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Gwaiak Miicon celebrates hard won graduation

BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court recently celebrated the unveiling of its new court seal display and congratulated the first graduate of the Gwaiak Miicon Drug Court program in over a year.

Rodney Newman, a former client of the Tribal Court, built the large, bas-relief, wooden replica of the Seal of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court. The masterful work was hand-crafted from multiple varieties of wood and is now mounted on the wall behind the judge's bench in the courtroom.

Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry explained that Detective Michael Pins suggested she could probably use Newman's talents as a woodworker to create something for the courtroom to fulfill his community service obligation. "When we all agreed upon a replica of the Tribal Court logo, I could never have envisioned this spectacular piece of artwork Rodney has created," said Fabry.



Michelle Roberts, of Manistique, is the Gwaiak Miicon Drug Court Program's first successful client to graduate in over a year.

"Rodney did much more than fulfill his community service obligation to the court. He has created a gift to the tribe. Words and pictures cannot do it justice, so I encourage anyone who wants to see it to come to the judicial building to view it in person. It is breathtaking."

After the unveiling, Michelle Roberts of Manistique was recognized for her tenacity in successfully completing the Gwaiak

Miicon program. Graduating from the program is no easy task, according to Fabry, and the difficulty in Robert's case was compounded by the need to make frequent trips to Sault Ste. Marie from Manistique.

"I am so proud of Michelle and her success in Gwaiak Miicon," Fabry noted. "There is nothing quite as rewarding professionally, than to see someone who comes in to the court system and literally turns their life around. With Gwaiak Miicon we kind of use the 'tough love approach' and give the participants an opportunity to make a life change while holding them extremely accountable. Many people do not succeed because it is so tough. Jail is a much easier option. Michelle came in and from the beginning of the program, made the decision to change and never looked back. She is now en route to a new life filled with hope and possibilities."

For her part, Roberts viewed



Photo by Rick Smith

Left to right, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry and Rodney Newman frame the recently unveiled tribal court seal replica that is now prominently displayed in the court behind the judicial bench.

the graduation not only as an end of a 399-day ordeal but also as a start of new friendships with those who worked with her during her passage through the pro-

gram.

Reflecting on the experience, Roberts said, "It was all worth it, there's hope and I feel so much better."

Lansing mayor writes to Sault Tribe membership

(Editor's note: The following letter addressed to Sault Tribe members is from Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero.)

Dear Sault Tribe Member,
I am writing to you out of a deep sense of respect for you, your tribe and your culture, and as your partner seeking a new Kewadin Casino for my City of Lansing, where I have served as mayor for the past six years.

I have spent many joyful times in the Upper Peninsula during my years as a life-long Michigan resident. I also recently had the opportunity to tour the Sault Tribe's reservation lands, its facilities, and casino operations.

During my visit to the Sault, I had the pleasure of speaking with many Sault Tribe members and addressing your elected leaders at a recent board of directors meeting. I am impressed with the pas-

sion members have for your culture and families, and with your work ethic, desire for economic self-sufficiency, and the progress you have made over years and generations.

Lansing also is familiar with perseverance, having weathered the storm of Michigan's recent decade-long recession, despite some very tough and unique odds.

Lansing is an auto town first and foremost, largely populated by working-class residents who have struggled to survive these recent tough years. When General Motors entered bankruptcy proceedings, Lansing and its people were shaken to their cores. Fortunately, Michigan's auto industry is recovering and growing strong, thanks in large part to sacrifices made by employees, cost-cutting by company manage-

ment, and federal government support.

Since we announced the Lansing Kewadin Casino in January, support for the Tribe and for the project continues to be enthusiastic and strong! I know,

I've talked with literally hundreds of Lansing residents, and my friends and neighbors.

They are eager to see Lansing develop another source of good jobs to complement those provided by other quality regional

employers, and to grow downtown Lansing's exciting entertainment destination venues. They are also eager to learn how to provide a high-quality gaming and entertainment experience to the mil-

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Referendum ballot arriving in tribal members' mailboxes

FROM SAULT TRIBE COMMUNICATIONS

Sault Tribe's registered voters will soon find in their mailboxes a referendum election ballot to either approve or disapprove the tribe's proposed Lansing casino.

Ballots will be mailed to all registered tribal voters on April 12. Tribal voters must complete their ballots and return them by May 3 when the vote count will take place. The election will cost roughly \$30,000.

The election was called for by a referendum petition signed by 106 tribal members. The referendum petition regarding "Resolution 2012-11: Approval of Comprehensive Development Agreement with the City of Lansing, Michigan; Authorization to Purchase Land in Lansing, Michigan, using income from the Land Settlement Trust Settlement Trust Fund; Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lansing," was accepted by the board March 13. The resolution puts in action steps for the tribe to pursue a casino in the city of Lansing,

The ballot asks tribal members to choose whether to approve or not approve board of director's resolution. The ballot language is as follows

EXPLANATION: On Jan. 24, 2012, The Board of Directors approved Resolution 2012-11 which allows the tribe to try to open a casino in the City of Lansing. The Resolution authorizes and directs as follows:

— The tribe may purchase property in the City of Lansing and the tribe would try to open a tribal casino on the property;

— The City of Lansing will receive "limited revenue sharing payments" in exchange for its support and for providing police, fire and utility services;

— The tribe will allow the City of Lansing to enforce the above in federal court;

— Money from the Self Sufficiency Fund will be used to purchase the property;

— The amount of money available to fund the next annual elder distributions will not decrease;

— And 15 percent of the tribe's profit will be set aside for the various elder programs and for a college scholarship program.

If you believe the project should move forward, VOTE TO APPROVE. If you believe the project should not move forward, VOTE TO DISAPPROVE.

Sault Tribe Chairman Joe Eitrem stressed the importance of this vote. "This is an extremely significant vote," Eitrem said. "This could be the source of funds we so desperately need to fully fund and restore membership programs that we have had to cut, to replenish the Self Sufficiency Fund, to pay down our debt, and to bring more services to members."

Eitrem said he believes tribal members will understand the opportunity that this project presents and will strongly support it.

"Members need to be sure they understand the facts about this project. They need to understand the Lansing project is not, in any way, like Greektown Casino," he said. "We are not interested in, and would strongly oppose, another Greektown Casino. The Lansing project is totally different. And if members have questions, I encourage them to contact me or any board member. You can also find accurate information about the project and the referendum on the website (www.lansingkewadin.wordpress.com)."

He added, "There is a lot of incorrect information out there and people need to know the facts."

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The Sault Tribe Community Health Nursing Program received a public health grant to develop and implement a community case management program for communities of the Sault Tribe service area. The primary goal of the project is to improve health outcomes of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), heart failure and high blood pressure.

Under this grant project, Community Health nurses are working with the clients and their medical providers using a case management model to help people with chronic conditions to manage their illnesses and live healthier lives.

With assistance, patients can use resources and improve their quality of living by decreasing the number of their emergency room visits and hospitalizations. The key to improving their quality of living is early detection, diagnosis, treatment, evaluation and education. This also decreases the costs of care, which reduces the use of Contract Health dollars.

Evidence-based practices are

being used to educate and assist members with their health needs on an individual basis. There is no cost to Sault Tribe members and a referral is not required to receive the education.

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Ron Paquin 2012 Crafts Workshops

Quill tulip design birch bark baskets — Monday, July 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday, July 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quill four birch bark panes, sew with sweet grass. All materials provided. Bring your own lunch. \$85.

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To register, send your check or money order for full amount payable to Ron Paquin, 2433 Polish Line Road, Cheboygan, MI 49721. Your reservation is confirmed only upon receipt of your payment. First come, first served. Classes fill quickly. Should any class be canceled, total amounts will be refunded. All classes conducted at the above Cheboygan address. Please include your name, address, phone number and email address with payments.

SAULT TRIBE COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Enrollment Committee, two vacant seats. Great Lakes Conservation Committee, one vacant seat for small boat captain, helper or subsistence license holder. Interested tribal members should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from tribal members to Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Please contact Tara at (906) 635-6050 or tbenoit@saulttribe.net with any questions.

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Tapawingo Farms is a non-profit corporation supported solely by private donations. Your contribution will make the dream of helping hundreds of children become a reality. Thank you!

Contact us at Tapawingo Farms, 965 E Three Mile Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, www.tapawingofarms.org, tapawingofarms@yahoo.com or (906) 322-6381.



Meet the candidate forums

April 26, 6 p.m., Vegas Kewadin, Whitefish Point Room, Sault Ste. Marie.

April 27, 6 p.m., Naubinway Center, Newberry/Naubinway.

April 28, 6 p.m., Location to be announced for Hessel.

April 29, 6 p.m., 399 McCann St., St. Ignace.

April 30, 1 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center, Escanaba and Manistique.

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May 2, 6 p.m., Holiday Inn, Marquette.

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For more information, contact:
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Educate yourself on sexual assault

Did you know that Native Americans are at a higher risk for sexual assault than any other race?

- One in five females will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.
 - One in 77 males will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.
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 - 41.0 Percent of male rape victims were first assaulted before the age of 12.
 - More times than not, the victim knows their attacker.
 - 30.4 Percent of first time female victims were assaulted by an intimate partner.
 - 32.3 Percent of first time male victims were assaulted by an acquaintance.
 - 23.7 Percent of first time female rape victims were assaulted by a family member.
 - 17.7 Percent of first time male rape victims were assaulted by a family member.
 - 20 Percent of first time female victims were assaulted by an acquaintance.
 - 17.6 Percent of first time male rape victims were assaulted by a friend.
- If one doesn't have physical

injuries, no one may know that you have been assaulted, or may assume you are okay. One may look okay, but there can be some emotional and mental stress to be dealt with afterward. Some effects of sexual assault can include, guilt, anger, depression, flashbacks, embarrassment, fear, hopelessness, pregnancy, nightmares, sexually transmitted diseases, shame and many others.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WALK

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Expanded tribal rights feared under VAWA reauthorization

By Rick Smith

Some congressional Republicans fear the 2012 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization. Among other complaints, they claim the reauthorization would unleash biased and unconstitutional rulings against non-Indian defendants in tribal courts. Some Democrats, however, state that those Republicans who do oppose the reauthorization simply aren't interested in helping those who are disadvantaged.

The VAWA was signed into law by then President Bill Clinton in 1994 as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. The VAWA provided funding to enhance investigations and prosecutions of violent crimes committed against women and imposed automatic and mandatory penalties in cases of conviction along with civil redress measures for cases not prosecuted.

The law was reauthorized in 2000, again in 2005 and is up for reauthorization this year. While VAWA has long had wide bi-partisan support by congressional representatives since its introduction and enactment, some Republicans

fear the expanded 2012 version of the law, which includes provisions for the protection or redress of gay, transgender and illegal immigrant victims along with the expansion of trial authority to prosecute people of any race who commit misdemeanor violent crimes against American Indian women on reservation lands.

Prior to this year, the VAWA conformed to a 1978 Supreme Court ruling that federal laws and policies strip tribes of criminal jurisdiction over perpetrators of domestic violence who are not American Indian. The 2012 reauthorization will change that to recognize tribal authority to prosecute misdemeanor cases of domestic violence against American Indian women on tribal lands regardless of race or ethnicity.

It is widely believed among law enforcement experts and others that, along with the spread of interracial marriage and cohabitation, the 1978 Supreme Court decision contributed to the widespread rise of violence against women in Indian Country.

To counter the Republican opposition and attempts to remove the tribal provision

from the reauthorized version of the law, Lori Jump, program manager for the Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center, urges tribal members to take action, "We need your help immediately to prevent this from happening," she noted. "Sault Tribe members, this will affect us, our vulnerable women and children. Please make some phone calls to the senators below. It's not hard to do and won't take a lot of time. This legislation will give the tribe the authority to prosecute non-native perpetrators of domestic violence when it occurs on tribal land."

She recommends calling the following members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to express support for S.1925, the 2012 VAWA reauthorization: Senator John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.), Senator John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Senator Mike Johanns (R-Nebr.), Senator Michael Crapo (R-Idaho) and Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska).

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Sault Tribe member in Germany seeks relatives

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Environmentalists displeased with new ballast discharge standards set by feds

The following item is a press release from the Alliance for the Great Lakes, Great Lakes United, National Wildlife Federation and the Natural Resources Defense Council

After more than a decade of debate, the Coast Guard is taking steps to address the scourge of invasive species that have been damaging America's most vulnerable coastal and inland waters; from the Great Lakes to San Francisco and Chesapeake Bay. The most common source of introduction for these foreign creatures is water from the ballast water tanks used to stabilize large commercial vessels. In November the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed new Clean Water Act restrictions for the boats and the shoe dropped recently when the U.S. Coast Guard published a new rule that establishes the nation's first ballast water discharge standards, meant to prevent invasive species from slipping into American waters. Unfortunately, environmental experts from a broad coalition of groups claim neither move is strong enough to solve

the problem.

Jennifer Nalbene, campaign director for Navigation and Invasive Species with Great Lakes United, notes that the establishment of national ballast water discharge standards means that "commercial vessels will no longer be able to merely dump their ballast tank contents in the ocean, but must install technology to kill or remove unwanted invasive species carried in their ballast tanks."

Nalbene says that though the new national requirements need to be much stronger to prevent invasions, the Coast Guard's rule marks "a starting point, a milestone that must be improved upon."

The final Coast Guard rule hit the Federal Register and stands as the conclusion of a 10-year rule-making process. The new rule will force the use of technology to kill or remove unwanted invasive species carried in their ballast tanks, a move long-sought by conservation groups across the country. However, there is significant disappointment in the standards to which that new



Maritime Environmental Resource Center

technology will have to perform — a similar reaction to recently announced regulations from the EPA — which are seen as only a marginal improvement over current requirements that vessels flush water from the big tanks they used to steady themselves.

The Coast Guard regulations stand as a final rule, but Great Lakes groups are urging the states and EPA to strengthen the new national ballast water standards, shore up issues related to long timelines, and address other loopholes. Both the EPA and the Coast Guard have embraced the International Maritime Organization standards, which are not strict enough to ensure invasive species are not introduced or spread throughout the nation's waters. Both agencies allow ships to wait as long as 2021 before putting ballast water controls in place, and both fail to articulate a more protective standard to drive the development of treatment and technology, and better protect our nation's waters.

"The Coast Guard rule will not protect U.S. waters from ballast water invaders," said Marc

Smith, senior policy manager for the National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes Regional Center. "The onus now rests with the EPA and states to shut the door on invasive species to protect our waters, jobs and way of life."

"Getting treatment technology on board ships is a welcome step, but we're disappointed the Coast Guard is manning a slow boat toward a truly protective standard," said Joel Brammeier, president and CEO of the Alliance for the Great Lakes. "The U.S. Coast Guard and EPA need to drive innovation out of the gate to stop the economic and environmental ruin visited on the Great Lakes by invasive species."

Also concerning to the conservation community are loopholes for ships only operating in the Great Lakes. While those boats, commonly referred to as "Lakers" are not responsible for the introduction of invasive species, which usually arrive in the ballast tanks of ocean-going vessels, they do move the new arrivals from Lake to Lake, speeding the invasion. The Coast Guard rule would not impact the Lakers.

Although the Coast Guard has issued a final rule, EPA continues to review ballast water standards under the CWA. In the coming months, States will have the opportunity to incorporate more protective standards into that permit.

"The states can still push for the stronger standards necessary to truly get the problem on their shores under control," said Thom Cmar, attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council. "The leadership of states such as California, New York, and Michigan has helped drive the development of more protective standards at the federal level, but the Coast Guard rule still falls far short of the strong action that is needed to solve this multi-billion dollar drain on our Great Lakes and coastal economies."

Invasive species introduced and spread via ballast water discharge are already wreaking havoc on the Great Lakes and other U.S. waters. A litany of non-native invaders— including zebra mussels, quagga mussels, spiny water fleas and round gobies—have turned the Great Lakes ecosystem on its head, altering the food web and threatening the health of native fish and wildlife. Non-native ballast water invaders cost Great Lakes citizens, utilities, cities and businesses at least \$1 billion every five years in damages and control costs, according to research by the University of Notre Dame.

Across the country ballast-mediated invasive species range from Asian clams in the most invaded aquatic ecosystem on the planet, the San Francisco Bay, to the spotted jellyfish in the Gulf of Mexico.

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30032	CJUS110.F01	Intro. to Corrections	M,T,W,R 8:00-9:50 a.m.	May 7 – June 15	LSSU Campus
30224	CJUS130.F01	Client Relations in Corr.	M,T,W,R 10:00-11:50 a.m.	May 7 – June 15	LSSU Campus
30225	CJUS140.S01	Client Growth & Dev.	M,T,W,R 8:00-9:50 a.m.	June 18 – July 27	LSSU Campus
30226	CJUS220.S01	Institutional Corrections	M,T,W,R 10:00-11:50 a.m.	June 18 – July 27	LSSU Campus
30227	CJUS250.F0N	Correctional Law	On-line Course	May 7 – June 15	LSSU Blackboard

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“I believe in hard work and fairness. I am one of 12 brothers and sisters from Sugar Island and I went to work when I was 10 to take care of my mother and sisters. I’d do anything — sell door-to-door, spear fish, work in the bush. When I was dishwasher and she was a waitress at Chris’s Steakhouse, I met my future wife with whom I will celebrate 50 years of marriage this year. When I was 16, I went to Mackinac Island to work as a salad chef. I have worked my way up from inspecting bottles for Coca Cola Distribution, to selling for Straits Distributors and Northwest Radio, to parts manager and service manager with Sault Coin, to office manager and sales liaison for Algoma Tube. After Algoma Tube shut down my brother and I painted houses while I studied real estate and eventually became independent broker under Cleary Real Estate, before earning my Master Senior Appraiser designation. About nine years ago, friends and community members started asking me to run for the tribe’s board of directors. I was elected a representative of Unit I in 2004, and was re-elected in 2008. I was asked to fill the chairman’s shoes after the chairman stepped down. I’ve *always* made sure I could take care of my family and I’ve *always* strived to improve. There are opportunities out there — you just have to pursue them. Like everything else, you have to *make* it happen. It takes the support of the tribal board and membership.” — *Joe Eitrem*

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Aaron A. Payment, MPA

we know? When put to the test via our Tribal Constitutional Right of Referendum, we the people have overturned three out of four Board decisions worth hundreds of millions. These have been with landslide margins. One example was the Greek New Boston Deal to gift our former Greek partners 13% equity with no money down! Two years ago, members voted to amend our Constitution to eliminate the Chairperson/CEO functions. This change is being completely flouted by the Board in spite of your vote.

LANSING CASINO?

I am not opposed to a Lansing Casino. We sure need the revenues. My concern is that the Board voted on this project then tried to convince us they cared about what we think. My approach would have been to meet with Members first to gauge your input of how they would like future revenues planned for our benefit. Without a plan, we are left to the benevolence of the Board. Greektown and the so-called "self-sufficiency" plan was promised to solve all our problems. Lansing is different and may actually represent a great promise but I think the Members are tired of the used car sales man, "trust me" approach.

Tribal Members want and deserve the guarantee that a referendum vote represents. Those who claim the process is

an interruption at a cost of \$40,000 - \$75,000 are confused and dishonest. Just do the math. Registered voters number about 12,000. At a cost of a first class stamp to mail it out, and a 35% return rate, the total cost is about \$12,000.

Whether the Lansing Referendum passes or not, we will have succeeded in forcing the obligation of 15% of the net revenues toward the Elder Fund and Scholarships. I would prefer a complete long term revenue sharing plan, but at least this outcome would be a good first step. The bonus? The Board cannot then change what you put in place. After you elect me Chair, we can revisit the spending plan.

WHY NOT LISTEN TO THE MEMBERS FIRST?!

I attended the recent Elder Advisory Board meeting. Several Elders insisted that if the Board gathered input first, Members wouldn't feel so compelled to challenge their decisions. One Elder suggested that we have the wherewithal to get this input through the use of technology like email, automated phone polls, on-line surveys, and even hard copy surveys for significant level decisions. This is a wonderful idea. Even Director Catherine Hollowell suggested that the Tribe adopt a 30 day notice and comment period to ensure Members voices are heard. Ah,

the wisdom of the Elders but why doesn't the Board listen?

BALANCED BUDGET: 4 YEARS RUNNING

Some Board members have recently misused their unit reports to propagate that I created our current financial crisis. As a *fiscal conservative*, I resent this. To be clear, the Chair does not set the budget but administers it. Recall that prior to entering my job, I voted to lower the Chairperson/CEO pay from \$265,000 to \$100,00 which is a \$600,000 savings for one term. I propose to cut the Chair and Board pay in half to save another 1/2 million and then schedule a referendum vote to set the Board pay.

When I took office, we had a looming \$268 million (MM) Greek partner debt with a \$60MM balloon payment due immediately. To claim a \$75MM surplus is just nonsense. Even with the \$2.66MM that was taken on plected night and \$1.5MM overspent by the former Executive Director, I balanced the budget in 2004 and turned back \$4.5MM. In 2005, my leadership and team effort led to \$2.5MM in savings. In 2006, \$1.5MM. In 2007, we broke even. This is a \$9.16MM savings. Also, with the negotiated discounted amount due to the Greeks (\$30MM savings), adding on to the temporary for \$350 million

rather than \$517 million, (\$167MM savings) on top of the \$9.16MM above this brings the total positive impact during my administration to a whopping \$200 million!

Finally, one thing you are advised to never do in politics is to say you're sorry. But, I am sorry that I allowed Tribal litigation to recover \$2.66 million taken on election night in 2004 to cloud my focus. I am sorry for the cuts since I left office. I am sorry so many good people lost their jobs.

Given another chance, I will have a laser-like focus on business development, restoring services and service leadership, and establishing ethics & integrity into our Tribal government.

To volunteer or make a campaign contribution, please contact me via the information listed at the bottom of the page.

With Great Respect,

Aaron A. Payment

CAMPAINING WITH TRIBAL FUNDS?!

As I write this, I note that a series of "informational" meetings have been scheduled for Members and Employment Team Members. Why now? Isn't it obvious? To ignore you for four years then show up at election time is just insulting.

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STATE OF THE TRIBE

Our Elder's checks were cut by 65% from \$1,600 to \$575. College scholarships from 750 students to just 100. Funeral assistance virtually eliminated. Youth sports sponsorships gone. Contract health slashed. Youth programs evicted from the Big Bear to erect a Bar. Over 155 Tribal members were pink slipped; most based on retribution. While some top management received pay increases of \$20,000, the rank and file got less than 1% per year since I left office.

IGNORING "THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE"

Over the last three years, a *stranglehold majority* of our Board have passed tribal legislation that is inconsistent with the will of the people. How do

Vote PAYMENT LEADING OUR TRIBAL PATH FORWARD

I am running for your Chairperson because I feel we have gotten so far astray from our original purpose as a Tribe. While drastic cuts were made and mass terminations occurred, the Chair's pay rose after I left office by \$20,000 to \$120,000! I recognize the seriousness of the loss of Greektown after I left office and I appreciate cuts were necessary. To me, however, not sharing in those cuts is not good leadership. This has to change.

My opponent is a nice guy. For Chairperson, however, we need a skilled leader who is: progressive; experienced in both executive management and governance; and energetic with fresh ideas to look tirelessly for new ways to involve our people in Tribal decision making. The Tribe's best years are ahead of us. I believe my best years are ahead of me. I have a lot to offer to: evolve our government, stabilize services and expand our economic portfolio. I humbly ask for your support and vote.

Chi McQuitch, Negee! Aaron

Tribal Revenue Sharing Plan

However the Lansing Casino Referendum turns out, our Tribe needs to get with the times. Most other casino tribes have adopted 'revenue sharing plans' which take the mystery out of where casino revenues are spent as future net revenues are obligated so that all Members have a guarantee that they will eventually benefit.

I propose the following conceptual plan be drafted and presented to the Members for Notice and Comment. If you elect me Chairperson, I will ensure your voice is heard by meeting with you face-to-face, to establish a long term plan. The following is just a starting off point. The actual plan should be based on what Members need and want.

- 12% Elder Fund (\$3,000 per Elder per Year to start)
- 3% College Scholarships and Job Training
- 2% K-12 Incentives (Cash for Grades & Attendance)
- 20% Service Area Stabilization and Expansion
- 10% Expansion of Services Beyond Reservation Borders
- 28% Debt Retirement then for Services Expansion
- 8% Low Interest Business Loans and Mortgage Program
- 15% Economic Diversification & to Build Reserve Account
- 1% New Constitution Implementation Expense

1st 100 Day Reforms

In 2004, I established an overly ambitious long term plan for moving forward. Within the first 100 days of office, I pledge to meet with Members in all Units and outside of the UP to draft/ publish a plan for our future. Here are some highlights:

- ◊ Develop new technologies for gauging Tribal Member priorities on a regular basis;
- ◊ Identify Constitutional Amendments Tribal Members feel are imperative;
- ◊ Build on Members' vast expertise to draft an economic diversification blueprint;
- ◊ Draft Revenue Sharing Plan & Schedule a Vote;
- ◊ Draft and Codify a Tribal Ethics Code;
- ◊ Enact Tribal Labor Law & Civil Judgments;
- ◊ Identify Upper Management Cost Savings;
- ◊ Codify Indian Preference & T.E.R.O.;
- ◊ Referendum vote to require a Special Election to fill Tribal Chairperson vacancies.



My mom Gotnee (Boulley) Payment (RIP) and Me at my swearing in (2004).

My mom passed away in 2005. In her journal, she wrote to her children,

"thank God for each day and night and each second because you don't know when things will change. Try and enjoy yourself all the time, and don't waste it being negative. Love, Mom."

In her honor and memory, I pledge to run a positive campaign of ideas to help create our collective Tribal Path Forward.

Most Qualified

- ◆ 10+ years of Executive Administrative Experience;
- ◆ Graduate degree in Public Administration; Recently completed doctoral course work in Leadership;
- ◆ Excellent public speaking skills - testified in the U.S. Congress three times;
- ◆ Hardworking, honest, forward thinking & genuine concern for our people.
- ◆ Self made but remember where I came from and committed to giving back.

Foreigner coming

Foreigner, universally hailed as one of the most popular rock acts in the world, racking up scores of smash hits, multi-platinum albums, and sold out concert tours, is coming to Kewadin Casinos Sunday, May 27 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$49.50 and now on sale.

From Cold As Ice to Hot Blooded, Urgent to Jukebox Hero, Waiting For A Girl Like You to the chart topper I Want To Know What Love is, Foreigner's thrilling mix of blustery blues and impeccably crafted pop continues to captivate generation after generation of music fans.

Today, over 70 million albums later, Foreigner is an ensemble of talented musicians each adding their individual credentials to the mix to make the band stronger and more powerful than ever.

2011 proved to be the most successful since founder Mick Jones reformed the band in

2004 by adding vocalist Kelly Hansen. Foreigner released their latest album, "Feels Like The First Time," in September. The Billboard Chart three disc set included new digital studio recordings of their greatest hits, a DVD of their nationally broadcast PBS TV special and "Acoustique," a CD featuring a fresh unplugged studio approach to some of their most memorable music. Foreigner ended the year on a high note with the band's biggest ever one-week digital single sales. Album sales were at their highest since the '80s, and Foreigner out performed 2011 catalog sales of AC/DC, The Eagles and The Stones. In April, Foreigner entered the Top 10 at Classic Rock Radio for the first time.

Tickets for the show can be purchased on line at www.kewadin.com or by calling 1-(800)-KEWADIN.

Team Members of the Month



Congrats to Shift Manager Tim Ryerse who is the Kewadin St. Ignace Team Member of the Month for February 2012!



Kristyn Libby, accounting clerk at Kewadin Sault, has been named March 2012 Team Member of the Month. Libby has worked at Kewadin since 2002. "I was surprised — very surprised," she said. "But I felt recognized and appreciated." Congratulations, Kristyn!

Kewadin Sault and St. Ignace casinos feature new games

There's a new game in town at Kewadin Casinos in Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace — Shoot to Win Craps. The new video game is for all players, beginners and advanced alike. Just like the fun and excitement on a live table game, Shoot to Win Craps includes the ability to shoot the dice. Players can shoot the dice by pressing the innovative shooter button while the bet screen

depicts the bet option layout on the player monitor.

Players can access basic rules at the touch of a button. The quick help screens explain the bets on the video layout. Detailed rules of craps can also be accessed through the game rules button.

Also coming to Kewadin Casinos Sault and St. Ignace is a new Joker Heist video slot from

IGT. The game has four exciting reel wheel bonus events. In the base game, random wilds are presented in two ways. Look for this in the .

The Dark Night on Center Stage Duo is another huge game on its way to the Sault and St. Ignace. This game gives players the ability to play two different versions with three additional bonus events within the same

configuration — playing as Batman or the Joker on a huge screen.

Remember the movie *Ghostbusters*? A video slot machine of the same name will debut in early March at Kewadin a multi-level progressive featuring low denominations. It has 30 pay lines and 20-credit side bet with a maximum bet of 250 credits. It incorporates video clips,

symbol animation and the sounds from the *Ghostbusters* movie and has four bonus environments including ballroom busters pick bonus, Stay Puft free spins, Are You Psychic? pick bonus and paranormal progressives.

Other new games coming include Seasons; Hot Roll, a multi-layered large video display; Hot Roll 3D excitement and Red Hot Fusion.

Re-Elect to Unit 1

Cathy (McCoy) Abramson

LEADERSHIP REPRESENTING ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS



I am of the Wolf Clan. My job responsibility is to protect our tribe and our traditions. I take this job very seriously. I am a warrior who chooses to fight our battles with the state and federal government, not amongst ourselves. We must continue to educate and remind these governments of the trust responsibilities they promised our ancestors. I have been and continue to be an active advocate in the areas of our environment, health, education, diversification in business, and culture and traditions.



With tribal reps looking on, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signs the 2010 Language Bill enabling our speakers to teach Ojibwe in the in the classroom.



Cathy Abramson, NIHB Chairperson, and HHS Secretary Sebelius, work on the US Dept. of Health & Human Services Tribal Consultation policy.

I have continuously advocated and provided testimony for:

- The protection and restoration of our waters that surround our area and ongoing pollution of St. Mary's River.
- At a national level, the importance of our tribes use of our traditional ways to improve our lives in the areas of health, education and well-being.
- Our state representatives to pass the Language Bill that was signed by Governor Granholm October 2010. This allows our people, who do not have teaching certificates, to teach our Ojibwe language in public schools.
- Permanent Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act that resulted in an increase of over \$1 million in recurring funding to our tribe in our annual funding agreement.
- "Medicare like rates" regulation implemented for tribal Contract Health Service programs creating cost controls and CHS savings and expanded services.
- Inadequate Contract Health Services resulting in additional funding appropriated by Congress for CHS and amounted to an additional \$1 million for our CHS funding.
- Our Bemidji Area as we are the lowest funded region with the highest health care disparities.
- Congress to secure increased funding for tribes for Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse services in 2010.
- Diabetes in 2010 with the result of a two year reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.
- Tribal Consultations for governmental entities when changes are made to federal and state programs that will impact tribes. Federal departments during consultation that collectively resulted in changes with the competitive grant process. Technical assistance will be provided to tribes to address the health disparities and to help create possible set asides for tribes to allow for cultural differences in requirement of grants.

EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP —

- Tribal Board Member
- Sault Tribe Head Start Policy Council – Board Liaison
- Sault Tribe Healthy Traditions Advisory Council
- Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant/
Strategic Alliance for Health Leadership Team
- Gaming Commission
- National Indian Health Board Chairperson
- Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee-Bemidji Area Rep
- Secretary of Health and Human Services Tribal Advisory Committee-Bemidji Area Representative
- Joseph K. Lumsden School Fiduciary Committee
- Anishinaabeg Joint Commission
- LSSU 2011 School of Business Distinguished Alumnus

EDUCATION —

- Bachelors of Science Degree, Business Administration

Hanson brothers encourage following dreams

(Editor's note: The following article features Sault Tribe members Keith Hanson and Ken Hanson, twin grandsons of Cliff Bellant of St. Ignace.)

As children, twins Ken and Keith Hanson had no idea they could actually get paid for hobbies. These days, the two co-founders of Twin Engine Labs have a bright future of helping people with "well, whatever they need."

With Ken handling the design aspect of the 2-year-old company and Keith running the engineering side, the two have built a team of problem solvers that are bringing both in and out of state business to local economy.

Working behind the scenes, Twin Engine not only focuses on iPhone and iPad apps for businesses, which increases productivity, but also offer services ranging from business consultation to bringing a good idea to fruition.

"A lot of people see us just as an engineering shop," Ken said.

"I mean, you can legitimately start with the right amount of time and money that you want to invest, and a good idea, and you can walk into our shop and we can execute it, front to back."

"Soup to nuts," the twins said simultaneously.



Photo by Douglas Collier of the Shreveport Times
Left to right, Keith and Ken Hanson of Twin Engine Labs.

And it can all be done at a business located in Shreveport-Bossier.

Both originally left the state for work — Ken went to

California and Keith went to Texas. But they both decided they wanted to start a business and make their mark, said Keith's wife, Kate, in an email.

"Their options were trying to do this in a big city with a hundred other companies doing the same thing and no community support, or they could come back home and try to give back to the place where they were raised. Not only were they a one-of-a-kind presence here, but they also received a huge amount of encouragement and support from Shreveport-Bossier businesses and organizations."

One of their latest successes was their collaboration between Twin Engine Labs and Moonbot Studios with an interactive iPad accompaniment to Moonbot's Oscar-winning short film, "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore."

Aside from day-to-day business, Ken and Keith, products of Bossier's Greenacres Middle School and Airline High, are also giving back to the community, giving time and money in various education settings. "Really, the back mission of Twin Engine Labs is to build the education of technology," Keith said. "We want this community to be a place that is not only a hotbed for tech, but a hotbed for people to learn tech."

In 2010, Twin Engine provided services for Apollo Elementary

School for a tournament, which applied real-world engineering concepts. They also provide a mentorship program, which promotes entrepreneurship, for Airline High via what they described as a "gnarly senior project."

Centenary College is another establishment reaping the benefits of their successes through a scholarship. Attached to the scholarship is an internship which allows the student to work on real projects in their freshmen year.

"We're looking for somebody that has made their own apps and has gone out there and seen what it's like," Ken said. Already, the internship has generated three Twin Engine employees.

Admitting that they were nerds before it was cool to be a nerd, Ken and Keith want to push entrepreneurial skills to youth, because they see it as vital in today's workforce.

"How to execute and how to figure out what's the next step for business and things like that — even if you never start your own company, having that kind of skill, I think is invaluable," said Keith.

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Sault Tribe Head Start & Early Head Start Now Accepting Applications For The 2012-2013 School Year



Head Start

Full Day, Full Year (Sault)
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Eligibility:

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Members of a Federally Recognized Tribe
Income Eligibility Requirements

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Income Eligibility Requirements

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For more information or an application, please call

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Aquaculture pond construction should start this summer

By RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors unanimously approved a resolution at a meeting on March 13 for proposed construction of a five-acre walleye fish culture pond on tribal land near Barbeau, Mich.

The pond as proposed will include a pipeline to connect with other existing ponds, a power take-off driven pump to aid filling the pond and gravel driveways to facilitate access around the pond.

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) will provide up to \$148,466 for construction of the

pond; Sault Tribe will be responsible for any construction costs exceeding that amount.

According to the resolution, number 2012-46, based on the costs of construction of a similar five-acre on the same site, also funded by the USDA-NRCS, the tribal share of construction costs for the pond should be less than 10 percent of the amount provided by the government agency.

According to Tom Gorenflo, director of the Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program, the pond is the third on 360 acres owned by Sault Tribe. The tribe acquired the land in 1998, which came with a fully functional 25-acre aquaculture

pond. An additional five-acre pond was built in 2010 with help from the USDA-NRCS.

Gorenflo said construction of another pond is needed for a number of reasons, predominantly to improve total production capacity and enhance flexibility to quarantine fish suspected of bearing pathogens. In addition, the new pond will help "increase security for the tribal walleye culture program as we become less reliant on ponds on private property. We still use four ponds on private property by the good will of the owner."

Gorenflo expects finishing details to be completed soon and estimates construction of the new pond should start in June.

Thanks to those who made the family celebration a success

The Family Celebration Planning Committee would like to take the time to thank the following businesses and volunteers for their contribution to the 14th Annual Family Celebration Event held March 21 at the Big Bear Arena. This year's celebration was held in honor of "Parenting Awareness Month." Thanks to all who donated their time planning and organizing this special event for our local families:

Anishnaabek Community

and Family Services; Chippewa County Council for Youths and Families; Sault Tribe Housing Authority; Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center; Sault Tribe Head Start; Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities; Sault Tribe Community Health; Northern Hospitality; Kewadin Casinos; Soo Locks Boat Tours; Star Line Mackinac Island Ferry; Best Western; Glen's County Market; Frank's Place; Eclipse Salon; Goetz's Lockview

Restaurant; The Palace Saloon; Little Caesar's Pizza; Alpine Chocolat Haus and Pizza Hut. (We sincerely apologize if anyone was omitted.) Also, we wish to extend many thanks to the vendors and participants as well as volunteers that make the event what it is.

Spending Time with your family is the most special time you can spend. Be sure to celebrate your family every day and to make each moment count. On behalf of our committee, thank you.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRUCT CASINO RING ROAD

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs hereby announce their intent to reconstruct Casino Ring Road. The project is located in Chippewa County, Section 8 & 17, Township 47N, Range 1E. The total Project Length is approxi-

mately 2,045 feet. This Project is scheduled for construction during the 2012 construction year. Work will include pavement rehabilitation and reconstruction including minor drainage and sidewalk improvements along the existing asphalt roadway. Plans and other related information concern-

ing this project are available for viewing by contacting:

Jeff Holt, Project Manager or Wendy Hoffman, Transportation, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783, (906) 635-6050.

New staff members strengthen ACFS services

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Anishinabek Community and Family Services hired four new employees.

Foster care caseworker Andrea Buggy is at the Manistique tribal center and covers four outlying counties of the tribe's seven-county service area.

Buggy graduated last May from Northern Michigan University with a degree in psychology and a minor in human services. Staying "incredibly" busy, Buggy said she hadn't realized how many kids were in foster care or how many people were struggling with addictions before becoming a caseworker.

"Substance abuse is by far the biggest issue my clients are struggling with," she said. "It's pretty consistent across almost all of my cases, especially prescription substance abuse."

Another big issue is unemployment, she said.

Buggy said she likes the idea she has the opportunity to help families reunite and has a fondness for working with children. "I thought the most difficult part of this job would be interacting with people in tense situations, but I found that it's not all that bad," she said. "I think my background in psychology gives me a better understanding of why people behave the way they do."

Buggy's sister, Heidi Cotey, also works for ACFS as a caseworker monitor at the Munising tribal center. Buggy's parents are Darla Kroupa, stepfather Brian Sharon and Mike Buggy, all from AuTrain, Mich.

Foster care caseworker Melissa Tominac works out of the ACFS



Melissa Tominac

office in Kincheloe and in addition to her foster care caseload, she will be working to license relative foster homes.

Tominac graduated last May from Grand Valley State University with a degree in social work and a background in substance abuse. She is also halfway through her master's program at Grand Valley.

Tominac is from Drummond Island and after getting married last October, moved with her husband Kyle to Raber, Mich. "I believe in the underdog and like the fact that with this job I get to work with kids, foster parents and parents," she said. "No one wants to go into foster care and no one wants their kids to go to foster care - no one wakes up in the morning and says 'this is what I'm going to do today.' There are many issues that lead them there."

Tominac said she feels very grateful to find a local job for what she went to school for. "I would like to thank the tribe for the educational grants I received for school, it's nice to give that



Hali McKelvie

back a little by coming to work for the tribe," she said. Tominac's parents are Darlene and Gerald Ellis of Drummond Island and she also has a brother in Grand Rapids.

Another new employee under the umbrella of ACFS is community educator Hali McKelvie who works out of the tribe's Advocacy Resource Center in the Sault.

McKelvie provides prevention programs and awareness events throughout local communities.

"We are here to work with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault on their terms," she said, "to help them make the transition from victim to being a survivor." McKelvie said she also networks with other agencies in the tribe's service area.

McKelvie is a graduate of Malcolm High School and has attended Bay Mills Community College and Lake Superior State University for courses in general studies, political science and communications. She plans to return to school next year to work on finishing her bachelor's degree.

McKelvie said she is one of



Bridget Akre

eight children who grew up on the Sault Tribe reservation and also spent some time with her family in Sacramento. "Our family was on welfare and other social services and we were surrounded by other families and environments where there was domestic violence, drug abuse and alcoholism. Having gone through some personal incidents and being exposed to such an environment, it was natural within me to want to help other people," she said.

She has prior experience as support staff at the ACFS's women's shelter. She said, "That was my first professional job in a setting where I worked with families and was able to see the dynamics of the violence and the growth that these families went through to gain self sufficiency and respect."

In 2010 McKelvie took a position with the Great Lakes Recovery Center working with a program for both men and women providing peer support for individuals who were in early sobriety.

McKelvie said she is one small piece of the puzzle at ACFS work-

ing to break the cycles of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and teen dating violence.

Her parents are Pat and Julie McKelvie of the Sault. She also has two children, PJ, 10, and William, 3.

Victim advocate Bridget Akre also works out of the Advocacy Resource Center in the Sault.

Akre has an associate's degree from LSSU in substance abuse prevention and treatment. She also worked for the women's New Hope House.

As a victim advocate, Akre works with clients to support them and guide them through the court process. She can help them attain personal protection orders or take them to court hearings; she will also attend court hearings for their assailants or perpetrators and report back to her clients what happened. She offers her services on a more personal level by helping clients with transitional housing or by getting them into a home of their own.

"Ideally they would stay at our Lodge of Bravery then move on to transitional housing, but the Lodge is still undergoing renovations," she said.

Akre said she can advocate for both Native and non-Native male and female clients and currently has a caseload of 30 people.

"People in need of getting away from domestic violence situations and building their independence but are unsure of where to turn can start here," she said.

Akre was born and raised in the Sault and is married to Shane Akre. She has three children, Jeremy Freeman, Keaton Freeman and Kamryn Kinney.

Tribe inks shoe distribution deal with Nike Inc.

BY RICK SMITH

In 2007, after two years of study and development, Nike Incorporated unveiled what it claims to be the first shoe designed specifically for American Indian men and women by a sports apparel company. Recently, Sault Tribe Community Health signed a deal with the company to distribute the shoes at cost to members.

Sam McCracken, who grew up on the Fort Peck Assiniboine/Sioux Reservation in Montana, manages the Nike Native American Business program and said the Nike Air Native Tempo N7 was developed in response to growing health issues in Indian Country that can be improved or overcome if people become more

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active. He said the company is committed to helping the citizens of Indian Country to elevate their levels of health and wellness.

Essentially, the Air Native shoes are wider toward the toes than standard Nike shoes with enhanced arch support. The men's shoe design is two widths wider and the women's shoe is four widths wider.

The Nike Air Native Tempo N7 shoes are not available through regular retail outlets but can be acquired at cost plus shipping and handling through tribal health facilities that have contracted with the company to distribute the shoes only to their members.

According to Cheryl LaPlaut,

Sault Tribe Community Health nurse supervisor, members interested in buying the shoes should contact their nearest tribal health center to arrange for fittings and orders can be placed at that time. At the fittings, feet will be measured for the proper sizes of shoes for the individuals who will wear them. Once fittings are done and the shoes are ordered, members can pick up their new shoes after they arrive at the health centers.

While details are incomplete, members should refrain from inquiries about the shoes until staff members are assigned as program representatives. It appears the shoes may become available about the end of May, according to LaPlaut, but a kick-off event is set for May 10 at the Tribal

Health and Human Services Center in Sault Ste. Marie, where people will have the opportunity to get fitted for a new pair of the specially designed footwear. The event will be part of the scheduled Cardio Day adventure.

In addition to the Air Native shoes, the Nike N7 program has three other components in support of athleticism in Indian Country: the N7 collection, the N7 fund and a partnership with Lids Team Sports.

The Nike N7 collection is a retail line of performance apparel for general consumers started in 2009. The collection is designed, according to Nike, with the environment and support of Indian Country in mind. The collection is intended to raise awareness for the

N7 program and fund. Portions of the profits from sales of collection items support the N7 fund, according to the company.

The company uses the N7 Fund to provide donations and grants to Indian Country communities in support of athletic programs for youngsters. The fund has disbursed over \$1.4 million to Native communities since 2008 and is directed by a board from Nike Incorporated and American Indian leaders in the United States and Canada.

A partnership between Nike N7 and Lids Team Sports of Indianapolis, Ind., help supply tribal communities with apparel for sports teams, including screen printing or embroidery, at wholesale costs.

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THE ELDER TIMES

Walking for Good Life starts at Chi Mukwa

BY RICK SMITH

Elders and others of all ages in the Sault Ste. Marie area who want to enjoy safe and fun opportunities to exercise would be interested in knowing about the new Bimosay Mino Bimodizeewin, or Walking for Good Life Club. It started at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center on March 12 and there is plenty of excitement about what it offers and what might be coming.

According to Nurse Supervisor Cheryl LaPlaut, the club was conceived and developed by the nurses of Sault Tribe Community Health after elders opined that a regularly scheduled chair exercise program was boring. The walking club program allows participants to have gentle, low-impact exercise in a relaxed and friendly environment complete with a nurse on staff to monitor vital signs and help folks to reach fitness goals.

The club meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. at Chi Mukwa to use the walking track on the second level.

“There are many health benefits to walking,” LaPlaut noted. “Lowering your ‘bad’ cholesterol, raising your ‘good’ cholesterol, lowering your blood pressure, reducing your risk of type 2 diabetes, management of type 2 diabetes, weight loss and maintenance, and mood improvement along with staying strong and fit.”

LaPlaut indicated that walking, even a modest amount,

delivers health benefits. For maximum benefits, she suggests working gradually to achieve 30 to 60 minutes of exercise a day staying in your target heart rate zone on most days of the week. “To achieve these benefits, it can help to set goals, track your progress and take steps to stay motivated. The Community Health nurses will be there to assist you in these goals and to help you to stay motivated,” LaPlaut added. The nurses will also offer their services in customized health education and guidance during the club meets.

The club’s future offerings may incorporate nature walks and tours along with other developments conceived by partnerships with the tribe’s services for elders and traditional healers. The club is also open to expansion into other sites in the tribe’s service area and perhaps forming joint ventures with area hospitals and other health care institutions.

LaPlaut noted it is important to keep fitness goals in mind, “once you take that first step, you’re on your way to an important destination — better health!” She added that community support in achieving fitness goals is strong medicine, and the support club participants receive is invaluable. She described the club’s program as safe, simple and one that doesn’t require practice, “The only thing required is a pair of walking shoes.”

Anyone with any questions about the walking club may call Sault Tribe Community Health at 632-5210.



Photo by Sheryl Hammock

Mary Hoffman, her granddaughter Chelsea McLeod and Louis Aikens, who takes turns walking a little bit with everybody. The walking program is the brainchild of Aikens, who started out with chair exercises and moved to the arena to do laps. Everyone is welcome to participate.



Photo by Sheryl Hammock

Donald Rose is up to a mile! The program started out with seven, grew to 20 by the next week and was soon up to 24.



Photo by Rick Smith

Community Health staff nurses and technician at the Walking For Good Life session at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Standing, left to right, Jenni O’Dell, Tom Sauro and Devin Smith. Sitting, left to right, Rebecca Gordon and Roberta “Robin” Hoffman. All the ladies are registered nurses and Sauro is a certified health technician.

Welcome to the candidate forums

Unit 1 elders invite tribal members to attend the Meet the Candidates Forum for Unit I candidates and chairman candidates on April 26, beginning at

6 p.m. in Sault Ste. Marie at the Kewadin Sault Whitefish Point Room.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

April 27, 6 p.m., Naubinway Center

April 28, 6 p.m., location to be announced for Hessel.

April 29, 6 p.m., 399 McCann St., St. Ignace.

April 30, 1 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center

May 1, 6 p.m., Grand Island Community Center, Munising.

May 2, 6 p.m., Holiday Inn, Marquette.

Holiday raffle winners

The Sault Tribe Unit I elders thank everyone for supporting their holiday raffle fundraiser. The drawing was held Dec. 8, 2011, at the Unit I, II, III holiday dinner.

First: Suzanne Stevenson, two-night stay and dinner for two at Kewadin Casino Hotel; second: Audrey Piche, ribbon shirt; third: George Soorus, kid’s dress and fancy shawl; fourth: Joanne Corbiere, handmade lazy Susan; fifth: Wally Nesberg, suede throw and tote.

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Gordon checks participant Joyce McCoy’s blood pressure.

Planning for an emergency – are you prepared?

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Are you prepared to live comfortably and safely for four days without power? Many of us are not. There are simple things you can do now and through the course of the summer to be prepared in case the worst does happen.

According to Matt Carpentier, Sault Tribe emergency preparedness manager, the first thing to do is evaluate your priorities. Do



Photo by Brenda Austin

Matt Carpentier, Sault Tribe emergency preparedness manager, participated with the Sault Tribe Police Department in a practice lockdown on March 21 at JKL Bahweting Public School Academy.

you have animals or children who depend on you? Do you want to have a year's supply of food in the house or do you want to be prepared for a three or four day power outage?

Next, start a list and check things off as you do them. You want to make sure you have shelter, food, water and heat.

With spring planting time almost here, Carpentier said one of the things you can do is plant a garden and can your own vegetables. Because home canning is done in glass jars, the food does not lose its nutritional value or taste over time, as products canned in metal cans sometimes tend to do.

Carpentier said when figuring out how much food to keep on hand for each person, the best bet is to plan for 3,000 calories a day for adults and 2,000 a day for children. Your emergency supply doesn't have to include gourmet meals; it could be as simple as rice, canned beans, peanut butter and if you have pets, canned pet food. There are also other food options, such as meals ready to eat, or MREs, that you can buy in bulk and that have an extended shelf life.

When you are purchasing your food supplies, check the packaging or label for expiration dates. Most canned products have a shelf life of one to five years. If you get in the habit of rotating your emergency food and water supply, and get your kids involved in the process, you will continue to have fresh supplies of emergency food and water.

If you don't already buy pet food in the larger size bags, you might want to consider doing that as part of your emergency preparedness planning. When one bag is half empty purchase another one to keep on hand. If that won't work for you, consider buying canned pet food – even if it's a brand your pet normally doesn't eat. It will get them through a power outage if you run out of

their regular food.

MREs can be a good alternative to picking up canned and packaged goods at your local grocery store. They can be found online at rangerjoes.com, www.brigadeqm.com and on ebay. The MREs come in boxes of 12 meals per box and range in price from \$60 to \$150.

Storing water can be an issue, but there are some simple storage solutions that may work for you. Plan to store three gallons of water per person for each day of a power outage or other emergency situation. If you have pets you may need extra unless you have another water source for them, such as rainwater or a local lake you can take water from. Carpentier said he has found it easiest to wash out 20-oz. plastic pop bottles, which are food grade, and fill those with

tap water. He then places them in the bottom of his deep freezer. That way in the event of a power outage the water acts as ice to keep the food in the freezer cold and as it thaws he takes what he needs out to drink. Another way is to purchase gallon jugs of water in frosted plastic containers (which acts to block UV light) and keep them on a shelf away from direct sunlight or in a basement if you have one.

There are a couple of options for emergency heat if you don't already have a backup. If you have a gas stove and know how to light the pilot light on the oven, you can use the heat from the oven to safely heat the house to a comfortable temperature. Once a comfortable temperature has been reached, turn the oven off until the house starts getting chilly again. Lighting your oven's pilot light is safe, but you should practice this before bad weather hits so you will be prepared in case you need to put your plan into action.

Another option is to purchase an outdoor/indoor kerosene or propane heater. Carpentier said he

prefers propane because it can be stored anywhere and is easier to use.

Another item that is a little more costly but could save you money in the long run is a small generator to run your freezer/refrigerator and/or furnace. There are two ways a generator can be used for this purpose. It can be stored in a garage or shed until it is needed, then an extension cord can be used to directly connect the generator to the freezer or refrigerator. If you would also like to have your furnace plugged into the generator and are a handyman, you can install the outlet on the outside of your house for that purpose. If you don't care to do that or don't know how, hire an electrician who can do it for you. Carpentier said that based on an average refrig-

erator and furnace a two-kilowatt generator would probably do the job. They can range in cost from \$200 to \$400.

Carpentier also recommends having on hand at least three sources to make a fire, such as a lighter, matches and candle lighter. Keep a 30-day supply of medications on hand and if anyone in the household has allergies those should also be taken into consideration. Other things you can do include safeguarding family memories by scanning photos and important paperwork and saving them to a jump drive. The jump drive can be stored in your bug out bag, which will contain a few changes of clothing, cash – because when the power is out there is no ATM machine, debit or credit cards – and gas pumps

won't work, snack bars and toiletries. Keep your bug out bag under your bed so all you have to do is grab it and leave in an emergency.

Once you have your plan in place, Carpentier said it is important to practice it.

It's a lot to think about, but if you start with a list and work on it slowly, you will be surprised how quickly and easily it will all come together. For more information visit the Chippewa County Health Department website at www.chippewahd.com. You will also find helpful information at FEMA's website, www.ready.gov, or the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org. Carpentier said he is working on building a website tribal members will be able to access offering emergency preparedness information.

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Left, dancers Kayla Price, Nadia Chupka and Susie Drockton practicing for their role in the Academy of Performing Arts production of *Sleeping Beauty*, directed and produced by Luanna Luxton Armstrong.



Left, Susie Drockton, Kayla Price and Nadia Chupka practicing in their costumes for the production.



Left, Nadia Chupka, Susie Drockton and Kayla Price.

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Springtime means making maple syrup

BY RANDY MENARD

This essay was originally written by a young Randy Menard as a fifth grader. Today he is an employee of the Sault Tribe.

Springtime in northern Michigan brings many changes in nature. The short, cold and dreary days of winter begin to lengthen and more heat can be felt from the sun. These longer, warmer days start to bring some of Mother Nature's creations back to life. To many of us residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, these longer days are also the beginning of another season. A more traditional season that dates back over centuries, which requires many hours of personal commitment and physical labor. To us, it is not only springtime; it is also sap season.

Sap season is the name many Upper Peninsula residents (also called Yoopers) have given to the time of year when we make syrup from the trees on our land. There are many different types of trees in the woods, and each species is affected differently by the changing weather of springtime. During sap season, the only trees of any interest to us are the maple trees. We seek out a certain type of hardwood maple tree known as the sugar maple, because the sap from this particular strain of tree is sweetened by the tree's wood as the sap flows through it. This sweet sap is collected and rendered down to make maple syrup. We make syrup during this time of year because of the changes in weather patterns. The change in weather patterns becomes our partner throughout the syrup making process.

In the fall time of year, cooler temperatures will cause the sap that feeds the trees to retreat down their trunks to where it will be stored in the trees' roots for the winter. The sap in the trees is what feeds the leaves and keeps them green and healthy. Absence of sap in the trees' leaves will cause them to turn different colors. The leaves being deprived of nourishment is what causes the many different beautiful leaf colors that we witness in the fall. Eventually, the leaves will turn brown, fall from the trees and die. The warmer weather of spring reverses this process and the sap will be drawn back up from the trees' roots. As the sap begins to travel back up the trees' trunks, their branches will receive nourishment and this brings them back out of dormancy. The sap that enters the dormant branches feeds tiny buds that will then sprout into leaves. It is this sap that brings life back into the trees and helps them grow their leaves. When springtime weather begins to warm things up, this is when sap needs to be collected.

The desired weather for us to collect sap is warm days and cold nights. During the day, the heat from the sun will draw the sap up the tree's trunk towards its branches. When the nights are very cold, the sap will freeze



Cultural camp custodian, Randy Menard, keeping the embers hot as maple sap boils at the tribe's facility on Sugar Island. Menard is home after retiring from the U.S. Coast Guard.



Linda Grosset, Samantha Grosset and Addison Roy (L-R).



Samantha Grosset and Addison Roy at sugar bush (L-R).

at its current location within the tree trunk. While the sap is frozen in place, the wood from the sugar maple tree sweetens it. In the morning, as the sun rises from the east and makes its way across the sky towards the west, the heat from the sun will thaw the south side of the tree's trunk first. As the sap in the tree's trunk starts to thaw, it begins to flow upward towards the tree's branches again. Because the sap will flow longer on the south side of the tree, this side is our desired location to collect sap from.

There are several factors that regulate the amount of sap each sugar maple can produce and care should be taken when selecting each tree. Most importantly is the overall health of the tree. A tree with a lot of dead branches on it will not be a quality sap producer. Diameter of the tree should be no less than four inches; anything smaller usually will not produce any significant amount of sap. Since on average it could take anywhere from twenty five to forty gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup, it is important to verify

us Yoopers still use the same sap gathering process that our ancestors used during the 1800s. We strap on our snowshoes and sashay above the knee-deep snow to our specially selected grove of sugar maples. These trees are usually the same ones that we have been using for decades to collect our sap from. To draw the sap from these trees, we use a method called tapping. We use a half-inch paddle bit that is chucked into a hand driven drill known as a brace. Using this brace and bit combination, we bore a hole on the south side of each tree trunk about three to four feet up from the ground. The hole is bored just over an inch deep into the tree's trunk at a slightly upward angle. Once the bored hole has reached the required depth, it is cleaned out of any access wood chips. A metal spout that is designed to be slightly larger than the bored hole is then driven into it with a hammer. When the spout is driven into the hole, it forms a tight seal between itself and the inside diameter of the hole. The tree sap accumulates in the hole and then flows out of the spout to drip into a container that is hung below the spout. When the container is full of sap, it is collected and emptied into holding barrels.

When the holding barrels are full of sap, they are placed over a fire and brought to a boil. As the water content in the sap is turned into a vapor and dissipates into the atmosphere, a maple-wood sweetened liquid is left behind. The sap is continuously boiled until all the liquid is condensed into one barrel. When almost all the moisture is evaporated from the remaining barrel, the remaining liquid is a highly concentrated mixture of tree sap that needs to be closely attended to from this point on. It is very important not to let the concentrated liquid burn or allow the temperature to rise above 219 degrees, because higher temperatures will ruin it. When the sap reaches 219 degrees, it has been transformed into maple syrup. The syrup is then removed from its heat source and allowed to cool slowly until it reaches ambient temperature. Once the syrup has cooled, it will be strained, filtered and poured into glass canning jars. The jars are then pressure sealed and our syrup-making task is complete.

A lot of folks feel this is too much hard work and hassle to go through when it is much easier to purchase manufactured syrup from the local grocery market. However, many Yoopers who live in northern Michigan are still willing to go through this kind of hard work. To us, not only do we feel we are getting a better tasting product, but we also get personal pride and satisfaction from the experience. By using our own land and our capabilities, we are able to enforce our sense of personal independence and carry on a tradition that has been practiced for over hundreds of years.



Buckets are used to collect the sap from the maple trees. A spout is tapped into each tree and fitted into the bucket where it drips as the sap flows.



Plastic collection bags can also be used to collect tree sap.

the overall condition of the tree. A healthy, proper sized tree will produce about a gallon and a half of sap a day provided there are favorable weather conditions. This is because the flow of sap in trees can be affected by such uncontrollable factors as wind and seasonal temperatures. When the days are warm, the nights are below freezing and there is little to no wind, the sugar content of the sap will be higher. The higher the sugar content, the less sap is needed to make syrup. As we can see, choosing the right tree combined with the proper conditions is important.

Once a tree is selected, we can then commence to extract the sap from it. The majority of

Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center helps Hospice of the EUP



The City of Sault Ste. Marie Department of Public Works in white playing the blue clad Soo Locks Corps of Engineers in one of the four games to benefit Hospice of the EUP on March 22 at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. The corps won over Sault DPW 15-12.

By Rick Smith

Players of eight hockey teams converged on the ice of the Olympic rink at Chi Mukwa in Sault Ste. Marie to have fun and raise funds for the Hospice of the EUP on the evening of March 22. Some of the players were old, some not so old, most were men and a half-dozen were fearless women.

After all the action, Hospice of the EUP added \$3,600 to the \$387,000 accumulated so far in a goal to reach \$900,000 in order to open the new Hospice facility this summer in Sault Ste. Marie. The funds raised at the event included the \$450 raised by the auction of an official Red Wings jersey autographed by hockey star Pavel Datsyuk.

All the teams played one game against an assigned counterpart. The City of Sault Ste. Marie Department of Public Works vied with the Soo Locks Corps of Engineers, Precision Edge played the Soo 40s, Blades Sports Bar took on Cloverland Electric Cooperative and Prescription Oxygen challenged the Chippewa County Road Commission.

Head Coach Jessica Dumback and Assistant Coach Rex Matchinski led the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center

Blades Sports Bar team featuring Tammy Graham, Heather Hemming, Helenna Krull, Dianna Allen, Sheena Bouschor, Derek Stabile, Caleb Smith, Marty Gurnoe, Wayne Somes and Cody Jodoin.

Final scores for each of the games — City of Sault Ste. Marie DPW 12, Soo Locks Corps of Engineers 15, "We bought enough goals," said one triumphant member of the locks team. The Soo 40s wacked Precision Edge 16-6, Cloverland Electric crushed Blades Sports Bar 81-11 and Sault Printing/Chippewa County Road Commission beat Prescription Oxygen 9-8.

The event was co-founded by Sault Tribe member Tom Cook who works for the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Owen Bell of Cloverland Electric. They send big thanks to the staff of Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, Cloverland employees, Leitz Sports, Lynn Auto, BP Gas Station, Quaker State Oil Change, Pennzoil 10-Minute Oil Change, Greg Schmitigal, CJ Schmitigal, Jim Boger, Bob St. Peter, Susie Verrett, referees Steve Dale, Myles Meehan, Fred DeVonno Jr. and Mark Mapes.

This was the fourth such event in support of Hospice of the EUP. "It's four hours of fun for a great cause," said Cook.

Photos by Rick Smith and Jessica Dumback

A player and goalie of the Soo 40s hockey team defends the net against the Precision Edge team. The goalie just captured a shot at the goal.



Some folks enjoy the event from the excellent vantage point provided by the Blades Sports Bar on the second floor of Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Folks could also opt to enjoy the games in the bleachers with food, snacks and drinks from the concession stand.



Above, Jim Blashill, father of Jeff Blashill, an assistant coach for the National Hockey League's Detroit Red Wings, and Mary Jo Duvall of Hospice of the EUP display an official Red Wings jersey of Pavel Datsyuk autographed by the NHL star. The jersey was auctioned off to a final bid of \$450 to David Benoit of Chicago, Ill. Below, a close-up of the jersey including Datsyuk's autograph.



The high-spirited and eager Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center Blades Sports Bar team, left to right, Rex Matchinski, assistant coach; Jessica Dumback, head coach; Caleb Smith, Sheena Bouschor, Mariah Derry, Cody Jodoin, goalie; Helenna Krull, Wayne Somes, Heather Hemming, Leona Teen Kay (kneeling), honorary captain; Tammy Graham, Derek Stabile, Dianna Allen, Marty Gurnoe and Travis Behling.



Above, a member of the Blades Sports Bar team, Heather Hemming, going in for a penalty shot against Cloverland Electric. Below, Blades players Marty Gurnoe (5), Derek Stabile (11) and goalie Cody Jodoin defend their net against Cloverland effort. Cloverland trampled the valiant Blades 81-11.



Frazier has exciting seasons with Brimley Lady Bays sports teams

Whitney Frazier, a Brimley Bays senior has had an exciting year. In the fall she played for the Bays volleyball team. She helped her team to capture the Class D District Tournament from Pickford in November of 2011. They went on to Wolverine High School to compete against Mio whom they defeated, but later fell to Pellston in the regional finals. They had a great year anyway. Later in November, Whitney was named the Player of the Year by the eastern Upper Peninsula conference volleyball coaches.

Whitney continued her athletic success on the basketball court for the Bays. On Jan. 14, 2012, in a non-conference game against Posen, Whitney broke and set a new Brimley High record by scoring 40 points as the Bays defeated the Vikings by a score of 70-52. Her new record beat the 37-point record held by former Lady Bays Kim Akkanen and Joyel Hyvarinen, who is now the



Whitney Fraizer and Ben Bryer named homecoming king and queen Feb. 2012

Bays junior varsity coach. In February, Whitney and Ben Bryer were named homecoming king and queen.

In March, the Lady Bays won the Class D district crown with a 47-34 win over the Pickford Panthers held at DeTour. Although they later lost to Posen 62-60 in the regional it was a great year for the seniors' final season.

Whitney, along with former classmate, Engadine senior Morgan MacArthur, shared the honor of being named co-Player of the Year by the EUP conference basketball coaches.

Whitney is the daughter of Dwight and Brenda Fraizer and sister to Josh of Brimley. She is the granddaughter of Don and Karen Fraizer of Naubinway and is a member of Sault Tribe.

We are very proud of Whitney and her teammates' achievements over the years and wish the best of luck in the future to all our girls.

Love, Gramma and Gramp Frazier

Visit www.healthcare.gov to find health insurance that's affordable and meets your medical needs. Use this website to compare hospitals and other medical facilities, learn about preventive services to help you stay healthy and read about the Affordable Care Act.



Photo courtesy Tonya VanderMeer

Sault Tribe elder Catherine Lapoint of Sault Ste. Marie with her five great-grandchildren, left to right, Bradley Causley Jr., 14, holding Cassandra Causley, 8 months, both of Cedarville, Kayla VanderMeer, 8, of Grand Ledge, Mich., Elysia Causley, 9, of Hessel, Mich., and Avery VanderMeer, 5, of Grand Ledge.

Graduation congratulations

Lance A. Sylvester graduated from Malcolm High School on Jan. 20, 2012. He will walk with his classmates on May 23, 2012. Lance is the son of Mike and Amanda Sylvester. His brother, Zach, and his grandparents, Dave and Martha Radle, Kathy and Gary Grawey, and Lynn and Marsha Ailing are all very proud of Lance. Way to go!



Birthday wishes

Happy second birthday to Keaton McLeod on March 8. Love, Daddy, Papa, Nana and auntie Mara.



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Vision

Aaniin! The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a Great Tribe, destined for Great Things. I want to share with you a vision of greatness for our tribe that reaches from the hearts of our ancestors to the hearts of our unborn children.

Leadership

It is time for change. It is time to release the anger of the past, and focus clearly on our future ... A future filled with hope and prosperity for all of our tribal members. The path to this future will require leadership that has the courage to face the obstacles that would keep us from success. It will require leadership that understands the needs of our people, and has the wisdom to guide our tribal government selflessly.

I know that I am such a leader.

Tradition

I am an Eagle Clan woman, firmly rooted in the culture and traditions of our Anishinaabe people. I am a peacemaker and a warrior; a mother and a grandmother; and a professional Teacher. Helping tribal people find jobs, health care, housing and start businesses spans more than 30 years of my life. Over the past 13 years I have educated tribal students, helping them to see that they have a future ... a bright future.

Ask

Ask people who know me. Ask me. Find out for yourself why Jennifer McLeod is the woman you want sitting at the Board of Directors table working for you and the

Future of Our Tribe.

Contacting me is easy!

- Email jennifer.mcleod2012@gmail.com,
- find me on Facebook,
- visit my website: <https://sites.google.com/site/jennifermcleod2012/>
- give me a call (906) 440-9151, or when you see me around just say, "Hey Jen! Let's have a talk."



UNIT 1

BONNIE JO EUBANKS

Bonnie Jo Eubanks, 58, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away March 20, 2012, at home.

Bonnie was born Sept. 13, 1953, in South Bend, Ind., the daughter of Bennie and Shirley (Fischer) Lewis. She graduated from Engadine High School with the class of 1971.

Bonnie was an avid reader and a collector of books. She enjoyed knitting, singing, dancing and gathering together with family. Above all, her children and grandchildren were most important to her. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Bonnie is survived by two children, Angela Piippo and William Pippo, both of Sault Ste. Marie; four grandchildren, Megan, Ashley, Keianna and Shayla; one great grandson, Diondre; her father, Bennie (Marcia) Lewis Sr. of Brimley, Mich.; three sisters, Mary (Jerry) Hancock of Florida, Andrea Abbott of Kincheloe, Mich., and Victoria Mitchell of Cadillac, Mich.; a brother, Ben (Carol) Lewis Jr. of Sault Ste. Marie; a sister-in-law, Suzanne Lewis of Kincheloe; and two close friends, Sharon and Michael Shampine both of Sault Ste. Marie.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Shirley (Fischer) Lewis; a brother, Don Lewis; and a step-mother, Ruby Mayer.

A memorial service was held March 27, 2012, at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building Cultural Center with Reverend Barry Levine officiating. Interment will be at Pine Grove Cemetery later this spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the family of Bonnie Eubanks to help with funeral expenses.

GERALD D. KEYANDWY

Gerald D. Keyandwy walked on March 8, 2012, surrounded by family members. He was born April 12, 1937, in British Columbia.

He leaves behind his wife, Shirley Kelley; five children, Kim, Jeff, Victor, Vicki and Jeri; 15 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Memorial Services were held on March 14, 2012, at St. Michaels Lutheran Church in Canton.

From his family and friends, "Walk on, daddy; walk on, Jerry."

KAREN HEXIMER

Karen Heximer, 71, of Howell, passed away March 28, 2012. Born in Detroit on May 4, 1940, she was the daughter of Merlin and Jeanette (nee Belonge) Richards.



She was the beloved wife of Gareld Heximer, whom she married in Detroit on May 7, 1960, and loving mother of Lawrence (Betty) Heximer of Howell, Lance (Kathleen) Heximer of Brighton, Lane (Rebecca Smith) Heximer of Howell and Lisa Heximer of East Lansing plus a proud and loving grandmother of seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She is also survived by her siblings, Jack (Bonnie) Richards of Grand Rapids, James "Buddy" Richards of Canton, Marilyn Morris of Wayne, Maureen "Kitty" Young of Wayne and Susan Kowalke of Canton.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Merlin "Sonny" and Lawrence Richards.

Karen was a seamstress, enjoyed arts and crafts and was a member of Hidden Springs Church in Howell where funeral services took place. Visitation was at MacDonald's Funeral Home in Howell.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Hidden Springs Church. Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com.

MARY LOU RENO

Mary Lou Reno, age 75, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away peacefully on March 8, 2012, surrounded by her family at War Memorial Hospital.

She was born on May 7, 1936 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and attended St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral School and Loretto. On May 31, 1952, she married the love of her life, Robert M. Reno. She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Mary Lou was a very wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all. She loved the outdoors where she fished and hunted with her husband and family. Her family meant everything to her and she dedicated her life to those she loved. Mary Lou was a strong, wise, and compas-

sionate person.

She led by example and always put others first. She was an amazing woman and we are all so blessed to have had her in our lives and she will be greatly missed.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Robert Reno; four children, Robert (Darlene) Reno, Jerry (Edie) Reno, Kathy Reno and Wayne, and Tammy (Pat Fishell) Henning, all of Sault Ste. Marie; nine grandchildren, Jami Reno, Kara (Jose) Rivera, Julie (John) Thomason, Jody (Brandon) Bond, Jenny (Jason) Walter, Pat TenEyck, Kori (Adam) Dawson, Danny Henning, Alyssa Fishell and a special granddaughter, Ana Murphy; six great-grandchildren, Morgan Reno, Miranda Reno, Cannon Thomason, Kalia and Lily Bond and Jade TenEyck; sister, Lucy Hank of Sault Ste. Marie; brother, Patrick (Joyce) Sterling of Goetzville; and sisters-in-law, Trish Michau of Wisconsin, Kay Reno and Lois Fleener of California and Sandi Daley of Washington.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Paul Michau.

A memorial service will be held at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building on May 5 at 11 a.m., with a luncheon to follow. Memorial donations may be left to the Sault Area Sportsman's Club Children's Fishing Pond.

MEMORIAL TO "CLAY" "Remember the Snow"

A decade ago we bid you farewell. A shock to us all, of that day, you'd foretell! You were the strong one, healthy and tall. Not for a moment did we think you'd call.

Your voice on the far end, many miles away, your words, "The big C," were given you that day. "Cancer," you said. It strikes once again! A nasty intruder and never a friend.

Our family's endured it time after time, the quick coming message, no reason nor rhyme. Pressing through the season of wait, then wait more, an endurance of patience until finally a door!

A fish and game warden, each creature you knew, you loved God's creation, all were part of you. Life, you enjoyed it, never wanting to leave, children, grandchildren, a widow to grieve!

You were afraid that we would forget. You? How could we? The memories you've set! We'd watch war stories of the Navy ship you sailed on. Then take in a western till sleep moved you beyond.

Remember the snow! You kept dreaming at night. You'd call out to us, "Look!" You knew you'd seen right. We'd come back and say, "No! Snow, there is not!" You'd always look puzzled, and rather distraught.

Your memorial would soon come with more delay. The sun brightly shining in Hoyt Lakes that day. The streets were all bare, not a snowflake in sight. But yet very chilly, still winter, all right!

We gathered in the chapel midst window glass that was stained, a deer and an eagle were sketched in the pane. It was as though angels had picked this place and color hue, with each detail speaking something special about you.

This service would begin now with music set to go. Then suddenly it happened, out of nowhere came snow! It snowed the whole time set apart just for you. We

sang, played guitar, and did some drum songs too.

Then just like it came, the snow instantly ceased. When your service had ended, nothing left, simply peace! The snow came like you'd seen, a message from above.

God reached down to take you into arms filled with love.

— By Crystal Hascall Kelley (Ishkwane and Crystal Two Feathers, Nijomigwanon)

Clayton Dennis Hascall (nicknames of "Kay" and "Clay") passed away from his earthly dwelling on Feb. 13, 2002, in Minnesota. His earthly remains are laid to rest in Mission Hill Cemetery overlooking Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. His twin brother, Clinton ("Kit") Duane Hascall Jr. rests by him after passing on Oct. 17, 2010. His sisters, Sharon Hascall Montgomery and Marcia Hascall, are also laid to rest in Mission Hill. His sister, Clintia ("Tia") Hascall Seavoy, rests in Baraga, Mich., and his parents, Clinton Duane Hascall Sr. and Viola Mary Hascall are at rest in Mount Hope Cemetery in San Diego, Calif. Clayton and his siblings were all members of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as well as their mother.

See "Walking On," pg. 18

Shirley A. VanAlstine for Unit I Board Member



Aanii! I am retired and have time to commit to members of our Tribe my knowledge, experience and ability to provide

positive change to help our Tribe advance economically and improve the quality of life of all members.

During my tenure with the federal government, 30 years, Bureau of Indian Affairs, I gained extensive working knowledge in the field of Real Estate Services (Fee to Trust Land Acquisitions, Leasing, and Granting of Right-of-Ways across Indian lands). I served as the Director of the White Earth Land Settlement Act providing management oversight and

supervision of the financial compensation to present day heirs at law for the land that was fraudulently taken from the original Indian owners.

I served on several committees in various capacities (member, secretary/treasurer and chairperson) with the responsibility for setting policies and making decision affecting the operations of a Realty Branch, a BIA Agency serving six federally recognized Tribes.

Shirley savdetour@aol.com

I SUPPORT:

- ★ Constitutional **CHANGES** (Separation of Powers)
- ★ **REPLENISHMENT** of the Self-Sufficiency Fund
- ★ Elders & Youth Programs (Voluntarily **DONATE** a portion of BOD salary to both programs.)
- ★ Treaty Rights **PROTECTION**
- ★ Economic **DIVERSIFICATION**
- ★ Tribal member **HEALTH INSURANCE** Plan Proposal

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New general practitioner at St. Ignace Health Center

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Dr. Michelle Bandy joined the team at Sault Tribe Health System in St. Ignace on Feb. 27.

Dr. Bandy's childhood dream to be a physician became a reality when she graduated from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science's Chicago Medical School and completed her family practice residency at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Chicago, Ill. She lived and grew up in Chicago, although she was born in California.

Dr. Bandy brings with her a wealth of training and experience. She has practiced in various medical settings (hospital inpatient, outpatient/clinic, extended care facility, urgent



Dr. Michelle Bandy

care, emergency medicine, with all ages and population groups) throughout the U.S., Guam and Panama. She has

worked as a physician in the private/public sector, as a missionary abroad and for the U.S. military.

The job advertisement for the St. Ignace Health Center piqued her interest, she said, because it talked about patient care, preventative care and wellness and did not focus on revenue. Dr. Bandy said she has always had a passion for medicine in general, but especially health, wellness and disease prevention. She strongly believes, as research has shown, that most chronic diseases can be prevented, delayed, managed and sometimes reversed with healthy diet and positive lifestyle changes - thus medications can be reduced and in some cases

eliminated.

Dr. Bandy says she prefers to practice in a setting where the medical treatment plan is not dictated by money or insurance plans. She has often been disheartened to see patients not receive the full benefits of needed health care due to lack of money or insurance. She said the fact that tribal members receive free health care makes for a more effective and rewarding experience for all involved.

Believing that health and wellness is a team effort, she said, "I can't fix patients, but can help them fix themselves. The patient, as well as the medical staff and other members of the healthcare team, are all integral parts of the

healing process."

She said, "I think that being able to work with traditional medicine is an intriguing opportunity." According to Bandy, her mother and grandmother used certain herbs as medicine and she can personally attest to the curative power of herbs that she experienced firsthand while working as a missionary in Haiti.

Dr. Bandy said she is excited about working in the Native American community. "The St. Ignace Health Center has many services available on site for their members," she said. "We have a great medical team here, people who really care. St. Ignace is a very beautiful area and the airport next door is a plus."

Sault Cardiac Day featuring big, interactive heart exhibit

BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Tribe Community Health corps will be conducting Cardiac Day during the month of May at the tribal health services building in Sault Ste. Marie. The event is a health fair focused on disseminating education on all things related to the human heart.

The date and time are now being scheduled, and will be announced throughout the tribe.

Visitors can get the latest information on hypertension, heart disease, heart tests and surgeries, diabetes, nutrition, traditional medicine, tobacco cessation, healthful guidelines, stress and

emotional health. In addition, folks can get their blood pressure checked along with checking blood glucose and cholesterol levels, talking one-on-one with registered dietitians and nurses about diet and health concerns, speak with dental staff, learn about the Traditional Medicine Program and enjoy special events throughout the day.

Highlighting the event is a MEGA Heart inflatable interactive exhibit visitors can walk through for an education on the functions of the heart and the nation's number one killer — heart disease.



Photo courtesy of MIEI

MEGA Heart inflatable interactive exhibit is a 12-foot tall, 21-foot long, 15-foot wide replica of the human heart.

According to Medical Inflatable Exhibits Incorporated, the company that makes the MEGA Heart, the exhibit is a 12-foot tall, 21-foot long, 15-foot wide replica of the human heart that provides visitors with a close-up view of healthy and diseased tissue, artificial valves and a stent, as well as the damage caused by a heart attack. Visitors enter the exhibit through the largest vein that feeds the heart, the superior vena cava, and exit through the largest artery that leaves the heart, the aorta. During the tour, they learn about

See "Cardiac Day," pg. 19

Walking On

From "Walking On," pg. 17
LEO BOURQUE

Leo Stephen Bourque of Sault Ste. Marie passed away at his home on March 27, 2012, after a lengthy illness. He was born on April 19, 1948, in Marquette, Mich.

He graduated from Sault High School in 1967 and shortly after, enlisted in the Army and served his country in Vietnam in the 9th Infantry Division. On April 28, 1969, he received an Army Commendation Medal and on May 25, 1969, he received a Bronze Star as well as a Combat Infantry Badge and Air Medal. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he attended Lake Superior State College and graduated in 1973 receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in history as well as a teaching certificate. He owned and operated L&M Trailer Court and Bourque Excavating for many years retiring from Bourque Excavating about five years ago as his health began to decline.

Though he lost his final battle to heart and lung disease, Leo was always somewhat of a free spirit. He enjoyed life and especially loved a good challenge or debate. In the end, his main wishes were to visit and say "good-bye" to his loved ones. His children and grandchildren all made it home to spend time with him. Next to his children, his greatest love was hockey and he was an avid Greyhounds and Red Wings fan. He would rather be in an ice rink than anywhere else in the world and always hated it when an enthusiastic fan would stand up and block his view. This

year, he'll have a bird's eye view of the 2012 playoffs. He is finally at peace and out of pain.

He is survived by his children, Lori (Cory) Jodoin of Sault Ste. Marie, Steve (Marcie) Bourque of Atlanta, Ga., Leanna Wilton of Livonia, and Lonny (Elisa) Bourque of Norfolk, Va., and his grandchildren Cody, Zach and Kimberly Jodoin, Emily Wilton and Raymond Bourque. He is also survived by his sister, Delores Davenport of San Antonio, Texas, and her children Donald, Diane and Derek. Other nieces and nephews include Linda Gregg from Leesville, La., Bill Leist, Marilyn Davis, Debbie Leist and especially Butch Leist all of San Antonio. He is also survived by good friends, Ray and Barb Szymanski from Hersey, Mich. Ray has been his good friend and confidant for 20 years. He is further survived by his best friend, Billie Stoneburner, who never left his side during his final days and to whom the family will be forever grateful. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Mary Bourque, his sister, Joan Leist and brother-in-law, Roy Davenport.

Visitation and a memorial service with friends and family took place on March 31 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Father Bob Aldrich officiating. Interment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens at a later date where he will be laid to rest with his parents. Donations may be made to the Chippewa County Animal Shelter. Condolences may be left on line at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

For Change Elect Bill Baker for Unit II



The Board of Directors has had difficulty defining the wording of the constitution to reflect the appropriate steps to appointing a chair to replace the resigning chair and replacing the person identified as the new chair. Political placement for the benefit of certain units adversely affects the professionalism of the board and equal representation of the members.

Education:

University of Toledo
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Meet the Challenges of the Future

- Provide full -time representation for Unit II members
- Establish equal opportunities and services for all tribal members. Example (Tax exempt zone for Unit 2)
- Pursue development of CEO position
- Provide consistent organizational procedures
- Promote diversification to increase revenue opportunities
- Establish a leadership program for youth involving board mentorship
- Develop communication highway that will identify member's individual concerns
- Expand Elder Programs to provide adequate assistance to elders with limited resources

As a businessman and previous owner of a transportation company, it has been my experience that identification and correction of faulty procedures can only provide a stable operational structure and productive environment for those who work in that system as well as those who are the members.

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This ad is endorsed by candidate William Forrest Baker

Tribal police practice lockdown at JKL School



Photos by Brenda Austin

Sault Tribe Police Department and JKL Bahweting Public School Academy conducted a lockdown as a training exercise on March 21.

Left, Officer Alan Teneyck and a bottle of crack cocaine used to train Lux, the K-9 police dog. Above, Officers Ryan Lubben with Lux, Sam Gardner, Mike Povey and Alan Teneyck checking the hallways at JKL.

Sault Cardiac Day and heart exhibit

From "Cardiac Day," pg. 18 cardiovascular functions, observe examples of various types of heart disease and read about the latest medical treatments for heart problems.

Sault Tribe members can get their feet measured for a new pair of Nike Air Native Tempo N7 athletic shoes designed specifically to fit the feet of American Indians. The fittings are a kick-off for the new Sault Tribe distributorship of the shoes through Community Health (see related story in this issue).

Visitors can also learn about the new Walking for Good Life Club (see related story in this

issue) the watch traditional foods demonstrations. Those who visit all the Cardiac Day features will get a chance to win cool prizes.

While the event is intended to be a fun and educational experience in promoting health, it does have a more serious aim, Cheryl LaPlaut, supervising nurse for Community Health, indicated they will be watching for folks who may be unaware of looming or existing health problems and help them take preventive or managerial measures.

Anyone having questions about the event may call Community Health at 632-5210.

JKL youth writes to Governor Snyder



On March 14, Sawyer Dowd was at school attending Tracey Knight's class when he received a phone call — from the governor's office. Dowd had written a letter to Gov. Snyder regarding school gym class. "My name is Sawyer Dowd and I am 9 years old. My voting mother supports this bill proposal. I am writing to ask you to support a proposal that would require gym to be outside. I think that this is an important proposal. It will benefit all kids by letting us get more fresh air every day. Even when it's raining we can wear our coats. In the winter we can wear our stuff. If you have any questions, you can contact me . . . Thank you for your support." A governmental aide called Dowd to thank him for his letter.

Committees & Appointments During my Tenure

- ★ Tribe's First Vice Chairwoman
- ★ Cultural Committee
- ★ Conservation Committee
- ★ Unit II Powwow Committee
- ★ Mukwa Geezick Drum Committee
- ★ Co-founder, "Lucas Izzard foundation for Teens"
- ★ Health Liaison Board Work Group (to increase physicians at health centers)
- ★ National Behavioral Health Task Force Board member
- ★ Human Resource Policy Change Committee
- ★ Chair and Member, Title IIV Indian Education Parent Committee
- ★ Anishnaabeg Joint Commission
- ★ Tribal Youth Council Board Representative

I was born and raised in our tribal community and know very well the joys, hardships and struggles we face as a tribe, and individually every day. It has been a profound honor to listen to your voice, take action on your behalf, and serve with my heart & soul, you the people of this tribe. You can depend on me not to forget who we are as an Anishinaabe people — our history, our story, our traditional ways.

As a tribal nation, we have endured difficult times, and even as some will cry for more turbulence and turmoil, I promise to remain strong & steady, to work hard with dedication & compassion, and to keep focused on the future — your future. I offer a complete and thorough understanding of the challenges before us; a strong record of experience & accomplishments; and a clear desire to bring peace & prosperity to our citizens, our employees and our tribal communities, as your Unit 2 representative.

With humility I ask for your vote in the upcoming general election, and the honor of your continued support in representing the interests of our membership, and my people of Unit 2.

Respectfully,
Lana Causley,
484-2954



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Accomplishments in Unit 2

Our unit is a wide geographic area that encompasses 6 school districts! The below accomplishments could not have happened without our dedicated Tribal Members.

Naubinway • Rexton

- ★ Recognition of Elders Group (Land of the Echoes)
- ★ Secured Land for Snowmobile Museum
- ★ Basketball Court for youth
- ★ Established Office hours
- ★ Established Monthly report to Elders
- ★ 1st Youth Empowerment Powwow established
- ★ Unit Meetings

Detour • Drummond Island

- ★ Title IIV Indian Education Parent Committee Established
- ★ Unit Meetings
- ★ Mini Youth Pow wow held at School
- ★ Cultural Activities increased
- ★ Homework lab hours

Newberry • Hulbert • Engadine • TroutLake

- ★ 1st PowWow Established (300) First Year
- ★ Coordinating of YAP and YEA groups
- ★ More Youth Education and Activities
- ★ Increased Cultural Teachings
- ★ Drum Socials
- ★ Established Monthly Reports to Elders
- ★ Office Hours
- ★ Unit Meetings

Hessel • Cedarville • Pickford • Rudyard

- ★ Campground
- ★ Remodel of Casino
- ★ Additional YEA coordinators
- ★ Firelodge/teaching Lodge
- ★ Drum Group
- ★ Permanent Arbor, Hessel Powwow
- ★ Established office hours
- ★ Established Monthly Report to Elders Group

Over \$527,000 to Unit 2 over 4 years!

2012 EUPISD Regional Science Fair conducted

BY RICK SMITH

The 2012 Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District (EUPISD) Regional Science Fair for students in kindergarten to eighth grade was conducted on March 15 at the Lake Superior State University Walker Cisler Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The annual fair invites schools from all over the area to bring their top three student science projects from each grade along with the student or student teams responsible for those projects to a regional competition. Students taking the challenge this year represented Brimley, Cedarville, DeTour, DeTour Arts and Technology Academy, Engadine, JKL Bawheting Public School Academy, Moran, Newberry, Ojibwe Charter School, Pickford, Saint Mary's Catholic School, Soo Township, Washington Elementary School and Whitefish Township.

In all, the schools sent a combined total of 242 students who brought 178 projects. Trophies were awarded to first place winners, plaques to second place and medals to third place winners. In addition, the Jeffrey Misner Eccentric Apparatus Award and the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program Award for

best use of technology award were presented.

According to Michelle Mackie, EUPISD general education assistant, students were asked to describe their methodologies and results along with discussions on their overall projects. Judges evaluated the projects based on pre-set judging criteria. The judging panel consisted of LSSU staff, LSSU teacher education students and EUPISD Math and Science Center staff.

Students from JKL Bawheting Public School Academy in Sault Ste. Marie took 25 projects to the competition and won eight awards in either first, second or third places. Projects taking first place were done by kindergartener Taryn Pratt and first grader Laura Innerebner. The second place award winning projects were done by first grader Julie Innerebner and second grader Taylor Pratt. Taking third place wins for their projects were kindergartener Callen Campbell, third graders Shaelyn Reno and Lillian Tracey in addition to eighth graders Haley Brabant and Ashley Gervais.

Mackie noted that all the projects were well done and decisions were difficult for the judges. A complete list of the winners follows:



Photos by Rick Smith

The 27 winners of first, second and third place awards at the regional science fair included eight from JKL Bawheting PSA.

- Kindergarten: First place, Taryn Pratt, JKL Bawheting; second place, team of Annika Kroll and Sam Cabello, Cedarville; third place, Callen Campbell, JKL Bawheting.

- First grade: First place, Laura Innerebner, JKL Bawheting; second place, Julie Innerebner, JKL Bawheting, third place, Autumn Kuzmik, Ojibwe Charter.

- Second grade: First place, Lilyan Stenson, Moran; second place, Taylor Pratt, JKL Bawheting; third place, Shaelyn Reno, JKL Bawheting.

- Third grade: First place, Chloe Marlatt, Moran; second place, Drew Bailey, Cedarville; third place, Lillian Tracey, JKL Bawheting.

- Fourth grade: First place, team of Jaxon Wilkie and Wyatt Galarowic, DeTour Arts and Technology Academy; second place, Madison O'Dell, St. Mary's; third place, Alyssa Morley, Soo Township.

- Fifth grade: First place, Kristyn VanSickle, Brimley; second place, team of Hunter Coneset and Garrett Brown, Soo Township; third place, Collin Henderson, Soo Township.

- Sixth grade: First place, Connor Johnson, Brimley; second place, John Shackleton, St. Mary's; third place, Alyssa Burton, St. Mary's.

- Seventh grade: First place, Maysa Sitar, Newberry; second place, Cameron Livingston, DeTour; third place, Madison Wilkie, DeTour.

- Eighth grade: First place, Lyla Luoto, Engadine; second place, Matthew Gratowski,



From left, EUPISD general education assistant Michelle Mackie presents a first place award to JKL Bawheting Public School Academy kindergartener Taryn Pratt as Lake Superior State University Math and Science Dean Barb Keller looks on at the 2012 EUPISD Regional School Fair conducted at LSSU in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on March 15.



JKL Bawheting PSA first grader Laura Innerebner beams after receiving the first place award for her project at the 2012 EUPISD Regional Science Fair.

DeTour Middle School; third place, team of Haley Brabant and Ashley Gervais, JKL Bawheting.

In addition, fourth grader Shellsea LeFebre representing Soo Township received the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program Award for Best Use of Technology and

seventh grader Mikayla Scott representing Cedarville received the Jeffrey Misner Eccentric Apparatus Award.

The EUPISD has been conducting the annual EUP Regional Science Fair for about 10 years.



Photo by Sherrie Lucas

Mariam Clark's project was an examination of the best ingredients for making play dough.

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Application packets are available from Sault Tribe Education Director Angeline Boulley. Please call (906) 635-4944 or email aboulley@saulttribe.net. Deadline to apply is April 27. Sault Tribe will be sending only one boy and one girl to participate in the camp this year. Last year, the Sault Tribe participated

in a pilot project and was able to fill all 20 spots. This year, each Michigan tribe will select two youth to participate. It is an excellent opportunity for students with an interest in science to get hands-on experience in an outdoor setting.

For more information, visit www.ceo.umich.edu/kinomaage.

Sault Tribe Higher Education Department now accepting 2012-13 academic year applications

The Sault Tribe Higher Education Department is now accepting applications for the coming 2012-2013 academic year. Interested students are required to submit the annual application packet that contains a checklist, an application, W-9 form and a reminder that students are required to submit a copy of their current tribal card.

In addition to the packet, students are required to submit a 300-500 word scholarship essay on the following topic: "Being a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians means to me..." Please include a cover letter on the essay that includes specifically which scholarship(s) you would like to apply for. Students need to submit only one essay for multiple scholarships as long as each scholarship is individually listed on the cover letter. The deadline for scholarships is JUNE 1, 2012. All regular mail applications must be post marked by this date in order to be considered eligible.

The Sault Tribe Higher Education Department also offers a grant program. This requires the student to be attending a either a two or four-year Michigan state-supported public college or university. This program is based on unmet financial need as determined by your college's financial aid office. Interested students must complete their application packet by JULY 1, 2012. Students who completed a packet for scholarships will not need to submit a second packet for this program.

The last program offered by Sault Tribe Higher Education is the Self-Sufficiency Incentive Award which is money for the fall 2012 semester. Students must have a completed 2012-2013 application packet in order to be considered eligible. Their grades reports must be either a transcript printed by the college or printed directly from the college website. It must include the student's full name, college name, FALL 2012 term, number of credit hours per course, and the their final grade. These five key pieces of information must be on the original report and may not be handwritten or typed in. Grade reports must be submitted between Dec. 1, 2012, and Jan. 31, 2013, in order to be considered eligible.

Students or parents who have any questions may contact Brandi MacArthur or view our Fact and Question section on the Sault Tribe website (www.saulttribe.com). To view the Education section of our website, please view the membership tab and click Education, then you can select Higher Education. Once you are in the Higher Education section, off to the left is the download folder where our forms are available. Also, you may view our articles for upcoming scholarships, internships, and other opportunities offered by sources other than the Sault Tribe. Our Sault Tribe Higher Education Facebook page is another great way to stay up-to-date with the latest opportunities.

The application packets are available on our website www.saulttribe.com or you may contact

Brandi MacArthur at (906) 635-6050, extension 26312, to have a copy mailed to your home address or you may email Brandi at bmacarthur@saulttribe.net for an electronic copy. If your tribal card is expired, you need to contact Sault Tribe Enrollment at 632-8552 or toll free (800) 251-6597 to have it renewed.

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Pamela Cable Gershon Scholarship: One at \$150. Must be a 2012 graduating high school senior with a minimum 2.50 GPA. Must reside within the tribe's seven-county service area. Must be accepted into a two or four-year college or university. Any field of study.

Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship: One at \$1,000. Must be at least one-quarter Indian blood quantum (verified by Tribal Enrollment). Must be enrolled in a Michigan public college or university in a Teacher Education program. Must be at least a college junior. Full-time status. Must have minimum 3.00 GPA cumulative (submit transcript).

Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship: One at \$1,000. Must be at least one-quarter Indian blood quantum (verified by Tribal Enrollment). Any field of study. Any accredited college or university. Must be at least a college junior. Full-time status. Must have minimum 3.00 GPA cumulative (submit transcript).

Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship: One at \$1,000. Must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree in Social Work, Social Services, or related human services field of study. Any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

Vic Matson Sr. Tributary Scholarship: one at \$1,000. Must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree in Fisheries or Natural Resources Management or related field of study. Any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship: one at \$1,000. Must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree in tribal law, law enforcement, legal studies, political science or public administration. Any accredited college or university in the United States. Must be at least a college sophomore. Full-time status. Must be in good academic standing (submit transcript).

June Curran Porcaro Scholarship: One at \$1,000. Must have

been homeless, displaced, or in the foster care system during your lifetime or be pursuing a degree in the Human Services field with a career goal to work with such individuals. Must demonstrate

financial need.

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(submit letter from physician, mental health provider or special education professional). Must indicate the educational purpose which the scholarship will be used and an itemized list of expected costs.

Meet Sault Tribe Radiology's dedicated team



From left, radiology's Amanda Leonard, Michelle Bickham, Virginia Halabrin and new staffer, Holly Bishop, proudly display their 2012 Avon Foundation for Women grant certificate. Bishop is joining a dedicated team. This year, Halabrin is participating in the Avon Walk in Chicago. The walks, held regionally every year, completely fund the Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund. Kewadin Casino is pitching in, said Halabrin, but she could also use your pledge — walkers have to raise \$1,800 to participate. It's no "walk in the park," either — the first day alone, Halabrin will walk 26 miles. Call 632-5237 to ask about breast care or to help sponsor Halabrin's walk.

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- Ensuring that our Elders' voices are a regular part of the Board of Directors meetings.

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- Create new and effective after-school activities and programs for youth.
- Promote and support the importance of education and lifelong learning.
- Support continuing education.
- Grant adequate employee release time for education.

Frazier family photos — snapshots of the past



Photos submitted by Karen Frazier

GOOD OL' BOYS — Left to right, John Vincent, Bert Page, Walter Vincent, (First name uncertain) Beaday and Joe LaBlanc.



SISTERS — L to R, Emma (nee Davenport) Beckman and sister, Mildred Davenport.



DAVENPORT GIRLS - Left to right, Emma King and Viola Adams.

Member discovers true roots through all Native nations

Greetings to all my brothers and sisters of the Chippewa nation. I wanted to relay such a profound and inspirational story that, not only am I a part of, but quite frankly, I have been the direct architect of {sic}.

My name is Jeffrey Forry, son of Bob and Cheryl of Manistique. I am an ironworker with Local 25 out of Detroit, but have and always will reside in the beautiful Upper Peninsula. I also am a volunteer with the Schoolcraft County Snowmobile Association as their head of public relations.

As an ironworker, with the country in its current employment strife, I, at various times am called to travel to far away places to seek employment. And with my duties with the club, I have been called upon at various times to write articles, promote videos, and promote the best possible face to any situation.

Either of these jobs, I have found, suits my goals and personality. But the one thing I was not expecting was my current deploy-



All the different tribes Jeffery Forry gathered on the job for a photo, "They loved it! I am in the bottom row all the way to the right, black jacket, orange hardhat, big grin," he said.

ment as a journeymen ironworker to the country of Canada, to the province of Saskatchewan.

I left at the end of this past November, not knowing what to expect. What you have to understand, brothers and sisters, with my time in the military, I have experienced so many different cultures from Japan, Korea, Panama, Thailand and Hawaii. I figured

Canada would be any different {sic}. Well, was I wrong. Being raised in the Upper Peninsula, I thought, had prepared me for this new experience and again I was wrong.

First off, I had never experienced what 35 below really feels like. Breathtaking, waters the eyes, steals your energy like a slick polar thief. It took some getting used to

wearing clothing from names like Helly-Hanson, Dakota, names I never heard of, but was more than happy to buy to keep this kid from the forests of the U.P warm.

And as I climatized to this strange new world, I started to notice all the different types of natives working with me or around me. And being a world traveler and fascinated by our heritage and creation, I was most adamant to learn of these new and alien cultures, their past, their language and their hopes and dreams. Was I in for an eye opener.

First off, my partner up on the iron was none other than Mohawk from the eastern United States and Canada. An elder in his own right, his English name being Daniel David (don't make me spell his given native name), a man full of heritage, advice, insight and an extraordinary man by any measure. I instantly had old school respect for such an extraordinary man. He reminds me of a time when things were simpler amongst our clans.

And, by the way, he sends his

greetings and his family's love from one nation to another. Daniel taught me about the tree of life, how in olden times things really were much simpler. With his 40 years in the trade and even longer married to his life long love, I finally had found a great partner, a teacher, a man who had spent his life chasing a discipline that was nothing but family, tribe and life.

My first foreman was Joseph Metallic, from a small fishing community on the eastern coast of Canada, his tribe Mic Mac, steeped in thousands of years of tradition, and he another proud warrior. He, along with his nephews and more relatives in the trade than anyone, set the example at our jobsite, not only for native North Americans but for ironworkers, and humans in general.

We also have Iroquois, Dakota Sioux, Chippewa (ME), Cree, Mati and so many different tribes, gathered on one job site. Me being in PR and being a native brother from the states, saw an opportunity to gather our nations to exchange information, cultures and maybe a photo opportunity? So I, on my own time, brought these warriors together from so many nations to let them know that there was a brother from across the border, a warrior representing the Chippewa nation, that not only cared to know about them and their families, but wanted them to know that there will never be a border between tribes, no border of respect, never would there be a border between native brothers and sisters, of any nation. For the first time, in my small existence, never was one man so damned proud of his heritage and the past of so many others.

In closing, my experience in this wide-open country has been a positive one. The culture, the understanding, basically as humans go understanding more of other tribes, will help you understand your own.

From the treaty nations of Canada and the non-treaties, I hope the photo my writings find my brothers and sisters of the Chippewa nation well.

Your brother in life, travel and understanding,

Jeffrey M. Forry

Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero addresses the tribal membership

From "Bernero writes," page 1
lions of people who visit our city each year.

As you may know, the Lansing City Council recently passed the necessary resolutions approving our partnership with the tribe. We held multiple community and public hearings in Lansing during the weeks before the city council's votes in March.

In speaking with Sault Tribe members on my recent visit to the Sault, I heard many of the same questions that Lansing residents expressed during our public hearings. More specifically, resident asked good questions about the tribe's experience with the Greektown Casino, its Kewadin Casinos, jobs, and the type of partner the tribe would be with Lansing.

I would like to answer some of these questions for you, just as I answered them for the voters and residents of Lansing.

Let me start by saying that during the nearly two years negotiations were underway for the Lansing Kewadin Casino, tribal

leaders made clear that they would only agree to an arrangement with Lansing that was fair, responsible and accountable to tribal members. They were clear in saying that they would not invest in another Greektown-like situation.

— Lansing is not Greektown. I pledge that neither I nor the City of Lansing will treat the Sault Tribe as it was treated in Greektown. Having spent a good deal of time examining what happened in Greektown, I am aware that mistakes were made that provide lessons learned for moving forward productively, and without making the same mistakes twice. The agreement between Lansing and Sault Tribe for the Kewadin Lansing Casino reflects significant work by the tribe, the City of Lansing, and the best professionals available to ensure the long-term success of the tribe's casino and our partnership together. The agreement we share is structured to protect the interests of the tribe and its members, and the City of Lansing and its residents. It is fair, responsible and account-

able to tribal members and City of Lansing residents.

— In Greektown, the tribe paid nearly 30 percent in taxes and fees. In Lansing, the revenue sharing agreement we negotiated together with the Tribe amounts to 2.5 percent.

— In Lansing, the Tribe will be 100 percent owners, while at Greektown the Tribe had multiple partners.

— The Lansing Kewadin Casino will be regulated by the tribe and the federal government, just like the tribe's northern Michigan Kewadin casinos.

— In Detroit, the tribe bore the full cost of casino development. In Lansing, the developer has agreed to cover all pre-development costs, other than those required to purchase the land where the casino will be built, which the tribe will acquire at fair market value of \$1.24 million (Greektown property was purchased at more than \$50 million, and not at fair market value).

Kewadin Lansing Casino will create 2,200 good jobs. Sault Tribe

members and Lansing residents who are qualified for the jobs will be given preference.

We have developed a deep respect for the tribe and your elected leaders. We sincerely believe we have an agreement that will produce significant benefits for Lansing residents and Sault Tribe members. I believe Chairman Eitrem and the elected leaders of the tribe are honorable and trustworthy people who keep their word, and are strong defenders of Sault Tribe members and your right to know details of the project.

Like the tribe, I and the Lansing City Council intend a course much better than that taken with Greektown Casino. Lansing will offer just one casino. On my watch as Lansing mayor, I do not intend for the only casino in our city to go into Chapter 11. The tribe must succeed with the Kewadin Lansing Casino. And when they succeed, Lansing will be even more successful as a result. The City of Lansing will

See "Lansing Mayor," pg. 22

2012 Anishinaabemowin Teg conference hits Kewadin Casino and Convention Center

BY RICK SMITH

The 18th annual Anishinaabemowin Teg conference brought thousands of people to the Sault Kewadin Casino over a five-day period from March 28 to April 1. The conference is actually part exposition, part symposium and part celebration of our tribe's mother language — Anishinaabemowin.

According to its website, Anishinaabemowin Teg Incorporated is a non profit charitable corporation based in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Anishinaabemowin, the original language of the Anishinaabe people of the Great Lakes region.

The organization has a 12-member board of directors, a six-member elder's senate and four-member group of youth representatives. This volunteer group provides direction and support in the goals and objectives of the organization.

Anishinaabemowin Teg hosts an annual language conference in Sault Ste. Marie area at the end of March each year in accom-



Photo by Rick Smith

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT — Strengthening the heart of the Anishinaabe way of life through the cultivation of its original language, especially in the following generations; that is the mission of the annual Anishinaabemowin Teg conferences. Here, John and Isabelle Simon of Sheguiandah, Ont., at the conference with their grandson, Keannu Bisschops, just before the start of the opening ceremonies.

dance with a declaration by the Assembly of First Nations in Canada.

"We try to bring awareness of the language issue and how important it is to have it at that time," the website notes. "We are taking ownership of our language by practicing the language in the

social settings and workplace. We gather together to celebrate as to what we have left to protect, revitalize and renew."

The conferences bring a large variety of Anishinaabe experts on protecting, preserving, writing and speaking Anishinaabemowin. It attracts people of all ages as



Photo by Rick Smith

An Anishinaabemowin Teg board member delivers an invocation in the mother tongue of the Anishinaabe nation at the opening ceremonies of the 18th annual Anishinaabemowin Teg conference at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie on March 29.

individuals or often as family groups. Many of the people who attend the events are members of First Nations in Canada. Workshops, feasts, entertainment, scholarship award ceremonies, speakers and films are featured at the conferences, all steeped in traditional Anishinaabe ceremony and customs.

Among the dignitaries who spoke at the opening ceremony were Joe Eitrem, chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; Lyle Sayers, chief of the Garden River First Nation; Dean Sayers, chief of the Batchewana First Nation; and Patrick Madahbee, chief of the Union of Ontario Indians.

Good times at 14th annual multi-agency family fest

BY RICK SMITH

Fun and informative is a good way to describe the annual Family Celebration events in

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PRIZES! — Some lucky children went home with these door prizes which included a girl's bicycle, a boy's bicycle, a child's recliner from Northern Hospitality, pogo sticks, hula hoops and other spiffy treasures. Other prizes were for a pool party at Best Western, VIP passes to ride aboard the Soo Locks Boat Tours, round trip tickets to Mackinac Island aboard a Star Line ferry, Kewadin Casino show tickets, dinner and a night's stay at Kewadin Casino and children's booster seats.

Chippewa County Council for Youth and Families, Sault Tribe Head Start and Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities. This year the festival took place on March 21 at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, which is another co-sponsor.

According to ACFS parent educator Jessica Gillotte, who organized the proceeding, about 250 people of all ages enjoyed free pizza and snacks, complimentary ice skating including rental skates, games, opportunities to learn about an array of services available to families or individuals, vendors and door prizes awarded throughout the evening.

"We had many nice prizes donated by local businesses for our families to win, which drew a large crowd," Gillotte noted. "A good time was had by all."

The event is a local function recognizing March as Parenting Awareness Month.



Photo by Rick Smith

Representatives from Sault Tribe Community Health services and Youth Education and Activities share a laugh as they prepare information tables prior to the scheduled arrival of all those who attended the celebration.

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For more information on these programs, including eligibility requirements, visit the Universal Service Administrative Company or call (888) 641-8722. You can also contact your local phone service provider or call the Federal Communications Commission toll free at (888) CALL-FCC.

Treaty hunting, fishing Q&A

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Treaties and sovereignty are two widely misunderstood concepts. How the fishery should be allocated among user groups, the role of the courts, and tribal, state and federal regulation are murky waters for most. Here are a few of the most frequently asked questions and their answers:

“What is the difference between the Consent Orders and the 1836 Treaty?”

The Consent Order of 2000 and the Inland Consent Order of 2005 are court-ordered user allocation plans among the tribes, the state (including the interests of sport fishing associations) and the federal government.

The 1836 Treaty is an agreement that was made between two sovereign nations. Tribes that signed the 1836 Treaty reserved certain rights under that treaty. Federal courts have reaffirmed that fishing in the Great Lakes ceded waters is one of those rights. The state has acknowledged the tribes' treaty right to hunt and fish in the ceded territory. That's why Indian hunting and fishing are called treaty rights.

“Why should treaties be recognized in today's world?”

Native Americans are a living people, organized as tribes that have retained their sovereignty. Like the U.S. Constitution or the Bill of Rights, the ideas behind the treaties are not outdated. In fact, ideas like sovereignty are the foundations America was built on.

“Are tribal fishers and hunters unregulated and allowed unlimited access to the resource?”

No. Tribal fishing is one of the most highly regulated fisheries on the Great Lakes. Tribal fishers observe spawning season closures, limited or no entry in lake trout primary rehabilitation zones, and harvest limits. They must comply with species, gear and seasonal regulations. Besides tribal regulations, CORA, USFWS, Coast Guard and Food and Drug Administration regulations must also be followed.

Tribal hunting and gathering and inland fishing is subject to the 2005 Consent Decree between tribal, state and federal governments, MOUs between the USFS and the tribes, and tribal regulations.

“Who enforces Indian fishing regulations?”

Tribal conservation officers enforce regulations. State conservation officers may also enforce regulations. Each group has a number of officers who patrol waters to ensure regulations are followed, including joint patrols between the tribes and the state. The U.S. Coast Guard, in cooperation with tribal authorities, can conduct on board inspections to ensure maritime safety regulations are being followed.

“Why is fishing so important to tribes?”

Tribal fishing carries with it a rich tradition of family and community heritage. It's more than a job — it's a way of life passed

down through the generations. Much like the fishermen of New England, songs and stories and family traditions have grown up around tribal fishing. Some tribal members have chosen a way of life closer to nature and traditional culture, maintaining a fishery in the tradition of their ancestors. The same holds true for those who hunt and gather. This type of choice is a freedom all Americans hold dear. Some Native Americans hold that exercising treaty rights is an important and honorable role in the tribal community.

Today's commercial tribal fishers are very skilled and live for their work. Most tribal fishers wouldn't have it any other way — they enjoy their lives on the Great Lakes, doing something they know how to do well and working for themselves.

“Why should state-licensed sport hunters and fishers have to pay to use the resource when tribal people use it for free?”

Sport fishing and hunting requires license fees that directly support management practices used by the state to protect and enhance the resource. Tribal licensing fees exist to defray cost of enforcement and management.

Further, tribal fishers' and hunters' reserved right to harvest in the treaty-ceded lands and waters is a form of property right. If someone sells their property and retains the mineral rights, they can go back later and use those minerals at will, without having to pay for it.

“Don't tribal fishers just get a slap on the wrist when found in tribal court to be fishing illegally?”

Tribal fishers can face monetary fines, confiscation of their gear and license suspension. Each tribal court has a tribal code in place that names progressively severe consequences for violators, much like state-licensed fishers and hunters face.

“Aren't gill nets bad because they kill all fish caught in the net?”

The Anishinaabeg invented gill nets around the time of Christ. Tribal gill net fishers are very skilled targeting the fish they want to catch by fishing in specific depths and locations, using the proper mesh size and releasing the live non-target fish. By using these techniques, the catch of non-target species can be minimized and a significant percentage of the bycatch can be returned to the water in good condition, and that percentage is improved by the use of a new modified gill net. In some Great Lakes fisheries, using a traditional gill net is difficult and some of those fishers have converted to a new kind of “legged” gill net that stays about 3 feet off the lake bottom and catches larger whitefish while drastically reducing lake trout by-catch, zebra mussels and slime.

(Editor's note, this FAQ is updated from 2000's 1836 Treaty Fishing written by then Jennifer Dale, chairperson, Public Information and Education Committee to the 1985 Consent Decree's Executive Council.)



The St. Marys River has been put to hard use over the centuries, with industries like fishing, timber, leather, and steel, among many other uses, including sewage runoff.

Environmental Department presented at BPAC/LSSU summit

BY CRYSTAL BOLE

The Sault Tribe Environmental Department participated in the 11th annual Environmental Summit hosted by Lake Superior State University and the Binational Public Advisory Council on March 17.

The theme of the Environmental Summit was Urban Tributaries and provided information to the public on our local waters including the St. Marys River and tributaries.

Some of the organizations that participated included the Lake Superior State Fish and Wildlife Club, Students for a Sustainable Lake State, Algoma Highlands, The River of History Art museum, Writing the St. Marys River blog, the Binational Public Advisory Council, Michigan Department of Community Health, the Chippewa/East

Mackinaw Conservation District, Clean North, the Lake Superior State Aquatic Research Lab, Bay Mills Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

In addition to the informational booths, the summit offered talks on issues relating to urban tributaries. Mike Ripley with the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority presented on our very own Ashmun Creek and its contribution to the St. Marys River, Tim Knutsen of Beckett and Raeder Inc. came from Petoskey to talk about a large restoration project done on the Bear River in Petoskey, Neil Moran gave a talk on native plants and how to

use them in your own landscaping and last, but not least, Sault Tribe's environmental director, Kathleen Brosemer, talked about what you can do in your own life to be a good watershed citizen.

While parents got a good take-home message, the children had fun looking at bugs, coloring, catching fish and many other activities.

The participants received information on the vital importance of our urban waters and gained a desire to preserve these waters for our future generations. The Environmental Summit will take place next year around the same time, so mark your calendars.

Turkey season starts April 15

The following is pretty much everything having to do with wild turkeys in our inland regulations, Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code. The code can be downloaded from www.saulttribe.com under the Government menu. Please call the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department with any further questions at (906)632-6132.

21.105 Definitions.

(48) “Turkey” shall mean a wild eastern turkey.

21.307 Ceremonial turkey permit.

A limited number of ceremonial turkey permits may be issued by the department.

21.502 Possession of game.

No tribal member shall possess or transport game or any part thereof without having in one's possession a harvest license, harvest tag, or permit let under Subchapter III, as may be applicable, unless that game has been broken down into consumables, waste or decorative parts as applicable.

21.520 Caliber limitations.

(2) Any firearm used in hunting wild turkey must be a shotgun or muzzle loading shotgun using number four shot or smaller or a rim fire firearm of .17 caliber or larger including all center fire-

arms.

21.521 Archery limitations.

(1) Bow and arrow may be used to hunt gaachiinhi-e'weesi'ek (small game) and m'didaa-e'weesi'ek (big game) turkey and furbearer provided that a broad head with a cutting surface of at least one-inch diameter must be used to hunt m'didaa-e'weesi'ek (big game).

21.522 Dogs.

(1) No tribal member shall hunt deer, elk, moose or wild turkey with dogs, except that it shall be legal to hunt wild turkey with dogs during the fall season.

21.523 Hunter's orange.

(2) Tribal members hunting waterfowl, crow, wild turkey and predators do not have to wear hunters orange.

21.703 Wild turkey.

(1) Wild turkey season shall be:

- Spring season shall be April 15 through June 15. Bag limit shall be two bearded-birds only.
- Fall season shall be Oct. 1 through Nov. 14. Bag limit shall be two birds of either sex combined.

(2) The bag limit for turkey shall be two birds per season.



Advice From a River

- ~ Go with the flow
- ~ Be thoughtful of those downstream
- ~ Slow down and meander
- ~ Follow the path of least resistance for rapid success
- ~ Immerse yourself in nature, trickling streams, roaring waterfalls, sparkles of light dancing on water
- ~ Delight in life's adventures around every bend
- ~ Let difficulties stream away
- ~ Live simply and gracefully in your own true nature moving, flowing, allowing, serene and on course
- ~ It takes time to carve the beauty of the canyon
- ~ Rough waters become smooth
- ~ Go around the obstacles
- ~ Stay current
- ~ The beauty is in the journey!

Support increased revenue for tribal benefits



**Joseph Eitrem, Chairman
Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

As I write this report, our tribal members will be receiving a referendum ballot in the mail. This referendum is about whether or not the Sault Tribe should pur-

sue a casino in the Lansing area. I am urging you to vote yes to this ballot question.

This casino will benefit the tribe in many ways. Our revenue stream from the U.P. casinos is steady, but is not able to support the increasing needs of the membership. We need additional revenue.

We NEED an additional revenue stream to reinstate membership services that have been cut, to grow membership services in and outside of our service areas, to pay off our debt and to grow our surplus.

Many people who are not in favor of this casino think we have no plan for the revenue we will receive from it. This is not true. From the outset, the board and I earmarked revenue from the proj-

ect as specified below:

- 10 Percent of the annual income the tribe receives from the project will go directly into the tribe's Self Sufficiency Fund, also known as the Lands Claim Settlement; this money would be used to enhance the elders tribal checks at the end of the year.

- Three percent of the annual revenues will be distributed among and deposited in the following funds: the Elders' Health Self-Sufficiency Fund, the Elders' Employment Self-Sufficiency Fund, the Funeral Assistance Self-Sufficiency Fund and the Education Assistance Self-Sufficiency Fund.

- Two percent of the annual income to the tribe from this project will be deposited into a fund to establish a college scholar-

ship program for tribal members regardless of blood quantum.

- The remainder of the revenue will be used to pay off current debt, to bring back employee benefits, to grow our savings for future projects.

We NEED the additional revenue Lansing will provide.

This casino will be a Native American casino. It will be owned and operated by the tribe, exactly like our Kewadin Casinos in the U.P. It will not be like Greektown Casino-Hotel, which was regulated by the state of Michigan and taxed at a very high rate of more than 25 percent at times.

Many people I have talked with still believe this is similar to Greektown Casino. There could be nothing further from the truth.

I, along with the entire board, realize mistakes were made with Greektown Casino. We have all worked extremely hard to ensure that what we experienced with that project will never happen again. The situation is different, the partners are different, and the regulation is different.

Finally, this project will NOT affect the amount disbursed in our annual elders checks.

I urge you to please get the facts before you vote – visit our website at saulttribe.com and click on the red "Lansing Facts" button or talk with your unit representative. Once you do I am confident that you will see the benefits this will bring to all of us in the future. Please, vote "YES" to Kewadin Lansing.

Respectfully, Joe Eitrem

Get involved and be sure to exercise your vote!



**Cathy Abramson, Unit I
Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

It's tribal election season again! I want to wish the best of luck to all of those who are running for board seats and the chairman's seat. Already, you are seeing signs in yards, candidates asking you to sign their petitions and newspaper advertisements with candidates' platforms.

Important dates that you need to know are as follows:

May 2 – Your primary ballot will be mailed out to you.

May 24 – Primary election date. All ballots will be counted on that date. Please note, in order to be counted, your ballot must be received by the tribal Election Committee by 5 p.m. at the United States Post Office in the Sault Ste. Marie location on May 24, 2012, for the primary election and on June 28, 2012, for the general election.

June 6 – Your ballot for the general election will be mailed to you.

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use its share of profits to send all Lansing public school students to college who want to attend. The tribe intends to use its share of the Lansing casino profits to support, expand and restore programs and services for tribal members, including health care, elder care, education, human and social services, improve wages and benefits, and responsibly pay down debt.

While we all hope to be able to open the Kewadin Lansing casino soon, the reality is that opening may be some years away. Legal experts working for the tribe and city are confident in the tribe's position with respect to the

June 28 – General Election Day. Make sure you mail your ballot in on time!

Please make sure that your address is correct by contacting the Enrollment Office at 635-3396 or (800) 251-6597.

At this time, I would like to thank our Election Committee for all the time and effort that they put into running a fair election. It is an extremely thankless job and when tensions get high, as they do when election time comes around, they take a lot of undeserved hits.

This committee is made up of volunteers who are appointed by the board of directors. They follow the election ordinance they helped develop (with assistance by our legal staff). While they are appointed by the board, they are a very independent group. Believe me, they are not afraid to voice their opinion to the board when it comes to ensuring there is a fair election. I, for one, appreciate that.

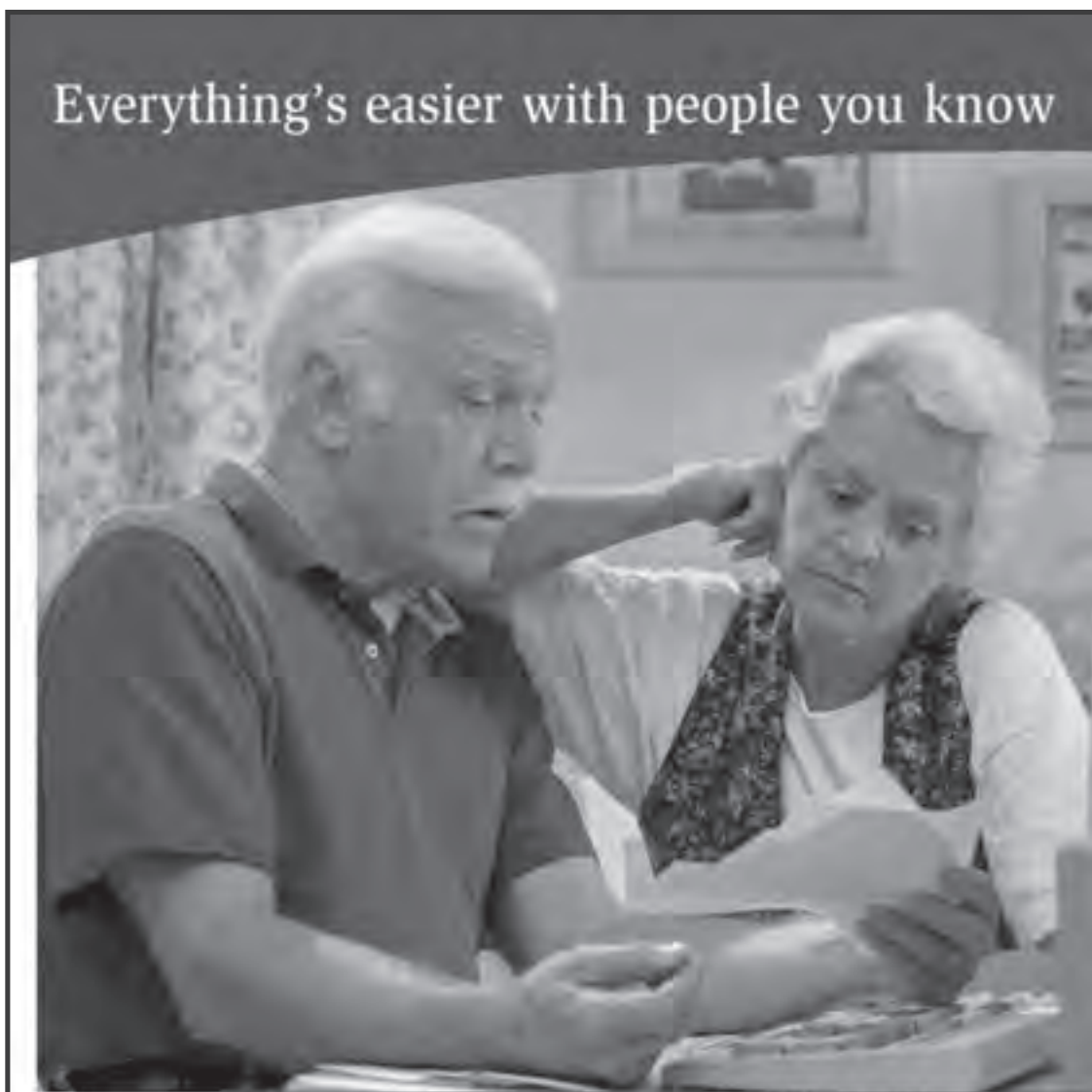
Throughout the years, our election process has been immensely refined from when our tribe held its first election. It's been refined because our committee members worked hard to establish rules to ensure that a fair election is conducted. Just think, we have only had primaries for a little over 10 years. Also, ballots are counted electronically and all ballot counting is open for all the public to view. The ballot counting is even videotaped. I highly recommend that when there is an opening on the committee, our citizens step up to the plate

and get involved. The work of this committee is very important. Again, thank you to the mem-

bers of our Election Committee!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at

(906) 322-3823 or email me at cabramson@saulttribe.net. I look forward to hearing from you!



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federal process for taking Lansing land into trust. Others take a different view, and vow to work to prevent the Kewadin Lansing casino from becoming a reality. This could delay our success, but working together and remaining focused, we will succeed.

We know we have a long journey ahead. On behalf of the City of Lansing, you have my word as Mayor to stand with the Sault Tribe as a true partner. I am confident that the Kewadin Lansing casino will benefit both our communities for generations to come.

Miigwech and Sincerely
Yours,
Virg Bernero, Mayor

Prescription drug abuse issue is not forgotten



**Lana Causley, Unit II
Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

The board has a full schedule of workshop items, including those I requested — CEO discussions, strategic planning and employee policy review, along

with our continued Lansing project meetings with the membership. You will have an opportunity to vote on the Lansing project in an upcoming referendum and I hope that you have contacted the chairman, your representative or researched the factual information on our website and at meetings. Please call me anytime to discuss or ask questions — you will get the straight talk and plans for this project.

I attended the annual Midwest Alliance for Sovereign Tribes conference in Washington this past week. We discussed many concerns our tribes face collectively. We drafted and submitted resolutions or legislation to representatives. We educated and spoke to key governmental officials about increasing

Indian Health Service funding (we are still at only 56 percent of need.) We especially asked the Special Diabetes funding be re-authorized in the future. Transportation funding, mining issues, land in trust concerns and many reports were heard at the conference.

One serious agenda item that stood out for all the Midwest tribes was the rise in prescription drug abuse. I know many who will read this feel hurt for our loved ones and friends they know are struggling. Tribes have reported the numbers for prescription narcotics in their health clinics are increasing monthly at a very rapid pace. In one example, Vicodin went from 500 to 6,000 IN ONE MONTH!

I have discussed this concern

with our health director numerous times. Tribal members have asked me to keep it a priority issue. (Some are even taking it upon themselves to take action on their own in their communities! Miigwech, CAC and TLC!) After speaking with our health director, at this point we have within the health division a “controlled substance committee,” an interdisciplinary committee with medical and behavioral health staff who review controlled substance and prescriptions as well as “patient contracts.” I would like to discuss with our staff a real and solid plan to monitor the prescription drug distribution within our tribe in order to keep a handle on the increase or decrease. This is one of the areas that is very hard to talk about but

a priority needs to be set to assist our members. I will be working on this and have my mind set that we put together a team of staff and members who know the issues and assist in combating the increasing numbers, the need for additional counselors, administrative monitors, and services — things all the Midwest tribes are looking toward.

We sometimes get so caught up in the financial issues, national tribal issues and politics these struggles with our membership are overlooked. I WON'T forget.

As always, please contact me and I will be attending the regular scheduled elder meeting in our areas for monthly reports.

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In support of Kewadin Lansing Casino Project



**Catherine Hollowell, Unit II
Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

I've received quite a few phone calls regarding the Kewadin Lansing casino, asking for a better explanation of the nature of my opposition. I will try to explain in further detail. However, I want to state from the start, and very clearly: since the Kewadin Lansing casino initiative is going to a referendum vote of the people, I will be casting my ballot in support of the Jan. 24 Lansing Casino resolution — and I hope you will be, too!

As I stated in my February unit report, I am very supportive of exercising our legal right, sovereignty—and necessity—to develop a casino in the downstate market. The Lansing Kewadin casino is an innovative concept casino, designed to integrate and enhance into the urban setting of the City of Lansing. Adjacent to the Lansing Center, the Kewadin Lansing casino will be a big draw for enhancing the convention and tourism market and benefit our gaming enterprise. The site is pedestrian friendly, an easy walk to the historic Lansing City Market, state capital and Cooley Baseball Stadium, and sits on the bank of the Grand River Walk. It promises to be an innovative concept and business model that's a good match to market forecasts. Although our tribe holds the exclusive language to make this opportunity a reality, there is mounting competition from well funded non-tribal gaming interests. We've got a well articulated game plan and we can stay ahead of this competing effort.

The terms of how we will allocate revenue within tribal operations is stipulated in the lan-

guage of the resolution. I lobbied hard for a specified percentage of revenue to be committed to our self sufficiency funds and I'm happy we could get that provision included in the resolution. I also lobbied for a specific percentage to be set aside for our up north Kewadin employees, and had to settle for language that does not state a specific percentage amount. I am disappointed about that, but there were legitimate concerns and time restraints that warranted holding off on a specified percentage until further financial analysis could be done. I will continue to focus on a commitment to our up north Kewadin employees as we move forward.

As I understand from the referendum circulator, the premise behind sending the Lansing casino legislation to a referendum ballot is to hold up the Lansing casino project until the tribe develops, legislates and implements a comprehensive tribal revenue sharing plan. I welcome working on a citizen driven revenue sharing plan. But I see no good reason to hold up the current project to start working on a revenue plan.

Why a downstate casino is good for our tribe: By and large, people who live in the Upper Peninsula agree that it seems like the State of Michigan has forgotten about the Upper Peninsula. Encouraging state resources to flow into the U.P. is an ongoing challenge. This is very evident at 2 percent funding time—especially in Unit II where we have 16 distinct communities, six high schools, four counties and numerous townships who turn to the tribe to fund basic local services.

Recently we were asked to fund the job position of a school nurse for a very large school district, and I had to ask, “Where is the state in this very basic obligation?” My point is the Sault Tribe, through its Kewadin Casinos, has stepped in and filled the gap where the State of Michigan has failed. By entering the down state market, we will be able to direct down state revenue to flow north—and better serve all the communities where our tribal members reside. And it goes without saying that, unlike commercial casinos, where the

net profit can ultimately leave the state, tribal casinos assure that the profits remain local—circulating through the local economy.

Why I voted “No” on the project: All that being said, any concerns I might have rest with the agreement we have with the developer (and that is NOT up for referendum vote). It's not because of who the investors are (frankly, it should not matter if you have a well crafted legal agreement that mitigates risk and exposure.) I have been a “NO” vote on the development agreement since day one, because I was not convinced we were negotiating terms that were in the best interest of the tribe. Initially, it appeared that anything the developer wanted—the developer was going to get. It's my opinion we could have crafted a better agreement. Sometimes I wondered what side of the negotiating table some of our board members were sitting on. Originally, there was a very strong bloc majority of seven. They had the votes—end of story. That's how the democratic process works and it is up to each board member to explain their vote to you, the citizen. Thankfully, we were able to rectify some serious flaws in our original contract. But moving forward, as we undertake the many subsequent decisions that will arise from the Lansing Kewadin project, my vote of support will be contingent on a commitment to prudent and ethical business decisions.

Actually, we should already have a well-developed tribal ethics code that reflects the basic premise that no elected official or tribal employee should gain personal financial benefit from the economic development decisions that we, as trustees, undertake on behalf of the tribe. But we don't have such a tribal law (at least one with teeth). I find that surprising and worrisome. Not that I have personal knowledge or facts that would indicate elected officials or employees have personally profited from the Lansing Kewadin, New Boston or Romulus development projects. But if they were, it wouldn't be against tribal law—because there is no law preventing it!

Our members deserve to know

that kind of deal making is not going on.

Therefore, a resolution will be proposed in the very near future, making it against tribal law (and grounds for removal from office) for any current or future elected official, their immediate families and any tribal employees, from receiving any financial benefit as a result of our partnership with the developer (or their subsidiaries) of our Lansing Kewadin casinos—either through contract, consultation, or employment and for a period of two years after termination of their positions.

Candidate forums coming very soon



**Joan Carr Anderson, Unit V
Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

Aanii,

Hope all are well and enjoyed the few beautiful days we had for early spring. As you know, this is an election year for some units and the chairman position.

We are holding Meet the Candidates forums in all areas and I hope you will be attending. This gives you the opportunity to ask questions and meet the candidates you will be voting on.

Our board has been busy working on budgets, policy changes, 2 percent contributions and with the Election Committee on the referendum, which will be mailed out on April 12.

We hope all members have updated their enrollments. This referendum will give you the opportunity to vote on the Lansing casino. I again encourage

Frankly, I'm confident that the majority of board members would agree it's about time we had this type of legislation and I don't expect opposition. We should be able to move swiftly to enact this basic assurance to the citizens of our tribe.

Thank you for giving this referendum ballot serious consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me:

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you to vote “YES” on this project. We need the revenue to bring back some of our lost benefits and bring in new jobs.

As for what's going on in my Unit V area, we have our Elders' Subcommittee meetings in Munising on the first Monday of the month, dinner only at 4 p.m.

On the third Monday, we have a meeting and dinner at 4 p.m. in the Munising Tribal Center. For any questions call Chairperson Anita Nelson at 387-4763.

Marquette has their subcommittee meetings and dinners on the first Thursday of the month at the Holiday Inn at 6 p.m. For information, call Chairperson Joe Gray at 249-3303.

I have my Unit V meetings for all members on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Center.

For all members, I would strongly urge you call 387-4721 before the meeting in case of cancellations, as this will save you a trip. To those turning 60, we would welcome you to our elder dinners and meetings. We would like you to get involved.

All members, don't forget the dates of the candidates' forums in our western area, April 30 at 6 p.m. Manistique and Escanaba TBA; May 1, 6 p.m. Munising Tribal Center; and May 2, Marquette Holiday Inn.

Sincerely,
Joan Carr Anderson, Unit V
387-2802

Highlights of NCAI activity at winter session



**Keith Massaway, Unit III
Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

I had the honor last month of representing our tribe again as the voting member at the winter session of the National Congress

of American Indians (NCAI) in Washington, D.C. The tribal board has sent me as a representative to all NCAI events for the last six years. NCAI is a gathering of tribes from the entire United States and its main focus is to work together as a single voice, to get our thoughts and suggestions heard at the federal level. The organization started small many years ago but has become a powerhouse in Washington, D.C. The winter session contains many listening sessions and several speakers throughout the four days. After the general sessions members are allowed to pick from many breakout meetings that range from health care to trust responsibility to homeland security to nutrition. This winter session had a

great lineup of the president's cabinet members. Secretary Shaun Donovan of Housing and Urban Development outlined many of the upcoming programs and grants that will be available this coming year. He also relayed that in cabinet meetings with President Obama, the president has stated that he is not going to balance the U.S. budget on the back of Native Americans. The secretary went on to say in the new budget many programs have been slashed and reduced but the Native American budgets have a least maintained the current amounts and some have seen increases. We heard from the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Homeland Security. One of the secretaries even joked that at a cabinet meet-

ing that morning the president had said that most of the cabinet was at NCAI conference and he should just hold his meetings over there, but that did not happen.

Notable other speakers were Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, House leader from California, Senator Mark Begich from Alaska, Congressman Xavier Becerra from California, Congresswoman Betty McCollum from Minnesota and many others. They all spoke of support and the growing understanding of our needs and of their obligations to uphold the treaties made by their predecessor. This is very important because a great amount of my time as a leader of our tribe is dedicated to educating politicians in D.C. on who we are, what our sovereign rights are and

why they have to help our people.

Last week, I wrote a unit report on the lands claims monies and how the elder dividend is computed. I thank everyone who contacted me following that article and I appreciate the positive responses. I would like to state here that I have heard also some comments, not directly relayed to me, that some of the information was inaccurate or wrong. I stand by what was printed, and to further prove that point is that before my unit report was printed, I had both the tribe's legal and financial department go over it and correct any errors or omissions.

Thank you,
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Update on activities with United Tribes, MAST



**Pat Rickley, Unit III
Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

Aanii All,
Spring is upon us — a time for

renewal with the trees are starting to bud and branch out. Like the trees, our tribe needs to bud and branch out. Our economic future depends on the decisions we make. That is why I humbly ask you to support the Lansing project in the upcoming referendum vote. As you all know, other tribes are looking to branch out in the gaming industry and non tribal investors also propose gaming sites in lower Michigan. I feel we have a leg up on the others but if we delay our actions, we could lose ground and possible revenues by dragging our feet. Thank you in advance for your support.

On other tribal business, I attended United Tribes

of Michigan in Lansing. Presentations were given by Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-Dept. of Interior, Indian Affairs Del Laverdure and Counselor to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Bryan Newland on putting land into trust, mandatory acquisitions — "shall" means "shall." When we purchase the land in Lansing, with the Land Claims Settlement Fund, the land "shall" be put into trust, thus allowing us to begin the development process and, hopefully, open the doors to Kewadin Lansing Casino. Let's make this a reality before others make a reality for themselves, leaving us behind. Thank you.

I also attended Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) in Washington, D.C., with vice-chair Lana Causley, Director Pine, and the Legislative Director Mike McCoy. We discussed Indian Reservation Roads funding distribution, violence against women, prescription drug abuse and numerous other subjects that affect tribes and their members. On the hill, we visited House and Senate leaders to request they do not cut funding for programs that affect our tribal people, such as education and health care, and to request future funding for reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI). U.S. treaties and laws require the U.S. govern-

ment to provide health services to Indian people. It is a constitutional obligation to fulfill this trust responsibility per the constitution, Article VI. Upon reflection, visiting D.C., I noticed a lot of young faces in offices and I feel we should educate, upon contact with elected officials, the obligations of the federal government's trust responsibility to Indian people that we are not asking for, "nice to have funding," but, we are asking for, "must have funding" to fulfill the trust responsibility founded in the Constitution.

That being said, enjoy spring, smelt dipping and more hunting
Baa Maa Pii,
Director Pat Rickley,
(906)440-5149

Reflections on the Lansing casino referendum



**Tom Miller, Unit IV
Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

We are finally into an early spring in the Upper Peninsula and I can hear the golf courses call-

ing. This time of year also means we are into the election process. Please bear with us as we work our way through this process.

The main point of discussion is the Lansing Casino project and the referendum vote taking place over the next month. My personal opinion is it should never have taken place. There is no liability or risk in this venture and therefore there is no down side. I am certain the voters will return an overwhelming vote in favor of the casino. The sooner we move on with the process, the sooner the eventual casino is constructed and revenues can be moved north to help us to provide services to the membership.

Again, this is night and day dif-

ferent from the Greektown casino, which was saddled with so much debt (\$750 million), and much of it not driven by the tribe, it got to the point it could not pay the bills. Greektown was an off reservation casino and therefore regulated by the Michigan Gaming Control Board and the state of Michigan and there were people other than the tribe involved in ownership. This present venture is a well thought out process and this casino will be on reservation land and be under the full control and ownership of the tribe, the same as our up north casinos.

I urge you to vote "yes" on the referendum and support this process. The board, at the March 27 meeting in Manistique, voted

to accept a settlement on the Greektown litigation case (\$177 million) that has been hovering over our heads. The settlement of \$2.75 million bans any future suits against us and is projected to cost less than one year of litigation costs. The attorney and trial costs would be there if we won or lost. The board and all legal experts agree this is by far the best we could have done in this situation.

This will allow us to approach banks on possible refinancing of our northern debt and removal of the unreasonable covenants in place that allow our present bank too much control in the tribe's finances. We are slowly correcting major errors of the past and with our new enterprise ventures, we

are on the right path to financial stability.

Denise Chase and I are once again imploring the board of directors to use monies from the tribal fisherman's fund to litigate against the state regarding its infringement on our treaty rights. A workshop is scheduled and, hopefully, we can convince enough of the board this is a very serious thing and it must be addressed. Our two tribal fishermen are out of jail but have large restitution amounts the state says they must pay. This needs to be acted on quickly.

I hope everyone remains healthy and enjoys the weather. If you have questions, please contact me at (906) 644-3334 or (906) 322-3827.

Our tribe needs the Kewadin Lansing casino



**Bernard Bouschor, Unit I
Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

Dear Tribal Member,
I would like to report some of the accomplishments or significant events for the tribe. The financial condition of our tribe continues to improve. We had a surplus in 2011 and the tribe has begun repaying the elders Self-Sufficiency Fund. The tribal board since 2008 has made tough decisions in managing expenditure, revenue and the elimination of tribal governmental deficit. The tribal board has made decisions as to what gets funded, services to be provided or eligibility. These actions were necessary in order to eliminate the deficit. During these tough economic

times the tribal business sector revenue was declining and the businesses had to cut expenses and unfortunately jobs in order to continue to provide revenue to your tribal government. The Sault Tribe business sector has stabilized. The tribe continued to look at other business opportunities: in the gaming sector, Kewadin Lansing casino offers employment and revenue to our tribe and members; Indian Energy will provide revenue and jobs to our tribe; the establishment of 8(a) businesses with strategic business partners could provide revenue and jobs to our tribe and members.

We have accomplished many good things in the last four decades: health services for members, educational benefits and JKL tribal school for 500 students, social services, elders services, housing close to 900 units of low rent and homeownership, 1,000 tribal governmental jobs and businesses, primarily casinos, with nearly 1,500 employees. Tribal leadership is working to meet the needs of our community.

We need the membership to vote in the affirmative in the upcoming Kewadin Lansing casino referendum. This is an opportunity for our tribe and Lansing.

The city council of Lansing voted to approve all the agreements necessary for the casino project.

Your tribe needs its members' support to move forward. Kewadin Lansing casino will provide job opportunities to tribal members and revenue to the tribe for member services, elders' services and educational benefits for higher education or vocational training.

Thank you,
Bernard Bouschor, tribal council member Unit I
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