys on the ground are, from left, Chet Ripley, Guy Ripley and Otto MacNaughton; the group under the tree, from left, Ella (nee Ashmun) Hecox, Paul Hecox, Bessie Hecox, Mary (nee Ashmun) O'Flynn, Florence (nee Hecox) Sturt; with chair, Reuben Denver Ashmun and Glenn Ashmun; and on the porch, Nella Ripley and Mary (nee Chapman) MacNaughton.



This is a photograph of the Ashman sisters believed to have been taken about the 1880s. In the back row, left to right, Jennie (Peter) Kelly, Annie Ashman and Molly (Joseph) Kelly. In the front row, left to right, Mary O'Flynn, Grace Ashman, Ella (Clyde) Hecox and Lucy (Charles) Ripley.

The Ashman family name was eventually legally changed to its current spelling of Ashmun due to what is believed to be a typographical error.

Public comment period open on gray wolf protections

By Rick Smith

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opened a 90-day public comment period on its proposal to remove the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) from the federal list of endangered or threatened wildlife. The public comment period remains open until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Sept. 11, 2013. The intended delisting also contains a second proposal to “revise the existing nonessential experimental population designation of the Mexican wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*).

Comments and information regarding each of the proposals may be submitted either online, via U.S. mail or hand delivery. Online submissions can be made using the federal rulemaking portal at www.regulations.gov and following the instructions for submitting comments to docket number FWS-HQ-ES-2013-0073 regarding the gray wolf or docket number FWS-R2-ES-2013-0056 about the Mexican wolf.

Submission sent via mail or hand delivery should be addressed to Public Comments

Processing, ATTN (use appropriate docket number as noted above), Division of Policy and Directives Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS-2042-PDM, Arlington, VA 22203.

The agency can not accept email or fax submissions.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service claims “any final action resulting from these proposed rules will be based on the best scientific and commercial data available and be as accurate and as effective as possible.”

The agency also announced that comments, materials and supporting documentation used in preparing the proposed rules, is open to public inspection under the above docket numbers by visiting www.regulations.gov. Further, in addition, the service gives details on the kind of information sought in each proposed rule.

All comments will be posted on the above mentioned website which, the agency advises, generally means any personal information provided in the process.

Those interested may also visit the Federal Register to see the pertinent notices online. One may follow the search instructions at www.federalregister.gov or visit www.fws.gov/policy/frsystem/default.cfm, go to the 2013 box and click on the heading for Proposed Rules, then on the next page to come up, open the header Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants.

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GLFC honors ITFAP biologist Mark Ebener with award

ANN ARBOR, MI—The Great Lakes Fishery Commission presented Mark Ebener of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority with the 2013 Jack Christie-Ken H. Loftus Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions toward Understanding Healthy Great Lakes Ecosystems. Ebener was recognized for his more than 30 years of work as one of the Great Lakes basin’s preeminent fishery scientists who has led the way for more effective fishery management. In 2002, the commission honored Ebener with the C.D. “Buzz” Besadny Award for his major contributions to cross-border fishery management. With the 2013 presentation of the Christie-Loftus award, Ebener is the only two-time recipient of a commission award.

“ITFAP has been very fortunate to have someone on staff with Mark’s energy, diversity, and skills for over 25 years,” said Tom Gorenflo, Inter Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program director. “He provides much credibility from a scientific perspective to the tribes’ management capability, and in doing so, helps secure the ability of the tribes to continue to act as full co-managers of Great Lakes fisheries into the future.”



Photo by T. Lawrence

Great Lakes Fishery Commission chair Mike Hansen (left) presents Mark Ebener with the 2013 Jack Christie-Ken H. Loftus Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions toward Understanding Healthy Great Lakes Ecosystems. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission presented the award to Ebener on May 28 during its annual meeting, held in Montreal, Quebec.

The Christie-Loftus Award is named after former scientists Jack Christie and Ken Loftus, who advanced science and

understanding of Great Lakes natural resources. Throughout their careers with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources,

they significantly enhanced fishery rehabilitation, fish community understanding, and conservation of biological diversity.

Ebener is a fishery assessment biologist for the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority who has also worked as a biologist for the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and as a sea lamprey damage specialist for the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. The science he conducted over the years has informed many critical decisions supporting lake trout, lake whitefish, and cisco management and recovery in the upper Great Lakes.

Commission chair Mike Hansen, fishery professor at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, presented Ebener with the Christie-Loftus Award during the commission’s recent annual meeting in Montreal, Quebec.

“Ebener has significantly improved understanding of Great Lakes ecosystems and made important contributions to the sea lamprey control effort,” Hansen said. “He has a singular ability to communicate science to managers, which has for decades guided their fishery management decisions.”

Hansen said few people in the basin have a better understanding

than Ebener about how ecosystems function and about how science should inform management. “He conceived the concept of and developed sea lamprey control targets for each of the Great Lakes; targets that were subsequently adopted by state, provincial, federal, and tribal fishery management agencies. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission uses these targets to determine success of its sea lamprey control program,” Hansen said. “Certainly, Mr. Ebener’s work to improve understanding of sea lamprey wounding enhanced our sea lamprey control program and overall health of the Great Lakes.”

Hansen said Ebener led many research projects that contributed to healthy Great Lakes ecosystems and has communicated science to managers so that information could be put to use. “Through his work, fishery management agencies, whether tribal, state, provincial, or federal, have an improved understanding of how fish communities and ecosystems function,” said Hansen.

“His scientific contributions have directly influenced management decisions by all agencies in the upper Great Lakes region,” he added.

Avoid death by lightning: Myths, facts and some tips

Myth: Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

Fact: Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially if it’s a tall, pointy, isolated object. The Empire State Building is hit nearly 100 times a year.

Myth: If it’s not raining or there aren’t clouds overhead, you’re safe from lightning.

Fact: Lightning often strikes more than three miles from the center of the thunderstorm, far outside the rain or thunderstorm cloud. “Bolts from the blue” can strike 10-15 miles from the thunderstorm.

Myth: Rubber tires on a car protect you from lightning by insulating you from the ground.

Fact: Most cars are safe from lightning, but it is the metal roof and metal sides that protect you, NOT the rubber tires. Remember, convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles, open-shelled outdoor recreational vehicles and cars with fiberglass shells offer no protection from lightning. When lightning strikes a vehicle, it goes through the metal frame into the ground. Don’t lean on doors dur-

ing a thunderstorm.

Myth: A lightning victim is electrified. If you touch them, you’ll be electrocuted.

Fact: The human body does not store electricity. It is perfectly safe to touch a lightning victim to give them first aid. This is the most chilling of lightning myths. Imagine if someone died because people were afraid to give CPR!

Myth: If outside in a thunderstorm, you should seek shelter under a tree to stay dry.

Fact: Being underneath a tree is the second leading cause of lightning casualties. Better to get wet than fried!

Myth: If you are in a house, you are 100 percent safe from lightning.

Fact: A house is a safe place to be during a thunderstorm as long as you avoid anything that conducts electricity. This means staying off corded phones, electrical appliances, wires, TV cables, computers, plumbing, metal doors and windows. Windows are hazardous for two reasons: wind generated during a thunderstorm can blow objects into the window,

breaking it and causing glass to shatter and second, in older homes, in rare instances, lightning can come in cracks in the sides of windows.

Myth: If thunderstorms threaten while you are outside playing a game, it is okay to finish it before seeking shelter.

Fact: Many lightning casualties occur because people do not seek shelter soon enough. No game is worth death or life-long injuries. Seek proper shelter immediately if you hear thunder. Adults are responsible for the safety of children.

Myth: Structures with metal, or metal on the body (jewelry, cell phones, Mp3 players, watches, etc), attract lightning.

Fact: Height, pointy shape and isolation are the dominant factors controlling where a lightning bolt will strike. The presence of metal makes absolutely no difference on where lightning strikes. Mountains are made of stone but get struck by lightning many times a year. When lightning threatens, take proper protective action immediately by seeking a

safe shelter – “don’t waste time removing metal. While metal does not attract lightning, it does conduct it so stay away from metal fences, railing, bleachers, etc.

Myth: If trapped outside and lightning is about to strike, I should lie flat on the ground.

Fact: Lying flat increases your chance of being affected by potentially deadly ground current. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, you keep moving toward a safe shelter.

Summer is the peak season for lightning-related deaths and injuries, though people are struck by lightning year-round. The National Weather Service provides a wide range of information about lightning, including these facts and tips:

General tips:

- No outdoor area is safe when you hear thunder.

- If you hear thunder, find a safe indoor shelter (a substantial building or enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with the windows up).

Indoor safety tips:

- Stay off corded phones, computers, and other electrical equipment.

- Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths, and faucets.

- Stay away from porches, windows, and doors.

- Never lie on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls.

Outdoor safety tips — No outdoor area is safe during a thunderstorm, but if you’re caught outside with no safe shelter options, take these steps to reduce your risk of being struck by lightning:

- Come down from elevated areas.

- Never lie flat on the ground.

- Never shelter under an isolated tree.

- Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter.

- Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes, and other bodies of water.

- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity, such as wire fences.

Share your experiences with invasive species

Do you have a story about maple, mistletoe, sweetgrass or the emerald ash borer?

The Environmental Department is looking for people interested in sharing their experiences with invasive and native plants and animals.

This is a digital storytelling component of a larger communications project funded through the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. As part of this campaign, we will connect a physical outreach program — involving indoor and outdoor signs — to digital QR

code components. QR codes, or Quick Response codes, are square barcodes capable of being read by mobile devices. Free applications on Blackberry, Android and Apple operating systems allow mobile device users to scan QR codes and link to external sites, such as homepages or websites, thus accessing additional information.

Such additional information will cover 50 different species of plants and animals and aims to raise awareness on identification and management.

The website will have links to

the tribe's *Herbarium, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan and Seed Lab Manual*, as well as to the different digital stories.

It's an opportunity to increase knowledge of pests, why natives are important, how invasives spread, how pests impact natives, how plants in general can be identified and more. By telling your story, you can make a difference and help to improve the environment!

For more information, please contact the Environmental Department at 206 Greenough

St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or at (906) 632-5575 or send

email to tzimmerman@saulttribe.net.

Wanted: 124 ash trees

This is the final year for the Sault Tribe Environmental Department's ash seed collection grant and we're 124 trees shy of meeting our target. From July through September, we will be identifying collection sites for the Fall 2013 season and we're looking for landowners with ash trees in Luce, Chippewa or Mackinac counties. If you own property in

these counties, and you think you may have ash trees, please contact Tesha Zimmerman, environmental research associate, at tzimmerman@saulttribe.net, (906) 632-5575, or 206 Greenough St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Your help in preserving the genetic diversity of this culturally significant species is appreciated!

Annual Trappers Convention and Outdoor Expo

The 51st Annual Trappers Convention/Outdoor Expo will be held July 12-13 at the U. P. State Fairground in Escanaba, Mich.

"Something for Everyone" is the theme of this year's convention — events of interest to trappers, youngsters, ladies and for anyone interested in outdoor activities.

Trapping, fur handling, predator calling demos will be held throughout the expo featuring some really big names in fur harvesting and calling. Ron Leggett, Les Johnson, Jeff Dunlap, Reps from Fur Harvesters Auction and NAFA and other well-known trappers will be there. Some vendors will have items of interest to the ladies like Crafting, Woodworking and Quilting.

There will also be a jewelry-making demo by Tammie Lundborg, in which participants make an item they can keep.

There will be mini-raftles, prize and a free fishing event for the kids at the Pocket park.

The opportunity to buy, sell and trade equipment will be available at the Expo, Many dealers of hunting, fishing, 4-wheeling and other outdoor activities will be on hand as well.

Hours for the event are from 8:00 am-6:00 pm both days. Admission is \$5.00 for both days (under 16 free). Camping is available on the grounds. (906-786-4011). Further information is available by contacting Roy Dahlgren (906) 399-1960 or visiting www.uptrappers.com.

Meeting debuts brownfields program

The Environmental Department's newest program — the Brownfields Program — would like to invite everyone to come join us as we launch our program and website.

We will be hosting our event on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at the Kewadin Casino and Convention

Center in Sault Ste. Marie from 7-8 p.m. upstairs in the Whitefish Point room. Discussion subjects will include defining brownfields and public records. We will also be introducing the Brownfields Program public access website.

Refreshments will be available!

ASSESSMENT OF ASHMUN CREEK CONDUCTED —



Photo by Mike Ripley

Members of the Sault Area Watershed Association conducted a "windshield" assessment of Ashmun Creek on June 13, 2013. Dr. Greg Zimmerman, professor of biology at Lake Superior State University, led the group on the field trip to record changes to the troubled watershed that have occurred since the Sault Area Watershed Plan was published in 2007. Ashmun Creek is severely impaired by stormwater runoff from roads and parking lots, leaking underground fuel tanks, high levels of bacteria and erosion from surging water during rain events and snow melt. The group is comprised of stakeholders and local natural resource agencies including LSSU, Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Soil Conservation District, Sault Tribe, CORA and the City of Sault Ste. Marie. The Sault Area Watershed Association is in the process of applying for non-profit status so they can apply for grants to restore the creeks and watersheds in the city. The group is also planning to develop a website in the near future but until then you can visit the conservation district's site for more information at www.clmcd.org. Pictured, left to right, Jessica Graham, student intern at Inter-Tribal Fisheries; Greg Zimmerman, LSSU professor of biology; A. J. Mclarahmore and Tesha Zimmerman of the Sault Tribe Environmental Department; Andrea Munoz-Hernandez, Derek Wrigh and Kaitlyn Stolzhus, LSSU students; and Nick Cassel, CLM Soil Conservation District.

Readers write in ~ Our language; EUP Hospice

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perity instead of leaving it and its people languishing in poverty.

Sincerely,
Kevin P. Leonard, Ph.D.
2609 Sanibel Hollow
Holt, Mich.

not discourage the cultural department from have another conference next year.

Miigwech,
David Bernier, Sault Tribe member,
Brimley, Mich.

EUP Hospice grateful to community

To The Editor,

On the afternoon of July 3, I had the pleasure of joining other Hospice of the EUP board members as we welcomed members of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors. It was a bright sunny afternoon, the eve of the Fourth of July, and the agenda called for a tour of the Hospice house followed by a group photo in the sun.

It was a lovely stroll through the Hospice house and our tribal guests were impressed by the beauty of the facility and proud to be supporters of Hospice services. We toured the majority of the house but there were several rooms that we did not enter — several terminally ill patients were in residence on that afternoon. People were being cared for, volunteers were doing what they do best which is anything

and everything that needs to be done, Father Sebastian came by to visit a patient, and family members were keeping vigil over loved ones. I could not help but to be overcome with thinking Hospice is working — beautifully. Since opening last fall almost 50 patients have received care in the Hospice house and an equal number have been cared for in their own homes. Many of my own patients and their families have chosen Hospice care and the difference that it can make at the end of life is profound.

We continued our tour and someone pointed out the number of donor recognition plaques throughout the house. Questions of funding arose. The Hospice house is funded entirely by the generosity of its donors, bequests from families of patients and contributions from groups and individuals who support the Hospice mission. Hospice of the EUP does not receive financial support from state or federal government. The Hospice house is standing today as a result of the determination of local individuals and the fund raising efforts of the entire community.

The Hospice board of directors is sincerely grateful for the

ongoing support of so many organizations and individuals in our community. Your hard work and generosity on behalf of Hospice has turned a vacant lot into a place of peace, comfort and compassion. Our fund raising efforts are not complete. We still need to raise over \$200,000 to retire the mortgage. We are also in the process of setting up a program of annual giving to provide for ongoing operations.

The events and fund raising activities to benefit Hospice have been numerous, the Madrigal Dinner and Dancing with the Stars have become much anticipated annual sell outs. There have been motorcycle raffles and rallies, road races, chili cook-offs, calendar and memorial brick sales in addition to very generous personal and corporate contributions. More events are in the planning stages for this fall and your continued support will be most appreciated. The fund raising efforts, just as the work of Hospice itself, will be ongoing.

As the tour concluded, the Hospice board of directors and tribal representatives stepped outside into the sun for a photo. Recently a check was presented

as part of the tribal 2% fund distribution in the amount of \$18,111.43 for Hospice services. What a wonderful conclusion to the afternoon. We expressed our sincere gratitude to the tribal leaders for their continuing support as we all prepared to begin our Fourth of July celebrations.

The flag was flying in the sun as I left the parking lot and I was filled with a tremendous sense of pride on this special Fourth of July, my first as an American citizen. Born in Canada and having lived in this town for 31 years, I took my oath of American citizenship last July 18. I could not be more proud of being part of this community of Americans who place such a high value on the compassionate care of others and demonstrate that caring by being so very generous with their time, talents and treasure. The Hospice house will stand for years to come as testament to the spirit of this community.

On behalf of myself, the board of directors and the executive director of Hospice of the EUP, please let me express our sincere thanks.

Dr. Tim Tetzlaff
President, Hospice of the EUP
Board of Directors.

Don't pass up opportunity to learn our language

Dear Editor,

I am grateful that I took the opportunity to attend the Sault Tribe's Anishinaabemowin conference on June 21 and 22. There were many fluent speakers who provided presentations that were helpful for language learners like me. It is so important to learn the language and preserve it. Even though at times it's a very hard language for me to learn, I'm not giving up. Anything worth having is worth the work to obtain it.

It was disappointing to see so few tribal members and anyone from our tribal leadership in attendance. I understand that life can become very busy, but this was a great opportunity to learn our language. It is my hope that the Sault Tribe will continue the language conference for those who want to learn the language. I hope the lack of attendance does



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

Ahneen, Booze, Negee. With one year behind us in my second term as Chairperson, I find myself contemplating whether or not we are moving forward at an acceptable pace. My conclusion is that we are not. While I am working hard to deliver on my pledge to move us forward to establish a real governmental with: a separation of powers, real due process, a bill of rights, Tribal citizen standing in Tribal Court, and to fulfill the promise of our modern day founders who planned to expand our election units to include at least a "Unit 6" for "At Large" Members - politics, greed, and the threat of our governing body relinquishing their all powerful position is what is standing in your way.

The most dissatisfying aspect is the manner in which "we the people" are treated like children in that there is little trust that we can make an informed decision on a draft constitution. While a few on our Board genuinely do care to make sure the final draft we put out to a vote is "doable" and "feasible", clearly several Members of our Board are fixated on the power they will have to relinquish to you and simply refuse to do so. I suspect they will continue filibuster and argue that we cannot afford a separation of powers. However, I say we cannot afford not to make this change, and here is why.

THE COST OF BOARD COMPLICITY?

The funds stolen or misappropriated by the former Chair of nearly \$3 million, the \$341,000 stolen by a former Board Member, the \$300,000 spent by Chairperson McCoy without any apparent authority on a friend of his who is an attorney, the \$20,000 raise Chairperson McCoy received when I left office while programs and services were slashed and 155 folks lost their jobs, the bonus check provided to a Board member without any established authority, the \$300,000 check cut to the defendants in the 7+2 lawsuit and \$19,000 check cut to the former Chief of Police as he entered prison (even after the Members vetoed these decisions via referendum) suggests that, "we the

NEW FUNDING BALANCES BUDGET

CASINO REVENUES DOWN \$2.5 MILLION! MARKETING LEADERSHIP DEFICIENT

people" cannot afford to not have a separation of powers, or "standing" in Tribal Court to charge your very government with a crime when they allow or conspired to allow the exorbitant expenditures to happen outside of the "will of the people."

The total cost? The table below enumerates the costs of the governing body (collectively) sitting on their hands. While I do believe a few Board Members may have conspired to allow some of these expenses, others are complicit for not changing the governmental structure to protect our assets from this happening again. Some will argue to leave the past in the past, but had we evolved to include a "separation of powers" after Bouschor's theft of nearly \$3,000,000 in 2004, none of the remaining expenditures would have been allowed to happen. I say allowed, because, they were allowed through complicity.

We the people, deserve better! You deserve better! I previously reported the results of nearly 2,000 Members re-

sponding to an online survey of issues related to needed constitutional changes. Recall that nearly 80% said we should be allowed to vote on needed amendments and that almost as many will not vote for Board Members who refuse you this right. I am confident that those who refuse to allow you to vote, will be gone by this time next year. This very well may mean four or five new Board Members. So, while we may not be able to make them vote to allow you to vote on needed improvements, you can simply vote for someone else in 2014 who will not deny you this critically important right.

CASINOS REVENUES DOWN \$2.5MM

Unfortunately, our projected casino revenues are down by \$2.5 million; our year-to-year revenues down about \$1.5 million. Our Casino Chief Executive Officer has reduced operational costs to minimize this loss to \$900,000. Our services are dependent upon the \$17 million our bank covenants allow

us for programs and services. At this pace, a projected annual loss is \$2 million. With the budget constrictions and the impact of sequestration of \$1.7 million, our programs and services simply cannot withstand this level of cut. While operational savings and efficiencies were previously presented to the Board including eliminating a six figure executive, not acting on this recommendation meant that at least five other lower level casino team members were laid off to cover these costs.

Earlier this year, I met to hear the Casino COO's recommendations for savings and improving operations. I accepted his recommendations. A few Board Members insist I instructed him to eliminate the six figure salaried person who costs us a whopping \$154,000 annually. They claimed this was done for political reasons. This could not be further from the truth as the Casino COO confirmed these were exclusively his recommendations. Given Director Pine's irresponsible behavior informing team members that massive layoffs were planned and that I and the Casino COO were violating policy, I met with Kewadin Team Members at all sites.

The biggest complaint was that our Marketing leadership was deficient. Hessel team members reported they had not seen anyone from marketing since I left office in 2008! In St. Ignace, they reported that the marketing does not match the local mar-

ket. In Manistique and Christmas, casino team members reported that often customers hear of marketing promotions before they do. The Board witnessed these complaints. The longer we wait to fix the problem, the more jobs and services will be lost.

NEW BIA FUNDS

Since I have been back, I have worked to move our land in trust requests forward for a projected savings at this point of about \$150,000 annually. Additionally, I have pushed hard to acquire additional treaty rights funds which have yielded \$319,000 or about \$228,000 annually with a projected \$300,000 annually if the President's budget is passed. The total is about \$469,800 I have returned through my efforts in working diplomatically with the BIA and through our Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority.

NO RAISES IN 2014?

Next year, will be even more difficult. If select Board Members continue to safeguard the \$900,000 paid to a selective group over the "max", there simply will not be enough funds to cover raises yet again for all team members. If we do not find a point of compromise, I planned to introduce a referendum to allow Members to set our Chairperson and Board salaries once and for all to help with savings.

Chi McGwitch, Negee,

Aaron

- \$ 341,000 Paquin Theft (Restitution Not Made)
- \$ 19,000 Paquin Check Cut Despite Referendum
- \$ 20,000 Paquin Daughter Theft Differential
- \$ 3,000,000 7+2 Funds Taken
- \$ 300,000 7+2 Check Cut Despite Referendum
- \$ 20,000 Chair McCoy Annual Raise
- \$ 10,000 Board Member 3 Month Bonus
- \$ 300,000 McCoy Spent on Outside Attorney
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← COST OF COMPLICITY?!

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2:30pm Legislative Planning/Appropriations																													
3:30pm Casino Oversight (Gaming Commission)																													
6pm Cultural Committee Meeting																													
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Notes: 8am - Signatures are processed daily at 8am & at additional times by appointment.

BOD & Chair Items (Blue)
Chair Attends & some committees (Black)
At Board Discretion, BOD Attends (Chair Optional)

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Next challenge: 2014 budget



KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

The board and all of our employees are working very hard

at keeping the tribal budgets under control. I must congratulate and thank everyone for the continued vigilance to keep this ever-changing challenge within a controllable number. As of right now we are balancing the budget. Barring any unforeseen circumstances we should finish 2013 at or under budget.

Our next challenge begins this month, figuring out and finalizing the 2014 budget. Uncertainty about our casino profits and the deep cuts in our federal funding makes this task very difficult. Adding in the unknowns of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and the impacts of implementation and financial

impact on the bottom lines of our businesses creates trepidation and fear that some deep cuts may be coming. The tribal board and executives are planning and creating various scenarios so that we can better understand all the possible positive and negative outcomes of the coming budget. I am sure that rumors will run rampant and propaganda will be used to disparage the difficult process but please believe we are working hard to minimize all the negative impacts upon our membership services.

Thank you for all the emails and calls.

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



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

The Sault Tribal Health and Human Services Center was recently recognized for 25 years of membership in the American Hospital Association for leadership in advancing the health of its community. Above, Unit I Director Cathy Abramson, left, and tribal Chair Aaron Payment, right, congratulate Health Division Director Bonnie Culfa.

Our reserved rights include property rights



DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

During the last month, the board has been focused mainly on balancing the budget in the face of federal sequestration. Not that the board really does anything other than rubberstamp

the work and recommendations of staff. So I have to give credit where credit is due, our workforce is our greatest asset!

For the 2013 budget, we originally asked departments to cut at least 5 percent from their budgets without affecting services. Through much work and several meetings with the board to explain the recommendations, the budget was balanced and services remained intact. However, yet another round of cuts was required in order to meet other shortfalls in funding and unexpected increased expenses, leaving staff scrambling to cut once again. They made sacrifices in their budgets and kept services in the forefront. I am so proud of all Sault

Tribe departments who worked so hard at making this work!
TREATY RIGHTS

I think a little outside the box when it comes to treaty rights. I have taken the position to view these in a way that our grandfathers would have understood them to be when agreed upon. That has led me to some very interesting conversations as of late and many who are educated in the "law" disagree with me.

For instance, I believe that tribes retain usufructuary rights; the right to enjoy benefits or profits from something, as real property, while not being the owner of it, such as mineral rights or riparian rights. This belief comes from the language in the treaty stating that we

maintain all rights of ownership until the land is required for settlement. Based on what our ancestors would have understood, I believe they were of the mind that no one owns the earth. We are just inhabitants and caretakers. Allowing the U.S. to occupy the territory until needed for settlement would have had a different meaning in 1836.

I am also of the mind that given the Consent Decree of 2000 and Inland Consent Decree of 2007, the State of Michigan admitted to their understanding of our rights upon the lands and waters. In fact, tribes are to be consulted in government-to-government relationships concerning any changes to the

lands, waters and resources therein. Which begs the question, "Without tribal permission, how can the state sell permits or land, unsettled land, for mining or fracking purposes? How can they sell permits for deforestation?"

Tribes have an interest and the right to deny anything that diminishes or affects the land or waters where we have treaty rights. I plan to continue investigating these ideas and would appreciate any thoughts or insight you may have on the subject. You may contact me at djmalloy@saulttribe.net or by calling (906) 440-9762.

Respectfully submitted,
DJ Malloy

Sequestration calls for prioritizing services



JENNIFER MCLEOD, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin Anishnaabek, My second year as an elected leader of the tribe begins with financial issues continuing to dominate our work. Sequestration is here and it looks like 2014 is going to be worse. There are no easy solutions. I continue to 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. However, it appears that I am in the minority in that thinking and tribal enterprise cuts

are supported by a majority of the board of directors.

I am also of the belief that, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it!" Our health and housing programs are seen as model projects across the United States! The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has set the bar for others to achieve when it comes to running a tribal health or housing program. In fact, our health program just won an award! That's how good these programs are. However, a majority of the board of directors voted to change the organization of these OUTSTANDING programs and, basically, bring it under the control of an executive who reports directly to the chairman. The reasons presented to support these changes were not sufficient in my opinion. There is not an organization or program anywhere that does not experience difficulties from time to time, and our health and housing programs are no exception. But solving those problems is the responsibility of the program directors, let them do their jobs! Hold program directors responsible, that's what they have been hired for, and I know they are capable! Look what they have accomplished so far! We have award winning health and housing programs for our tribe, and I fail to understand the belief that changing the leadership of these programs will make them better. I voted against

this for health and abstained for housing (there was not enough information presented to make an informed decision). However, having lost that vote, I will work to ensure that we do no harm to these fine programs and hope that we will somehow make them better (although at this point I do not see how that is possible). I trust that members of the board vote in a manner each believes is in the best interest of the tribe, and we won't always agree on what that is. That is the basis of the democratic process, right?

Tribal budgets are being adjusted, and sweeping cuts are being made. I still do not support cutting from revenue generating activity or businesses to support government programs that, in my opinion, are too big to begin with. We are taking many millions of dollars from health alone, to support government programs that **STILL HAVE NOT BEEN PRIORITIZED**. I mentioned in a previous unit report that vital programs need to remain intact. In my mind that means services that keep our people in safe homes, provide food to eat and medical care. Beyond that, this board of directors should be prioritizing all other services to determine if they are vital to the welfare of our people. Perhaps other services can be temporarily reduced or suspended until funding is

available or maybe they simply are not worth keeping. Maybe I am wrong, I do not know the answer to this, as we haven't had that type of conversation at the board level. However, all we have done, it seems, is take more money from profit generating tribal enterprises and implement a variety of cost saving measures among government service programs. Everyone has done a good job, too, finding ways to save, but we are avoiding the inevitable. We have been told that sequestration is here to stay — we need to be planning for that by evaluating our work and realigning our operation to fit. Living beyond our financial means is not an option that I support and makes no logical sense.

The political machine continues to ramp up as elections draw nearer. I don't care for politics and I dread the focus changing from "what is best for the tribe" into the chaos and mudslinging that seems to accompany elections everywhere. I very much appreciated the policy of the tribal newspaper during the last election that did not allow negative campaign ads. What a refreshing change! I believe it made our last election much more civil. We are Anishnaabe people — we are better than that!

Looking forward, my efforts will be spent on the mandates given in our tribal Constitution: the perpetuation of our way of

life and the welfare and prosperity of our people.

As I write this article, I am on my way to Minnesota for a Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) meeting and, hopefully, a meeting with the Bureau of Indian Education. Working with other tribes, I will continue to stand strong to defend treaty rights and help make certain that federal and state governments understand the relationships between them and tribes. To help in this effort, I created a slogan that Chairman Payment is turning into buttons for tribal leaders to use in our work in D.C. It states, "It's a TRUST thing, treaties are NOT discretionary." The buttons look great and will increase the visibility of our battle to maintain tribal sovereignty and enforce the federal governments legal "treaty bound" trust responsibility to Indian Nations.

I say miigwech to you all, this is the hardest job I've ever loved! I hope to see you at the various powwows the tribe will host this summer or perhaps at a downstate event or maybe during office hours. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please contact me!

Bamapii!
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Reporting on budgets, health services, culture



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

First off, I need to apologize for not having a report in last month. I honestly had hard feelings and thought it was best to keep it quiet. I probably will get a little riled in this one but please bear with me. Many members noticed I didn't have a report in and that made me feel good (it's being read! Ha-ha). I did get a verbal from some and the point was made, I will continue to be consistent in my reporting and thank you for reading them.

We have been attempting to balance our governmental budget for 2013, we have met weekly on the projected deficit and recently held a two-day special meeting to go through all budgets with savings initiated through sequestration and further saving that we could identify. These totals only include our governmental budget, as the casino budget is separate. In the totals below, we do receive \$17 million from our casino businesses.

The following is our current 2013 total budgets as presented per department after all sequestration affects and recommended savings:

ACFS	6,259,917
Big Bear	1,647,123
Cultural	788,941
Education	3,374,473
Elderly	1,183,403
Youth employment.....	337,031
Fisheries	1,254,604
General fund	6,069,535
Governmental	4,273,557
Health	31,775,673

Weatherization/	
Sanitation	496,766
Internal services	28,291,707
Law enforcement	4,205,361
Legal	1,900,188
Self-sufficiency	2,406,150
Tribal Court	1,266,594

I wanted you to see in layman's terms the total amounts we have set and expect, if we stay on mark with frugal spending and continue to identify savings, we will balance the budget for this year on the governmental side. We have a small cushion identified and hope this is a priority for the board of directors to keep in case we have something major arise. Our casino budget needs the same kind of identified savings and attention. We are in a major budgeting issue on the side. At this point in the year we are considerably down in total revenue for all five sites combined, we have two making the mark at this time but total is down. Much work and attention is needed and it's continuously discussed at the board level. I'm very unhappy as to the politics and old way of thinking involved, better efforts to plan properly for increased revenue and better team member/customer service is my priority (I'm keeping this short on purpose). Our surveys for team members still remain sealed and our discussion is coming soon to go over them. I personally believe that we will have many good thoughts and recommendations to improve our businesses. My next report will include the next steps for this survey process.

I attended the Elders Advisory Committee meeting in May in Newberry, this is the large group that represents the entire tribe through representative elders from each unit. The concerns and recommendations that were brought to the board who attended (directors Sorenson and McKelvie, Chair Payment) has all been brought back to the entire board and as with unit meetings and individual concerns from members, there are many items to resolve, discuss and work on. One particular item of discussion was the question as to why we were

tabling the new Constitution. Fact is, the vote for the draft constitution has not been brought-forward to the agenda for a vote. There are many different views on this but, as always, I'm willing to discuss and make amendments **WITH PROPER PLANNING INCLUDED**.

At our June 3 board meeting, after much discussion and planning through our health ad hoc committee, we voted in favor to identify existing funds to include access services for Escanaba, DeTour, Drummond Island and Marquette. The total cost to accommodate the request for these outlying areas was \$15,900. We did not ask for increased services or additional, just access to lab work and prescription pick up. I await the results of this resolution and service. I will say that there is a stall in this and I assure you that the outlying unit reps are attempting to clear it up for the members.

Our Cultural Committee is now active once again and has one meeting under its belt. I'm pleased to say that, since last September, I have been attempting to recreate a working group with members that had interest in being part of this very important committee for our tribe and its people. We held our first meeting with the make up being five women, five men and five board members. This was thought from the last and previous working group to be a good balance of members on the committee. I'd like to personally say a chi miigwech to members Anita McKerchie, Lisa Burnside, Norma Castro, Brandie MacArthur, Luann Bush, John Causley Jr., Tony Grondin, Ronald Munro and from the board Jen McLeod, Aaron Payment and myself. We will be planning to go out in each and every community as well as the elder meetings to move in a positive direction for our tribe. Our next meeting is July 29 at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Building and ALL members are encouraged and invited to attend.

I began this report with an

apology and unfortunately I must close with one. On behalf of myself AND my role as an elected official of our tribe, I sincerely apologize for public comments and accusations on past leadership and their families who are stirring around on social media sites and during meetings. I have been in my role for nine years, no one person speaks for me nor do I condone such attacks on our members and their families. I believe current and PAST elected officials have all offered something valuable to our people. Please disregard the terrible attacks you read, it hurts us as an entire nation because our way is when one family is attacked we ALL really are attacked. There are plenty of people trying to strip us down, we DO NOT need our own doing the demolition. I've had my say in private about this

with the current board and leadership and it was respectful and I hope that my input and requests for it to stop will be respected for the members I represent.

Our jiingtamok season has started and I'm feeling so happy for the time I get to spend celebrating our family, friends, community and traditions. It will be busy for all of us this summer and if you get a chance please say a chi miigwech to the Powwow Committee members who dedicate countless hours to make sure we can carry on our ways, they work hard for us, chi miigwech to all of them.

As always, please contact me via cell, home or email if you would like to meet or discuss any concerns or thoughts at Lcausley@saultribe.net, (906) 484-2954 or 322-3818.

Baamaapii, Lana

Reporting from Unit V



JOAN (CARR) ANDERSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT V

As usual, our board of directors has been real busy with our everyday business and meetings.

I have also, between board meetings, attended our ad hoc health meetings. We are trying to put back some of our services we lost in 2008 in the outlying areas. So far, they are looking good. I have also attended our local TAP focus meetings for our communities. That is our Tribal Action Plan on drugs and alcohol. I attended with directors Marrow and Chase and our liaison Rita

Glypitis in Sands Township. I did not attend the Marquette TAP because of a family funeral. But, I was informed that it had a great turn out. This is good, people need assurance of where they can go and get help.

We just finished our casino surveys for our employees. I was really pleased to see some of them come forward and fill them out. We truly need your input and ideas to make our businesses better for our customers and employee moral.

Next, do not forget we have many powwows coming up. Our Munising powwow will be down at the City Park On The Bay on Sept. 14. For information, you can call Angela Satterlee (906) 202-3947.

Other meeting dates: Marquette elders at Holiday Inn, Marquette at 6 p.m. on July 11; Munising elders at Lincoln School at 4 p.m. on July 15; and a board of directors meeting in Munising at Lincoln School at 5 p.m. on July 15.

Sincerely,
Joan Carr Anderson
Home: (906) 387-2802

Sorenson gives monthly review from Unit III



BRIDGETT SORENSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

On June 3, we had our meeting and workshop in St. Ignace. One item of discussion was the tribe's employee emergency fund program. This program runs through our ACFS division and is funded from found monies in the casino. In past years, thousands of dollars were found on the floor and, with

many slot machines now coinless, less money is found. We also have a better surveillance system that can track down the customer who lost the money, sometimes before they leave the building.

The program is in danger of running out of funds, so we may have to look at fundraisers or other alternatives to keep it going. We discussed our current comp system for players and the need to make changes to stay competitive. We have a new system that will soon allow customers to see their comps on the machines and be able to use them at the point of sale instead of having to visit the player's club desk.

We discussed Head Start/Early Head Start's 2014 budget. There will be staff laid off for one-month intervals to save money in both programs. As unfortunate as this is, some of the staff are happy to have a break.

We discussed the 2012 election

results. The Election Committee only retains records for 90 days following an election. We talked about the need to speed up the process of filling vacancies on the board or the chair's seat, if such vacancies occur. We will be holding a meeting with the Election Committee to discuss future changes for the 2014 election cycle.

On June 4, I went to the United Way annual awards breakfast sponsored by the casino. I have belonged to our Workplace Campaign Committee for the past four years or so since becoming a team member. We start meeting for the year in June to plan our fundraising booth at the Sault sidewalk sales in July. We have a bake sale, face painting and children's games. Last fall, we had a movie day at the casino, selling popcorn and beverages. The Sault Tribe won the 2012 Award of Excellence for total contributions

of \$14,314.24 by 123 employees contributing. We won an award for special events with the movie day raising \$165.75. The committee is made up of people from the Sault and St. Ignace area, meeting during the lunch hour to discuss our campaign. Our goal this year is to beat Cloverland Electric Co.

On June 7, we had our TAP meeting. We are almost done with our community forums and focus groups. We are focusing on a coming survey going out to households. We ask that people please take the time to fill them out so we can try to get a better handle on drug abuse prevention and treatment in our communities. There is a newly formed group in the Sault called Families Against Narcotics (FAN) working to have drug awareness nights and advocating in drug courts.

On June 9, I went to Doris LaDuke's benefit dinner and auction. They had a great turn

out and actually ran out of food. Doris is a long-time team member of the Lakefront Hotel and is greatly missed there. She is getting better by the day and we hope to see her back soon.

On June 10, I was in the Sault casino doing team member surveys from 6:30-9:45 a.m., which was cut short due to a special meeting being called. During the 10 a.m. special meeting, we discussed efficiencies and savings. There is a lot of discussion on the team members that are over the max on the pay scale. There are many variables and it is not an easy fix. We have decided to review each team member's employee file to look at their individual raises and changes in position and compare it to the raise structure the board passed in that year. There are many team members who are just over the maximum rate because of annual

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raises. In my opinion, that is not their fault and plays into longevity. If team members were just given raises for who they were and not justified, then I have a problem. We need to replace 533 computers to be able to utilize the new software upgrades. We discussed our pay for performance program for our medical staff. We would like a presentation or report proving that this program has really helped our health services and professional personnel retention.

On June 10, I attended the Inland Fishing and Hunting Committee meeting at which the elk and bear permits winners were drawn. There were 387 applications for four elk permits.

On June 11, we had our workshop and talked about still being \$34 million in debt, which will, hopefully, be paid off in the next four to five years. We were told that the Housing Authority has \$30 million in assets. We had to write off \$30 million to clean up the Greentown fiasco.

We discussed the Frazier property we purchased in Epoufette in January. We had voted to spend up to \$10,000 on a phase one project to allow small boaters to gain access, but it is now suggested to spend an additional \$20,000 to get a project design so we can apply for a grant that could potentially provide us with \$500,000 in funding to dredge and build a better dock. The money spent on this project is coming out of the fisherman's fund.

We had a presentation from Human Resources on the wage review process. Right now, we post a position and hire at the minimum rate of pay and that does not allow us to be able to pay someone that has knowledge or skills beyond the minimum qualifications. We need to be able to offer a wage that is based on what that person is bringing to the table in order to recruit the best candidate.

On June 12, I served on an appeal hearing, which is never fun but a part of our policy.

On June 13, I went to the Christmas casino from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. to conduct team member surveys with directors Morrow and Carr-Anderson. It is sad to see so many team members afraid to fill out surveys fearing management will find out what they wrote. We assured them that only the board will see the actual surveys. The information will be compiled onto a spreadsheet with all that sites comments.

On June 14, I attended our monthly elders' Unit 3 meeting. We discussed the team member surveys, the hiring freeze and plans for Wequayoc cemetery. The elders would like to see bi-monthly or monthly clean up days at the cemetery and Grimes property to keep the grass mowed and maintained. The property is beautiful and I hope we can find or raise money in the future to use it as a culture camp for gathering and teachings. The elders voted whether to go to Branson, Mo., or New York. Some elders wanted to go to Branson but the New York trip had more votes so the trip is

planned for Oct. 5-11 for about \$575 per person, with some of that being covered by their savings account. You must be at least 60 to qualify. The elders deserve this trip because many spend a lot of time fundraising. The annual elders picnic will be on Aug. 7 at noon at the McCann School building. Keith and I will be serving barbeque chicken and brats with the elders bringing in side dishes.

On June 17, I attended the Great Lakes Fishing Committee meeting. Following that meeting was the first of our meetings between the board of directors, the fishermen and staff to review maps and discuss our plan for the 2020 Consent Decree. About 30 fishermen attended and we met for three hours. The next meeting will be in Naubinway on Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at the community building following the elders monthly meeting.

On June 18, we had our workshop and meeting in Escanaba. We met with three men from the DNR to establish a better relationship between the tribe and the state. Many of our fishermen feel they are being targeted or treated unfairly, so we wanted to be able to address those concerns. There are 24 state-licensed commercial fishing operations. Five of them in the U.P. with three in the 1836 Treaty ceded territory. There are seven in the whole state fishing in the 1836 Treaty area. In 2011, there were 105 tribal fishing licenses under the 1836 Treaty. Half of those were Sault Tribe members. There were 379 subsistence licenses and 351 of them were Sault Tribe with 30 percent of them in the Bay de Noc area. There were 147 special permits to harvest wall-eye in the U.P. and 98 percent were in the Bay de Noc area. In 2012, the DNR had 85,000 contacts with fishermen (state, tribal, commercial, subsistence and recreational). Of those contacts, 2.3 percent resulted in tickets and 1.9 percent of tribal resulted in a ticket. There were 600-700 contacts with commercial fishermen. DNR officers do not write tickets directly to the fishermen, they give violations and it is up to the prosecutor to decide what counts he/she will charge and then the tickets are written. There was discussion on having a conservation officer out of the Escanaba area. There are four conservation officers working out of the Manistique area.

We had a discussion that we need to review our hiring policy. In my opinion, it is Indian preference vs. entitlement. I stand by giving Sault Tribe members preference when all things are equal. What I do not agree with is members thinking they are entitled to things such as a job. We need to get rid of this mentality. We should be giving opportunities, not guarantees. Some may not like to think of our organization in a business sense, but we must. We have members who think they can quit today and come back tomorrow because they have a tribal card. This is not good for team member morale or customer service. Like I continue to say, we

need to teach our members how to become self-sufficient, not program dependent. I want our members to have the opportunities for employment and advancement but it must be EARNED. They still need to follow the policies, come to work and do their job even when they don't want to. If this is the way we are going to operate our businesses, we will not prosper and succeed and neither will our members.

I believe the key to success is for each team member to feel ownership. How would you act if this was your business? How would you treat your customer? As a manager, you need to ask yourself what you expect out of your team member and relay that to them. As a team member, you should know what is expected of you and do it with pride. We need better communication and respect from our management. People don't communicate and situations don't get resolved until they escalate to explosion. Please communicate with your staff and try to resolve their concerns, breeding a better work environment.

The Health Center recently earned CARF accreditation for behavioral health. They operate on a \$30 million budget with about \$18 million from IHS, \$7 million in third party revenue (funds from billing client's insurance company) and about \$5 million in grants and tribal support. They are almost operating with no tribal support. Thank you to all the health center team members for providing one of the most vital services to our members.

We discussed our recent annual audits and discussed hiring an outside firm to conduct audits of our marketing and food and beverage departments for efficiencies. Those are the areas we are going to start with. Savings found will expand the audits to other areas.

On June 20, I was in the Sault casino doing team member surveys from 10 a.m. to 7p.m.

On June 21, we had a 1 p.m. TAP meeting and we discussed sending out the surveys separately or with the census surveys that will be sent out. I prefer separate for a few reasons: (1) we were going to send surveys within the service area so we know what we are doing right and what the gaps are. (2) The costs of the surveys are covered under our Tribal Action Plan grant. (3) Sending out two surveys together may cause some people to choose one or the other.

On June 21, I was at the St. Ignace casino doing team member surveys from 3-9 p.m. There were concerns about being short dealers to open tables because they are filling in at keno or some had been given the day off or called in. It happened to be the night of a poker tournament, which is not good. I prefer we hire two more keno clerks to fully staff the department.

On June 22, I was at the Sault casino doing team member surveys from 3-10 p.m. They had similar concerns about being short in the pit and using pit bosses to cover for shift managers. This was supposed to be the last scheduled

survey date but since the Sault and St. Ignace are the largest sites, I will be doing one more visit at each casino in July. If you did not get a chance to fill one out, please call or email me for a time that works for you.

On June 24, I went to the Elders Advisory Committee meeting in Newberry from 12:30-2:20 p.m. In the prior month's meeting minutes, I was listed as attending but nothing I said was recorded. Maybe they didn't like what I had to say? The chairman was telling the elders that we have a \$350,000 projected deficit. I did not agree. We have never been given numbers to back this up. Divisions have been finding ways to save money and, even though we have had unexpected expenses arise, we still have not been told anything like this by our CFO. At least monthly we have financials and that has not been presented even though we know the casinos are down. Elders had concerns with the dress code in the casinos and with getting appointments in certain areas.

On June 24, we had enterprise and casino financials from 4-6 p.m. Our numbers are still down for the casinos but there is starting to be a rebound. I would like to see free well drinks and free draft beer while gaming. We discussed the economy, competition and reduced bridge traffic as areas of concern.

On June 25, we had our workshop and board meeting at 10 a.m. in the Sault. This meeting was held in place of our regular July 2 scheduled meeting. We discussed more casino issues and voted to put the executive director over the Health Division and Housing Commission. Some were concerned why we made that decision when it was not on the agenda. We have had issues that we need to address and Christine (executive director) will be able to get things in order. The chairman does not have enough time to deal with the Health Division. Christine was the best person we have hired since I have been on the board. She takes care of business — making people follow policy and holding people accountable.

On June 27, I attended the funeral of elder Shirley Konle of Epoufette. Shirley was an amazing lady. She loved to cook and surround herself with kids. When I left the burial, I went down to the Frazier property the tribe bought and took some pictures. There is a lot of work that needs to be done that I didn't realize. There needs to be a cleanup and the water is shallow and mucky. There is a run-down building and old fuel oil tanks on it, a tug and stacks of broken concrete. I was hoping small boats could launch there for the fall run but it is not looking that way.

On June 28, I went to the St. Ignace casino to see how things were going in preparation for the car show. The final touches to brace the bleachers for the arrival of at least 2,500 people were almost complete. There were quite a few people around and staff was setting up for the concessions.

On June 29, I went down to the car show and noticed once again they had put a booth in front of the casino booth. The casino was selling monster truck tickets. The downtown was busier than I have seen it in a few years. I later went to the monster truck show at 5:30 p.m. and was glad I went when I did because it got crowded fast. There was seating for 2,500 and they were selling lawn chairs to accommodate the unexpected crowd of over 3,000. As an adult, if you paid \$10 and brought your ticket in the casino, you received \$10 in free credits. Kids were free. The show went very well and was a great turn out for a first try. I believe about 600 people came in the casino and played. It was the first time in a long time that the restaurant had a line at the door. The staff did a great job with this event. I especially want to thank all the people who worked on assembling the bleachers for weeks. Great team work!

On July 1 and 2, we had a special meeting. We met with each government division to get an accurate picture of their budget. At the conclusion of the meetings we were at a projected \$200,000 in the black. All directors and staff are doing a great job of cost savings.

I would like to take this time to address a concern I have that I did discuss with the board. I think that, as tribal members and team members, we owe it to ourselves and our tribe as a whole to stop bashing our team members and businesses on social media. If you truly care about the tribe and/or your place of employment, you would not do it. If you have a concern, it should be addressed to a manager, a board member, the chairman or his staff. Our team members work very hard and when people complain or bash things in their areas it is hard on employee morale. They should not have to feel like they need to defend themselves, especially over things over which they may have no control. Also, bad publicity is not what our tribe or our businesses need. Think before you do it!

The week of Aug. 5 is the FREE Jr. Police Academy at Boedne Bay (close to Brevort Lake Campground). This is a great camp for youth 11-15 years of age; watch the newspaper for more information or call 635-6065. I have decided to try and raise \$1,000 for this. I am going to allow law enforcement to tase me as a presentation to the kids. Please join me in this great cause and mail donations made out to Sault Tribe Jr. Police Academy 2334 Shore Dr., St. Ignace, MI 49781.

I would also like to remind everyone that Keith and I have Unit 3 meetings on the fourth Monday of the month at the McCann elders building at 6 p.m. We can answer any questions and give updates.

As always, thanks for the phone calls, cards and emails. Feel free to contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, call my office at 643-2123 or cell 430-0536.

Enjoy the summer!

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