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KEWADIN CASINOS TURNS 25 WITH MUSIC FESTIVAL

By BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE — It was a busy weekend July 22-24 in Sault Ste. Marie Michigan as Kewadin Casino celebrated it's 25th anniversary with a three day summer bash.

An impressive line-up included popular local musicians Nixxon Dixxon, Clown Sack, Electric Motor Fish, Rock Camp, Elipzis, and Paul Perry all from Sault Ste. Marie, Showdown from Lansing, Dannison from Grand Rapids, Finding Clyde from Essexville, and Stilrize from Boston.

Thursday night saw 1980s rockers Vince Neil and Brett Michaels take the stage for the first night of the three-day bash.

Friday nights celebrity performer was modern rocker 3-Doors Down and Sautrday as the sun went down the crowd gathered in force for American rock icon Meat Loaf.

The festival also offered electronic bull riding, food eating contests and fireworks.

(See photos on page 15!)



Photo by Brenda Austin

BIG BIRTHDAY BASH — Concert goes enthusiastically greeted performers during Kewadin Casino's 25th anniversary celebration. The festival also featured autograph sessions with Henry "The Fonz" Winkler and former Lion football players Billy Sims and Herman Moore.

New board reps installed



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

SWORN IN — Tribal members were all invited to witness newly elected representatives to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Board of Directors swearing in the evening of July 7 at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center's Grand Ballroom in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The Bahweting Singers performed an opening song, and opening prayers were made by Cecil Pavlat and Rene Shipman, followed by the eagle staff presentation by Les Ailing. Election Committee Chairman Michael McKerchie administered the oath of office to new and re-elected board members. Above (L-R), Deb Pine, Catherine Hollowell, DJ Malloy, Keith Massaway, Denise Chase and Joan (Carr) Anderson made their oath in the Anishinaabe language, after which the drum performed an honor song. New board members took the opportunity to speak, giving thanks and promising to do their best, followed by closing remarks from Tribal Chairman Joe McCoy. A reception followed.

John Causley Jr. appointed to Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns

By BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — As the Americans with Disabilities Act celebrates its 20th anniversary, Sault Tribe member John Causley Jr. is celebrating his appointment as the first Native American and the first representative from Michigan's U.P. to be appointed by the state's governor to the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns.

Causley will be sworn in Aug. 26 in a ceremony at the state's capitol.

The governor appoints commissioners to three-year terms, with each commissioner representing a different geographic region of the state. Causley will be working with other commissioners to provide a variety of education and advocacy services, technical assistance for federal and state See "Commissioner," page 11



Photo by Brenda Austin

Newly appointed commissioner John Causley Jr. (R) gets a hearty congratulations from Tribal Chairman Joe McCoy (L).

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Basic CPR class in Newberry

The Newberry Tribal Center at 4935 Zeez-ba-tik Lane is the site of a basic CPR class scheduled for Aug. 19, 2010. The class will start at 9 a.m. and will take four to five hours to complete.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who has never learned CPR basics or for anyone to learn updates in CPR procedures.

Hessel health, safety fair set

A community health and safety fair is set for Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the grounds of the Hessel Tribal Center.

The fair is presented by Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Nbiish-Be-Mwi-Jwaang Tribal Youth Council in collaboration with the Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens Suicide Prevention Committee (LIFT), Mukkwa Giizhik Community Committee, Sault Tribe Housing Authority and Kewadin Casinos.

The project is made possible by funding from Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) and Kewadin Casinos.

Activities will include

Notice on state sales tax exemption certificates

In order for resident tribal members to receive exemptions from Michigan sales tax, the exemption certificates **must be present** at the time of sales. If exemption certificates are not presented to sellers at the time of sales, the sellers will tax the purchase and the exemption of taxes will be forfeited.

Please note in September 2007, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors voted to change from the refund method to the exemption method to eliminate the time waiting for tax refunds from the state.

Exemption certificates are required for the purchase of the following:

— Automobiles, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles,

The class will feature a training video and hands on training with the "Mannequin family."

Don't miss this opportunity to learn something that could help you save a life.

The staff at the center will provide a soup and salad luncheon along with coffee and water.

Please call 293-8181 to register in advance by Aug. 17.

inflatable fun house, dunk tank, STAY booth, LIFT booth, blood pressure and sugar testing, carbon monoxide testing, nutrition, disability awareness, stress management, fire safety, ambulance tour and first aid demonstration, stress coping skills, tribal police presentation and more.

Lunch for health fair participants will be provided under the casino tent.

The 18th annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow and Spiritual Gathering is scheduled to follow the fair.

For more information, contact Lisa Burnside at 484-2298, 440-7666 or lburnside@saulttribe.net.

motorcycles, recreational watercraft, snowmobiles and off-road vehicles.

— Modular and mobile homes when purchased from a dealer.

— Construction materials such as roofing, siding, windows, paint and so forth. (This does not include appliances or furniture.)

PLEASE NOTE —

If the tax-exempt items (vehicle, snowmobile, etc.) are purchased from private parties, then certificates of exemption must be obtained before registering the items with the Secretary of State. If exemption certificates are not presented upon registration, the use tax will be imposed and the exemption of taxes will be forfeited.

Insurance offices moved

The Sault Tribe Insurance Department has relocated offices. The department is now located in the lower level of the tribe's Administration Building at 531 Ashmun St. in Sault Ste. Marie.

Phones, faxes, and extensions are as follows:

Insurance Department Main Line, 632-6336

Insurance Department Main Fax, 632-6799

Worker's Compensation Fax, 635-8634

Benefits Fax, 635-8645

Cindy Benson, 26020

Dale Joseph, 26511

Holly Haapala, 26018

Jeri Eby, 26513

Kristin Green, 26515

Patti Simi, 26514

Sault blood and marrow drive

The next blood and bone marrow drive at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium is set for Friday, Sept. 3, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You must be 17 years old or older and present a photo ID to donate blood. Walk ins are welcome. To take the mouth swab for bone marrow registry, you must be 18-61 years old. If you are found to be a match in the future for bone marrow transplant, it only requires a blood sample now.

Please come save a life!

Gas Stations offering discount

Stations offering gas and cigarette discounts:

MidJim Convenience Store, 2205 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie

MidJim Convenience Store, 3045 Mackinac Trail, St. Ignace

Other stations offering gas discounts only:

Kinross BP, 4440 Tone Rd., Kincheloe

Cedar Pantry, 159 W M-134, Cedarville

Newberry BP Express Mart, 13975 M-28, Newberry

White Pine Lodge, 7889 E. W. M-28, Christmas

Freedom Value Center, 501 W. Washington St., Marquette

Manistique Oil Company, 216 Deer St., Manistique

Carnes BP, 2300 Ludington St., Escanaba

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United Way Local Heroes Chili Cook Off Aug. 10

United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula will hold its ninth annual Local Heroes Chili Cook Off on Tuesday, Aug. 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Pullar Stadium.

The chili cook off, a popular event with over 800 people attending last year, honors local heroes such as emergency response groups and non-profit organizations, and spotlights United Way's 20 local health and human service agencies.

About 25 teams have registered so far to compete for coveted trophies and chili pepper hat awards. A panel of 15 distinguished judges taste samples of each chili entry (antacids, milk and crackers are provided to all judges) and make awards for the best hot, mild, vegetarian and white chili.

A professional/restaurant category for a \$25 entry fee, was added this year and will be judged separately. A People's Choice Award is also given, voted on by the people attending the event, and the best decorated booth is also honored, with special judges choosing for this award.

The 2010-11 campaign goal is \$345,000. According to Laitinen, the amount requested by agencies far exceeds the amount available to be given, so every dollar counts. Over 98.5 percent of the funds raised locally are returned to the local community. United Way recently changed its name to United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula to more accurately reflect where its donors live

and where the agencies serve. Consequently, the campaign also includes Mackinac and Luce counties.

The family-oriented event will feature the music of Dave Stanaway and George Snider, free balloons for all kids and children's activities coordinated by Vista member Tara Amarose.

Admission is \$6 per adult, \$3 for children 5-12 and free for children under 5.

Spaces are still available for any teams still wishing to enter and take a shot at one of the awards. Call the United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula at 632-3700 for more information.

Newspaper deadline and publication 2010 schedule

Below is the *Win Awenen Nisitotung* production schedule for 2010. Please save this schedule and use it as a tool for event scheduling and PSAs. If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Dale-Burton at (906) 632-6398, extension 26073, or send e-mail to jdburton@saulttribe.net.

DEADLINE (Tuesdays)	PUBLISH (Fridays)
Aug. 24	Sept. 3
Sept. 28	Oct. 8
Oct. 26	Nov. 5
Nov. 30	Dec. 10

Conservation Committee opening

One open seat available for any interested tribal member. Submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation to Tara Benoit at 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Please call (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

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subject to editing and are not to exceed 400 words. Unsigned submissions are not accepted.

Please note the distribution date when submitting event information for our community calendar. Submissions can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed. The distribution date is the earliest the newspaper can arrive in the seven-county service area.

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Our name: *Win Awenen Nisitotung*, in our native language, means, "One who well or fully understands," pronounced "Win Oh-weh-nin Nis-toe-tuhng"

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First smoke-free Michigan tribal housing opens

By MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority was the first tribal entity in Michigan, and fifth in the nation, to open smoke-free tribal homes after the Sault Tribe Housing Authority adopted a smoke-free housing policy last April.

The four smoke-free duplex units will house eight families. In 2011, the Housing Authority will build three triplex smoke-free units to house nine more families.

"Providing a healthy living environment is our main goal," said Joni Talentino, Housing director. "We want to give our tribal people the chance to join the nationwide movement

towards becoming smoke free."

Donna Norkoli, project coordinator of the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project, said many tribal and non-tribal entities worked hard to obtain the smoke-free status.

"As an initiative of the Sault Tribe's Strategic Alliance for Health Project, Tobacco Task Force, Housing Authority, youth council, the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition, the Smoke-free Environments Law Project and the Michigan Department of Community Health have collaborated since November 2008 to achieve this goal. This could not have been done without the partnership of all of these entities," she said.

The Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition commended the Sault Tribe for its leadership in adopting a smoke-free housing policy.

"The Sault Tribe Housing Authority joins the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Commission and a number of other owners of apartment complexes in Sault Ste. Marie," said Julie Trotter, CCTFLC coordinator. "We are hopeful that (the tribe's) interest and leadership in this important public health initiative will promote other housing officials – both tribal and non-tribal – to follow suit."

According to Jim Bergman of the Smoke-Free Environments Law Project, the tribe joins nine local housing commissions in the U.P. that have adopted smoke-free policies. And, of 11 tribal housing authorities in Michigan, it is the first to adopt



Photo by Rick Smith

Smoke free families — Left to right: Rodney Leask, Peyton Leask, Cathie Menard of Sault Tribe Resident Services, Diana Leask, Debbra Leask, Rebecca Leask (holding sign) and Kim Mills holding grandson Landon Thomas Gaskin.

a smoke-free policy.

"Hopefully, other tribes will soon follow the Sault Tribe's leadership role," he added.

For more information about smoke-free housing, call Donna Norkoli at Sault Tribe Community Health, 635-8844.

Paquin convicted

MARQUETTE, Mich.

– Frederick James Paquin, of St. Ignace, Mich., formerly the chief of police of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Police Department, pled guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States by dishonest means, announced U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis in a July 26 press statement.

An investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Justice's Office of Inspector General revealed that Paquin and his office manager, Hope H. Schlehuber, at the Sault Tribe Police Department obtained grants from the U.S. Department of Justice in order to fund the department's serious unmet financial needs.

Paquin and Schlehuber created dummy purchases that resulted in payments from these grants to numerous vendors of police equipment and

uniforms, where the funds were maintained as "credits" to the department. These funds were no longer subject to oversight by the tribal Accounting Department or the Department of Justice once transferred to the vendors under the guise of actual purchases. Paquin was then able to use the funds at any time and in any way he saw fit, regardless of the terms of the grants.

Paquin faces a sentence of up to five years in prison as a result of this conviction. In addition, he will be required to pay restitution to the Sault Tribe and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Paquin will be sentenced by U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar on Dec. 13, 2010, in Marquette.

Schlehuber was previously convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States by dishonest means as a result of her involvement in this scheme and was sentenced to 11 months' home confinement.

Rendezvous at the Straits Aug. 28-29

Take the opportunity to travel back in history on Aug. 28 and 29 at the Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow and French Voyager reenactment at the New France Discovery Center and Father Marquette National Memorial in St. Ignace. On Friday, Aug. 27, the public is invited to a blessing of the grounds at 1 p.m. A grand entry starts the powwow at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Visitors will go back in time to 1633 when Jean Nicolet became the first French explorer to visit the straits and travel forward to modern time as expressed by regalia and new dance styles.

The event is a family-oriented event the whole family will enjoy, a cultural heritage celebration that brings together the history of French fur trading, the English and the

Anishinaabek. This celebration is two events in one with a French voyager encampment demonstrating Native and French cooking, French woodworking, Native and French sewing, Native sinew production, Native and French transportation, snowshoes and toboggans along with a display of a historic and traditionally built canoe by Ron Paquin.

Other presentations show how to sew cattail mats with cordage of inner basswood bark along with birch bark containers, brain-tan deer hides and make wampum shell beads. Many homemade items will be available for sale.

Tom and Cindy Snider will present the French Voyager history and Keith Knecht weave a story portraying Michigan's earliest residents and the Native way of life.

Host Drum for the rendezvous powwow will be the Bahweting Singers and Drum. Young dancers are encouraged to attend and participate.

Jody Gaskin will MC and with his unique Indian humor and information about the powwow and different dance styles. Gaskin is a crowd pleaser and weaves together the entire event with his wit and wisecracks.

Traders and vendors will be selling Native arts, crafts and foods including whitefish, wild rice and fry bread. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for elders and free admission for children under 12.

Key sponsors for the event are the St. Ignace Special Events Committee, Visitors Bureau, Sault Tribe, St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce and Kewadin Casinos.

SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

18TH ANNUAL HESSEL POW-WOW

August 20 – 22, 2010

Hessel Pow-wow Grounds
Activities Include:

Friday, August 20, 2010
5:00 p.m. – Spiritual Gathering
Open pow-wow
Saturday, August 21
1:00 p.m. Grand Entry
5:00 p.m. Feast / Dish to Pass
7:00 p.m. Grand Entry
Sunday August 22
1:00 p.m. Grand Entry

HEAD VETERAN:
Gene Reid

HEAD MALE DANCER:
Abe Bouschor

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Jackie Minton

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906-484-2239

CAMP SITES AVAILABLE @
Kewadin Camp Grounds

Public Welcome

Language teacher hired for Early Childhood

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Kids in the tribe's Early Childhood Education Programs have a new Ojibwe language instructor. Theresa Lewis, or in the language, Tanes Otowadjiwan, was hired recently by the Culture Department and will be working closely with Orien Corbiere and Leonard Kimewon to develop age-appropriate speaking skills for children ages birth to 5.

Lewis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and is licensed to teach grades K-8; she is also licensed to teach science to grades 5-8 and has a minor in communication. She is currently working on a master's degree from Lake Superior State University in curriculum development and education.

Lewis said her grandparents, Lawrence and Peggy Lewis, were fluent speakers of the Anishinaabe language and would be proud of the efforts



Theresa Lewis

being made today to preserve and teach Anishinaabemowin.

"Our language reflects our culture," she said. "I am going to combine my ideas with the curriculum the Culture Department already has developed and will be working closely with my language colleagues to make sure we are being consistent in our teaching."

Lewis belongs to the Namé

Doodem (Sturgeon Clan) and traces her heritage to the Odawa, Potawatomi and Mandan tribes. Her father's family originally came from Wikwemikong Unceded Reservation in Ontario, Canada.

Lewis said she is looking forward to guiding and helping children become familiar and comfortable in learning and speaking the language. She said the revitalization and importance of retaining the language has been a challenge in the Three Fires tribes (Odawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi).

In addition to teaching the language, Lewis will be working with the Culture Department on other projects such as the Early Childhood Education Program in St. Ignace, language immersion camp, media recordings and cultural events.

Lewis said, when using the language, it is important to remember mnaadendiwin

(respect), one of the teachings of the Seven Grandfathers.

"There are variations of how words are spoken and written; our language was an oral lan-

guage and not a written one," she said.

To contact Lewis, call (906) 635-6050 ext. 26064 or email tlewis1@saulttribe.net.

Sault Tribe Elders offer two \$500 scholarships

There will be two \$500 scholarships sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Elders.

This is a one-time scholarship for qualified first-year students enrolled at a public college, university or trade school.

Deadline for application is Sept. 3, 2010.

Qualifications:

Applicants must be registered Sault Tribe members who have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (GED) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and possess a GED certificate OR graduated from an accredited high school with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50.

Further, applicants must be accepted or enrolled as a full-time student in any two or four-year public college, university or trade school in any field of study.

Requirements:

Applicants are required to submit letters of application

which include to include name, address, telephone number, proof of tribal enrollment and social security number; a transcript from the applicant's high school verifying the cumulative grade point average or proof of having achieved the G.E.D. requirements stated above; a letter from the college, university or trade school, showing acceptance for the 2010-11 school year; academic major or course of study to be pursued and a 300-500 word essay describing how you feel a college education will benefit you, your career objective and why this scholarship will help you achieve your goal.

All requirements listed above must be packaged and received not later than Sept. 3, 2010. Send to Phil Payment, Elder Scholarship coordinator, 1269 Hessel Pt. Rd., Hessel, MI 49745.

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

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

NMU seeks submissions for book

Northern Michigan University's Center for Native American Studies and NMU Press are seeking submissions for a book of literature and art on the contemporary American Indian experience in Michigan.

Please submit original, unpublished poems, short stories, creative nonfiction essays, memoirs, profiles, cartoons, comic strips, stand alone excerpts from a longer work, drawings, illustrations, or photographs that depict the contemporary Native American experience in Michigan. Submissions must be one-half page to 12 pages in length.

The editors are interested in stories and art by or about recent Michigan Indians. They seek texts and images addressing "contemporary Indian identity in Michigan." Topics and subjects may include, but are not limited to: the land, the lakes, family, the search for center, ideas of time and the past, communalism and our Native communities on and off reservation homelands, orality, storytelling, the power of words and symbols, Indian education, places and Indian place making in the state, sacred site retention and loss, Indian/land reciprocity, the Michigan urban Indian experience, ceremony and ritual, persistence of traditional arts and lifeways, and new cultural ways.

All work must reflect being Indian in Michigan and, at some point, it must focus on or address issues of Indian moder-

nity. Humorous submissions are encouraged. While the anthology, tentatively titled, "Who We Are Now: Storying Michigan Indigenes," may be used in classrooms, it is intended for a general audience. Authors and artists whose work is included in the anthology will receive two copies of the book as remuneration.

The anthology will be published by Northern Michigan University's Center for Native American Studies and NMU Press, with funding from the Michigan Humanities Council.

Mail or email manuscripts (up to 4,000 words or a maximum of 12 pages), poems or images (up to three, color or black and white, 300 dpi minimum). Submit to:

Grace Chaillier, Project Coordinator, Who We Are Now: Storying Michigan Indigenes (working title), NMU Center for Native American Studies, www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855, mintvart@nmu.edu, (906) 227-1397.

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Announcing education committee vacancies

Higher Education Committee invitation

Interested tribal members are sought to serve on the committee. Must be able to attend quarterly meetings in Sault Ste. Marie. Submit letter of interest and letter of recommendation to Sylvia Shannon at 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or email to sshannon@saulttribe.net.

JOM Parent Committee invitation — Any parents of a Sault Tribe child attending any public

school within the seven-county service area are invited to serve on the tribe's Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Parent Committee for the 2010-2011 school year. Must be willing to attend monthly meetings at locations across service area, transportation or mileage reimbursement provided. Submit letter of interest to Dee Eggert at 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or email deggert@saulttribe.net.

Higher Education programs updated for Fall 2010

GRANTS — If you did not apply by July 1, you are too late for the 2010-2011 academic year. This is a need-based grant from BIA (federal) funding for students attending state-supported schools full-time.

SCHOLARSHIPS — The deadline was June 1. The Higher Education Committee is currently reviewing essays. Winners will be announced by the end of August. Check the tribal website and Facebook page for announcements.

INCENTIVE AWARDS — We

reimburse for grades at the END of the Fall semester. We have funding for Fall semester ONLY. You must have a Higher Education application and W-9 taxpayer I.D. form on file for the current academic year. Grades must be submitted by January 31.

MICHIGAN INDIAN TUITION WAIVER — This is NOT a Sault Tribe program. It is operated by the state of Michigan through the Department of Civil Rights. You must be a member of a

federally-recognized tribe, at least one-quarter Indian blood quantum, resident of Michigan for at least 12 months and accepted for enrollment for full-time, part-time, or summer classes at any Michigan publicly-funded community college or university. Utilize the following website for the new application: www.nhbpi.com/MITW-application-0710.pdf.

Any questions? Contact Angeline Matson, Education Director, at amatson@saulttribe.net or call (906) 635-4944.

Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. To apply by email, send all documents to amatson@saulttribe.net.

The deadline to apply is Aug. 31.

If you have any questions, please contact Education Director Angeline Matson at 635-4944 or toll-free at (800) 793-0660 or amatson@saulttribe.net.

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

a physician, mental health provider, or special education professional documenting the physical or emotional disability of the individual.

— Must have a letter from the individual or a parent/guardian stating what the special needs scholarship will be used for and an itemized list of the expected costs.

How to apply: Applications will be taken by regular mail or email. To apply by regular mail, submit letter, copy of enrollment card, and itemized list of expected costs: ATTN: Scholarships, Sault Tribe Education Division, 523

Apply for Special Needs Scholarship

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians offers four \$1,000 scholarships to Sault Tribe members who have documented physical or emotional disabilities. The scholarships are for educational purposes.

Applicants meeting the original June 1 deadline were awarded three of the scholarships. One scholarship remains to be awarded to tribal members under age 18.

Qualifications:

— Must be an enrolled Sault Tribe member (copy of enrollment card required).
— Must have a letter from

Summer program offers lessons for a lifetime

SUBMITTED BY LISA BURNSIDE
The second week of the Circle of Life Summer Program

included an overnight camp in Hessel at the Kewadin Camp Grounds on July 13 and 14.

The camp featured teachings of the medicine wheel by Elaine Clement of the tribe's Culture Department and journaling by Dawn Griffin and Judy Hamel of th Sault Tribe YEA Program.

The youth had an opportunity to design a quilt square and the finished product will be diplayed at the Hessel Tribal Center.

Wednesday's camp activities included visitors from the Circle

of Life Summer participants from Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace. Together everyone enjoyed conflict resolutions taught by Calvin Burnside, a teaching on net tying by John Causley, trap netting by Scott Causley and fish cleaning demonstrations by Mark Causley.

Thursday, a special planting of the community garden was completed with plantings

— some donated by the Green Thumb of Cedarville — along with teachings from Elaine Clement, Larry Dyer of MSU Extension and Aaron Tadgerson of Bay Mills Community College.

The camp was celebrated with a feast for camp participants prepared by Dorothy Royer and Dorothy Currie.



In front, Matthew Landreville, second row, L-R, Gregory Currie, Amber Smith, Makayla Alford and Sarah Landreville, back row, L-R, Aaron Tadgerson of BMCC, Larry Dyer of MSU Extension and Elaine Clement of Sault Tribe Culture Department.

Fundraiser brings 3-D photo show to Sault

BY RICK SMITH

The Chippewa County Historical Society and the Soo Theatre Project have scheduled a Sault showing of *Gems of Lake Superior: A 3-D Trip Around Lake Superior in 1870* for Sept. 18 at the Soo Theater on Ashmun Street. The special event is a joint fundraiser for the society and the theater restoration in progress.

The photo show features about 200 stereoscopic photographs taken in days of yore by Brainard F. Childs, a Marquette photo-documentarian in the late 1800s and early 1900s, and the works of other photographers. The photos have been digitized for 3-D projection onto a screen and 3-D glasses will be provided to attendees for the duration of the show.

Subjects in the photos are people and scenes from around Lake Superior in 1870 and include photos taken in Sault Ste. Marie, Whitefish Point, Marquette, Pictured Rocks, the Apostle Islands and Montreal Falls. They show glimpses into the lives of American Indians, towns, work camps, shipping and boats and scenic views of woods and waterways.

A matinee showing starts at 2 p.m. and is free for children 18 and under, the evening show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$10 for the matinee and all tickets for the evening show are \$10. Tickets are available at the Soo Theatre and the Chippewa County Historical

Society Gift Shop at 115 Ashmun St. in Sault Ste. Marie. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door at show times.

The program is a production of the award-winning Marquette photographer and proprietor of the town's Superior View Gallery, Jack Deo. The historical collection began after he acquired the original negatives from the famed Childs Art Gallery, founded in the 1860s by Brainard F. Childs. The studio was renowned for having captured three generations of the beauty, history and facets of life in the region.

"A good portion the photographs are of Native Americans," said Deo, "there are photos of the Native fishing village and boat builders in the Sault, graveyards and burial grounds, chiefs from the area, churches and downtown — there's quite a bit of Native history in those shots he took 140 years ago."

Deo pointed out that, at the time, Brainard was led by an American Indian guide on many of his photo expeditions, often allowing a more intimate acquaintance with a good number of the subjects in his photographs. The guide is sometimes seen in the images.

The Chippewa County Historical Society can be reached by telephone at 635-7082 and the phone number for the Soo Theatre Project is 632-1930.



John Causley gave a demonstration on tying fishing nets at the Circle of Life Summer Program.

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SOO THEATRE



Perron places in Sault International Idol competition

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Eva Perron went all out to take second place in the 2010 International Idol 13 and under group.

She sang a song she wrote for her mother on Mother's Day and accompanied herself on the guitar. Perron would like to thank her mom, dad, her uncle and her close friends Ayanna, Catalina, Maria and Sami, for helping and supporting her.

To get to the finals, Perron sang *Me and Bobbi McGee*, *Blue*, *Somewhere Out There*, *You Light Up My Life* and *Hey Steven*. At the finals, she sang Queen's *Somebody to Love* and ended with her own song, *Thanks for Everything*.

"I am so proud of her," said her mom, Amy Perron, a Sault Tribe member. "We try to support her dreams in any way we can. Music is a good positive thing, you can never go wrong with music."

Perron, 11, comes from a large musical family who do a lot together. Perron's father, Kurt, plays guitar and sings and taught Eva since she was 8. Her mother grew up singing and playing the piano and now Perron performs in

all three ways and recently began studying more intensive guitar lessons.

Her uncle Kellan, who won this year's International Idol, opened for Meat Loaf at Kewadin Casinos 25th anniversary festival. And it doesn't stop there — later this summer she and her younger sister Isabelle will get up on stage to sing a duet for their grandmother, Rose, at the Heritage Days Festival. Their younger brother Willem is a bit young for such things, but so far, he likes to dance, said Perron.

"Practice makes perfect," said the young songwriter, who not only enjoys her music, but seems willing to work hard to sing well. When she learned about International Idol, she wanted to compete, so she started practicing, working on the songs and her voice. Perron enjoys competing, plays basketball and baseball and wants to join volleyball this fall where she attends school in Brimley.

She likes to try different things.

She is a young lady of many interests — music, animals, writing, drawing and sports are her main pastimes. Many of her favorite musicians are singers

and songwriters like Taylor Swift, LeAnn Rhimes and Faith Hill. Sometimes she puts two of her interests together — writing and music — to come up with her own songs. According to her mom, she's determined to make her own CD and wants to go to Nashville for her birthday coming up in November.

She has long-term goals, too. She'd like to write a book someday, and she'd like to keep singing.

She is interested in becoming a veterinarian but she doesn't like blood. So, if she were to become famous, she could still help animals with donations.

"If I were famous I could help solve problems," she said, "I'm worried about the oil spill. While we were in Florida, we visited an aquarium of injured animals. Now, it must be really full."

She was particularly affected by a tailless dolphin named Winter, who was outfitted with a prosthetic tail so he could get around.

"A teenage girl volunteer took care of the dolphins and they looked happy," she said. "There are a lot of cool animals."



Eva Perron captured second place in the 2010 International Idol in the 13 and under group.

Alumni group performs *Hairspray* at DreamMakers



STANDING OVATION —

The Sault High Alumni Theater received a standing ovation for its entertaining rendition of the Broadway musical *Hairspray*. Performed at Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater in Sault Ste. Marie on July 15-17, the campy classic was directed by Luci DeVoy and choreographed by Quinton McMurtuary. Jaelin Soltner played the pleasantly plump "black integration" crusader Tracy Turnblad, JT Byrd was TV show host Corny Collins, Edna Turnblad was played by Patricio Battani — who stole the show — and Edna's husband Wilbur was played by Nick Pavloski. Kelsey Mackie played Tracy's best friend, Penny Lou Pingleton. Briele Smith and Hayley Weston played Amber Von Tassel, and Amber's scheming mother, Velma Van Tassel, was played by Lori Smith. Tyler Theel portrayed popular boy Link Larkin and Ramsey A'Ve played Seaweed Stubbs. Sonja Killips played Motormouth Maybelle. Spring Sage Medicine was Little Inez and Kim Pingatore covered Prudy Pingleton, gym teacher and matron roles. Other members of the company singing and dancing throughout the performance were Jordan Deroscher, Nick Dangler, Matt Kinglsey, Courtney Weihman, Ryan Pratt, Brenna A. Gruenburg, Ryan McBryde, Claire Belevander, Tchernavian Campbell, Hunter Captain, April Williams, Chyanne Elam, Quinton McMurtuary and Jayrwin Killips.



Catherine Hollowell,
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Catherine



Congratulations team members of the month



Clockwise from top: Congratulations to Sue Tobias, Kewadin Sault Accounting Department, for earning June's Team Member of the Month award! Sue started working for Kewadin in the gift shop in 1997 and moved into the Accounting Department shortly after. She was born in Indiana, raised in the Sault and now lives here with her husband, Bill, and children, Tim, Amanda, Jessica and Adam. "I felt on top of the world," said Sue after winning. Way to go, Sue! Thank you for your dedication to making Kewadin the best gaming destination in the state. She poses with her plaque above with Rick McDowell and Kim Schoepfner (L-R). Congratulations to Mary Enos, Bar/Beverage, Kewadin Sault's July Team Member of the Month! Pictured here is Mary and her supervisor, Janice Frye (L-R). Congratulations to Phillip Martin, Team Member of the Month in Christmas! Phillip started as a security guard in August of 2009. He is always looking for ways to improve the casino and is willing to help out in any way that he can. Way to go! Here he is with Sue LaBean.

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To Tony Goetz and his staff, Alan and his marketing staff, Russ and his entertainment staff, Janice and her food & beverage staff, Chris, Nick and their maintenance staff, Barb and her banquet staff, John and his housekeeping staff, Jim and his security staff, Bob and his motor pool staff, Carol, Patty and all their hotel staff, all the many casino, governmental, and non tribal organization volunteers, and any we may have missed, kudos. You made this event memorable not only for our staff, but for our community.

Sincerely,
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Joe Eitrem, Cathy Abramson, Catherine Hollowell, D.J. Malloy, Bernard Bouschor, Lana Causley, Keith Massaway, Tom Miller, Denise Chase, Joan Carr-Anderson, Pat Rickley, and Debra-Ann Pine.

New policies to promote casino employee health

Kewadin Casinos recently adopted two policies to support healthy lifestyles and prevent obesity. The first policy creates a team member Wellness Committee, which is headed by the public relations director with support from the Sault Tribe Community Health Department and the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health. The second, a healthy eating policy, aims to increase healthy food and drink options at meetings, seminars, catered events and fundraising events.

"Being healthy is very important and we want our employees to understand what it means to be healthy and to stay healthy," said Michelle Bouschor, public relations director.

"We are hoping these policies will encourage team members to look at different food options for meetings and luncheons and to learn more about the ways they can be active and take care of themselves," she

added.

According to the CDC's Lean Works Program, obesity is a huge issue for the U.S. healthcare system, costing \$147 billion (and rising) each year. On top of such a high cost to the healthcare system, obesity also costs employers. These extra costs to employers are due to higher healthcare costs, more absences and lower employee output. The CDC offers Lean Works as a free web-based resource to employers to help them plan and promote a healthy worksite. On the website an employer can find an obesity cost calculator. This cost calculator can figure out how much obesity is costing the company.

Kewadin's new policies go hand in hand with the CDC's Lean Works Program to create a healthy worksite and prevent obesity. One of the key steps in creating a healthy work place is to start a committee focusing on health and nutrition.

"We're very proud that Kewadin has taken the initial step in creating healthy policies to show their commitment to healthy employees," said Michelle Conway of Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health.

The casino's Wellness Committee is charged with creating and implementing ideas that will promote overall health for the casino employees. The group will be able to plan and

carry out healthy activities – including work based wellness programs, wellness screenings, and encouraging healthy activities for employees. The Healthy Eating Policy encourages healthy eating habits for Kewadin Casino employees.

"This policy is not to control what people eat at meetings, but rather to make sure healthy food and drink options are available" said Conway. "It is about

balancing the less healthy food with healthier options."

An example of healthy eating would be to offer donuts and fresh fruits at a morning meeting. When offering beverages it is good to always have a pitcher of iced water.

Eating healthfully is a step to prevent obesity and to leading a healthy life. Look for and suggest healthy food options at your next work event.

Kewadin upgrades player database systems

In order to ensure that Kewadin Casino customers receive the best possible service, an upgrade to the Casino Marketplace System will begin on Aug. 23. During this time, access and redemption of player points, complimentary services and player information will be unavailable. This will affect all five casino properties. Promotions during this time will also be postponed.

"We estimate that this upgrade will take 24 hours to complete, but this is just an estimate," said Alan Bouschor, V.P. of Marketing and Sales. Kewadin is working with Bally Gaming to complete the upgrade as quickly as possible.

"On behalf of the casino, we apologize for the inconvenience, but in the long run, it will benefit our players," said Bouschor.

The upgrade will bring the casino to the current version of Casino Marketplace, which is a player database system. It will also allow the casino to implement a new Power Promotions enhancement allowing customers to receive free play on their Northern Rewards Club cards. The casino plans to introduce Power Promotions at a select number of casino sites shortly after the upgrade.

Annual event to raise juvenile diabetes awareness

Gold Wing Road Riders roll into St. Ignace again

ST. IGNACE, Mich. – For the 12th consecutive year, Kewadin Casinos proudly joins with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) to raise awareness and funds to support the fight against Juvenile Diabetes on Aug. 21.

During the weekend, nearly 900 riders participate by driving from Grand Rapids to St. Ignace and enjoy a host of activities that were held to accompany them into the area on their annual ride.

On Saturday morning, riders are welcomed with a hot breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Vendors will be on site and a barbeque will take place from 3 to 6 p.m.

Proceeds from both events will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation with Kewadin Casinos sponsoring all costs of the event.

Based on the premise of "fun, safety and knowledge," GWRRA, an international association for Gold Wing and Valkyrie motorcycle riders, co-riders, and associate members, was started June 4, 1977, by seven people with a common interest in riding their motorcycles.

They wanted to establish an association that would allow freedom from regulatory mem-

bership, yet provide benefits superior to those available from other, more ordinary, motorcycle groups.

Over 30 years later, the association continues to grow and flourish.

Today there are 80,000 members spread across the United States and 52 other countries. There are over 800 chapters where members gather to have fun and live the motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge."

Every year, Chapter Mi-G of the GWRRA organizes this large motorcycle ride, called the Midnight Ride, during which T-shirts are sold and donations are collected.

The ride is held annually on the third Saturday in August, and runs from the Grand Rapids area, across the Mackinac Bridge and into St. Ignace leading to the St. Ignace Kewadin Casino.

The foundation is the worldwide leader in funding research to cure type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disease that strikes children and adults suddenly and lasts a lifetime.

The foundation sets the global agenda for diabetes research and is the largest charitable funder of and advocate for diabetes science worldwide. Nearly 24 million Americans, have diabetes. As many as 3 million Americans may have type 1 diabetes.

For more information on the Gold Wing ride, visit www.gwrra-mi.org and for information on Juvenile Diabetes and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, visit www.jdrf.org.

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Help save the black ash: become a seed rustler

BY KATHIE BROESMER,
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER

It's a very pretty little bug, too bad it's so destructive. Slender and bright iridescent green, the emerald ash borer could almost be a piece of jewelry.

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is killing all native ash species (*Fraxinus spp.*) in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, and is beginning to spread into surrounding states and provinces. The damage it's doing is so great that there is a desperate need to collect and save the seed of these trees for the day when scientists figure out how to stop the bug (or else — worst case scenario — it dies out because there's nothing left for it to eat).

Michigan has five types of ash that the bug eats — white, green, black, blue and pumpkin ash, although the blue and pumpkin ash are only in the southern counties. All are being killed off wherever the borer finds them. The Mountain-ash is safe, though. It's a *Sorbus* species, not a *Fraxinus*, and the bug won't eat those. The insect has found its way across the Straits of Mackinac to the U.P., and there's a major U.S. Forest Service research effort now

underway in Mackinac County, looking for ways to control the damage in black, green, and white ash stands.

Fraxinus is a group of tree species that is significant in many ways to many people. Sault Tribe members and our forebears have used the black ash for centuries to make baskets that are central to our traditional way of life. White ash is the preferred species of wood to make baseball bats used at all levels of the game from little league to the majors. When elms died out about 30 years ago, ash became a major replacement species. Ash is an important part of streambank areas, wildlife food supply and recreational areas. As these trees are lost, it is not clear if the ecological structure and function that the ash trees provide can be covered by another species or if an undesirable exotic species will take over in the gaps. Losing ash from swamps and streamside areas might lead to a permanent increase in water and soil temperatures which in turn will affect many living things, including the fish we catch for food. And, there just is no replacement for black ash in basketry.

We need to preserve the genes of our local ash popula-

tion while we still can. Trees, as all plants, must be adapted to their local environment in order to thrive. Natural ash populations have adapted to their environments, so our local trees are adapted for growing here, better than trees from another area would be. If we want to be able to bring them back in future, we'll need a source of locally adapted seed, and not all from the same few trees or the next generation will be in-bred.

The good news is that saving seed from these trees, even if they're infested, won't spread the bug. EAB isn't in the seed. That's much better news than for other big problems with other trees. For example, they can't save butternut seed from infested stands, because the butternut canker fungus is all over the seed. So, as bad as it is for our ash, it could be worse.

Also, if stored correctly, the seed will remain alive for a good long time, unlike nuts or acorns. When ash seed is good and dry, and kept at the right temperatures, it won't go rancid and die.

The scientists who are hard at work trying to solve this problem all agree, the most important areas to save seed are those where EAB is currently located and destroying the trees.

That's here in the eastern U.P. The locally adapted genes in these areas could be completely lost if we don't make immediate efforts to save them. Nearly as crucial are those ash populations adjacent to infested areas, because the EAB will be able to migrate into these areas in the near future.

Natural (genetic) resistance to EAB damage is rare, if it exists at all. Tree death is extremely high in the infested stands, and new infestations are occurring at an alarming rate despite efforts to stop people moving firewood.

What can we do?

First, don't move firewood. If it's more than 1 inch in diameter, keep it where it is. Learn to identify ash trees, and choose maple or other hardwoods for your winter fire supply. The insects live under the bark, and their larva stages are small enough you wouldn't notice. If you move firewood you could spread the insect to a new area where it doesn't yet have a foothold. It seems to be firewood movement that has helped the EAB spread as fast as it has.

Second, keep an eye out for apparently healthy ash trees on your land or when you go out on the land. Keep notes of where they are, so when we get

our conservation teams together, we can go and collect seed from them and save it for the future.

The tribe's Environment Department is on the lookout for "seed rustlers." If you are reasonably fit, love to go out in the woods and have a little time to spend at this, consider signing up. You'll get to learn more about ash trees and seed collection, spend some crisp fall days out in the woods with other good people who care about the forest and be part of the solution to keeping ash basketry alive for our culture.

To volunteer, send your name, address, phone number and email address to the Sault Tribe Environment Department, Seed Rustlers, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. As an option, you can send your contact information via seedrustlers@saulttribe.net.

If you can't go out in the woods with us but have information about ash trees in Chippewa or Mackinac counties, you can send that information along to us either via regular mail or email at the same addresses.

In either case, we would love to have your help and we certainly are in need of all the help anyone has to offer.

Witness at Eagle Rock: Mining resistance needs reinforcement

BY RICK SMITH

Groups aiming to bring a preemptive halt to potential severe hazards of a sulfide mining operation in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan could use some help says a Sault Tribe member close to the situation.

The Yellow Dog Plains is a beautiful remote wilderness area about 24 miles northwest of Marquette, Mich. The Yellow Dog and Salmon Trout rivers flow through its nearly pristine beauty, marred only by logging operations. One of the rivers, the Salmon Trout, harbors a breeding population of the virtually extinct coaster brook trout and it is believed to be the only location for natural reproduction of the species in Michigan, according to the state's Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

Kennecott Eagle Minerals, a subsidiary of the notoriously ruthless, international mining conglomerate, Rio Tinto, began exploration in 2002 for potential sources of mineral and metal production on the Yellow Dog Plains and eventually found lodes of copper and nickel.

Mining is nothing new to the Upper Peninsula, nor is the trail of environmental poisoning left behind in its wake. Areas contaminated by mining in recent centuries were so bad that restoration projects came to require federal financial help in the form of so-called superfund grants. Some places are still waiting for funding before any restoration work can begin.

The mining technique Kennecott aims to use, metallic sulfide mining, is a particularly risky form of mining with



Photo courtesy of Calvin Hartwig

Fence posts on the way to a work crew erecting a link fence around Eagle Rock as state police officers and a sheriff's deputy look on.

severe potential consequences to all living things in its surroundings, including life in downstream regions. The risk is long-term and due to potential sulfuric acid leaks into waterways and soil.

Kennecott recently commenced operations to facilitate mining as protestors set up an encampment nearby at the base of Eagle Rock. According to Calvin Hartwig, a Sault Tribe member and student at the Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the encampment included sacred fires posted around Eagle Rock at the four cardinal directions and a vegetable garden. Notable visitors included



Calvin Hartwig

Lee Sprague of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, environmentalists, local residents and members from several tribes throughout Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Even with the serenity of the place broken by noisy drilling and bright lights at night, it appears relations between the encampment and the folks of the Kennecott Eagle Project (the name given for the mining operation) were amiable enough until one day, when only four campers were on hand, two Kennecott representatives asked them to leave, verbally and in writing. Soon, state and county law enforcement officers arrived, surrounded the encampment, evicted the campers and arrested two for resisting. Eagle Rock was fenced off.

John Baker, tribal attorney for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, said Eagle Rock

is considered a sacred site and the community has been in litigation with the state and Kennecott Eagle Minerals for the last three years, strongly contesting the propriety of opening a sulfide mining operation in the area.

Hartwig noted, though, it appears to many people that the relatively tiny Indian community is wearing down on the issue. "We need large numbers of people to rise up and join us," he said. "Our communities need

to learn about what's going on, because if they truly knew what is going on, they would become passionate about it and that passion would drive action."

He reflected that, aside from the terrible potential for irreparable damage to the environment, the Kennecott Eagle Project threatens part of the legacy from the old Indian ways of life. "Our indigenous culture is not nearly as strong as it used to be," he said, "and Eagle Rock is one of the symbols of our culture, our way of life, if its integrity is taken away — we don't have many more sacred sites we can turn to."

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Gathering Writes: *High Summer*

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

It's what I like to call "high summer," that time when blooming and berries are at their peak, and it's glorious, but you can already sense the worm is turning toward fall. It's this time of year when mushrooms are very productive. You see all sorts — to pick, to stay away from, and to try to ID. It's a great hobby. It's been a second banner year for berries, this year even better than last year. As we were out last weekend my husband and I happened upon lobster mushrooms. These are russalas, or sometimes milkcaps, both

edible mushrooms, that have been parasitized by another fungus called "Hypomyces lactifluorum" with an end result that is delicious and wacky looking — no two are ever alike. I wish you could see their bright orange hue. We have gathered a lot of yellow chanterelles and are eagerly awaiting the black chanterelle — the black trumpet or horn of plenty. The lobster mushrooms are dusted, washed, scrubbed, sliced and sauteed, then frozen. We usually eat the chanterelles, but they can also be cooked and frozen, or dried.



Beautiful Russala mushrooms (below) are in for a lumpy transformation when parasitized by another fungus to make lobster mushrooms (above). No two are alike.



Jake gets into my blueberry patch. Lots of animals eat berries.

For summer gleanings, we've got mushrooms and berries. Too bad we didn't save any fish — we ate it all! Imagine all these "gourmet foods" and superhealth foods, collected for no more cost than the gas money it took to get there. Plus we get fresh air and exercise. Our dog Jake also likes to eat the blueberries — he must be part fox.

While we are out, we are sure to check on the progress

of future opportunities. There are many deer in the forest — their tracks and runs are everywhere. There is a lot of food for partridge (ruffed grouse) and other small game. The hazelnuts are nearing completion, as are the blackberries.

Chanterelles and blueberries in the colanders, raspberries in the freezer bag and lobster mushrooms ready to saute and freeze.

New Michigan laws liberate cottage foods entrepreneurship

BY RICK SMITH

Break out those secret recipes and turn your kitchens into cash cows! Governor Jennifer M. Granholm recently signed two bills into law authorizing Michigan residents to produce, sell and distribute certain homemade foods to the general public.

The laws are designed to promote cottage food industries and agriculture in the state.

Only foods that don't require any special safety concerns fall under the laws. The law doesn't apply to foods requiring refrigeration, for example. The laws only cover "non-potentially hazardous food" including baked goods, jams and jellies, candies, snack foods, cereals, granolas, dry mixes, vinegars and dried herbs. The laws are specific in that it does not include foods that require temperature control for safety, meat and poultry products, salsa, canned low acid fruit or acidified vegetables, milk products, beverages and ice products.

Prior to the passage of

Michigan House bills 5837 and 5280, Michigan residents were required to build or rent commercial kitchens to produce any foods for sale to the general public. The law now defines a "cottage food operation" as "a person who produces or packages cottage food products only in a kitchen of that person's primary domestic residence within this state."

All products of the operations must also be stored on-site.

Another limitation on cottage food operations, annual gross sales must be \$15,000 or less. If gross sales exceed \$15,000, operators must shift production to commercial kitchens.

Enforcement of food safety in cottage production sites falls under the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The laws are quite specific about labeling on packaging. The laws require all cottage food products to be prepackaged and properly labeled prior to sale. Minimum information required on labels are the name and address of the producer,

name of the product, ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight, net weight or volume of the product and appropriate labeling as specified by federal requirements regarding allergens or nutritional claims. In addition, packaging must include the statement "Made in a home kitchen that has not been inspected by the Michigan Department of Agriculture" in 11-point font in a color that clearly contrasts with its background.

Sales via Internet or mail are prohibited under the new laws as are sales by consignment or at wholesale. All products must be sold directly to consumers.

Bills specifically addressing the production and sales of honey and syrups by cottage industries are currently before the state House and Senate. They are expected to be easily passed by both chambers and signed into law soon.

Contact the Michigan Department of Agriculture for further details about starting a cottage food operation.

Small Wind Energy Program discussed Aug. 25

Thinking about utilizing wind energy for your home, farm or small business? On Wednesday, Aug. 25 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. there will be an educational program on small wind energy.

The program will be in Room 952 in the Heirman University Center on the campus of Bay College, Escanaba.

The presenters will be Drs. Lynn Hamilton and Steve Harsh of MSU Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics.

They will discuss policies and incentives for small wind systems, factors to consider before investing in small wind and the economics of small wind systems. The last topic

will be the USDA REAP (Rural Energy for America Program) for those who wish to stay and learn more about that program.

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This \$6 savings also provides free access to the more than 500 events taking place in state parks throughout the summer.

For those interested in bringing along a library book for serious beach reading, 71 of the state parks have hammocks available for Park and Read users to borrow while

on-site for the day so they can fully enjoy a great book in Michigan's great outdoors.

Passes are valid for seven days from check-out and can be used for one day at any one of Michigan's 98 state parks. Passes are valid for day-use only. The program is available through Oct. 1.



Art consignment shop opens in Kincheloe

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

KINCHELOE, Mich. — Smoke Signals, an art consignment shop, opened its doors recently in Kincheloe and is selling handcrafted items made by local artisans.

On display are beaded earrings, necklaces and headpieces, chain mail, wood burning, shelving, birdfeeders, bat houses, movie props, pipes for smoking tobacco, American Indian jewelry, photography and gift baskets. New artwork and artists are being added to the store's inventory weekly.

"The only criteria we have is that the art must be handcrafted by you. We prefer local artists but there have been a few people we have made exceptions for," said Lena Quinlan, who owns and operates the shop with her husband, Trevor.

Trevor Quinlan is a paramedic with the Kinross EMS and Lena is a graduate of LSSU

and a Sault Tribe member. In addition to offering local artists an outlet for their products, the Quinlan's will be traveling to area craft shows and powwows. They have also set up a website where the art will be displayed and available for sale.

A few years ago Trevor decided to take some online business classes. One of his friends who is on the Kinross Township Board told him about a building for sale that would make a great location for a small business. Trevor said the township was very generous in helping them with the purchase of the shop.

The store reflects the demographics of the U.P. with a mixture of traditional Native American craft work and non-Native artisans. "Eventually we would like to bring in some elders to teach the youth in the area about their culture, drum and jewelry making. We are



Trevor and Lena Quinlan

working out the finer points right now and hope to be able to implement that soon."

The Quinlan's have two children, Savannah, 2, and Asher, 4.

The store is located behind the Kinross Co-Op grocery store at 16779 Meehan. For more information call Trevor



A interior shot of Smoke Signals in Kincheloe.

or Lena at (906) 322-2611 or email info@smokesignalsetc.net or visit their website at www.smokesignalsetc.net.

Native artist Thibodeaux buys film outlet

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

HOUSTON, Texas — Sault Tribe member Cressandra Thibodeaux has studied ballet, received an MFA in filmmaking from Columbia University, worked as a photojournalist in L.A. and recently completed shooting a documentary about a rookie team competing in the Baja 1,000.

With a few years of law school remaining, she was recently accepted into the University of Houston Law Center and will work on completing her degree and teaching screenwriting at Rice University Glasscock School of Continuing Studies while running the Aurora Picture Show, renamed 14 Pews, out of a transformed 1924 church she recently purchased from artist Andrea Grover.

After moving back to the Houston area this summer,



Cressandra Thibodeaux

in-between applying for law school and purchasing the \$360,000 restored church, she spent a few weeks on the banks of the Rhine in June, at the border between Switzerland, France and Germany, participating in a satellite art show at Art Basel, the world's premier international art show for mod-

ern and contemporary works. Her art series presented in the show were abstract images of the BP oil spill, called "Oil on Water." She manipulated the photos, printed them on canvas, painted over the canvas and poured resin on top. The images are 24-by-35 inches and were selling for \$4,000 at the Hot Art show.

On May 8, in preparation for the show, Thibodeaux attempted to rent a helicopter in Louisiana to photograph the oil spills. She was told that BP owns the air space and doesn't want anyone in it. The helicopter company she tried to rent from confessed that several flights with media had at that time already been canceled. "I was then directed to Deep Water Horizon Response (DWHR), an organization that takes media in helicopters to report on the oil spill. I have been on the media embed list since May 8 and hope to get inside a chopper by 2011. I asked DWHR to fly over the spill and their response was 'You'll take photos of what we show you.'"

According to Thibodeaux, according to the state's website, michigan.gov, the commission responds to and advocates on behalf of 1.9 million people with disabilities. "A great deal of work has been accomplished in the past 20 years since the American's With Disabilities Act was passed — and there is still more to do," Culfa said.

According to Causley, the other commissioners are excited to be working with a representative from the U.P. and to learn about Native American culture and the needs of Native Americans with disabilities. Causley can be contacted by email at jcausley1@saulttribe.net, or by texting to (906) 440-2497. Services of the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns are available to all state residents and can be obtained by calling (517) 335-6004 or toll free (877) 499-6232.

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John Causley appointed to state commission

From "Commissioner," page 1 disability civil rights laws and information and referral services on disability issues.

"Being a commissioner will afford John the opportunity to bring awareness to the greater Michigan citizenry about Native American culture and Native Americans with disabilities," Sault Tribe Health Division Director Bonnie Culfa said. "Many tribal members with disabilities have been working on those challenges primarily by themselves; it has been a silent issue that no one has really considered because tribes have their own health systems. Traditionally Native American families don't go outside of the family to other organizations to ask for help. I think that by bringing awareness back into the tribal community that there are other resources available to them is important."

Causley said one of his first priorities is going to be establishing a "disability navigator" in the U.P. to assist people with

ern and contemporary works.

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DWHR works for BP Oil.

Now back in Houston where she purchased the Aurora Picture Show house, she is busy trying to foster a culture of inclusiveness through film in the historically Latino neighborhood where the experimental film outlet 14 Pews is located.


When Thibodeaux bought the old church on 800 Aurora St., it was an offbeat non-profit cinema, which showcased experimental and non-commercial short films and videos. It was the subject of a PBS documentary, has attracted more than 400 guest artists, and has been featured on the Sundance Channel.

Thibodeaux wants to continue the old church's reputation as being the city's epicenter for creative work in experimental film production and screening, beginning with a neighborhood film festival showcasing Spanish-speaking films.

Hoping to bring more people through the doors of 14 Pews, Thibodeaux is also tossing around the idea of hosting weddings and small theater troupes. Art exhibitions on the theaters

walls will change monthly, there will be photography and lighting classes offered in addition to a screenwriting workshop. The original Aurora Picture Show will also continue to use the facilities.


To view Thibodeaux's artwork visit www.cressandra.com. For more about the original Aurora Picture Show go to www.aurorapictureshow.org. For more information about 14 Pews, go to 14Pews.org — the website will be available Sept. 1, 2010.



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Disproportionate number of Native American students attending alternative high school

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The number of Native American students attending the Sault schools system's alternative high school has risen steadily over the past decade, reaching 74 percent this year. According to area educators, that's a disproportionate number.

According to Allison Campbell, Native American advisor at Malcolm High School, the population of Native American students attending Malcolm High School has steadily increased. In 2000, the Native population at Malcolm stood at 25 percent. By 2005 it increased to 48 percent, and the graduating class of 2010 was 74 percent Native American. In the 2008-2009 class there were 42 seniors and of that number 36 graduated. Four of those graduates attended an extra year to meet their graduation requirements. Of those 42 seniors, 37 were Native American. Of that number, 28 came from Joseph K. Lumsden (JKL) Bahweting School. That means that of the total number of seniors attending Malcolm last year, 67 percent attended JKL sometime during their school career.

According to JKL Superintendent Su Palmer, the percentage of Native American students attending the K-8 school is 68 percent. Between upper elementary and middle school, there is a reduction of students at JKL. Many move to Sault Area Middle School.

About 34 percent of students in the Sault Ste. Marie school system, according to Michelle Ribant, director of general education for the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District, are Native American. "There is an issue that Malcolm does have a disproportionate number of Native American students at any one time. We can say that," said Ribant. "Out of 37 Native Students at Malcolm you would estimate that — based on the fact that JKL is feeding students in at a rate of 54 percent — if there were no other variables, 20 of those 37 should be from JKL given the overall distribution of Native American students among schools in the region.

"Are there more than 20 students from JKL? If there are then we are getting a disproportionate number," she said. "There is definitely a higher percentage of Native American students at Malcolm than in the



Photo by Brenda Austin

Left, Native American Advisor Allison Campbell and Hiedi Homeister, principle of Malcolm High School.

general population at Sault Area High School."

With a predicted number of 20 students from JKL being at Malcolm in a typical year, the 28 Native American students now attending is higher than expected.

There is no doubt that both JKL and Malcolm are good schools. JKL is an award winning charter school and Malcolm has come a long way in overcoming the stigma attached to an alternative school. "Malcolm is a true alternative school and is bound by the same regulations that other schools are," said Ribant. "Just because a student is attending Malcolm does not mean they are having a lesser experience. In one year the graduation rate at Malcolm jumped from 24 percent to 40 percent, which is unbelievable. A 5 percent increase is considered really good progress. They made a 16 percent increase."

Ribant also said that Native American students in the EUP, almost across the board in every subject area, are outperforming Native students in the rest of the state. "There has been a lot of effort to close the gap between Native students and non-Native students within our local district. We have been using successful strategies that work and it has been paying off. I think that having Native schools like JKL has really helped to focus attention on student achievement outcomes. There is no excuse for a learning gap in any specialty population," she said. "The Native American student drop out rate is monitored at the

state and federal level. All of the districts in the Eastern Upper Peninsula meet the federally established minimum 80 percent graduation rate for all specialty populations."

Hiedi Homeister, principle of Malcolm High School, said, "Most students come to Malcolm because they are not successful with either attendance or they have failing grades. Some students also come here to escape social anxiety situations such as going from a large school to being a part of a smaller group here."

She added, "I like Malcolm, it serves a purpose and within Sault Schools this program helps to fill a void."

Homeister said that at JKL students have individualized attention because of the small class sizes while students at Sault High might have 32 students in one class. Malcolm also offers students smaller class sizes and more individualized attention. "We have a lot of underclassmen coming here now that are having trouble meeting the new Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements. They are required to have four years of math and English and three years of science and history. These students are failing as freshmen so they are coming here to redeem the credits. At Malcolm they can earn eight credits a year whereas at Sault High they can only earn six a year. We have eight class periods a day with each class lasting about 45 minutes," she said.

Passing grades for Malcolm as a whole, according to

setting or are they more successful at Malcolm. According to Ribant, there are always variations from year to year, which tend to be more pronounced in smaller schools. "That is why it is so critical," she said, "to look at trends over time."

Sherman said that a combination of learning styles, parental background and culture may play a role in how Native American students do in school. "When I was growing up the drop out rate for Native students was much higher than it now is. If parents don't make education a high priority then the kids don't make it a priority either.

"I have seen Native American students in this community blossom in my career. That 74 percent sounds terrible, traditionally the label Malcolm had was that it was a bad place to go. Right now Malcolm is going in a very positive forward direction," he said.

Jennifer Olmstead, director of Sault Tribe Behavioral Health Department, said, "It is so important for a child's success as to how the schools work with the families, and vice versa. It is important to focus on positive reinforcements, such as positive behavioral plans, instead of negative consequences such as suspension. This sets precedence for the remainder of their school career. The biggest correlation that we see is the relationship between the school and the parent. If it is a relationship that is positive and nurturing, then school success is much greater versus a relationship that is negative and adversarial," she said.

Campbell, went from 45 to 60 percent this year. "I don't know that anything can be done to change the percentage of kids coming here from JKL. It is a personal preference; you get the feeling that they really want to be a group together. We have many parents who also want them to be here. I don't think it is JKL's fault, I don't think they are ill prepared at all. They really do try to transition their kids to Sault High. I also don't think it's a high school problem. We are filling a need for those students so they can be successful and graduate from high school," she said.

Palmer said that students at the alternative school should be representative of the students in traditional public school settings. But the facts show that is not the case.

Ken Sherman, JKL Middle School principal, said, "My experience in seeing kids go from JKL to Sault Area Middle or High Schools is that it is almost a seamless transition. If Malcolm is running a good program now and being successful, I would say that it is not a problem that 74 percent of the students there are Native American."

Palmer said school administrators are working with Michelle Ribant from the EUPISD to track students as they move on to other schools from JKL. Some of the questions they are addressing are how many JKL kids attend area schools, what schools are they attending, are they more successful in a traditional school

Thanks for help with college

Dear Education Department, I want to thank you for your support throughout my educational experiences. The incentive awards have helped with college expenses and textbooks. I wanted to share with you all my future plans for expanding my education. I was recently accepted into the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. Starting this fall, I will be an accounting major with a concentration in finance and a minor in

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White House reports on tribal conference progress

By RICK SMITH

President Barack Obama, members of Congress, seven cabinet secretaries and other senior administration officials met with representatives invited from all 564 federally recognized American Indian tribes of the United States on Nov. 5, 2009. The White House Tribal Nations Conference was an overture on the part of the Obama administration to begin building a new and better relationship between the United States and Indian Country.

Among the most common issues raised by tribal leaders were strengthening government-to-government relationships, health care, public safety, education, sustainable economic development, environment and respect for cultural rights.

Kimberly Teehee, senior policy advisor for Native American affairs for the Domestic Policy Council and a Cherokee, posted remarks on the first progress report since the conference.

Perhaps the most significant act at the conference was when the president signed a memorandum directing federal agencies to develop and submit detailed plans to fully

implement Executive Order 13175 regarding consulting and coordinating with tribal governments on issues that include tribal interests.

Teehee said the agencies are currently implementing those plans and will submit progress reports this month.

According to the report, titled, *Forging a New and Better Future Together*, American Indians scholarship funds received a \$2 billion boost through the *Cobell v Salazar* settlement and the administration is pursuing Congressional approval of the settlement.

Under recommendations from tribal leaders, the United States ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, reported the U.S. intends to review its stand on the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The U.S. is one of four countries that have yet to endorse the declaration.

Teehee indicated the admin-



Kimberly Teehee

istration is working very hard to begin implementation of the many provisions of the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act the president signed into law last March. The historic legislation contains broad across-the-board improvements to the physical and mental health care of Indian Country. The law also addresses exempting American Indians from financial penalties for not buying health coverage and excluding qualified health benefits from an individual income. The report noted the administration remains committed to improving health services for American Indians and has brought several significant increases into the Indian Health Services budget.

The White House acknowledged tribal concerns regarding the land-into-trust process and expressed full support for the "Carcieri fix" proposed by Senator Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) and backed by tribal leaders to clarify the authority of the U.S. Department of the Interior to take land into trust for recognized tribes.

In matters of public safety, U.S. Attorney General Eric

Holder announced sweeping reforms last January to boost the effectiveness of law enforcement and justice systems. In addition, the president supports the Tribal Law and Order Act en route to his desk to be signed into law.

Increased tribal control over education of students within their jurisdictions are in the works and about \$550 million is budgeted over the next 10 years for infusion into existing American Indian education budgets.

The president includes \$55 million in his fiscal year 2011 budget request to reduce unemployment and provide training services. The figure is a four percent increase over the 2010 funding. In addition, over \$17 million was allocated through the Recovery Act to support summer employment and training programs for youth and veterans.

Actions were taken to support infrastructure development in Indian Country through the Recovery Act and increases in other funding along with projects to bring high-speed, affordable broadband Internet access to several American Indian nations.

The report also addressed White House support in helping develop clean energy for reservations, increase access to capital for tribal investments and job creation, address environmental issues, protect and preserve languages, sacred sites and cultural artifacts. It noted the new Department of the Interior rule effective last May that museums and other institutions holding unidentifiable remains must consult with tribes recorded as having lived or currently living in areas where such remains were exhumed to help identify and repatriate those remains.

"We are moving in the right direction," said Teehee, "but our work is not done. To bring real change to tribal nations, we must continue to work together on a nation-to-nation basis in order to realize a future where Native people live long and healthy lives in safe communities, where they are able to pursue economic self-sufficiency and where children and grandchildren can have an equal opportunity at pursuing the American dream. We will continue to look to the wisdom and experience of tribal leaders to inform our policy agenda."

Courts sentence local, regional federal convictions

Habitual offender gets 41 months for domestic violence

MARQUETTE, Mich. – On June 25, Leonard Scott Nickaboine, 32, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., a member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribe, was sentenced to 41 months in federal prison for domestic assault by a habitual offender. In addition, Senior U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar ordered Nickaboine to serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison and to pay a \$100 special assessment. Nickaboine pleaded guilty to a federal indictment charging him with domestic assault by a habitual offender on March 19, 2010. The charge stemmed from an incident at Nickaboine's residence on Dec. 19, 2009, during which Nickaboine assaulted his wife, throwing her to the ground, striking her with his fist and choking her. Nickaboine was previously convicted of domestic violence on two separate occasions in Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal court.

Pharmacy burglar sentenced to prison

MARQUETTE, Mich. – Richard Glenn LaPine, 43, of Cheboygan, Mich., a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison for possession with intent to distribute controlled substances, U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced on June 25. In addition to the prison term, Senior U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar ordered LaPine to serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison, mandatory restitution in the amount of \$4,159.58, and to pay a \$100 special assessment. LaPine pleaded guilty on March 22, 2010, to a federal indictment charging him with possession with intent to distribute controlled substances. The charge stemmed from an incident on Sept. 8, 2009, wherein LaPine broke into the pharmacy in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Center at 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and took prescription pills contain-

ing hydrocodone APAP, clonazepam, propoxyphene, diazepam, and lorazepam. The pharmacy is located on lands held in trust for the tribe. LaPine admitted to breaking into the pharmacy in order to steal drugs that he later intended to sell.

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa member sentenced to 15 years for two federal sex crimes

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Steven Ray Anderson, 44, of Peshawbestown, Michigan, was sentenced to 180 months (15 years) in prison July 2 following his earlier conviction for two federal sex crimes. On Feb. 11, 2010, Anderson was convicted following a jury trial of abusive sexual contact without permission and attempted aggravated sexual abuse.

Anderson lived on the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indian Reservation at the home of his girlfriend in Peshawbestown, Mich. According to testimony and exhibits, Anderson was accused of engaging in abu-

sive sexual contact without permission against a female victim while at her home located on the GTB reservation.

In addition, Anderson was accused of abusive sexual contact without permission, and attempted aggravated sexual abuse of another female victim at the tribe's medicine lodge, which is also on the reservation. Anderson was acquitted of the sexual contact without permission involving the second victim.

The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Court Judge Neff, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She imposed the 15-year sentence after finding that the defendant presented a danger to the community in general and women in particular.

Anderson was remanded to the custody of the US Marshal delivery to the federal Bureau of Prisons.

Following release from prison, Anderson will be required to register as a sex offender.

L'Anse woman sentenced to

prison for tire iron assault

MARQUETTE, Mich. – Roseann Marie Brennan, 21, of L'Anse, Michigan, was sentenced to 48 months in federal prison for assault with a dangerous weapon, U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced June 25.

In addition to the prison term, Senior U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar ordered Brennan to serve two years of supervised release following her release from prison, to pay a \$100 special assessment, and to have no further contact with the victim. Brennan was also ordered to pay \$5,360.25 in restitution. Brennan pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon on March 16, 2010.

The charge stemmed from an incident occurring on Keweenaw Bay Indian Community lands in December 2009, during which Brennan struck the victim, a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, in the head with a tire iron in the course of a fight.

New laws help taxpayers, consumers and unemployed

By RICK SMITH

Born by the nationwide economic debacle precipitated by the failure of financial institutions "too big to fail" beginning in 2008, President Barack Obama recently signed three bills into law that, combined, will help set the U.S. economy back on a prosperous course, protect taxpayers and consumers, plus restore unemployment insurance to about 2.5 million Americans.

He signed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act on July 21. The White House says

the measures in the law are designed to protect those who borrow from financial institutions and protect the country's entire economy from reckless and irresponsible practices of mortgage lenders and credit card companies. It also aims to ensure people get "straight, unvarnished information" needed to make prudent decisions about taking on loan responsibilities or opening credit card accounts. In addition, it ends Wall Street bailouts by taxpayers and gives shareholders in financial institutions a voice on executive compensations.

Obama signed two bills into law on the following day, the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act and the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010.

The Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act provides measures to improve the federal ability to track and stop governmental squandering of taxpayers dollars through erroneous payments such as those made to companies delinquent on taxes, prison inmates or deceased individuals. Obama set a target amount of \$50 billion dollars to be saved by

2012.

Among a long list of other measures, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010 essentially extends the period of payment eligibility that expired last June to next November for those unemployed and seeking work. The White House said the extended benefits will be paid retroactively to about 2.5 million people.

"So, taken together, we made enormous progress this week on Wall Street reform, on making sure that we're eliminating waste and abuse in government, and in providing immediate

assistance to people who are out there looking for work," the president said in remarks about the new laws on July 23. "But ultimately, our goal is to make sure the people who are looking for a job can find a job. And that's why it's so important for the Senate to pass the additional steps that I've asked for to cut taxes and expand lending for America's small businesses, our most important engine for hiring and for growth. And a small business jobs bill that contains these measures may come up for a final vote in the Senate in the next few days."

Photos by Brenda Austin



Sister keeps her eye on little brother.



Sonja Killips and her daughter Spring Sage Medicine.



Melissa and Josephine Laughlin from Little Traverse Bay Bands near Harbor Springs, Mich.



Fancy shawl dancer.



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Father and daughter enjoy the evening together.



Grass dancer thanking the Creator.



Traditional drummer and young powwow participant.



Lois and Destiny Bennett, 10, from Murphysboro Tennessee.



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3-Doors Down guitarist Chris Henderson.



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Brett Michaels rocks the crowd Thursday night.



Photo by Sherrie Lucas

Meat Loaf in concert at Kewadin Casino.



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Bassist Dana Strum and Vince Neil entertain the crowd Thursday.



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Local band Clown Sack with members Fran Blackwood (left), Bob Cook (center) and Tony Rogers.



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Actor Henry Winkler with Sault Tribe elder Donna Kangas



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Brandon Carr of Nixon Dixson



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Melissa Strand, Electric Motor Fish lead singer



Photo by Brenda Austin

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement held a fish fry to raise money for the Jr. Police Academy Camp held every summer at Boedne Bay.



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The crowd as seen looking from the stage before one of the evening concerts.

Nick Behling wins national Muay Thai title

SUBMITTED BY CHARLES PEMBLE

Nicholas Behling has achieved what few from the Upper Peninsula have ever attempted. On July 11, 2010, Nick won the Thai Boxing Association Muay Thai Classic, Men's cruiserweight novice division and national Muay Thai title.

Behling has been training under Master Kak Koonnala at U.S. Muay Thai in Marquette, Mich., for two years. He is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and played football and ran track for Sault Area High School. Following a prestigious



football career at Northern Michigan University, where

Behling spent five years at defensive end for the Wildcats while earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with a concentration in graphic communication, Behling was looking for another sport that would be challenging but more importantly keep in good shape. He was introduced to Muay Thai by a friend and under trainer Dan Pemble, a six-time national title holder and 2007 World Kickboxing Association world champion, Behling shed more than 60 "football pounds" and began competing in Muay Thai.

"When I found the gym I couldn't get enough. The train-

ing was challenging and the trainers were encouraging and helpful," Behling said,

"Nick is a big guy. He is very athletic and very coachable. He doesn't quit and he trains really hard. He has come a long way in the short time he has been with us," Master Kak said.

Behling said his wife, Marklyn, is very supportive of his training. "She is very proud of me for winning the title but moreover, she likes all the friends we have made because of my involvement in Muay Thai," he said.

Also competing in Iowa for the U.S. Muay Thai team from Marquette was 16-year-old Kasaim Koonnala, who also plays football for the Marquette Redmen and Brian Solander, former defenseman

for the Finlandia hockey Lions. Both Koonnala and Solander took second place in the tournament.

In his final bout of the tournament, Behling fought 6'2", 195 pound Phillip Owens of Ottawa, Ont. "Nick is a left hander like me," Pemble said. "He has developed an awesome round kick and his left cross comes straight down the pipe, finding its home on his opponents chin."

Behling said that competing in the TBA nationals was quite an honor. "The championship fight was really tough. It was an incredible experience to be able to compete in an event surrounded by hundreds of other people who share the same dedication and passion for the sport of Muay Thai that I do," he said.

Smith graduates from U-M



Ryan A. Smith, tribal member from Midland, Mich. and

recent University of Michigan graduate has been offered and accepted a position as research consultant at NPC Research in Portland, Ore. The business delivers human services research, evaluation training and technical assistance to guide public policy program development and program improvements to its clients.

While at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Ryan earned a BA in English and a minor in Geology. He was a Residential Advisor "RA" for four years and very active in

the Drama Department with the RC players where he acted and directed numerous productions.

Ryan was also involved with "Shakespeare in the Arb" for several years, where the audience moves to different locations for scenes within the arboritium.

He is the son of Debra (nee Bellant) and Lyle Smith of Midland, Mich. and the grandson of the late Arbutus (nee Davenport) and Euclid Bellant of Cheboygan, Mich. and the late Lyle and Patricia Smith of Hampton, Va.

Smith to study in Netherlands



Darin T. Smith, tribal member from Midland, Mich. and

student at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Mich. has been selected to study abroad for the fall term. He will start his studies at the University of Groningen, Netherlands, in September. Darin is pursuing a degree in fine arts and will graduate in 2012.

He is the son of Debra (nee Bellant) and Lyle Smith of Midland, Mich. and the grandson of the late Arbutus (nee Davenport) and Euclid Bellant of Cheboygan, Mich. and the late Lyle and Patricia Smith of Hampton, Va.

Twin brothers receive promotion

Twin brothers, Jesse and Joshua Jarnigan, of Flint, have been promoted in the rank with the Swartz Creek Area Fire Department. The boys are Explorer volunteers. Jesse has been promoted to Assistant Chief, and Joshua has been promoted to Captain. They were seniors at Carman Ainsworth High School and graduated in June.

Another accomplishment for the twins in their senior year is the honor of placing first in regional and first in state in the MITES (Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society) competition. They designed and built a barstool scooter for their



Jesse Jarnigan entry into the competition. At present, they are finishing up the motorcycle that they built and hope to enter it in the next MITES competition program.

Parents of Jesse and Joshua are Deborah (nee Preseau)



Joshua Jarnigan and Rob Jarnigan of Flint. Grandparents are Dean and Bonita Preseau of Cheboygan. Dean is an elder of the Sault Tribe. The boys will be attending college to further their education in welding.

Michigan Paranormal Convention

The Upper Peninsula Paranormal Research Society and Kewadin Casino proudly present the Michigan Paranormal Convention.

The convention will bring the biggest names of the paranormal research industry to Sault Ste. Marie on Aug. 27-28 at Kewadin Casinos Dream Makers Theater. Experts and television stars will be on hand to cover such topics as paranormal investigating, psychic pow-

ers, demonology, crypto zoology and attendees will be able to meet some of their favorite television paranormal investigators. Come see the biggest names speak on today's hottest topic — the paranormal.

Confirmed attendees are Lisa J. Smith of CBS Psychic Radio, Kristyn Gartland of TAPS *Ghost Hunters* SciFi television show, Brian Harnois of TAPS *Ghost Hunters* and *Ghost Hunters International* television pro-

grams, author Linda Godfrey as seen on the History Channel and heard on Coast-To-Coast, lead demonologist John Zaffis of *Haunting in Connecticut* and Sci Fi Channel programming, psychic Chip Coffey of *Paranormal State* and *Psychic Kids* plus Zak, Nick and Aaron from the number one rated paranormal show, *Ghost Adventures* from the Travel Channel.

Call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Hattinger graduates from CMU

Jodi Hattinger, Manistique, received her Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University May 2010. She earned a 4.0 GPA. Jodi is a Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians member and is the daughter of Kelly and Randy Hattinger

and the granddaughter of Jerome Peterson. She is currently enrolled in the physical therapy DTP Program at CMU working toward her doctorate. After graduating, Jodi plans on helping her Native people and will work for the Indian Health Service.

Martineau completes residency



David Martineau, M.D., Sault Tribe member and son of Bill and Diane Martineau of Brighton, formerly of St. Ignace, and grandson of the late

Herman and LaVina Martineau of St. Ignace, recently completed a five-year residency program in orthopedic surgery at McLaren Regional Medical Center, Flint, Mich. Previously, David graduated from Brighton High School in 1997, obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 2001 and a medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 2005. David and his wife, Janet, will be residing in Louisville, Ky., during the upcoming year where David will enter a hand surgery fellowship at the Christine M. Kleinert Institute for Hand and Microsurgery.

Unit I powwow raffle winners

Prize winners for Unit I 2010 powwow raffle:

First - Pendleton blanket, Roxanne Belonga, St. Ignace.
Second - Handcrafted oak bin, Mary Albon, Flint.
Third - Ribbon shirt, Doris Wilson, Sault.
Fourth - Silent Wind paint-

ing, Mary Ruth Gamelin, Sault.

Fifth - WalMart \$50 gift card, Jim Lewis, Sault.
Sixth - MidJim \$20 gift card, Sault.

Unit I elders thank everyone who helped support our fundraiser.

Calling all Boulleys

Stop by the Boulley family tent at the Sugar Island Powwow Sept. 4-5. Visit with cousins, drop off current addresses and update the family tree.

Any questions? Contact Angeline Boulley-Matson at (906) 322-2090.

Miigwech!

The Mary Murray Cultural Camp would like to thank Mrs. Jean Perry for her generous donation of firewood to the camp. Her gift was donated in the memory of her late husband William Perry who passed away this last winter.

Births...



NICHOLAS BENTON
Sault Tribe members Danielle Benton and Lance Corporal Nicholas J. Benton Sr. announce the birth of their son, Nicholas James Benton

Jr., born on July 14, 2010, in Petoskey, Mich. He weighed 7 pounds, 5.9 ounces and was 19 inches in length. Grandparents are James and Dawn Lazor, Dennis R. and Brandi Oikarinen, Jerry and Jodi Benton, and Jay and Cresta Serrault all of Cheboygan, Mich. Great grandparents are Judy Ewing and James Kebler of Eagle, Mich., Phil and Helen Schultz of Rogers City, Mich., Pamela Huddleston of Wildwood, Fla., Dennis A. Oikarinen of Guidley, Ill., Jerry and Judy Benton and Jerry and Marilyn Boardman of Cheboygan. Great-great grandfather is Mr. Eugene

Jewell of Wildwood, Fla.

GEORGE TESSIER V
Aanii!, George Eugene Tessier V, ndi-zhinkaaz. Jaajens, ndi-goo gaye. Ajijaak, ndoo-dem. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, ndoo-debendaagoz. (Greetings!



My name is George Eugene Tessier V. I also go by Jaajens. The crane is my clan. I belong to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). My parents are Susan Giles and George Tessier IV, and we live together in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. See you around, friends!

JOCELYN BOEHMER

Proud parents Kayla Plume and Arlan Boehmer of Rogers City, Mich., are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Jocelyn Lilith Boehmer. Jocelyn was born on June 22, 2010, at Alpena Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces.



Jocelyn was welcomed home by big brother, 16-month-old Drayden.

Grandparents are Susan Boehmer of Marine City, Mich., Eric Boehmer of Rogers City, and Faye and Mike of Rogers City. Great-grandfather is Clyde Bonno of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

GLENDA PAGE LACOY

Glenda Page LaCoy passed away peacefully in her home on July 4, 2010, after a short but intense battle with lung cancer. She was 48 years old. Glenda was born in Fort Benning, Ga., at Martin Army Hospital as the third child to Donald and Maxine "Betty" Page of Trout Lake, Mich. She attended and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1979, where she played basketball and excelled in welding.

Glenda married Brian Vogel in 1981 and went on to spend the next 15 years living the life of an Army wife, returning to Fort Benning where she welcomed her son Brian in 1983 and traveling overseas to Germany where she gave birth to her daughter Ashley in 1986. While living on base at Fort Drum in Watertown, N.Y., among several places she traveled while Vogel was in the service, Glenda kept herself busy by cleaning base housing and serving as government housing assistant site mayor, helping with the organization of community block parties and other events for base youth. The marriage dissolved in 1996, but the two maintained an amicable relationship.

Glenda was working for Kewadin Casinos in the motor pool department as a bus cleaner when she met her second husband, Frank "JR" LaCoy Jr. After a 10-year courtship, she and LaCoy married in a simple ceremony on March 20, 2004. She gained three stepchildren: Brandi, David and Daniel.

Glenda was known for her fantastic cooking skills, great parties and cake decorating skills, all three of which had been passed on to her by her own mother. She was also known for her willingness to give you the shirt off her back if you needed it, often putting other needs ahead of her own. She had a great sense of humor and loved to spend time with friends and family during camping trips at Soldier Lake or Trout Lake or by playing a simple game of cribbage, watching sporting events, particularly football and NASCAR in which she favored Dale Earnhardt Jr., during holiday meals, or just

having a beer on a Friday night.

Glenda loved many things but perhaps none more than her children. She often spent hours on the phone with her son and many nights watching Crime TV shows such as Forensic Files and The First 48 with her daughter. She often told her friends that her grey hairs were from her children but when all was said and done she got off pretty lucky raising two children without too many big problems.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Maxine "Betty" Page, twin sisters, Pamela and Tamila Page, father-in-law, Frank LaCoy Sr., sister-in-law, Tracy LaCoy and one of her Boston Terriers, Baxter.

Glenda was survived by her husband, JR LaCoy, daughter, Ashley (Chad) Macklin and father Donald Page, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., as well as her son, Brian Vogel of Dallas, Texas; brother, John (Joy) Page of Marquette, Mich., and sister Glennis (Paul) Sewell of Gaylord and Ionia, Mich.; nieces Nicole and Sarah Page of Marquette, Mich., nephews Paul and Josh Sewell, of Gaylord and Ionia, Mich. and stepchildren, Brandi Ellis and David LaCoy of Santa Barbara, Calif. and Daniel LaCoy of Hawaii. She was also survived by mother-in-law, Florence "Molly" LaCoy, brother-in-law John LaCoy, sister-in-law, Robin Jackson, and sister-in-law and close friend Karen LaCoy as well as nieces Madeline LaCoy and Angela Jackson, nephews Scott, Michael, and Taylor LaCoy, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; niece and nephew, Trena and Trevor Mounts of Florida as well as two beloved Boston Terriers, Namooosh and Bristol.

CONSTANCE M. FLETCHER

Constance M. Fletcher, 85, of Pontiac, died July 15, 2010.

Constance was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She liked to go to the powwows in the U.P. and in Mt. Pleasant. She loved to travel all over.

She is survived by her children, Wayne (Sandra) D'Autremont, Sharon (Douglas) Heckert, Ronald (Naomi) D'Autremont, Shirley (Steven) Trudel, and son-in-law Richard Pintrick; several grandchildren; four brothers; and five sisters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert W. D'Autremont; her husband,

Leon F. Fletcher; her daughter, Marie Pintrick; and two brothers.

A funeral mass took place Monday, July 19, 2010, at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Pontiac.

LUELLA L. MITCHELL

Luella L. Mitchell, 90, of Irondequoit, N.Y., died July 19, 2010.

She is survived by her children, Karen Sabatine of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Jack (Heidi) Mitchell, Janet Sarbou, Lyndell (Donald) Zanker, Susan (Tim) Dougherty, Ronald (Mickey) Mitchell, Diane (Scott) Miller, Sally (Rick) Horncastle, William (Sue) Mitchell, Tammy (Jim) Elkins, Becky (Mike) Woodard and Debbie (Bill) Netchke; 35 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence.

She was a very strong Christian woman who was proud of her Native American heritage and her family meant everything to her.

Funeral services were held July 23, 2010, at the All Seasons Chapel at White Haven Memorial Park, Pittsburgh, N.Y. Memorials can be made to the Native American Culture Society or Seneca United Methodist Church.

JEFFREY A. MILLER JR.

Jeffrey A. Miller Jr., 29, of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., passed away at St. Vincent Hospital on June 29, 2010, after a sudden illness. He was born on Aug.

1, 1980, in Sturgeon Bay to Jeffrey and Joni (Bramer) Miller Sr.

Jeff graduated from Sevastopol High School and worked as a welder for a number of years at Exac-Tech and Bay Shipbuilding. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Survivors include his daughter, Shy Ann Miller; parents, Jeff and Joni Miller of Sturgeon Bay; and a sister, Angie (Dan) Bosman, all of Sturgeon Bay; paternal grandmother, Martha Miller, and maternal grandmother, Franny Bramer, both of

Michigan; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and a niece and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Arthur Miller Sr. and Roland "Brim" Bramer.

A prayer service was held July 5 at the Forbes Funeral Home with the Rev. Timothy Malek officiating. The parents will lay their son to rest in the Cooks Cemetery in Michigan at a later date.

NELSON HODDER FERRISBURG

Burlington's Church Street will never be the same again, losing longtime letter carrier "Nelson" last week. Nelson was born and raised in Buffalo, N.Y., where he played ice hockey and leaves many friends. He served in the US Army during Vietnam, stationed in Germany from 1969 to 1972.



He went to Arizona State in Phoenix, where he met his wife, Sharon, and his first child, Nikyla, was born. He graduated with a degree in teaching and a minor in art. They stayed in Phoenix for 10 years where Nelson joined the Postal Service in 1982. The family spent summers in Lake Huron, Mich., where his family has property.

Nelson came to Burlington in the late '80s where daughter, Jessica, was born. After a short time as a letter carrier in downtown Winooski, he became a fixture in downtown Burlington, first on College Street then, for over 13 years, on Church Street. He was an amazing potter, artist, gardener, skier, and ice skater. He loved nature and loved sailing his boat on Lake Champlain.

Nelson is survived by his wife, Sharon, of Ferrisburg, and daughters, Nikyla and Jessica, of Burlington; by his brother, Benjamin Hodder of Arizona; and by endless friends. Cards and well wishes can be sent to the family, c/o PO Box 161, Burlington, VT 05402. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made towards his daughters' education.

VICTORIA L. WILSON

Victoria L. Wilson passed away July 4, 2010, at her home in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She

was born Sept. 3, 1957, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Lorne and Irene Hartwig.

Vicki retired with 25 years of service from the Chippewa County Sheriff Office. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Police Auxiliary, Fraternal Order of Police, Elks Lodge 552, Moose Lodge 999, American Legion Post #3, VFW Post #3676, and the Sault Ste. Marie Mixed Cribbage League.

Vicki loved to knit, often donating her many projects to various clubs and organizations. She also enjoyed gardening, picking berries, camping, cooking, baking, canning, bowling, fishing, 4-wheeling, going to camp and playing cards. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, John E. Wilson, of Sault Ste. Marie, and son, Nicholas E. Wilson, of Mosinee, Wis.; brothers Lorne (Tamie) Hartwig of Cheboygan, Mich., Ken (Jan) Hartwig of Howell, Mich., Roger (Linda) Hartwig of Diamondale, Mich.; sister, Judy Hartwig and friend, John McCormick, of Dafer, Mich.; nieces, Wendy Dean, Patrice Ellery, Stacy Coullard, Rebecca and Emily Hartwig; and nephew, Anthony Hartwig.

Vicki was preceded in death by her grandparents, Dan and Matilda Cody, Pauline and Melvin Boville, and Chester Hartwig.

A gathering to celebrate Vicki's life was held July 11, 2010, at the Elk's Lodge. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

LYDIA M. MILLER

Former Naubinway resident Lydia M. Miller, 98, of Manistique, died July 5, 2010, at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

She was born February 16, 1912, in Naubinway, Mich., the daughter of William and Lida (Vincent) Wachter and attended school in Naubinway.

On June 4, 1932, she married Clifford Miller of Marinette, Wis., in Naubinway. He preceded her in death on June 5, 1996.

Lydia was a member of
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St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church of Manistique. She was a homemaker and she enjoyed visiting the casino.

She is survived by daughters Fay Chernosky and Alice (Richard) Vorachek, both of Tavares, Fla.; grandchildren Lu Anne (Tim) Peters of Yorkville, Ill., Marcia (Al) Talley of Kansas City, Mo., Mary (Jan) Owczarzak of Clarkston, Mich., Monica (John) Marchell of Rockford, Mich., and Jim (Angie) Chernosky of Grand Blanc, Mich.; great grandchildren Jennifer, Megan and Julie Peters, Katie Talley, Charlie, Zachary and Eric Owczarzak, Tyler and Alexa Chernosky, and

Austin Marchell; sister Lillian Roberts of Manistique; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by sisters Annie Browning, Lucy Houghton, Christine Maudrie, Agnes King and Mamie Wachter; and brothers William Wachter and Isadore Wachter.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 10, 2010, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Manistique with Father Glenn Theoret officiating. Burial was in the Naubinway Cemetery at Naubinway, Mich.

Online condolences may be expressed by going to

www.mbfuneral.com.

RICHARD THIBODEAU

Richard (Rick) Phillip Thibodeau, 71, passed away on July 21, 2010, at Gulfside Regional Hospice in Trinity, Fla. Rick was born Oct. 21, 1938, to Phillip and Adelaide (Leask) Thibodeau (both deceased) in Pontiac, Mich. He sailed the Great Lakes in Michigan, even on the infamous Edmund Fitzgerald, before serving his country in the



Army over in Vietnam where he suffered lifelong, debilitating injuries. He worked for Livingston County as a building and electrical inspector before retiring to the Tampa Bay area in 1985. He was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was very vocal with his political insights and views on alternative therapies. He was an avid collector of stamps and coins, was a member of a metal detecting club, and shared a great love for all animals, especially horses.

Rick is survived by his wife of 43 years, Mickey; his children Vicki (Mike) Garvey, Nicki Thibodeau, Richard

(Tamara) Knurek and Richard (Marcy) Senkowski; grandchildren, Torrance Garvey, Tyler and Scott Knurek; siblings, Loree (Louis) St. Amour, Phyllis Rickert, Louella (Marshall) Spang, Marilyn Thibodeau and Alfred Thibodeau; loving caregivers Candy Aster, Hannah Padovano, Melissa Graham and Mable Griffith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Nelson Thibodeau, sister Doloris Syrjala, and nephew Karl Rickert.

Military services were held at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla. Arrangements by www.veteransfuneralcare.com.

Tribal member with vision to help elders builds assisted living complex in the Sault

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Sault Tribe member Randy McGahey and his wife Judy turned his vision into a reality this past spring when they opened the doors to the McKinley Manor Assisted Living complex.

The complex is located on 10 acres in a park-like setting with beautifully landscaped grounds attracting deer and other wildlife for residents to enjoy. Located a short walk behind the complex is a pond with a fountain. The pond is surrounded by benches for residents to sit and enjoy the outdoors while looking for the koi and gold fish hidden within the ponds depths.

The assisted living complex offers residents a hair salon, exercise room, movie theater with reclining chairs, library with two computers, wireless internet throughout the entire facility, laundry rooms, home cooked meals, apartment cleaning services, doctor's office with a therapeutic tub, two daily recreational activities and games, including dominos, checkers and chess. Those residents needing assistance with medications or daily living, such as getting in or out of the shower or being wheeled down the hallway to watch a movie are under the constant care of LPNs, nurses aides and manager and RN, Deborah Muter.

"Coming here has been a nice change of pace for me," said Muter. "I have been a nurse for almost 40 years and have been an ER nurse off and on for the past 30 years. The people here are awesome, both the staff and residents. I walk in the door every morning and there are a bunch of hands in the dining room that go up and wave at me when I come in."

Muter is the former manager of the Kinross Charter Township Ambulance Corps and a paramedic. She is currently taking online courses to finish her master's degree in nursing.

The complex has 40 apartment units and is about 75-percent occupied. McGahey said they are currently in the process of becoming licensed. In addition to owning McKinley Manor, the McGahey's also



Back, left to right: Denny Holloway, Kim Cairns, Debra Muter, Corinne Brooks, Judy McGahey and Randy McGahey. Kneeling, left to right: Karla McLeod, Laurie Kozeyah, Lucy Quintana and Suzan Baril.

own and operate McGahey Construction and Ashmun Creek Apartments. "I opened the Manor because I saw the need for baby boomers who are coming of age to maintain their independence as much as possible. I have many seniors at Ashmun Creek Apartments that are making the move to the new complex. A lot of them are in their 80s and 90s. We want to offer the best care here for everybody," said McGahey.

The McGahey's partnered with Luke and Sue Zhang and Qing-Hua Zhang in creating McKinley Manor.

Judy McGahey said she loves listening to the stories the residents tell about how they lived as children, their usually large families and how they all worked together to survive. "We looked at property for a long time and kept coming back to the old school building," she said. "A lot of people are really glad we kept the McKinley name and incorporated it into the Manor. When we began tearing down the former school, many people wanted bricks and chalkboards, but I thought the oddest request was for all the old pencil sharpeners. It has been fun supporting and helping Randy's vision and watching it become a reality."

Karla McLeod is the assistant activities coordinator and head of housekeeping and is lucky enough to work with her sister Kim Cairns, who is the activity coordinator. "I feel like

I am working with my grandparents all day," said McLeod. "I have always felt that our elders need to have respect and sometimes I see that they don't always get that. They should be treated the way I'd want to be treated when I get old someday. We really want it to feel like home for our residents and from talking with the people who live here I believe we have been successful in making that happen."



Photos by Brenda Austin

94-year-old resident Fritz Straka enjoying a warm summer afternoon at McKinley Manor. Below: Back view of McKinley Manor.

McKinley Manor Assisted Living, built by McGahey Construction, is located in Sault Ste. Marie on West 4th Avenue where the old McKinley Elementary School stood for many years.

McGahey said he wants

residents to feel like part of their family; to be happy and feel loved.

For more information about McKinley Manor Assisted Living visit their website at www.mckinleymanor.com or call (906) 632-7250.

Where Eagles Soar . . .

Since that fateful day you left us, it's been a full two years.

I've cried for you so many times, must've shed a million tears.

But I'll be with you again someday...of that I have no fear.

I've learned to go on without you and have learned so much more.

I know my spirit is waiting to be with you and soar.

When it's my time you'll be waiting in the light. All our

loved ones who left before me can spread our wings and take flight.

Our Creator had plans for you, though I don't yet understand, but the universe will unfold before me when I'm with you once again.

Until that time, my son, you live on only in my heart. I patiently await the time when our circled flight can start.

The eagle is sacred and honored, that's what our ancestors say.

How ironic it is your grand-

ma Pat, was Eagle Woman, Binesii Kwe.

Your name was given... once your soul moved on. It's Red Feather, in Native, Mishko Miigwaan.

I, Black Bear Woman, Makade Mukwa Kwe, will follow down that sacred path where there's no such thing as pain.

Then, through rainbows and sunrises, we'll be together again, dancing...in the purple rain.

Love Mom

7 Grandfathers teachings applied to diabetes

LINDA COOK, DIABETES CASE COORDINATOR/NURSE

We have used the Seven Grandfathers teachings in many unique and progressive ways. These teachings are to be handed down from generation to generation to help us cope with everyday things. How about coping with diabetes?

Diabetes is very difficult to live with. In the years that I have worked as a nurse in the Diabetes Program at Sault Tribe I have seen varying degrees of how difficult it can be.

Let us try to tie these wonderful teachings into caring for yourself and diabetes:

HONESTY: To achieve honesty within yourself.

You can be honest with your-

self and the effects that diabetes can have on your body. It is important to learn all that you can about diabetes so that managing your diabetes becomes natural on a day to day basis.

HUMILITY: To humble yourself and recognize that no matter how much you think you know, you know very little of all the universe.

Diabetes is an ever changing disease. It changes within yourself and what we learn in how to help you manage it. Therefore, seeing the diabetes team at least every three to four months will keep you up-to-date with the most current information about diabetes.

TRUTH: To learn truth, to live with truth and to walk with

truth, to speak truth.

It is easy to get caught up in everyday things and put diabetes on the shelf. It is more difficult to face it daily, be truthful that it is there every day. When you learn, live, walk with and speak truth about diabetes daily it may change the way you look at it.

WISDOM: To have wisdom is to know the difference between good and bad. It is to know the result of your actions.

You may have heard "all we can do is give you the information about diabetes and you have to take it and work it into your life." Wisdom is taking small steps to make positive change in your life. Let us help you take those steps toward

healthy lifestyle.

LOVE: To give unconditional love, to know that when people are weak they need love, know that love is given freely.

You should put yourself first when it comes to your health — love yourself. Taking care of others and loving them can be a bit easier than taking care of you and showing love for yourself.

RESPECT: To respect others and respect yourself. If you cannot show respect, you cannot expect respect to be shown to you.

We have only one body that the Creator has given us. Show respect to the body the Creator has given to you and take care of it. Respect yourself with

health.

BRAVERY: To be brave is to do something right even if you know it's going to hurt you.

Bravery is making changes that may not be easy, but you know the changes are good for you. A lot of brave people make those changes and they are difficult at first, then they begin to like the changes and they are not so difficult.

Come in and talk to us at the Sault Tribe Diabetes Program. We are here to help through the difficult challenges of managing diabetes. Call 632-5210 in the Sault, 341-8469 in Manistique, 387-4721 in Munising and 643-8689 in St. Ignace.

We hope to hear from you soon. Miigwech.

Traditional Foods Grant Project gets results

CONNIE M. HILL, HEALTH EDUCATOR

Sault Tribe Community Health entered into a cooperative agreement with the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Native Diabetes Wellness Program in October 2008. The official program title is, "Uniting to Create Traditional and Healthy Environments."

The program goal is to sustain traditional knowledge and establish community policies to create and maintain lifestyle changes to prevent type 2 diabetes and promote health physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally.

The community is engaged in identifying and sharing stories of healthy traditional ways of eating and being physically active. The project enhances

the re-introduction of indigenous foods and practices specific to the land, history and culture of the Anishinaabe People.

The beginning of the project started with community forums — asking tribal members throughout the tribal service area their thoughts on traditional foods, physical activity and social support. As a result, the project workplan was developed to include many projects and activities tribal members wanted to learn more about or bring back into everyday living.

Example Activities and Projects associated with the project:

- Master food preserver workshops
- Canning and preserving classes

— Starter plant give-away (3,000 plants distributed to community members in 2009; 5,000 plants distributed to community members in 2010)

— Community Garden Projects: Three sister's garden in Kincheloe Housing and Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center and St. Ignace YEA Community Garden

— Hoop house project manistique

— Family Secrets: Soups and stews cooking classes

— Traditional foods cooking demonstrations

— Creative Cooking: Classes offered in Kincheloe focusing on traditional foods and family meal time.

— Harvest celebrations

— Garden workshops

If you would like more information on the Traditional

Foods Grant Project, upcoming activities and events, please contact Connie Hill, grant

coordinator at Sault Tribe Community Health (906) 632-5211.



Vegetable plant giveaways for garden starters in the spring.



Canning courses teach a new skill to pass down.

U.P. cities get Let's Get Moving-Community Challenge awards

Two months of sweat equity is paying off for hundreds of people in the Upper Peninsula. On May 1, the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Communities of Manistique, Munising, Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace began a 61-day Let's Get Moving-Community Challenge in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. By the end of the competition on June 30, more than 500 participants had logged more than 116,000 wellness miles across the four communities. Miles were earned through physical activity, nutrition and other healthy behaviors. The total wellness miles completed equal nearly 12 complete trips along every mile of shoreline of all five Great Lakes — including all the islands.

The city of Munising placed first in the Community Challenge, averaging just over 258 miles per participant, followed by St. Ignace with a 248 mile average, Manistique at 228 miles, and Sault Ste. Marie with 149 miles.

Each community received a check from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to be used

toward infrastructure changes that will help increase access to physical activity for residents and visitors. Munising plans to apply its \$2,000 toward phase I of building a bike path through town. St. Ignace is considering using its \$1,500 toward the possible installation of a drinking fountain at Kiwanis Beach Park. Manistique will use \$1,000 to help with better crosswalks. Sault Ste. Marie will tentatively be using its \$500 for signage in a proposed lunch loop walking route in the downtown area.

In response to the outcome of the Community Challenge, Health Division Director Bonnie Culfa congratulated all four communities for becoming involved in increasing physical activity and implementing changes to support continued healthy lifestyles.

"This is a wonderful project that reflects on all of the work each community is doing to promote healthy lifestyle choices and how friendly competition can help to achieve these goals," Culfa said. "Thank you to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan for the additional support of the Sault Tribe's

Community Health Program's Strategic Alliance for Health Grant and for its Let's get Moving Community Challenge."

She added, "These partnerships are so important in our communities to strike the balance between organizations, communities and the individual participants and what they can do collectively to bring about positive change."

"This opportunity brings together local communities committed to a more active lifestyle and promotes health and wellness throughout the state," said Patrick J. Prichard, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan director of Upper Peninsula Sales and Operations. "The Let's Get Moving Challenge is a perfect opportunity to get involved in the community and take steps towards a healthy lifestyle."

Award presentations were held in each community on Aug. 4 and 5.

Contact Michelle Conway, Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health coordinator for Sault Ste. Marie at (906) 632-5255 or mconway@saulttribe.net for more information.

Coming traditional food program courses —

Master Canning and Preserving Workshops

Do you want to learn how to can and preserve food for months when fruits and vegetables are not available fresh? Do you lack freezer space and what to learn how to pressure can beef, venison, poultry, wild game, and fish?

As part of the Sault Tribe Traditional Foods Grant Project a Master Canning and Preserving Workshop, a MSU Extension Program, will be offered Sept. 21-23 in Sault Ste. Marie at the USDA Commodity site.

This is a three-day workshop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., each day learning safe and healthy techniques for canning (pressure canning and boiling water bath),

freezing, and drying food. There is no charge for this workshop.

If you are interested in registering please contact Connie Hill at Sault Tribe Community Health 632-5211.

Garden Gourmet: Cook, Eat, Learn

Sick of burgers and hot dogs yet? Join us for a healthier cookout. We'll be making veggie and fruit kebobs. Stop in and sample all the fresh flavors of summer and learn about local, traditional and nutritious foods. Open to the public.

Friday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Health Center auditorium. Hosted by Traditional Foods and Nutrition.

Call 632-5210 for more details or to RSVP.

Causley helps draft behavioral health plan

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Sault Tribe Unit II Director and Vice Chair Lana Causley has been on the National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health since its inception two years ago. Representing the region's tribes



in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.

Causley said, "We as tribal leaders and community leaders have a responsibility to identify the problems our young people face as well as implement solutions to help them overcome the struggles."

Causley knows the struggles firsthand. After a rash of teenage suicides in 2007, she and others launched the Mackinac County Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens (LIFT)

group to help prevent suicide.

Since 1998, drug-related deaths in Indian Country have increased 206 percent. American Indian alcohol related deaths are 524 percent higher than the rest of the populations. The American Indian suicide rate is 170 times higher with suicide as the sixth leading cause of death in American Indian males and the second leading cause of death in American Indian youth 15-24. Also way out of line compared to the rest of the U.S. are domestic violence and sexual assault — American Indian women are 2.5 times as likely to be sexually assaulted.

These very serious issues are only a few of the problems addressed in a new plan the Advisory Committee has been working on. The finishing touches are being put on a behavioral health five-year strategic plan for Indian Country

developed by Causley's Committee, the IHS Division of Behavioral Health and the Behavioral Health Workgroup.

At the heart of this comprehensive and detailed plan is a single truth — the medical community must accept and embrace Native American culture and spirituality.

"Behavioral health should support our historic and continuing reliance on tribal elders, and community and traditional-cultural based practices, to restore balance and serve as both prevention and treatment," said Causley.

According to the CDC, half of factors that determine life expectancy — and 6 out of 10 of the leading causes of death — can be managed or prevented through changes in behavior. The behavioral health strategic plan is part of a vision of integrated health and wellness that is holistic, encompassing

all aspects of mental, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of American Indian and Alaskan Native individuals, families and communities.

The plan has three strategic directions:

- To realize cultural renewal and wellness through an emphasis on sobriety, community, elders, and positive youth development.

- To build a strong foundation for effective behavioral health services.

- To establish targeted, prepared, and responsive behavioral health care throughout the IHS, tribal health programs, and urban Indian health programs.

One of the challenges will be getting "non-Western" traditional and cultural based interventions the medical recognition needed for treatment. Compassion fatigue and historical trauma suffered by Native communities are oth-

ers. The plan is set up to cope with these. Once in place, the plan will employ a combination of short-term, mid-term and long-term strategies. Among other things, it will develop and place services and resources to respond to Native American needs, share successful strategies, increase behavioral health staff numbers, support and credentialing, work on accreditation support, and public information on services to the communities, among many other items.

The hope is that the five-year plan will kick start a successful trend toward healing and health in Native American communities. "Our youth today have many struggles to overcome," said Causley. "We need to give them the tools and direction to prosper, instilling our culture and teaching for mental and physical health with help secure them."

Tribal Health gets re-accredited for three years

Sault Tribe's Health Division was awarded a full, three-year AAAHC accreditation this June following an April survey of its six clinics. As AAAHC's highest accreditation, the three-year term shows the Sault Tribe Health Division's commitment to high quality, patient-centered health care.

On April 26-28, a two-member survey team visited the Sault Tribe Health Division from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc. (AAAHC). The survey team completed a thorough on-site review using the established AAAHC standards: patient rights, governance, administration, quality of care, quality management and improvement, clinical records and health information, infection prevention and control, safety, and facilities and the environment of care.

The survey included all six of the tribe's Health Division sites, including the new St. Ignace site, located within its seven-county service area in the



Photo by Brenda Austin

TEAMWORK — Sault Tribe health staff, joined by Tribal Chairman Joe McCoy, proudly display the Health Division's new three-year accreditation certificate, the highest an organization can be given.

eastern Upper Peninsula. The two surveyors, lead surveyor Margaret Haecherl RN, MSN, CNOR, PHN and Dr. Richard Abrams DDS MPH, MED, physically visited all Health Division sites to evaluate facilities and the care provided.

The survey team measures the organization against several hundred nationally recognized healthcare standards. They spoke with and inter-

viewed numerous staff about policies and procedures, safety, risk management, infection control and many other topics. They also conducted a rigorous medical record review and document review at all sites.

At the end of the survey, the team met with key employees of the organization in a closing conference to discuss their findings prior to

completing the survey process. Following the survey, the findings go to the AAAHC survey

board for final approval and the accreditation determination decision.

AAAHC's board determined that the Sault Tribe Health Division was deserving of a full, three-year accreditation.

Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc. is the largest accrediting body for ambulatory healthcare organizations in the United States. These standards have been developed over 30 years and continuously evolve over time to maintain pace with the ever-changing healthcare field.

The process also helps organizations meet federal or state regulatory requirements and its ability to collect insurance reimbursements.

Free preventive health care coming

BY RICK SMITH

Coming this fall, free preventive health care will be available for those who require health insurance under recently enacted law. In a joint statement, First Lady Michelle Obama, Second Lady Jill Biden and Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius noted "all new health insurance plans will be required to cover recommended preventive services with no deductible, co-pay or co-insurance."

The federal government indicates that Americans often pass on preventive care because of cost, using those services at about half the recommended rate.

"Nearly half of all Americans suffer from chronic disease, and seven out of 10 deaths in our country are due to chronic illness. Many of these illnesses can be prevented. By

spending our resources on stopping chronic illness before it starts, we can keep more people healthy and reduce health care costs," they said in the communiqué. "For too long, our health care system has focused on treating the sick, and not on keeping people healthy. Preventive health care like cancer screenings, cholesterol tests and even flu shots save lives and reduces health care costs, but too many Americans face a tough choice between paying for preventive care and putting food on the table for their families."

The statement further indicated that even though the lives of many women have been saved by breast cancer screenings, one in five women over 50 haven't received a mammogram in the last two years. In addition, nearly one out of eight children hasn't seen a doctor in the last

year.

In addition to promoting preventive care benefits through health insurance, the ladies also invite attention to a new federal website designed to educate and help people take charge of their own health care.

The site, www.healthcare.gov, has options to help folks understand the new law, learn about prevention, find insurance options, compare care quality and get specific information for families with children, individuals, people with disabilities, seniors, young adults and so on.

The site also offers information for groups of people such as early retirees, veterans and military personnel and folks living in rural areas; too, issues such as health disparities and how the new law benefits health care providers are addressed.

The new law goes into effect in September.

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STAY activities on service area's western end

The Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project has been very busy on the western end of the Upper Peninsula with many different activities. The Garrett Lee Smith grant that the Sault Tribe received to help with suicide awareness, suicide prevention, educating the educators and the communities in suicide as well as bullying has been used for many great things in the tribe's seven-county service area.

Sue Stiver-Paulsen, a Sault Tribe member and long-time Sault Tribe employee, works on the western end with the STAY grant and she has used this opportunity to accomplish a lot in her area. Some of the community activities have been work-

ing with the elders and holding talking circles to educate them on suicide warnings and prevention as well as some wonderful Native American teachings from cultural advisors Tony Grondin and Bud Biron. Gayle Bruntjens of the U.P. Raptor out of Gladstone has also done some great red hawk teachings in our communities to teach the youth and the adults how similar the red hawk's struggles are to adolescent's struggles.



Sue Stiver-Paulsen

With the help of Mary VanHaute, the STAY grant recently provided 60 community members with QPR teaching certification all over the Upper Peninsula. VanHaute is a master trainer for the QPR Institute and has kept very busy with QPR trainings, talks with at-risk youth and speaking at school assemblies. QPR trainings teach our community members the warning signs of suicide and try to help them ask the question that can save a life — "Are you thinking about suicide?"

The Manistique Friends Helping Friends group, most of whom also sit on the Manistique Grand Tribal Youth Council, recently performed a skit on the

average life of a teenager that portrays an at-risk youth going through the process of showing signs of suicide and her friend, father and teacher tightening up the safety net to get her the much needed help to save her life. VanHaute is also going to give QPR trainings at the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD in September as well as training 15 of the teachers/counselors in that area how to be a QPR trainer.

The STAY project was also able to help Charile Yeager of the Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency put on an Action in Summer Institute in June, a four-day training with some wonderful speakers. Dave Opaleswski

spoke on "Confronting Death in the School and Community Family" and "Suicide Prevention for School and Community Personnel." Dee Lindenberger spoke on "Bully-Free Schools" and "Adolescent Brain: Time of Danger and Opportunity."

If you have a group of people that would like a QPR training or an opportunity for Stiver-Paulsen to have a booth at one of the local health fairs or any ideas for other activities that relate to suicide awareness, suicide prevention, bully awareness or anti-bullying efforts on the western end of the U.P., please contact Sue Stiver-Paulsen at (906) 789-3192 or sspaulsen@saulttribe.net.

Sandbox Party: young children key to future

The EUP Great Start Collaborative and Great Start Parent Coalition are gearing up to make sure local voters know about the Sandbox Party for Michigan's Youngest Learners, which was launched in Lansing July 1.

The nonpartisan, nonpolitical Sandbox Party represents the interests of Michigan's youngest residents, from birth to age 5. A growing body of research identifies this age group as vital to developing competent citizens and workers, and crucial to Michigan's economic turnaround.

"Working with other par-

ents in the community, we know there is a groundswell of support for programs that help grow healthy, capable children," said Heather Bird, Parent Liaison, who coordinates the EUP Great Start Parent Coalition. "The Sandbox Party gives us a rallying point for our efforts to ensure that local children start kindergarten ready to learn."

The 55 Great Start Collaboratives and Great Start Parent Coalitions statewide are coordinating local Sandbox Party outreach, including information for candidates running for office. Locally, contact

www.eup.kids.com.

"Mounting evidence has convinced us that Michigan's economic future will be determined by the resources the state puts into its young children today," said Judy Y. Samelson, CEO of the Early Childhood Investment Corp. (ECIC), a nonprofit public corporation that administers the coalitions and is implementing a comprehensive early childhood system across Michigan.

Sandbox Party supporters include parents, representatives from leading early childhood organizations including Michigan's Children, Fight

Crime: Invest in Kids Michigan, Children's Trust Fund, Michigan League for Human Services, Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children, Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health, Michigan Association of United Ways, and other state leaders.

The Sandbox Party will hold a convention at Michigan State University's Breslin Student Events Center from 1-4 p.m. on Aug. 26, just days before the Michigan Republican and Democratic parties hold their conventions.

The convention is free and open to all — kids are espe-

cially encouraged to attend with their families — and thousands of supporters from across the state are expected. There will be family entertainment, exhibitors and special appearances by popular Michigan sports, music and news personalities.

Gubernatorial candidates have been invited to speak and to bring their families.

Eighty-three percent of Michigan voters in a poll last year said early childhood development and education programs are an "absolute necessity" for their community; 75 percent wanted them spared from state budget cuts.

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Chairman Joe McCoy reports to the membership



DARWIN "JOE" MCCOY
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

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At this time in our tribe, the board and I are focusing on new economic development that will benefit our membership and help us reach our goal of becoming a self sufficient government. This goal is our focus. We need to continue to look for business opportunities and to work together on one goal — to better our tribe, improve our membership services, and continue to be a leader in Indian Country.

One of the ways we are striving to do this is with a corporate charter. A corporate charter is a board of business members who will help us refocus the direc-

tion of our non-gaming business ventures. It will include tribal members, board members, and non-tribal business people who will help us stay focused on business and not let politics get in the way of business decisions. Our charter was approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in July and we are excited to see this develop.

As an organization, our tribe moves on with many happenings this month that I was able to participate in.

U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL MEETING

Mr. Donald Davis, the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan, several assistant U.S. Attorneys, and representatives from several other federal law enforcement agencies met with me and other tribal officials in July. Mr. Davis discussed current issues being faced by the Justice Department and the consultation process, and he specifically focused on how he viewed current events impacting Indian Country. He let us know he has asked for a new position in his office that would be devoted almost exclusively to Indian Country issues, and he took notes on some minor issues raised by tribal law enforcement, the tribal prosecutor and Anishinabek Community

and Family Services. All in all, I thought it was a worthwhile meeting, and feedback from the tribe's departments who deal with Justice on a regular basis made it clear to me this relationship has improved the last few years.

CASE GOING TO TRIAL

The board of directors and I attended a court-directed mediation on July 28 to see if there was a way to resolve the case between the tribe, Bernard Bouschor and former key employees who received lump sum buyouts of their contracts in 2004. The parties were not able to reach agreement and the board unanimously agreed to proceed to trial in October.

SMOKE-FREE TRIBAL HOUSING

I was very proud to attend a dedication ceremony for our first smoke-free home in Kincheloe this month. We are now the first tribe in Michigan — and fifth in the nation — to establish smoke-free housing units for our tribal members. We need to do everything we can to provide our members with a healthy living environment. This project took two years to complete and I'd like to personally thank everyone involved including members of the Sault Tribe Strategic

Alliance for Health Project, the Sault Tribe Tobacco Task Force, the Sault Tribe Housing Authority, the Sault Tribal Youth Council, the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition, the Smoke-free Environments Law Project, the Michigan Department of Community Health the Tribal Youth Council and Smoke-Free Environments.

KEWADIN CASINOS 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our casinos celebrated their 25th anniversary with a festival celebration that went off without a hitch. We have heard nothing but positive comments from everyone in the tribe, casino and community. Special thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this event so great.

ANISHINAABE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

On Sept. 8, the Sault Tribe will be hosting the Anishinaabe Joint Commission meeting at Kewadin Casinos. Anishinaabe Joint Commission carries out the St. Mary's Treaty pledge to restore and protect the river, and is composed of representatives from the four tribes — Bay Mills Indian Community, Batchewana Band First Nation, Garden River First Nation

and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The AJC has worked on St. Marys River and Great Lakes water quality issues, U.S. and Canadian treaties issues, US-Canadian border issues, passport issues and trade issues, among other concerns. The AJC is also a venue for building Anishinaabeg culture and unity.

SAULT TRIBE GOLF CLASSIC

On the last Saturday of July we hosted the 10th annual Sault Tribe Golf Classic which raises money for higher education scholarships for tribal members. Many thanks to the golf committee for their work in putting this event together every year. I am pleased to report that we had 28 teams and raised over \$69,000 this year.

As summer wraps up, do not miss out on your opportunity to attend powwows in your region. A complete list of events is posted on our tribal facebook page.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our Tribe that you would like to discuss, please contact my office toll free at (800) 793-0660 or locally at 635-6050.

Sincerely,
Darwin "Joe" McCoy
Tribal Chairman

Dealing with critical issues in Indian Country



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Our tribe is going through some devastating times — the loss of Greektown Casino, the indictment and plea of Fred Paquin and the mediation attempt of the case known as the 7+2. (The 7+2 case will be going to trial in Chippewa County Court in Sault Ste. Marie. Hopefully, it will be over in a couple of months.) All of these and others are very difficult issues that we must address. Rest assured that my decisions are based on what I believe is best for the tribe. My focus is to deal with these issues and continue to work toward providing a better future by making positive changes. We can't go back, but we can learn from these experiences and go forward. Our tribe has had challenges in the past, we continue to have challenges today and I'm certain we will have challenges in the future. I intend to keep moving forward in a positive manner.

There are critical battles going on outside our tribe that could impact our very existence as a sovereign nation that we must focus on. The U.S. Supreme Court case *Carcieri v. Salazar* is one of these. This

case has resulted in the Interior Department being restricted to taking land in trust only for tribes recognized in 1934 (under the Indian Reorganization Act). Instead of fighting each other, it is my desire that our board members join me in defending our sovereignty from these outside forces. We must get involved on a national level! We now have an opportunity to give input through tribal consultation and we must be there at the table. That is why I remain actively involved.

We have four new board members whom I welcome wholeheartedly. I am pleased to work with strong individuals where we can work together, agree to disagree on certain issues and move forward while continuing to work together to develop and implement improvements within our tribal organization.

ANNUAL TRIBAL/STATE SUMMIT

Michigan tribes need to get an agreement with the state in order to receive federal Medicaid Administrative funding matches. Other states already have these agreements in place. While attending an Indian Health Service consultation meeting, I discovered that one of the reasons we have not received such funding is that a time study needs to be done. Therefore, when we met with Governor Granholm at the annual Tribal-State Summit one of our requests was that her office assists us to streamline the process so that we may get our much-needed match funding.

MEETING WITH U.S. ATTORNEY

I attended the annual meeting with the U.S. Attorney and his staff. Attending this meeting was our tribal chairman, our

Chief of Police Marchant, our general counsel, our prosecutor and our Anishinabek Community and Family Services staff. This meeting provides us an opportunity to discuss critical issues of our tribe and community while increasing cultural and community awareness. Our staff did an excellent job in presenting our issues. While at this meeting, we reviewed and gave input to the Western District of Michigan Indian Country Law Enforcement Operation Draft Plan that is being developed. This plan will help to improve the coordination of information, communication and our working relationships with the state and federal government.

HEAD START TRIBAL CONSULTATION

I represented our tribe at the Head Start tribal consultation held in Green Bay, Wis. I have been the board of directors Policy Council Liaison for our Head Start and Early Head Start programs for the past 11 years. The Head Start Act provides for two distinct consultation requirements. The first requires annual consultations for the purpose of better meeting the needs of Indian children and their families. The second pertains to the development of modifications to the Head Start Performance Standards.

This year, we finally had a consultation in our region. This opportunity had not been afforded our tribe or any of the other tribes located east of the Mississippi. This was an issue that was brought forth last year and obviously was addressed. Other issues of concern were: Indian special expansion funding; redistribution of recovered funds; culture and language preservation; training and technical assistance; challenges

we face in implementing the requirements of the Act and regulations due to unfunded mandates; and Office of Head Start communications and management. If you would like to hear more of the specifics, please contact me and I will gladly inform you.

HHS TRIBAL FEDERAL WORKGROUP APPOINTMENT

I was honored to be appointed to the Department of Health and Human Services federal workgroup. Our charge is to review, evaluate and improve the HHS Tribal Consultation Policy and process at HHS. As a member of this workgroup, I have the honor and privilege of working with 17 other tribal leaders from across Indian Country to work directly with top Health and Human Services officials and staff to develop the final policy draft that will

be presented to Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. Our number one issue is to mandate that all HHS divisions meet with and gather recommendations directly from tribes no less than once a year. While in Washington, DC, this past week, Secretary Sebelius attended the meeting with our workgroup. HHS has strong Native leadership that is working very cooperatively with our tribal leaders. Our product outcome will be a strong Tribal Consultation Policy. I believe that HHS is way ahead in the area of tribal consultation and will serve as a model for other agencies.

If you have any issues or concerns or any questions or input in regards to the issues that I am working on, please contact me at (906) 322-3823 or email me at cabramson@sault-tribe.net. Miigwech!

Important Tuition Waiver changes!

The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW) program has undergone a few changes recently. While not a Sault Tribe program, many tribal members use the state program, which waives tuition for eligible students attending state-supported Michigan institutions. First, the program is now being administered by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. It was previously administered by Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. The new contact person is: Melissa Claramunt, American Indian Specialist, (517) 241-7748, claramuntm@michigan.gov. Second, only applicants who are certified by their U.S. federally recognized tribe to be enrolled members with not less than one-quarter quantum Indian blood are eli-

gible for the MITW. There were questions about the eligibility of Canadian First Nations citizens and members of state historic tribes and a July 14, 2010, memorandum from the Michigan Dept. of Civil Rights clarifies the new policy and procedure. Third, there is a new application form for the MITW. Your school may require you resubmit a MITW application and get re-certified or your school may recognize your current status; it is your school's prerogative whether or not to "grandfather" students who were receiving the MITW as processed previously. For more information, contact Sault Tribe Education Director Angeline Matson at (906)635-4944 or amatson@saulttribe.net or contact Melissa Claramunt directly.

Vice chair Causley reports on Greektown



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

I would like to take this time to say Miigwech to the tribal members and board members who placed their confidence in me to seek another term for the office of our tribe's "vice chairperson." I am deeply hon-

ored and proud to represent our tribe as an officer of the board of directors and will continue to work for the future of our tribe and its members.

As explained in my last report, we were preparing to attend the hearing that would take place pertaining to our casino in Detroit. As reported, the Michigan Gaming Control Board has supported the hedge fund holders and issued the waiver for the license to seal the agreement for the group. The board of directors attended and made presentations to the MGCGB to voice our opposition and explain why we did not feel it had been a fair process from the beginning. Granting the waiver only took five months of investigation. Our license process took almost two years and

excluded tribal members from even having the right to run for office due to the fact some could not pass the investigation process. We changed our entire Election Code to accommodate the requirements set forth by the MGCGB. We felt that they made exceptions for this group that was not at all the same standard that had been applied to our tribe and its holdings in Greektown.

Although we had opportunities from the start to submit a plan we encountered many obstacles, including the economy. In the end, the casino has transferred ownership.

We do have a right to appeal the decision within a time frame. Our entire Legal Department as well as Bruce Greene (our tribe's veteran

advisor of 30 years) along with approximately 11 other firms have recommended to not file an appeal as we do not have any further standing in this case. I believe that we must move on and strive to renew our business prospects, secure our revenue-generating businesses up north and aggressively seek out other opportunities, learning from our hard fought struggles in Greektown.

The board attended the final court-ordered mediation for the 7+2 litigation July 28. We have fulfilled our obligation to attempt a settlement with the remaining four litigants in the 7+2 (now 7+1) case. We have reached no agreement and will continue on to a trial in Chippewa County on Oct. 12. The jury will decide the case

and our tribe can then place this in the past, heal and move on.

Our Hessel powwow is coming together very well. Please remember that this is our 18th annual traditional powwow in our area. In our community we have always take great pride in that and we welcome everyone. The powwow also gives us a special time to honor our veterans — they deserve and need to see us remember and thank them for what they have done and what those active service men and women do for us every day. I look forward to seeing you, as always.

Please contact me if you would like to meet or discuss any concerns.

Baamaapii,
Lana Causley (906) 484-2954 lcausley@saulttribe.net.

Tribal council makes several improvements



BERNARD BOUSCHOR, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

The tribal council has identified the following that could be improved upon — closed meetings, budgeting and internal auditor.

Meetings or workshops that have portions closed should be reviewed by the tribal council

to determine whether we are meeting the standard of the Open Meeting Ordinance. Our government has closed portions of a meetings or workshops that are informational only and should have been open to the membership. Workshops are the times when agenda items are presented and discussed on a resolution, reports on programs (services) and codes being reviewed or changes proposed. This is the question and answer time that provides the detail information prior to a meeting or status reports on services. This is an opportunity for the membership to be informed as to why an action of the council is necessary and how this benefits the tribe. The resolutions that are on the meeting agenda are for such items but not limited to an application for a competitive grant, a budget

modification or code revision.

Budgetary controls were enhanced to increase tribal council control of expenditures and have shown improvement in the financial health of the tribe. We can do more. We need to establish a policy on accounts that can be pooled (cash that is co-mingled), for example: we have three primary pooled cash accounts, the first is government (grants and contracts), the second is businesses and last is casinos. In addition, we need to define how a partnership or limited liability company established under a state fits in the tribal structure.

The area of concern has been identified in the recent audit presentation that intercompany pooling of funds or transfers need to be reviewed and policy established (approved by tribal council) if none exist or

existing policy reviewed and modified if necessary. Tribal council needs to define what can be pooled and approvals required for accounts receivable, accounts payable (due to or due from) and transfer. This area impacts the balance sheet and tribal dollars can and have been spent and not fall within the budget process until years later.

In the recent audit presentation, it is clear that we are in need of an in-house (internal) auditor. The audit firms are engaged to meet the specific audit requirements of federal or state governmental agencies and the casino the regulatory agency. When issues have been brought before the tribal council, they were not identified in prior or current audit. The audit threshold for financial review was not enough to warrant

review (the amount of cash was not significant enough to be reviewed). We need to do more to review and establish the internal controls necessary to protect the assets of our tribe.

On June 30, the bankruptcy court transferred the license of Greektown Casino to new owners. This ended our ownership of the casino and are largest business has been lost. We are in the post-Greektown era of defending a major lawsuit. We need to learn from experience, good or bad, from Greektown.

In closing, the tribal council and chairman need to work together on a united front to move the tribe forward in a positive direction.

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From crises to strategy



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

Thanks to tribal citizen support in the recent election; I am deeply honored to present to you my first Unit II director's report. I can tell you, the last four weeks have consisted of intense briefings across the entire spectrum of our tribal organization.

Three serious situations have colored our tribe for a number of years: the federal indictment and prosecution our former chief of police/board member, Greektown and the 7+2 litigation. You can read elsewhere in this paper a more detailed briefing on the status of each one of these developments.

It's difficult to assess the toll

these events have had on our tribe, not only financially but from a moral and credibility standpoint. Clearly, tribal members have suffered. We were not able to reach a settlement in the 7+2 litigation so the court case is scheduled to go to trial in October. Whatever the outcome, you will know that the currently elected governing board pursued the interests of the tribe to the very end.

Our tribal government cannot afford to come to a standstill while this final chapter unfolds. We need to move from a place of crisis to a place of strategic direction. That means comprehensive reform. In any body politic there is an insatiable appetite for things to remain the same. But I believe the currently elected governing board recognizes that now is the time for change and is willing and ready to tackle the big ticket issues we face as a tribe.

The Hessel Powwow is Aug. 21-22. This year, the powwow will be preceded with a Community Health and Safety Fair at the Hessel Tribal Center grounds on Friday, Aug. 20

from 10-3 with lunch provided to participants. Hats off to Lisa Burnside and all the event organizers for making what promises to be a fun-filled event. Our spiritual gathering will take place on Friday at 6 p.m. as well. Please make plans to attend this year and I'll see you there!

Please contact me with your questions and concerns: (906) 484-6821 and unit2tribal@gmail.com.

Community Health and Safety Fair — Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hessel Tribal Center grounds. Activities will include inflatable fun house, dunk tank, STAY booth, LIFT booth, blood pressure & sugar testing, carbon monoxide testing, nutrition, disability awareness, stress management, fire safety, ambulance tour and first aid demonstration, stress coping skills, tribal police presentation and more. Lunch for health fair participants will be provided under the casino tent. For more information, contact Lisa Burnside, 484-2298, 440-7666, or lburnside@saulttribe.net.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Board of Directors Terms and Offices

July 2010

OFFICERS

- Chairman: Darwin "Joe" McCoy**
- Vice-Chair: Lana Causley**
- Secretary: Cathy Abramson**
- Treasurer: Keith Massaway**

Office	Name	Term Start	Term End
Chairman	Darwin Joe McCoy	July 2008	June 2012
Unit I	Cathy Abramson	June 1996	June 2012
Unit I	Joe Eitrem	July 2004	June 2012
Unit I	Bernard Bouschor	July 2008	June 2012
Unit I	Debra Pine	July 2010	June 2014
Unit I	Diedrie Malloy	July 2010	June 2014
Unit II	Lana Causley	July 2004	June 2012
Unit II	Catherine Hollowell	July 2010	June 2014
Unit III	Keith Massaway	June 2006	June 2014
Unit III	Patrick Rickley	July 2008	June 2012
Unit IV	Denise Chase	June 1998	June 2014
Unit IV	Tom Miller	July 2004	June 2012
Unit V	Joan Anderson	July 2010	June 2014

New board reps hit the ground running



DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Ahniin Kina Gwaya!

I am so proud to be here writing to you in my first unit report. G'tchi Miigwech to the people that supported me during my run. I have to say that so many people were so kind and very encouraging. Special thanks to my husband, Dr. Christopher Hall, to my son, Justin, who made the signs, to my other son, Nick, who helped put the signs up.

Special thanks to my uncle Tony who dug holes and put up signs. G'tchi Miigwech to my most favorite brother-in-law in the world, Danny Mongene, and his good friends, Bruce Miller and Manny Marble, for the incredible work they did on my big sign that was placed on I-75. Special thanks to my sister, Mariea, who told the guys where the wind storm blew the sign and G'TCHI MIIGWECH to the Mongene family for getting it back up!

Thank you to Rose Menard, Crissy and Miranda Menard, Joanne Hewitt, Joseph Nolan, Aaron Flaler, Reno, Ron Menard, Deb Cox and Rita Vassar for your support and the use of your yards! I am so appreciative. Awesome job for mailing to Brian, Nick, Mariea, Laura, Mom, Lucy Jo and Quinton. G'tchi Miigwech to my secret weapon and his beautiful wife, my cousin. Love to my Aunt Mary and her support! Special thanks to Janet, you rock, woman! Last, but not least, I would not have

made it through without the love and support of these special ladies, my sister, Priscilla, for her organizational skills, my aunt Cathy for her proof-reading abilities and my mom helping with the girls.

I would also like to thank the following for their unconditional love and support in that good Anishinabe way: Tony Grondin, Nathan Wright, Lynn Weaver and Charles Forgrave. G'tchi Miigwech for putting forth and setting the example of kindness, respect, truth and love for your fellow Anishinaabe. I couldn't have done it without your support and kindness!

As your Unit I representative, I feel that I have hit the ground running. Today, July 29, I just sat through my first round of interviews to hire the Human Resource Director for the tribe. I believe it is the first step of many that will improve the condition of the tribe. We lost our HR director due to the 2008 \$15 million budget deficit and found out what a very

critical position it truly is.

I believe that this new board has its eye on the future and we are going to get things back on track. One of the issues was the abuse of the "closed session" meetings. Immediately, we addressed the issue and asked that the board secretary "finetooth comb" the issues coming before us so that the sensitive topics are placed on the agenda first. When they are resolved, we go immediately into "open session." We are a government and I believe in transparency. It is an easy thing to be talking about one subject in closed and then it rolls into another topic for discussion, but when you stop and realize that the second topic would be good information to the membership, that is where we need to be vigilant with ourselves as board members.

I have spoken with other members of the board and I believe we are going to create a laundry list and methodically get things done that we feel

need to be addressed. That's the goal at this point. I really have been advocating for time with the other board members to do some training and develop a strategic plan so that the membership can see what has been accomplished.

I would like to congratulate Alex Young and Autumn Wright for winning the Keweenaw Bay Children's Two Step competition! Good job kids! Awesome dancing. Congratulations to my sister, Mariea Mongene, for dancing for the first time in 15 years. You looked beautiful, sis!

At this time, I would like to invite the membership to visit my blog. I am new to blogging but I believe it is an important venue for communicating. You can reach me at the following address: <http://web.me.com/debra.ann.pine>

I am also available to you through the phone. Please call me at (906) 440-1334. I look forward to hearing from you. G'tchi Miigwech and I promise to make you proud.

Miigwech to 25th anniversary staff, volunteers



DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin! I would like to start off by saying "G'tchi Miigwech!" to the voters of Unit I. Thank you for your encouragement, your support and for your votes! I am honored and humbled that you have chosen me to represent you and I am looking forward to serving you.

I'd like to say miigwech to our entire Kewadin staff and the ocean of volunteers who made

the Kewadin 25th Anniversary Festival such a great success! This three-day event was a bold endeavor and it was enjoyed by all. Having experience in putting these multi-day events together, I understand what it takes to make it work. I also know that when such an event looks so seamless from the outside, it is a testament to the workers who conceal the stress and trials that come with the territory. Our Kewadin 25th Anniversary was successful because of that very reason: behind-the-scenes phenomenal people with great attitudes made it happen. So, on behalf of all of us who enjoyed the fruits of your labor, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

This has been a short month with a big schedule for the new board members. It was a challenge to hit the ground running, but hit we did, and with both feet in motion. Our first official business was to

attend the combined meetings of the United Tribes of Michigan and the Mid-West Alliance of Sovereign Tribes in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. There was much information provided to tribes in a broad scope of services and opportunities. Our days began at 7 a.m. with breakfast meetings and ended after 11 p.m. with round-table discussions with other tribal leaders. I would like to extend a big personal thank you to Keith Mandoka, Frank Ettawageshik and Lee Sprague, for sharing stories, teachings, time and laughter. The information I was able to gather at this conference will be invaluable to future projects in several areas of our service spectrum.

I have met with a couple of our departments and continue to schedule meetings to get a foothold on where we are in the service to our members, our budgets and future plans. I have been made to feel quite

welcome and have a better understanding of some of the great work we are providing as well as those areas of need that would fill the gaps for so many of our people. I will continue to meet with people in all our departments to gain insight as to how to best approach meeting our goals and will provide you with the information on the findings.

One of the issues I spoke about in my campaign was communications. I have already begun setting up monthly unit meetings but so far only received confirmation for the Kincheloe area dates. These meetings will take place from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Kinross Recreation Center. I will publish other local meeting locations and dates as they are confirmed. I am also working on securing meeting locations in downstate areas and will

publish dates and locations for those as well. While they will be held less often than the local meetings, my initial intention is to hold them quarterly and on a weekend. This will allow me to travel to areas like Detroit, Grand Rapids/Muskegon, Lansing and Cheboygan to meet with Unit I members who have questions or comments. I will also make myself available to the membership via email and telephone; and will meet face-to-face by appointment as needed. I will be starting a database of email addresses in order to facilitate a newsletter of sorts with any updates and or changes in schedules between newspaper distributions. If you are interested, please send me your info. My information is listed below for your convenience. Please feel free to contact me. Respectfully,
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(906) 440-9762 (cell)

Great job on Kewadin 25th anniversary festival



KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

First of all I want to say congratulations to all of the staff and volunteers who worked on the 25th anniversary of Kewadin Casinos in the Sault. I attended two of the festival days

and was pleasantly surprised by how smoothly the event was run. I congratulate Tony Goetz for pulling off a first rate event and thank Russ and Chance and the production staff, and Alan and Michelle and the marketing staff, for their extra efforts in making us look good.

All of the comments I heard while standing in the crowds were very positive. Comments on how the food and drink were reasonably priced probably were made most often. The crowd consisted of people in all age brackets. I had an elder (she is over 80), in front of me at the 3 Doors Down concert who truly had a marvelous time and she felt comfortable and safe the entire evening. I know because she told me. Young children and parents used the

carnival games and Henry Winkler was a great addition on Saturday night. If you missed this year's event I hope we have another next year so we can impress you, too.

I am glad to announce that we should have a second dentist on staff in St. Ignace later this month. We have struggled for years filling these positions and I think we finally have succeeded. The dental department has been trying to keep up with our youths' dentistry and now we finally have the manpower to make it happen. Some concerns have been flowing my way about the automated answering service at the clinic and we have had a couple breakdowns of the system. We are trying to make it as user-friendly as possible and we are working out

the bugs.

The 7 + 2 litigation will be going to a jury trial on Oct. 12. It has been a long and arduous journey to this point and most of my communications with my constituents want the trial to happen and to bring an end to it.

On a final note I want to thank everyone for allowing me to continue to represent Unit III. I applaud my opponent on running a clean and upbeat campaign. I would like to welcome the new board members, DJ Malloy, Joan Anderson, Deb Pine and Catherine Hollowell. The board has many challenges before them and working together we can find the best ways to solve the issues.

Thank you again for the cards, letters and e-mails.

Contact me anytime: Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace MI, 49781, kmasaway@msn.com, (906) 643-6981.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Passages, a hospice adult grief support group, begins Aug. 16, and run through Sept. 27. This groups meets for six consecutive Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Superior Rm. at Chippewa County Health Dept., 508 Ashmun in Sault Ste. Marie (use the back alley entrance). Passages is designed both for those experiencing recent loss and those struggling with unresolved grief and feelings from long ago. Call 253-3151 to register.

The Corporate Charter opens new avenues



**TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR,
UNIT IV**

I hope everyone is having a very enjoyable summer. The summer months have been extremely busy for the board as a whole, with the newly elected and re-elected board of directors being installed this month. The board of directors will be back to business as usual with the election process now behind

us. I would like to thank the departing board of directors members that served the tribal community and wish them the best. This is not a easy job and is very stressful at times.

The major news item is that Greentown, for all intent and purposes, is no longer owned by the Sault Tribe. The "Noteholders Plan" was cleared of the last hurdle when the Michigan Gaming Control Board gave them an institutional waiver that allowed the hedge funds portion of the plan to not have to be background checked. Without this waiver, the plan would not have been licensable. So the MGCB in its infinite wisdom decided to throw the rules out the window and let the hedge funds get into the casino ownership arena. My belief in the legal system and regulatory bodies within the state of Michigan is almost at zero. There appears to still be

one question to be answered and that is one of a land ownership issue. I will update the membership as this unfolds. I have found out that the rules really do not mean much when you can ignore them.

Hopefully, we will have better news on other tribal economic development in the near future. The tribes' budgetary process continues with a very good control and outlook in place. The Corporate Charter has been signed and returned and this opens an avenue for business development on a much larger scale than ever before. This and several other potentially positive financial issues that may benefit the tribe were the ideas of former board member DJ Hoffman and I believe he deserves credit. The board of directors now has to follow through and take these opportunities and make them successful.

We in Unit IV are dealing with fishing issues that involve several tribal members. The issues seem to have taken on a life of their own and Denise and I are working to ensure that our members are treated fairly and the existing rules and regulations are followed.

On July 28, the board of directors has a full day of mediation planned at the Sault. It will be regarding the 7+2 case as it slowly proceeds. I will make whatever information is allowed out to the membership as soon as possible.

The process of school expansion at Bahweting continues at a very slow rate. The expansion will hopefully be ready for the 2011-12 school year. I have just returned from the National Indian School Board Association in Phoenix, Ariz. — 109° each day. We live in a beautiful climate area. I managed a three-hour meeting in an

informal setting with the new director of Education (Keith Moore) for the Bureau of Indian Education and I am very confident that he will be a quality director. These type conferences are where we help to shape legislation that affects tribes by working cooperatively with other tribes. We are working on a method of better communication with the membership by having an area in our tribal newspaper where all the major activities and board actions can be displayed. Sometimes we get caught up with technology and assume that everyone has a computer and has access to the internet. By using a combination of methods to get the information to our membership, we should be able to reach almost everyone. If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 644-3334 or 322-3827. Enjoy our beautiful moderate summer.

Welcome to incoming board representatives



**JOSEPH EITREM, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new, incoming board members. I look forward to the opportunity of working with you for the betterment of the tribe. In addition, I would like to thank the outgoing board

members who have served our tribe. It has been an honor to work with all of you.

The board has been busy since the election. In the past few days the tribal board has been involved in a court ordered mediation regarding the 7+2 litigation. There were no settlements agreed upon at this mediation and the case is headed to trial this fall.

The tribe has made great strides with our northern operations and cash flow over the course of the past year and is in a much better financial position. We have taken steps to restore programming and ensure that our employees are not forgotten. One of these steps was to implement a \$0.25 raise for employees across the board. While this may not appear to some as much, it was an initial

step. This amounts to a \$520 continual annual increase for employees, instead of a one-time \$500 bonus. While some may consider this a small step, it is an additional expense of nearly \$900,000 for operations. We will continue to work on ways to meet the needs our tribal membership, as well as our employees. However, current members of the board (old and new) must continue to work to ensure that we, as a tribe, do not repeat the mistakes of the past.

While the economy appears to be stabilizing, and is much better than it has been in the past two years, it is imperative that we maintain a fiscally responsible approach. For the most part, the tribe's financial turmoil had been attributed to the many excesses of past administration(s) in regards to overstaffing and over expenditures. We must continue to ensure that our tribe remains fiscally sound for the membership of the tribe.

In closing, I look forward to actively meeting with the membership in Unit I, and throughout the tribe. Once again, please look for the schedule of unit meetings in this and the local newspaper.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,
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Setting up unit meetings for Unit V



**JOAN (CARR) ANDERSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Hello,
Thank you again for your tribal support. I am your new director from Unit V.

The first meeting I attended was a board of directors election of officers: vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer. The meeting took place in St. Ignace on July 13. I also attended an

open house at Kincheloe on the smoke-free policy put in place by the Tribal Housing Authority and Tobacco Task Force — I was very impressed! Good job to all who made this possible. Last Thursday, I attended another workshop and I feel that our board is looking at change for all of our members.

I also would like you to know what is going on in Unit V. I will be attending the Marquette Elder meeting in Marquette on Aug. 5. at the Holiday Inn at 6 p.m.

On Aug. 12, I will be having a Unit V open meeting at the Munising Tribal Center at 6 p.m. for ALL tribal members. We are also planning a Unit V member and family gathering on Sept. 4. For more information you can contact Charlotte Nikunen at (906) 452-6265.

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Announcing U.P. Catholic clergy appointments

Several Catholic priests are moving their belongings and their ministry to another part of the Diocese of Marquette for this summer's round of clergy appointments.

Father James Roetzer, 47, is the new pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Garden, St. Andrew Parish in Nahma and St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Cooks. He will

take over from Father James Ziminski, 45, who is being relieved as parochial administrator of those three parishes. Fr. Ziminski will continue to serve as Director of Marygrove Retreat Center in Garden and as Director of Ongoing Formation for Priests for the Diocese of Marquette.

Father Roetzer has been the pastor of St. Barbara Parish in Vulcan and St. Mary Parish in Norway for three years. A native of Marinette, Wis., Fr. Roetzer was ordained a priest on Dec. 12, 1998, by Bishop James Garland at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette. He has served parishes in Marquette, Ironwood, Bessemer, Wakefield and Marenisco.

Succeeding Fr. Roetzer as pastor of the Vulcan and Norway parishes will be **Father Timothy Ekaitis**, 32.



Father Ekaitis has been the associate pastor of St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette and St. Mary Mission in Big Bay since 2008. A native of South Bend, Ind., he graduated from Michigan Tech University prior to entering the seminary. Fr. Ekaitis was ordained a priest on June 8, 2007, by Bishop Alexander Sample. His first priestly assignment was as associate pastor of the parishes in Manistique, Gulliver, Garden, Cooks and Nahma.

The new associate pastor of St. Peter Cathedral and the mission of St. Mary in Big Bay will be **Father John Boyle**, 52. Having served as a pastor in England, Fr. Boyle is on a sabbatical to experience parish life in the United States. He has a licentiate degree in Canon Law from the Angelicum University in Rome, where he attended school with Bishop Sample and Father Ronald Browne, the Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Marquette. Fr. Boyle was ordained a priest on March 8, 1997.

Father Joseph Vandannoor, 58, a member of the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle, has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Rudyard

and St. Mary Mission in Trout Lake. The current pastor of the Rudyard and Trout Lake faith communities, **Father Cyriac Kottayarikil**, 70, a member of the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, will be returning to India. Father Vandannoor has served Holy Redeemer Parish in Menominee since 2005 when he arrived here from India. He also served Holy Spirit Parish in Menominee the first year he was in the U.S.

Father Robb Jurkovich, 33, will add the pastorate of Holy Redeemer Parish to his current assignment as pastor of Resurrection Parish, also of Menominee. Likewise, Father Michael Chenier, 28, will become the associate pastor of Holy Redeemer in addition to continuing to serve as associate pastor of Resurrection Parish. Father Jurkovich, a former resident of Marquette, was ordained a priest on June 11, 2004, by Bishop Garland at St. Peter Cathedral. He has also served St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Escanaba, St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Wells and Holy Spirit Parish in Menominee. Father Chenier, a native of Flat Rock in Delta County, was ordained a priest just one year

ago. Resurrection Parish was his first assignment.

leaving his position as associate pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Garden, St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Cooks and St. Andrew Parish in Nahma. The Bruce Crossing native has served those three parishes since he was ordained a priest by Bishop Sample on June 6, 2008, at St. Peter Cathedral.

In addition, **Father Daniel Zaloga**, 70, has been serving as parochial administrator of St. Rose Parish in Channing since his April 1 appointment there. He continues to serve as pastor of St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish in Iron Mountain. Father Zaloga took over at St. Rose from Father Jeffrey Kurtz, 52, who had been pastor of the Channing Parish since July 1, 2009. Fr. Kurtz retains his position as Pastor of Guardian Angels Parish in Crystal Falls.

Fr. Zaloga, a native of the Detroit area, was ordained a priest on June 3, 1967, by Bishop Thomas Noa at St. Peter Cathedral.

He has served parishes in Manistique, Houghton, Paradise, Newberry, Alpha, Amasa, Sault Ste. Marie and Crystal Falls. Fr. Zaloga also served on the faculty of Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Mich.

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Stuttering disorder devastates families

Parents eagerly anticipate the moment when their child first begins to talk. But for some parents, it is a time of anxiety because their child struggles to get words out. As many as five percent of preschool children nationwide have repetitions and prolongations of sounds severe enough to be of concern to their parents.

The DVD in English and Spanish, "Stuttering and Your Child: Help for Parents," helps parents detect stuttering and take action toward helping their child and is available at most public libraries including the Detour Area School and Public Library in De Tour Village, the Whitefish Township Community Library,

the Rudyard Public Library in Rudyard, and the Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation, the film describes what kinds of stuttering young children may exhibit, how parents can help at home, and the role of a speech pathologist in evaluating and treating children who stutter.

"Stuttering typically begins between the ages of 2 and 5," said Barry Guitar, Ph.D., professor and chair of Communication Sciences at the University of Vermont in Burlington. "It may begin gradually or suddenly, and many of these children outgrow their disfluencies naturally. However, if a child continues

to stutter for several months, or appears to be frustrated by it, parents should seek assistance."

Guitar appears in the DVD with four other nationally recognized experts in stuttering. These experts address common concerns that parents have about their child, such as how to help the child at home and whether to seek the advice of a speech pathologist.

Strategies parents can use to help reduce stuttering are given throughout the DVD and include reducing the number of questions they ask the child, focusing on taking turns during conversations, and making time to read or talk with the child in a relaxed manner.

"Stuttering remains a

mystery to most people," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Watching a young child struggle to speak can be devastating. This DVD is designed to reassure parents and families that many preschoolers stutter, that they can be helped, and how parents can play a vital role in this process."

The DVD is free to all public libraries. Some libraries have an older format. If you want to see it and your library doesn't have it, ask them to contact the Stuttering Foundation toll-free at 800-992-9392, visit www.stutteringhelp.org and www.tartamudez.org, or email info@stutteringhelp.org for a copy.

Seven Tips to talk

1. Speak with your child in an unhurried way, pausing frequently.
2. Reduce the number of questions you ask your child.
3. Use your facial expressions and other body language to convey to your child that you are listening to the content of her message and not to how she's talking.
4. Set aside a few minutes at a regular time each day when you can give your undivided attention to your child.
5. Help all members of the family learn to take turns talking and listening.
6. Observe the way you interact with your child.
7. Above all, convey that you accept your child as he is.

New online platform honors all fallen heroes

By BRIAN WISE

Families United has launched the first National Gold Star Family Registry at www.GoldStarFamilyRegistry.com. This public, online platform is the first, comprehensive record of fallen heroes and family network ever developed. Whether they gave their life in WWII, Vietnam, Korea, Iraq or Afghanistan or another conflict, the registry is a place to ensure their memory will live on.

Up to this point, there has not been one place where all

heroes who gave their lives can be found either in print or online. There has not been a national registry or public database that serves as a perpetual memorial to all those who paid the ultimate price for this nation. The aim of the registry is to create the first "virtual memorial," ensuring that Americans from all over the country can learn about the heroic sacrifice of service members firsthand and allow their families to connect.

The National Gold Star Family Registry is not just

a searchable database of the fallen, but a new community of America's Gold Star Families. Family members have the opportunity to create a tribute page for their hero as well as their own online profile as part of a private Gold Star network. The registry provides them with new avenues to communicate, support one another and most of all, honor the fallen. As the registry grows, Families United will add new functions that will further develop the largest online community of Gold Star Family members

ever created, helping families support each other across the years and miles.

Amy Dozier, Gold Star wife from Durham, N.C., said, "This registry means so much to me. It's a chance for me to create memories with my little girl. Most importantly, it's a way for families to come together to support each other in the grieving process, while remembering those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for us."

We can never repay the debt of honor that our fallen heroes gave to the cause of freedom.

However, with National Gold Star Registry, we can ensure that their effort and bravery will be acknowledged for years to come.

Brian Wise is the executive director of Families United, the nation's largest military family support organization, celebrating America's fallen heroes from WWII, Vietnam, Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan and other conflicts. For more information see www.FamiliesUnitedUSA.org and www.GoldStarFamilyRegistry.com.

Sault Ste. Marie

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

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

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

It's a great time to eat, visit and enjoy our culture.

Everyone is welcome.

Call (906) 635-6050 for more information.

Drumming, Mondays, 7-9 p.m., at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building.

The drum is the heartbeat of the Anishinaabe people.

Hear different songs and styles of singing. It's a great time for family participation in singing and dancing or just listening.

For more information, call 635-6050.

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

No registration is necessary. Please bring your brown bag lunch.

For more information, call 635-6050.

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

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

St. Ignace

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

Participants will enjoy a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a language lesson at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 635-6050.

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

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

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

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

Hessel

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

For more information, call 635-6050.

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

Call (888) 711-7356.

Newberry

Elderly Advisory Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

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

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Safety class, fourth Thursday every month, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

All are invited to discuss a variety of topics from home safety to weather safety.

Call 293-8181 for more information.

Manistique

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

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Naubinway

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

Escanaba

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

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Munising

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

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

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

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

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

Marquette

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

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Notices

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

Special meetings typically take place on the second and

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

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

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

Foster homes provided by Sault Tribe members are needed for our young.

Make a difference in the life of a child, consider being a foster parent.

Call Anishinaabek Community and Family Services at 495-1232 or (800) 347-7137.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities needs your help.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Parent Advisory Committee.

The committee is instrumental in developing programs for our children throughout the seven-county service area, creating policy and representing their communities to determine where spending will be most beneficial to the greatest number of our youngsters.

The committee is comprised of volunteers from throughout our tribe's service area and meets once a month on the third Wednesday.

We encourage all relatives of children or anyone interested in their welfare to join us.

All meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.

For more information, please call Youth Education and Activities at (906) 635-7010.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities in Sault Ste. Marie offers many fun and educational services to youth from kindergarten age to high school seniors.

Computer lab, Monday through Friday, 3:30-6:30 p.m., and on Saturday, 11-4 p.m.

Computers are available for use in a relaxed atmosphere with opportunities for socializing and other fun.

Free tutoring is available daily for everyone. Young folks can learn how to animate objects, customize websites and other exciting media projects every Monday.

On Tuesdays, we can conduct science experiments concentrating in school core subject areas such as chemistry and physics.

We dabble in art on Wednesdays, creating all sorts of masterpieces.

On Thursdays, the local tribal youth council works on developing projects for our community and gets some play in as well.

We have parties on Fridays and show off our moves in Dance Dance Revolution tournaments.

Board game lovers of all ages can enjoy a peaceful afternoon dueling in a fierce game of Scrabble or other games every Saturday.

Come visit for a good time and to meet new people or old friends. Free drinks and snacks are everyday.

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

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

Book your party at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

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

Call (906) 635-7465.

DeMawating Development Property Sales and Rentals offers three and four bedroom duplexes for rent. Low move in costs only \$200 for Sault Tribe and Kewadin team members.

First three months of payroll deducted rent will be increased to cover cleaning and pet fees, if applicable. Rent must be deducted from pay to receive the low move-in cost benefit.

Attention American Indians: lease to purchase three bedroom 1.5 bath duplexes available if qualified.

DeMawating is within one of the Sault Tribe's tax agreement areas and an equal opportunity company.

You do not need to be American Indian to rent a home.

For information on any of our properties, please contact the DeMawating office at 42 Wood Lake, Kincheloe (906) 495-2800.

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

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

For information, call Ted Holappa 632-5204, Laura Collins 632-0236 or Peggy Hemenway 632-0220.

Sault Tribe arts and crafts exhibitions and sales are scheduled for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Bawating Art Gallery at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

The events feature hand-crafted gifts for all occasions.

Participating vendors must be Sault Tribe members.

For further information, call Rachel McKechnie at (906) 632-0530.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Add six percent sales tax and \$4.50 for shipping of first item plus \$1 for each additional item.

Northern Hospitality in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., is a Sault Tribe enterprise at 827 Ashmun Street offering high quality furniture and floor covering goods and services in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Stop by or inquire by calling 635-4800.

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