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Conservation Committee superseded in vote

By JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Sault Tribe's board of directors disbanded the tribe's Conservation Committee on Dec. 7, replacing it with two new committees — the Great Lakes Conservation Committee and the Inland Conservation Committee.

The board decided it was in everyone's best interests if two committees were formed, so the committees could give Great Lakes and inland matters their full attention. Until the new committees are up and running, the tribal board is taking over Conservation Committee duties.

According to the resolution 2010-276, the Conservation

Committee was split because of two user groups that "have different needs and are driven by different goals" — one a commercial and subsistence group fishing on the Great Lakes under the 2000 Consent Decree while the other hunts, fishes and gathers under the 2007 Inland Consent Decree.

Tribal Code Chapter 22: Great Lakes Conservation Committee and Tribal Code Chapter 24: Inland Conservation Committee establishes the committees. They can be viewed and downloaded from the tribe's website, www.saulttribe.com.

Both committees consist

of nine members. The term is four years, but the first set of appointees will have staggered terms of two and four years. The Sault Tribe Board of Directors will appoint the chairpersons for both committees, and will determine which chair will represent conservation on the Chippewa Ottawa Resource

Authority (CORA) board.

The Great Lakes committee will give regulatory and policy advice to the board of directors and administration regarding the tribe's responsibilities under the 2000 Consent Decree. Three of the members will be large boat captains (with vessels greater than 26 feet), three will be small boat captains, and three will be "any combination of large boat captain, small boat captain, helpers or subsistence license holders."

The Great Lakes committee chair conducts committee meetings, reports to the board, and represents the tribe at discussions related to Great Lakes

commercial and subsistence treaty fishing rights with other governmental or tribal agencies or private parties, at Great Lakes Resource Committee (a CORA subcommittee) meetings.

The Inland committee gives regulatory and policy advice to the board regarding the tribe's responsibilities under the 2007 Consent Decree and the Memorandum of Understanding regarding tribal-USDA-USFS relations on national forest lands. Any tribal member is eligible for an Inland Conservation Committee appointment, except for sitting members of the Great Lakes Conservation Committee.

See "New Committees," pg. 9

Read about soon to come referenda on pages 4-5!

Abramson appointed to HHS Secretary's advisory committee

By RICK SMITH

Tribal board representative Cathy Abramson is one of 17 primary appointees to a new federal advisory committee to reform and enhance how the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) works with Indian Country.



"I am very honored and deeply humbled to be working with so many hardworking and distinguished tribal leaders from across Indian Country," said Abramson. "I am happy to be chosen by Secretary Selbelius to serve on the HHS Tribal Advisory Committee. I look forward to representing our Bemidji area and all of Indian Country."

The HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee consists of representatives from each of the 12 Indian Health Service administrative regions in the country and five national at-large representatives. Abramson is the primary representative for the Bemidji area, which covers Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

The five national representatives include Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians, and Tex Hall, a former president.

"Cathy will be an excellent

representative for the Bemidji area. She has attended several tribal consultations for early childhood development programs and she clearly understands the barriers tribes face when trying to communicate the needs of their people to HHS," said Anne Suggitt, program manager for Sault Tribe early childhood programs and a key player in Abramson's nomination.

Joe McCoy, chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, nominated Abramson for the committee. "Cathy's government-to-government experience and leadership on a federal level will serve all of Indian Country well," he said.

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius made the announcement on Dec. 6 in Washington, D.C., in announcing the formation of the first tribal advisory committee to advise any HHS secretary in the history of the department. "I am excited to work with those who have been chosen and look forward to their advice to HHS on our government-to-government relationship and delivery of services to tribal communities," she said.

According to the department, the primary purpose of the committee is to exchange viewpoints, seek consensus and provide recommendations or provide any other interaction to facilitate carrying out intergovernmental responsibility.

See "Appointment," page 6

2 percent donation keeps new Pickford library up and running

By BRENDA AUSTIN

PICKFORD, Mich. — The Pickford Public Library opened in October as a three-year, 20-hour a week interim project thanks to the efforts of Pickford resident Melanie Greenfield, Bayliss Public Library Director Ken Miller and the Friends of the Pickford Community Library.

A satellite branch of Bayliss Public Library, Miller said when he was first approached by Greenfield in 2008 with the idea of opening a library in Pickford he told her it wasn't possible due to the areas low population and limited funding. Calling Greenfield a powerhouse and a dynamo, Miller changed his mind after the group of volunteers she pulled together was able to raise enough funds to operate the library for two-and-a-half years, almost meeting their three-year goal. With a

reminder to the group to continue their fundraising efforts to meet their bare-bones goal of \$115,000, they began renovations to the old Watson's Shoe Store building.

Greenfield said one of the first things she did once fundraising was underway, was apply for 2 percent funding from the Sault Tribe in the fall of 2009 and was awarded \$10,061.74. A year later, during the last 2 percent cycle, the Friends of the Pickford Community Library (FPCL) again applied for 2 percent funds from the tribe and this time were awarded \$24,389.

"The tribe has really come through for us," said Miller. "The library is open and we are on our way."

According to Greenfield, the most recent funding from the tribe's 2 percent payouts has ensured the library will remain

open for the next three years. After that time, the Pickford community will be asked to vote on a millage to keep the library open.

Miller said, "We can't run on donations forever. Either the community will support the library or it won't. If the community — in three years — does not support it we will not be able to continue."

Of the \$115,000 the group needed to raise, the FPCL was expected to contribute \$18,000 over the three-year period. Another \$25,000 was expected to come from state penal fines, with Pickford averaging just over \$8,000 a year. Greenfield said after those two sources of funding were considered, they still needed to raise \$70,000. By May 2010 they had raised an additional \$47,000. By September they only needed an

See "2 percent," page 7



Thanks for the wonderful Christmas parties

G'tchi miigwech

Thank you to the following individuals who made our annual children's Christmas party a huge success and special time for our community.

Hessel elders group, Hessel casino staff and patrons for the gift drive, Dorothy Currie, John Causley, Ken and Betty Ermatinger, Dale Bosley, Don Cooper, Pat Causley, Betty Huffman, Adrienne Smith of Pickford, Sault are YEA staff, Justin Pollard, Kaytelyn Williams, Sara Landreville, Matthew Landreville, Drew Paquin and Unit II board representatives Lana Causley and Catherine Hollowell.

Merry Christmas and happy new year!

Thanks for Christmas party

FROM JILL KING, YEA

The Sault area Christmas party was a huge success with close to 500 people attending. The Youth Education and Activities Program would like to say g'tchi miigwech to the following people who helped make this year's children's Christmas party such a success:

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors, who generously donated to the overall expense of the party for food, supplies, crafts, prizes and so forth.

Matthew White and his family, who donated gifts collected during their annual Christmas party at Kewadin Casino.

The Unit I elders who hosted their annual children's Christmas party fundraising bake sale.

Glen's Market and McDonald's for providing drinks during the meal.

Country Kitchen, Pizza Hut, Guido's, Taco Bell, Burger King, Arbies and Family Video for donating door prizes.

Teri Romano and the staff at ACFS for the beautiful job decorating!

And an especially big thanks

to George Snyder and his family, tribal youth council, Tribal Court, Sault Area High School and Kewadin Casino, who helped with entertainment and brought the party to life!

A special thank you to our board of directors and others

The Newberry Tribal Center recently held a Christmas party for the kids in our area. Everyone who was asked to help with the party gave graciously with their time and money. Some baked cookies, some knitted homemade mittens, scarves and hats, and some helped the kids with the games.

The board of directors donated \$500, Unit II board member Catherine Hollowell donated \$100 and the Causley family held a golfing tournament this past summer and they also donated \$100. Our tribal elders and the Powwow Committee also gave of their time and money.

With all these gifts and money, each of the children received supper, a bag of candy, won lots of prizes, received a gift certificate from McDonald's and new gloves, hats and scarves.

Each family there received a \$25 gift certificate from one of our local stores to help purchase things for Christmas dinner.

Best of all, the kids got to sit on Santa's lap and talk with him. Of course, as some looked in awe, some did make awful faces and cry. But with smiles or tears the look on their faces was delightful and will be remembered by all.

To Santa and Mrs. Clause and all our other "special angels," a very heartfelt thank You.

We wish everyone a very warm, safe and peaceful holiday.

Shirley Kowalke
Co-chair, Newberry
Powwow Committee

Housing recognizes staff

BY JOANNE UMBRASAS

Each December, the Sault Tribe Housing Authority recognizes an outstanding employee, construction crew and manager.

This year's winners each received show tickets for two and dinner for two donated by the Kewadin Casino along with an award certificate and a \$100 gift card.

Employee of the Year
Laura Hammock, Project Assistant — Laura has done an exceptional job during this past year. With the influx of stimulus funds her work load has tripled. Laura is a dedicated employee who does what ever it takes to get the job done.

Crew of the Year
Robert Harmon, Rich Smart, Tony McKerchie and Mike Russo — They function great as a team and do excellent work. Most recently, this crew has been working on the Home Ownership homes in St. Ignace.

Manager of the Year
Keith Libby, Warehouse Manager — The stimulus funding has allowed several projects to run concurrently, requiring that the needed materials be on hand. This has been a challenging year and he has done an outstanding job. Keith has managed to keep three warehouses running with very limited staff.

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New racing circuit comes to U.P.

It's the newest racing circuit in the Upper Peninsula — Upper Peninsula Powersports Extreme Racing (UPPER). This is a family-oriented association working to provide a fun and safe place for people to get out and enjoy racing that will be sure to get your heart pumping. This is a professionally run racing organization that is a full affiliate of the International Snowmobile Racing Association as well as the American Motorcycle Association.

The grand opening of the 2011 sno-x season kick off is Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011. The snow scramble starts at noon. Sno-x under the lights at dusk.

Races will be held behind the Kewadin Casino in Christmas at the Family Motor Sports Park, E-6594 Perch Lake Road as well as throughout the Upper Peninsula in venues like Newberry and Sault Ste. Marie.

Summer 2011 will bring many more racing opportunities for motocross racing. Be on the lookout for exciting racing this summer.

For further information, call (906) 202-1859.

UPPER Snowmobile 2011 racing schedule:

Jan. 1 CHRISTMAS
Jan. 29 NEWBERRY
Feb. 5 SAULT
Feb. 19 CHRISTMAS
March 12 CHRISTMAS
March 19 NEWBERRY
March 26 CHRISTMAS
April 2 CHRISTMAS

Miigwech

Dear board of directors, tribal elders and staff,

Last night, Dec. 16, President Obama signed the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 into law. Included in this bill was a two-year extension for our Special Diabetes for Indians and Type 1 Diabetes Programs. Funding of \$150 million per year for SDPI for all of Indian Country will now continue through September 2013.

SDPI-supported sites, which includes our tribe, now have the certainty of multi-year funding to continue their programs and to retain staff, and individuals and communities will continue to benefit from the services provided and from the knowledge gained regarding diabetes prevention.

On behalf of our tribe, NIHB and the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC), I would like to thank you all for sending letters, making phone calls and actually visiting our Senators and Congressmen. This was accomplished only because everyone (including our elders) made the effort to make these contacts and tell our stories. This is extremely exciting news! We will be able to continue to save the lives of our Anishinabe people!

One more thing that we ask of you. Please make sure you contact your legislators and thank them for their support! Again, thank you for all your efforts!

Miigwech!

Cathy Abramson

Tribal board member and Bemidji area rep for NIHB and TLDC

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CORRECTION —

The last issue of *Win Awenen Nisitotung* mistakenly identified Deb Cox as the manager of the Chippewa County Animal Shelter. While Cox works there, Holly Henderson is the manager. *Win Awenen Nisitotung* regrets the error.

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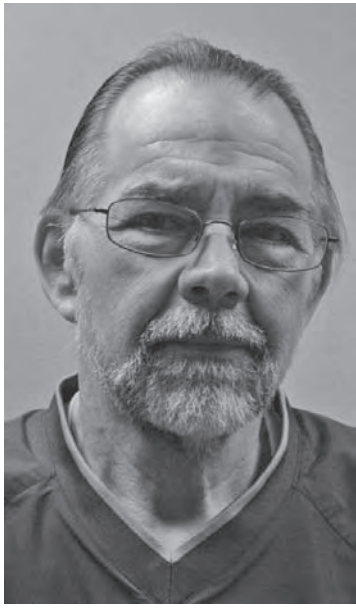
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United Way 2010 workplace campaign drawing winners

Congratulations to the Sault Tribe United Way workplace campaign incentive winners. Thank you for generously donating to United Way.

Grand prize winners: Karen Gregg – Four tickets to Detroit Lions game on Jan. 2; Sheryl Harmon – \$200 spa package; and Shannon Bonnell – Weekend get-away. Incentive prize winners: Ken Ermatinger — Movie basket; Rusty Aikens — Child-size recliner; Jay Eggert, Ken Cassibo, Liz Middleton and Tom Gorenflo — Dinner for two; Elma McMillan, Karen Gregg, Lisa Sawruk and Joni Talentino — Show tickets for two; Martin Storey, Shelly Vieau, Sheryl McKerchie and Anne Smith — One night stay for two; Crystal Bole and Becky Cassibo — Midjim gift certificate.



Photos by Rick Smith

Four of the winners of the 2010 United Way Sault Tribe workplace campaign contributors' drawing are shown (left) Ken Ermatinger of the Sault Tribe Gaming Commission, (middle) Jay Eggert of MIS, (right) Rusty Aikens of Inland Fish and Wildlife and Crystal Bole of the Environmental Department. Gratitude goes out to all of the contributors of the campaign.

Essay winners for 2010 elder scholarship announced

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Elders Advisory Committee announced two Elders Scholarship winners for 2010. Sault Tribe members Spencer Woodgate of Cheboygan, Mich., and Caroline Hall of Fort Gratiot, Mich., submitted the winning essays to take home \$500 scholarships. The contest for the one-time scholarships for first year college students required them to write 300-500 word essays describing "how you feel a college education will benefit you, your career objective and why this scholarship will help you achieve your goal."

The winning essays: **Spencer Woodgate, Cheboygan, Mich.**

Growing up in a small town can be a challenge for young people. It is difficult to obtain employment especially in the economy we have today. It is also very hard to realize there is a big world out there just waiting to be explored. When you live in a small town like Cheboygan, you aren't exposed to the type of experiences that kids have in larger towns. Granted, we don't always have all of the negatives a large town has like traffic, drugs and crime, but most small towns suffer from their share of bad stuff. The challenge for me is that I would like to attend college, obtain a bachelor's degree in sports management and go on to explore employment in the area of either sports marketing or sports psychology. In order to do this, I am attending Central Michigan University and have

already begun the 2010-2011 school year.

Obtaining any type of financial aid has been my goal for the past few months and it can really be tough. While I am a very good student and get mostly A and B grades (3.2 grade point average), I probably won't qualify for a lot of the local scholarships available here in Cheboygan. I have played football, baseball and hockey all through high school but not at the level that it will earn me any scholarships. If I were to be awarded a scholarship from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Elders Advisory Committee, this would make a huge difference in my financial situation. My mom is a single parent raising three kids and she works two jobs to keep the bills paid and food on the table. While I don't consider my situation to be unusual or much different from a lot of kids my age, I do know that I have specific goals for myself and the career I want to pursue.

Recently, at my high school, I competed in a Distributive Education Clubs of America competition in the area of sports marketing and I qualified to attend the national competition in Louisville, Ky., in April. Winning that competition only reinforced my belief that I would be good in this area. It has motivated me more to complete college and find myself a career in the sports management field. We really don't have any extra money for college, so what I earn with my summer job and any

grants or scholarships will help tremendously in achieving my goal of a college education. I see a college degree as my ticket to the "big world" that lies beyond my small town of Cheboygan.

I would be honored if you would consider me for your Sault tribe of Chippewa Indian Elders Scholarship.

Caroline Hall, Fort Gratiot, Mich.

Although it has always been my goal, as well as my parents' expectations, to obtain a college degree, the realities of the economic world today nearly mandate that one have a career path for which they have prepared through advanced training in order to secure employment. A college education will prepare me to obtain a job in a field, which will provide me with a fulfilling career and will eventually allow me to achieve my dream of one day owning my own business.

One of my college goals is to complete an internship abroad, hopefully in Australia, which I hope will lead to a job in public relations in the world of fashion and interior design. My older brother and sister and I have always had a dream of one day combining our skills and talents to open our own business which would be a combination of public relations, interior design, event planning, as well as philanthropic endeavors. My college degree, as well as the experiences I obtain during my college years will both be an integral part of achieving my dreams.

This scholarship would be a great help to me and my family in financing my college education. Although my parents both work very hard, my dad is an engineer and my mom is a teacher, we are definitely a middle class family. However, according to the guidelines outlined in the FAFSA form, my parents make too much money for me to obtain any need-based financial aid. I know that paying for my years at the University of Michigan will be a huge burden for them, as they are currently

paying off loans for the college educations of my older siblings. They both believe so strongly in the value of a college education that they have, and will continue to willingly help their children achieve this goal. I, too, have worked hard this past summer as a waitress and plan to work while at U of M. However, having just purchased my textbooks for the first semester, I know how invaluable this scholarship money would be.

Thank you so much for considering my application.

Smith voted ACFS Team Member of Year



Megan Smith, Direct Assistance case manager, was awarded Team Member of the Year for Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) by her peers for a second year in a row. Megan has been working for the tribe since 1998, much of that time with ACFS. Megan has a son, Alex, and lives in Sault Ste. Marie. ACFS would like to congratulate Megan and thank her for her dedicated service.



TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH —Congratulations to Adam Rutledge, Kewadin Sault Team Member of the Month. He began working at the casino as a gaming dealer in 2002 and now works in the accounting department. He lives in the Sault with his wife, Lisa, and three children Leah, Eric and Ella. Thanks for all you do, Adam.



THANKSGIVING CHEER —Members from Kewadin Casinos Accounting department raised money to put together a Thanksgiving basket for a local family. The department also sponsors families during the Christmas season.

A message from our chairman:

Dear Tribal Members,

It is important for Sault Tribe members — particularly those of voting age — to know the facts about the Romulus gaming and Indian Energy LLC projects. Both matters will be decided by tribal members via referenda. We have heard accurate and inaccurate information about the two projects being distributed to tribal members. I hope the below facts will be useful to you in making your decision. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your local unit representative or my office.

Miigwech,

Darwin "Joe" McCoy
Tribal Chairman



Concentrated solar power

Election Committee mails 2 referenda ballots

Both deal with board resolutions

On Jan. 7, the Sault Tribe Election Committee will mail out two referenda ballots in one first class envelope to each eligible Sault Tribe member. Completed ballots are due back Jan. 27. Both referenda deal with recent resolutions made by the Sault Tribe Board of

Directors. Carefully read over your ballot and instructions, complete your ballot and send it back. Those with any questions should contact their board representative.

INDIAN ENERGY LLC

One of the referenda would repeal resolution 2010-226 *Equity Purchase of Energy Development Company Indian Energy LLC*, approved Oct. 26.

ROMULUS CASINO

The other referendum would repeal resolution 2010-249, *Pursuit of Settlement of a Land Claim with Respect to Property in the Romulus, Michigan Metropolitan Area*, approved Nov. 9.

TRIBAL REFERENDA

The right of referendum is provided for in the tribe's Constitution and is implemented by Chapter 12 of the Tribal

Code. According to the code, an ordinance or resolution enacted by the board of directors can be submitted to a popular referendum by a petition signed by 100 eligible voters of the tribe.

The referendum ballot is a standard format. The tribe's resolution or ordinance as a whole is either approved or disapproved by the tribe's eligible voters. The referendum ballot asks a simple question:

Do you approve or dis-

approve of [name of ordinance or number of resolution]? APPROVE DISAPPROVE

According to the Tribal Code, at least 30 percent of the eligible voters must cast a ballot to make the results binding. If less than 30 percent of ballots are cast, the election is null and void.

The resolutions and Tribal Code are available online at www.saulttribe.net.

Romulus Project

At no financial cost to the Sault Tribe, the board of directors is working with a group of developers to seek the necessary approvals to place a casino in the Downriver Detroit suburb of Romulus. The "Romulus Project" would open a Sault Tribe casino in Romulus, Mich., outside of Detroit, at no cost to the tribe. Outside developers would pay all up front costs and in return receive 14 percent of gross revenues the first seven years of operation, after which the casino would belong solely to the tribe.

Although tribal leadership considers the chance of success to be slim, the project should be pursued since there is no risk to the tribe.

The project hinges on Congressional approval. It would settle the tribe's Charlotte Beach land claims settlement, which dates back to the mid-1800s, by exchanging trust land in Romulus for the tribe's claim to land

in Charlotte Beach.

The developers are responsible for getting Congressional approval within 18 months. Only if all approvals are granted, the tribe and the developers will jointly determine how best to finance and build the casino. The developers are responsible for securing the financing.

If the casino successfully opens, the first \$5 million in profit goes to the tribe before the developers receive any funds. The tribe would split any profit generated by the financing and construction of the casino 50-50 with the developers.

Under the resolution passed by the board of directors, if the casino opens, the tribe controls the management and operations of the property. The developers receive 14 percent of gross revenue over seven years for their roles in the project. After the seven years, the developers are no longer part of the project.

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INDIAN ENERGY LLC

Sault Tribe signed a memorandum of understanding to purchase a 15 percent equity stake in Indian Energy LLC. Indian Energy is a 100 percent American Indian-owned renewable energy development company based in Newport Beach, Calif. Founder and CEO Allen G. Cadreau, is a Sault Tribe member and one of only a few Natives who understands the full breath of utility scale power plant development.

“I have always had the vision of partnering with my own tribe for the purposes of diversifying our revenue streams,” Cadreau said. “We have an incredibly talented tribal membership and it is time we begin utilizing them in our quest to sustain our people’s traditional way of life, assist with tribal elder programs and to ensure the future of our seventh

generation.”

The company has a joint venture agreement with Quadrant LLC to develop the Cucupah Nation’s renewable energy resources on behalf of the nation. The company has submitted proposals to other North American tribes interested in entering the renewable energy sector and is seeking to provide renewable energy for the United States military. The Cucupah

Nation has a land base of over 340,000 acres and has some of the world’s richest solar, wind and geothermal resources on the North American continent and is committed to using these resources to better their way of life.

Indian Energy will use the proceeds from the equity sale to continue development efforts on behalf of the Cucupah Nation and to pursue the company’s current pipeline of renewable energy projects.

“Tribal nations have some of the most valuable lands as it relates to renewable energy and the stars are aligned for us as a people,” said Indian Energy CIO Henry Bouley, also a Sault Tribe member. “We are committed to assisting tribal nations develop, own, operate and prosper from their own renewable and sustainable resources.”



IE FACTS —

- Sault Tribe seeks investment opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency.
- Various Indian tribes are exploring investments in, and development of, renewable energy projects.
- The National Wildlife Foundation estimates tribal lands cover about 5 percent of the United States and hold about 10 percent of the country’s renewable energy resources.
- Indian Energy LLC provides renewable energy power plants on Indian tribal lands in North America. The company is committed to identifying and developing opportunities for insuring tribal sovereignty; self sufficiency and future long term revenue streams that provide a means to maintain the traditional tribal way of life.
- Sault Tribe has signed an agreement to purchase a 15 percent equity interest in Indian Energy LLC, a 100-percent Native American-owned renewable energy development company based in Newport Beach, Calif.
- Sault Tribe first retained a highly respected independent legal firm to examine the company.
- Indian Energy has renewable solar energy projects in different phases of development that could potentially supply up to 1.3 GW (gigawatts) of electricity. A large coal fired power plant or nuclear power plant produces about 1 gigawatt of energy. One gigawatt is equal to 1 billion watts, or enough to power 1 million 100-watt light bulbs.
- For more information, including details of specific Indian Energy LLC projects and services, visit the company’s website, at www.indianenergyllc.com.

Now is the time to invest in renewable energy

What is renewable energy?

Renewable energy comes from natural elements that are naturally regenerative or can be considered inexhaustible, such as the sun, the wind and moving water, to name a few sources. Non-renewable fuels such as coal and oil get are finite resources. Someday they will be used up.

NON-RENEWABLE

The byproduct of fuels such as coal and oil is pollution. First of all, the waste products of burning fossil fuels for energy are heat and carbon dioxide. Waste heat is dumped into our air or waterways. There are also toxic substances released that harm people and wildlife, such

as methyl mercury and poison gases like carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide. And when accidents occur at some point in production, a lot of pollution can be dumped in one place all at once, causing disaster.

Another byproduct of fuels like coal and oil is climate change. Through the nature of non-renewable fuels and the amount being used, the earth’s climate is warming up, causing severe weather, storms, heat waves and drought.

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By it’s very nature, renewable energy is environmentally clean with minimal effect on the climate. Some examples of

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Why invest in renewable energy?

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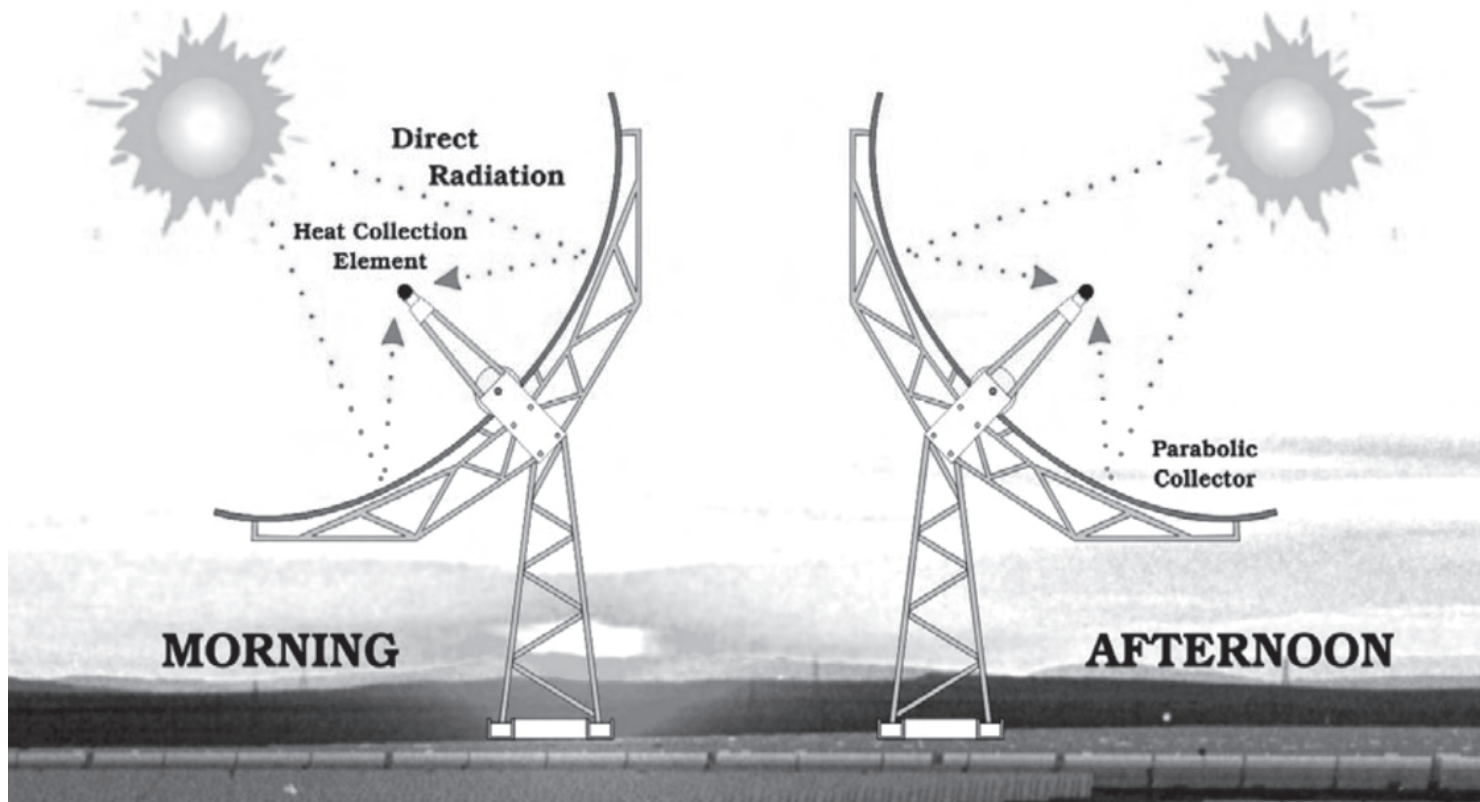
es, and many concerns, both private and public, are working toward “green” utilities. Legislation such as tax credits and funding are emerging to invest in the future of energy. Those who join in will generate commerce and jobs.

The world’s power demands are expected to rise 60 percent by 2030 (International Energy Agency’s *World Outlook 2004*). One of the leading technologies is concentrated solar power, or “CSP.” (*Global Concentrated Solar Power: Markets and Strategies, 2007–2020*).

According to a report issued last March, *The New Energy Future in Indian Country: Confronting Climate Change,*

Creating Jobs, and Conserving Nature, tribes are poised to make the most of renewable energy to generate energy along with environmental and economic well being for the seventh generation.

“American Indian energy resources hold enormous potential to create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs, generate substantial revenue for the tribal owners, and aid in the development of tribal economies,” Marcus Levings, chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota, testified at an Oct. 22 hearing of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.



Indian Energy CEO Allen Cadreau



Special Diabetes Program reauthorized

After Congress reauthorized the Special Diabetes Program as part of the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010, President Obama signed the bill into law Dec. 16. This measure ensures the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) and the Special Diabetes Programs for Type 1 Diabetes (SDP-Type1) will continue through September of 2013.

The SDP was set to expire at the end of 2011, but early reauthorization was critical to the continuation of the existing initiatives.

“SDPI-supported sites, which includes our tribe, now

have the certainty of multi-year funding to continue their programs and to retain staff, and individuals and communities will continue to benefit from the services provided and from the knowledge gained regarding diabetes prevention,” said Cathy Abramson, Sault Tribe Unit I director and Bemidji area representative for the National Indian Health Board and the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee.

Abramson thanked her fellow board members, tribal elders and tribal staff in their efforts to let legislators know the importance of the SDPI

program. “We will be able to continue to save the lives of our Anishinabe people,” she added.

The measure provides \$150 million in funding per year to each program. Nearly 24 million Americans are living with diabetes and another 57 million have prediabetes. Recently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a report stating that if current trends continue, one in three Americans will have diabetes by the year 2050. Diabetes is among the leading causes of death by disease in the United States. It is a leading cause of heart disease, stroke, blindness,

kidney disease and amputation.

SDPI provides prevention, education and treatment programs in Native American communities. American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest age-adjusted prevalence of diabetes among all U.S. racial and ethnic groups, where diabetes is four to eight times more common than in the general population. Studies have demonstrated that SDPI’s prevention and treatment efforts have contributed to significant reductions in diabetes complications in these targeted populations.

“We applaud the extension

of the Special Diabetes Programs,” said Gale Marshall, chair, American Diabetes Association’s Awakening the Spirit Native American Initiative. “The Special Diabetes Program for Indians provides for more than 450 community-directed programs, allowing local tribes and health programs to set priorities that meet their needs, including prevention activities or treatment. Because of these education and treatment programs, the American Indian and Alaskan Native communities have stories of hope and progress in facing the battle against diabetes.”

St. Ignace adopts Complete Streets resolution

By Rick Smith

The Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health recently recruited the City of St. Ignace as the second town in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula to adopt an official Complete Streets resolution to enhance walking and bicycling traffic facilities for all residents. St. Ignace joins Sault Ste. Marie in committing to a policy of planning, building and improving sidewalks and bicycle lanes in the course of conducting street repair or construction projects.

The alliance has two main goals in spreading the Complete Streets initiative to towns in

the Sault Tribe’s service area — make walking for residents a convenient, practical and attractive routine exercise option and make mobility easier for people who must use walking aids such as wheelchairs, walkers and strollers.

“The City of St. Ignace has been great to work with on development and adoption of the Complete Streets resolution,” said Donna Norkoli, project coordinator and one of the tribe’s community health educators. “The Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project staff and Mackinac County Wellness Coalition members are excited

about the development of the non-motorized transportation plan and are looking forward to working with the city on this plan. Improving the city for walking and biking will mean increased physical activity opportunities and health benefits for community members and visitors to St. Ignace.”

Norkoli also noted the alliance is giving \$5,000 to the cooperating communities to apply toward pedestrian walkways, bicycle lanes and related fixtures. She also said Deb Evashevski of the city’s Downtown Development Authority and Janette O’Rourke

of the Strategic Alliance for Health in St. Ignace were key figures in bringing the initiative to the city.

Work is currently in progress for a Complete Streets resolution to be adopted by the City of Munising.

The alliance is pushing the adoption and implementation of the Complete Streets initiative as a regional component of a nationwide effort of the National Complete Streets Coalition. The coalition is made up of 50 organizations, institutions, governmental units and individuals along with 30 supporting entities.

Communities around the country have built many miles of streets and roads that are unsafe for people who don’t use cars, according to the coalition, and there is a need to accommodate all people in getting to work, running errands, shopping and other trips without a motorized vehicle.

The coalition and the alliance are changing old habits in road construction and repair projects by convincing city officials and others of the widespread need and many benefits of building thoroughfare networks that are safe and convenient for everyone.



Photos by Brenda Austin

Above, Diane Moore, Beth Lewis, Terri Stevenson, Rita Lewis, Krista Potoczak and Wanda Clerc (L-R) stop to pose for a photo. Below, Wanda Clerc wrestles with the hams and bacon.



IN THE REALM OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT — Volunteers at the health center in Sault Ste. Marie spent the morning of Dec. 20 sorting and boxing food for 32 family Christmas baskets. Each basket was stuffed with \$120 in groceries. The employees saved Dress Down Friday funds throughout the year and spent it on this project. The funding came to about \$4,000 this year with Glen’s Market kicking in extra food and a discount. When Lisa Perry, who was in charge of the acquisitions this year, brought the food from Glen’s Market to the clinic, volunteers appeared to help unload, sort and arrange them in an organized fashion onto tables in the auditorium. After developing their a system of their own, staff from the center volunteered to come and go as they could until all the food was prepared to go the families.

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ties of HHS programs.

According to the committee charter, other core functions of the committee include identifying barriers to access, coverage and delivery of HHS programs to American Indians, make proposals and recommendations to address solutions, serve as a forum for tribes and HHS to air such issues, identify priorities and appropriate strategies, ensure issues are brought to the attention of tribes in a timely manner to obtain feedback and to coordinate with regional offices on tribal consultation initiatives.

The charter indicates a new level of attention to the government-to-government relationship between HHS and American Indian tribes is marked by the formation of the committee. According to Stacy A. Bohlen, National Indian Health Board Executive Director and a Sault Tribe member, the committee is a “new and exciting opportunity” for tribal engagement with the Administration on the highest levels to advance American Indian and Alaska Native health. The Washington, D.C.-based NIHB works on Native health issues at the national level.

“That the Obama Administration and Secretary Sebelius have established this committee is a strong indicator of their sensitivity to Indian health and their commitment to its improvement,” Bohlen added. “Ms. Abramson’s appointment to this Committee

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— Stacey Bohlen,
NIHB executive director

provides an unprecedented opportunity for the Bemidji Area Tribes to be well-represented in effort.”

Periods of service on the committee is two calendar years, but a lottery will be used to assign one-year terms to half of the inaugural representatives and two-year terms to the remaining half. Representatives may serve successive and consecutive terms if nominated again when their terms expire.

The committee will conduct business via conference calls as needed and will be expected to convene up to three face-to-face meetings each fiscal year, depending on the availability of funding. The first meeting for the committee was on Dec. 13-14, 2010.

Appropriate representatives from nearly a dozen HHS components are anticipated to be actively involved with the committee through attending meetings and providing assistance to the committee in carrying out its duties.

From "2 percent," pg. 1 additional \$5,000 to meet their goal. That is when the tribe stepped in and approved the \$24,389 donation.

"That grant money helped us pay for our computer cataloging system, additional library supplies, books and furniture," Greenfield said.

The library offers a few laptops for the community's use lent by Bayliss Library, with plans to purchase three or four new computers from stimulus monies it is expecting to receive.

In January, the library will begin participating in the inter-library loan program, offering a wider range of reading and research materials to the community.

Greenfield said that during economic downturns library usage goes up. "I realized our community did not have a library to turn to. When you live in a rural area and have to drive over 15 minutes to get to the nearest library – especially when gas prices are up – it can be challenging. If parents have access to knowledge and books and read with their children, that is adding another layer of education for the kids and new opportunities for families in the area."

The former owner of Balloons N' More in Sault Ste. Marie, Greenfield is chairperson of the library board. Also on the board is vice chairperson Jackie Savoie, secretary Sheila Bergdoll, treasurer Cindy Smith and board member Robert Hunter.

Once Miller gave the group the



Pickford Community Library held a grand opening last year. Its people are working hard to keep their new library open and Sault Tribe's 2 percent donation will help.

go-ahead for the project, it took five months of labor-intensive work before the library opened. Volunteers came together and local business and individuals donated items needed to fix up the building. Volunteers did interior demolition, painted, cleaned and polished the hard wood floor. A local building supply center donated a door and a local carpenter built it in. Ledy's Cabinetry custom-built a charge desk for free and installed counters for a sink and computer stations. A local electrician also donated his time and added some much needed outlets. Lighthouse.net donated the equipment they needed to have Internet connectivity and also discounted their Internet service.

Miller said the group has done an amazing job. "One of the indicators of what a good job they are doing is that the tribe has given this project \$10,000 and now \$24,000. You don't increase funding like that without taking a really good look at it and saying there is value there."

Paquin sentenced for fraud

MARQUETTE, Mich. – Frederick James Paquin, 53, of St. Ignace, Mich., former chief of police for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, was sentenced to 12 months and one day imprisonment to be followed by two years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$231,785.03 in restitution to the federal government, U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced on Dec. 15.



Fred Paquin

On July 23, 2010, Paquin pled guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States by dishonest means.

The sentence handed down stems from Paquin's misuse of federal grant funds awarded to the Sault Tribe Police Department between 2002 and 2008. The grants were awarded under the U.S. Department of Justice's Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP) administered by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office). Grants awarded to the Sault Tribe Police Department under the TRGP were intended to help the Sault Tribe address their most serious unmet financial needs for law enforcement. Paquin unlawfully violated the terms of the federal grants in various ways.

One way of violating the terms of the grants and thwarting their intended purpose was by obtaining false and fictitious purchase invoices to divert grant funds to accounts held by various vendors with which the tribal police department did business. In short, Paquin created records of purchases that didn't actually take place. In turn, the tribe's Purchasing Department reviewed the paper records of the supposed purchases

and then unwittingly paid the vendors for items that were not actually purchased by the police department, creating a credit in the department's account to the vendors. Once the grant funds were diverted as credits into these vendor accounts, they were no longer subject to oversight by the Purchasing Department or the COPS Office.

Paquin also cheated the TRGP program in other ways. For example, he purchased items with grant funds that on their face appeared to be for the use of Sault Tribe Police Department but were in fact given away to other organizations in direct violation of the grant terms. Examples include Motorola radios given to tribal casinos, Glock handguns given to the Manistique Police Department, defibrillators provided to tribal casinos and a health club, uniforms given to tribal casino security officers, and various other items such as flashlights and cameras that were given to other police departments.

In addition to the grant fraud, Paquin also defrauded Sault Tribe directly by maintaining his daughter as a full time employee of the tribe's police department for almost a year despite the fact that she had left her employment with the tribe to become a full-time student teacher. The ghost employee fraud cost the tribe approximately \$43,000 in unearned wages paid to Paquin's daughter.

In open court Paquin admitted to the full range of his criminal conduct including diverting \$242,000 in federal grant funds and having his daughter receive a full-time salary when she was not performing work for the tribe. Paquin went on to apologize to the tribe, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the court and his family for his criminal conduct.

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President holds direct talks with Indian leaders

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Obama met directly with 12 tribal leaders at the White House on the afternoon of Dec. 15. The meeting with the tribal leaders from 12 regions of the United States, came the day before the president hosted leaders from the 565 federally-recognized tribes during the White House Tribal Nations Summit, the second in as many years.

The National Congress of American Indians is hailing the meeting as a substantial step in establishing a nation-to-nation relationship for the 21st Century. "These meetings are summit level meetings between leaders of tribal nations and the president of the United States.



They are both symbolic and substantive," said Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians, the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country.

"Last year's summit was historic in size and ambition. We anticipate the results of the meetings with the president today and tomorrow will change

the future of Indian Country for generations to come."

The meeting comes on the eve of the second White House Tribal Nations Summit, in which the leaders of all 565 federally-recognized tribes were invited to meet with President Obama and members of his administration throughout the day. Tribal leaders and President Obama enter these meetings following one of the most significant years of bipartisan accomplishments for Indian Country.

Since the first Tribal Nations Summit, held by the Obama administration in November of 2009, the United States government has taken historic steps including making per-

manent the Indian Health Care Improvement Act; signing into law the Tribal Law and Order Act; reaching agreement on USDA's settlement of the long standing Keepseagle case; and, signing into law the Cobell Settlement, closing the chapter on over a century of government mismanagement of Indian assets.

Names of the leaders who met with the president:

- Earl J. Barbry, Sr., chairman, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
- Cedric Black Eagle, chairman, Crow Nation
- Brian Cladoosby, chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Karen Diver, chairwoman,

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

- Brenda Edwards, chairperson, Caddo Nation
- Tex G. Hall, chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation: Three Affiliated Tribes
- Gary Hayes, chairman, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- John Red Eagle, principal chief, Osage Nation
- Joe Shirley, Jr., president, Navajo Nation
- Robert H. Smith, chairman, Pala Band of Mission Indians
- Edward K. Thomas, president, Tlingit Haida Central Council
- Mervin Wright, Jr., chairman, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of Nevada



Navajo Code Talkers with Mary Beth Skupien, Director of VA Rural Health and Robert Jesse, principal deputy under secretary for health (L-R) at the summit.



Chairman Joe McCoy and Skupien, a Sault Tribe member, at the summit.

Overview of tribal leaders' meeting with president

On the eve of the second White House Tribal Nations Conference, President Obama hosted a historic meeting at the White House on Dec. 15, 2010, with 12 tribal leaders representing the geographic diversity of Indian Country.

The meeting commenced at 4:30 p.m. and lasted for an hour. The President joined the meeting at 5:10 p.m. and stayed until its conclusion at 5:30 p.m.

This draft summary is based on notes and verbal accounts provided to staff of the National Congress of American Indians by tribal leaders who attended the meeting. It captures the key themes discussed at the meeting.

A commitment to the ongoing relationship

—President Obama noted that his administration has "respected the government-to-government relationship" and has been responsive to tribal concerns.

—Chairman Cladoosby of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community thanked the President for keeping his campaign promise to meet with tribal leaders. He noted that it was time to modernize the trust relationship to reflect tribal capacity to self-govern.

—While the President conceded there was still more work to do, many administration officials emphasized the opportunity presented by the next two years of the administration (and hopes for the second term).

The President's commitment to nation-to-nation engagement was evident in the senior staff that joined the 12 tribal leaders. The president hosted the meeting and was joined by three cabinet secretaries (Health and Human Services, Interior, and Justice), five senior White House staff (including senior advisor, Valerie Jarrett) and three senior staff from the agencies.

Indian Country is diverse

—Chairman Black Eagle of the Crow Tribe noted that the regional format of the meeting was a key acknowledgement of the different challenges and opportunities facing tribes throughout the nation.

—President Thomas of Tlingit Haida Central Council noted the uniqueness of Alaska Native communities with only three tribes that own trust land.

Tribal leader priorities

—The tribal leaders presented a range of key priorities including:

1. Create a cabinet level position and elevate key officials who work in Indian Country (for example in the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Education).
2. Issue an executive order reaffirming the nation-to-nation relationship. Key features included:

- a) Recognize the trust obligation and tribes should not be treated as programs;
- b) Amend the tribal consultation executive order

to institutionalize the process of consultation, require accountability and measurable progress from the departments and create a process for dispute resolution;

c) Ensure regular meetings are held between tribal leaders and the executive branch;

d) Create an Office of Management and Budget office of treaty and trust responsibility.

3. Sign the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

4. Create a Presidential Tribal Nations Council

Carcieri

—The urgent need for a legislative fix to the Carcieri decision was noted by tribal leaders and administration officials alike.

—Chairman Barbry of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe noted, "We need resolution now."

Office of Management and Budget

—Chairwoman Diver of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa echoed the concerns of other leaders in the meeting and noted that improving the relationship with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) was the number 1 concern. Even in tough budget times, tribes must be held harmless.

—The president affirmed that the new OMB director is "sympathetic to these issues," but the country certainly does face tough budget times.

—Chairman Hayes of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe noted

that OMB does not recognize that tribes provide essential government services.

—Chairman Hall of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arkiara Nation noted past discrimination at OMB that underscores the tribal leaders' priority that the president create an OMB office of treaty and trust responsibility. —Administration officials affirmed the desire for more regular engagement with OMB and recommended the approach of state and local governments, who sit regularly with the OMB director and institutionalize the relationship.

Public safety

—Chairwoman Diver raised the challenges presented by Public Law 280* states (excludes Michigan).

—Attorney General Holder agreed that in some PL 280 jurisdictions, relationships are harmonious and others are not.

—Chairman Hall noted particular examples where Oliphant tied the hands of tribal leaders to protect their communities from serious crimes.

—Secretary Salazar underscored the energetic efforts of Attorney General Holder and Associate Attorney General Perrelli to partner with tribes to deal with public safety challenges in Indian Country.

Indian Health Care Improvement Act

—Tribal leaders emphasized the need for increased funding of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

—Secretary Sebelius noted

the largest ever increase in Indian Health Service funding. The president acknowledged the need for increased funding and the importance of prevention programs that are implemented in partnership with tribes using culturally sensitive strategies.

Sacred sites

—President Shirley of the Navajo Nation noted the importance of administration support to protect sacred sites.

—Chairman Wright of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe urged stronger enforcement and emphasized that tribes need "a door to the White House" to address these concerns.

—Secretary Salazar noted the administration's aggressive response to looters and others that desecrate sacred sites.

(* Editor's note: Public Law 83-280 (280th Public Law enacted by the 83rd Congress in 1953), was a substantial transfer of jurisdiction from the federal government to the states in Indian country. This transfer of jurisdiction was required for the states specifically mentioned in the Act and also permitted other states an option to acquire jurisdiction. Indian Nations had no choice in the matter. Indian Nations affected by Public Law 280 had to deal with greatly increased state authority and state control over a broad range of reservation activities without any tribal consent. Mandatory states were California, Nebraska, Oregon, Wisconsin and Alaska, with Wisconsin, Nebraska and Oregon retroceding at a later time. A number of states are "optional" states.)

Learn, find voice and get heard on the issues

By RICK SMITH

It's been said that ignorance is bliss. That sentiment may hold true in some cases, but there are certainly many exceptions, some with potentially grave consequences.

Recent events in Cancun, Mexico, surrounding a United Nations climate change conference that took place from Nov. 29 to Dec. 10 have caught the attention of many folks who care deeply about human rights and the world's natural environment.

The conference agenda included many globally important items to the health of every living thing on the planet. The conference addressed subjects such as the Kyoto Protocol, a 1997 international agreement among developed countries to take responsibility for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Over time, 193 parties adopted the agreement. The protocol was signed by the United States in 1998 under the Clinton administration but later rejected under the Bush administration in 2001. It may expire without renewal in 2012 as it is considered ineffective without the

full cooperation of two of the world's largest contributors to global pollution — the U.S. and China. Time remains, however, for the U.S. and a few other holdouts to ratify the treaty.

While this was a conference among members of the United Nations, the same international body that adopted the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples back in 2007, indigenous and other groups concerned about the environment were barred from presenting their views at the conference.

Sault Tribe member Manton Karr is one of the many who find it all disturbing. "Nothing is more important than human rights and the environment to me," he said. He pointed out that failure to keep a prudent stewardship of the planet will come back to haunt us and "it ain't gonna be us to pay the price, it's going to be our grandchildren and so on down the line."

Then there's that whole bit about blocking out the groups interested in protecting the environment. Among them, Tom Goldtooth, the Navajo and



Manton Karr

Dakota executive director of the Indigenous Environmental Network based in Bemidji, Minn.

Karr is also concerned about the lack of awareness and interest in such matters among his Anishinaabe brethren. To be fair, accounts on the outcome of the conference vary depending on the source. It was barely mentioned among U.S. mainstream media, the conference website

gushes it was a major success, foreign media outlets expressed mostly disappointment and some reported modest or lopsided advances.

While Karr likes to keep abreast of matters important to him, he believes others who adhere to the Anishinaabe principles of protecting Mother Earth and respecting all life should keep well informed as well.

"We are protectors of Mother Earth," he said. "We have to get out there, we have to start educating our kids about what's going on out there. Knowledge is power. There are some issues we can't ignore and just because they're not happening here, doesn't mean they're not happening."

He advocates expanding one's sources for news and information beyond mainstream corporate owned and supported media, which seem to have priorities set on producing sensational drama and revenue. Karr recommends expanding into independent news sources found on the Internet and satellite television.

A couple of sources he cited that he likes to include for gath-

ering information are www.democracynow.org, which is also on satellite television, and www.ienearth.org. He also gets information and inspiration from campaign and organization websites such as www.350.org and www.greenpeace.org. "Read, watch and learn — not for yourself, but for our coming generations. Demand more from media and corporations," Karr advised.

Karr further suggests a start similar to the first step of another cause that eventually led to the formation and recognition of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians: a dialogue among ourselves.

"We need to start a conversation about environmental issues," he said. "It has to start somewhere, it has to start with people becoming aware of what's happening. This is a situation everybody on this planet needs to address because we are all part of this planet."

Karr said he would be happy to help anyone who wants to learn more and can be reached via Facebook or email at tiva76@hotmail.com.

Obama pledges U.S. support of U.N. Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

By RICK SMITH

President Barack Obama pledged United States support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in his opening remarks at the second White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 16. The U.S. is the last country of four to reverse original opposition to the measure.

The declaration is a non-binding document adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 2007. The purpose of the declaration is to set standards regarding governmental relationships with indigenous peoples the world over with the aim of eliminating human rights abuses against them. According to the U.S. Department of State, support for the declaration represents an important and meaningful change in the U.S. position and came from a comprehensive review that included extensive consultation with tribes. The department noted that while the declaration is not legally binding, it carries considerable moral and political force and comple-

ments the president's ongoing efforts to address historical inequities faced by indigenous communities in the United States.

"We echo the sentiment that this is one of the most significant developments in international human rights law in decades. The United States and the Obama administration have done the right thing by joining the rest of the world in affirming the inherent rights of Indigenous people," said Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians, in a media release. "International human rights law now recognizes the collective and individual human rights of Indigenous peoples, including treaty rights, land rights, and the right of self-determination."

Over 22 years were spent in drafting the declaration when it was initially completed in 1993. The provisions of the document were examined closely by a working group of the U.N. Human Rights Council over a long period of time before it was referred to the General Assembly in 2006. In September 2007,

143 countries voted in favor of adopting the proposal, 11 abstained from the vote and 34 countries were absent. Only four countries voted against the measure — Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States.

Australia endorsed the declaration in 2009 and New Zealand did likewise in the spring of 2010. The government of Canada signed the declaration on Nov. 12, leaving the United States as the sole country still on record as officially opposed to adoption of the document.

The declaration holds 46 articles that outline the rights of indigenous peoples around the globe in areas that echo provisions in the founding documents of the United States. Measures call for provisions such as freedom, peace, security, right to financial and internal self-government, liberty to revive traditional languages and cultures and addresses many other issues.

"As you know, in April, we announced that we were reviewing our position on the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. And today

I can announce that the United States is lending its support to this declaration," said Obama to the applause of American Indian leaders from across the country and Washington dignitaries. "The aspirations it affirms — including the respect for the institutions and rich cultures of Native peoples — are one we must always seek to fulfill."

The president said details about the U.S. support are forthcoming and added, "But I want to be clear: What matters far more than words — what matters far more than any resolution or declaration — are actions to match those words. And that's what this conference is about . . . That's the standard I expect my administration to be held to."

The U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples can be viewed in its entirety at www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/

en/drip.

Prior to the convention, the National Congress of American Indians and the United South and Eastern Tribes passed resolutions calling for the U.S. endorsement of the Declaration of Indigenous Rights. In addition, the organizations recommend the creation of a national commission made up of American Indians, U.S. State Department, U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Justice to plan implementation of the declaration. They further urge the U.N. to create a category of delegates from indigenous nations with the right to voice testimony directly to U.N. agencies. In addition, they advocate for adjustment of laws of under the U.N. World Intellectual Property Organization to facilitate matters for indigenous people surrounding cultural resources.

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The committee chair conducts meetings, reports to the board and represents the tribe at discussions related to inland fishing, hunting, trapping and gathering with other governmental or tribal agencies or private parties.

Subsistence and commercial fishing under Sault Tribe regulation has been conducted since the Consent Order of 1985 was enacted. After it expired in 2000, a new agreement, the 2000 Consent Decree, was negotiated. These consent decrees acknowledged and reaffirmed the fishing tribes' right to fish under their own regulation per Article 13th of the 1836 Treaty. But these agreements did not acknowledge the tribes' reserved right to hunt, fish and gather throughout the ceded territory. The Inland Consent Decree does.

As Sault Tribe began regulating tribal inland hunting, fishing and gathering, the tribe's Conservation Committee responsibilities evolved to include oversight of inland activities in addition to Great Lakes treaty commercial and subsistence fishing. Then on Dec. 10, the board decided to form separate committees for each set of duties.

To apply for a seat on the Great Lakes Conservation Committee or the Inland Conservation Committee, send a Letter of Intent and three letters of recommendation from Sault Tribe members to Tara Benoit, 531 Ashmun St., and Sault Ste Marie MI 49783.

For more information, contact Tara Benoit at (906) 635-6050.

Claims Settlement Act signed



Photo by Bill McAllister
(From left) Tom Maulson, a Lac du Flambeau member from Wisconsin and one of the original plaintiffs in the Cobell case, lead plaintiff Elouise Cobell of Browning, Mont., and Navajo supporter Ervin Chavez of New Mexico at the White House ceremony where President Obama signed the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, settling the 15-year-old lawsuit over the Indian trust. The case involves about 500,000 American Indian individuals.

Sault Ste. Marie children's Christmas party

Photos by Brenda Austin

The Sault area Children's Christmas party was held Dec. 19 at the tribe's cultural building next to the powwow grounds. Children were invited to participate in craft making with Santa's elves, face painting and tattoos, have snacks and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Staffed by volunteers from the community and tribe, the event brought in hundreds of families and children from across the area.



Left, Elf Emily Clow helps Andrew, 4, and Julianne, 9 make bracelets as mom, Lisanne Lewis, watches.



One-year old Brooklyn Swiderson and grandmother Paula Thompson.



Brianna Hart, 12, with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Deilia Atkinson, right, helps Grace Teneyck (left front) make a name tag.



Stephanie and Chayse Liedel.



Kylie, 6, and Kaitlyn Goodman, 11.



Derek Caster and Shelby Fox, two of Santa's helpers, with 4-month old Aubryann LaPonsie.



Keaton McLeod, 9-months old, and grandma Linda Hammonds.



Tvin Smart, 3, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus



Alexis Clow gives one-year old Makayla McKelvie a tatoo while mom Natosha McKelvie provides encouragement.



Richard Willis with 2-month old William Willis.



Left, Sara, 8, and Mady Weber, 9.



The Krogh brothers, Tyler, 11, (left), Trenton, 4, (center) and 2-year old Thomas (right).



Natasha Bryers, Troy Pavlat, 11-months, Jordan Pavlat and Serenity Pavlat, 18-months.



Thomas, 2, and Tyler Krogh, 11.



Amanda Goetz holding 18-month old Janessa Goetz.



Shelby McCoy showing Mrs. Claus her name tag.



Gary Johnson, with son Gary Johnson, 3.



Carter Christopher Starnes, 2, with grandma Marnie Vendeville.



Kendall Bell, 14-weeks



Christina Suggitt with twins Ricky and Robert Suggitt, 17-months.



Collin Nolan, 1, visits with Mr. and Mrs. Claus



Left, Taylor Causley, Karlie Kubont and Anthony Causley.



Two-month old William Willis.

Field cameras net raptor shots

FROM THE INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

The Inland Fish and Wildlife Department will be conducting a bobcat study in the eastern Upper Peninsula in 2011, beginning in March. In recent years, the use of remote field cameras has not only changed the way people hunt, but are increasingly being used to collect information about wildlife. The St. Marys

River corridor harbors a wide variety of raptors. The photos shown here are a juvenile bald eagle (right), a mature bald eagle (center) and a red-tailed hawk (left). These cameras have been baited by deer carcasses from the membership's deer harvest. The tribe's IFWD can be contacted at (906) 635-6132.



~Birth~



Ariana Dawn Pope-McCoy was born on Sept. 22, 2010, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie Mich., to Macie Pope and Cody Mathieu McCoy. Ariana weighed 7 lbs. 2.1 oz. and measured 19.75 inches long. Grandparents are Catherine Dawn Reid, David Carl Pope, and Joe and Sharon McCoy. Great-grandparents are Joan Marie and Rick Alfred Hodges, Leona and the late Wally Mathieu, and Joyce and the late Art McCoy.

Walking On

FRANKLIN LALONDE

Frank was born to Marian and Joseph LaLonde on Dec. 26, 1946, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He attended St. Mary's School, Loretto Academy and graduated from Sault Area High School in 1966.

Frank worked hard starting out as a young boy working nights at his father's side before going off to school. He worked at The Soo Theater, Soo Hardware Store and a short stint as city dog catcher. Frank sailed the Great lakes for about two years. At 22, he married Marta Sutton of Sault Ste. Marie and they lived for nine years in Ohio where he learned the plastering trade. With their four children, they moved home in 1978 where they quickly added number five to the family.

He worked maintenance at the original Indian Health Center in Kinross for a short while and then starting his own painting and drywall business which he ran for about 10 years. In 1988, he and Marta brought Rosini's Restaurant — now called Frank's Place — and two years following, Frank and Jim's Restaurant and Tavern in Kinross.

Frank and Marta have eight grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren and so many nieces and nephews that he truly loved with all his heart.

Frank's many friends, customers and employees, past and present, know him as a caring and generous man and we all hope that he now realizes how many lives he touched in a good way and is a peace with his work here on earth.

Frank is survived by his wife of 42 years, Marta (Sutton) LaLonde; son, David (Kara) LaLonde; daughters, Dawn (Steve) Bumstead, Helen (Bill) Wilkins, Jodi (Shawn) Rohr, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Toni (Jason Hayward) LaLonde of Bay City, Mich. He is also survived by siblings Jo ann Nault, Roberta (Jeff) Verdone,

Tim (Mary Carne) LaLonde, all of Sault Ste. Marie, and Toni (John) Pecenak of Mentor, Ohio.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph (Duck) and Marian (Sage) LaLonde.

Services were held Dec. 11, 2010, at the Niigaanaagizhik Cultural Building with Brother John Hascall officiating.

The family asks that in place of flowers that donations be in Frank's name to either St. Issac Jogues Church or Autism Society of Michigan.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

MICHAEL LASLEY JR.

Michael "Mickey" G. Lasley Jr., 79, of St. Ignace, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010, at Hospice House in Cheboygan, following a short illness.

He was born April 17, 1931, in St. Ignace to Michael G. Sr. and Ida (nee McCrory) Lasley. He



was graduated from LaSalle High School in 1949. He entered the United States Army during the Korean War. He served two years, ending his career at the Artillery Center in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He married Nell Edwards Oct. 11, 1957, in Angola, Ind.

He owned Lasley Builders for many years and worked on the construction of the Mackinac Bridge after he came home from service. He lived in Pontiac from 1957 to 1972, where he worked for Bundy Construction. Moving back to St. Ignace, he and his wife owned the Nicolet Lounge for 10 years, while he also operated Lasley Construction.

He was a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, American Legion Post, Moose Lodge and was an elder with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He also was a commercial fisherman, working with his father and Jay Gillespie.

He loved the Kewadin Casino and set himself strict limits, he said, because he "only wanted to donate his share to the tribe."

He is survived by two sons and their families, Terry Edwards of Pontiac and Michael Lasley III of Panama City, Fla.; two daughters and their families, Mary Ann and George Heath of Iron River and Sue and John St. Louis of St. Ignace; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He also is survived by two brothers and their families, Larry and Sharron Lasley of St. Ignace and Jim and Diane Lasley of Harbor Springs; many nieces and nephews; and his companion and fiancée, Darlene Belleville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nell, who died March 27, 2000; a sister, Clara Oja, who died in 1983, and a daughter-in-law, Mary Beth Edwards.

A graveside service will be held in April at Gros Cap Cemetery, and he will be buried beside his wife.

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

"TONY" OSOGWIN JR.

Michael Joseph "Tony" Osogwin Jr., 69, of Hessel, Mich., died Dec. 19 at his home. He was born Dec. 23, 1940, in Manistique, Mich., the son of Michael Joseph and Catherine Christina (Blackbird) Osogwin.

Michael lived in Hessel for most of his life. He graduated from Cedarville

High School in 1958 and then attended Lake Superior State College studying civil engineering. He retired from Superior Environmental where he worked for many years as a field technician and environmental consultant dealing with environmental cleanup.

Michael was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians where he was a tribal elder and pipe carrier. He was deeply involved in Native American traditions. He attended powwows and was an avid supporter of the Native American Society for Historical Preservation. He authored the book *Ogehawahbee-Chippewa Warrior*.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel, an avid hunter and birdwatcher and enjoyed listening and supporting WCMU public radio.

Michael is survived by five children, Kristina Blackbird Osogwin of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Odin (Amy) Osogwin of Hessel, Sharla Michelle Osogwin of Riverside, Calif., Laurie Ann Osogwin of Indianapolis, Ind., and Michael John Osogwin III of California; eight grandchildren, Kaidyn Oriana Osogwin, Brett Daniel Guilmette, Daniel William Guilmette Jr., Gavin Michael Hanskett, David James (Cierra) Osogwin, Derrek Burkett, Raven Pabst, and Katrina Pabst; and one great-grandchild, Carly Jean Osogwin. Also surviving are aunts and uncles, Ramona Romer, Joe and Vicki Romer, and Art and Doris Romer; beloved cousin, Mary Jane (Bob) Brewer; and his former wife and her husband, Marianne and Griz Prusik.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Rita Osogwin.

Traditional Native American services took place at the Anaamianag Nopaming Tribal Center in Hessel on Dec. 21-23. Burial will be in the spring in the Italian Cemetery in Hessel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Native American Society for Historical Preservation Inc., c/o Paul Yarnell, 27671 S. Reynolds Road, Stalwart, MI 49736.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan served the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.reamergalerfuneralhome.com.

JEAN MARILY RIPPON

Jean (nee Mongeon) Rippon was born May 12, 1934, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Douglas and Genevieve Mongeon.

She was the youngest of seven siblings and is survived by her husband, Don Rippon, as well as four of her siblings Alvin Menard of Sugar Island, Mich., Glenn Menard of Sault Ste. Marie, Dolores Young of Hillsdale, Mich., and her identical twin sister, Joan Adams of San Diego, Calif. She is also survived by a substantial number of nephews, nieces and cousins.

Her sister, Cecile Lawrence and brothers Philip and Cliff Menard precede Jean in death.

Her daughter, Viki, and son-in-law, Lars, and their children, Blyss, Che, Lucian and Rafael reside in Los Angeles, Calif.

She will be remembered as a loving mother, sister, wife and grandmother. Jean, a devoted Catholic, pursued her artistic abilities and was a passionate artist. She entered many art shows and won recognition for some of her art pieces.

In 1952, Jean and her twin sister, Joan, graduated from Loretto Academy High School and in the fall attended what was then called Michigan College of Mining and Technology. Later, she continued studies at Wayne State University, Detroit, as well as community colleges and art institutes in San Diego for additional interests.

Jean worked as an executive assistant at the Salk Institute and the University of California, San Diego campus, where she met her husband, Don Rippon. She was well liked and as the young people declared over and over again — what they liked best about Jean was that she made them laugh.

Jean was very active at Our Mother of Confidence Catholic Church. She taught catechism to youngsters, served as Eucharistic Minister and visited the homebound on Sundays. Jean served as director of the church's Social Ministries Committee for over 15 years, whose members were actively involved in providing different community programs for the less fortunate within the church community.

Funeral services were held at Our Mother of Confidence Church, San Diego, on Oct. 26.

Jean was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

BETTY YOUNG

Elizabeth "Betty" Marie Young, 65, passed away peacefully at home with her family around her on July 14, 2010.

She was born Feb. 22, 1945 in Newberry, Mich., to Rufus Julius and Angeline Marian



(Sagatoo) Bonneau. Betty lived most of her life in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan until moving to Pocatello in 1994.

She married Scot Young on May 25, 2001. Betty worked as a CNA and loved her job and loved caring for other people. She worked at Bannock Regional Medical Center and was named employee of the year in 1999.

Betty was a member of Sacred Hearts Catholic Church in Munising, Mich. She loved crocheting, crafting and gardening. She enjoyed going to cowboy action shooting events with her husband and grandchildren. But her greatest joy was being a grandmother. Her grandchildren were her life.

She is survived by her husband, Scot Young, of Pocatello; her children, Roseanne Phillips, of Gwinn, Mich., Darrell (Linda) Matson, Newport, WA, Melissa (Kevin) Johnson, Sun Prairie, WI, Tammy (Kory) Ashby, Chubbuck, ID, John Perry, Pocatello, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren; a special niece, Patricia (Scott) Steinhoff. She is also survived by her siblings, Helen, Lorraine, Mike, Julius, Leroy and Rose.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Lena Mannisto, and brothers Robert Williams and Joseph Bonneau.

Memorial services were held July 19, 2010.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123; or, Creekside Hospice, 4425 Burley Dr, Chubbuck, ID 83202.

described in graphic detail this missionary's one-sail sailing to the craft and his flowing red, curly bark houses deep in the forest. Jim Wasaguestic's great worship of The Great Spirit."



Agnes Paquin with her younger sister (left) and her mother, Josette Paquawogenne Moses (seated). Agnes Paquin's grandparents

HISTORY

Pictured in this old newspaper clipping is Agnes Paquin nee Moses, and sister, with their mother, Josette Paquawogenne Moses, who is seated. The article appeared Thursday, April 28, 1977. Agnes was the mother of the late Anna Paquin, wife of Lawrence Grimes, who submitted the clipping.

Dreams do come true, member has new home

BY JOANNE UMBRASAS,
HOUSING SPECIALIST

Earlier in 2010, the Sault Tribe Housing Authority became responsible for the oversight of the tribe's Bureau of Indian Affairs Home Improvement Program (HIP) formerly overseen by ACFS. The HIP program provides funds for home renovations or, in some cases when needed renovations are too costly, a new home may be purchased. Six families are being served this year — four homes are being renovated and two families are receiving a new home. This story is about one of those families.

Connie Paquin, of Naubinway, was notified that she would be getting a new home in August 2010. She could not believe her good fortune, when told she jumped for joy repeating "Hot diggity dog, hot diggity dog."

Connie is a real inspiration

to everyone who she comes in contact with. Even with her many disabilities and limitations she always has a smile on her face, and words of encouragement for others. This summer her home became invaded with bees. Her answer was to use duct tape (it is the fix-all) to patch every little hole that they were entering through.

Then, when bats thought it would be a nice place to live, once again she found a way to keep them out. This time her answer was to stuff plastic groceries bags in all the places that may be allowing them to enter. While on a home visit she instructed the inspector, "Don't push on the ceiling in the bathroom, the squirrels have been getting in and storing pine cones and other items and that is why the ceiling is bowing. I am afraid it will cave in if you push on it."

On Dec. 8, 2010, I had the privilege of being at her prop-



Connie Paquin and her new home. The structure replaces her former dwelling which required extensive repairs.

erty when L&M Homes set her new house. The smiles, the tears, and total disbelief that a dream was becoming a reality were all present on that day.

When the first half of the home was being prepared for

outside. She walked over and embraced the corner of the home, looking over at me exclaimed, "It is really mine, I can't believe it." As she walked around the corner and got to look at the inside of her new home she became overwhelmed with emotion as she gazed at the kitchen. Earlier in the day she told about how the cardinal was her mother's favorite bird and she had not seen one this year, until earlier this morning and at that moment she knew her mother was present witnessing the Christmas miracle.

Connie is an avid hunter who uses the skills taught to her as child from her father. She is an excellent shot and has the mounted horns on the wall as proof. One could listen to her tell stories for hours about fishing with her mother, hunting with her father and all of her many fond childhood memories. She is a true survivor, she will and has done what ever it takes to get by all the while with a smile. Most recently, while heading out to her favorite hunting spot she knocked the driver side mirror off. She thought about it and decided once again to use the tried and true duct tape to put it back on, and she did. Her ingenuity knows no

Photos by Joanne Umbrasas



boundaries.

Continue to follow the "Christmas miracle" in coming issues. Connie did make one request that I extend a heartfelt thank you and merry Christmas to everyone who helped make her dream come true.

Tribal member named "Best Marketing Guru"

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

PHOENIX, Ariz.— On a mission to showcase the best in Arizona as chosen by readers of Arizona Foothills Magazine and AZFoothills.com — after 60 days of voting in close to 300 categories — winners in the 2011 "Best of our Valley" have been chosen. Among the 2,800 nominees and their fans is Sault Tribe member Kendra Schultz.

Schultz took first place in the people category for "Best Marketing Guru." A five-year veteran in public relations, marketing and event planning, Schultz is well known for her work with Rose + Moser + Allyn Public and Online Relations firm. A senior account manager, Schultz said



Tribal member Kendra Schultz is well known in her neck of the woods.

that after living in Arizona for 16 years she has her finger on the local market, businesses, trends and major players.

"Being able to utilize that in order to help my clients succeed and now being recognized for it by the community is a great feeling," she said.

A graduate of the University of Arizona, Schultz said she is thankful to the tribe's Education Department which helped pay for her education. She said her grandmother, Margaret Daily, encouraged her to become a registered tribal member. Schultz also has experience in the food and beverage industry, hospitality, healthcare and finance in addition to volunteering her time to help local non-profits with their public relations efforts. Although Schultz has never been to Sault Ste. Marie, she hopes to visit the area soon.

Tribal Court: The process of convening juries

SUBMITTED BY DANIELLE CHRISTIE, ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER AND JOCELYN FABRY, CHIEF JUDGE

Parties involved in certain Tribal Court cases have the right to a jury trial when requested, pursuant to Tribal Code and the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, 25 U.S.C. §§ 1301 et seq. In either a criminal or civil case, the role of the jury is to render an impartial verdict on questions of fact officially submitted to them by a court. The judge's duties in turn, are to interpret the appropriate law and instruct the jury accordingly.

Pursuant to Tribal Code §70.126(2), juries in Tribal Court consist of tribal members over the age of 18 who reside in Chippewa County and who have not been convicted of a felony. The Tribal Court jury pool is selected randomly each year. Tribal MIS randomly selects 300 names from a list obtained from the Enrollment

Department.

Once the court receives the list of names, the court will mail out a notice of selection for the jury pool along with an attached questionnaire. Candidates for the jury pool must return the questionnaires within the requested timeframe, or risk being called to court for a show cause hearing to explain to the court why they did not return their questionnaires and why they should not be held in contempt.

As the court schedules jury trials, 60 names will be randomly selected from the pool of eligible candidates. The selected individuals will receive a letter with the schedule of the jury trial and instructions to follow. On the day of the trial, the judge will randomly seat potential jurors from the pool, and the attorneys in the case will have the opportunity to ask questions of the potential jurors — a process known as "voir

dire." In criminal cases, "each party shall have the right to challenge an unlimited number of jurors for cause on the basis of lack of qualifications, partiality or otherwise acceptable reason. Whether or not cause exists shall be determined by the Judge in all instances. In addition, each party shall have the right to a maximum of three peremptory challenges for jurors, for which no reasons need be given and which the Judge shall not refuse to grant." §70.126(3).

After hearing the evidence presented at trial, the jury receives instructions from the judge. Then the jury privately convenes in a separate room, appoints a jury foreperson, and begins deliberations. After reaching a decision, the jury returns to the courtroom and the foreperson reads the verdict aloud. Tribal Code provides that those who serve as jurors at

trial will receive limited funds to help compensate for the time spent away from personal affairs and travel expenses to and from court. §70.126(6).

It may seem inconvenient to serve jury duty. However, it truly is a chance to actively participate in allowing other tribal citizens the basic freedoms to which they are entitled. If you are required to serve on a jury in court, you become, along with the lawyers and the judge, an officer of the court, a party of the judicial system with an important responsibility to your tribe and your fellow tribal members. Obviously, the court cannot conduct jury trials unless tribal members are willing to perform their civic duty. Jurors are essential to the administration of justice.

Currently, the Tribal Court has sent out the 2011 jury selection letters and questionnaires, yet there are



many individuals that have not returned them to the court. If you have recently received a jury questionnaire, please fill out both sides and return it to the Tribal Court. If you have any medical or mental conditions that may keep you from sitting as a juror please attach documentation. All requests to be excused from jury duty are reviewed and ruled upon by the judge. In addition, in order to ensure an efficient process for all, please keep your address up to date with the Enrollment Department.

If you have any questions about jury duty or the processes of jury pool selection, you are welcome to call the court at (906) 635-4963.

Head Start programs face potential funding cuts

WHAT FUNDING CUTS BY CONGRESS WOULD MEAN TO SAULT TRIBE HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Head Start and Early Head Start are the largest tribal early learning programs in Michigan. Administrators, teachers and parents are waiting to see what will happen after Dec. 18 when the extension on FY 2010 funding levels runs out. On Dec. 18, Congress will have to move forward on FY 2011 appropriations — many hope in favor of early learning programs.

There is still the chance that an omnibus bill will pass, meaning new appropriations levels for FY 2011 will set levels for Head Start/Early Head Start at \$8.2 billion; possibly including as much as \$300 million to create an Early Learning Challenge Fund. In this best possible scenario, Head Start/Early Head Start will avoid cuts and maintain current programs.

If the omnibus bill doesn't make it through, the next best scenario would be a longterm Continuing Resolution with an exception for Head Start/Early Head Start programming. This would mean funding levels would remain at their 2010 levels — effectively cutting \$1 billion to two major federal funding programs for early learning: Head Start and the Child Care and Development Block Grant. If this happens, 300,000 children and their families would be effected.

Those are the two more favorable options the National Head Start Association is urging Congress to consider.

The worst-case scenario would be if Congress cuts existing programs and limits new programs. If this occurs, Head Start and childcare could fall to 2008 levels or lower.

Ann Belleau, Head Start director with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.

(ITCM), said, "A cut in Head Start funding would likely result in a reduction of services to children and families. Our program has waiting lists that indicate a need to serve more children and families, not reduce services."

Sault Tribe began its Head Start program in 1990 under the ITCM as a grantee. Four years later the tribe received grant funding and separated from the ITCM to become an independent program. In 1997, Early Head Start was added.

Since the first 20 Sault Tribe Head Start children walked through the door 20 years ago, the program has grown to include nine classrooms, a home-based option, Early Head Start and in collaboration with the tribe's Child Care Center, offers Head Start and Early Head Start in all but one of their classrooms. Funded for 130 children, there are 131 enrolled, including two pregnant women. Early Head Start offers services to income-eligible children from pre-birth to three and Head Start serves children from 3 to 5 years of age.

Within the state of Michigan, there are 610 tribal children benefiting from early learning. Of the 10 tribal programs, eight are funded through the ITCM, with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Sault Tribe the only two independent tribal programs.

Anne Suggitt, Early Childhood Program manager, said research has shown that children exposed to a quality education program have more success at school. Suggitt said she has noticed a funding disparity between regular Head Start programs and American Indians, Alaskan Natives (AIAN) and Migrant and

Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) programs.

"Throughout the years I have seen a difference in funding of up to \$1,000 per child. Head Start funding comes out of a discretionary fund and Congress has authorized portions of those funds for AIAN or MSHS but there have been times when that money has been put back in the pot and given to an urban California non-tribal and non-seasonal program," Suggitt said. "It is my belief that the government-to-government relationship between tribes and the federal government needs to become very much stronger, strengthening Indian Head Start programs across the nation."

Suggitt said that with the House and Senate focusing on eliminating the nation's deficit, Head Start could be on the chopping block for \$2 billion. "If we are pushed back to 2008 funding levels we would be serving fewer children and offer less services. If we lose children, we will also have less employees. A lot of our families rely on transportation and that is something else that might have to be eliminated. That would kill our program," she said.

There has also been legislation proposed that would require at least 25 percent of all Head Start/Early Head Start programs to recompile for their funding every five years. Suggitt said, "25 percent of grantees nationwide would have to recompile for their programs whether they are a center of excellence and doing an outstanding job with their program, or they are below basic standards. So after 20 years and all the work we have done to make this a high quality program, someone else could win our

grant and it wouldn't have to be a tribal program."

The National Congress of American Indians has drafted an emergency resolution expressing their concerns about recently proposed Head Start regulations and calling on the Office of Head Start to address their concerns and support and encourage the use of government-to-government relationships. The proposed regulations are currently in a 90-day comment period.

Suggitt said the tribe has a great program designed around quality outcomes for children and their families incorporating traditional language skills, culture and traditions. With very low staff turnover and many parent success stories, tribal families have grown with the program.

Sharon Teeple, former ITCM executive director, was with the program since it was first funded by ICTM and was the program's first teacher. Retired Head Start manager Nina Litzner was with the program for about 15 years and its cook, Micky Messer, has been there for 20 years. St. Ignace teacher, Terri Allen, started with the program as a parent on the parent committee and the policy council. Allan recently completed her Bachelor's degree and is considering going on to obtain her Master's. Early Head Start teacher and past Head Start parent Dawn Bishop just completed her Bachelor's degree. Nicole Ince, Samantha Esson, and Susan Averill are Child Care Center teachers who have children enrolled in the programs.

Sherryl Hammock also began her work with the program as a parent on the parent committee. After doing an internship with Head Start she

was hired as a teacher then as the health coordinator. She was recently hired as the division director for the elder center.

Ruth Clow and Terry Tadgerson were also Head Start parents who served on the parent committee and were hired as teacher aides. Both Clow and Tadgerson recently completed their Child Development Credential (CDA) training. Lisa Brady, a past Early Head Start and Head Start parent, earned her CDA and works at the center. Lisa Peters, another past parent, will soon have her CDA. Other past parents who are employed with the program are Shondra Gervais, Tammy Pinkoski, Cathy Nash, Lauri Gaskin, Mandy Vert and Michelle Hetherington.

In addition to Head Start parents, a few former students have found their way back. Jessie Quigley and Lindsey Barras are both former students. Quigley now works for Head Start and Barras worked for the tribe's Child Care Center. Kelly Starnes, also a former student, worked for the Child Care Center for a while.

Suggitt said that in 20 years she has only seen two Head Start children whose names have been listed under the police and fire section of the local newspaper. Research has shown that children learn more if they are in an environment where they can form positive relationships with their teachers.

"It is a lot of work," Suggitt said. "You are busy from the time you get here until the time you get home. Most of the people who work for Head Start and Early Head Start are here because they want to be; they are not here for the paycheck or for fame or glory. They are here because of their commitment to the kids."

Guidon nets DIA nearly \$2 million for Indian arts

BY RICK SMITH

A tattered and blood-stained 1876 U.S. Army Seventh Cavalry guidon (pronounced guide-on) recovered shortly after the Battle of the Little Bighorn recently sold for \$2.2 million at an auction in Sotheby's in New York City, raising \$1.9 million for the Native American arts collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Guidons are small flags used to give visual representation of military units, such as battalions, companies or platoons, and serve as communication devices as well as symbols of pride to members of those units.

In June of 1876, Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer led about 700 soldiers to an overwhelming defeat against an estimated 1,800 Lakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne and Arapahoe warriors in what is now southeastern Montana. Custer was born in Ohio but spent much of his childhood in Michigan.

A Seventh Cavalry guidon was found two days after the

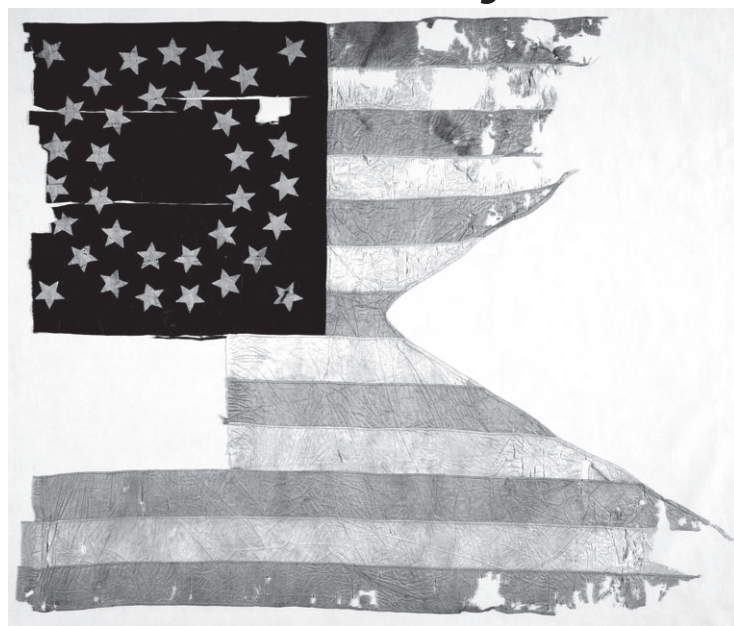


Photo courtesy of the Detroit Institute of Arts
The remnant of an 1876 U.S. Army Seventh Cavalry guidon recently sold at Sotheby's in New York City for nearly \$2 million in support of the Detroit Institute of Arts American Indian collection.

battle on the body of a soldier hidden from plain sight in tall grass. It is speculated the soldier wanted to keep the guidon from capture as a souvenir by the Indians.

Sotheby's described the item for bidders as a "silk guidon

with a field of thirteen red and white stripes and a canton of blue with 35 applied gold stars, with a swallow-tail design at free edge; some fraying, splits, and tears; some running of color; staining, including, evidently, blood stains; with losses

from both battle and souvenir-takers, including an 8.75 by 6-inch patch just below the canton at the hoist and one of the gold stars."

The guidon measurements are 27.5 inches at the hoist by 33 inches at the fly and is pressure mounted in a framed plexiglas display. The institute, founded in 1885, acquired the historic artifact in 1890, reportedly from the same individual who recovered it after the battle.

According to the institute, the Native American art collection is an important component of the Africa, Oceania and Indigenous Americas Department. The collection covers nearly 3,000 years of American Indian history, art and artifacts spanning all of the Americas.

David Penney, vice president of exhibitions and collections for the institute, said the museum houses about 6,000 square feet focusing on American Indians of the Great Lakes and Great Plains. "We want to build on our strengths, but we want

to build our holdings in lesser collections as well. We would like to improve our holdings of American Indian sculptures from the Pacific Northwest, for example," he said. "The funding from the sale allows us to be ready whenever something exceptional comes along that could be added to our collection."

The Detroit Institute of Arts is at 5200 Woodward Avenue in the city and its 658,000 square feet boasts over 100 galleries, an auditorium with a 1,150 seating capacity, a lecture and recital hall that can accommodate 380 patrons, a reference library and a high tech conservation laboratory. Since it was opened, the institute's museum evolved to become one of a handful of the top institutions of its kind in the nation.

The museum is noted for its diversity of collections and holds significant works from around the world.

More about the institute can be learned online by visiting the institute's website at www.dia.org.

JKL School gets \$148,000 Safe Routes grant

SUBMITTED BY SAULT TRIBE SAH

Students at JKL Bahweting School will soon have safer routes to walk and bike to and from school. Funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation will enable the school to offer programs to encourage students to walk and bike safely between home and school. The City of Sault Ste. Marie will be receiving funding to make infrastructure improvements, such as sidewalks and safer crosswalks, to make the walk and bike commute safer.

Safe Routes to School makes it safe, convenient and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need for good health. Safe Routes to School initiatives also help ease traffic jams and air pollution, unite neighborhoods and contribute to students' readiness to learn in school.

The JKL PSA, in partnership with the city, will receive \$147,893 to implement safety improvements and

educational programs. Project components include installing sidewalks and crosswalks on Seymour St. and Marquette Ave.; improving crosswalks at the intersections of Seymour St. and Newton Ave., and Marquette Ave. and Shunk Rd; installing pedestrian-activated flashing crosswalk signs at Marquette Ave. and implementing several school-based programs such as pedestrian and bicycle safety education, a frequent walker program, safety patrol training and a drivers' safety awareness campaign.

A dedicated committee of community members and agencies worked for over a year to identify the barriers to walking and biking to the school and developed an action plan with solutions to submit to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"This grant application was truly a community effort and we are looking forward to continuing to find ways to improve walking and biking infrastructure in Sault Ste. Marie," said Donna Norkoli, Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health

Project coordinator.

Committee members included JKL Superintendent Su Palmer, JKL Curriculum Director Carolyn Dale; JKL para-professional Kim Schutz, EUP Regional Planning and



Development Commission executive director and JKL parent Jeff Hagan, Alicia Askwith of the City Engineering Department, former chief of police Lou Murray, MSU Extension District Two coordinator Jim Lucas, Sault Tribe Transportation Planner Brenda Cooper, Richard Stack of MDOT, Deana Knauf of Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Sault Ste. Marie community Alliance Coordinator Michelle Conway, Sault Tribe Community Health educator Lauren Eveleigh and Alliance Coordinator Donna Norkoli.

"Being involved in this proj-

ect, as both a JKL parent and professional planner, has been very gratifying — to see the all of the hard work the committee put in to making this application successful and to know that my children will soon see improvements around their school to make walking or biking more safe for them on a daily basis. As a parent, I am very thankful to everyone who has been a part of the development of this application," said Hagan.

MDOT administers the federally legislated program that creates opportunities for collaboration with agencies and partners not traditionally involved with transportation funding. Funding was established by Congress under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users of 2005. Safe Routes funding is 100 percent federal with no local match funds required.

More information is available at www.saferoutesmichigan.org.

For more information on the JKL PSA program, please call Donna Norkoli at 635-8844.

SafeRoutes

National Center for Safe Routes to School



CHNs to offer new services

FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH

Sault Tribe Community Health Nursing Program has received a public health grant to develop and implement a community case management program for the service area of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The primary goal of the project is to improve health outcomes of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), heart failure and high blood pressure.

These chronic health conditions were specifically

selected based on health data specific to Sault Tribe members.

Under this grant project, Community Health Nurses are working with the client and their medical provider using a case management model to help persons with COPD, heart failure or high blood pressure to manage their illness and live healthier.

With assistance, patients can use resources and improve quality of life by decreasing the number of emergency room visits and hospitalizations. The key to

improving quality of life is early detection, diagnosis, treatment, evaluation and education. This also decreases the costs of care, which reduces the use of Contract Health dollars.

Evidence-based practices are used to educate and assist members with their health needs on an individual basis. There is no cost for tribal members.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, call your local Community Health nurse.

Hessel-St. Ignace area health clinics

Hessel monthly foot clinics

Schedule with Terrie Milligan
Non-diabetic: Second Wednesdays, 9-11:30 a.m.
Diabetic: Third Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 -11:30 a.m.

Hessel blood pressure and blood sugar clinics: Third Mondays, 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

Hessel diabetic support (Hessel): Third Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

St. Ignace monthly foot clinics
Schedule with CHS

Non-diabetic: First Mondays
Diabetic: 2nd Tuesdays (all day)
Diabetic: 4th Thursdays (all day)

St. Ignace baby 101 education class: Mackinac Straits System Hospital, 2nd floor Sault Tribe Conf. Room B- ER entrance Tuesday, Jan. 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Topic: Basic infant CPR)

St. Ignace diabetic support
Third Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m.
Mackinac Straits System Hospital, 2nd floor Sault Tribe Conf. Room B

How you can keep fit even in cold weather

BY CASSIE BRITTON, COMMUNITY HEALTH

Cold weather, slushy streets and limited daylight can test the resolve of the most dedicated physical fitness devotee. For anyone struggling with finding the motivation to stay active, it can be too easy to snuggle in when the temperature dips.

But hibernating during winter isn't a good strategy — unless you're a bear. Engaging in regular physical activity provides numerous health benefits, including weight control, stronger bones, cardiovascular health, lower blood pressure, decreased risk of and control of diabetes, enhanced sleep and better spirits. But to get these advantages, physical activity should be varied, regular and year-round.

This is why recommendations such as the dietary guidelines for Americans stress that you accumulate 30 minutes or more of moderate physical activity on most, and preferably all, days of the week.

To keep going no matter what the weather, consider some of these options:



— Stick with your usual routine on decent days, but modify it for winter conditions.

— Dress in layers and wear a hat.

— If possible get outside during daylight hours when it's easier to check your footing.

— Wear bright or reflective clothing to enable motorists to see you.

— Look at buying equipment to wear over shoes to improve grip on ice and snow.

If you have a chronic medical condition speak to your doctor before exercising in cold weather, as some conditions, such as asthma, can be exacerbated by cold air. If you are just getting started with an exercise

program or have not been active in a while, make sure you have a physical and get clearance from your doctor before starting any new exercise regimen. Create an in-home plan to use when the weather is adverse or you can't get motivated to get outdoors.

— Pick up an appealing exercise video, set up home equipment like a stationary bike, or go low-tech with a jump rope and sneakers

— Try using light weights and a simple muscle strengthening routine

— Throughout the year, your exercise routine should include both aerobic and strengthening elements

— Consider using your in-home routine to balance your usual outside routine. Swap winter cleaning for spring cleaning. Scrubbing floors or woodwork, clearing out the attic or cellar and engaging in other vigorous household tasks will help you stay fit

— Adapt your regular routine to the indoors. If walking is your usual exercise, for example, consider using

a treadmill (your own or one at a health club), or look for an indoor track or mall where you can walk, check with the local school district and ask about walking indoors or open gym hours. In a pinch, you can even lace up your shoes, turn on some lively music and trek around your own house

If you can't beat the weather, adjust to it:

— Try a winter activity like cross country skiing or ice skating. If you can find some children to act as a cover, a snowball fight or some sledding might raise your mood and your heart rate

— Take up a leisure activity like bowling, basketball, ballroom dancing, or splashing around in an indoor pool. You'll get a welcome change of environment and exercise

— Take a class. From aerobics to yoga, winter is a great time to experiment with an exercise class. In addition to traditional venues like health clubs and "Ys" check area senior centers, recreation organizations, local hospitals, or adult education programs for

offerings.

Whatever your methods, remember that physical activity can be enjoyed year-round. The process begins with a plan, one step at a time, and the new year is a good time to take the first step toward implementing it. There's no reason to skip a beat, just because it's cold outside.

Alger Parks and Recreation Fitness Center of Munising is now offering free membership to Sault Tribe members with tribal identification cards. They are also offering Zumba and yoga classes. Call 387-5636 for more information. The Munising High School is open for walking before and after school. Or, take advantage of the gorgeous trails in the Munising area for your skiing and snowshoeing needs.

If you are in need of medical clearance before beginning your exercise program, call Munising tribal health to schedule your physical today 387-4721. Why wait until the new year to start changing your life. If your not sure where to start call for your personal nutrition and fitness assessment appointment.

Watch for 2011 natural resources surveys

As previously reported, Sault Tribe received grant funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to develop an Integrated Resource Management Plan.

The Sault Tribe government has many different facets, programs and departments that both directly and indirectly manage natural resources. The Integrated Resource Management Plan is a document that will articulate a long-term vision sustaining our natural resources for seven generations and a strategy to achieve that vision. This strategy will help us manage our resources in a deliberate manner with a focus on efficiency and effectiveness.

As part of this strategy development, the tribe is working in several ways to gather public opinion from the membership. You may have com-

pleted a pilot survey or participated in a focus group in the past year.

In the early months of 2011, Sault Tribe will be working with faculty in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University to conduct a mail and online survey of the membership. This survey will provide the tribe with valuable new information and follow-up information to the 2005 inland hunting, fishing and trapping survey.

If you receive a survey in the mail or by email please take the time to fill it out and return it to Michigan State University. Your input truly is vital to our understanding of the ways our membership uses our collective resources and their feelings and opinions regarding resource management directions.

Look for the survey in your mailbox in this new year and

if you have any questions, please call biologist Eric Clark

at Inland Fish and Wildlife Department, (906) 632-6132.

Fledgling seed lab seeks help

Boozhoo! Robin Clark ndi-zhinikaaz. In late November of last year, I began working for our tribe on a black ash seed collection and storage project funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. You may have read about this project in earlier newspaper articles written by Environmental Director Kathie Brosemer.

In the past, I've worked in the environmental field for Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, with Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and with two tribes out west. I'm happy to be here now, working for our tribe's Environmental Department.

The department is building a seed laboratory and working to protect plants native to the eastern Upper Peninsula and important to our tribe — the first is black ash. Black ash has many

names. Our name for the tree is "aagimaak."

We Anishinaabeg have lived near aagimaak for countless generations and our culture has grown up with the tree. Aagimaak provides us materials for snowshoes, baskets and other items. Black ash baskets are our own Ojibwe Tupperware bins, grocery sacks and most generous and delicate creations. Aagimaak provides food and shelter for wildlife and helps to clean our air and water.

But aagimaak is under attack from the emerald ash borer, a tiny bug from Asia that bores into the tree and strangles it from the inside. Scientists worry that we'll lose all black ash trees, as stand mortality reaches 100 percent wherever the bug travels.

Along with other tribes and the federal government, Sault Tribe is working to protect black ash by saving their seeds.

This fall, we will organize teams of tribal volunteers to go out into the forests of the eastern Upper Peninsula and collect seeds from black ash trees. The seeds will be stored until researchers have found a way to remove the emerald ash borers from the land, or until the bug has eaten all the available ash trees and dies out.

Once the emerald ash borers are stopped, we can begin germinating the seeds we have collected and re-establish aagimaak across our lands.

Right now, I am asking for help from folks who know about aagimaak, work with aagimaak, make black ash baskets, and spend time in the forests — and who can share knowledge on or help find native black ash trees.

If you would like to get involved, please email me at rclark@saulttribe.net. Miigwech.

2010 Inland harvest reports explained

SUBMITTED BY RUSTY AIKENS, IFWD

Understanding the tribe's harvest activities helps the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department (IFWD) understand our impact on fish and wildlife populations. Accurate harvest statistics are important for several reasons. First, we need to ensure the sustainability of our harvest for future generations. Second, we need to ensure our members have the opportunity and ability to harvest fish and wildlife. Last, but certainly not least, accurate harvest statistics are vital to protect the tribe's treaty right in the face of constant opposition.

Recently the 2010 harvest report for inland fishing, hunting and gathering was sent to all members holding one of those permits this year. The Inland Fish and Wildlife Department would like to clear up some common questions that we have been receiving.

First the STS number is the number that all of a member's licenses are issued under. On permits, it is a red number that

is located on the sides of the permit running vertically. On kill tags it is the red number located on the right side of the tag.

Harvest reports should be filled out for the 2010 season. Many seasons, small game, do not end with the calendar year. In these cases please report harvest that takes place on a 2010 permit. So snowshoe hares harvested in February 2011 should be reported on the 2010 harvest report. We ask that you report your fishing activity using the calendar year.

The harvest report is due Feb. 1 and can be turned in at the law enforcement building at 2175 Shunk Rd. in Sault Ste. Marie or can be mailed to P.O. Box 925, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Harvest reports are mandatory and members failing to submit reports will not be allowed any permits for 2011 without submitting a 2010 harvest report.

IFWD thanks you for your cooperation and we hope you have had a safe and successful 2010 hunting season.

Sault Tribe Board of Directors 2011 calendar

Per the Constitution and Bylaws, Article 1 – Meetings of the board of directors, Section 1:*provided that at least one meeting per year shall be held in each of the five election units established pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the tribal constitution.*

General meetings of the board of directors take place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the months.

All general meetings start at 6 p.m. All Sault meetings take place at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, other locations to be announced.

All special meetings will be announced.

For further information, please call Joanne or Tara at the Sault Tribe administration offices, (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

2011 Meeting schedule:

- Jan. 11, Sault Ste. Marie
- Jan. 25, Sault Ste. Marie
- Feb. 8, Sault Ste. Marie
- Feb. 22, Sault Ste. Marie
- March 8, Sault Ste. Marie
- March 22, Manistique
- April 12, Sault Ste. Marie
- April 26, Sault Ste. Marie
- May 10, Sault Ste. Marie
- May 24, Sault Ste. Marie
- June 14, Sault Ste. Marie
- June 28, Sault Ste. Marie
- July 12, Sault Ste. Marie
- July 26, Sault Ste. Marie
- Aug. 9, Sault Ste. Marie
- Aug. 23, Hessel
- Sept. 13, Sault Ste. Marie
- Sept. 27, Munising
- Oct. 11, Sault Ste. Marie
- Oct. 25, St. Ignace
- Nov. 8, Sault Ste. Marie
- Nov. 22, Sault Ste. Marie
- Dec. 13, Sault Ste. Marie

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Conserving heat and saving money at home

SUBMITTED BY KATHIE BROSEMER, ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

January's winds can sure bring a chill when they leak through the cracks in your house. It's uncomfortable and it costs you money. Most older homes have significant leaks. In some cases, if you add up all the small leaks around window frames, under doors, around vent stacks and electrical boxes, you wind up with a total leakage area equal to leaving a big window wide open all winter. No wonder it's chilly.

No matter what kind of heating system you have, the best thing you can do to save money on your heat bill is to do some air sealing. The best part of all is that you can do most or all of this yourself, you don't have to pay a handyman, and you can do a little at a time if your budget and schedule is tight. This article can help you get started, but also remember that you can find all kinds of information and how-to help online at the websites of government and other reputable organizations. The web is a great resource for do-it-yourself projects. ASSESS

If you want a visual of where your house is leaking, get a stick of incense and go around the house on a windy day and you'll see it. Check the edges and corners of window and door frames, electrical outlets on exterior walls, places where plumbing or electrical fittings penetrate walls or ceilings, baseboards and other places where walls meet floors, and any other place that air might be getting in. Look for spider



Ice dams like the one photographed above are a sign of a building's heat escaping through the exterior.

webs, too, especially around basement windows and floor joists — they're indicators of air leaks. Spiders aren't dumb — they build webs where there's a chance they'll trap a bug.

CAULK

Think caulk. It's not just that white goo that you might have put around your bathtub or sink. Caulking comes in clear, also, and both interior and exterior versions, which are what you need to seal your windows. Now that it's January, you'll just do the interior, but when summer comes, don't forget to get outside and do the exterior too, to get even more of a benefit.

If you're doing all your windows, baseboards, etc., buy the interior clear caulk in tubes and borrow or buy a caulking gun. You can get smaller quantities in hand-held tubes but you'll pay a premium for those, and if you're doing the whole house, you'll wear out

your wrists squeezing that stuff out! The caulking gun helps. You can probably borrow one if you don't already have one; ask around.

For some windows, you might want to pop the window framing off the wall and seal up the gaps between the window itself and the wall and shims. Watch out to not damage any framing that you want to reuse, though. If you're redoing framing anyway, you'll get the best results by shooting some expanding foam into the gaps around the windows. But if not, just caulk the inner and outer edges of the framing where it meets the walls. Clear caulking won't show against the wall or framing so you don't have to be perfect in your application.

Caulking along the upper surface of baseboards is also a good idea, and around ceiling light fixtures, too. Caulk around the doorframes in the same way as windows.

WEATHERSTRIP

Weatherstripping is step two. A trip to the local home center will show you a wide variety of weatherstripping types, including v-strip, foam strips and crushable soft strips in many profiles. Each type is designed for a specific kind of window or door edge, whether between two sliding window panels, against an edge that will close on it, or something else. Read the packaging to find out which kind to buy for the places you need to seal, save receipts, and only open one package at a time in case you need to return it and get a different kind.

Typically, you'll use one kind of weatherstripping at the hinge edge of a door or window, another kind around the top and one side, and a door sweep-threshold combination at the bottom of a door. And different sizes might be needed, too, depending on how big the gaps and closures are for each window and door. It's a bewildering array, but take your time, focus on one type of window or door at a time and you'll get there!

After weatherstripping and caulking, there are other things you can do, and other products to look for. Get some foam inserts for the electrical outlets on exterior walls, and seal them with caulk to the faceplates, being careful not to caulk the place where cord prongs go in. Consider shrink film for some windows, especially those that are hard to caulk such as glass-block or multi-pane windows.

ROOF AND ATTIC

The one place you might want to get a handyman to do for you, is caulking and air seal-

ing the wall's top plate, in the attic. If you're handy yourself, you can do this too. Go up inside the attic and look for the tops of the walls. Sometimes these are hollow walls that are open right up to the attic — if so, they're acting as chimneys, carrying your home's heat out the top, melting your snow blanket, making pretty icicles and damaging your roof with ice dams. Get them closed up. Even if you have to hire it done, it's worth it for what it will save you in heat costs as well as ice and water damage to your home.

While you're up there, caulk around the electrical and plumbing penetrations such as ceiling light fixtures, toilet vent stacks, etc. And, make a note to add insulation to your attic as soon as you can afford to do so. After air sealing, attic insulation gives you the second-best bang for your conservation buck.

It can seem as though the cost of air sealing products is adding up, but watch the sale flyers and buy when prices are good, you can get good deals. And take heart — air sealing pays back in reduced heat costs, faster than any other conservation measure you can take in your home.

The truly wonderful thing is that you'll also be so much more comfortable, and the effects might surprise you. When we air sealed the windows in the baby's room, she started sleeping through the night. I don't have to tell you the benefits to everyone's quality of life when that happens.

Stay warm and healthy this winter.

ITFAP stocks Little Bay de Noc and Mullet Lake

SAULT STE. MARIE — Walleye stocks in Little Bay de Noc, Lake Michigan, and Mullet Lake in Cheboygan County received an unexpected boost earlier this week with the stocking of 6,000 fall fingerlings provided by the Intertribal Fisheries and Assessment Program (ITFAP), headquartered in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Little Bay de Noc received 5,000 fingerlings, while Mullet Lake received 1,000 of the robust, 8-inch fingerlings.

The ITFAP hatchery program is administered by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, with funding support from the Bay Mills

Indian Community and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

"Little Bay de Noc and Mullet Lake are important fishing areas for both the tribes and recreational fishermen, and the fingerlings we were able to provide this year should enhance walleye populations in both areas for the benefit of all users," Sault Tribe Chairman Joe McCoy said.

The fall fingerling stocking followed a similar tribal-state cooperative stocking event in July, when the tribal fisheries program provided 143,000 2-inch summer fingerlings to the Michigan Department

of Natural Resources and Environment to stock the same two locations.

2010 was a successful year for the tribal walleye culture program and the fingerlings were surplus. "We experienced great survival and growth for both our summer and fall fingerlings this year," said Greg Wright, tribal hatchery manager.

The fall fingerlings should provide a bigger bang-for-the-buck than the summer fingerlings, at least in terms of enhancing future fishing opportunities. "Although the number of fall fingerlings being stocked in these areas is much

less than the number of summer fingerlings stocked, the survival of these large fall fingerlings is expected to be much greater than the 2-inch summer fingerlings," Wright added.

"The tribes continue to be excellent partners in cooperative ventures such as this," said Jim Dexter, Lake Michigan Basin Coordinator for Fisheries Division. "We very much appreciate their efforts to ensure that these important walleye populations are maintained and improve, and that anglers and tribal members will benefit from these actions."

According to ITFAP Director Tom Gorenflo, the

MDNR provided ITFAP with additional walleye fry after ITFAP experienced high mortality in one of its hatcheries earlier this year. "In exchange, we were able to provide surplus summer fingerlings to MDNRE for stocking in Little Bay de Noc and Mullet Lake, and now we are able to provide surplus fall fingerlings for the same areas," Gorenflo said.

Like the summer fingerlings, the fall fingerlings were tested for the fish virus VHS prior to stocking. All samples from the tribal walleye culture pond sent to Michigan State University tested negative for the virus.

Join the River of History Museum

SAULT STE. MARIE — Sault Tribe employees may now deduct River of History Museum memberships from their paychecks, as authorized Dec. 27. River of History Museum members enjoy many benefits, depending on membership level. All members receive an unlimited annual pass, and after that a series of additional benefits. (Please see table.)

Sault Tribe has had much influence over what the River of History Museum presents

to the public, especially at the new museum housed at 523 Ashmun St., a building owned by Sault Tribe. Sault Tribe construction built the new museum, which was designed by an Anishinaabeg architect. Sault Tribe members and our tribal history influenced many of the exhibits as well. If you would like to contribute to the well being of the museum and work on its future, join the River of History Museum.

Memberships are tax deductible.

Membership levels

Student (6-21)	\$10	Annual pass.
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Single	\$30	Annual pass.
Family	\$40	Annual pass (mother, father, children living at home).
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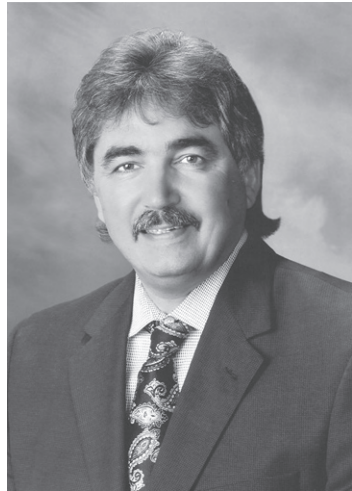
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DARWIN "JOE" MCCOY
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii!

Happy new year! I hope you and your family enjoyed the holiday season and are off to a great start in 2011.

I am happy to report that our tribe will start the new year in better financial shape. In 2010, our gaming facilities were up five percent and our other businesses were up 10-15 percent. This is very welcome news for all of us! The hard work of our staff and board of directors has paid off! We look forward to improving economic conditions in the coming year

and will keep you updated throughout the year on our financial position.

In 2011, I am pleased to announce that we will be moving forward with market-based compensation system analysis for tribal departments as we did this year for some staff in our health division. We understand no other tribal staff, including in our government programs and at our casinos, have seen wage increases in recent years. As soon as more information is announced about this project, I will be sure to let you know.

I was honored to attend the White House Tribal Nations Conference on Dec. 16. I was joined by leaders from the 565 federally recognized tribes to have the opportunity to interact directly with President Obama and other leaders of his administration. This was the second conference the Obama administration has hosted as they continue to build their nation-to-nation relationship with all of us in Indian Country.

I was pleased to see progress since our last meeting with the president. We have strong

partners in his office with Kim Teehee, his senior advisor for Native American issues, and Jodi Gillette, Intergovernmental Affairs Office.

One of the issues that came out of last year's conference was the need to improve health care availability for all tribal members.

Since then, President Obama signed health reform legislation into law, which permanently authorizes the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. This is a great accomplishment for all tribal people.

It will make it possible for all tribes and their organizations to purchase health care for their employees, while making affordable coverage available to everybody, including those of us who use Indian Health Services.

In addition, President Obama signed the Tribal Law and Order Act, which will help tribes combat drug and alcohol abuse, to have more access to criminal databases and to gain greater authority to prosecute and punish criminals in Indian Country.

Another positive outcome from the conference was the

president's support that the secretary of the Interior can take land into trust for all federally recognized tribes.

Other issues his administration plans to work on in the coming years include improvement of educational opportunities from Head Start to tribal colleges.

Also, while I was in Washington D.C., we held meetings regarding the Carcieri v. Salazar decision, which threatens the sovereignty and ability of tribes to acquire land in trust status. This is a very important issue with which we were glad to have the support of the president.

In the meantime, you also may know that tribal members will soon be voting on two positive investments the tribal board of directors would like to move forward on.

It is important for Sault Tribe members — particularly those of voting age — to know the facts about the Romulus gaming and Indian Energy LLC projects. In the front section of this issue you will find accurate facts about these two investment opportunities.

The Indian Energy investment is a positive investment in our future. The Romulus project does not cost us anything, and if the project is successful, will have a big return for our tribe. It will also be a way for us to settle the Charlotte Beach argument and end a near 10 year lawsuit decision.

Both of these investments will help us work towards self-sufficiency and build us a healthier future. We need to look at both of these projects from a business standpoint — not a personal standpoint — for the great opportunities they are. Both are sound investments for our future.

Should you have any questions on these two opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact your local board representative or my office my office toll free at (800) 793-0660 or locally at 635-6050.

Looking into 2011, I am hopeful that we can bring in secure and new business ventures to further our quest to become a self sustaining tribe.

Sincerely, Darwin "Joe" McCoy, tribal chairman.

Opportunities hinge on latest referenda



BERNARD BOUSCHOR
UNIT I DIRECTOR

Dear Tribal Members,

Our community should not expect the federal or state governments to meet the needs

of our tribe. The tribal goal of self sufficiency was built on development of a diversified tribal economy. We need to continue to look at opportunities to diversify our tribal economy wherever the business maybe located.

The tribe is conducting a tribal referendum per tribal constitution and code Chapter 12: Referendum Ordinance. The referendum provides that resolution or ordinance approved by the tribal board be sent to membership to vote either supporting or not the action of the tribal board.

I ask you to vote to support the resolution Equity Purchase of Energy Development Company INDIAN ENERGY

LLC. The purchase of 15 percent equity ownership of Indian Energy for \$2,500,000 will diversify our investment economic portfolio. The demand for green energy is a growth industry and in my opinion Indian Energy is a good investment. The board of directors has reviewed the company business plan and has conducted a background check of the owner. Mr. Alan Cadreau is the owner and a tribal member with extensive experience in the energy field. Indian Energy LLC investment helps us build our dream of self sufficiency.

I ask that you support with an affirmative vote approving the resolution, Pursuit of Settlement of a Lands Claim

with Respect to Property in the Romulus, Michigan Metropolitan Area. In order to achieve a settlement of the Charlotte Beach land claim the tribe needs to get federal legislation that extinguishes our claim to land by acquiring alternate trust land in the Romulus, Mich. Two businessmen have the responsibility for the effort to cause the U.S. Congress to resolve and extinguish the Sault Tribe claim to the Charlotte Beach Land and provide the alternative land situated in Romulus, Mich.

If successful, the tribe would get trust land in Romulus by congressional action to settle the lawsuit. This would be a huge economic benefit to the

tribe. This would give the tribe the opportunity to open a sixth Kewadin Casino with tribal management, tribal regulation, tribal land and oversight of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Self sufficiency is a goal that can only be achieved by taking bold steps. An investment and ownership interest in Indian Energy LLC is intended to bring long-term benefits to the tribe. The opportunity by legislative action if successful will provide revenue and job. Our future is what we make it please support both resolution.

Thank You,
Bernard Bouschor,
Tribal Council Member,
Unit I

Changes, coming referenda and other details



CATHY ABRAMSON
UNIT I DIRECTOR

Happy new year! I hope that your holiday celebrations were filled with lots of family, good friends and good cheer! It was great to see so many of you at our annual elders holiday meal! What a great turnout! As always, the food

was great! G'tchi Miigwech to the Kewadin cooks, servers and the many staff volunteers who helped with this meal.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!
We have changed our entire 2011 Board meeting schedule dates! We will now meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month for board meetings! As always, we will continue to have our weekly workshops, quarterly program reports and monthly financial reports. I just want to make sure that you are aware of the meeting date changes. ALSO, Unit I meetings will be held monthly every first Wednesday of the month at the Nokomis-Mishomis Place (Elders Center) in Sault Ste. Marie and the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Kinross Recreational

Center in Kinross.

NEED TO EDUCATE NEW LEADERSHIP!

With so many changeovers in the state and federal government leadership, 2011 will be a very busy year for me as I work to establish good working relationships with our new representatives. I have already made contact with some of them. As we have been doing every year, our board will travel to Lansing to meet with the new leadership and continue our established working relationship with the others. We need to continue to educate them about who we are so that they understand about our sovereignty and how we can work together. I will keep you updated on these meetings when they occur.

REFERENDUM BALLOTS

COMING YOUR WAY!

You will be receiving two referendum ballots in the mail around Jan.7. They must be returned by Jan. 27. First of all, you are receiving referendum ballots because tribal members have to the right to petition resolutions and decisions that are made by the board. All you need is 100 valid signatures to initiate a referendum. That was done for these two issues.

One issue is investing in Indian Energy Company. You are asked to vote "yes" or "no" to the board's decision to invest in this company. I wrote an entire unit report on this company and I obviously support this decision. I hope that you do, too. We have to diversify and alternative energy is our future. Please visit the www.indianenergy.com website.

Tribal members Allen Cadreau and Henry Bouley have developed important information that will tell you all about the company.

The other issue is do we do business with Ted Gatzaros and Jerry Campbell to invest in a Romulus Casino? When you receive this ballot, I will guarantee that you will not understand it! (That's not the Election Committee's fault!) The language in the resolved section of the resolution is not clear. It is really up for interpretation. Our board had a Gaming Authority meeting today (Dec. 22) and I will tell you that it is clear as mud as to who we are actually working with. Respectfully, I do not support this business venture. Please vote! Your input is needed.

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Spooked by Romulus partnership detail



DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Referenda on schedule

In the last issue of this paper, I explained that valid petitions had been filed on both the Indian Energy LLC investment as well as the Romulus casino partnership and that ballots are expected to be in the mail around Jan. 7 or 8. At this writing, I have not seen the language for either of these referendums but I expect

them to be on track for mailing as previously reported. I do have reason to believe that both ballots will be mailed out together to save on the costs.

Please watch for your ballots in the mail, fill them out and return them as soon as possible to ensure your vote is counted by the deadline. If you did not get a ballot in the last election, or if you have moved within the past year, you may want to call the Enrollment Department, at (800) 251-6597, to ensure they have your correct address. This will provide the tribe with a current address to send you your ballot.

Romulus partnership update

Since my last report, some changes have occurred to the Romulus development agreement. Since it was last presented to the board in mid-December, the agreement no longer mentions the names of

the individuals who would be our partners in this venture. Instead, the agreement was changed and presented to the board naming the partner as "Michigan Gaming Ltd. LLC." This LLC was just created Nov. 30 and there has been no explanation given as to WHO this entity is or why it has changed before the coming referendum on the partnership. It makes me more than a little nervous to have a blind partnership. At stake here is 26 percent of our gross profit on a proposed casino in Romulus.

Call me old fashioned, but if I have to do business with someone, I like to know WHO I'm doing business with. I would prefer to have everyone's face pressed against the glass so that we can all see each other. I wouldn't hire a babysitter whom I have never met, nor enter into a business agreement with an invisible or

secret partner. Now granted, there could be a perfectly good explanation for this new LLC. But for it to come to the board without an explanation, or the partners themselves, makes me more than nervous! A good solid partnership comes about in the light of day with all the cards on the table for both sides. No good business deal starts out under a cloak of secrecy or the magic of redirection.

I have asked several questions about this "new" partnership and have yet to get an answer as to who, what, when and why this was put in place. I outgrew my childhood fascination with secret

clubhouses and for that reason, I am more opposed to this partnership than before.

Thank you

I want to take a moment to thank all of you who have contacted me with your thoughts and concerns. Your input and support has been greatly appreciated. I hope you will continue to voice your opinions or call for clarification on anything you may have questions about. I may not always have the answer, but I promise to find out and report back to you.

As always, you may contact me at dmalloy@saulttribe.net or by calling (906) 440-9762.

Happy new year!

Busy this holiday season



TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

Merry Christmas and a happy new year. I am attempting to get this report done in a much shorter than usual time line, which is due to the holiday period and the tribal newspaper going out earlier than usual.

Here are a couple of the questions that I have been asked the most about recently. Fred Paquin was sentenced and his sentence was one year and

one day in prison, followed by two years supervised release, and he has been ordered to pay back \$231,785.03 to the United States. This was the sentence as decided by the U.S. court system. This was not a tribal decision.

The two referendums that have been turned in have been recorded and authorized for the process to continue to a vote of the membership. The ballots will go out on Jan. 7.

According to the rules that are in place, the activities that are associated with the Indian Energy investment and the Letter of Intent Resolution on the land claims settlement can continue until the vote is finalized and will stop only if the vote returned is in the majority to stop each activity. The rules do not require the activities to stop when the referendums are submitted.

The board of directors is attempting to address items as usual during this holiday period, but as you know, there

are several things going on during this time. We have some economic development issues being worked on that will be coming to the forefront soon, as we work on securing multiple revenue sources to better help the board of directors provide services to the tribal membership. Everything that the board of directors does is geared to increase services to the membership and despite all that is usually circulated through the rumor mill, I can say that as a whole, this is our intent. We may take some unusual routes to get there, but that can happen when you have 12 board members who all have their own ideas on how to get where we think we want to go.

This is a fairly short report and I am sure I will have more information for the next one. I hope you all have a healthy and happy holiday season. If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 644-3334 or (906) 322-3827.



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

Snow is on the ground, so it's time for telling stories.

I've had the pleasure of hearing from quite a few folks this last month and, inevitably, we get around to sharing some old family stories about our grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles. Mike Osagwin loved to share stories about his grandmother, Mrs. Blackbird, who when the snow fell deep would get up in the dark part of the morning, put on her snowshoes, light the lantern and head out to pack down a path through the snow, from their camp in the bush to the little Italian school house about a mile down the road — so the children would have a way to get to school.

As I write, today is the winter solstice with the added attraction of a full lunar eclipse. Hoping to stay up late and catch a view of the full moon as it turned from silver to glowing red, I took an afternoon nap and dreamed about crows. It must have come from a recent conversation I had with my sister.

She was remarking how clever the crows were: "They're so smart, they know which day of the week the trash gets taken out to the curbside! There they are every Tuesday, waiting for Jack to open the garage door to take the barrel to the street!"

We had a tame crow that lived in our downtown Lansing neighborhood when I was growing up, "Tommy the Crow." He would visit every home up and down the block, sit on your shoulder and eat out of your hand. He would follow us kids down to the corner lot for a game of stickball and follow us back home again. He accomplished the impossible in that neighbors who had not spoken for years found themselves chatting and remarking on Tommy's antics. When he died, we gave him a proper burial with eulogies and our very best marbles decorating his grave.

When I woke from my nap, I learned that Mike Osagwin walked on last Sunday. He will be missed by his family, his friends, and this community. Walk in peace, Mike. I'm pretty certain your grandmother has prepared a good snow path for your journey.

There is a lot to be accomplished in 2011 and I trust it will be a productive year. But we can't do it alone. Please feel free to call any time to share your ideas, your concerns and your stories. I look forward to hearing from you.

Catherine Hollowell, Unit II, (906) 484-6821 or email Unit2tribal@gmail.com.

Abramson report continued . . .

Tribal board needs to work together to strengthen our organizational structure

Note: I am copying the following from my January 2010 report.

We still need to do this and now that the new board members have settled in and have had the chance to "see for themselves," I hope that we will accomplish this in 2011.

While there is much external work to be done on behalf of our tribe, we must also focus our attention on the structure of our governmental and enterprise operations.

It is imperative that we revise our organizational chart to ensure efficient and effective operations and get rid of the bottlenecks that have been created. In order to accomplish

this, we must have regular board working sessions.

The very manner in which we conduct our board workshop needs to be overhauled so that the chairman and the board work together to come up with workable solutions that will help us streamline and improve our systems.

What we need to do is redistribute the workload, give clear direction and give program directors and managers the authority and responsibility to make key decisions in the best interests of their programs. This would, in turn, help us provide better services to our tribal members.

To add to this, we must strengthen our organizational policies and procedures. Once this is done, we need to make

sure that our employees are trained and well-informed about policies and procedures from the top down.

There are various departments within our governmental operations and casinos that have excellent procedures that make work much more efficient. It is important to use the best practices of our departments and create standardize procedures where possible in an effort to improve our operations.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to address, please contact me at (906) 322-3823. This is my cell phone number and the best way to reach me.

Also, my e-mail address is cabramson@saulttribe.net.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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