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Official newspaper of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

K-9 unit joins tribal law enforcement

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — When a few of his officers started wondering about the possibility of adding a K-9 dog to their staff, Sault Tribe Chief of Police Bob Marchand took their questions to heart and decided to look into what that might mean for the department.

Marchand said a K-9 unit is

something the department has never had before. “If you look at what a dog brings to the department, officer safety is a big thing — you now have a partner who is never sick, never late for work and is there for you no matter what. As far as community policing or a public relations tool, K-9 units are second to none,” said Marchand.

After careful consideration, a

German shepherd puppy (about a year old) was purchased from a breeder in Poland through a training kennel in the Lansing area, Mid Michigan Kennels. Marchand asked Officer Ryan Lubben if he would like to work with the department’s new K-9, Lux, and Lubben said he didn’t hesitate to accept the opportunity. Lubben and Lux spent six weeks of intensive training at Mid Michigan Kennels to become a team. Lux is considered a dual-purpose dog, which is trained in both the detection of narcotics and tracking.

Lubben said training started with the basics of obedience, and from there Lux was introduced to the scents of different drugs, was trained in tracking, traffic stops, searching buildings and will be used when needed with search warrants.

“Lux was the biggest dog in the group that we were training with, about seven other teams. The trainer figured that since we are in the U.P. we needed the larger dog that could move through deep snow easily,” Lubben said.

“The first day of our training was the first day I met him. I fell in love with him, he’s an amazing dog.”

Dec. 1 was the team’s first day on the job as a K-9 unit.

Marchand said the purchase of Lux and start up costs came from Law Enforcement’s budget, but they needed additional funding to maintain his daily needs. Marchand approached Housing Director Joni Talentino, who was able to budget maintenance costs for the dog over the next seven or eight years (about \$4,000 a year) and also agreed to purchase a K-9 patrol vehicle for the department.

Talentino said, “The Housing Authority is excited to partner with Sault Tribe Law Enforcement on the addition of their new K-9 dog and are pleased to have the funding to purchase a new patrol vehicle specifically equipped for the K-9. Our agencies share the goal of providing safe communities for tribal members and the addition of the K-9 will enhance our efforts.”

As part of the purchase con-

tract, an instructor from Mid Michigan Kennels will come to the Sault twice a month over the next year and spend 8-16 hours with the team doing hands-on training.

Lux will live with Lubben as a member of his family. “I’m pretty excited to see how he does and how big he will get. He has a nose on him; it’s amazing to see him work,” he said.

Lubben said he hopes to also spend time training with other K-9 units in the area and will eventually be visiting local schools and getting Lux out into the community.

Marchand said, “Everybody loves a dog. These dogs are trained to protect their owner, which is now Ryan, who has committed the next seven or eight years of his life with this dog. You have to be very conscious of your surroundings at all times when you are dealing with a K-9, but people are able to come up and meet and pet the dog. I met him — he jumped up on me and licked my face.”



Sault Tribe Police Officer Ryan Lubben and his canine partner Lux started Dec. 1 as a K-9 unit for narcotics detection and tracking.

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Schwiderson returns after Afghanistan tour

By **RICK SMITH**

Broad smiles, fierce hugs and joyous salutations from family and friends welcomed Lance Corporal Joseph Schwiderson as he returned to the eastern Upper Peninsula on Nov. 2 after serving a seven-month deployment in Afghanistan with the First Division of the U.S. Marine Corps Third Battalion, Fourth Marines. He was welcomed back as he disembarked from a flight at the Chippewa County International Airport in Kinross, Mich.

Family members said his return to the United States comes as part of the initial drawdown of U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

According to the battalion’s Facebook account, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines (3/4) is a Marine Corps infantry battalion with the nickname “Thundering Third,” it is known within the battalion as “Darkside” and radio call signs of the command and staff reflect that moniker. The battalion is based at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif., and it consists of approximately 1,000 troops.



Photo by Rick Smith

Melissa Starr with her son, Lance Cpl. Joe Schwiderson, shortly after his arrival at the Chippewa County International Airport in Kinross, Mich., on Nov. 2.

Tribe honors Nathaniel Armstrong for work with Inter-tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Nathaniel “Tanny” Armstrong has been a huge factor in Sault Tribe’s walleye culture and stocking program for the past 24 years. Although not a tribal member, he has built 11 rearing ponds on his land over the years and has allowed the tribe to use them to raise walleye fingerlings.

The first pond, funded by an ANA grant, was constructed on 10-acres of his property in 1990. In 1998, the tribe purchased 360 acres from Armstrong, which contained a fully functional 30-acre walleye-rearing pond that Armstrong had previously leased to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The tribe is using the other ten ponds located on Armstrong’s property to grow newly hatched walleye to the two-inch summer fingerling size and the six-inch fall fingerling size.

To honor his commitment and years of service to the tribe, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors recently passed a resolution drafted by Program Director for the Intertribal Fisheries and Assessment Program (ITFAP) Tom Gorenflo, extending their appreciation “...for his invaluable and varied assistance for over 20 years in helping build and operate what has become a highly successful walleye culture operation for the tribe.”

Sault Tribe Chairman Joe Eitrem, said, “Tanny Armstrong, Tom Gorenflo and the tribe have had a relationship for over 20 years and it was all done on a handshake. That is almost unheard of anymore. Over the years Tanny has made commitments to the tribe and does it without question, without a contract. It’s almost hard to believe

in this day and age that there are still people like that. We can’t say enough about him; how do you thank someone like that?”

During the Nov. 8 board meeting, in addition to adopting the resolution, Armstrong was gifted with a blueberry basket, dinner coupons and a plaque of appreciation that has been ordered and will be presented to him in mid-December.

The tribe’s walleye stocking program has two phases – raising two-inch summer fingerlings for immediate stocking in local waters and growing the remainder to a six-inch fall fingerling size in Armstrong’s largest pond.

ITFAP’s hatchery manager, Greg Wright, and assistant manager, Matt Allard, credit Tanny for the expansion of the tribe’s stocking program. “Our ability to stock walleye in selected areas of the upper Great Lakes, St. Marys River and more recently several inland lakes, is made possible by Tanny letting us use his ponds,” Wright said. “There is little in it for him – but his participation and assistance gives us the opportunity to raise and stock far more walleye than we could if we were only able to use the ponds on tribal property.”

In addition to the 30-acre pond the tribe purchased from Armstrong, a five-acre pond was built on tribal property last year using grant dollars. Gorenflo said ITFAP is pursuing funding to build another 3-5 acre pond adjacent to the existing ponds on tribal land.

Gorenflo also expressed appreciation to Tanny for providing invaluable assistance to the tribe’s walleye program in a variety of ways, including maintaining the roads to the ponds, removing snow, towing tribal vehicles,



Photo by Debra-Ann Pine

Nathaniel “Tanny” Armstrong receives a birchbark blueberry basket from Tribal Chairman Joe Eitrem (L-R) at the tribe’s Nov. 8 board meeting. He was also honored with a formal resolution, dinner coupons and a plaque of appreciation for his many years of contributions and collaborations on the tribe’s walleye stocking program.

keeping the pond outlets free of beaver dams, the construction and installation of fish holding tanks and minnow traps, and perhaps

most importantly, wise and welcomed advice.

As eloquently summarized by chairman Joe Eitrem, when Tanny

Armstrong offers to seal a deal with a handshake, he does so with integrity, honor and respect – asking only for the same in return.



Photo by Brenda Austin
TASERED — Bay Mills Indian Community Law Enforcement Officer Renelle Carrick tends to volunteer taser victim Jordan Perry at a recent training at Kewadin Casino attended by Sault City Police, Chippewa County Sheriffs Department (deputies and correction officers), Bay Mills Police and Sault Tribe Police.

Newberry Tribal Christmas Party Dec. 15

Newberry Elder and Pow-wow committees along with the Sault Tribe Board of Directors and chairman will be co-sponsoring a Christmas party for tribal children under 12 years of age. The party will be on Dec. 15 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the new CLM Community center on Newberry Ave.

Kids must be registered no later than Dec. 9 and must be accompanied by parents or responsible adult.

There will be games and a cake walk for the kids. Each child will receive their own Christmas

stocking which they will be able to decorate. We will be serving hot dogs, chips and dip, salads, juice and Jell-o.

Santa has informed us that he will arrive around 5:30 p.m.

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See www.saulttribe.com unbound: Revamped site features much easy-to-find information

The tribe's new website is a marvel of easy navigation, tribal forms at your fingertips, even a seven-layer treaty map and a history of tribal events from pre-European times to what happened this morning.

The homepage welcomes visitors with a message from our chairman. To the left is a first-rate search engine and **Quicklinks** to employment, the latest news, board meetings, an events calendar and a casino link.

From the website homepage, users can go anywhere. Main menu items are History & Culture, Membership Services, Government, Enterprises, Newsroom and About Us. Every section has its own event calendar, download section and information listing.

Under **History & Culture**, one can read the story of our people, about our culture and

sovereignty, download the 1836 treaty and the 1836 treaty ceded territory.

Under **Membership Services** are the tribe's main programs: ACFS, Culture, Education, Elders, Health, Housing, Natural Resources, Recreation and Tribal Enrollment. Each division updates its own section to keep the latest forms, events and programming available to tribal members. For instance, in ACFS, one can download applications for LIHEAP, Child Care Development Fund, Elder Heating, Funeral Assistance, Native Employment Works Application, Sanitation, USDA and Weatherization.

Check out the other division sections! See what Big Bear has to offer under recreation and all the scholarship information provided under Education, update your enrollment and much more.

For hunters and fishers, the Natural Resources section offers a plethora of resources, including all the latest seasons and harvest levels, up-to-date regulations, detailed maps if the 1836 Treaty Ceded territory and forms.

Under **Government** are sections for the board of directors, the chairman's office, law enforcement, the tribal court, the tribal codes and tribal elections. The board of directors pages offers contact information, unit reports, streaming video of the latest board meeting and approved resolutions and votes. Under law enforcement are contacts, emergency numbers, and law enforcement sites throughout the service area. Conservation information is included for hunters and fishers, and detention center information is available to the community. A great place to visit is the always up-to-date

tribal codes section where you can download all the tribe's ordinances. Under tribal elections, members can download a voter registration form.

Enterprises provides information about the tribe's non-gaming businesses and a link to the Kewadin website. Under Newsroom, members can search

employment information and download an application, read press releases, download tribal newspapers all the way back to 2005 and read about legislative matters important to the tribe. Under **About Us**, check out the events calendar, the seven-county service area map and much more.

TenEyck serving JKL PSA students

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — After seven years on the job, Alan TenEyck made the move from Sault Tribe Law Enforcement dispatcher to police officer, graduating from the Police Academy Aug. 17.

After a rigorous 16-week training at the Academy, with days beginning at 6 a.m. and sometimes not ending until 11:30 p.m., he returned to the department as the new School Resource Officer for JKL Bahweting Public School Academy.

Within weeks of his graduation, he was sent to Lansing for a 40-hour class called T.E.A.M. — Teaching, Education And Mentoring. The T.E.A.M. training is a school liaison program that teaches officers how to go into classrooms and present specially developed curriculum to children from kindergarten through high school. Some of the lessons he will teach to JKL students are fire and gun safety, safe Internet use, bullying, "sexting," the roles of law enforcement and legal issues for young people.

Chief of Police Bob Marchand said he is excited that TenEyck was able to attend the T.E.A.M. training. So far, he is the only Sault Tribe police officer who has attended T.E.A.M. As JKL's school liaison officer, TenEyck works with the teachers and school administrator to decide when it is appropriate to incorporate a T.E.A.M. lesson into classroom instruction. TenEyck said bringing the T.E.A.M. training into the school benefits both students and the local community.

Some of TenEyck's most recent lessons were safety training for kids in grades K-2 while middle school students talked about the differences between a misdemeanor and a felony.



Alan TenEyck

TenEyck also works with Conservation Officer Sam Gardner to teach hunter safety and is a youth hockey and baseball coach, volunteering as a referee for local hockey games. "I do a lot in the community with kids and felt that this job at JKL fit my personality really well," said TenEyck. "We are trying to bring back into the schools that police officers are their friends and that they can talk to us at any time about anything. We are not the bad guys."

TenEyck said he likes to meet a different child every day and makes a point at lunch to sit at a different table and listen to the kids talk about their day. "Every day is different and I really enjoy my time with the kids," he said.

TenEyck and his wife, Dusty, have two sons, Kyle, 16 and Avery, 11. "My youngest son thinks it's the greatest thing that I went from being a dispatcher to a police officer," he said.

With his family behind him and a new career ahead of him, TenEyck said he appreciates the opportunity the Tribal Police Department has given him.

Great Waters campaign is a great EUP economic asset

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The folks behind The Great Waters campaign are working to develop and promote the image of the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan, a region of superb natural, historical and cultural wealth. The goal is to help build a regional tourism campaign that helps support our communities. Businesses, organizations and other entities in the counties of Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce, Schoolcraft and Alger rely heavily on tourism for economic growth and development. The Great Waters initiative is designed to give these communities a promotion brand and campaign of their own.

While the state's Pure Michigan campaign highlights the tourism offerings of the state nationwide and Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association promotes the entire Upper Peninsula, The Great Waters promotes the EUP as the place to go to relax, renew and reconnect with the world around you.

According to Carol Eavou, a member of the The Great Waters Steering Committee and Vice-president of the hotel at the Sault Kewadin Casino and

Convention Center, The Great Waters ad campaign is designed to flow with the Pure Michigan ad campaign.

"Through a partnership with Travel Michigan we are able to get a \$60,000 ad campaign in areas like Toledo, Ohio; Ft Wayne, Ind.; Green Bay and Milwaukee, Wisc. We have also done a \$20,000 in-state campaign that covers the southern lower Michigan and Grand Rapids areas. It is kind of like a funnel approach, we follow on the heels of the Pure Michigan ad campaigns so people in those areas get a consistent message about coming to Michigan and our areas."

The Great Waters ads remind people of what can be found in the area. For example, a radio advertisement begins with a few soft notes on a piano and continues as a relaxed, masculine voice waxes nostalgic, asking listeners, "Remember our wonder years?" He then reflects on how, "We began every morning with fresh eyes, every afternoon promised another adventure, we lived in the moment and made every day matter. Those days might seem long ago but," soothing violin accompaniment

starts and heightened certainty comes into the speakers voice, "That sense of wonder can still be found. It still lives in a magical place, where the mighty Huron, Superior and Lake Michigan meet. Our wonder is not lost, but flows strong in the great waters of Michigan's Upper Peninsula — a place of shipwrecks and maritime adventure, a sacred land rich with Native American heritage and man-made marvels, where quiet forests open onto rolling shores and where we can still see eagles soar over majestic cliffs, rugged shoreline and hundreds of islands that rise from this freshwater sea. So let's head north to the great waters and discover the wonder that is pure Michigan."

Listeners are then invited to look into www.michigan.org, the state's official travel and tourism site.

It is easily seen how the Great Waters promotions appeal to just about anyone, especially folks whose lives are overloaded with the day to day pressures of the hurried and hectic lives in more urban areas.

In addition to radio promotions, The Great Waters campaign also uses print media, *See "Great Waters," page 4*

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From "Great Waters," page 3 including an annual guide to the area that is being developed for 2012, and cyberspace. Visitors to www.greatwaters.com find the same alluring imagery as the radio spot along with pages and links for more specific information. Clicking on the Destinations button, for instance, gives one a general idea of some of the many activities to be enjoyed in the EUP and offers additional buttons for more details on 15 communities in the five-county area. Another button offers advice on key attractions, travel packages, tours and activities. An events calendar can be viewed and free newsletters subscriptions can be acquired. The Inland Seashore button posts information on seashore communities, beaches, lighthouses, marinas, underwater preserves and scenic drives. The

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Where the majestic face of our landscape tell secrets out of time.

This is the heart of the freshwater sea, where Huron, Michigan and Superior gather.

site also points out places to stay whether camping or lodging.

Funding for The Great Waters partnership advertising comes from some of the local tourism and convention and visitors bureaus of the five counties. Additional support and guidance is provided by Northern Initiatives, a non-profit community development corporation affiliated with Northern Michigan University of Marquette. According to Chris Rector of Northern Initiatives, when small communities couple their promotional efforts with attractions and events offered in a much wider area of the U.P., they share in the collective drawing power all the attractions. Smaller communities such as Curtis, Paradise, Newberry and Les Cheneaux can reach a broader audience that would otherwise be beyond their financial means.

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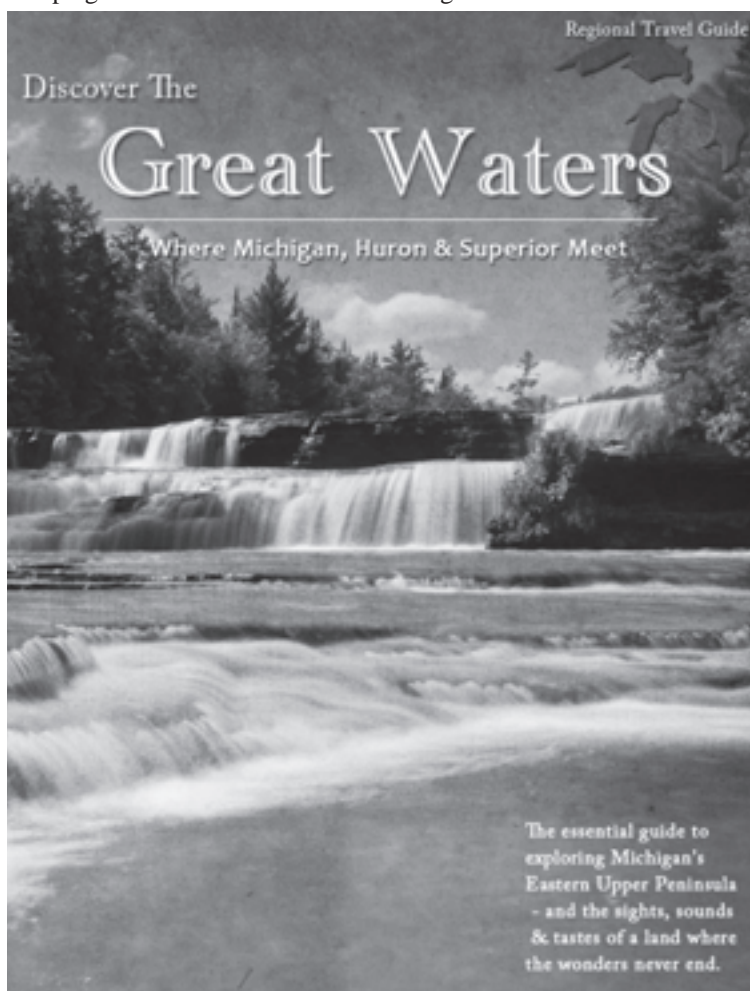
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our tourism industry, the more opportunities our local businesses have to grow and prosper. Building tourism means building economic development for our communities," said Eavou.

Learn more at www.thegreatwaters.com.



Guide cover image courtesy of The Great Waters

The framed text and the sample guide cover image above are examples of the appealing messages conveyed to potential visitors to the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan through The Great Waters promotional campaign. The campaign works in concert with the state's Pure Michigan promotions and Travel Michigan.

Brett Michaels returns Dec. 27 to Kewadin



Brett Michaels will perform at Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater on Dec. 27. at 7 p.m. This show is expected to be another sell out as his other performances at Kewadin have been! Tickets went on sale last Nov. 4 and are \$42.50.

Bret has achieved massive success — releasing 14 studio albums, four live albums, and selling over 30 million records worldwide with Poison and as a Solo Artist. His latest solo release, *Custom Built*, charted number one on the Billboard Hard Rock charts and number 14 on the Billboard charts.

For more information, visit www.kewadin.com.

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Tribe, health department lauded for collaboration

For the past decade, the Michigan Cancer Consortium (MCC) has presented its highest honor — the MCC Spirit of Collaboration Award — to member organizations doing outstanding collaborative work to significantly move comprehensive cancer control activities forward in our state.

This year, the Chippewa County Health Department and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians were among the recipients of the award through their collaborative work on the Michigan Smoke-Free Housing Project.

“This is a great honor, and we’re pleased to be a part of such a collaborative team,” said Donna Norkoli, Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project coordinator and Julie Trotter, Chippewa County Tobacco-free Living coordinator. “As a partnership between the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition, the Sault Tribe Tobacco Task Force and the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project, we’ve worked together on the smoke-free housing initiative since 2004 and have been making significant progress on this public health initiative.”

Other partners in the project receiving the honor include the Center for Social Gerontology’s Smoke-Free Environments Law Project (SFELP), South Eastern Michigan Indians, Inc., Dickinson-Iron District Health Department, Genesee County Health Department, Ingham County Health Department, Marquette County Health Department, Muskegon County Health Department, Public Health Delta-Menominee, Washtenaw County Health Department and Western Upper Peninsula Health Department.

The project, made possible through funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, began in March 2010. Since the start of the project, the partnering agencies have contributed to an increase in the number of smoke-free public housing commissions from 34 to 56, including the three largest in Michigan (Detroit, Grand Rapids and Lansing); an increase in the number of commercial tobacco-free tribal housing authority policies from none to six; and an

increase in the number of units of smoke-free other affordable housing properties available by over 12,000 units.

As a result, an estimated 40,000 people are now covered by smoke-free public and affordable housing in Michigan that were not previously covered. Hundreds of new smoke-free properties are now available to low income residents and tribal members in Michigan.

Media efforts resulted in 7,299 general smoke-free housing television, radio and print ads run since March 1, 2010, and 4,632 tribal-specific commercial tobacco smoke-free housing ads. The project partners presented at a large number of landlord meetings, property management association meetings and conferences, seminars and other property-specific presentations.

Tenant surveys were conducted, assisting landlords to move their property to smoke-free status. Partners make regular referrals to SFELP for legal



Photos by Rick Smith

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and the Chippewa County Health Department received official recognition for the Sault Tribe Housing Authority in adopting a smoke-free policy in designated homes along with a tobacco-free policy for all playgrounds on tribal housing sites. Representatives from the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition and the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project presented a plaque to the commission and housing staff at a meeting on Oct. 31 in Kinross, Mich., citing the agency as a leader among its counterparts in other tribes throughout Michigan. Presenting the plaque, standing left to right, Michelle Conway of the Strategic Alliance for Health, Julie Trotter of the Chippewa County Health Department, Donna Norkoli of the Strategic Alliance for Health and Lauren Kross of Sault Tribe Community Health.

rent funding, in addition to our education and awareness efforts, we’ve assisted the Sault Tribe Housing Authority and Park Place City Center management with smoke-free housing policies for their properties,” said Norkoli and Trotter.

In April 2010, Sault Tribe became the first Tribe in Michigan to adopt a smoke-free housing policy for designated housing units, according to Norkoli. The Sault Ste. Marie Housing Commission had adopted a smoke-free policy for three of their apartment buildings for seniors and the disabled in December of 2006 – the first Housing Commission in the U.P. to do so, added Trotter.

“With the assistance of Lauren Kross, Sault Tribe Community Health Educator and staff of Sault Tribe Housing, we have put together a comprehensive educational campaign to create awareness about the dangers of secondhand and third-hand smoke. This effort consists of TV ads, radio ads, brochures,

flyers, table tents and covers the entire Sault Tribe seven-county service area,” said Norkoli.

She added, “This is a vital project because it provides healthy homes for residents in our community and tribal housing, and it makes great business sense for property owners. We continue to be available to prop-

erty owners, managers, and tenants of multi-unit housing in our community, and we look forward to assisting additional properties

with going smoke-free.” For more information about smoke-free housing contact Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 635-8844 or dnorkoli@saulttribe.net.

A wealth of information is also available by visiting www.healthysaulttribe.com, www.chippewahd.com or www.



Standing, Donna Norkoli of the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project smiles after presenting a plaque to Sault Tribe Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Vice Chair Shirley Goudreau and Chair Ken Ermatinger.

assistance and expert direction, and SFELP in return puts property owners and tenants in touch with local contacts through the various partnerships.

This collaborative relationship is unique and has yielded excellent public health improvements in housing in Michigan, especially for low income residents.

“With the support of our cur-



Standing with a sign declaring a Kinross housing site playground as a tobacco-free area are Donna Norkoli and Michelle Conway of the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health, Lauren Kross of Sault Tribe Community Health and Julie Trotter of the Chippewa County Health Department.

erty owners, managers, and tenants of multi-unit housing in our community, and we look forward to assisting additional properties

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State “Health Exchange” legislation protects tribal members

SAULT TRIBE BOARD MEMBERS ABRAMSON AND MALLOY TAKE LEAD ON SENATE BILL 693

BY ROGER MARTIN

LANSING, Mich. — The Sault Tribe is leading efforts in Lansing to protect the rights of Michigan’s Native American people as the Legislature begins passing bills to keep the state in compliance with the federal health care reform law known as the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Two Sault Tribe Board members have worked tirelessly with the Tribe’s Lansing government affairs team to make sure state Senate Bill (SB) 693 protects Native Americans as it moves through the Legislature.

SB 693 has already passed the full Senate and is pending additional hearings and votes in the state House. The bill is supported by Gov. Rick Snyder, a large number of Democrats and Republicans, and more than 100 organizations that work to protect the rights and interests of patients and consumers. Specifically, SB 693 creates a new website (technically called a “health insurance exchange”) where individual consumers and small businesses will be able to compare and shop for health insurance plans.

Under the ACA, all states must create an online health insurance exchange by 2014. The federal government will create exchanges for states that fail to comply with the law. Gov. Snyder and many state lawmakers want Michigan to create its own exchange and avoid federal intervention.

The ACA also gives Native American tribes specific rights and protections in the new state health exchanges. Thanks to the work of tribal board members Cathy Abramson and D.J. Malloy, SB 693 includes language that keeps those protections in Michigan’s health exchange and gives federally recognized tribes specific opportunities to improve access to health insurance and health care services.

“Health care is important to all tribal members, so we as a board must take necessary steps to protect and maximize access to care when there are opportunities to do so,” Abramson said. “The ACA gives tribes specific rights and protections that were either unclear or not really addressed in state Senate Bill 693 until we started working with the Governor, Senate leaders and our government affairs team in Lansing. Together, we have made some very good progress.”

“Senate Bill 693 now gives the Sault Tribe and other tribes across Michigan the rights and protections that were called for in the ACA,” Malloy said. “It also gives us new opportunities to improve health insurance for all our members, and that’s so very important and positive.”

Under federal law, if Michigan fails to create a health insurance exchange, the state will cede control to the federal government of important decisions regarding the operation of the exchange and Michigan’s Medicaid and MICHild programs, including eligibility, enrollment and IT decisions. In addition, the federal government will create exchanges for states that fail to do so, and require taxpayers of those states to pay the costs.

States that create healthcare exchanges will not only maintain autonomous control over their

state-administered health plans for adults and children, the federal government will also pay the costs of creating the exchanges. These funds are vital in allowing the state to bring on board the staff and expertise necessary to properly design the exchange and the website.

SB 693 was introduced by state Sen. Jim Marleau (R-Lake Orion), chairman of the Senate Health Policy Committee. Under the bill, the exchange — called MiHealth marketplace — would be a non-profit corporation with a governing board appointed by the governor, the speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, and the Michigan Senate majority leader. The state Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation would certify health plans that are permitted to be on the exchange marketplace.

Gary Reed, a principal in the Sault Tribe’s government relations firm Cusmano Kandler and Reed, said the Sault Tribe board’s advocacy on the legislation has been significant.

For example, Reed said the tribe succeeded in adding to the bill a clear definition of “Indian person.” That was important, Reed said, because the ACA includes three different definitions of Indian person. SB 693 also allows tribes that chose to do so to offer their own health insurance plans and pay the insurance premiums of their members. The bill also exempts tribal members from the ACA’s mandate to buy health insurance or pay financial penalties. Finally, the Michigan’s health exchange must consult with the state’s Indian tribes when making key operational decisions about the exchange.

“Were it not for the Sault Tribe board, particularly members Malloy and Abramson, taking the lead on getting those protections

centers are vital to the region’s economy,” he added.

Since early this fall, the Michigan Department of Transportation has closed the welcome centers two days a week. Walker’s amendment will enable the centers to stay open at least eight hours a day every day of the week.

HB 5014 now heads to the Michigan House of Representatives for further consideration.



Cathy Abramson



DJ Malloy



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Thad Gormas, chief of staff to state Sen. Jim Marleau (R-Lake Orion), addresses the tribal board during a recent visit concerning the MiHealth marketplace specified in the health exchange bill. Sen. Jim Marleau, who is also chairman of the Senate Health Policy Committee, introduced SB 693.

in the bill, they simply would not be there,” Reed said. “We also must thank Sen. Marleau and the staff of Gov. Snyder, who really took the time to understand the issues as they relate to Michigan’s Native American people.”

Abramson also thanked Sen. Marleau and Gov. Snyder.

“Special thanks to Gov. Snyder for his support and especially Sen. Marleau and his staff for their tireless efforts to craft legislation that could make Michigan the national model,” she said. “It has been a long and exciting journey. We are not done.”

Reed said he and the Sault Tribe board members learned about the impact of the ACA on

Native Americans by attending meetings of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), a federal nonprofit organization based in Washington that represents tribal governments on various health care issues. Sault Tribe board member Abramson is the chair of the NIHB Board of Directors.

The Michigan House of Representatives is expected to take up SB 693 next year. On Nov. 14, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear challenges to certain parts of the ACA, specifically the so-called “individual mandate” provision requiring all U.S. citizens to purchase health insurance or pay financial penalties. The nation’s high court said it anticipates issuing a ruling early next summer.

Senate approves Walker amendment to keep northern Michigan welcome centers open

LANSING—A budget amendment that will restore funding to keep welcome centers open every day in three northern Michigan cities passed out of the Senate on Nov. 9, said sponsor Sen. Howard Walker.

Walker’s change to House Bill 5014 allocates \$200,000 to keep the welcome centers in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Mackinaw City open seven days a week. HB 5014 is a 2011-2012 supplemental appropriations bill.

“I’m very happy I was able to secure this funding for our northern Michigan welcome centers. I have heard from citizens and businesses alike who don’t understand the decision to not have them open every day, especially when we are spending millions to market Michigan through the Pure Michigan campaign,” said Walker (R- Traverse City).

“In St. Ignace alone, the welcome center served more than 400,000 people last year. These

How to write an effective letter

Elected officials take letters from their constituents very seriously. This is especially true when individuals have taken the time to sit down and write a letter in their own words. Elected officials pay the most attention to letters from voters in their own districts. To make your letters the most effective:

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Dems have two running for state's 1st Congressional District



Former State Representative Gary McDowell has announced his candidacy for Michigan's 1st Congressional District to oppose incumbent Congressman Dan Benishek (R-Crystal Falls). The Rudyard native will take on Grand Traverse Band chairman Derek Bailey in the Democratic primary.

McDowell served three terms in the 107th Michigan House District before term limits ended his office. He ran as Democratic opponent against Benishek in the last election and lost to the Crystal Falls doctor, who garnered 51 percent of the vote. McDowell told the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, during a recent visit to the tribe, that he stepped up when Stupak suddenly decided to retire late in the last election cycle. Although he was predicted to win, the Democratic and independent voters stayed home leaving the field to Benishek voters.

McDowell thinks he would make a better representative to Congress. "Benishek recently voted to lift mercury level requirements in the Great Lakes," said McDowell. "He has an approval rating of 32 percent, and voters are looking for a change. We have a dysfunctional Congress guaranteed by representatives who will never compromise."

McDowell himself says he has a "great relationship with the tribes." He's very proud of the "small part he has played" in the advances the tribes have made over the years. He said he remembers conditions in Mar-Shunk area and the Bay Mills reservation.

"When I was a child we had an old Nash Rambler that all 12 of us used to somehow fit into," remembered McDowell, eldest of 10 children. "I remember my dad taking us for a drive to Bay Mills. The road was unpaved and full of holes, there was a community well for water and housing was very old and dilapidated. My dad got us all out of the car and told us how wrong it was that in this country we had people who were still so impoverished. That has always stayed with me and I continue to work hard to improve the quality of life."

McDowell has a long history of community involvement. He has served on the local hospital and economic development boards, was the first chairman of the 911 board and was a volunteer EMT and firefighter for Rudyard Township for many years.

One of his proudest accomplishments in his time in the Michigan House was chairing Michigan's community health

budget. "I have always fought for those with the most needs — elders, our children, special health care needs, the mentally ill and many of our preventative medicine programs."

Six American Indian tribes are represented by Michigan's 1st Congressional District — Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, Hannahville Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

McDowell supports the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, saying "it should be fully funded" and supports Indian gaming. Gaming has allowed the tribes to invest money back into their communities for education, housing and health care and has improved the quality of life for tribal members, he said.

"Education, health care and economic development are all intertwined. To have an educated, skilled population is probably the best way to develop and maintain economic development," he said.

McDowell said he finds solutions to bring people together. "I have a reputation for getting things done."

McDowell brought up Charlotte Beach, Sugar Island and the Great Lakes as a few specific issues he will work on. He has been acquainted with the Charlotte Beach issue for a long time, he said, going back to his county commission days, and supports a legislative solution. He has worked on the St. Marys River and Sugar Island contaminant problem with board member Cathy Abramson. And, he sees the Great Lakes as a treasure of immeasurable value to restore and protect.

"We have a lot of work to do," he said.



Seeking the Democratic nomination for Michigan's 1st District, **Derek Bailey** (above) is Leelanau County's first Congressional candidate in 13 years. Tribal chairman of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Bailey will be facing strong competition from former State Rep. Gary McDowell, a local farmer from Rudyard.

Bailey, 39, attended a Nov. 15 Sault Tribe Board of Directors workshop where he addressed the board, asking for the tribe's support, and answered questions posed by tribal members and board representatives.

Q: How will your role as

tribal chairman affect your run for Congress?

Bailey: "I truly honor the time I have had on tribal council and currently as the tribal chairman for the Grand Traverse Band (GTB) of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. My term as tribal chairman ends the last week of May 2012. Being chairman is definitely a balance — it is important to me the tribal citizenship at home know there is no blurring of the lines; that the hat I am wearing today is as a congressional candidate, not as their chairman. I took vacation time to be here today."

Q: What will an indigenous perspective bring to Congress?

Bailey: "I think the opportunity and time is now to bring an indigenous perspective into Congress. Our culture focuses on the seven generation teachings, and that is powerful. Thinking of the generations that are yet to come when you and the legislators in D.C. cast their votes is what it is going to take to get our economy turned around and back on track."

Q: What are some current issues that are important to you?

Bailey: "Right at the forefront, every candidate is going to talk about the economy and creating jobs. For me it's not just about job creation — it's creating jobs that we can bring into District 1 that have livable wages so our families from young single parents to middle age grandparents raising grandchildren can maintain and know what they have always known as home."

"I also think there is a huge disconnect between our current District 1 representative and the citizenship within our district. I want to bring more of an intimate form of governance that recognizes the importance of understanding what our citizens' thoughts, ideals and solutions are. The citizens of our District know best of anyone what can take our area forward. District 1 is one of the largest districts in Michigan with 31.5 counties — we need to have that true representation, a strong voice representing our needs."

Bailey said he places a big emphasis on health care and education and would like to see more outreach to rural areas promoting opportunities for early childhood education.

Mentioning the high rates of diabetes in Michigan counties, he said that regardless of race, age and sex, more people in Michigan are suffering from increased obesity rates and heart disease, with children getting diabetes at younger ages.

"Our diets and physical activity have changed over the years, if we can get back an understanding of preventative measures, that could help offset the toll on our budgets for health care costs. When people are healthy, their self-esteem, confidence and the decisions they make dramatically go up in a more productive manner," he said.

Q: As the chairman of the board of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA), what environmental issues would you like to see addressed?

Bailey: "I think we need to get back to being a stronger voice and champion for our Great

Lakes. The daily pollution that goes into the Great Lakes is a huge issue. Our ancestors maintained their diets from freshwater fish. Today, I really question, with the pollutants in the lakes, how healthy it is for our families to be eating Great Lakes fish. What is really saddening is that mothers who are pregnant or nursing are told to limit their fish intake, which is crucial for the development of their baby. One of the things that God — the Creator — has given us for nourishment, we have to hold back because of what we have done to the water."

Q: How do you feel about the Michigan Tuition Waiver?

Bailey: "I attribute my educational success to the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. I hold it true to my heart as a tribal leader, but also as someone that utilized it for my own education. It was very beneficial and we need to stand up against those means and measures seeking to repeal it."

"The Tuition Waiver is based on the Comstock agreement of 1934 — it is not an entitlement or a free education as a lot of people describe it. In the Comstock agreement, there was land and property that was exchanged for financial assistance to help Native people pursue higher education. It is not a one-way road; at the onset there was a give and take that prescribed why the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver is in place and helping to meet the financial needs of our Native students. However, that is a state issue, not a Congressional issue."

Q: What is one of your focuses at this early stage of the campaign?

Bailey: "It would definitely be fundraising. We know you can be the best-qualified candidate, but the viability of the candidate is measured on how much money he or she can raise. Right now we are focused on securing contributions, individuals that could host house events for fundraising efforts and outreach to the tribes to see if they could also provide a financial contribution that will help make this campaign more successful."

"An individual or tribe can contribute up to \$2,500 for the primary and \$2,500 for the general election. Primary and general election money can be raised at the same time, if you are then successful and win the primary you can access that \$2,500 general election money. If you are unsuccessful, that \$2,500 is returned to the donating individual or tribe. Individuals and tribes can host fundraising events and raise an unlimited amount of donations. As my relationship develops further with the Sault Tribe, I will be asking if they will host an event. We have a lot of work ahead of us."

Bailey said he is running for Congress because over the past 18 months people have been approaching him in northern Lower Michigan asking if he would consider running for a position outside of the tribe.

"They respect the work I have done as tribal chairman and were asking if I would run for a position at the state or federal level,"

he said. "I am here today because of a huge outreach to me and I am very honored and humbled. Most of the outreach has been from non-Native supporters asking me to consider representing them and being their voice — I think that is tremendous."

Bailey said his choice to run for Congress was made easier when the lines for District 1 were redrawn to include four of the six counties making up the Grand Traverse Band's service area.

"I would definitely say I am the underdog at this point. Gary McDowell ran in 2010 unsuccessfully against the incumbent; however, I know that when he announced on Sept. 14 that he was running, he brought his infrastructure with him," Bailey said. "I have faith that the time is now to bring a change of representation for our District. I am not Gary, and I'm not Dan [Benishek]. I am running as a Democrat as I share Democratic values and principles, but I will definitely be an independent voice in Congress."

Offering a unique perspective on governance not offered by other candidates, Bailey said tribal government is like no other form of governance in the world. "It is so intimate — you truly live, work and play with those that have elected you to serve, you are always connected to your community."

"It is a very rewarding time for me. There are people that are behind me as a Congressional candidate who are not seeing race. They are seeing a work ethic, vision and energy — something that they can grab onto. I think that speaks volumes," he said. "We are coming into a new time, a new dawning. I am so humbly proud to be here today talking about a Congressional run that has a wide appeal that is not race based. And it shouldn't be, it should be based on the person — the candidate."

Bailey holds a master's degree in social work from Grand Valley State University and was appointed by President Obama in July 2010 to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. He was also nominated to the Joint Civilian Operations Command in August 2011 and serves as an Adjunct Professor at Grand Valley State University School of Social Work. In 2010 he was listed by the Traverse City Business News as their top "40 Under 40" to be recognized for 2009-2010. He is a 14-year board member of the Michigan Indian Employment and Training Services, and also sits on the Munson Medical Center Bioethics Committee, Michigan Land Use Institute Advisory Council and is a Central Michigan University School of Social Work Advisory Committee member.

Together, Derek and his wife Tonia have five children, Panika, 14, Nimkees, 12, Daanis, 11, Kihew, 8, and Maengon, 3. Bailey is a men's traditional dancer and has been a powwow emcee for the past 13 years. He also enjoys riding his American made Victory Kingpin 8-Ball motorcycle.

For more information about Derek Bailey, visit derekbaileyforcongress.com

THE ELDER TIMES

The Elder Times finds new home

Due to funding constraints, *The Elder Times* has found a new home within the pages of *Win Amwen Nisitotung*. It just makes sense, with postage rates becoming so high, to share in the cost. I hope you like this new edition of *The Elders Times*. It will also be included in the online edition of the newspaper at www.saulttribe.com.

Elders with any comments

or suggestions are welcome to contact Jennifer Dale-Burton, newspaper editor, at jdburton@saulttribe.net, (906) 632-6398, 531 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783.

To make a regular submission to *The Elder Times*, send to Monica Kelley, Eldercare Services, 2076 Shunk Rd. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Miigwech.

— Jen Dale-Burton, Editor

Tribal elder seeks fellow Floridians

Are you in the Florida area? Would you be interested in getting together for a gathering of fellow elders?

If so, please email or call me. Let's see if we can arrange something.

Diane Talley dtjointventure@yahoo.com, (386) 589-4289.



Deward and Mabel Rickley on their wedding day in 1940. He was 24 years old, and she was 21. They had 11 children. Mr. Rickley worked as a tender for a bricklayer. (Rickley family photograph)



Traditional ghost feast honors the departed

In October, descendants of the Rickley and Moses families celebrated their 14th ghost feast. The ghost feast is an American Indian ceremony observed in the fall. It is a traditional time of remembering and honoring deceased loved ones and relatives through offerings of food and tobacco at a ceremonial meal. The spirits of the departed loved ones are nourished when a family comes together and shares food and tobacco with them through a ceremonial fire. At this time family ties are renewed for another year among the living.

The gathering begins with a small ceremonial fire while food is being laid out for a feast.

Dozens of dishes, including many varieties of meat, pasta, salad, fry bread, pies and cookies are made by the family. Outdoors, prayers are offered and samples of the food, as well as tobacco, prepared for the meal are sacrificially burned to feed the spirits of the departed family members.

The ghost feast provides a great time of family togetherness and increases the newer generations' interest in spiritual matters.

Take a look at the picture below of a ceremonial fire. Do you notice any faces in the smoke and flames? Some see a soldier's face with his hat, along with a couple other spirit faces.

Announcing Sault Tribe Elder Advisory Committee scholarship winners

The Elder Advisory Committee awarded two \$500 scholarships to deserving Sault Tribe college students Jessica Coullard and Josh Miller.

Jessica Coullard is a freshman at Lake Superior State University. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in English language and literature with a concentration in creative writing. Coullard plans to pursue a career in writing and would like to someday write a novel.

Coullard thanked the Advisory Committee for choosing her as a recipient of the scholarship.

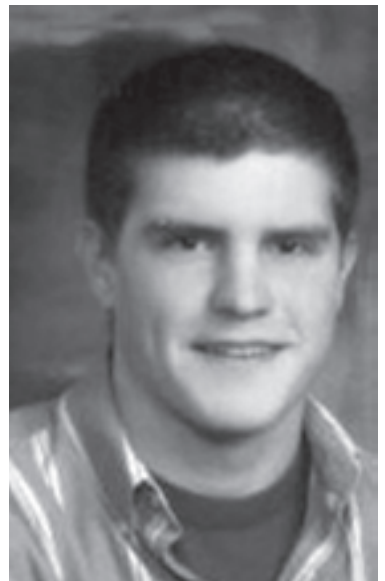
Josh Miller, from Escanaba, is a freshman at Western Michigan University. He is studying chemistry. After college he plans to pursue a career in the chemistry field.

"Receiving this scholarship is a great motivational and financial attribute to help me succeed,"

said Josh. "Thank you, I appreciate it!"



Jessica Coullard



Josh Miller

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*A Christmas gift for the
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*Lisa Dietz,
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The First Dream Catcher

No one knows for sure how the dream catcher came to be. This is just the result of one person's meditations on this cherished tradition.
— L. Dietz

Red-Earth-Woman lifted her infant son into the light streaming in through the open flap of the wigwam. It was cold for late fall, past the blackberry moon, and her fat little boy wiggled to show his discomfort at being removed from his warm cozy nest in the cradleboard.

Hugging the chubby baby close, Red Earth removed the dampened fluff from the board and repacked it with fresh cattail fluff that she had picked at the end of the summer. Then she laid her son on the soft fur-lined backboard and tucked more fluff around him in with more soft fawn skins and rabbit fur. Then she aligned his arms and legs so that his little body was straight and laced him up.

Red Earth was proud of the fine leather she was lacing her son in. She had spent many hours stitching the papoose carrier with dyed quills in beautiful floral patterns. She had included all the woodland flowers and leaves, and also berries. She laughed at that.

Red Earth called her son "little bird" or "chubby bear" or other pet names. Anishinaabe children were not named right at birth, because how could one name a child until one knew it? Later, an elder or older relative would come up with just the right name.

They went to meet Two Bears. He was the second born son in his family, so his color was red. (The first son's color was blue.) This hunt, all the "reds" had participated; next hunt all the "blues" would go out. This was a fair way to choose up sides for the boy's games or, later on in life, for the men's work.

It would be a hard winter. The wind threw knives of cold through Red Earth's clothing as she quickly gathered firewood. She wanted many days supply because she felt snow coming. Two Bears and his uncle were still out hunting when the storm hit.

"At least we're warm," said the auntie, "because you are a good worker, my girl."

Auntie was digging into her bag of medicines for teas that would help them endure the famine. After she found the teas, she searched around her work bag for pieces of smoked elk hide. These she gave to Red Earth to boil with the last handful of the wild rice.

"Red Earth," said the elder woman. "We have no food and little tea. So let's fast and pray for ourselves and our men. I'll make a light tea for the baby so he can sleep."

"I don't know, auntie," Red Earth replied. "He has been having such bad dreams that scare him and he wakes up crying. But he's too little to tell me what they are."

Dreams are very important, thought auntie. It was through dreams that the Creator often sent messages. She worried that the little one might be having dreams of his father.

The next afternoon, Red Earth's little son woke up crying from his sleep. She rocked him and sang to

him. As she did so, she noticed a spider's web in the corner of the wigwam. She rested the sleeping baby's cradleboard against her and looked at the empty web glistening in the firelight. She looked around at the circle of the wigwam. In here, she thought, is all of my life: my child, my relative, the Mother Earth I sit on, the furs we cuddle in.

"And" she laughed, "even our brother, the spider, is protected by this circle." The circular snowshoes she wove for her husband on bent wood frames protect him now, she thought, and will bring him home safe over the snow.

The baby dozed off and his mother snuggled deeper in the furs with him so she could resume her prayers while fasting for the hunters' safe return.

And she dreamed.

She dreamt that the hunger spirit was chasing her and she ran. She saw what looked like a huge web, but close up she saw the web was like the sinew from the snowshoes. It had a hole in the middle.

She took the hawk feather she had and leapt through the hole. The hunger-spirit wasn't small enough to do that and got tangled in the web. She was safe. Around her were the deer, the birds, the trees and the water glistening with sunlight.

Red Earth woke up. Still in a sleepy daze, she reached for some willow twigs from the bundle of kindling wood. They were still pliable. She twisted one into a little circle, the size of her small palm. Deftly she netted sinew around the willow circle, to form a web, with a small opening in the center.

The fire sputtered, and throwing some pine cones on it, she built it up. The willow, she thought, grows by water. It is also a tree. The little charm should have leather, from the four-leggeds, and little beads on it for the stone people, the earth. Then, she thought, if I hang a little feather on the bottom for the winged ones, the whole of my child's world will hang before him and when he sleeps, that world will protect him and guard his dreams.

Auntie woke up. "Listen," she said to Red Earth.

"I hear nothing, auntie," said Red Earth.

"That's right," said auntie.

"The wind has stopped; the storm is over! Now our men can come home."

"Yes," said Red Earth. "And the new snow will make tracking easier and the animals won't be as swift in the deep snow as our men on their snowshoes."

Then auntie saw the curious little webbed circle. "How pretty," she said.

Red Earth described what her dream and visions had led her to create, to protect her son.

"A dream-catcher!" said Auntie. "What a good idea for our little man."

So they fastened the first dream-catcher on the hoop of his cradleboard. He loved to look at it, and seemed to sleep better.

"When he understands our language better," said his mother, "I will tell him he need not fear any bad dreams because the web will catch them. They will melt in

the sun's first rays and slide right down the feather and be gone."

The next morning, Red Earth stood by the poplar tree, wrapped in her blanket. She listened and watched over the lake, over the shores, for signs of the hunter returning.

Then she saw them. She alerted auntie to start heating the cooking rocks to put in the birch bowl so the water would boil. Then she ran to Two Bears.

They had brought fresh game – two fine rabbits and a bundle of fine meat wrapped in the skin of a deer.

But this important food was ignored as Red Earth hugged her child's father. It was good just to see him, to feel his breath on her face as he laughed. He was glad that she missed him, glad to have brought food for his family so the circle of life could continue.



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Women eligible for care within the Tribal Health Clinics and meet the states eligibility requirements can apply for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) which assists women with the screening and treatment costs for breast and cervical cancer.



Jingle Dress Dancers

Three Steps To Regular Breast Health Care:

- ◆ Do a self breast exam once a month.
- ◆ Get a yearly clinical breast exam by your health care provider after the age of 20.
- ◆ Get a yearly mammogram starting at age 40.



Traditional Shawl Dancers

Child Care Center and Head Start Halloween trick or treating at Kewadin Casino and ACFS



Molly and Kelly Jackman



Gavin and Susan Averill



Linda (center) and Samantha Grossett (right) were part of the Head Start group showing casino staff their Halloween costumes and getting goodies.



Head Start Bus Aide Jessie Quigley, Emilee Gordon (back, right), Julius St. James (front left) and Phoenix Thompson.

Photos by Brenda Austin

Child Care Center staff, children and parents (on page 14) collected treats from Kewadin Casino staff and visited the staff at ACFS who had their building decorated, lights off and fog machine running. Head Start children and families (on this page) also took a walk through the casino and ACFS staff for treats. Each Halloween a few officers from Sault Tribe Law Enforcement also volunteer their time and hand out treats to the children with staff at ACFS.



Juanita Bye and her two-year old grandson, Kayne Payment.



Some of the staff at ACFS dressed up for Halloween.

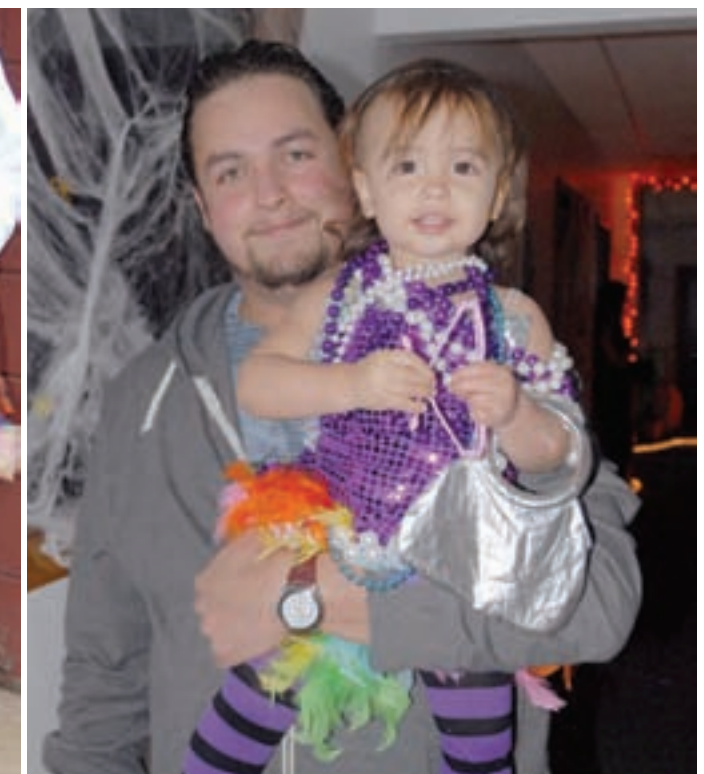
Below, left: Lucas McKerchie. Below, right: Caleb Castandea. Right: Mary Lajoice holding Austin Loaksonen, Allie Derusha and Raymond Lainach.



Evan Spring



Janine and Olivia Limonez



Sam and Elizabeth Gardner



Alexis Luoma (right) and Sheila Mendoskin



Chance and Angus McKerchie



Head Start Teacher Catherine Wilson with Trenten Wychopen (left) and Evan Spring (right).

Thanksgiving feast at Malcolm High School



Photos by Rick Smith

Students, guests, faculty and staff of Malcolm High School in Sault Ste. Marie enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast on Nov. 23. Traditional fare, including an array of desserts, was provided courtesy of the school's personnel, a few students and Sault Tribe. Special guests included some residents of the Hearthside Assisted Living facility who were served by the teens and staff. Two-thirds of the 150 students at the school are Sault Tribe members. The drum of JKL Bahweting Public School Academy (below) opened the feast in Anishinaabe fashion.

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Higher education students: Reports due Jan. 31

The Sault Tribe Higher Education program is now accepting grade reports for the Self-Sufficiency Incentive Awards.

From Dec. 1, 2011, through January 31, 2012, the Sault Tribe Education Department will be accepting student grade reports for the fall semester Self-Sufficiency Incentive Awards.

The Self-Sufficiency Incentive Awards are offered to all Sault Tribe members who are enrolled in a two or four-year college or university. The program is effective for fall semester only. Each student will receive an estimated

\$40 per credit hour for any class passed with a C or better and as long as it is not a repeat course.

The limited funding is divided by the total number of credit hours submitted by all students and this determines the amount granted per credit hour. Due to limited funding, we cannot accept late reports.

Students are required to have 2011-2012 Higher Education applications, W-9 forms and copies of their Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians membership cards on file with the Education Department.

All students who submitted 2011-2012 documentation were mailed a confirmation letter. If you think you submitted the paperwork but did not get a letter, then please contact our office.

Student grade reports must be in the college's original format. It must include the student's full name, the college's name, term, number of credit hours and the grades per class. Students may NOT handwrite any of this information onto the report. We can

NOT accept grade reports that are copy and pasted into emails. We are unable to open links to the reports if the student is required to log-in first.

We recommend that students obtain a copy of their "unofficial" transcript and submit this to our office. Please do NOT rely on financial aid officers or other school officials to submit your grade report for you; each student is responsible for their own documentation.

Anyone with questions, or to confirm that your documentation and grade report were received, please feel free to contact Brandi MacArthur, administrative assistant for Higher Education, at (906) 635-7784 or bmacarthur@saulttribe.net. If you would like to fax your paperwork directly to MacArthur's office, please fax to (906) 635-7785 and keep the fax confirmation sheet as documented proof as having submitted your grade report on time.

STAY starts contests for media projects

The Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project is starting new video and writing contests for people aged 10 to 24. Prizes are donated by community members and local businesses. Winning videos will be featured on the STAY Project website and STAY Youtube page.

Video contest rules:

— For Michigan residents, aged 10-24. Entrants under the age of 18 need parental permission.

— Entrants will be split up by age (10-17 and 18-24).

— Videos should focus on the topics of bullying or suicide prevention.

— Submit entry forms between Jan. 1 and March 2, 2012.

— Videos should be posted on Youtube. Entry forms have space for link to videos.

— Videos should be anywhere between 30 seconds and 3 minutes.

— A panel of judges will select the top five videos in each of the age categories. Top videos will be voted on to choose the winners.

— Voting will begin on March 9 and will end on March 28, 2010.

— Winners will be notified

by email and phone and must respond within 10 business days to receive their prize.

— By submitting a video you are giving the STAY Project permission to use your video as their own.

Examples of topics: How has bullying affected you? Why do you say no to suicide?

— PSA

For official rules go to www.stayproject.org

Writing contest rules:

— For Michigan residents, aged 10-24. Entrants under the age of 18 need parental permission.

— Entrants will be split up by age (10-17 and 18-24).

— Should focus on the topics of bullying or suicide prevention.

— Submit entry forms between Jan. 1 and March 2, 2012.

— Length should be between 300 and 800 words.

— A panel of judges will select the winners.

Examples of topics: How has bullying affected you? Why do you say no to suicide?

For official rules, go to www.stayproject.org. Questions? Call us at (906) 635-8629 or email us at stayproject@saulttribe.net.

LSSU College Goal Sunday set for February 12

Lake Superior State University hosts College Goal Sunday on February 12, 2012, at the Sault Area High School to help students with the financial aid process. Those graduating from high school in 2012, or already in college, need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

LSSU and high school staff will be available to help students with the process. Students unsure if attending college should apply and decide at a later date about attending. Applying after the March 1 deadline will result in less student aid.

LSSU recommends students bring their FAFSA personal identification number (PIN). You can request a PIN from <http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINwebapp/pinindex.jsp>; Social Security number; parent or legal guardian's Social Security number (If you are under 23 and a dependent then

we recommended you bring a parent to the event): driver's license (if any); W-2 forms or other records of money earned; 2011 federal income tax return; spouse's 2011 income tax return (if married); parent's 2011 federal income tax return; 2011 untaxed income records, such as Social Security, temporary assistance to needy families, welfare or veterans benefits (if any); 2011 bank statements; 2011 business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records; alien registration card (if you are not a U.S. citizen).

Visit www.micollegegoal.org for more information, an event reminder, a printable checklist, FAQ, location lists, and a list of prizes that will be awarded during the event. Students may visit the Lake Superior State University website at www.lssu.edu for more information about the event.

Laker Gold Scholarship rewards incoming academic excellence

For the second year, Lake Superior State University is inviting academically distinguished incoming freshmen to compete for scholarships during its new Laker Gold Scholarship competition.

The competition, to be held Jan. 28, will include an essay challenge, personal interview, parents program, campus tour, dinner and optional evening hockey game when the Lakers play Ohio State University. Students must have applied for admission to LSSU by Dec. 1.

All award notifications will be made in March. Laker Gold Scholarships will be awarded to the top three students. Laker Gold Scholarships include full tuition, renewable for up to four years and are inclusive of other scholarship awards. Students will also

receive partial room and board awarded through other merit-based scholarships.

"We are excited to be able to continue this scholarship competition for our academically talented students to LSSU," said Susan Camp, director of LSSU Admissions. "This is a great way to reward those students who strive to achieve excellent academic performance. Last spring, 50 students participated in the competition and 28 of them attended LSSU this fall."

High school seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher and an ACT composite score of 28 or better are eligible for the competition. These scholarships are in addition to the automatic merit scholarships awarded upon admission to LSSU.

To be considered for schol-

arships available through the competition, prospective students must have applied for admission by Dec. 1. All supporting materials, including ACT scores, must be received and postmarked by Jan. 6. Students must register for the competition online or by calling the Admissions Office at 888-800-LSSU before Jan. 6.

Parents will have the opportunity to attend an informational program while students write their essays. A panel of LSSU staff will present information and answer questions concerning admission, academic advising, financial aid, housing, campus life, orientation, and more.

For a complete listing of all scholarships available at LSSU, visit www.lssu.edu/finaid/scholarship.php.

Pre-med scholarship launched at Lake Superior State University

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Students preparing to become medical doctors at Lake Superior State University now have a scholarship to help them along. The Edward and Jill Smith Scholarship initially earmarks an annual grant for qualified students majoring in a pre-med concentration program during their junior and senior academic years.

Edward Smith is a physician who has been practicing in St. Ignace, Mich., since 1986. After graduating from Lake Superior State in 1978, he received a medical degree from Michigan State University and completed a hematology/oncology fellowship at the University of Michigan. Today Smith provides care for patients with cancer and blood

disorders in Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula. His wife, Jill, is a registered nurse and a graduate of Grand Rapids Junior College. She is an oncology nurse at the newly opened Mackinac Straits Health Systems Campus in St. Ignace, Mich.

"I came from a large family, and without the scholarships I received, I would not have had enough money to attend college and ultimately become a physician," said Dr. Smith. "Jill and I are fortunate with our careers and feel we should return the generosity we received."

Edward and Jill Smith Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in a LSSU pre-med concentration program. Students who apply must have at least 56

credits and a GPA of at least 3.0. The scholarship is renewable, provided the student meets the LSSU scholarship renewal policy. Preference will be given to those who are graduates of a Michigan high school.

Candidates can fill out an application through LSSU's financial aid office for consideration by a selection committee of Biology faculty. Applications for the first award must be submitted by the end of February.

For more information about this or any one of the more than 100 scholarships and awards available at LSSU, call the LSSU Foundation Office at (906) 635-2665 or run a search for "LSSU foundation scholarships" on the web.

Free book helps youth to protect health

Coyote and the Turtle's Dream, is a new Eagle Book for tweens. First in a series of three books primarily for American Indian middle schoolers. A list of story characters includes family members, teachers, store owners, other residents of a small reservation town and an elderly box turtle.

Building on the dialogue about preventing type 2 diabetes promoted in the original books, *Coyote and the Turtle's Dream* introduces the character of Arianna, a young girl living with type 1 diabetes. The animals lead the children into a mystery-

adventure, embedded with messages about healthy eating and physical activity, in which they foil the plans of a fossil poacher on their reservation. Native youth and tribal leaders reviewed the book prior to publication and their comments are featured on the book cover and inside pages.

Type 2 diabetes is becoming more common in communities everywhere. American Indians aged 10 to 19 are developing type 2 diabetes at higher rates than youth in other groups of this age. In part because type 2 diabetes is often associated with being

overweight or obese, many tribal communities are dedicated to engaging youth and families to reclaim traditional ways of health such as being physically active and eating healthful local foods.

Free copies of *Coyote and the Turtle's Dream*, along with other books, posters and coloring books, may be ordered by visiting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Diabetes Translation at www.cdc.gov/pubs/diabetes or by calling 1 (800) CDC-INFO. Up to 50 copies are available free to organizations that work with youth.

Report on tribe's Anishinaabemowin camps

The first year of the Bawating Language Immersion Camp was more of an introductory, exploratory exercise. The language mentors gave instruction in Anishinaabemowin in the main activity of each camp — making crafts.

The students took the opportunity to listen as fluent people conversed and took part as they could in the dialogues. The language instructor and camp director taught two language classes a day in addition to the main activity. The camp assistant kept a record of student progress by administering assessments and by mentoring.

There is more language this second year. The immersion camp is a progression, we learn where we need to make adjustments and where we are on task. The camp agenda is generally the same this second year but with more emphasis on group work. The mentors teach the practical use of Anishinaabemowin and the target vocabulary.

The mentors are assigned a group with whom they work with for the whole week-end, instructing the target vocabulary in Anishinaabemowin as much as the situation allows.

The camp cooks are fluent and also act as language mentors — they teach typical kitchen talk used for setting up for meals and cleaning afterward. The primary language instructor teaches two language classes during the day, records camp activities and videotapes individuals for the purpose of producing multimedia.

The first camp of the second year (November 2011) saw a record number of people at the camp with over 50 people on Saturday. Attendees were a mixture of visitors and enrolled participants. A greater number of the camp participants stayed at the camp compared to previous camps.

Teaching language at the camp is a gradual progression; the first year was on target as far as establishing and developing the immersion program. Language

immersion is not language submersion as we have learned from experience — this observation is supported by other programs.

Our funding agency, the Administration for Native Americans, hosted a symposium in September for its grantees for this year, the first of its kind. At the symposium we learned how other immersion programs administer their projects. This showed us that that our approach has been implemented successfully in other language projects and that we are on the right track.

Below is a list of the target vocabulary: Wesiinh mshkwegni kidwinan (Animal leather words), November 2011.

Leather (Mshkwegan)
Smoke tan hide (Zaayegzigan)
Fur (Kindaagan)
Sinew (Jitede-aabiinhs)
Scissors (Moozhiwaagan)
Cut pattern (Giitaakadan nizhigan)
Needle (Zhaabnigan)
Trace the pattern (Naagdoobiiyan nizhi-

gan)

Thimble (Gaandagwaaswin)
Lining (Biitooqwaajigan)
Awl/hole punch (Magoonhs/Bgonegan)
Pattern (Nizhigan)
Fold it (Gesbiignan)
Straighten it out (We'eni zhiiksidoon)
Cut straight (Gwek-kodan)
Cut it right (Myaa giishkodan)
Set it right (Gweksidoon)
Sew it all together (Kina kshkigwaadan)
Thread needle (Naabidoowan zhaabnigan)

You inspect your hide to see if it's good (Nda kkenim zaayegzigan endgweh ji nishit)

You will measure your pieces (Ka dbi-zhaanan gaa nizhmanin)

Cut your hide (Giishkodan zaayegzigan)
Cut them the same so they will fit (Naasaap ka nikodaanan ji wii miiksek)

After you cut your hide, sew it together (Shkwaa giishkodman zaayegzigan, mii dash ji kshkigwaadman).

New law library to be named after late Jeanine Gable

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Legally blind towards the end of her life, struggling with diabetes and on dialysis once a week, the late Sault Tribe Appellate Court Judge Jeanine Gable was honored at a dinner Nov. 18, where it was announced that a new law library will be named after her. Gable passed away on July 18, 2008.

The tribe's original elder appellate judge, Gable used a special magnifying reader, and according to Inter Tribal Council Access to Recovery Projects Training Coordinator/Auditor and Sault Tribe Appellate Judge Donelda Harper, she always made sure to read case transcripts twice, marking points of interest to bring up in court. Sometimes case transcripts would come in several boxes, and when stacked in a pile could be as tall as 10 to 12 inches high.

During the dinner, trial Judge Jocelyn Fabry said the library would be in the tribal court building in a large room now under renovation. The library, which will also be used as the Appellate Court chamber, is expected to be ready for use by mid-winter.



Inter Tribal Council Access to Recovery Projects Training Coordinator/Auditor and Sault Tribe Appellate Judge Donelda Harper announced that a new law library at Sault Tribe Court is being named after the late Appellate Judge Janine Gable at a recent dinner in her honor.

The first three Appellate Court judges selected by the tribe's board of directors in 1998 were Jeanine Gable, Donelda Harper and Micky Castagne. According to Harper, when the Appellate Court was first set up, the initial plan was to have an elder judge to provide wisdom and guidance, a community member with an understanding of what was going on in the community and an attorney to provide an understanding of case law. The elder judge would also keep traditions

and customs integrated into the Appellate Court's decisions.

"There has been a lot of dialogue over the years, especially within the tribe's legal department, that the Appellate Court eventually be comprised of all attorneys," Harper said. "That was one of Judge Gable's biggest fears. She used to say the attorneys got so wrapped up in the legal standpoint that sometimes they didn't stop to realize that person was someone's family member, or were maybe going

through a difficult time in life — she believed that everybody deserved a chance."

As an appellate judge, Gable was sure to point out different perspectives and scenarios concerning an appeal. According to Harper, she was also excellent at providing a different viewpoint to the attorney's and on many occasions was an advocate to tribal members, finding an error of law or insufficient evidence to support the decision.

As a former teacher, education was very important to Gable. She worked with adults and youth to help them get their GEDs and also tutored people going to night school.

Harper said she would like to see Gable remembered as someone who was very wise, held traditional beliefs close to her heart, and loved her tribal community. She was a quiet person. "You had to really listen to her," Harper said. "But when she did share her thoughts and views about something, they were always so profound. She was good-hearted and compassionate towards others. The Appellate Court was important to her because she cared — she wanted to be there to make

sure she was able to share her ideals with the attorney judges and community judges when they were making decisions."

Trying to find an appropriate way to honor the late judge, Appellate Court staff shared ideas to come up with something they felt was fitting. Harper said it was Chief Judge Kronk who came up with the idea for the library. "Everybody just stopped and looked at her and agreed that would be perfect. The law library would be something she would be really proud of," Harper said.

In her speech announcing the law library, Harper said, "Judge Gable's vision and perhaps dreams were that this tribe never forgets the meaning of sovereignty, the unique teachings we have to model our court as a place for justice, but also healing. Judge Gable believed in duty to our children and our community, that we are diverse — we build our people up, give them opportunities through the tribal court system. She believed that we don't just look at the law and say this is how it is according to our codes, bi-laws and constitution, but that we also have the compassion and love to heal our community."



Photo submitted by Tribal Court

Gwaiiak Miicon (Drug Court) team members get ready to deliver surprise Thanksgiving baskets to Gwaiiak Miicon participants. Pictured, left to right, Specialty Court coordinator Pat McKelvie, STLE Detective Mike Pins, Adult Probation officer Sam Wyers and clinical social worker Helen Farish.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Students are engrossed in their hunter safety course recently conducted by Sault Tribe Officers Allan TenEyck and Sam Gardner in the JKL School cafeteria. Students young and old learn proper gun handling how to conduct themselves on a hunt.

Birth announcements . . .

ANNIE and JAMIE GOLLINGER

Annie Marie and Jamie Lynn Gollinger were born to John Gollinger and Jessica McKechnie on Aug. 27, 2011, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Annie weighed 2 pounds, 13 ounces and was 14 inches in length. Jamie weighed 3 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18.75 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Laura McKechnie (Clark King), Tom and Becky Moran, and the late Jack and Elizabeth Gollinger, all of Sault Michigan.



CARTER NICHOLAS STABER

Adam and Kimberly (nee Suggitt) Staber of Livonia, Mich., are the proud parents of a son, Carter Nicholas Staber, born Nov. 5, 2011, at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

Grandparents are Alan and Anne Suggitt of Sault Ste. Marie, and Tom and Sandy Yates of Johannesburg, Mich.

Great-grandparents are Annette Killips and Betty Suggitt of Sault Ste. Marie, Art and Kathy Staber of Homosassa, Fla., and Jake and Agnes Borkowski of Woodhaven, Mich.



BAILEY NORKIEWICZ

Keith and Tanya Norkiewicz would like to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Bailey Elizabeth,

on Oct. 19, 2011, at St. John's Hospital in Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Bailey weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Proud grandparents are Gloria and Leonard Norkiewicz of Warren, Yvonne and Phil Cutrell of Harper Woods and Claudia Huebner. Just as proud are great-grandmas Lorraine Novitsky of St. Ignace, Bettie Huebner of White Lake Township and Laura Rye of Wyandotte.



Four Pipes Shall Rise

Four Pipes Shall Rise
And lead the people on
They have been waiting
Creator held them close
They have been waiting
It is time for them to come

The first pipe comes
Bright and untested
Touched by the dawn
Young and strong
Given to renew us

The second pipe comes
Wrapped in red cloth
Stronger still
Vision, hope and healing
Come to aid us

The third pipe comes

Black as darkness
From the star-filled night
Silent wisdom its power
Come to reassure us

The fourth pipe comes
White with age
Older than old
Used by the first ones
Given now for the Anishinaabe

Four pipes shall rise
And lead the people on
We have been waiting
Creator holds us close
We have been waiting
Waiting as they come

By Barbara Storms Baird,
Giishep Nimkii (Morning
Thunder Woman), Minooka, Ill.

Graves sets records

Sault Tribe member and Spoto High School swimmer Giorgie Graves set school history and two school swimming records, in becoming the first athlete at Spoto — a Riverview, Fla., school — to medal at a state athletic competition.

Graves placed third in the 50-yard freestyle (24.22) and fourth in the 100 freestyle (52.62) at the 2011-12 FHSAA Class 2A swimming and diving championships in Orlando on Nov. 12.

Giorgie's appearance at the state championships this year caps a four-year run at the competition. She began her 2011 march to states by winning the 100 fly at the Western Conference championships (58:54), and the 50 free and 100 free at districts.

A very versatile swimmer, Giorgie qualified in her freshman and sophomore years in the 500 freestyle and 100 butterfly. She qualified her junior year in the 200 free and the 100 fly. And coming off a successful summer junior national meet at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., her coaches, Dave Gesacion, Tracy Miller and Ivan Nobles, decided to sprint her way to the state finals.

"Giorgie is a very determined and hardworking young lady," said Tampa Bay aquatics coach Dave Gesacion. "Her confidence was building with each race this fall, and with that we knew she had the potential to do quite well."



Giorgie Graves

Spoto coach Tracy Miller added, "She went out a winner, making all of us at Spoto very proud."

A USA Swimming Scholastic All American, Giorgie followed up her championship performance surrounded by her high school team, as she signed a national letter of intent to swim for Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina, where she plans to study nursing. She spoke to scores of coaches and visited five universities, including the University of Wyoming and Penn State.

"Gardner-Webb just fit perfectly," said Giorgie. "I loved the team, coaches, school, town and North Carolina."

With full focus back on swimming for TBAY, Giorgie hopes to compete at the winter junior nationals in Austin, Texas, next month.

Brimley siblings sought —



Bernice and Adolore LaCrosse

Photograph of siblings of Bernice LaCrosse.

Bernice DeLaire was born to Melosia St. Lewis Aug. 29, 1912, in Brimley. Her father was Ome DeLaire.

When Melosia died, area families took in Bernice and her four siblings. Philameant Martell took in Bernice and raised her.

When she was 16, Bernice married Adolore LaCrosse Sr. and together they raised a family, living in Delta County until her death in 1986. She left behind her husband, three sons, four daughters, 24 grandchildren and 28

great-grandchildren. She was laid to rest in Fernwood Cemetery in Gladstone.

Philameant Martell was Phyllis Gregg's grandmother. Phyllis's mother Clara helped with Bernice, who was only 2 when she came to the Martell household. Phyllis, who has kept in touch with Bernice's children, would like to know what became of Bernice's siblings and their descendants so that she can put the cousins in touch with one another.

Phyllis researched Bernice's family as much as she could. Melosia had five children at the time of her death. Melvin Halfaday was one of her sons. William Wesnich is another child of Melosia's. Two other children were named Annie and Garrett.

If anyone has further information concerning Melosia St. Lewis's children, please contact the tribal newspaper and we will get the information and any contact numbers to Mrs. Gregg.

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Povey to Afghanistan



Sault Tribe member Airman Adam J. Povey was deployed to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan Sept. 10 with the Fourth Fighter Wing — Fourth Maintenance Group, from Seymour Johnson Airforce Base, Goldsboro, N.C. Airman Povey will be stationed at Bagram Air, the main U.S. military base in Afghanistan, for six to seven months. He is pictured above with former Defense Secretary Robert Gates. His parents are Robert and Valerie Povey and Lisa Moran, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Jessica Morgan Genia turns 7

Proud PaPa Makwa Joseph Marvin Genia and MaMa Makwa Alicia Ann Genia of Lansing, Mich., along with Nokomis Sandra Wickstrom and Margaret Compo are pleased to announce the seventh birthday of Nangonhs Jessica Morgan Genia. Beloved elder sisters are Allie Marie (you go U-M girl, almost done!) and our wonderful shining mother of Baby Z., Rachael Margaret (keep up the great job!). Nangonhs is also blessed with many loving family members, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Chi Miigwech for such

a positive, kind and thoughtful blessing of our daughter Nangonhs sent to us from the spirit world filled with the love of light and God of Creator and half spirit and half man. Wanabozo, chi miigwech.



Jessica Genia



Congratulations to Lincoln School Student of the Month Nathan Benoit! He has a twin named Andrew and a baby sister Lily.

Walking On . . .

ADELINE DERWIN

Adeline "Tillie" Derwin, 82, of Manistique, Mich., died Oct. 29, 2011, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, Mich.



She was born Dec. 9, 1928, in Germfask, Mich., the daughter of Arnold and Adeline (nee Thren) Swisher and attended school in Germfask.

On April 6, 1944, she married Ernest J. Derwin in Newberry, Mich. They made their home and raised their family in Manistique. Ernie preceded her in death on Aug. 1, 2004.

Tillie was a cook and the site manager for the meals at the Manistique Senior Center. She was an active member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Manistique and a member of the Women of the Moose Lodge 1665 of Manistique. She enjoyed crafts and loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children, Fran (Nancy) Derwin of Egg Harbor Township, NJ, Tom (Karen) Derwin of Munising, Kathy (George) Gustafson of Manistique, Tim (Peggy) Derwin of Gwinn, Tina (Remy) Florek of Manistique and Terry (Mike) LaVigne of Manistique; 14 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; sister, Pauline Rose of Newberry and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Marguerite Burns, Ila McLeod and Della Wiertella and brothers, Herman, Richard, Ovid, Arden and Barney Swisher.

Visitation and parish liturgical prayers were held at the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 2, 2011, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Manistique with Father Glenn Theoret officiating. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery at Manistique.

HERBERT W. HEMINGER

Herbert W. Heminger, 86, Manistique, Mich., died Nov. 13, 2011, at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

He was born Jan. 20, 1925, in Manistique, the son of William

and Frances (nee Terrian) Heminger and attended schools in Manistique.

Herb served in the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II.

On Feb. 19, 1949, he married Loraine A. Hoedel in Detroit, Mich. They made their home and raised their family in the Manistique area.

He was employed at the Inland Lime and Stone Company for many years. He enjoyed flying remote controlled airplanes, hunting, fishing and attending Sault Tribe activities. He also enjoyed wood working and was an accomplished carpenter.

Herb is survived by his wife, Loraine A. Heminger of Manistique; children, Debbie (Robert) Finton of Manistique and Billy (Karen) Heminger of Virginia, Minn.; grandchildren, Micah Brown, Patrick Finton, Robert Finton II and David Finton; brothers, Lawrence (Glenda) Heminger and Raymond (Mary) Heminger, both of Gulliver; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Dorothy Kusmirek.

Visitation took place at the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique, followed by private graveside services at the Fairview Cemetery in Manistique.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

ELDA R. MCFARLANE

Elda Rita McFarlane, 97, of St. Ignace passed away Nov. 7, 2011, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

She was born on Nov. 3, 1914, in St. Ignace to Charles and Clara (nee St. Onge) Pemble. She was graduated from Ursuline Academy.

She married Owen McFarlane on Aug. 31, 1935. Her husband was a mechanic and owned a gas station for many years. Mrs. McFarlane owned and operated the Mac Motel on Reagon Street in St. Ignace from 1958 to 1979. She was a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, St. Ann's Altar Society and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She considered herself a loyal member of the Pemble family.

She spent the past two years residing at Cedar Cove Assisted

Living in Cedarville.

Mrs. McFarlane is survived by a son and his family, Richard and Doris of St. Ignace; a daughter, Marqueta Lubitz of Kalamazoo; grandchildren and their families, Cindy and Bob Stringer, William and Michelle Lubitz, Richard McFarlane Jr., Tina and Chuck Becker, Charles Lubitz, Tammy Smith, Terri and Jay Allan, David McFarlane, Matthew Lubitz, and Rochelle McFarlane; 13 great-grandchildren, Desiree and Brooke Allan, Jagger and Caleb McFarlane, Bailey Stratton, Zach McFarlane, Sarah Smith, John and Brady McFarlane, Michael Hughes, Ben, Alex and Denise Lubitz; and one great-great-grandchild. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Bernice Pemble Bickham.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, David Pemble, Blair Pemble, Roy Pemble, and Guy "Buddy" Pemble; two sisters, Delia Leo and Wanda McGuire; two nephews, David Pemble and Bruce Pemble and a niece, Bonnie Pemble.

Her husband died in 1979. Services were held on Nov. 12 at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church with Fr. Pawel Mecwel and Deacon Tom McClelland officiating. Burial was in St. Ignatius Cemetery next to her husband. Pallbearers were Desiree and Brooke Allan, Sarah Smith, Jagger McFarlane, Alex Lubitz and David McFarlane. Honorary pallbearers were Caleb McFarlane, Bailey Stratton and Brady McFarlane.

ARTHUR L. PIGEON

Arthur L. Pigeon, 77, of Newberry, died on Nov. 16, 2011, at his residence surrounded by his loving family and the care of North Woods Hospice.



Born on Aug. 25, 1934, in Sault Ste. Marie, he was a 1952 graduate of Sault Area High School. Following graduation, Art moved to Newberry and was employed at the A&P Grocery Store. On April 2, 1957, he enlisted in the United States Army and served until his honorable discharge on March 27, 1959. Upon returning to Newberry, Art continued employment at Mac's Market for 35 years, retiring as produce manager in 1996.

Art was an active member of St. Gregory's Catholic Church serving as an usher and was a

former member of the Knights of Columbus Council 2929. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 74 in Newberry. An avid bowler for over 30 years, Art competed on the Mac's Market team in the bowling league. His hobbies and interests included cribbage, horseshoes, billiards, casino gaming, blueberry picking, hunting, fishing, cooking, cleaning and spending time with his only grandchild, Cooper.

Art is preceded in death by his father, William Pigeon, and mother, Mary (nee Bugno) Parker; sibling, William Pigeon; and his aunt, Helen (Herb) Knox.

Survivors include his loving wife, the former Irene Villemure, whom he married on Aug. 31, 1963 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church; children, Marie (Edward) Lange of Nashville, Tenn., Terese (Michael) Anderson, Russell Pigeon, Joseph and Shelly (nee Sell) Pigeon; grandson, Cooper Joseph Pigeon and David (Stephanie Papist) Pigeon all of Newberry; and siblings Peter (Shirley) of Elk Rapids and Paul (Shirley) of Essexville.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Nov. 21 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church with Fr. Frank Ricca officiating followed by Rite of Committal with military honors at Forest Home Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Hospitality Rooms in care of Marquette General Hospital or St. Gregory's Catholic Church in his memory. Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family.

GARY L. WOODGATE

Gary L. Woodgate, 66, of Cheboygan, walked on on Oct. 30, 2011, at the Hospice House. He was born Feb. 7, 1945, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Lloyd and Alice (nee McCauley) Woodgate. On Dec. 30, 2005, Gary married Kristine Fuerstenberg in Cheboygan.

Gary owned and operated Johnnie's Bar for 16 years as well as driving a truck for Budweiser. After he retired from Budweiser, he went to work for Durocher Dock and Dredge as a deckhand and truck driver. He was the president of the Dad's Club for many years, coached Little League and hockey and in his younger days, played AA hockey in the Sault. He enjoyed attending his kids' sporting events, fishing, hunting with his best friend, Steve Gall, and was a Golden Eagle with

a lifetime membership at the Cheboygan Eagles.

Survivors include his wife, Kris, of Cheboygan; eight children, Gary (Sherry) Woodgate of Benzonia, Darin Woodgate of Thompsonville, Della (Chris) Brown of Kamian, Idaho, Derek (Sarah) Woodgate of Charlevoix, Kevin (Jody) Woodgate of Kentwood and Spencer, Sierra and Savanna Woodgate, all of Cheboygan; three step-children, Nat Estee, Michelle Estee and Ryan Moore; two brothers, Alvin (Joanne) Woodgate of Sault Ste. Marie and Harold (Carol) Woodgate of Thompsonville; two sisters, Rose Killips and Sharon Conklin, both of Lakeside, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Jeanette Gordon and Penny Forgrave.

A memorial service was held on Nov. 5, 2011, at the Cheboygan Eagles. Memorial contributions in Gary's name may be directed to his family. Those wishing to sign an online register book are invited to do so at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com. Arrangements were handled by the Nordman-Christian Funeral Home.

In memory of Gloria "Shine" Paquin, Sept. 6, 1928-Nov. 12, 2007

Though it's been four years since you passed, it seems like yesterday, so fresh in my mind. To lose my best friends, you gave me life to in turn give my son life and also on to my granddaughter as well. To lose my mother is losing most of mine, I just wished I could be taking care of you yet, to see your smiling face and give you a kiss goodnight. But now you are not in pain and suffering and that I'm thankful for.

The outdoors when we would take rides in the back roads you loved so much, I see you everywhere, every day.

You are the leaves in the trees, you are the color on the rocks, you are the apple on the tree, you are the pinecone in the pines, you are the water in the creek, and you are the momma bird on the nest. Last but not least you are the sun shining on the lake as you always will in my heart. As I look in the sky you are an angel in the clouds. And, the star in the sky. So, shine on, my shining star.

Love you always and forever, daughter Connie Paquin

From the kitchen of Bob Flowers: Pie crust cookies

This recipe is taken directly from my blog, *G.W.'s Good Grub*. Please enjoy it, but respect the copyright.

For today's lesson, we will explore the properties of flour, fat, and water. I know that we used those ingredients to make a roux, from which we made sauces and gravy. Today, we will use those same ingredients to make cookies, pie crust cookies. You will need a rolling pin, a cup of flour, a half teaspoon of salt, sugar, cinnamon, and either lard or shortening (the fat).

Combine the flour and salt in a large bowl. Add three tablespoons of fat and work it into the flour with your fingertips. You

are trying to create a dough that resembles little pebbles. Unless you are a magical being, you will need to add another quarter cup of fat to the bowl, again working it in with your fingertips. If you have too much fat, the dough will clump together. Too little will leave loose flour in the bowl. If you get too much fat in the dough, just add a little more flour. If you have too little fat, add a little more until you get that pebble texture.

You've probably heard that working flour develops this stuff called gluten, a rubbery substance created by kneading the wheat protein found in flour with water. Let me tell you, until you've

added water to your dough, you can play with it all day. Just remember the ratio of flour to salt and everything will work. That ratio is a half-teaspoon of salt per cup of flour.

So now your dough is perfect. Add three tablespoons of ice water to the dough, and work it enough just to make it stick together. Divide the dough into two parts. Liberally sprinkle flour all over the work surface of your table. Form one part of the separated dough into a round ball and place onto the floured surface. Flatten with your hands, gently. Liberally sprinkle flour over the dough.

Place your rolling pin onto the

center of the dough. Push down lightly and roll from the center to the edge of the dough, pushing away from you. Place the rolling pin on the center again and push down lightly and roll towards you. Turn the rolling pin sideways to you and roll from the center outward. Do the same in the opposite direction. Get the idea? Continue rolling from the center outward in all directions until the dough is thin. Cut the dough into three-inch squares and place onto a foil lined cookie sheet. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon and bake in a 375F degree oven for 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool. Take a bite. Your cookie

should be light and flaky, can you say Yum?

And just so you know, to make a single crust pie, as for lemon meringue or pumpkin pie, use one and one-half cups of flour and three-quarters of a teaspoon of salt. For a two-crust pie such as apple or peach pie, use three cups of flour and one and one-half teaspoons of salt.

Now you know what to do with that leftover raw dough from your pie crusts after it's been shaped and trimmed in the pie pan — make pie-crust cookies.

Happy holidays to all of you. And remember, there is no success outside the home that justifies failure within the home.

False information damages tribal community



TRIBAL CHAIRMAN
JOSEPH EITREM

Aanii,

This past month, it came to my attention that our casino and governmental employees received what amounts to an entirely false e-mail message about tribal board Vice Chairwoman Lana Causley and the compensation she received when she was serving as acting chairwoman of the tribe.

The e-mail was sent by a former tribal official who either did not know the facts or chose to purposely misrepresent them to you for reasons I don't fully understand.

As you know, the board appointed Causley to serve in a limited capacity as acting chair

after the sudden and unexpected resignation of former Chairman Joe McCoy in May. The chairperson of the tribal board carries extra duties and responsibilities. As such, it was my recommendation to pay her some additional compensation to reflect those additional duties during the months she held the position. The matter was discussed with the entire tribal board without Vice Chairwoman Causley present. The decision to pay her the difference between her director stipend and chairperson stipend was agreed upon with a 6-3 vote in favor of paying her. It is justified, proper, legal and consistent with the duties of the position. Any information stating otherwise is incorrect.

The e-mail received from the former tribal official also claims, incorrectly, that the additional compensation paid to Causley was \$25,000. That number is wildly inflated and wrong. In fact, the additional pay she received was considerably less than \$7,000 (I am choosing not to disclose the precise amount out of respect for Causley's privacy.) Lana assumed limited chairperson duties immediately on May 10. However, she only received compensation when the board

approved Resolution 2011-133 on June 7 through to Aug. 23, the date when I was appointed to this position.

It is extremely frustrating to see this false information being sent to members and employees. It takes time away from our jobs, creates gossip within our workplace and disrupts our tribe from conducting business. I respectfully ask those who are spreading these false accusations to stop. It is ridiculous, unprofessional and not a way our tribe should conduct business.

Moving on, we will be seeing a lot of information in the coming months and into 2012 about our governmental elections – tribal, state and federal. I encourage you to research all candidates and get out to vote when the time comes. Our tribal voice must be heard. Be sure to read our legislative sections of the paper for information on candidates, how to write legislative letters and how to contact your area representative.

I am very excited to be attending the third White House Tribal Nations Conference for the Obama Administration on Friday, Dec. 2, hosted by President Obama at the Department of the Interior. As part of President Obama's ongoing outreach to the American people, this conference will provide leaders from the 565 federally recognized tribes the opportunity to interact directly with the President and representatives from the highest levels of

his administration. Each federally recognized tribe was invited to send one representative to the conference. It is our hope that this continues to build upon the president's commitment to strengthen the nation-to-nation relationship with Indian Country.

Looking into the new year, it is my hope to build upon the board's commitment to work diligently and bring our downstate endeavors to fruition. We all need to have open minds, support one another and work together to get this done.

I look forward to the elders' luncheon coming up this month and hope to see many of our elders.

Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year. I sincerely hope that 2012 brings good things to all our members.

If you would like to call me, contact the office toll free at (800) 793-0660 or locally at 635-6050. Also, remember to look at our new online website at www.saulttribe.com for updates and information.

Happy holidays,

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Reflecting on life's greatest gifts



DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I

With the Christmas season upon us, I am taking a break from "reporting" and have instead decided to remind everyone that this is the season of love, forgiveness and thanks. It's a time when we reflect on what is really important in our lives and to reach out to people in need and share our blessings.

I offer this reminder. The greatest gifts are those that require no purchase. Give your

time to an elder or an agency that serves people or animals. Gift your shoulder to someone in need of one, your heart to someone who feels unloved. Give an ear to a friend. And perhaps even a gift of your time and mentoring to a youngster in need of a role model or guidance. If you are fortunate enough, help out a worthy group who serves the people and is in need of cash to continue their efforts.

Christmas gift suggestions:

"To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect." ~ Oren Arnold

To you all, my best wishes for a happy, healthy and merry Christmas!

As always, I need and value your input. You can contact me at djmalloy@saulttribe.net or (906) 440-9762.

Merry Christmas!
DJ Malloy



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CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Over the past years, I have actively engaged policy makers and boards as part of my commitment to improving programs and services and the environment for Native American people generally and specifically on behalf of our Sault Tribe members and commu-

nities.

As an active member of the National Indian Health Board, and in particular as chairperson, I have been in an excellent position to strive to improve the health policy enactment and proactive involvement with federal legislation impacting tribes and in the implementation of federal law at the state level, health issues that have the ultimate outcome of directly affecting our membership. This is truly the case when it comes to the Affordable Care Act.

Before the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed, many tribal leaders nationwide, including myself, provided countless hours of input into the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) that was included in the ACA. This was Indian Country's opportunity to make sure that Congress reauthorized the IHCIA

so that we would have the federal government recommitment to honor our treaty rights, specifically in health care, for good. With the passage of the ACA many changes in the structure of health care delivery systems in the U.S. are anticipated, however controversial at the partisan level. While some parts of the ACA are being challenged the implementation continues with a goal of affordable health care coverage to all.

With the signing of this law, President Obama made it mandatory that states actively get input from tribal governments. At first, this was not happening in Michigan. When we tribal leaders met with Governor Snyder several months ago, this was one of our issues. He publicly apologized for his oversight and since that time he has committed his staff to working with us to make sure that Michigan tribes' input is

written in Senate Bill 693. Please read the article in this month's edition of our tribal news.

I have to say that this has been an exciting journey to be involved with from federal to state to tribal. I think it is important that you understand how much work and time it really involves to bring benefits to you directly as a tribal member. However, this journey is long from being done. There is still a lot of work to do and we are up for the job. Directors Malloy and Bouschor are working with me so that we make sure that this makes it all the way to fruition. It has been my goal that we ultimately have paid healthcare insurance to our members in Michigan. However, there are a number of obstacles we will need to overcome. There is a federal court case in June of next year. United States elections are coming up as well as Michigan legislators.

Again, I wanted to inform you of just how much work goes into bringing you direct services. A friend just said to me, "If you want to make a home run, you gotta get up and swing the bat." Wish us well in our efforts to get that home run and please know that I continue to work hard for you and am doing my best as I have promised you.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

It's Christmas time and our troops are coming home! Being together with family is, I believe, the most precious gift that can be given at this time. Most importantly, we all must remember that Jesus is the reason for the season! God bless you all! Thank you for all your prayers, support and understanding! Miigwech!

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Let's put controversy to rest and work together



DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Anish na kina gwaya? How is everyone? I hope this holiday season finds everyone in good health.

I am happy to report that we are moving ahead and developing a long-range plan for Odenaang. Our housing site has so much potential and our goal is to make it a mixed community with low-income housing, elder housing, middle income and hopefully small business.

Odenaang has stagnated for years, basically due to the lack of a development plan. Recently, the Housing Board of Commissioners began holding the first series of community meetings to get membership input as to what they

would like to see at Odenaang. Members were able to meet with the engineers and architect and work a scale model of the site. The meetings were informative and highly interactive. It was awesome to see what our members came up with. I look forward to helping open up further opportunities at Odenaang that will benefit more members in the future.

CEO/chairman

When you look at the ballot and what we voted on, we actually did nothing. Our current constitution looks like any other tribal constitution across the United States. We removed the term "CEO" yet the word "chairman" remains. We are a tribe, we have a chief or, in this case, a chairman, and that person is the leader. The previous board that sent this out could have included language stating they were in fact going to hire a CEO to run the daily operations of the tribe but that never happened. We are left with what looks like any other tribal constitution in the land.

We cannot afford a CEO. Whatever the intentions were of the previous board, the fact remains that we cannot come up with \$250,000-\$350,000 in tribal support to afford a CEO. When I asked our division managers if

they felt they needed a CEO, they said "no." To them, it was just another layer of bureaucracy that our tribe did not need and they, as tribal leaders themselves, believed it would be just another layer between the board and the people.

Contrary to popular opinion, hiring a CEO isn't going to fix everything. What will help is getting along with each other, remembering that we are human and that it's real easy to make business mistakes. In the end, forgiving one another and working together will be what fixes this organization. Let me be straight on this issue. First, the constitution and the vote says nothing about hiring a CEO. Second, I'm not opposed to a CEO, we just can't afford one.

Unit I board seat

The constitution is clear. It states, "the board shall appoint." End of story. Rewriting the rules once the game begins is NOT AN OPTION!

One third of the board wants to add a rule that says, "Next highest vote getter is appointed." This is the type of situation we were in when it came to appointing the new chairman. It was written "that no Special Advisory election be held within one year of the Chairman's race." Board members, who originally approved this

language, wanted to change it after the situation had occurred.

There is a time to change policy and procedure. This is not the time.

I have offered up for nomination the following people: Janet Liedel, Shirley VanAlstine and Bud Biron AND have supported Judy LaJoy, our former Unit I elders' chairwoman, with a "yes" vote.

Some of us are trying to seat a unit rep and follow the constitution without changing the rules of the game.

In closing, I want everybody to remember we are still in court and we are being sued. I know this paper has written about it but it seems to be off everyone's radar, in my opinion.

People, this could be a game changer for us as a tribe if we lose. The courts have demonstrated in the past that our assets will be seized and money can and has been siphoned out of our accounts.

Our lawyers, specifically Courtney Kachur with the assistance of Frost & Brown, are heading up this case for us. The landscape of our future rests in their abilities to get us through this ordeal.

Please remember this case was going on when I was seated as a

Unit I rep and has the potential to be determined at the same time as the next chairman's race.

We can't predict what will happen and this makes it difficult to develop a strategic plan. I propose we do two plans. Plan A if it's dismissed due to sovereign immunity and a Plan B. I say this so that you, the membership, are aware of what will occur either way and you are not caught unaware. Of course, Plan A is the ideal plan; it would be basically a "business as usual" plan but more fine-tuned to fit our coming needs in the next 10 years. My goal here is to make sure that the membership understands the seriousness of how this could impact us and to be "proactive" rather than "reactive."

Lastly, I want to say its been enjoyable having Chairman Eitrem as our ogema. He's consistent, fair and solid in his leadership. I believe it's important for a tribe to have stability in order to move forward as a nation and Chairman Eitrem brings that to the table in spades. G'tchi miigwech, ogema!!

Best wishes to you and your family for the holidays.

Sincerely
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Then and now: Tribe's No. 1 priority is health



BERNARD BOUSCHOR, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Merry Christmas and happy new year.

What is the number one prior-

ity of Sault Tribe? The answer to the question is health. This was identified in the comprehensive health assessment that was done by the University of Michigan School of Public Health just after federal recognition in 1976. The information collected by the tribe and U of M provided the data for applications for funding, federal appropriation hearings and need assessment reports to Indian Health Services (IHS).

Sault Tribe's first federal contract was with Indian Health Services in 1975 and was used for dental care for our elders. The contract amount was \$40,000. The tribe's plan was simple — provide access for Sault Tribe members in our tra-

ditional territory and seek funding to provide health services to members. In the '70s, transportation and access were identified as problems in delivery of health care. Since that time we have built a comprehensive Sault Tribe health care delivery system.

Today, we have four major health centers built in areas that provide better geographical access to tribal members. The Sault Ste. Marie health center is the largest. The cost of building was financed by the tribe selling bonds for the construction. If we waited for IHS construction dollars, which are included in the federal budget for tribal health facilities each year, we would be

added to a long waiting list. We would have wanted an estimated 20 years. The tribe did not wait for federal funds — we built the tribal health centers ourselves.

The St. Ignace health center is a partnership with the St. Ignace community hospital. We share the same building built on land that we donated to the hospital for the construction site. This is a continuation of the tribe's long-term goal of community partnerships that build a positive relationship with the local community.

Manistique health center provides services to members from the western end of the tribal service health delivery area. This project was financed with tribal

dollars.

The Munising health center is built in a former school, is financed by the tribe and is intended to provide access to members living in the area.

The Sault Tribe health budget for 2012 is over \$31 million. The Sault Tribe board is committed to building a strong community health program to improve the general health and access of our members. I have been involved with building the tribal health program since inception as this still is the Sault Tribe number one priority.

Thank you
Bernad Bouschor
Tribal council
Unit I

Vice Chairwoman reports



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

Aanii,

As reported last month, I and Director Massaway attended the Midwest Alliance for Sovereign Tribes. Many issues critical to our tribe came up. A major issue facing our tribe is bill H.R. 1505. This bill would allow border patrol officers unrestricted entry into our trust land. It's our position, with many other tribes in the nation, that this is not acceptable. We have significant and capable law enforcement on our tribal land and do not want any more cracks in our rights to remain sovereign. The board will work on a national level to oppose HR 1505.

This past month, Chairman Joe

Eitrem spoke to the board and offered me compensation for the time period I carried out chairperson duties. The total amount I received was \$5,382.08. When I took over the chair's responsibilities, I did, in fact, state there was no additional compensation at the time. We didn't discuss it, nor did I ever expect it. It came as an announcement to me. I accepted this amount and am very grateful to donate this money.

I've decided to donate to each one of our elders' groups in Unit II in Newberry, Hessel and Naubinway. The donations will go directly to them and they can decide what they would like to do with the money. I am also donating to some tribal members who are in need for the holidays (this made me smile) and made two personal donations with the remainder.

I struggled over accepting the money. I decided to accept it, let everyone know about it, and give something extra to our elders and tribal members. Some will make this dirty campaign fuel, but I assure you, the members I speak to are tired of that. I'm grateful I was able to share this and I will own it.

I'm also happy to announce that we will be holding our annual

children's Christmas parties in Unit II. The Hessel/Pickford/Rudyard area party will be held on Dec. 10 from 10 to 2 p.m. at the Hessel Tribal Center; Engadine/Naubinway will be held at Engadine Veterans' Hall at 2 p.m. on Dec 11; DeTour/Drummond Island at the Village Hall on Dec 10 from 10 to 2 p.m.; and Newberry on Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Action building.

We have set aside one workshop per month to go over policy changes for our team members. The presentations will be open to the membership and team members should attend to give input and also hear discussions. Our schedule is available.

We are still awaiting the results of our tribal wide wage grid study. In my last report, I stated team members would receive a 3 percent cost of living increase — it seems I misunderstood this. The 3 percent included in the 2012 budget is to start the process of wage adjustments per position.

At this time of year, we all feel the Creator in our lives; it's a time to feel at peace with our families and those we love. I sincerely wish all of you and yours a Merry Christmas and hope many receive miracles that I know happen at this time of year.

Saint teams rock!



PATRICK RICKLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

Aanii all,

I hope this fall has treated you all well and everyone had a good Veterans Day, successful deer season, and a happy and warm Thanksgiving shared with family and friends.

Well, another year has slipped by. The tribe has done well, our departments have excelled as far as writing and receiving grant funding and other opportunities available. Our employees are truly our greatest asset, we have a lot of professional and dedicated employees, so I'd like to say thank you all for a job well done!

On that note, I would also like to congratulate the coaches and athletes for the St. Ignace Saints. The Saints teams have reached the finals or state champion level in almost every program LaSalle has to offer — girls' basketball: 2010-2011 state champions; boys' football: playoffs for the fifth straight year, 2011 semi-finalist and region and district champions; wrestling: 2010-2011 team district champions; track: U.P. state champions two years in a row, boys' and girls' x-country boys second in the UP 2011; bowling: girls' team qualified for states; boys' golf, second runner up; and last, but not least, the 7th and 8th grade Junior Saints football team went undefeated this season and won the superbowl for the second year in a row. If I'm not mistaken, our tribal youth contributed to the success of all the aforementioned teams, not to mention the coaches. Not many schools can boast that level of success, so I say congratulations and thank you, hard work and dedication pays off!

I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Baa maa pii,
Unit III Director Rickley

Indian Energy teaming up for military contracts



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

May the Christmas season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter.

This month I received a record number of phone calls and emails from tribal citizens with a diverse range of concerns and requests for assistance. I have to say, it's very rewarding to assist in finding solutions to your particular situation, and I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you in this way. And, I also want to thank our staff who always manage to come through with the information, recommendations and solutions.

I also received quite a few inquiries about the status of Indian Energy, including a rumor that they had filed for bankruptcy. Not sure where these rumors start, but to play off Mark Twain's famous quote, "News of their death is greatly exaggerated."

As mentioned in my last unit report, Indian Energy provides a comprehensive monthly report and financial statement per contractual agreement. As well, a bi-annual review is conducted in person. I will be advocating that this presentation occur as part of our normal quarterly reviews so that there is a venue for public participation and input.

The most recent news to share:

Military renewable energy/tribal 8(a) opportunity

The Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribal Council (Belcourt, N.C.) voted to enter into a formal partnership with Indian Energy. With an official vote of 8 for and 0 against, Turtle Mountain Energy Solutions LLC becomes a vehicle for the tribe to participate in providing renewable energy solutions to the United States Department of Defense. Turtle Mountain Energy Solutions is in preliminary negotiations with Boeing's Renewable Energy sector to partner in this effort (our stake is 15 percent of Indian Energy's 45 percent partnership in this entity).

This news comes on the heels of the Department of Defense ambitious commitment to purchase renewable energy solutions for domestic military bases.

On Sept. 15, the Army stood up its new Energy Initiatives Task Force with the mission of fast-tracking utility scale solar power and other renewable energy installations at its bases. As Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus stated on Oct. 13, "We buy too much fuel from potentially or actually volatile places on earth, those places we would never let build our ships, our aircraft, our ground vehicles, but we give them a say. We gave them a say on whether our ships sail, whether our aircraft fly, whether those ground vehicles operate because we get our fuel from them. And even if we could get all the fossil fuels from the United States, from inside our borders, it's still a global commodity and subject to price shocks and supply shocks and the price shocks we deal with virtually every day."

Another major development that impacts Native nation's abili-

ty to participate in the energy sector was the recent announcement that the United States Department of the Interior revised the regulations addressing leasing of Indian land, according to a Federal Register memo released Nov. 28.

This change was driven by tribal nations, who have recently been "doing larger and more complex transactions, including large solar and wind projects," said John Dossett, general counsel for National Congress of American Indians.

The most obvious change is a new 30-day deadline to process residential applications and a 60-day limit on business-related applications. Previously, there was no ceiling on how long the process could take.

Regarding the proposed changes, the Department of the Interior has stated that having a separate category to streamline renewable energy proposals should boost the sector, including solar plants in the Southwest.

"Tribes often lost out on deals due to the lengthy appraisal requirement and lack of deadlines. This is going to help move things along quite a bit faster," Dossett said.

All this is good news for Indian Energy as they position themselves to be a major developer for Native nation's energy development projects.

I used up most of my words with Indian Energy, but I do want to mention that I attended the first language immersion camp

for this season and humbly want to express my gratitude to our cultural and language staff and all of the first language speakers who came together to share their knowledge in such a good way. Miigwech, kdi nin nim gii wiimigyek (Thank you for inviting me to be there).

I sincerely urge everyone to consider attending any of the language classes that are held in our various communities. And if you can commit to a four-day immersion camp, you will never regret it. I promise it will be a transformative experience.

Once again, wishing everyone a blessed Christmas.

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Tribe not Carcieri conflicted



KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

First of all I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. It is a time for family and friends, with giving at its heart, a beautiful time of year. I hope these holiday seasons find you safe and warm.

The board of directors recently

found out that the federal government has determined that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe is not Carcieri conflicted. Carcieri vs Salazar was a U.S. Supreme Court case that rendered a decision by the court that any tribe that was not actively under federal care in 1934 could not put any land into trust. We have been fighting that decision for years.

The federal government, up until this fall, has maintained that we were conflicted and would not process any of our trust applications. The tribe has 14 applications on file at this time. Our oldest application is from the year 1994 and the newest is from this year. The board is now reviewing all the applications to see if we still want to proceed with the trust applications because it has been so long that they may not be needed as first intended.

A huge thank you goes out to

Professor Cleland for writing an in depth report on our history as a tribe and that we were indeed under federal government control in 1934. I have read this report many times and it is the main reason that they changed their mind and are now allowing our tribe to take land into trust again. We hope to be able to have this report available to our members in the near future so if you want, you can read how our tribe grew through its many challenges over a 100 years to get to the point we are now.

Once again, I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you for all the merry greetings, the calls and emails.

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Tribal board needs to defend our treaty rights



**DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR,
UNIT IV**

The following resolution was added to the board agenda at the last meeting, "Initiation of Defense of Treaty Rights." I fully support this resolution. Our tribe has exclusive jurisdiction to enforce fishing rules against our tribal members while engaged in fishing activity within the 1836 treaty waters. We still have two of our commercial fisherman held in Delta County Jail because Delta County District Court prosecuted them for allegedly unlawfully conspiring to buy and sell fish taken without a commercial fishing license. If passed, this resolution directs our legal department to come back with a legal strategy in defense of the tribe's treaty fishing rights. The resolution was tabled for discussion at a board workshop and legal review. I and Tom Miller have been bringing this issue up continuously and hope the board will support defending our treaty

Recent board business . . .



**TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR,
UNIT IV**

Another hunting season is coming to a close. I hope those of you who hunt had a good time and maybe even filled that tag. The board of directors has been meeting and conducting business as usual. We were recently given the latest financials and we have been reviewing them. The budget process is a year-long process and never really comes to a conclusion. We are presently working to bring the projected budget more into line with the projected revenue, thereby reducing or eliminating the projected deficit.

Elder checks will be distributed soon at an amount of \$565 and this is a totally nontaxable amount.

As of today (Dec. 2), the board of directors has been

rights.
**RESOLUTION NO:
INITIATION OF DEFENSE OF
TREATY RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, in the Treaty of Washington of March 28th, 1836 (7 Stat. 491), the Chippewa and Ottawa Tribes, consisting of the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (hereafter the "Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority" or CORA Tribes), reserved the right to hunt, fish and gather throughout the large portions of Lakes Michigan, Superior and Huron, and the 13, 921, 762 acres of land ceded to the United States in that Treaty comprising the area that would become the State of Michigan in 1837; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Treaty of 1836 between the United States and the Ottawa and Chippewa Nation, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians retains an aboriginal right to fish in the waters of the Great Lakes ceded by the Treaty of 1836 and these Treaty rights are essential to the Tribe and its members from a

unable to agree on an individual to fill the vacant Unit I seat. We are addressing it at each meeting and will continue to work on it.

Planning is beginning on the Christmas parties for the children. The elders in unit IV are planning for their Christmas dinners. The holidays are a great time for food and friends.

The board is continuing to work on potential economic development projects that will hopefully generate revenues to help the tribe function in the future.

We are diligently working on internal policies changes that will help us be more effective and efficient. This is a fairly large endeavor undertaken by the board and tribal departments.

As usual, there is a continuing wrong concerning our tribal fishermen who are still incarcerated in the Delta County jail. Our treaty rights were supposed to protect those who fished under those rights. I will continue to urge the board of directors to allot monies from the fishermen's fund with which to legally force the state of Michigan to admit this is not in their jurisdiction and free our fishermen.

This is an abbreviated report with the holidays looming. I hope you are and remain healthy and happy. If you have any questions please contact me at (906) 644-3334 or cell (906) 322-3827.

political, social, economic, cultural and subsistence perspective; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of litigation brought by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Tribe has been adjudged to possess treaty-based fishing rights in the waters of the Great Lakes, see, e.g., United States v. Michigan, 471 F. Supp. 192 (W.D. Mich. 1979), on remand, 623 F. 2d 488 (6th Cir. 1981), aff'd, 653 F. 2d 277 (6th Cir.), cert. denied, 454 U.S. 1124 (1981) and these adjudicated Treaty rights are essential to the Tribe and its members from a political, social, economic, cultural and subsistence perspective; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is party to a 2000 Consent Decree entered into between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the United States and the State of Michigan governing fishing rights in the waters of the Great Lakes and these acknowledged Treaty rights are essential to the tribe and its members from a political, social, economic, cultural and subsistence perspective; and

WHEREAS, section XVII (JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT) of the 2000 Consent Decree establishes that: The courts of the Tribes shall have exclusive jurisdiction over enforcement of Tribal laws or regulations governing the fishing activities of Tribal members in 1836 Treaty waters. The State shall not enforce its fishing laws and regulations against Tribal members engaged in fishing activity within the 1836 Treaty waters.

WHEREAS, section II (Definitions), subsection D of the 2000 Consent Decree establishes that: "Commercial fishing" means a fishing activity engaged in for the purpose of sale of fish or parts of fish.

WHEREAS, in 2011, Delta County (MI) District Court prosecuted Tribal Members engaged in fishing related activities for unlawfully conspiring to buy and sell fish taken without a commercial fishing license.

WHEREAS, Under the terms of the 2000 Consent Decree, the Tribes have exclusive jurisdiction to enforce fishing rules against Tribal members who fish in 1836

Treaty waters. The State shall not enforce its fishing laws and regulations against Tribal members engaged in fishing activity within the 1836 Treaty waters.

WHEREAS, Delta County District Court lacks jurisdiction, pursuant to the Consent Decree, to prosecute members of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians engaged in fishing activity within the 1836 Treaty waters.

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, as a result of the actions of the Delta County District Court, is currently in breach of the 2000 Consent Decree

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby directs its legal department to immediately notify the State of Michigan that they are in breach of the 2000 Consent Decree,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Tribe, or his designee, is authorized to execute or amend all documents relating to the filing of said notice to the State of Michigan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby directs its legal department to formulate a legal strategy in defense of the Tribes Treaty Fishing rights. This strategy shall be presented to the Board for consideration by December 6, 2011.

Under the current agreement with the state of Michigan for gaming revenue sharing, 2 percent of the tribe's gaming revenue is set aside and made available to local unit of governments. For the fall 2 percent distribution our unit received \$74,941 to be distributed to various projects.

Some of the projects that were funded were: Christmas food and gift baskets, interactive classroom equipment (laptops, projectors, cameras and carts), equipment and uniforms for youth baseball, Escanaba Area School Title VII Program, Rapid River Betterment of youth Indian Education Program, meeting center for job training, GED, tutoring and community group functions, Ishpeming Title VII Indian Education (tutoring, field trips, cultural awareness activities and

crafts), Gladstone Area Schools, Title VII Indian Education Program/ Cultural Enhancement Project, Manistique Title VII Indian Education Project, ice arena, kitchen renovations and open swim pool usage.

The Elder Heating Program opens up on Jan. 1. This program helps elders who didn't qualify for the LIHEAP income guidelines. If you want to apply, contact your local ACFS department to complete an application. You must meet all the program guidelines to be eligible.

The Unit I board seat that Joe Eitrem had remains vacant. It's unknown if it will be filled. In order for the nominated person to fill the seat, he or she would have to have seven board members who voted 'yes' for the appointment. There have been individuals nominated and not enough support by the board to appoint them. So it's very possible that the seat won't be filled before the next election.

The board approved minor changes to the Cultural Leave Promotion Policy. All team members are eligible for the use of cultural leave. You now have to submit your request 14 days in advance of the cultural event. The application now has to be turned in to the chairman's secretary at the administration office.

At the last board meeting, a motion was made to fund the Election Candidate Forums the Elder Committee will be holding in their units during the election cycles. The motion was voted down. A budget modification should have been prepared to vote on and staff to identify what budget it will go under. I asked that the budget mod be prepared for the next meeting so the board can take action.

Upcoming community events:
Dec. 10 – Delta County Children's Christmas party, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Willow Creek Bldg., Suite 200

Dec. 17: Manistique Area Children's Christmas party, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center

(Delta, Manistique and Marquette elders' holiday dinners have already been held.)

I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. If you need to reach me call (906) 341-6783 or email me at dchase@saulttribe.net.

Thank you,
Denise Chase

Unit V: On the road again



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

Happy holidays to everyone, and a special thanks to all of our committees and others for their continued hard work and dedication.

Sometime our board goes unrecognized for all the work we do for our members. However, we continue to do the best we can.

The 2 percent monies are dispersed to those organizations that we believe that are the most needed. The 2 percent checks will be coming out in the near future.

Most of the units have more than one director to represent

them. Unit V, however only has one who is responsible for Alger and Marquette counties so I am on the "road again." I do my best to represent all of our members.

As the holiday season approaches, we all must take heed to give and be thankful for all we have. Please remember your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends at this time of the year.

My wish is for every tribal member and their family to have a happy and blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,
Joanie

Commission: Raw sewage in river unacceptable

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION — The Anishinaabeg Joint Commission calls on the governments of the U.S. and Canada, Michigan and Ontario, to do their jobs by investigating and enforcing public safety and clean water regulations in regard to the East End Sewage Treatment Plant in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

The AJC is a North American entity formed by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Batchewana First Nation, Bay Mills Indian Community and Garden River First Nation with the primary objective to restore and protect the St. Marys River.

The AJC met today for the first time in over a year and members were fueled with motivation to see movement of objectives

outlined in the commission's treaty.

Sault Tribe Unit I Director Cathy Abramson recently testified to the state of Michigan's Natural Resources Committee, saying, "We have participated on the Binational Public Advisory Council, seeking action by the Canadian municipality, and at the same time working with many agencies to implement solutions to the pollution of the river. Our tribal fishers are the main participants in the St. Marys River fishery, and so we are concerned with all pollutants in Lake Superior and the river, not only the sewage discharge."

But, she acknowledged, sewage problems remain the most frustrating. "I have personally been to the White House and our Congressional offices and EPA office in Washington, D.C., to show the federal government and officials our plight, unfortunately with few results," she said. "In order to get better results, we must work together to solve this problem."

The East End Sewer Treatment Plant experienced 20 bypass events this summer alone. These events caused raw sewage, partially treated sewage as well as solid waste and trash to flow into the St. Marys River, resulting in a rise in E. Coli levels and beach closures along the river's beaches and waterfronts. The danger to residents and visitors along the river as well as its wildlife is unacceptable and the situation must be rectified. The AJC's objectives will be a test of strength and unity to protect the waters on both sides of the border, demanding proper authorities remedy this problem.

Chief Dean Sayers of Batchewana First Nation said, "We are calling on regulatory agencies to do their jobs — we encourage you to exercise your mandate and assume responsibility or we will be taking back jurisdiction to do so ourselves. We will be watching."

AJC will also be monitoring the proposed shipment of nuclear waste across the Great Lakes. The commission is adamantly opposed to any kind of nuclear waste storage anywhere near the Cambrian Shield or the Great Lakes Basin and contests the expansion of nuclear energy. Choosing Ontario as a deep geological repository for the long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel is foolhardy when contemplating the disastrous consequences should safety measures fail.

The government of Ontario does not have the right to risk the safety of not only its own citi-

zens, but also the Anishinaabeg of the Great Lakes.

McDonald's drops egg supplier Sparboe Farms for abuses

Dear Editor:

Readers may have heard that McDonald's dropped its largest egg supplier, Sparboe Farms, after an undercover investigation by Mercy for Animals revealed that the farm's workers grabbed hens by the throat and slammed them into cages, that an employee swung a hen by her feet, that male chicks were tossed into plastic bags to suffocate, that rotting corpses of hens were left in cages with live birds, and other horrendous abuses (AP).

Please don't be fooled into believing that McDonald's sneaky PR move will make a real difference for animals. It isn't good enough for McDonald's to simply switch to buying eggs from a different, equally cruel supplier that follows the standard factory-farm practices of cramming hens into feces-filled wire cages with less space than a sheet of paper for each bird and burning off chicks' beaks without painkillers.

Consumers need to demand that McDonald's make meaningful reforms that end the worst abuses suffered by animals who are killed for its food. We can start by encouraging the chain to switch to a less-cruel slaughter method called "controlled-atmosphere killing" (CAK), which would eliminate all the abuses birds suffer in slaughterhouses. Please take a stand against suffering: Boycott McDonald's and visit www.McCruelty.com to urge the chain to switch to CAK. <http://www2.peta.org>. Sincerely,

Lindsay Pollard-Post
The PETA Foundation
Norfolk, Va.



PATIENCE PAYS OFF — 12-year-old Steven Sams bagged this 12 point buck with a 15-inch spread on opening day while hunting with his father on Sugar Island. This was his first hunt and he was using his grandfather's .308 rifle, which he had been given. The buck had come in midmorning but just as Sams was ready to take the shot it turned and walked away. It came back in the afternoon, this time he stopped with a tree branch in the way so Steven was waiting for a clearer shot but again the buck turned and walked back into the trees. This time there was a doe close by and he came back out about five minutes later and Sams got it at about 110 yards.



MONSTER CATCH — Jan A. Golisek Jr. from Christmas, Mich., caught this 28 pound, 42-inch Lake Trout on Sept. 10 while fishing with family and friends on Lake Superior's Big Reef. Jan is a Sault Tribe Member. Congratulations on a great catch, Jan!



EARLY SEASON BUCK — Maria Bolanga got her buck Oct. 18 near Williamsburg, Mich.

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