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Sault Tribe Chairman Joe McCoy, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and State Rep Gary McDowell.

## WMH Medical Building opens

Governor Jennifer Granholm, State Representative Gary McDowell and Sault Tribe Chairman Joe McCoy, along with a slew of local officials, cut the ribbon Aug. 20 to officially open the new War Memorial Medical Office Building in Sault Ste. Marie. The 40,000 square-foot building is located on the corner of Osborn Boulevard and Spruce St., across from War Memorial Hospital.

McDowell said he was very proud of the structure, which shows “what we can accomplish up here.” The state rep has served as a WMH trustee since his days as a Chippewa County commissioner.

The \$9.6 million building will house the Community Care Clinic on its first floor starting the end of September. The new clinic offers a glassed-in lobby, several examination rooms, a lab and ample workspace. According to Hospital Administrator David Jahn, all that’s left to install is the X-ray equipment, and then the clinic will be open for business sometime this month.

Already relocated to the first

floor of the new building are Sault Women’s Healthcare and Sault Pediatrics.

The hospital is moving WMH Dialysis to the second floor with new services, including individual treatment bays and an isolation room for those



The new Community Care Clinic will be located on the first floor.

with compromised immunity. There is still space to be had on the rest of that floor. According to a press release, several options are being considered, including retail space.

Building owner Moyle Construction will lease the third floor.

By the end of September, Dr. Richard Ganzhorn and Dr. Patrick Galey will relocate their orthopedic practice to the fourth floor, as will Dr. Paula Rechner and Dr. James Adair of Advanced Surgical Care, along with urologist Dr. Jonathan

Hakim. An X-ray suite serving the building will also be housed on the fourth floor.

A small lot offers parking in front of the building. The city garage behind the new building is also available for free patient parking by showing a ticket for that purpose.



Sault Tribe Board members Cathy Abramson, Bernard Bouschor and Debra-Ann Pine attended.



WMH Administrator David Jahn, Gov. Granholm and builder Tom Moyle (L-R) cut the ribbon.

## GAO finds feds lacking in NAGPRA compliance

By Rick Smith

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) passed nearly 20 years ago requires federal agencies and museums to identify American Indian human remains and artifacts in their possession. NAGPRA further stipulates that such items are to be returned, as appropriately close as possible, to tribes whence the items originated.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently conducted a study of NAGPRA compliance among eight key federal agencies with significant historical American Indian collections. The study concluded the agencies still have not fully complied with the act. The eight agencies are the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish

and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service along with the Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service, Department of Defense’s U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

After conducting the study from July 2009 to July 2010 in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, the GAO said the obtained evidence provides a reasonable basis for the findings and conclusions and all of the agencies acknowledge work still needs to be done to fully comply with NAGPRA requirements.

Among its recommendations, the GAO advises that the Agriculture, Defense and Interior departments and the Tennessee Valley Authority report to Congress on actions needed to fully comply with

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Photo by Rick Smith

Chief Dean Sayers (Left) of the Batchewana First Nation of Ojibways and others carry a birch bark canoe laden with an ossuary to the river in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Aug. 19. The remains were released after a five-year collaboration involving Sault Tribe.

# Recovered eagle returned to home environs

Liberty, Mich., resident Jim Stovall found a dying bald eagle along the shoreline of Epoufette Bay, Mich., last July 15.

"She was dehydrated, she couldn't see, she'd fall over when she tried to stand and she was having difficulty trying to hold her head up or spread her wings," said Stovall. He would later learn the bird was also running a severe fever.

He consulted with Kellie Nightlinger of the nearby Angels Among Us Youth Camp. Nightlinger is a former conservation law enforcement officer and took part in two previous rescues of bald eagles. She contacted Randy and Gayle Bruntjens of the Upper Peninsula Raptor Rehabilitation Center in Gladstone, Mich., to revive the rescued bird.

Since 2006, the raptor rehab center has helped "well over 100 birds of prey." About 20 birds are receiving help at the center.

Eventually, the eagle became quite robust with a piercing gaze and strong, handsome appearance. The time approached to release her back into the wilderness where she belonged. Her release date was set for Aug. 23 at the youth camp. Nightlinger invited entities of the American Indian community to observe and celebrate the recovery and release of the magnificent bird.

"I involved the American Indian community to further respect and honor the bald eagle," she said.

On the day of the release, youngsters and their chaperones from Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities arrived from Escanaba and Manistique. Soon, representatives of Sault Tribe Alive Youth arrived. The children played games and enjoyed other diversions as preparations for a gathering were finished. More people trickled in as time moved on, building a

good-sized crowd of around 150 souls.

Sault Tribe members and others brought drums and formed a ceremonial circle to enhance the event in traditional American Indian fashion. Many of the young with the Youth Education and Activities groups donned traditional regalia.

Indoctrination in traditional ceremonial protocol, stories, drumming, dancing and recognition ensued along with laughter and general relaxation.

Later in the afternoon, Gayle

Bruntjens carried the restored eagle to the shoreline of the Angels Among Us Youth Camp and, with all eyes and a documentary crew's cameras on her, opened her arms and the bird quietly launched and climbed into the air.

Anyone interested in learning more about the U.P. Raptors Rehabilitation Center may call (906) 428-1497. The Angels Among Us Youth Camp is an outdoor adventure camp for children of all ages who have suffered parental loss. The camp

can be reached by phone at (906) 430-0547.



**Kevin and Tricia Bowie, parent advisors for the Zibiin (Little Creek) Tribal Youth Council of Escanaba with Kelly Constantino, Unit IV Escanaba YEA coordinator (L-R).**



**Escanaba youngsters participating with Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities get in some lacrosse practice before the start of ceremonies at Epoufette Bay, Mich.**



**Gayle Bruntjens carries the eagle out of a ceremonial circle and down to the shoreline to release the bird into free flight.**



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## Sign up for day camp



Adult and Youth Life Skills Day Camp is slated for Sept. 26 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at the Niigaanaagizhik Building in Sault Ste. Marie.

Plenty of fun activities are scheduled, including traditional games, prizes, family fun, stories, contests, teachings, food and more.

Free to qualified youth in grades 4-6. Every child must be accompanied by an adult family member or close adult friend (If you have three children, three adults must come with them).

Sault Tribe child preference. Funding provided by Pathways Regional Office of Marquette.

For more information, call Aagii at (906) 440-9795.

## Girls group starting at Sault High

The Intertribal Council was awarded a grant to support an after school girls group that will tackle gender-specific issues in a small group setting at the Sault Area High School.

Abbish Ezhaagin-Kwezens (Where are you going, girl?) is seeking girls in ninth and tenth grade to participate.

Meetings will include guest speakers, food, journaling, fun, some travel, crafts and culturally appropriate teachings.

If you are not sure where you are going and looking for a safe place to explore the possibilities, this may be the group for you.

Call Anglea Ellis, High School Native American advisor, at 635-3839, extension 5820.

## Health literacy training to help young families

Sault Tribe Head Start/Early Head Start was selected to participate in "I CAN...Help My Child Stay Healthy" program.

I CAN is a collaboration between Central Missouri Community Action Head Start (CMCA) and the UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Health Care Institute, housed at the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

CMCA was awarded a grant through the Office of Head Start to fund this training program. Its goal is to increase health literacy among Head Start families and to create sustainable health literacy programs in communities nationwide. To date, they have trained 4,200 families in Missouri and on the East Coast. In 2010-2011 their goal is to train 2,300 additional families.

The I CAN project is a national health literacy training designed to empower

parents in decision making for the health care needs of their children, enable parents to increase their health knowledge and skills, and provide training and information to parents participating in programs such as Head Start and Early Head Start.

Sault Tribe Head Start applied for the training and received notification in July that it was accepted. A team of five staff will attend the "train-the-trainers" workshops in Albuquerque, N.M., in November 2010.

The team consists of Head Start, Early Head Start and Child Care Center staff. It will then be their responsibility to come back to their community and provide this training to parents of young children.

After completing the training, the team will provide this opportunity to parents of young children in Chippewa and Mackinac Counties.

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Please note that 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, motorcycles, recreational watercraft, snowmobiles and off-road vehicles.

— Modular and mobile homes when purchased from a dealer.

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

**Please note!** If the tax-exempt item (vehicle, snowmobile, etc.) is purchased from a private party, then a Certificate of Exemption must be obtained before registering the item with the Secretary of State.

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## Court issues guilty verdicts in Little Bay de Noc fishing case

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Three Sault Tribe members were found guilty in Tribal Court Aug. 20 on numerous charges for an illegal fishing operation on Little Bay de Noc.

“The tribe has a deep respect for our natural resources and what the earth gives us,” said Sault Tribe Chairman Joe McCoy. “We respect the court’s decision and hope this will deter others from abusing the law and the environment.”

Andrew John Schwartz,

Kevin George Schwartz and John Kenneth Schwartz were found guilty on 79 of 105 civil infractions, including illegally setting nets in Little Bay de Noc to catch walleye, taking thousands of pounds of fish out of the lake and selling them through a tribal commercial fishing operation and a state-licensed wholesaler.

Kevin Schwartz was cited 32 violations and found responsible for 25. John Schwartz was cited 32 violations and found

responsible for 22. Andrew Schwartz was cited 41 violations and found responsible for 32.

In addition to the guilty verdict, the court ordered a permanent revocation of their fishing licenses, fines and costs totaling \$13,175, and forfeiture of fishing nets and four snowmobiles.

In addition to the fines and costs, the trio was ordered to make \$15,214.60 in restitution.

The charges stemmed

from an investigation by the state Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE), which alleged that five Sault Tribe members and one non-native were illegally catching and selling walleye caught in Little Bay de Noc in early 2009.

The DNRE conducted a year-long investigation before citing the suspects in March 2009. In accordance with the 2000 Consent Decree, a legal agreement between the state,

federal government and five Michigan tribes, the tribal members were turned over to the tribe for prosecution.

The 2000 Consent Decree recognizes and affirms the tribe’s rights under the Treaty of 1836 to fish in the ceded waters of the three upper Great Lakes. Tribes covered by the agreement have the authority and responsibility to prosecute members who fish illegally within the treaty areas.

## New Sault Tribe Enhanced Probation officer begins service

Tessa Laaksonen has been hired as the STEP (Sault Tribe Enhanced Probation) officer for the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Court. Laaksonen is a 2010 graduate of Lake Superior State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Corrections. Her educational accomplishments include placement in the Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honors Society. As part of her curriculum, Laaksonen completed two internships with the Chippewa County 50th Circuit Court Family Division.

She is the daughter of



Tessa Laaksonen

Sheri Laaksonen and Marty Laaksonen, both of Sault Ste. Marie.

The Tribal Court has been awarded a U.S. Department of Justice grant for improvements to the tribal juvenile justice system. The three-part, \$448,834 grant is the largest ever received by the Tribal Court. The grant, one portion of which funds the STEP position, is a renewable four-year grant with the first year reserved for planning, followed by three years of implementation. The Tribal Court will now be able to provide enhanced services through the STEP program, which is targeted toward youth in jeopardy of being removed from their homes due to escalating violent behaviors

and delinquency issues, after all other options are exhausted. It also features a reintegration process for reintroducing youth back into the community from placement.

One of the STEP officer’s many functions is to provide goal-directed services based on family strengths and needs, and to promote and cultivate a positive environment for both youths and their families, with priority on the development of goals for in-home treatment. One of the primary goals is

to support and preserve the family unit in lieu of out-of-home residential placement. The STEP officer works toward relationship development between youth and family members, with an emphasis on family strengths, respect, warmth, sincerity, concern and fun. The STEP officer will also participate in family activities, with emphasis on presenting positive role modeling and positive interaction skills to both youths and their families.

## Driving license assessment services available at Behavioral Health

Did you know that Sault Tribe Behavioral Health offers state driver’s license assessment services to tribal members?

When you drink alcohol or use other drugs and drive, you endanger your life as well as the lives of your passengers and other motorists. Each year, thousands of people are killed or permanently disabled because someone drove while intoxicated after consuming alcohol or other chemical substances. In 2009 in Michigan alone, 16,762 motorists were convicted for

Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) and 25,868 motorists were convicted for Operating While Visibly Impaired (OWVI).

Michigan takes a strong stand against drivers who abuse substances and drive. Michigan state law requires that any driver who has received two substance-related motor vehicle citations within a seven-year period have his or her license suspended for a year. In reality, there is no legal limit once a person has received a first charge. Besides the stiff fines,

mandatory jail time, and social inconvenience, a person who has had a second offence (OWI or OWVI) will have his or her license denied or revoked for a period of not less than one year.

In order to receive driving privileges back, one must take certain action:

— The driver must have completed a course of substance abuse treatment (either residential, outpatient, or driver’s safety) following all recommendations of the clinical assessment and discharge plan.

— Michigan state law requires that the driver not use any mind altering substances for a period not less than 6 months.

— Sault Tribe Behavioral Health requires 12 step support group participation for at least a 90 day period prior to completion of the Michigan State Substance Abuse Evaluation Form.

— Sault Tribe Behavioral Health will coordinate the required drug testing and complete all forms and for the administrative review/appeals hearing process.

— The driver has the right to attorney if he or she feels more comfortable with representation during the review hearing process

— Remember, driving is a privilege, not a right.

If you or a loved one feels that it is time to get that driver’s license restored, please feel free to call Sault Tribe Behavioral Health at 635-6075 to set up an appointment.

## Alexander convicted

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Donald Steven Alexander, 47, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, was convicted of aggravated sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12 after a two-day jury trial, U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced Aug. 18. The jury found that Alexander engaged in a sexual act with a 7-year-old child at his residence located on the tribe’s reservation land in 2001.

Alexander now faces up to life in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 8 before Senior U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar.

The case was investigated by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Police, the Kinross District Police Department, the Michigan State Police and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul D. Lochner is the prosecutor.

## Best of Friends Humane Society needs help

**Volunteers needed to take care of responsibilities that offer enjoyment**

The poor kitties at the animal shelter need our help. One coming need is for foster homes for weaned kittens so they will get a lot of handling and socialization in order to be good pets. Fostering nearly always involves at least two kittens at one time. Best of Friends Humane Society in Chippewa County will provide the food and will see to their medical care.

Litters of three and four will be ready to go to foster homes in a few weeks. In the fall, the newest litters of two and three will be ready. The society does mix kittens from different litters and it will split up larger litters if necessary. The society does not like to send only one kitten for fostering.

The kittens need socializing for only about two weeks. Your job would be to handle them as much as possible and otherwise just to enjoy watching them play. Kittens, unlike puppies, can be left alone for a considerably long time, with just their food, water and litter box, so if you work, fostering still is a possibility.

A second, admittedly less enjoyable need, is for people to clean the shelter where the cats are housed. It’s not glamorous, but one perk is that after kittens are returned from foster homes, it is still important that they continue to be handled until they are adopted.

Volunteers are asked to commit to a specific day of the week, but you have the flexibility to come at whatever time works best for you and it can change from week to week.

Right now, the shelter has openings for volunteers to clean and feed cats on Mondays and Saturdays. Also, for about a month starting on Aug. 27, we need someone on Fridays.

Although Best of Friends is an admirer of the Chippewa County Animal Shelter, the two organizations are separate. If you would like to consider either fostering kittens or cleaning at the shelter, please contact Jessica Stanaway from Best of Friends Humane Society (jessdave@charter.net; 248-3316) and she can arrange for you to visit the shelter.

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# Kewadin Casinos help Walk for Warmth



Tony Goetz (left) and Alan Bouschor (right) of Kewadin Casinos present a check to David Jahn and Bill Crawford of the Walk for Warmth Committee (center, L-R) for next year's Walk for Warmth event, which will take place Feb. 19, 2011, in downtown Sault Ste. Marie. The group volunteered during the casino's 25th Anniversary Summer Festival to assist in clean up efforts on Thursday and Saturday of the three-day event. The volunteers received \$1,000 from Kewadin Casinos for their efforts and were able to keep profits from all cans collected, totalling \$924. The Sault Raiders Soccer Team also volunteered on Friday night of the festival and received \$500 from Kewadin Casinos along with \$396 in returnable cans.

## Teddy helps group



SUBMITTED BY LISA SIMMONS

Newberry Tribal Health Center recently had a very special guest at its monthly diabetic support group. Miniature pony "Teddy" is a resident of Spencewood Farms in Newberry and owned by Holly Osborn. On a moments notice, he can don his work harness and become "Therapy Animal Extraordinaire." Teddy has visited local convalescent homes, hospitals, schools and children's events. He is trained to be calm, gentle and mannerly. As a therapy animal, he loves attention, is people-oriented and loves to be petted.

Studies have shown that animals have healing powers, but it's not exactly known how many people benefit from stroking an animal. The benefits are

both physical and emotional. Teddy's time spent here with the Newberry group seemed to improve interaction among the members, raising their spirits. There was a lot of petting, hugging, smiling and laughing.

Sometimes living with diabetes can be challenging, the ups and downs of self care include diet changes, testing blood glucose and trying to be more active. Being part of a support group can help to motivate and encourage learning about diabetes and nutrition can be made fun and interesting. It was good to learn that healing, not necessarily from the disease itself, but from feelings that can develop when dealing with chronic illness, can come from many sources.

## Sault Tribe helps United Way



Photos by Brenda Austin

The United Way Work Place Campaign Committee hosted a bake sale and face painting booth at the Sault Ste. Marie Sidewalk Sales on Friday, Aug. 6. The committee raised \$312, which will be included in the 2010-2011 Sault Tribe Workplace Campaign. In 2009, Sault Tribe employees raised over \$15,000 and are hoping to creep towards the \$20,000 mark this year. Pictured above at the bake sale are (L to R) Sheila Berger, Taylor Causley and Rachel McKechnie and below (L to R) are Sault Tribe employees and committee members Rachel McKechnie, Mindy Kavanaugh, Daraka Hudecek and Bridgett Sorenson (L-R) presenting a check in the amount of \$312.85 to United Way Executive Director Tracey Laitinen.



# Sault adopts Complete Streets resolution

## Signs to mark downtown walking route also approved

By RICK SMITH

After two years of collaboration toward getting the ball rolling on street improvements to include safe pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the Sault, Donna Norkoli gave a presentation to the Sault Ste. Marie City Commission on Aug. 2 about the many benefits of the National Complete Streets Coalition practices. Afterwards, the commission responded by officially adopting support for Complete Streets practices to help create convenient, comfortable, safe and attractive streets for use by everyone in the community, no matter if they travel by automobiles, bicycles, wheelchairs or their feet.

Figuratively wearing two hats to the meeting, Norkoli represented the Chippewa County Building a Healthier Community Coalition and the Strategic Alliance for Health Project on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

"Sault Ste. Marie is the first community north of the bridge



Photo by Rick Smith

**At Avery Square in downtown Sault Ste. Marie, representatives from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Sue Nelson and Robert Luke, presented a check on Aug. 5 to fund signs for the new downtown walking course to the city manager, Spencer Nebel, and Donna Norkoli, representing Sault Tribe with the Chippewa County Building a Healthier Community Coalition and the Strategic Alliance for Health Project.**

to adopt a Complete Streets resolution," said Norkoli. "This resolution is an important first step in creating a walkable, bikeable community. The lack of safe and welcoming places to walk or bike means that people tend to drive, even for short trips, thereby decreasing their daily amount of physical

activity. This in turn leads to increased rates of many chronic diseases, such as diabetes, obesity and heart disease."

According to the national coalition, Complete Streets are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users through fundamental transformation in the look, feel and function

of streets and roads in a community, the goal is pursued by changing the way transportation planners and engineers design and build traffic facilities in communities. Essentially, the long-range objective is the development of safe, efficient and appealing thoroughfares.

The state Senate passed two pieces of legislation on July 28 adopting Complete Streets, described as "roadways designed with all users in mind, including motorists, bicyclists, public transportation riders and pedestrians of all ages and abilities."

In a couple of matters unrelated to Complete Streets but still concerning Norkoli, Clara James of the Chippewa County Health Department presented a case for the adoption of tobacco-free policies at outdoor city parks. The city decided to place the matter aside for further review by appropriate officials.

The commission did approve a route and signs for a walking loop in the downtown area. The Lunch Loop, as it is called, starts on Ashmun Street, courses west along Spruce Street,

south on Pine Street, east on Peck until it returns to Ashmun. The loop is seven-tenths of a mile long and is intended as a place in the downtown area where people may meet and walk together. Signs will be set along the loop every one-tenth of a mile for walkers to measure their own walking distances and to mark exercise stations.

Funding to acquire the signs comes from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan in support of its "Let's Get Moving" community wellness collaboration with the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health.

Sault Ste. Marie City Manager Spencer Nebel congratulated all who participated in a walking competition to win the funding from Blue Cross Blue Shield, logging over 13,000 miles.

He also expressed gratitude to all coalition and alliance members for their work and support of all three projects. "This is a great step to improving activity in the community," he said.

# Sault art show, market and competition set

By RICK SMITH

It's said necessity is the mother of invention. It could also be argued that necessity is the grandmother of art. Sometimes, what were once simply objects born by need but became obsolete, remain as finely crafted testimony of a people and evolve into forms of art. Just like language, lore and the life forces coursing through one's veins, the art of a people speaks of their story and legacy.

Kewadin Casinos and Mahdezewin International invite one and all to see a three-day presentation of such testimony at the first Native Woodland Peoples Art Show and Market in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Oct. 28-30. It promises to be an excellent vehicle for anyone wishing to learn about or acquire high quality examples of such arts and crafts. There is no charge for admission.

"This is an opportunity for us to raise awareness about our



Photo by Rick Smith

**A few modest examples of the offerings available at the coming Native Woodland Peoples Art Show at the Kewadin Casino DreamMakers Theater in Sault Ste. Marie on Oct. 28-30. Event coordinators anticipate about 60 practitioners of traditional eastern woodlands arts and crafts will have displays for visitors to examine and, perhaps, learn a few things.**

cultural identity and tell the stories behind the art," said Carol Eavou, vice president of hotel

operations at the Sault Kewadin Casino. Eavou explained the inaugural affair is meant to be

the first of an annual event to support regional Native arts and education goals; plus, generate revenue to help establish and support the Woodland Peoples Arts and Education Foundation to help Native arts and artists.

The event will feature a six-category arts and crafts competition with cash prizes going to three winners in each category. Competitors may compete for first place prizes of \$300, second place prizes of \$200 and third place prizes of \$100 in the categories of basketry and quillwork, beadwork, pottery, paintings and drawings, carvings and sculpture or leather and fabric works.

In addition, a best of show winner will take a \$1,000 prize along with a personal display area as a featured artist in the Kewadin Casino Art Gallery for one year.

The call for artists has gone out among a list of Sault Tribe members and other qualified practitioners of eastern

woodland American Indian arts and culture. The event is scheduled to take place in the DreamMakers Theater of the casino and another area in the immediate vicinity.

"The eastern woodlands nations are often overlooked in history, stories and songs in U.S. and Canadian culture," said Eavou. "We have a very rich heritage all of our own and we endeavor to educate the world of our existence."

Artists interested in participating in the art market should contact Mahdezewin International at (906) 635-8227 (noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday) or visit [www.mahdezewin.com](http://www.mahdezewin.com) and leave your name and telephone number or email address for a vendor package containing information on fees, guidelines and other information.

All are cordially invited to come and experience the culture and art of the Native eastern woodlands people.

# New FCC office just for American Indians

By RICK SMITH

In another step toward expediting the establishment of rapid, reliable communications for Indian Country communities, the United States Federal Communication Commission (FCC) recently announced the opening of the new Office of Native Affairs and Policy to "promote the deployment and adoption of communications services and technologies throughout tribal lands and Native communities."

The fledgling office joins 17 other bureaus and offices under the wing of the FCC and operates within the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau. Other offices concern consumer and governmental affairs,

enforcement, public safety and homeland security, engineering and technology and so on.

The opening follows the FCC adoption last February of new rules and procedures that give American Indian tribes priority in acquiring AM and FM broadcast radio licenses, as reported in the March edition of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*. Since then, the FCC has also sought to open opportunities to make broadband services widely available in Indian Country.

"Tribal lands and Native communities suffer unacceptably low levels of communications services, especially broadband," said FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski. "Increasing connectivity in

Native America is one of the FCC's top priorities. With this new office, the commission will work closely with Native leaders to develop and implement policies that ensure their communities enjoy the benefits of 21<sup>st</sup> Century communications infrastructure."

The announcement noted the Office of Native Affairs and Policy aims to complete its objectives by working closely with tribal governments and organizations in addition to other mutually satisfactory means to ensure healthy consultation and coordination between all involved. Further, the office also works with other government agencies, private organizations and industries in

the communications field to "develop and implement FCC policies regarding tribal nations and Native communities."

Geoffrey Blackwell, former FCC senior attorney and director of Strategic Relations and Minority Business Development for Chickasaw Nation Industries, has the helm of the freshly wrought entity based in Washington, D.C.

The FCC is an independent United States government agency charged with regulating interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable. It has jurisdiction in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. possessions.

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# GAO finds fraud among some colleges

By RICK SMITH

According to a recent official report, the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) was asked to conduct undercover testing to ascertain if for-profit college representatives engage in “fraudulent, deceptive or otherwise questionable marketing practices.” In addition, tuitions for the tested colleges were compared to other colleges in the same areas.

GAO operatives went undercover as prospective students to test 15 colleges nationwide and found that, while four of them actively encouraged applicant fraud; all of them gave mislead-

ing presentations to the applicants about school credentials and programs, prospects after graduation and other critical considerations.

Admission representatives in four of the colleges encouraged falsifying financial aid forms in order to qualify for federal aid. Counselors at other schools exaggerated salaries their graduates can expect upon entering their respective fields, misrepresented actual annual attendance costs and other erroneous information in spite of federal regulations mandating they provide clear information in such situations.

The decoy prospective

students were subjected to numerous, repeated calls from representatives of the colleges to which they applied. Some calls started within five minutes of registering on websites to connect prospects with college recruiters and came at all hours of the day as late as 11 p.m. One of the undercover prospects received over 180 phone calls in one month.

In addition, tuition and expenses for the tested for-profit colleges proved to be frequently higher, much higher in some cases, than public and private non-profit colleges in the same regions.

Copies of the entire 30-page

report are available at no cost on the GAO website at [www.gao.gov](http://www.gao.gov), click on *For-Profit Colleges: Undercover Testing Finds Colleges Encouraged Fraud and Engaged in Deceptive and Questionable Marketing Practices*.

The GAO conducts audits and evaluations as an investigative arm of Congress. It is not a law enforcement agency, but examinations result in analyses, recommendations and other assistance to Congress

to make informed decisions on policy and funding measures. Law enforcement actions are handled through different channels.

The general public is invited to report fraud, waste and abuse in federal programs via the GAO website at [www.gao.gov/fraudnet/fraudnet](http://www.gao.gov/fraudnet/fraudnet), email at [fraudnet@gao.gov](mailto:fraudnet@gao.gov) or toll free automated answering system at (800) 424-5454.

Learn more about the federal government at [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov).

## Tribal Law and Order Act signed

By RICK SMITH

Dressed resplendently in traditional regalia, Lisa Marie Iyotte, a Lakota Sioux woman with family ties to the Rosebud and Fort Belknap Indian reservations, stood alone at a speakers' podium in the White House on July 29 gathering her composure to introduce President Barack Obama to a crowd of dignitaries for the signing of the Tribal Law and Order Act.

After a few moments of obviously trying to stifle strong, seething emotions, the president stepped to her side to sooth her with a hug, a few whispered words of encouragement and gentle pats on the back. With that, her composure seemed to ease a little and, while the president remained at her side, she introduced herself in a fashion customary to many American Indian nations. She paused and took a deep breath, “If the Tribal Law and Order Act had existed 16 years ago,” she said, wiping away tears, “my story would be very different.”

Iyotte then recounted the night on the Rosebud Indian Reservation she endured a brutal beating and rape as her two young, frightened daughters hid nearby in a bedroom. She also described the inadequacy and ineffectiveness of federal and tribal law enforcement agencies along with the reservation's Indian Health Service facility in her case. Her suspected attacker remained free and ravaged another woman before he was finally nailed for traumatizing a teenaged girl. The perpetrator was never prosecuted for his violent attack on Iyotte.

“The Tribal Law and Order Act will prevent cases like mine from slipping through the cracks,” she explained. “There will be standardized sexual assault policies and protocols at IHS facilities and evidence collection will boost conviction rates, and expanded training of tribal enforcement officers will ensure that victims of domestic violence and sexual assault will be met by authorities who understand their cases.”

According to the National Congress of American Indians, violence against American Indian women is a major problem on and off reservations and Indian communities. The rate of



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**Lisa Marie Iyotte with President Barack Obama.**

aggravated assault, in particular, is roughly twice the rate for Native females as it is for the United States as a whole. The Department of Justice indicates 70 percent of American Indian women attacked are preyed upon by someone of a different ancestry, usually African-American or Euro-American.

The new law essentially expands the authority and scope of tribal law enforcement agencies and courts as set by the 1885 Major Crimes Act, strengthening abilities to prosecute and combat crime effectively. Additionally, it calls for the director of the Indian Health Service to work with the Department of Justice, tribes and tribal organizations to develop standard operating procedures in support of prosecuting sexual assault cases.

A few highlights from the Tribal Law and Order Act include the following provisions:

- Increased tribal court sentencing limitations from one-year maximum to three-year maximum.
- Communication and intelligence support improvements between federal and tribal agencies.
- Increased personnel training for those whose duties may involve any aspect of violent crimes on reservations.

- Increased recruitment, retention and training opportunities for federal and tribal law enforcement personnel in tribal, state and local colleges.

- Tribal and state police deputization to enforce federal laws on reservations.

- Special assistant U.S. attorneys to prosecute reservation crimes in federal courts and allow federal courts to hold cases on reservations.

- The Drug Enforcement Agency may deputize tribal police to assist on reservation drug raids.

- Improve existing programs to strengthen tribal justice systems, alcohol and drug abuse prevention and expand alternative opportunities for troubled youngsters.

Enactment of the law met with the applause of officials from the National Congress of American Indians, Amnesty International, Department of Interior and the Department of Justice.

Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians remarked that law enforcement on tribal lands has long been “hamstrung” by insufficient resources and restrictions. He said the Tribal Law and Order Act is a “significant step forward” in progress and improvement.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

— Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar highlighted the importance of legislation President Obama just signed into law that promotes economic opportunities for Native American artists and craftspeople and protects consumers from fraudulent art and craftwork.

“The Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act is good news because it increases economic development and job opportunities for Native Americans who produce and market authentic Indian art and craftwork while cracking down on counterfeit marketers who are hurting sales of this authentic Indian work,” said Secretary Salazar.

The total market for American Indian and Alaska Native arts and crafts in the United States is estimated at a billion dollars, with an unknown but substantial amount of those sales going to misrepresented, non-authentic works.

The secretary joined President Obama and tribal leaders from across the nation July 30 at a White House signing ceremony for the Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act and Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010.

The new law also strengthens the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, which makes it illegal to sell or offer or display for sale any art or craft product in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian-produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian tribe.

“The law signed by President Obama yesterday expands our ability to enforce the Indian Arts and Crafts Act by authorizing all federal law enforcement officers to conduct investigations of those who fraudulently market arts and crafts as Indian-made in violation of the Act,” the Secretary said.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB), a federal agency under the Department of the Interior, administers and enforces the Indian

Arts and Crafts Act. Before President Obama signed the new legislation into law yesterday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was the only federal law enforcement agency with statutory authority to investigate alleged Indian Arts and Crafts Act violations. Under the new law, the IACB may refer potential Act violations for investigation to all federal law enforcement officers — including those from Department of the Interior bureaus, and can work with federal law enforcement officers who uncover violations of the Act in the course of their regular duties.

In addition, the new legislation strengthens the penalties for violations of the Act by imposing harsher penalties on those involved in more significant sales of arts and crafts misrepresented as Indian-made. For fraudulent works with a total sales transaction amount of \$1,000 or more, a first-time violation by an individual will result in a fine of up to \$250,000, imprisonment of up to five years, or both. A first-time violation by a business will result in a fine of up to \$1 million.

For smaller cases with first-time violators, if the total sale amount is less than \$1,000, an individual will face a fine of up to \$25,000, imprisonment of up to a year, or both, and a business will face a fine of up to \$100,000. In the case of a subsequent violation, regardless of the amount for which any item is offered or displayed for sale, or sold, an individual could be fined, imprisoned for up to 15 years, or both; and a business could be fined up to \$5 million.

Established by Congress in 1935, the IACB promotes authentic Native American art and craftwork of members of federally recognized tribes, as well as implementing the Indian Arts and Crafts Act. For more information, see [www.iacb.doi.gov](http://www.iacb.doi.gov).

# Sia Initiative helps with bird feathers, parts

By RICK SMITH

Need some appropriate feathers for that fabulous ceremonial finery you're fabricating? You might want to check in with Sia, the Comanche Nation Ethno-Ornithological Initiative. While the stated Sia mission is "preservation through cultural understanding of the eagle in history, science and spirit," it now also acts as a national repository of feathers and other parts of culturally significant birds protected by law. Protected birds include eagles, hawks, owls and certain water birds. Legally obtained feathers and other parts of the birds that aren't from eagles are disseminated free of charge to American Indians by request through Sia.

Based in Cyril, Okla., the organization receives feathers and other bird parts from numerous governmental, institutional and tribal partners in preservation and research. Such partners include the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, museums, zoological associations and universities among other entities.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service southwest regional office in Albuquerque, N.M., the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma signed a memorandum of understanding with the federal agency to establish a two-year pilot repository program to provide American Indians with an authorized source of feathers and other bird parts from federally regu-



lated migratory birds, other than eagles, for religious and cultural use.

Qualified American Indians seeking eagle remnants should go through the National Eagle Repository at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, northeast of Denver, Colo. The Fish and Wildlife Service indicates it provides storage and distribution of dead bald and golden eagles and their parts.

More information on the new repository may be learned through Sia Director Bill Voelker at (580) 464-2750 or visit the organization online at [www.comancheeagle.org](http://www.comancheeagle.org). Another contact is Fish and Wildlife Service Native American liaison, Joe Early, at (505) 248-6602, or [joe\\_early@fws.gov](mailto:joe_early@fws.gov).

Sia can also be visited in person at 106 Looking Glass Way in Cyril, Okla., or via mail at P.O. Box 341, Cyril, Okla. 73029, email [siainc@tds.net](mailto:siainc@tds.net), phone (580) 464-2750 or fax 464-2752. The contact

information for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Eagle Repository is Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Building 128 Commerce City, Colo. 80022,

the phone number is (303) 287-2110 and the fax number is (303) 287-1570.

Sia, the Comanche Nation Ethno-Ornithological Initiative,

is the first established non-eagle feather repository in the United States, according to the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and the USFWS.

## Sault Tribe Board approves 7 acre land purchase

NEW BOSTON, Mich. — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors recently approved the purchase of 6.94 acres of land in New Boston, Mich.

The land purchased is approximately one mile off the I-275 corridor and is located just a few miles south of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. It is adjacent to a new horse track owned by Post-It Stables, Inc., and is part of a 300-plus acre tract that shows promise

for future retail and commercial growth.

Tribal leadership is exploring various strategies for developing this parcel because it is in the heart of an economic development zone known as the Detroit Region Aerotropolis. Information on the Detroit Area Aerotropolis can be found at [www.detroitregionaerotropolis.com](http://www.detroitregionaerotropolis.com).

Please visit the tribe's web site and Facebook pages or the tribal paper for future updates.

## Correction —

On page 24 of the Aug. 6, 2010, issue of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*, Debra Pine wrote in her unit report, "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!" Nathan Wright later asked the newspaper for a retraction. "I did not support her in the elections," he said. Pine agreed to the retraction, saying, "Nathan and the others referred to in the segment did not support me in the elec-

tion; I was using Anishinabe humor to deal with the idea that I could be treated so badly during the election by my own Anishinabe people. I believe it is time to get back to our traditional ways and stop treating each other so harshly. I want to get to a point where we listen to each other and respect each other's opinions, even if we don't agree. Compromise and balance is what we should strive for as leaders in our Anishinabe communities. Gitchi Miigwech for this opportunity to speak on such a serious subject."

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# Proposed state legislation will bring clarity to the Indian Child Welfare Act if passed

Tribal and state courts working together for the benefit of American Indian children

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is a federal law that can at times be very confusing to those who it was designed to help; tribes, tribal children, their families and the state and tribal court systems.

Making ICWA easier to use and understand is the goal of a group of very dedicated people — a special committee formed by the Michigan Supreme Court. This committee is charged with helping Indian children and families in child welfare cases, and with educating judges and child welfare practitioners about ICWA.

Congress enacted ICWA in 1978 to help prevent the disruption of Indian families and tribes due to state and federal child welfare practices.

In 2008 a special committee was formed by the Michigan Supreme Court to help Michigan judges and child welfare practitioners learn more about ICWA and understand the need for states to comply with the act and how it can be better implemented within Michigan.

In 2009 the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), the administrative agency of the Michigan Supreme Court, published a court resource guide. This guide is designed to provide Michigan trial courts with best practice tips to apply when using ICWA. During work on the court resource guide it was determined further research was needed and a subcommittee was formed that recommended changes to Michigan's court rules to help with the recognition and implementation of ICWA. On January 27, 2010, the Michigan Supreme Court approved those changes, which became effective May 1.

A second subcommittee, the Tribal Court Relations Committee, was formed as part of the Court Improvement Program Statewide Task Force and continues to meet on proposed state legislation that was drafted to reflect the federal statute with the goal of making judges and child welfare workers more aware of ICWA at both the tribal and state levels. A special session to review the proposed ICWA statute is being held Sept. 30 in Lansing. This meeting is by invitation only to the ICWA committee that authored the Court Resource Guide.

Additionally, in 2010 the Michigan Supreme Court has been sponsoring ICWA training and dialogue for state court judges, tribal representatives, attorneys, court staff and Department of Human Services (DHS) workers as a step towards implementing the "best interests" considerations for Indian children, families and tribes.

Planning is also underway for the Walking on Common Ground: Michigan Regional



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**Left, Maribeth Preston, JD, MSW, management analyst, Child Welfare Services, with the State Court Administrative Office, Timothy P. Connors, circuit court judge for the Twenty Second Judicial Circuit of Michigan and Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, a tribal member and attorney for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at the ICWA training for region IV held in Petoskey, Michigan, Aug. 26 at the Odawa Hotel.**

Conference, held October 12-13 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan, for tribal, federal and state justice communities throughout Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Walking on Common Ground promotes collaboration, education and the sharing of resources to build a more positive future for tribal children and families involved in the child welfare system.

Timothy P. Connors, circuit court judge for the Twenty Second Judicial Circuit of Michigan, said, "If ICWA is codified into state law it will be more likely to be followed in our state courts. ICWA crosses the lines in several of our state courts; it comes up in our probate courts through guardianships and adoptions, through our circuit court in abuse and neglect cases out of the juvenile docket, and occasionally it can come up in a divorce proceeding. We are trying to make sure the legislation incorporates all of those areas so that whoever is following the statute can clearly see what they need to do and how it might be different for an Indian child."

Connors said his attraction to the ICWA came out of a larger attraction to issues involving Indian sovereignty. "One of the things I believe strongly in is the concept that what we do now is a result of those who came before us and that what we do will affect those that come after us for the next seven generations," he said. "I think the philosophy that comes out of tribal courts is a philosophy that is superior to state courts in many ways. The irony is that while many times there is a paternalistic attitude by state court justice systems towards tribal courts, I quite candidly feel that we have a lot to learn from them. The range of relationships in our state court systems to our tribal neighbors goes all the way from ignorance to hostility."

Unique to Washtenaw County, according to Connors, is his appointment pursuant

to a local administrative order approved by the Michigan Supreme Court as an ICWA specialist. "This is something that I think may be appealing to other state court judges — you don't have to have every judge in your county understand ICWA. You don't even have to have every judge be supportive of it. But you need to have a judge who is willing to do the work and learn about it so that any case coming through the court system — be it in circuit court, probate court or juvenile court, involving an Indian child can get assigned to that judge so it is handled properly," he said. "That really takes away a lot of the argument from those who are hostile — you can decide you don't want to accept the federal law, you can feel that it is inappropriate; but then let others that understand it and want to do the work do it. People seem to think it is a good idea; to me it seems obvious."

Connors said he believes in getting the tribes involved from the beginning and giving tribes and tribal courts the deference they are entitled to under the law. "To me it is a really fascinating time to be involved; there are a lot of old attitudes and a lot of barriers, but there are also a lot of new attitudes and bridges being built."

Connors said his family emigrated to the U.S. from Ireland after the famine and homesteaded in South Dakota. "There was a full range of attitudes in our family about Indians from very supportive to outright hostile," he said. "There were a few things that really profoundly affected me as a child and one of them was the oral history that has been handed down. My great grandmother was putting out the wash and one of the little girls, my grandfather's sister, was with her when three Indians came riding up on horses and sat there watching them. The little girl asked why they were sitting there. My great grandmother told her they were starving and not to look at them; that if they were to feed them

they would keep coming back. The little girl said 'This is their land; aren't we doing to them what the English did to us?' A child taught us how to behave," Connors said. "For me this is real, strong and intense — this is my time to do my part."

Angel Sorrells, JD, a management analyst with SCAO's, Child Welfare Services division, said the role of Child Welfare Services is to ensure through the Court Improvement Program that Michigan trial courts comply with all state and federal laws and do so effectively. "We saw that courts needed improvement complying with ICWA," she said. "We created a special committee with about 60 people and developed the Court Resource Guide — a practical step by step instructional guide for trial courts and staff on how to implement the ICWA in Michigan, taking into consideration Michigan's statutes, court rules and case law."

Sorrells said, "ICWA can no longer be an afterthought, it is everywhere you turn. Getting the legislative draft circulating among the tribes for review and comment will be the next step. The plan is to get a consensus among trial courts, the Department of Human Services and the state's 12 federally recognized tribes."

Maribeth Preston, JD, MSW, a Child Welfare Services management analyst, said, "In 2009 we sent a hard copy of the Court Resource Guide to every state court judge that handles



**Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael F. Cavanagh said he believes interactions with tribal courts greatly benefits state courts.**

child welfare matters. We make ourselves available to answer questions; if a judge has a question on a case that ICWA applies to we have resources we can refer them to. We are trying to make it hard to fail to follow the ICWA, which has now been integrated throughout the child welfare court rules."

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael F. Cavanagh, said, "ICWA has been on the books since 1978 and it's a little ironic that here we are in 2010 starting to train people on the different requirements — ICWA is more demanding and explicit than state law."

"I firmly believe the whole process of our interactions with tribal courts greatly benefits the state courts," Cavanagh said. "We can learn a lot from the different practices of the tribes. Our system, the state's system, as in most states is adversarial. There has got to be a winner and a loser. Many instances in tribal courts that is not the predestined way the process works. There is a great effort to meet and achieve a common ground. There is probably a lot less rigidity in the procedures that are used. A tribal court judge may, for example, at a juvenile hearing say, 'I want to talk to this boys grandmother and find out why he is acting this way.'

Cavanagh said, "The number of state court systems having contact with tribes is very minimal. If you were to go to Wayne or Oakland Counties, two of our biggest counties with the largest load of judges, and ask them about tribal laws or constitutions they would look at you in askance. They just haven't had the experience."

Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, a tribal member and attorney for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, said the issues surrounding the proposed Act are just as relevant today as they were when the Act was passed 32 years ago. "We are going to have more compliance with the intent of the Act if this proposed legislation is passed," she said. "What the Act is attempting to do is minimize litigation, help get permanency for Indian children and fulfill the intent of ICWA by making sure tribes have a strong say in determining the best interest of their children."

Maldonado wrote the first draft of the legislation, which the committee built on to come up with the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act. She said the group wrote a law they felt would work in the system using resources available to them. "We took the day to day considerations of how the real world works and as a result this is a true working document. The proposed legislation is not a wish list, it is something that we believe is workable and can get past the opposition that we are anticipating," she said.

"Seven years ago when I started practicing law in Michigan I would have classified this state as one of the worst in the entire country in terms of its compliance with the ICWA. With the changes that have been made and the concerted effort of a handful of enormously dedicated people, including a very enlightened director for the DHS and the State Court Administrative Office, I think Michigan has turned that completely around and is on the way to becoming one of the best states in terms of ICWA compliance," Maldonado

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said. "If this statute becomes law, I believe we can confidently say we are the best."

Maldonado said one of the highlights of her career was when a judge of very high regard went on the record and apologized for not following ICWA. "The judge just didn't know what the law said

because the law has a lot of vagary in it. It took us going up to the Court of Appeals and overturning a termination of parental rights and having the Court of Appeals write an opinion to change his mind. The judge apologized and told the tribe he didn't initially want to transfer the case to tribal court because he didn't trust the

tribe. He realized that was the kind of prejudice the ICWA was designed to combat. He had every intent of doing the right thing - it just wasn't clear to him what that was until this case came down and he learned from it. It was very brave of that judge to apologize on the record and use the word preju-

dice. We helped change his perspective and educate him about ICWA. I think he is a hero in this state for being able to do that," she said.

Director of Native American Affairs with the State of Michigan DHS and a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Stacey Tadgerson, said, "There has

generalized parameters and minimal standards for applying the ICWA. That left a lot of room for debate and a lot of grey area."

"We have 12 different tribes in the state with 12 different perspectives, plus the state's perspective and what the state deems suitable for the safety, permanency and well being for

children in care. The parameters of the proposed legislation spell out what the states and tribes rights and responsibilities are and how the state and tribes can work together to maintain and uphold those," Tadgerson said.

According to Tadgerson there are more than 15,000 children in Michigan's

foster care system. Of those children, 205 are American Indian. "The Michigan DHS believes all children deserve a safe, loving and permanent home. For the past year, our department has undertaken significant reforms to make sure we are doing our part to make that happen. Our work with

***"ICWA has been on the books since 1978 and it's a little ironic that here we are in 2010 starting to train people on the different requirements - ICWA is more demanding and explicit than state law."***

— Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael F. Cavanagh

been a lot of momentum within the past few years around the ICWA and really taking a look at its implications in our tribal communities and how different the tribal systems are from state systems. The proposed legislation helps spell out our requirements in full because the federal law created large



Stacey Tadgerson, director of Native American Affairs with the State of Michigan DHS and a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



Eric Blubaugh, prosecutor for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

the State Court Administrative Office Statewide Task Force's Tribal Court Relations Subcommittee reflects this commitment. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge our hard working staff who strive to meet our mission to serve the state's vulnerable children, adults and families," she said.

Prosecutor for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Eric Blubaugh said, "This new proposed law should be seen as the standard for all states. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has used ICWA to intervene in

cases involving our Indian children all over the country. The different interpretations—even between neighboring counties—highlights the need for this type of state-level legislation. The people of Michigan should be proud of this law and its positive effect on Indian families. It will ensure that Indian families in Michigan will be treated with the same standard of fairness in every state court proceeding."

Information about the ICWA can be found online at The Native American Rights Fund, which publishes A Practical Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act. Go to [www.narf.org/icwa](http://www.narf.org/icwa).

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# Nov. 2 elections are important to tribe, entire state

Sault Tribe members — and all readers — are urged to pay attention to and participate in the Nov. 2 general elections, when Michigan voters will go to the polls to elect local, state and federal officials who will decide many issues important to the tribe and entire state.

On Nov. 2, Michigan voters will choose a new governor, a new attorney general, a new secretary of state, all 148 members of the state Legislature, all 15 members of the state's congressional delegation, and two of the seven state Supreme Court justices. Voters will also answer an important question (Proposal 1) on the statewide ballot, and decide many local races, including nearly 700 county commission seats, more than 200 judicial offices, and more.

Especially important to the tribe are the elections for governor, the Michigan Legislature, and the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Michigan's governor, our Legislature and our members of Congress regularly consider many issues that are vitally important to the Sault Tribe," said Chairman Joe McCoy. "They determine the future of the Indian tuition waiver, which funds college for many Native American young people across the state. They determine funding for important health care and other human services programs. They often make decisions that may affect our sovereignty. They make decisions that affect our culture and our treaty rights."

"It's important for tribal members to pay attention to these elections and to vote for candidates who understand, respect and support our people and our ongoing efforts toward economic self-sufficiency," he added.

McCoy noted that Oct. 4 is the final day to register to vote in the Nov. 2 general elections. "If you are already registered to vote, we urge you to go to the polls or get your absentee ballot and cast your votes in this year's general elections," he said. "If you are not yet registered to vote, please do so by Oct. 4 and participate. It is your right and it is important to the tribe."

Below is a quick look at the Nov. 2 elections. The candidates listed were current as of the deadline for this edition of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*. Please note that on the weekend of Aug. 28, Republicans and Democrats were holding their statewide conventions, at which they were to choose their nominees for lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, Supreme Court, and three university boards.

## Governor and Lieutenant Governor —

Voters will choose as Michigan's new governor, either Democrat Virg Bernero (R) or Republican



Rick Snyder (R). Bernero is the mayor of Lansing, and a former state representative and senator. Snyder of Ann Arbor is the former president of Gateway Computers.



## Elect Michigan's other two constitutional officers: the Attorney General and Secretary of State —

The Democrats and Republicans were to nominate their candidates for these offices at the parties' separate state conventions Aug. 28. For the Republicans, Bill Schuette (top) and Mike Bishop (bottom) were competing for the nomination for attorney general. Schuette is a former member of Congress, state senator and appeals court judge. Bishop is an attorney and currently the state Senate majority leader. The Democratic nominee was expected to be Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton (top). The Democratic nominee for secretary of state was expected to be Jocelyn Benson (bottom), an assistant law professor at Wayne State University,



while the leading GOP candidates were state Sen. Michelle McManus of Lake Leelanau, Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson, and state Rep. Paul Scott of Grand Blanc.



## Elect all 148 members of the state House of Representatives and state Senate, including all seats in the Upper Peninsula —

The Senate is currently controlled by a Republican majority, while the House is led by a Democratic majority. Because of the state's term limits law, more than half of the state lawmakers now in office will be gone from their current seats. Twenty-nine of the 38 state Senators and 34 of the 110 state Representatives are term-limited.

## Elect two out of seven justices on the Michigan Supreme Court —

Due to Justice Elizabeth Weaver's retirement this month, Justice Alton Thomas Davis was appointed and will likely run as a non-partisan, although he is expected to be nominated for a full eight-year term at the upcoming Democratic state convention in Detroit. Also on the ticket



is Republican Robert Young (above). If the Democratic candidates should win both seats, they would gain a 5-2 majority. This year's legislative races and state Supreme Court contests are especially important because the 96th Legislature will draw the new congressional and state legislative district borders based on Michigan's population changes of the past decade. Whatever "reapportionment" plan is crafted by the Legislature will almost certainly be challenged and eventually decided by the state Supreme Court.

## Pass or reject Proposal 1 —

Every 16 years, under our constitution, Michigan voters are automatically asked if the state should hold a constitutional convention. Many business, labor and bipartisan organizations oppose Proposal 1. If voters approve the call for a new constitutional convention, delegates would be elected within six months. The elections would be partisan, requiring a primary election and a general election to be held no later than May 3, 2011, to elect 148 delegates (one from each state legislative district). The delegates would meet in Lansing by Oct. 4, 2011. Constitutional conventions in

Michigan are unlimited in scope and content. In other words, delegates can write a new constitution or offer any amendment. If an amendment or a new constitution is approved by a majority of the delegates, it must be presented to all Michigan voters within 90 days after the constitutional convention ends, which would likely occur sometime in 2012 or later.

## Elect all 15 of Michigan's members of the U.S. House of Representatives —

The state's current congressional delegation includes eight Democrats and seven Republicans. At least three of the races promise to be competitive, including the 1st District in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula, the 7th District in south-central Michigan, and the 9th District in Oakland County. In the 1st District race, state Rep. Gary McDowell (top) of Rudyard, a long-time friend of the Sault



Tribe, is the Democrat competing for the seat against Republican Dan Benishek (bottom), a surgeon from Crystal Falls.

McCoy said tribal leaders will speak or meet with the key candidates for governor, Legislature and Congress. "We will make an attempt to meet with and speak with all candidates who directly represent our tribe's service areas and who will hold important leadership positions in the future, such as governor," he said. "It is important for our state and federal officials to understand our sovereign status, our treaty rights, and the needs and goals of our tribe."

For relatively objective and complete information about this year's Michigan elections, visit the following websites:

- [www.mivote.org](http://www.mivote.org), a non-partisan video guide to the candidates and issues.
- [www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633---,00.html), the Michigan Secretary of State Elections in Michigan page
- [www.mitruhsquad.com](http://www.mitruhsquad.com), a non-partisan website providing analyses of campaign ads, website claims and other public communications from the candidates for governor and state Legislature.



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<p><i>Head Male Dancer</i> <b>Abe Bouschor</b></p>	<p><i>Head Female Dancer</i> <b>Priscilla Pine</b></p>	<p><b>Feast - Saturday at 5:00 p.m.</b> Please Bring a Dish to Pass</p>

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**2010 SAULT HISTORY FEST** — (Left) The Saginaw Voyageurs were on the scene of the two-day second annual Sault Ste. Marie History Fest on July 30-31. Pictured are three members of the organization chatting with visitors to their full-size replica of voyageur canoes used by regional fur traders of a long gone era. The canoes were larger versions of traditional Chippewa birch bark canoes capable of carrying 12 to 20 people along with over 1.5 tons of cargo.



Photo Submitted by Sue Stiver-Paulsen

At right, during the Rexton powwow, Tony Grondin performed a ceremony and presented Hannah Vallier (L-R) with an eagle feather for her contributions to the community.



Photo submitted by Theresa Germain

At left, Theresa Germain, rental manager for DeMawating Development, presented Robin McKechnie (L-R) with a new barbecue grill. McKechnie was the winner of the "Pay On Time Incentive" for the second quarter.

## Soo has new community care clinic

During the grand opening of the War Memorial Hospital Medical Building Aug. 20, Hospital Administrator David Jahn was giving tours. A brand new community care walk-in clinic will be housed in the new building's first floor. The self-contained clinic has everything it needs to offer non-emergency, after hours care. The clinic features numerous exam rooms, a blood draw and lab station and diagnostics and ample staff space. Although the clinic is open to the public, it is free of charge to Sault Tribe members. According to Jahn, the clinic is awaiting only X-Ray equipment before opening in September.

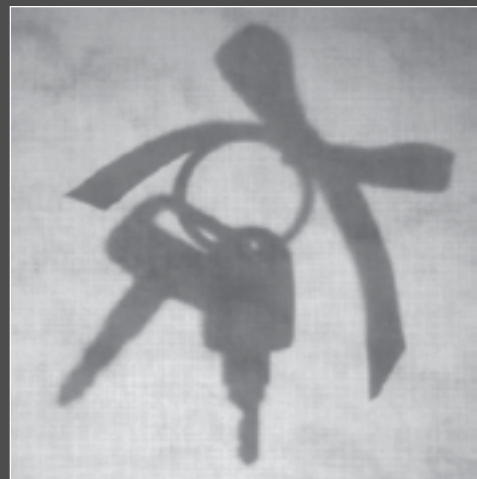


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The new building faces Spruce St. and the Community Care Clinic entrance is just inside to the left.

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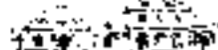
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# Leukemia patient meets his bone marrow donor

Local resident Darby McCoy of Sault Ste. Marie was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia on Nov. 28, 2007. He started treatment at Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit where he stayed with his older brother Douglas and wife Diane until August 2008, only able to come home a few times in between treatments. In March 2008 he was told the chemotherapy treatment was not working and he would need a bone marrow transplant to survive. None of Darby's family members were a match so he turned to the Bone Marrow Transplant list.

Darby was one of the very lucky people who had two matches on the list — one a 29-year-old male and a 21-year-old female. Darby was sent back to



Darby McCoy and donor Anne Schafer.

the Sault to wait. He was notified that the first choice, the male, backed out so they were going with the female donor. The transplant then took place in

Detroit on May 6, 2008.

Since then Darby has been doing very well, recovering without any serious complications or rejection of the bone marrow. Darby has a wife, Cathy, and two daughters, Chelsea and Lindsay McCoy. He is the son of Joyce McCoy and the late Arthur McCoy of Sugar Island.

On June 8, 2010, he received a letter with information about his female donor. He found out her name is Anne Schäfer and she is from Cologne, Germany.

He spoke with his sister, Luanne from Florida, who located Anne on Facebook, so now Darby had a face to go with the name. In the meantime, Darby had sent Anne a short message by email.

The next day Luanne

received an email from Anne, and they started writing back and fourth. Between Luanne and her husband Larry Rutt, her brother Douglas and her sister-in-law Diane, they offered to fly Anne and a friend to Michigan to meet Darby.

At first, Anne said she wouldn't be able to accept the offer because "she did this to help someone and didn't expect anything in return." But then she agreed. So they planned her visit and kept it a surprise from Darby and other family members.

Anne and her boyfriend, Kieran Squire from Australia, arrived in Detroit on Thursday, Aug. 19 and came up to Sugar Island on Friday where a family fish fry was being held at the McCoy home.

Darby was then able to meet

the person who gave him the gift of life. She is a very loving, caring young lady.

She is now 23 and just graduated in July with her master's degree in Public Health and wants to pursue her PhD, studying in Adelaide, Australia, next year.

The McCoy family is hoping this story will bring increased awareness for people to join the bone marrow donor list. It's a simple procedure that only involves a mouth swab. So many patients aren't as lucky as Darby was.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is having a Blood and Bone Marrow Drive on Sept. 3 at 11-5 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center. You can also get more information at [www.marow.org](http://www.marow.org).

# Tribal elders provide guidance as role models

By GARRETT EWANOUSKI

There are many gifts that come along with the blessing of being a teenage Native American. Such gifts include a profound sense of belonging to a strong, renowned tribe, and a great sense of pride in one's ancestral roots. However, the most important gift that any teenage Native American can receive is the gift of leadership and guidance from an elder member of the tribe. This is true because elders can have an enormous impact on the molding of character by instilling the universal values of the tribe within that adolescent, values which will be carried by the teen throughout their life and then passed down



Elder Helen Barbara Griffin celebrates her 80th birthday with Geraldine Hausch (L-R) at Hotel Ojibway in Sault Ste. Marie.

to their children.

I am fortunate enough to have an elder ever-present in my life. Helen Barbara Griffin is my grandmother, and an elder in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. My grandmother acts as an elder by providing leadership, guidance, and wisdom. The presence of an elder in my life supplements the important values my parents are teaching me.

My grandmother's remarkable story of reuniting with her tribal roots is an inspiring one. With the untimely death of her father and re-marriage of her mother, Mrs. Griffin (née Madigan) was relocated all the way to Long Island. For decades

she hid her American Indian roots to avoid the rampant discrimination of the time. But after an absence of 60 years from the Sault, she rekindled her relationship with the Chippewa tribe, attending the gathering and powwow in 2007.

This year, she held an 80th birthday celebration in Sault Ste. Marie, inviting 50 of her friends and relatives to a sumptuous dinner. They expressed their gratitude that my grandmother had brought them all together to celebrate their childhood memories of the Sault and the tribal heritage of the Madigan, Burton and Campbell families.

My grandmother has instilled

within me the values of respect, honesty and analytical thinking, character traits that she has developed throughout her entire life. These characteristics have helped me to develop into a respectable and hardworking individual. What makes her such a phenomenal presence in my life is that she has the wisdom that can only come from experience.

Elders act as guiding, knowledgeable forces in the lives of young adults and instill values they will carry with them for their entire life.

*Garrett Ewanouski, 16, is a tribal member and a junior at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury, Mass.*

## Births —



### JIVAN HENRY WUOLEWU

Jivan Henry Wuolewu was born on July 22, 2010, at 7:31 a.m. His mother is Sault Tribe member Jill Cadreau of Highland, Mich. His father is Ivan Wuolewu of Liberia, West Africa. His grandparents are Shirley and Scott Grindling of Highland, and Brian and Sue Cadreau of St. Clair, Mich.



### LOGAN and DYLAN CHIPPEWA

Logan and Dylan Chippewa, of Newberry, Mich. were born April 13, 2010, in Munising, Mich. They were 13 weeks premature. Parents are Tara Watson and John Chippewa, sisters are Brianna and Mackenzie Chippewa, and grandparents are Fred and Pam Watson and Bertie Chippewa, all of Newberry, Mich., and members of the Sault Tribe.

## Dillon Menard was of great promise

*Dillon Menard was a bright young man of great promise. His sudden passing was a shock because of his physical health and vibrant, energetic spirit. He was one of the recipients of the Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship for 2009. It is with the family's permission that Win Awenen Nisitotung is printing his winning scholarship essay. In addition to his athletic and academic talents, he had excellent skills in shooting or marksmanship. His grandfather, tribal elder Bob Menard, shared that Dillon's Indian name is Gichi Gaoosed, which means Mighty Hunter. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and anyone lucky enough to call him "friend."*



### HOW WILL THIS SCHOLARSHIP HELP ME TO REALIZE MY GOALS, BY DILLON MENARD — MAY 2009

The first time I put my hands on a set of blocks, I knew I was going to be an engineer. Just the satisfaction of being able to build something with my own two hands was enough for me to create a love for the profession. Also, as a kid, I worked endless hours by my father's side fixing vehicles and other mechanical breakdowns. This is what led me down the path to mechanical engineering. Having a passion for physics

while also being fortified with strong mechanical skills, it seemed like the perfect career choice for me. The educational requirements are demanding but every bit of knowledge I've acquired will play a big role in my success. With technology on the rise and new ideas being formed, getting through life with the minimal education would almost be impossible.

Over the years I've come to understand the value of work and the feeling of accomplishment a person receives when they know something is done correctly and to the best of their ability. In simpler words, I've learned that there has to be a

balance between fun and work. Striving to get the best grades possible all the way from elementary school to the present, I can now look back with a smile on my face knowing I have paved the way to future success. You get nothing more out of an education than what you put into it, plain and simple.

Scholarships play an important role for students who wish to further their education. I see it as that person needing some financial aid, but most of all showing the greatest potential to use that scholarship for success. They are intended to reward those who make the most of what they are given. I can proudly say I have worked very hard for everything I have accomplished, both academically and athletically. My determination to succeed has made me what I am today, an efficient, effective, independent, organized, and reliable individual. I know I will make a difference in my life and I hope in the lives of others. My ultimate goal is to one day contribute to the ever-changing growth of engineering. With this being said, it would be an honor to receive the Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship. I can promise you that I would represent our tribe and the Bernard Bouschor Family with all the respect they deserve.



Ed Furton and his granddaughter, Ali, visit Oswald's Bear Ranch.

# Sibling team wins two-step competition in Baraga

Sault Tribe members Alex Young-Gervais and Autumn Wright took first place in the youth two-step competition at the 2010 Keewanaw Bay Powwow in Baraga, Mich. (also known as home of the midnight two-step.)

Competing for the title were 10 couples ages 4 to 14. Judges selected five couples to compete in the second round of dancing and then it came down to a crowd vote of the top three. The dancers showcased two-stepping, imitating animals, and their own sweet dance moves.

Alex said dancing with his 4-year-old sister it wasn't difficult "I just told her what she had to do, like go in circles," he said. "We were just having fun."

He added that winning "felt good and I was excited."

His little sister Autumn said the thing she liked about winning was her new trophy.

Alex is 11 years old. He has been attending powwows since he was a baby and began grass dancing at age 5. He learned how to dance by watching other dancers at powwows. This fall he enters the fifth grade at JKL



**Autumn Wright, 4, and her brother Alex Young-Gervais, 11, won the two-step competition at the Keewanaw Bay Powwow in Baraga, Mich.**

Bahweting School. He enjoys dancing, skate boarding and team sports and plays for the Sault Giants football team.

Autumn is 4 years old. She has been attending powwows since she was a baby. She is a fancy shawl dancer. She will

be starting kindergarten at JKL Bahweting School this year. She enjoys dancing and outdoor adventures.

Proud parents of the children are Elaine Young-Clement, Joel and Diane Gervais, and Nathan Wright.

# Kibble becomes skin care consultant

Did you know that there are many chemicals put in our products that we apply to our skin every day? They are not only harmful to our skin but also when these chemicals enter our bloodstream. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has no authority over anything that we do not put into our mouth, including products we use on our children, such as shampoo, baby oil and baby wash. The good news is that there is a bill being introduced that would require our country to adhere to similar requirements as found in other countries. Read more about the bill at [healthychild.org](http://healthychild.org).

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Fundraising is also available. For a fundraising packet, or more information, please call (906) 259-1014. Order online at [sheilakibble.myarbonne.com](http://sheilakibble.myarbonne.com).

Also, Kibble is recruiting independent consultants. Arbonne offers a lucrative compensation plan with a home business to make instant cash, monthly checks, residual income, jewelry and trip incentives and a Mercedes Benz bonus program.

# Fortin graduates from Federal Law Enforcement Training Center



Andrew C. Fortin, Sault Tribe member of Dafter, Mich., graduated on July 1 from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, N.M., as a federal boarder patrol agent.

He was awarded third place in his class in academics and a second award as expert marksman.

After completing Spanish proficiency classes, and visiting home, he will continue post academy training in Laredo, Texas, for several months.

Fortin has accepted a position in Curlew, Washington-Spokane sector. Fortin is the son of Tom and Gayle Fortin of Dafter.

# Happy birthday, Babe - Tom McClusky "Red Feather" - Aug. 24, 1953 - Dec. 16, 2009

We will always love and miss you, your mom, sister, brothers and grandchildren; all that loved you. The sky shall unfold preparing His entrance. The stars shall applaud Him with thunders of praise. The sweet light in His eyes shall enhance those waiting and we shall behold Him then face to face. The truest end of life is to know the life that never ends. I invited you into my heart and have always kept you there.

Love forever - Angel Eyes

# Miigwech

from the family of Margaret Cantrall

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, what a wonderful group of caring people you are.

My family and I would like to thank all the people from the different departments of the tribe who helped my mother, Margaret Cantrall, while she was alive. She said, always with pride and gratitude, that she was an elder of our tribe. I couldn't possibly remember everyone over the years that gave Ma assistance when she needed it. I'm sure I would forget

someone's name and this I wouldn't want to do. Just know she greatly appreciated everything that was done for her. Also, thank you for your help at the time of Ma's passing. The flowers and plants, food trays and funeral assistance were much appreciated. Be proud when you say you're a member of our tribe. You're a very caring group of people. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. David and Peggy (daughter) Groleau Cooks, Mich.

## Sault Ste. Marie Public Schools Title VII Indian Education Program Parent Committee Organizational Meeting

### OPEN MEETING

Monday, September 20, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

Big Bear Arena (Upstairs meeting room)  
2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Nomination and Election of Indian Education Parent Committee Members

For more information, please call  
635-3839, ext. 5033 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## Honoring the Gift of Heart Health Classes

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**Healthy Eating on a Budget**  
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4-6 p.m.

**High Blood Pressure & Lifestyle**  
Thursday, Sept. 9  
4-6 p.m.

**Move More - Feel Better**  
Thursday, Sept. 30  
4-6 p.m.

**HDL, LDL - What's It All About?**  
Thursday, Sept. 16  
4-6 p.m.

**Smoke Around You Affects Your Health**  
Thursday, Oct. 7  
4-6 p.m.

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## Fall 2010 Group Health Classes

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# Director Chase gives rundown on Unit IV

*(Editor's Note: Due to technical problems somewhere along the line, Win Awenen Nisitotung received Director Chase's report just before press time. Because it is very important to provide unit reports to the membership, WAN fit the report on this page by cutting out an interesting but non-essential op-ed from the extension service. The remaining reports begin on page 24. We apologize for the confusion.)*



**DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

My unit report was submitted and emailed into the last issue of the tribal newspaper, but unfortunately because of some glitch in the tribe's email, they did not receive it.

In my last report I did

mention to update the membership that some tribal board members attended the Special Michigan Gaming Control Board meeting held to transfer the tribe's Greektown Casino license to a group of private hedge funds and investors from other states. All board members who attended strongly voiced our opinions and objected to this. Unfortunately, it fell on deaf ears. The MGCB already had its mind made up before we got there. The other groups and private hedge fund investors had hours to give their presentation and talk. We were given only 5 minutes total combined for everyone of us who were in attendance. We individually voiced our distaste that the MGBC was licensing these private hedge funds and investors without giving them the same lengthy investigation into their backgrounds of every single investor and their family members like they did to US! They were definitely given special preference — it took two years to investigate and go through the tribal board members and their families backgrounds. The MGCB did not follow its own rules and regulations to license the new owners. It does not have to answer to anyone if it chooses

to ignore the rules as it did, it is not held accountable to anyone for its actions. The MGCB is supposed to make sure casino owners adhere to all rules and regulations but it doesn't have to. The tribe is no longer owner of Greektown Casino. There is still the issue of the clouded title on a parcel of land on Greektown Casino property and we will update you as this goes along.

I attended the United Tribes of Michigan and Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) meetings in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., July 12-13, along with our other Unit IV representative, Tom Miller.

The board of directors has recently approved the purchase of 6.94 acres of land in New Boston, Mich. The land is adjacent to the Post-It Stables, and the parcel of land is in a very good area, close to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, and just off the 1-275 corridor. There are many business opportunities or ventures that the tribe could put on that parcel of land.

The board approved resolutions authorizing Anishnabek Community and Family Services to reapply for funding for LIHEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance). The

yearly grant award amount, if approved, is for \$500,000 through 2015. The funds will be used to conduct outreach activities and provide energy assistance like heating assistance, crisis energy, and cooling and weatherization to eligible tribal member households.

The second grant approved to reapply for is in the yearly amount of \$35,521 through 2015 and is called the Community Services Block Grant or CSBG. The funds, if received, will be used to support activities that are designed to assist low income tribal families and individuals faced with an emergency situation. Items that might be approved are emergency medical travel, security deposit, replacement of lost items due to a fire and travel for family emergency.

The board also approved the funding to reinstate the ACFS Division Director position that has been vacant for three years.

Manistique facility health providers: vacant provider positions in the health center portion have all been filled in the dental and medical departments.

The Manistique powwow was a huge success. It could not have happened without all the dedicated volunteers, com-

munity members and powwow committee members. We would like to say G'tchi Megwech to all who were involved and attended.

A regalia making class has been held in Manistique for the last two Saturdays and, according to Viola Neadow, was very successful and was well attended by participants from the Escanaba and Manistique areas. She said that there will be more classes offered in the future.

I take issue with a statement put in the local paper regarding the Bay De Noc Fishing Trial, made by Prosecutor Monica Quigley. She does not and never will speak for the tribal board, especially me. The statement she made was unauthorized and untrue, and she needs to retract her statement immediately!

If you need to contact me call me at (906) 341-6783.

Thank you,  
Denise Chase

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## Sault Tribe gets environmental manager

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Kathleen Brosemer was hired recently by the Sault Tribe Environmental Department as an environmental manager.

Brosemer, a U.S. citizen who has lived and worked in Canada for the past 22 years, has a bachelor's degree in geology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in upstate New York and did three years of post-graduate work in environmental science at the University of Virginia. After her postgraduate studies, she applied for a summer program with NASA and was sent to work in a boreal forest in Canada studying greenhouse effects and the microbial ecology of the soil during and after forest fires.

Working to build a comprehensive tribal environmental program, Brosemer said the department is identifying areas to include in the program such as indoor air quality in tribal homes, radon and asbestos in homes, solid waste from the casinos, species at risk, invasive species and solid waste and recycling at tribal housing sites.

"We are trying to keep an eye on all of it and do some improvement projects where we can get funding, volunteers and resources needed to do a project that we think would make a difference in one of the areas," she said.

The department is currently working to assess and inventory the surface waters located on tribal lands and upstream of them. They are also working on an ongoing project to monitor the drinking water quality at all



**Kathleen Brosemer**

of the tribe's housing sites and casinos and on a wetland strategy for the tribal government.

A project that Brosemer has been working to develop since she was hired is collecting and banking seeds from the black ash tree. "We are launching a new forestry initiative and have asked for funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative through the USDA Forest Service. The black ash tree is under threat from the emerald ash borer and we plan to collect seeds from local

trees before they die from this parasite," she said. "There are people working to save the black ash tree and control this pest, but if they are not able to then we want to have seed in the freezer so we can bring back the black ash when they figure out how to control it or when the bugs eat all the trees and die off. One or the other is going to happen," she added.

A member of an unrecognized tribe in Alabama, the Echota Cherokee, Brosemer said the group has been work-

ing to become federally recognized for years. A little known fact, she said, is, until 1969, it was illegal to live in Alabama if you were a Native person.

Brosemer also recently worked and volunteered with a small grass roots environmental group in Ontario called Clean North. "We worked on environmental initiatives such as chipping Christmas trees and using them for mulch on walking trails. We started a community garden and demonstration compost site and recycled computers and electronic waste. I would like to do that here this fall," she said. "It is going to take every one of us working together to turn things around and save our planet and humanity for the future."

According to Brosemer, the Environmental Department will be moving to the tribe's Greenough Street office by this November. "I have written a grant proposal to retrofit the building to make it a showplace for environmental and energy conservation," she said. "The \$250,000 grant will be used for new insulation, heating, ventilation, windows, solar panels on the roof and a green house on the back adjacent to our seed lab."

She said she hopes to engage youth and the community in environmental protection projects. "I really want to reach out and work with people in the community and get them involved in protecting their local environment."

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Kathleen Brosemer at (906) 635-6050, ext. 26033.

## Sault officer finds emerald ash borer

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agriculture specialists at the International Bridge discovered an unwanted alien hitching a ride in a load of firewood entering the country on July 29. A camper headed into the United States for the weekend was transporting the wood.

While inspecting, the firewood agriculture specialist discovered signs of bug infestation to include exit holes and tunneling under the bark. Further inspection revealed an adult beetle within the bark. The specialist tentatively identified the beetle as an emerald ash borer. The beetle was submitted to a USDA identifier who confirmed that it was an emerald ash borer.

This is the first confirmed interception of emerald ash borer at any port of entry in the United States.

"There can be hidden threats in agriculture products that could endanger our natural resources and our economy. CBP agriculture specialists and officers in Sault Ste. Marie target, detect and intercept these threats before they have a chance to do harm," said Devin Chamberlain, CBP port director. "This is a great example of our CBP agriculture specialists doing their job and doing it well."

# It pays to eat more fruits and vegetables

You probably already know that a healthy diet includes a variety of fruits and vegetables. Many fruits and vegetables are a good source of vitamins and minerals, and lower in calories and higher in fiber than other foods. As part of a healthy diet, eating fruits and vegetables instead of high-fat or high-calorie foods may make it easier to control your weight.

In addition to fruits and vegetables, a healthy diet also includes whole grains, fat-free or low-fat milk products, lean meats, fish, beans, eggs and nuts, and is low in saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, salt and added sugars. A healthy diet also means staying within your

daily calorie needs.

Too busy to be healthy? See how you can save time and money as you strive to eat more fruits and vegetables as part of a healthy diet

### Saving time

Pick fruits or veggies that require little peeling or chopping, such as baby carrots, cherry tomatoes, or grapes.

Prepare extra vegetables and freeze leftovers for quick sides. Simply heat to 165° F and serve.

Choose ready-packed salad greens from the produce shelf for a quick salad any time.

Visit the salad bar for pre-cut veggies to top salads, sandwiches or pasta.

### Saving money

Take advantage of in-store promotions and purchase fresh fruits and vegetables in season, when they are generally less expensive.

Prevent food waste by properly storing produce and selecting the type and amount you will consume.

Buy in bulk. Freeze excess, or purchase frozen, canned, or



dried varieties that keep longer.

Shop the local farmer's market or visit nearby farms and pick your own fresh produce while in season.

### Saving time and money

Plan meals ahead and create a shopping list to help minimize impulse purchases.

Buy in bulk and prepare extra or larger amounts. Freeze individual or family-sized portions for later use.

Make vegetable-based one-pot meals using beans or soy instead of higher cost protein sources, such as meat, fish or poultry. One-pot meals also reduce the number of pans and other utensils that must be washed, saving you time at the sink.

Keep it simple. Choose quick and easy recipes with few ingredients that use in-season, canned, frozen, or dried fruits and vegetables.

2 tsp olive oil  
1/4 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp black pepper

Preheat oven to 425°F. Lightly oil a large shallow baking pan. Cut peppers in half (lengthwise) and remove seeds. Arrange peppers cut side up in baking pan and lightly oil cut edges of stems. Halve tomatoes and chop onion and basil. Finely chop garlic. In a bowl, toss tomatoes, onion, basil, garlic, olive oil, salt and pepper. Spoon equal portions of mixture into peppers and roast in upper third of oven until peppers are tender.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 40kcal, Fat 2gm, Sodium 80mg, Carbohydrate 7gm, Fiber 2gm, Protein 1gm. (Adapted from www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov. Go to this website or contact your local Sault Tribe diabetes and nutrition programs for more great ideas and recipes).

Sault Tribal Health and Human Services, St. Ignace, 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135.

Manistique Tribal Health Center, 341-8469 or (800) 401-0043.

Munising Tribal Health Center, 387-4614 or (800) 236-4705.

Sault Ste Marie Tribal Health and Human Services Center, 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

### Vegetarian stuffed peppers—8 servings

Prepared in less than 30 minutes, this colorful dish packed with vitamin C makes a great addition to any meal. Substitute low-sodium, diced tomatoes to save time and money.

- 4 red or green bell peppers
- 2 cups grape tomatoes
- 1 medium onion
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves
- 3 garlic cloves

## Worksite Wellness toolkit for local businesses available

Would you like to do something to promote health within your organization? The Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health in partnership with the Chippewa County Building a Healthier Community Coalition has created a Worksite Wellness Toolkit that will help you do just that!

The Worksite Wellness Toolkit offers guidelines on offering healthy snacks and meals at meetings, conferences and events. It also contains unique ideas on holding successful fundraisers that do not rely on unhealthy foods as their appeal. Create an environment supportive of good nutrition by introducing a Healthy Eating Policy using the policy template included.

According to the Michigan Department of Community

Health's "Healthy People, Healthy Businesses" document, Michigan's high rate of obesity, smoking, coronary heart disease death and diabetes are increasing healthcare costs and premiums. In fact, their statistics put the economic burden from obesity and inactivity at \$2.9 and 8.9 billion, respectively. Could introducing some healthy changes in your organization positively affect your financial future?

The Worksite Wellness Toolkit provides an opportunity for businesses and organizations to take a step towards improving the health of their employees, their bottom line, and their community. To request the toolkit, contact Michelle Conway, Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health, at mconway@saulttribe.net or 632-5255.

## Manistique Farmers' Market open for business



The first Manistique Farmers' Market was held on Aug. 11. Seven local growers participated in the market, selling fresh produce to about 250 people. Several growers sold out before closing time. Most of the comments at the market highlighted how much Manistique has needed this access to local, fresh foods and how much they wanted more

markets this year.

With the success of this preview Farmers' Market, the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project and the City of Manistique scheduled five more markets for 2010. The expanded market schedule is Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m., Aug. 25 through Sept. 22 at the Little Bear West Arena. More growers are expected at the upcoming

markets, with a wide variety of Upper Peninsula products, including: tomatoes, beans, berries, corn, jams, eggs, potatoes, cucumbers, squash and more!

For more information about the Manistique Farmers' Market project for 2010 or 2011, please contact Manistique SAH Community Coordinator Kerry Ott at (906) 341-9561 or kott@saulttribe.net.

## Did you know ... gambling rehabilitation services are available?

Did you know that Sault Tribe Behavioral Health Services offers outpatient gambling rehabilitation services to members?

Not all gambling is problem gambling. It may be just an occasional social activity spending time with family or friends. It could become a problem when gambling becomes a coping mechanism to address feelings of stress, depression, loneliness, or seen as a way to solve money problems. Only 1 to 3 percent of the nation's population have a serious gambling problem; higher in the Native American population due to

accessibility to more gaming opportunities. Since there is also a higher rate of chemical addiction in the Native population, individuals that tend to practice recovery with chemical use have a greater potential to become "cross-addicted" to gambling as a replacement for the past chemical use.

Some of the symptoms that can be connected to problem gambling are as follows:

- Talks only about wins, not losses
- Gambles as a means to cope
- Hides gambling losses
- Chases losses

- Gambles on credit
- Lies about gambling
- Gambles alone
- Gambles in spite of consequences
- Withdrawing from family and friends
- Unsuccessfully attempts to cut back or stop gambling
- Considers gambling to be the only form of recreation and socialization
- Borrows from family and friends to support gambling
- Unable to meet living expenses previously met
- Gives up efforts to form new

friendships and interests after a geographic move

Problem gambling affects all ages, male and female. It is a hidden illness and can be difficult to address by one's family members. There is help for you or your loved one to stop this vicious cycle of addiction.

Contact the Sault Tribe Behavioral Health Program to place a referral or to gather more information by calling at 635-6075 or toll-free at (800) 726-9105. Find help 24 hours a day by calling the Michigan Problem Gambling Helpline at (800) 270-7117.



## Waatebagaagiizis Mazina'igan

Aaniin niij-anishinaabedog!  
Greetings my fellow Anishinaabeg!

Amy McCoy indizhi-wiinigoo.  
My given name is Amy McCoy

Miskwaanakwadookwe dash indizhinikaaz.  
But my name is Miskwaanakwadookwe.

Aamoo indigoo gaye.  
They also call me Bumblebee.

Oshkagoojin wa'aw giizis!  
It is a new month!

Mii azhigwa dagwaagig miinawaa ani-waatebagaa.  
It is time for fall and the leaves are changing color.

Mii iw wenji-izhinikaazod "Waatebagaagiizis" wa'aw giizis omaa Bawating.  
That's why it's called the leaves changing moon here in Sault Ste. Marie.

Geyaabi ige maawanjichigaadem.  
It is also still harvest time.

Geyaabi ige manoominikewag.  
They are still making rice too.

Nashke, yo'ow!  
See, this!



Wild Ricing in the 19th Century. From Wikipedia Commons.

## Oshki-ikidowinan.....New Words

- BIINDAAKOOJIGEG!..... You all put your tobacco down!
- NIBIINDAAKOOJIGE..... I'm putting my tobacco down.
- BIINDAAKOOJIGEDAA!..... Let's all put tobacco down!
- BANGII SA GO..... Just a little bit
- NIIBIISH(AN)..... Leave(s)
- MAWINZO..... S/he is gathering
- MANOOMINIKE..... S/he is making rice (ricing)
- MANOOMINIKEDAA..... Let's rice
- NIMINOOMINIKE..... I'm ricing
- BAWA'AM..... S/he is knocking rice
- GAANDAKII'IGE..... S/he is poling a boat
- MIMIGOSHKAM..... S/he is jiggling/threshing something
- NOOSKAACHIGE..... S/he is winnowing something

## Helpful phrases for the Ojibwe learner...

- Ojibwemong aaniin ekidong [insert word]? ...In Ojibwe, how do you say\_\_\_\_\_?
- Daga ikidon miinawaa ..... Please say it again.
- Mii na gwayak?..... Is is right/correct?
- Mii gwayak. .... It is right/correct.
- Ginisdotam ina? ..... Do you understand?
- Ninisdotam. .... I understand.

## Biidaasigekwe OdibaaJimowinens

Angeline Williams- from "The Dog's Children"

O'ow ige gaa-tibaaJimod: (This she also told:)

Apane nimakwenimaa aw noozhishen.' (I always think of this granddaughter of mine.)

Ninga-minwendam waabamag. (I shall be glad when I see her.)

Nengo-biboonagizid gii-nibowan ogashiwan a'aw noozhishen.' (When this granddaughter of mine was 1 year old, her mother died.)

Gabe-dibik ningii-bimoomaawas gaa-nibod nindaanis. (I carried the child about all night when my daughter died.)

Gaa wiin gii-wiisinisii. (The child did not eat.)

Mii go eta go wezaawaanyan gaa-miijin. (The only thing she ate was oranges.)

## Ataadidaa!

Use the new word list from Angeline Williams' story for the following hidden words:

N	L	B	A	N	V	T	I	W	L	S	G
X	E	B	W	A	T	L	Y	R	E	I	A
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B	P	B	A	N	F	O	A	Z	T	I	E
I	K	S	Z	A	V	G	M	T	F	N	C
J	Z	O	A	A	X	A	A	A	R	D	D
J	E	K	K	W	Q	S	B	P	P	A	I
O	I	U	Q	A	G	H	A	A	Y	A	B
N	L	L	P	A	L	I	A	N	W	N	I
Y	O	Y	K	Z	Q	W	W	E	M	I	K
Q	A	R	I	E	I	A	A	M	V	S	U
K	C	R	B	W	M	N	T	J	M	E	Y

FIND WORD:	ENGLISH TRANSLATION
APANE	ALWAYS
AW	THIS (ANIMATE)
ETA	ONLY
GABE-DIBIK	ALL NIGHT
NINDAANIS	MY DAUGHTER
OGASHIWAN	HIS/OR HER MOTHER
WAABAMAG	WHEN/THAT/AS I SEE HIM/OR HER
WEZAAWAANYAN	ORANGES

## Ojibwemowin Pronunciation Key

Short vowels: are said short, or quick

- /a/ = "uh" like u in up
- /i/ = "ih" like i in sit
- /o/ = "oh" like o in wrote

Long Vowels: must say twice as long, or just longer

- /aa/ = "ah" like a in father
- /ii/ = "ee" like ee in keep
- /oo/ = "oo" like o in nope
- /e/ = "eh" like eh in get

As you read a word, look for syllables with:

(Consonant+Vowel) or (Consonant+Vowel+Consonant combinations.)

- For example:
- Babaa About, around, here and there
- Ba + baa (Buh + Bah)

# Five generations remember family medicine man



Photo by Brenda Austin

## Leona Litzner-Brown's grandfather used Anishinaabe remedies.

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

HESSEL, Mich. — A traditional Ojibwe medicine man, Alexander Andress was quiet, soft spoken, humble and could cure cancer. He knew where and when to pick different medicines and barks, and how to mix and boil them to cure different ailments.

His granddaughter, Leona Litzner-Brown, remembers him fondly. He was born on Mackinac Island in 1855 and died in March 1934 at the age of 79. "I was 7 when he died," Brown said. "He lived with us; my parents, myself and my brother, Raymond. I followed him around like his own shadow." Brown said her two siblings were born after his death; her sister Alice was born in July of 1934 and brother Harvey Walter in August of 1938.

Andress married Sophie Cadotte and together they had four daughters. Sadly, they lost three daughters, with Brown's mother Lucy Andress-Dutcher being the only surviving sibling.

Brown's mother told her that when she was very little her grandfather had cancer on his lip. He had gone to Dr. Fox in Pickford, who told him the only way to get rid of it was to surgically remove it. Her grandfather told Dr. Fox that he would cure it himself, that he didn't want part of his lip removed.

"I don't know what he used, some kind of herb mixture," Brown said. "He cured it and showed Dr. Fox who asked him to tell him what he used. Grandfather refused. He told the doctor that the medicine would be used to make a profit from and that it was not to be used in that way. He wouldn't tell him how he cured it; no one ever knew."

During the winter months the family depended on wood

for heat. Her grandfather would take his team of sled dogs into the woods and come home with a load of firewood. Brown and her brother would sometimes go with him for the day.

Water was hauled home from a flowing well on her uncle's property and food was cooked on a cast iron wood burning stove. "Mother kept the top of the stove so clean that Raymond and I used to slice up potatoes and lay them on top of the stove to cook," she said. Her grandfather tended a large family garden every summer, which was the main source of the vegetables served during their evening meals.

Their only source of light, other than the sun, was the kerosene lamps they lit in the evening.

"We were Indians," Brown said. "I had a terrible time in school; we weren't treated very good. I quit school in the ninth grade and was married for the first time at the age of 16.

"When I was younger, some of the people who poked fun at my brother and I for being Indian were my cousins. Now they are claiming to be Indian, too, but they are not. It bothers me. I try to forgive, but you can't forget. You can still see the prejudice today," she said.

Since that time in the late 1800s when her grandfather offered his cures and walked in the forest collecting medicines, five generations have been born. Brown now has a great grandson named after him, Alexander Joseph Crisp, born July 3, 2010, to parents Michael Crisp and his wife, Amy Pramstaller Crisp.

"Grandpa had a cure for everything," Brown said. "We are losing our heritage and values; people should be proud of who they are."

# Marlin Nealen celebrates 30 years with tribe

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — On Aug. 16, Sault Tribe Dental Hygienist Marlin Nealen quietly celebrated 30 years of serving tribal members.

Working in the field of dentistry for the past 36 years, he received his training in the U.S. Air Force. His first two years of serving tribal members was as an employee of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan before being hired directly by the tribe in 1982.

Nealen said that as a hygienist he tries to put dentists out of business by getting his patients to take such good care of their teeth and oral hygiene they never have to worry about seeing the dentist for anything except a checkup.

"If I can accomplish that," he said, "then I have really accomplished something worthwhile."

Nealen said coming to work every day is like coming to visit old friends. "I have been here so many years that I know everyone; how many jobs can you go to and chat with friends all day?"

He said his advice to his two children has always been to find a job they really love and their whole life will be better because of it.

"There is no group of people who could have been nicer to work with," he said. "I couldn't possibly imagine working for a better group of people."



Photo by Brenda Austin

Marlin Nealen has served the tribe as a dental hygienist for 30 years and likes coming to work each day.

## Free Laker Athletic Tickets for Sault Tribe Members

To be eligible for tickets, tribal members must fill out the ticket application below and check off the games they wish to attend. Mail the application, along with a copy of your tribal card, to the address indicated on application by Sept. 24, 2010. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis until all tickets are disbursed. There are a limited number of tickets. Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with any remaining tickets. Please call (906) 635-7770 for additional information or applications.

### Free Laker Athletic Ticket Application for Sault Tribe Members

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the games you wish to attend and indicate the number of tickets needed for each game. Please note: you may not receive tickets for all games requested.

#### LAKER HOCKEY (Taffy Abel Arena)

10/02/10 Western Ontario  
 10/08/10 Minnesota-Duluth  
 10/09/10 Michigan Tech  
 10/22/10 Colgate  
 10/23/10 Colgate (Pink in the Rink)  
 11/05/10 Northern Michigan  
 11/06/10 Northern Michigan  
 11/12/10 Ferris State  
 11/13/10 Ferris State  
 12/03/10 Bowling Green State  
 12/04/10 Bowling Green State  
 01/14/11 Michigan State  
 01/15/11 Michigan State  
 01/21/11 Western Michigan  
 01/22/11 Western Michigan  
 02/11/11 Alaska  
 02/12/11 Alaska  
 02/25/11 Miami (Ohio)  
 02/26/11 Miami (Ohio)

#### LAKER BASKETBALL (Bud Cooper Gymnasium)

11/13/10 Mo. – St. Louis (Men's Only)  
 11/16/10 Northland Baptists (Men's Only)  
 12/11/10 Hillsdale  
 12/18/10 Saginaw Valley State  
 12/30/10 Cedarville  
 01/05/11 Grand Valley State (Men's Only)  
 01/20/11 Lake Erie  
 01/22/11 Ashland  
 02/03/11 Ferris State  
 02/05/11 Grand Valley State (Women's Only)  
 02/10/11 Northern Michigan  
 02/12/11 Michigan Tech  
 02/16/11 Central State (Ohio)  
 02/19/11 Northwood  
 02/24/11 Wayne State (Men's Only)

Mail application and copy of tribal card to:  
 Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center  
 ATTN: Jessica Dumback  
 2 Ice Circle  
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

# Chairman McCoy reports to the membership



DARWIN "JOE" MCCOY  
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii!

First, I want to welcome home the 1437th Engineer Company! It was great to see you all come home this week. We cannot express our thanks enough to you, your families and all of our troops for the sacrifices you all make to keep us safe.

As I mentioned in my last unit report, 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. I am happy to announce a new economic development opportunity in southeast Michigan. We purchased 7 acres of land located adjacent to Pinnacle Race Course in New Boston and are working with our partner, J.L.L.J. Corporation, to develop new opportunities to generate significant new jobs and investments in this area.

We believe this land is ideal for many different types of job creating enterprises including businesses that seek to increase the region's world trading activities, retail stores and much more. This could develop into a great opportunity for the tribe and our nearly 4,785 members in southeast Michigan who could benefit from the investments and economic development.

We are in the process of completing pre-development studies to determine best uses and what

actions must be taken to move the project forward. It is an exciting opportunity for us and I will be sure to keep you updated with the progress.

This month the board and I met with many of our department and division directors for quarterly updates. These meetings are extremely important to the board and I. They are our way of getting to know our division directors and department heads; of learning about our divisions of the tribe and departments of the casinos; and discussing how the board can help them move forward and what we expect from them. We have many things taking place in our tribe – many positive things – that we all need to be aware of. Our department and division directors and their staff are the backbone of our tribe. We cannot be successful without them. And, on behalf of the board and I, we appreciate all of the time, effort, and work that go into the preparation of all reports given.

I am excited to announce the hiring of two new dentists in St. Ignace, Dr. James Dinger DDS and Dr. Andrew Krantz DDS, and two new family practitioner physicians, Dr. Lamar Styer in the Sault, and Dr. Colin Irish in Munising. In addition, we will have a new Human Resources director, Richard Rand, starting with us soon.

The board and I were honored to be invited to the official ribbon cutting ceremony for a new structure at War Memorial Hospital this month. The new building already houses Sault Women's Healthcare and Sault Pediatrics and will soon house WMH Dialysis Unit, the Community Care Clinic, office space and more. Following the ceremony, board members Bernard Bouschor, Debra-Ann Pine, Cathy Abramson and I were able to spend some one on one time with Rep. Gary McDowell and Governor Jennifer Granholm.

On Sept. 3 from 11 a.m. to

5 p.m., the tribal health center is hosting a Blood and Bone Marrow Drive. A family member was extremely fortunate to receive a bone marrow transplant from a donor who was on the list. I encourage everyone to look into what it takes to become a bone marrow donor. It's a simple procedure that only involves a mouth swab. For information, visit [www.marow.org](http://www.marow.org).

I hope everyone has a fun and safe Labor Day weekend! Don't forget about the Sugar Island Powwow on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 4 and 5 preceded by a spiritual gathering on Sept. 3 from noon to 6 p.m. Grand entry is Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at noon.

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

# Vice Chair Causley reports to the membership



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT II

This past weekend we held our 18th annual "Gathering of Eagles" powwow. Once again,

the gathering was very special to our families and community. Miigwech to all who helped in our area and for those who attended and celebrated our people's way of life. Many told me how important the gathering is for them; it's the people who take the time to arrange it and share themselves with us that makes it special. The Newberry community is holding its gathering on Sept. 18. I look forward to seeing you there.

As you may have read in the last issue of the tribal newspaper, the Governor has appointed my father, John Causley, to the state's Disabilities Concern Commission. This is very important to our tribe and those

members who are in need of services and assistance concerning disabled health needs. Our tribe once had an active disabilities committee and our health director, my father and other tribal members are working to reconstruct this committee for the needs of our tribal members. If you are interested in becoming a part of this committee, please contact Bonnie Culfa at the Sault Tribe Health Center, (906) 632-5200.

The board is in the second phase of approving the tribe's 2011 budgets. The total fiscal year proposed spending is \$75,714,490 (with modifications activity) with tribal support dollars \$21,020,145. Our team

members work very hard seeking grants funding to increase the grant revenue for services. From last year we have a \$600,000 tribal dollars spending reduction thanks to grant funding. With our division directors and program managers aggressively seeking out federal and state funds, as well as our casino and enterprise team members working on the front line day to day, and the chairman and board of directors lobbying for additional funding, we will accomplish our goals to assist with tribal membership needs. It's always a battle and I'm thankful for all who do their part.

The board will begin its quarterly reviews again in

September. We will be hearing the presentations on Sept. 8 and 29. These presentations are held at the casino in Sault Ste. Marie at 9 a.m. and are always open to the membership. We began these to educate the members on the services available and create a forum for tribal members to see where each department is financially. Copies of the presentations are available.

In closing, please say a special prayer for our active service military personnel, our veterans and their families.

Any concerns or issues you would like to discuss, please contact me at 484-2954 or [lcausley@saulttribe.net](mailto:lcausley@saulttribe.net).

Baamaapii.

# Some unit reps dub 2010 "Year of the Employee"



DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I

Ahniin Kina Gwaya!

Aniish na? How are you? I hope this Unit One report finds you and your family in good health and good spirits.

This has been a busy month for us. I will be very honest, I am surprised at the pace we have been running at. I can also tell you that I am very blessed to be on with the combination of people that I was seated to work with. Every day and every week, I am amazed at the level of knowledge my fellow board members operate from. I am working very hard to get the information I need to operate

and make the best decisions for our tribe.

These people have to wear many hats and I can say, as an outsider going in, they have my respect. All of the board members have been very helpful to the new ones coming in. I appreciate their patience and kindness.

Getting our legs under us to run has been the main focus for us as new board members. I want to give special thanks to Joanne Carr and Tara Benoit for their help and constant attention. The historical, institutional knowledge they carry with them has been invaluable to us. Great job, ladies! I look forward to working with you for the next four years.

One of the things that I like the most about my fellow board members is that each one has their own forte. Some specialize in health issues, while others have a deep knowledge and understanding of education. I am finding that each seem to be very knowledgeable about a certain field of interest and the other board members rely on their expertise to help make educated decisions when that area comes up. Personally, I would have to say my area will probably be gaming, hous-

ing, and education. At this time, I am on the Housing Commission, I will continue with the Gaming Authority and see if I can be seated on the Gaming Commission. Recently, I attended a training with Roger Bardeaux for Education and have been participating on the JKL Fiduciary Committee.

If there was a theme to this year, my fellow board member, Catherine Hollowell, put it succinctly, it's the "Year of the Employee."

We need to focus on our tribal employees. We need to remember and appreciate these people are the people who keep this operation humming and moving. They are the worker bees.

Our employees have lost so much in the last couple years and it's my opinion ... *we need to stop kicking the cow that gives us milk!*

I believe we should work at restoring what was lost, i.e. 401k, personal days, etc., AND strive to bring stability back to our workforce.

I can tell you from personal experience what havoc tribal politics can wreak on our employees. The bigger picture is this...tribal politics and the

bad behavior that can come of it reeks havoc on our bottom line.

It's simple: **disgruntled employees lead to unhappy customers = lower revenue.**

We need to change that. Lower revenues affects tribal services. When revenue is down, so is the amount of services available to tribal members.

*It starts with feeding the cow that gives us milk!*

Our employees are "Human Resources." The operative word is "Resource." As with any resource, you have to value it. You have to treat it with love, kindness and respect. These people, their efforts and expertise, make possible the services this tribe offer.

In closing, I can say that this current board has made steps in a good direction to building a stronger tribal workforce. I want to welcome Richard Rand as our new HR Director.

Mr. Rand is a Sault Tribe member currently residing in Ely, Minn., and has been working as the Human Resource director for the Ely Community Hospital and Nursing Home since 2007. He has been involved in personnel and human resource divisions since 1976 and brings with him

knowledge to help with our own HR Department.

I was one of the people who sat in on the HR director interviews. We interviewed our top four in a second round. All were tribal members. What I can say with all certainty is this: If this tribe had ended up with any one of the four in the second round, we would be a very lucky tribe. Of course, sadly, we were only able to choose one. As a tribal person, I would have made them all the head of HR and let them figure out a way to make that work but that's not the world we have to live in.

I would like to invite the membership to visit my blog. I am still new to blogging but I believe it is an important venue for communicating. I have to get on my site and get caught up on all the things we have done since the last unit report because it's been a lot — too much to stuff into this report. You can reach me at the following address: <http://web.me.com/debra.pine>.

I am also available to you by 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.

# Board reviews tribal government operations



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Getting a handle on our tribal operations has been the focus of the last four weeks: budget meetings, financial meetings, quarterly reviews. Currently, the government arm of our opera-

tions is under review. Through this process I am getting a better picture of the scope of our tribal operations and the workforce who undertake to meet our obligations to our citizens.

Since 2008, we have been operating under severe budget cut backs and I have to give credit to the previous elected term for getting the job done. Some would argue that it could have been done more surgically. Some would say there was an element of politics that drove the cut backs and lay offs. Maybe so. I can't say. But they got the job done and in the process, implemented procedures to keep programs within budget.

2009 resulted in stabilized operations coming slightly under budget and 2010 promises the same.

So now is the time to step back, assess and determine what is working and what needs improvement and how best to allocate resources for a better more efficient and responsive government. Key to this effort will be our Human Resource Department. I was fortunate to be able to serve on the selection committee for the hiring of a new HR director and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Richard Rand to our organization. Richard is a tribal member who comes to us from

out of state with a professional background in Human Resource. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
We don't collect taxes. We operate from generated revenue. Our gaming and other enterprises will be the focus of the next round of budget, financial and quarterly review meetings.

As you can read elsewhere in this newspaper, economic opportunities are under consideration. We can not afford to retreat and nurse our wounds. But we must be careful, prudent and utilize risk management methodologies. That includes some confidentiality and protection of proprietary information for a period of time. At the

same time, good government is transparent. Tribal citizens deserve to know what's going on, especially when actions become part of the public record. Communication has serious room for improvement. It is another area where assessment and resource allocation will be required. Do know that I take stewardship seriously and promise to make decisions with that sacred responsibility in mind.

I enjoy hearing from you. Please contact me with your questions, ideas and concerns: unit2tribal@gmail.com; home:(906) 484-6821; work:(906) 430 5551.

## Kinross Unit I meeting every fourth Wednesday



**DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR,**  
**UNIT I**

Aaniin! It has been a busy month of reviewing budgets for the upcoming year, approving grants for new programs, services and equipment, quarterly reviews, JKL fiduciary meetings, and training. In between attending meetings and workshops, I meet with tribal members, take phone calls, answer emails and assist with any issues that people may need help with. I am always available to address your questions, comments and input. People often apologize for calling and I find myself having to remind them, "There is no need to be sorry. I work for you."

I want to remind you: there is a Unit I meeting in Kinross

the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Kinross Recreation Center. I am still in the process of finalizing meeting times and places for the Sault and for a quarterly meeting in the downstate areas where we have larger pockets of tribal members. The logistics of booking meeting rooms, and having them all coincide within a time frame to facilitate a single weekend of travel time, has been a challenge. However, I should have all of that ironed out by the next newspaper publishing date and will make sure you have plenty of notice.

Our Inland Fish and Wildlife Department has run out of camping permits for the time being. The demand for this permit seemed to skyrocket this year with an increase in applications of almost 800 percent. The department is out of permits until further notice. Something to note, the agreed upon purpose of these permits is to allow our members to camp free while participating in traditional gathering. When negotiating the AIP, the state of Michigan agreed to waive camping fees for members who were gathering. As with all good things, there has been some abuse of the permit.

We have had complaints from campground hosts identifying issues where members gained a permit, set up camp with ORVs and watercraft but have failed to engage in gathering while camping (which is the sole purpose of the waived fees). This creates an issue where we must call upon our law enforcement to verify people are utilizing the permits under the same purpose for which they have applied. Continued abuse of the permit will create a problem for the applicant as well as taint the process for others.

Great things are happening with the addition of an expanded Environmental program. Kathleen Brosemer, our environmental manager, has applied for several grants to expand and improve our department with several projects. One of the most exciting to me is the USDA Black Ash Seed Collection Grant for gene conservation in newly infested emerald ash borer counties. The team will be gathering black ash seeds from local trees in three counties and putting them in storage. The emerald ash borer, an insect introduced here from Asia, is killing the ash trees in the eastern U.P. and this particular ash species is of great

significance to our culture. The plan is to save the seed, with a specific gene relationship to our climate and soils, for planting after eradication or development of population control methods for the invasive insect. Locally adapted genetic stock will provide the most successful opportunity for replanting and this seed bank will ensure the best scenario for repopulating the species.

The Home Improvement Program moved out from under ACFS and is now under Housing. The "work plan," which identifies the level of need within our service area, is to be submitted Oct. 1. If you own your home, live within the service area and have need for home improvement, please contact Sheila Berger or Joanne Umbrasas at 495-5555 or (800) 495-5555 to find out if you qualify for the program. Please do so as soon as possible so your statistics can be included in the workplan.

For those who are interested, 2 percent applications are due by Sept. 30. Remember that all 2 percent funding requests MUST be made through a local unit of government. That means your city, county, township, vil-

lage or schools. If you need an application, you may call and request one by dialing (906) 635-6050. They are available via U.S. mail, fax, email or pick up.

I owe an apology to the elders group as I was unable to attend the annual Unit 1 elder's picnic and missed cooking and serving you during this event. I had a family commitment scheduled for several months and was not able to be there to thank you for all your support and advice. I now have the schedule for the elder meetings and will come and make my apology in person. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (906) 440-9762 or dmalloy@saulttribe.net.

I wish a bountiful harvest to all the gardeners, tight lines to all fishermen and straight shots and clean kills to all our hunters. May your tables be full and may you enjoy your harvests with good friends and family. Don't forget to share your blessings with someone less fortunate!

Naagaj!

DJ Malloy

Unit I Representative

## Help preserve our way of life *BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY*



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

What a beautiful summer that we had! There has been lots of sunshine for the sun worshippers and plenty of rain for the gardens.

Fall is now gently moving summer along its way as the leaves gradually turn their famous shades of gold, yellow, red and brown.

By now the glorious jams,

beans, and pickles have been preserved and the tomatoes and root crops are soon to follow (at least in the Upper Peninsula - I know, we are way behind!)

The berries were awesome this year as well as all the apples loaded on the trees.

I am told that we should gather up as much as we can because this is a sign of a long snowy winter.

Let's see how we fare.

I am happy to see that so many more people are gardening and gathering their food. I'm also proud of the fact that our Traditional Foods Program has helped encourage new families to grow their own foods.

Our Community Health Department wrote a grant for this program. Under the supervision of Connie Hill and with the collaboration of Youth Education Program, Elders Program and Housing Program, it has been very successful! Staff from the Centers

for Disease Control will soon conduct a site visit to our tribe. We have lots to show them which includes, in Sault Ste. Marie, the Three Sisters Garden at Chi Mukwa, our elders garden; Neegonigishik Building (where families come to can and preserve); the USDA training kitchen (where master canner's classes are held); in Manistique, the Hoop House Project; in Kincheloe, fruit trees and Three Sisters Garden and in St. Ignace, the YEA community garden.

I know they will be impressed and I hope that someone is taking plenty of photos so that you all may see the progress that is being made.

A special thank you goes out to those men who planted extra large gardens so that they may share with others. Way to go Frisky Young, Jimmy Young, Bouncer Cadreau, Mickey Bouschor and Roger Azevedo. Also thanks to Ron McKerchie

for providing the starter plants for the plant giveaway that was held in the spring. You are all great teachers to our community.

We must relearn all that we can about our way of life. It will help to keep us healthy, happy and in good spirits.

It's time we stop taking for granted what our Creator provides for us. This year, he provided a lot. It's up to us to do the preparing, the gathering and the preserving. It provides us lots of exercise, lots of good healthy food, lots of family time, lots of good memory making and lots of pride in the work that we have done.

Speaking of keeping our way of life, while we must work together locally, we need help at a national level.

It is important that we have people in D.C. who understand and support our sovereignty. Gary McDowell is that person and he is running for Congress.

## *BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY*

We need him in office. You would be surprised how many legislators don't know - and worse - don't care. As our state representative, he has always worked with the tribal communities that have been represented in his district.

Since 2004, Gary has been the chair of the state's community health budget where he has fought to have included a tribal elders funding, separating himself from the governor who has opposed it. He is a strong supporter of the Great Lakes Water Compact and the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. Finally, Gary has time and time again made sure to educate others about the significance of tribal sovereignty. I can't tell you the importance of this, especially at these times.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (906) 322-3823 or email me at cabramson@saulttribe.net.

## 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 Center.

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.

Ojibwe language classes, Wednesdays, 3-4:30 p.m. at the tribal center.

For more information, call Orien Corbiere at (906) 635-6050.

## 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.

Ojibwe language classes, Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. at the tribal center.

For more information, call Orien Corbiere at (906) 635-6050.

## 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](http://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](http://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 Elaine Young-Clement at 635-6050 or 322-3961.

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.

# Jr. Police Academy Camp at Boedne Bay

Kids ages 11 to 15 participated in law enforcement training activities, which included evidence collection, taser training presentation, SWAT team techniques, K-9 unit presentation, felony traffic stops, building entry, water and fire safety, simunitions, first aid, physical fitness training, MILO simulator, handcuffing and fingerprinting.



Officer Tom Money checks the targets to see how close to the center of mass Micah Rintamaki (left) and Mitchell Rader (right) were. The Junior Police Academy, sponsored by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, was held Aug. 2-6 in Moran, Michigan.



Sgt. Dan Grondin checks a pistol loaded with blank rounds before camp participants take aim at their paper targets.



Officers Mike Povey (center) and Dan Frechette (right) direct Matthew Petingalo (front left) and R.J. Krull (front right) on the proper way to back each other up during a building entry.



Officer Craig Janicowski showing Daniel Phillips how to use the equipment inside a police car.



Travis Eggert (left) handcuffs Daniel Phillips with officer Ryan Beaudry (right) supervising.



Officer Mike Povey with camp participant Andrew Hutchinson of Manistique.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Dani Christie (left) volunteers as the bad guy in a felony traffic stop just as it starts to rain. Officer Eric Rye (right) shows Brendan Jump (center) the proper procedure to follow. Below: Chad Piefer (left), Alyssa McKechnie (center) and Mariah Pavlat (right).



# ENTERTAINMENT



# CARLOS MENCIA

## September

Hinder - Sault Ste. Marie

4th | 7:00 p.m. Saturday | \$28.50 | On Sale Now

Carlos Mencia - Sault Ste. Marie

25th | 7:00 p.m. Saturday | \$42.50 | On Sale Now

## October

Sevendust - Sault Ste. Marie

19th | 7:00 p.m. Tuesday | \$20.00 | On Sale Now

## November

Travis Tritt - Sault Ste. Marie

13th | 7:00 p.m. Saturday | \$48.50 | On Sale Now

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