

WIN AWENEN NISITOTUNG

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



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL — There were a lot of smiles as students arrived at JKL Bahweting School to start off another great school year. Emma Kitzmiller was happy to have arrived for her first day of kindergarten but happily stopped to have her picture taken with her mom and dad, Tina and Ryan Kitzmiller. (Photo courtesy JKL School.)

Big Bear goes alcohol free

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON
Effective immediately, on Sept. 4 the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors approved a resolution declares a drug and alcohol free zone the “Big Bear arena, together with the surrounding property including the nature trail, playgrounds, parking lot and access areas.”

The resolution, *Saving Our Youth: Establishing the Big Bear Arena as an Alcohol Free Zone*, was unanimously approved. It

amends Chapter 71 of the Tribal Code on criminal offenses.

Blades Sport Bar, in the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, has already been closed. Equipment will go back to the casino and signage declaring the alcohol- and drug-free zone will be posted.

According to the resolution, “It is the judgment of this board of directors that drugs and alcohol should never be consumed in a community recreation or childhood development area, and

that the establishment of the Big Bear arena, and the surrounding property including the nature trail, playgrounds, parking lot, and access areas will contribute to the betterment of the community as a whole, and will limit the creation of negative impressions in the minds of our children.”

Much consideration is being given to future development of the defunct bar that would put it to the best use for the community.

Tribe opposes MI wolf hunt

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON
It’s official — the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians opposes HB 5834 and the recreational hunting of wolves in Michigan. The tribe’s board of directors unanimously approved a resolution to that effect at its Sept. 4 meeting.

Prior to the meeting, the tribe’s Inland Conservation Committee held a phone vote to support the measure.

It’s the tribe’s position that the state of Michigan already has effective management tools in Michigan Public Acts 290 (control of gray wolves) and 318 (removal, capture, or lethal control of the gray wolf). A further recreational hunt would interfere with the tribe’s ability to interact with and manage the gray wolf.

In other words, the wolf should not be made a game animal. “Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is unequivocally opposed to House Bill 5834, which would designate wolves as a game species under state of Michigan law and allow for a wolf hunting season.”

The tribe is also “unequivocally opposed” to any recreational hunting of wolves in the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory.

HB 5834 calls for the “use of hunting as a management tool to minimize human and gray wolf encounters and to prevent gray wolves from threatening or harming humans, livestock and pets.”

The proposed house bill’s language states that the legislature “hereby authorizes the establishment of the first open season for gray wolf. The commission may issue orders under section 40113a establishing annual gray wolf hunting seasons throughout the state.”

According to the tribe’s Inland Fish and Wildlife Department, overpopulation of wolves is not a consideration in the Upper Peninsula. Further, many human-wolf interactions are positive, especially for members of the wolf clan.

IFWD is concerned that wolves would be taken back under federal jurisdiction, “if responsible scientific management of wolves is not being conducted by state resource managers.”

The IFWD cited both the state’s decreased wolf surveys, as well as the proposed bill.

“IFWD feels it is important that wolf management remain in

the jurisdiction of the states and the tribes,” it reported.

The big difference between control and recreation is money. Fees for the proposed wolf hunt are \$100 for in-state hunting and \$500 for out-of-state hunting.

Other reasons the tribe opposes the hunt are spiritual and cultural. The Anishinaabeg consider the wolf our brother — our oldest and original companion — sacred to us. According to oral tradition, G’tchii Manidoo provided Nanaboozho with a companion, the wolf Pucky Wuss, the ancestor of today’s wolves.

Anishinaabe and Ma’iingan were brothers until the Creator told them to go their own ways. But they would still always be connected — what happened to one would happen to the other.

In a scientific terms, each species is an indicator of the other. If the Anishinaabeg are doing well, the wolf is doing well. If the wolf is doing well, the Anishinaabeg is doing well.

For similar reasons, the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Commission is also opposed to wolf hunting across its territory, which includes sections of three states — Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Human Resource director sought

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has an opening for its Human Resource director.

Position summary: Under the general policy level oversight of the tribal board of directors with operational supervision provided by the tribal chairperson/administrative designee, performs a wide range of difficult to complex human resource (HR) administrative functions including oversight and direction of the HR Division. Exercises considerable independent judgment. Requires diverse, advanced knowledge and extensive experience related to HR management, governmental administration, gaming and economic development and management. Provides leadership and advice in the area of staffing, HR development, compensation, team member safety and health issues and

employee relations.

Qualifications: Native American preferred. A bachelor’s degree in human resources and at least seven years of executive level HR management experience will be considered. Preferred professional experience includes a master’s degree in business or public administration, labor, industrial relations or human resources or a related field and at least five years of executive level management experience. Senior professional in human resources and/or tribal human resource professional certification desired. Upon hire, must work toward and obtain both certifications.

For more information, please contact Sault Tribe Human Resources toll free at (866) 635-7032 or the tribal chairperson’s office toll free at (800) 793-0660.

Join 2nd annual Recovery Walk

BY PATRICK MCKELVIE, SPECIALTY COURT COORDINATOR

All around us in our tribal community, a growing number of our membership are in recovery from substance use disorders. They are contributing to our businesses, connecting with their families and giving back to both our tribal community and the broader community in general.

But if we want more people to join them on a path of recovery, we need to take action — now. Too many people are still unaware that prevention works, and that these conditions can be treated, just like we can treat other health disorders such as diabetes and hypertension. We need to work together to make recovery the expectation.

Individuals who embrace recovery achieve improved mental and physical health, as well as

stronger relationships and a sense of self-worth. Substance use disorders do not discriminate — they affect people of all ethnicities, ages, genders, geographic regions and socioeconomic levels.

In 2012, an unprecedented number of tribal families were directly affected by issues stemming from substance use disorders. It’s easy to get discouraged by the prevalence of these problems, but help is available. In fact, in 2010, 2.6 million people aged 12 or older who needed treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol use problem received treatment at a specialty facility. These individuals have achieved healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways to their communities.

Continued support of a welcoming community is essential on

their path of long-term recovery. Fortunately, most people say they would think no less of a friend or relative if they discovered that person is in recovery from a mental or substance use disorder. To further educate communities about the pathways to recovery and to support people in recovery, every September, people throughout the nation celebrate National Recovery Month.

Tribal Court in collaboration with Sault Tribe Behavioral Health is proud to sponsor this year’s second annual Recovery Walk to honor those individuals and families who are in long-term recovery. A huge turn-out at this event will send a signal that our tribal community embraces recovery and supports those working in the field to provide much-needed recovery services.

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Youth Empowerment Powwow in Hessel

BY STEVEN KING

On the weekend of Aug. 4, the ninth annual Youth Empowerment Powwow was held at the Hudson Township Park in Garnet. This powwow is hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, primarily organized by Patti Teeples, who is the youth coordinator out of Manistique, and by Lisa Burnside, who is the youth coordinator for Unit II, which includes the Naubinway area as well as Newberry and the Cedarville-Hessel area, which is where Burnside resides.

Once again, the powwow was a success. The kids came in on Friday night and set up the pow-

wow grounds. Then, on Saturday, the actual powwow took place. At the time, well over 60 kids attended, with at least as many adults. Of the notable adults who attended was Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment. In addition, Barry Adams, Chairman for the Mackinaw Tribe was in attendance.

Although there were many notable adults, this powwow was for the kids. On that, it must be noted that the kids did all of the work. Also, there were two drums in attendance, Mukkwa Giishik and Kitchi-Ti-Kipi, the first from the eastern U.P. and the other from the Manistique area. Head Female dancer was

Francie Myers of St. Ignace and Head Male Dancer was Dylan Bowie of Gladstone. As well, the flag carriers were almost all kids, except for the bearer of the POW flag, which has to be a vet, in this case was Terry Teeples. But the carrier of the sacred staff was Kayla Smith of St. Ignace, the carrier of the American flag was Joey Loonsfoot, the carrier of the Canadian flag was Dylan Hart and the carrier of the Tribal flag was Josh Salvador.

Other notables at the powwow were the firekeeper, once again Sam Doyle of DeTour and the emcee, Calvin Burnside, of Hessel. Also, as this was a kid's powwow, Calvin had a small

helper for most of the event in 10-year-old Kloeey Doby.

There were a host of other kids at the event. One standout was Morgan "Little Rabbit" McQuiston of Hessel with her bright pink shawl and regalia. She said it took over a year to hand sew her regalia, which depicts scenes that talk about her life. When asked what she liked most about the powwow, she said, "Dancing!" And then, "Seeing all the regalia the other kids have." Another dancer was Greg Curtis, also of Hessel, who enjoyed himself at the powwow, about which he said, "I'm very happy to be able to get out here and enjoy the day. It was a great

day." Also talking about this very good event was Lisa Burnside, who said, "This powwow is for the kids. But, it was for everyone. All races and ages are more than welcome. It is a chance for us to teach our ways to the kids and share them with everyone." She added, "Everyone had a great time."

Burnside was quick to thank Hudson Township, which again let them use the Garnet Lake Park for the powwow, the Garnet Lake Campground for the kids to camp, and the Town Hall, where many of the kids ate.

Steven King is a freelance writer and Sault Tribe member.



Head dancers Francie Wyers and Dillon Bowie (L-R) lead the two-step dance.



Kayla Smith shawl dancing.



Intertribal dance has everyone out dancing.



Chairperson Aaron Payment participates in a round dance.



Morgan McQuiston and Patty Teeples (L-R) in their regalia.



Dancer Journey Parish



Kayla Smith and Morgan Bowie (L-R) hang out.



Morgan McQuiston and Becky Parish (L-R) do the apple dance.

Murray camp classes

The Mary Murray Culture Camp holds at least one fun and interesting camp each month. Camps may change so watch for flyers or call to inquire. Contact Jackie Minton at 635-6050 or jminton@saulttribe.net.

- September - Smoked fish
- October - Corn
- November - Wool mitts
- December - Regalia
- January - Winter survival
- February - Biboon, moccasin
- March - Pre-sugar bush; shawls and skirts
- April - Sugar bush; ribbon shirts
- May - Lodge teachings
- June - Young women's camp
- July - Warrior's camp
- August - Young environmentalists

Making baskets

A six-session on making black ash baskets will be conducted in the Sault Tribe Interpretive Library, 531 Ashmun St., Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Sept. 18. Students will learn how to prepare black ash and how to make baskets. The class will be taught by Bernadette and Roger Azevedo.

All classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Dates are Sept. 18, 20, 25, 27, Oct. 2 and 4.

Sign up by contacting Josh Homminga at 635-6050, ext. 26053, or email jhomminga@saulttribe.net. Class size is limited, so call today!

Farmers' markets

Harvest season is a bountiful time of year to visit your local farmers' market! Here is a list of markets across the eastern Upper Peninsula:

Curtis: Wednesdays from 2-5

p.m., Lion's Pavillion.

DeTour: Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., DeTour Village Hall.

Engadine: Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., township pavilion.

Newberry: Thursdays from 4-7 p.m., American Legion parking lot.

Pickford: Thursdays from 4-7 p.m., behind the township hall.

Sault Ste. Marie: Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m., corner Ashmun and Portage.

St. Ignace: Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Doud's Market parking lot.

Save the date!

The second annual EUP Local Food Summit is set for Thursday, Nov. 8, at Lake Superior State University. Registration will be available soon.

Unit II rummage sale

The Unit II elders will hold their annual rummage and bake sale with fry bread and chili in the Hessel Tribal Center, next to Hessel Casino, on Sept. 28 and 29 from 9 to 5 p.m. Frybread and chili will be available for take out.

All proceeds will go toward a Unit II elders' trip.

According to Shirley Brown, the Unit II elders have not been on a trip for five years but are getting closer to their goal with around \$9,000 in an account. While it may sound like a lot, it isn't much to take about 40 people on a trip.

So, stop by for the rummage sale and pick up dinner, complete with dessert, on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28 and 29.

Food series schedule

Family meal time cooking series is scheduled for Wednesdays at Nokomis/Mishomis Place, the elders' center, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., soups and stews on Oct. 3, fall harvest dinner on Nov. 7 and holiday brunch on Dec. 12.

Canning and preserving workshops — Apples on Oct. 8, 3 to 8 p.m. at the YEA center in Escanaba; Blueberries and Cranberries on Oct. 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the township hall in Rexton.

To register or to ask questions, please call Connie Watson of Sault Tribe Community Health at 632-5211. Class size is limited to the first 12 participants registered for each workshop.

The workshops are made possible by the Sault Tribe Traditional Foods Grant Project.

Keep up on workshop updates, new classes and locations at www.healthysaulttribe.com.

Veterans business conference set

Attention veterans! Business conference set for Traverse City on Sept. 26

VetBizCentral is hosting a day-long training for veterans who own or who are thinking about starting a business on Sept. 26 at the Hagerty Conference Center in Traverse City.

Included topics:

- Procurement: How to do business with corporations such as GM, Ford and government agencies such as the state of Michigan, USDA, NASA and the VA.

- How to obtain business financing including SBA loan

programs.

Speakers include:

- Jason Allan, director of Military and Veteran Affairs for the State of Michigan and a Traverse City business owner.

- General Michael Stone, assistant adjutant, Army, Michigan National Guard.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., cost is \$30 prior to Sept. 1 or \$40 after. To register and for more information, go to www.vetbizcentral.org or call (810) 767-8387 or send email messages to matt@betbizcentral.org.

Sponsored by General Motors and Huntington Bank.

Hey kids! It's the Wiggles!

The Wiggles Celebration Tour is coming to the Essar Centre!

The Wiggles, the world's most famous children's entertainment group, recently announced that 2012 will be the final year of its original lineup.

After 21 years of entertaining and educating children around the globe, Red Wiggle Murray Cook, Yellow Wiggle Greg Page and Purple Wiggle Jeff Fatt have decided to hang up their trademark colored jerseys. This year's fall tour will be the last opportunity for families in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, to see the original Fab Four from Down Under perform together.

Come celebrate with Anthony, Greg, Murray and Jeff at the Essar Centre on Saturday, Oct. 20, for one show at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now, call (866) 775-9422, visit online at www.essarcentre.ca or at the Essar Centre box office. Prices range from \$15.50 to \$80.50.

Les Cheneaux Little Learner Program

Little Learner Program is for youth in K-5 grade who attend Les Cheneaux School.

The program starts Tuesday, Sept. 25, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Hessel Tribal Center.

With advance notice given to the school, your child can be dropped off at the Hessel Tribal Center. Transportation home is available upon request.

For more information and to register your child, contact the Hessel Youth Education and Activities office at 484-2298, lburnside@saulttribe.net.

The youth will experience an hour of fun filled activities and more — talking circles, cooking, hands on learning games, movie night, music, dance, sleepovers and much more.

Little learners is sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Youth Education and Activities Program.

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Friday Deadline	Publication date
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Sept. 27*	Oct. 12
Nov. 2	Nov. 16
Nov. 20	Dec. 14

* Thursday, due to the holiday.

For more information, please call (906) 632-6398, and ask for Jennifer or Sherrie or email jdburton@saulttribe.net or slucas@saulttribe.net.

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State Supreme Court candidates visit our tribe



Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Connie Kelley, running for Michigan Supreme Court on the non-partisan ticket and sponsored by the Michigan Democratic Party, stopped in at a recent board workshop to introduce herself while on the campaign trail in the Upper Peninsula.



U-M Law School Clinical Education Dean Bridget McCormack, also running for Michigan Supreme Court on the non-partisan ticket and sponsored by the Michigan Dems, told the board she supports the Indian Child Welfare Act and the need to educate the judicial system on ICWA.

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

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Quit Line offers free nicotine replacement aids

LANSING – The Michigan Tobacco Quit Line is now offering free nicotine replacement products for people who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco. Michigan residents who want to take advantage of this offer can call the Quit Line toll free at (800) QUIT-NOW (784-8669), which is available from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m., seven days a week.

“Callers using nicotine replacement therapy along with proactive counseling, such as a telephone-based service like (800) QUIT-NOW, can increase their chances of becoming smoke-free

by five times the rate of someone quitting cold turkey,” said Dr. Dean Sienko, interim chief medical executive for the Michigan Department of Community Health.

“By offering these free nicotine replacement therapy products, we hope more Michiganders can experience the many health benefits of becoming smoke-free,” he added.

The program will provide up to an eight-week supply of nicotine patches, gum or lozenges to tobacco users who are 18 years of age and older and meet basic

health requirements. The free program is available to all callers regardless of income or insurance status. The nicotine patches, gum and lozenges are available now through Sept. 30 or while supplies last.

To be eligible, callers must enroll in quit smoking coaching services with the Michigan Tobacco Quit Line at (800)

QUIT-NOW. When Michigan residents enroll with the Quit Line, they will receive a personal coach who will assist them in setting a quit date and making an individualized quit plan. The personal coach also will provide on-going support with up to four telephone coaching sessions around the caller’s quit date.

The Michigan Tobacco Quit

Line has received more than 66,000 calls since it was launched in October of 2003. The Quit Line offers both English and Spanish-speaking counselors as well as interpretive services for a wide variety of languages.

For more information, call (800) QUIT NOW or visit www.michigan.gov/tobacco.

Free Laker athletic tickets for Sault Tribe members

To be eligible for tickets, tribal members must fill out the free Laker athletic ticket application and check off the games they wish to attend. Mail the application, along with a copy of your tribal card, to the address indicated on application by Sept. 28. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis until all tickets are disbursed. There are a limited number of tickets. Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with any remaining tickets. Please call 635-7770 for additional information or applications.

FREE LAKER ATHLETIC TICKET APPLICATION FOR SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD _____ TRIBAL CARD FILE # _____

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

LAKER HOCKEY (Taffy Abel Arena)

- 10/06/12 Ryerson University
- 10/11/12 Michigan Tech
- 10/26/12 Michigan State
- 10/27/12 Michigan State
- 11/09/12 Ferris State
- 11/10/12 Ferris State
- 11/16/12 Alabama-Huntsville
- 11/17/12 Alabama-Huntsville
- 11/23/12 Ohio State
- 11/24/12 Ohio State
- 12/14/12 Northern Michigan
- 12/15/12 Northern Michigan
- 01/04/13 Union
- 01/05/13 Union
- 01/18/13 Michigan
- 01/19/13 Michigan
- 02/15/13 Alaska
- 02/16/13 Alaska
- 02/22/13 Miami (Ohio)
- 02/23/13 Miami (Ohio)

LAKER BASKETBALL (Bud Cooper Gymnasium)

- 12/06/12 Malone
- 12/08/12 Walsh
- 01/03/13 Ohio Dominican
- 01/05/13 Tiffin
- 01/17/13 Grand Valley State
- 01/19/13 Ferris State
- 01/24/13 Northern Michigan
- 01/26/13 Michigan Tech
- 02/07/13 Saginaw Valley
- 02/09/13 Northwood
- 03/02/13 Wayne State

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

From “Recovery Walk,” Page 4

Please join us Sept. 27 for the second annual Sault Tribe Recovery Walk. This year’s walk will begin at St. Isaac Joques Church at 5 p.m. with registration at 4:30 p.m. The first 120 participants will receive an *It’s Worth It* recovery T-shirt. Activities for children, including games, face painting, crafts table and jumping castle, will also begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Dinner will be provided at 6 p.m. with speakers at 6:30 p.m. This event is free of charge. If you would like, you may bring a dish or dessert to pass.

If you have any questions, please call Cindy Thomas or Helen Farrish at Sault Tribe Behavioral Health, 635-6075, or Pat McKelvie at Sault Tribal Court, 635-4963.

Recovery from alcohol and drug problems is a process of change through which an individual achieves abstinence and improved health, wellness and quality of life. — SAMHSA 2005

The Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court seeks tribal member artists to create artwork representing the teachings of the Seven Grandfathers.

In an effort to further reflect the importance of our Anishinaabe culture in our justice system, the Tribal Court has obtained funding through a grant from the Department of Justice, award number 2011-IC-BX-0008, to purchase tribal artwork for display in the George K. Nolan Judicial Building.

These funds could be awarded to an individual artist, a consortium or divided among additional

artists depending on the proposals. The committee is looking for a wide variety of proposals covering all types of artwork. All artwork acquired through this project will be owned by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

A letter of interest, including the artist’s concept, proposed pricing and installation schedule (rough sketches including scale are also recommended), copies of the artists’ tribal cards and samples of artwork should be submitted to the Purchasing Department, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, 2186

Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, Attn: Tamara Leask.

Key criteria for the selection process will include art of the highest quality, artist’s qualifications and background commensurate with the scale and cost of the proposal and the maintainability of the piece or pieces. Finalists will be asked to interview with the selection committee to discuss their ideas and concepts for the artwork.

For more information, please contact Tribal Court at (906) 635-4963 or tribalcourt@saulttribe.net. The deadline to submit a proposal is 2 p.m. on Oct. 26, 2012.

Ojibwe language classes scheduled

Sept. 18 to Dec. 18: Newberry language Classes scheduled for Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. For more information contact the Sault Tribe Language Department at 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste Marie or call 635-6050.

Sept. 18 to Dec: 18: Munising language classes scheduled for Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Center. For more information contact the Sault Tribe Language Department at 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste Marie or call 635-6050.

Sept. 19 to Dec. 19: St. Ignace language classes scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the McCann

Center, 399 McCann Street, St. Ignace.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact the Sault Tribe Language Department at 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste Marie or call 635-6050.

Sept. 20 to Dec. 20: The lunch bunch language class scheduled for Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m. at 533 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste Marie. For more information call the Sault Tribe Language Department at 635-6050.

Sept. 20 to Dec. 20: Sault Ste. Marie language classes sched-

uled for Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building, across from the powwow grounds on Ice Circle in Sault Ste. Marie.

Classes begins with a potluck feast. So bring your favorite dish. It’s a great time to eat, visit, and enjoy living our culture. The language lessons will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information contact the Sault Tribe Language Department at 635-6050 or drop by at 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie.

Have you experienced loss, heartbreak or diminished relationship due to someone else’s use of prescription drugs?

The Prescription Drug Abuse Support Group meets the following dates:

- August 27
- September 10
- September 24
- October 8
- October 22
- November 5
- November 19
- December 3
- December 17



At 6:00 pm at Huntington Bank, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

For information call Linda at 906-440-7252

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2012 Eagle Staff Gathering
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October 6th & 7th 2012

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Head Veteran: George Martin
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THIS IS NOT A POW-WOW

The Eagle Staff gathering is to honor our Staffs and our Nations. The Staffs represent the honoring of our past and our future as Anishnaobek. The Eagle Staffs gather in celebration of our strength in maintaining our culture and language, and as we gather, we stand for unity. We invite all veterans, staff carriers, first nations and tribal nations.

Saturday, October 6th, 2012

- 7:00 am . . . Sunrise / Pipe Ceremony
- 8:00 am . . . Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am . . . Grand Entry of Staffs
- 9:30 am . . . Welcome Address
- 10:30 am . . . Teachings
- Noon Wilsinidaa, Lunch
- 1:00 pm Eagle Staff Teachings
- 6:00 pm Traditional Feast
- 8:00 pm Retiring of the Staffs

Sunday, October 7th, 2012

- 7:00 am Sunrise / Pipe Ceremony
- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am Grand Entry of Staffs
- 9:30 am Teachings
- 10:30 am Closing Comments
- 11:00 am Giveaway
- Noon Retiring of Colors & Staffs

Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little River Band Warrior Society and the Little River Casino Resort.

To RSVP and register or for more information please call Jeanie Gibson at 1-231-398-6866 or 1-888-723-8288 ext 6866.

Eagle Staff Gathering Hotel Block #335709 Call 1-888-568-2244 for Room Reservations at \$79 plus taxes per night.



Partnerships work to help homeless students

By Rick Smith

According to the most recent statistics from the Michigan Department of Education, more than 31,000 students in Michigan public schools were recorded as part of the homeless population in the state during the school year of 2010-11. Of that figure, 231 homeless students were reported in the Sault Tribe service area with the largest number, 97, in Marquette County while Delta County came in with the second-highest amount at 74.

Chippewa County's roster of 45 homeless students included five at JKL Bahweting PSA in Sault Ste. Marie. Schoolcraft County claimed nine enrolled homeless youngsters; Mackinac County had four; Luce County reported two and none were recorded in Alger County.

The figures given include students living in shelters, vehicles or other precarious situations as well as those whose families have moved in with relatives, friends or other families and recently placed foster children. Such students often have difficulty acquiring basic needs for school such as suitable clothing, adequate school supplies and transportation.

The plight of homeless students is largely invisible to the general public except to those who are close to such situations in some fashion.

Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness is a coalition of state and local agencies working with officials of local schools throughout the state to identify homeless students and provide the support they need to acquire a solid education.

Operating under provisions of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, public school districts are required to have staff members who act as liaisons to help homeless students. The liaisons work with the agencies involved with Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness to provide access to services to homeless students and their families — services ranging from getting basic school supplies to finding adequate housing.

A campaign declaration reads in part, "Homelessness ends with a place to live. Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness is driven by public and private groups across the state, working together toward a single goal: making stable, sustainable and affordable housing available to every person in Michigan."

Folks interested in learning more about getting help for homeless students may call their respective local school

districts or contact Pamela K. Kies-Lowe, state coordinator for Homeless Education Programs/Homeless Education consultant with the Michigan Department of Education, at (517) 241-1162 or email kies-lowep@michigan.gov. More about Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness can be found online at www.thecampaigntoendhomelessness.org. Related information can also be found on the State of Michigan website at www.michigan.gov.

Smith speaks on ICWA and fostering

Little Traverse Bay Bands (LTBB) of Odawa Indians Human Services Director Denneen Smith presented at the Federal Foster Care Caucus in Saginaw July 30. She was invited as the chair of the Tribal State Social Services Directors Coalition of Michigan to speak to members of Congress regarding issues of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and foster care.

"I am excited and humbled to have this opportunity to speak as a representative for LTBB and ultimately all tribes throughout the Nation," Smith said.

Smith, who is a Sault tribe member, noted the experience was politically significant for tribes. The Federal Foster Care Caucus is a congressional committee developed as a listening tool for the federal government. "It is hoped that members of Congress will listen to concerns and ultimately initiate a more detailed discussion in the form of testimony before Congress in Washington, D.C.," Smith said.

Other federal foster care caucuses have already formed in



Denneen Smith

Florida and California, according to Smith, although previous caucuses have not included ICWA issues.

Joining Smith for her presentation was Judge Timothy Connors, who spoke on the importance of ICWA compliance on both the state and national levels.

ICWA was enacted in 1978 because 25 to 35 percent of all Indian children — 16 times higher than the national rate of child removal — were being removed from their Indian homes and placed in non-Indian homes, according to Congressional testimony.



RIVER OF HISTORY MUSEUM GETS NEW DISPLAY — Lake Superior State University student Gabrielle Hatch looks upon a live feed from the underwater fish camera in front of LSSU's Aquatic Research Laboratory. LSSU collaborated on a new River of History Museum interpretive display that explores the Lab and Cloverland Electric Cooperative's historic hydroelectric plant, which houses the ARL. The museum, now in its 20th year, examines more than 2,000 years of human activity on the St. Marys river. It is housed in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians main tribal building, 532 Ashmun St., downtown Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Exhibition hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, until Oct. 15. Hatch is a liberal studies sophomore from Kinross, Mich.

Help with heating bills available through ACFS

Qualified Sault Tribe members can get help with heating and cooling bills through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) has Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding available to assist low-income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes to meet their immediate home energy needs. LIHEAP is a federal program funded by the Administration of Children and Families Department of Health and Human Services.

The LIHEAP Program has four components available to tribal members residing within the tribe's seven-county service area. The components include heating, crisis, weatherization and cooling. All programs remain open until program funds are exhausted.

Heating assistance

The heating component opens Nov. 1, 2012. This component is designed to pro-actively assist members in preparing for the cold winter months. The amount approved is calculated based on need and energy burden. To qualify for assistance, you must be income eligible, provide proof of income for three months prior to application dates and have a tribal member residing in the household and provide social security cards.

Crisis energy assistance

The crisis energy component opens for applications on Jan. 2, 2013. This component is designed to combat any risk of having your heat disconnected. This component has a cap of \$250 per household. To be eligible for assistance, the household must be income eligible and be within a target group defined either as age 60 or older, age 5 or younger, or a member of the house must have a documented disability.

Cooling energy assistance

The cooling component is open for applications on June 3, 2013. This component is available to help off set the cost of rising electric bills during the summer months. This program may pay a one-time payment of \$150 for summer cooling expenses. To be eligible for assistance, the household must be income eligible and within a target group, which is defined either as age 60 or older, age 5 or younger, or a member of the house must have a documented disability.

The cooling program may also assist with cooling equipment for those with medical conditions that would be stabilized or improved

as verified by physician.

Weatherization assistance

The weatherization program is open on Nov. 1, 2012. This program assists with furnace repair and furnace replacement. Individuals who are homeowners, land contract or land in trust may apply. Property taxes must be current and the family must be income-eligible.

To apply for a LIHEAP program, you must provide LIHEAP applications (apply after date specified), verification of Sault Tribe membership, Social Security cards, copies of all household earned and unearned income for the previous three months (Food stamps are no longer accepted as verification of income), households with an absent parent must provide child support payments or a statement that there have been no payments

during the last three months, copy of the energy statement and reside in Chippewa, Mackinac, Alger, Luce, Schoolcraft, Marquette or Delta County.

Applications will be available at all ACFS offices and can be found at www.saulttribe.com. Applications can be submitted to your local ACFS office or mailed to 2218 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Please contact ACFS at (800) 726-0093 with any questions regarding the Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

Under the health care law, many insurers are required to cover certain preventive services at no cost to you. Visit the Prevention and Wellness page at www.healthcare.gov to learn more about prevention and spread the word.

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I have worked in the clerk's office for over 10 years, and in 2011 I was privileged to have been appointed clerk of the court by Judge Nicholas J. Lambros. I am grateful to former Clerk Diane S. Cork

for her endorsement of my candidacy.

My husband and his family own and operate a successful business that has provided goods and services in our area for more than 40 years through many economic ups and downs. I know first hand how important it is to see that household dollars are spent appropriately and responsibly. I have, and if elected, will continue to exercise that same care with your tax dollars.

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— Cathy Maleport

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Manistique takes first place in 2012 U.P. Let's Get Moving Community Challenge

BY RICK SMITH

Striding by larger bodies of participants from larger competitors in the 2012 U.P. Let's Get Moving Community Challenge, 113 folks of Manistique logged a total of 22,850.64 miles from June 2 to July 27 to garner the first place prize of \$2,250 for enhancements to support physical activity in their town. Other participants involved in the third annual competition represented Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Kinross, Newberry and Munising.

St. Ignace took second place, earning \$1,750 thanks to the 85 participants who logged an accumulation of 13,892.04 miles. Third place went to Munising where 152 residents logged the next highest total of miles at 22,712.59, winning \$1,250 for their town. Newberry followed

taking fourth from the efforts of 48 participants who collectively logged 6,860.03 miles and netted \$1,000 for their community. Sault Ste. Marie rallied 261 souls to participate, the largest number of the six communities involved, and topped the total miles logged at 31,434.84, garnering \$750. Kinross had 29 participants who logged 3,185.19 miles to win \$600.

Altogether, the communities logged a total of 100,935.33 miles that were walked, jogged, bicycled or done by way of other activities and took shares of \$7,600 in cash awards. The objective is to get the most mileage out of each participant as the final scores are determined by averaging the total completed miles by the number of participants. Hence, while Sault Ste. Marie had the largest number of

participants at 261 and logged the most miles of 31,434.84, four other communities beat out the Sault because of greater averaged mileage per participant. The 113 Manistique participants averaged 202.22 miles per person; St. Ignace, 163.44 miles; Munising, 149.42; Newberry, 142.42; Sault Ste. Marie, 120.44; and Kinross, 109.83.

The Let's Get Moving Community Challenge encourages residents to be more physically active, while helping participating communities vie for

financial prizes from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to make improvements in the environment to increase access to physical activity. The awards presentations for the 2012 competition took place in the respective communities from Aug. 13 to Aug. 15.

The annual Let's Get Moving Community Challenge is a collaboration of the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Those who may be interested in participating the


next annual challenge should watch for announcements in the spring or early online on official Sault Tribe sites and pages or at www.healthyupcommunities.com.

Community coordinators for the challenge can be reached by calling Julie Trotter in Sault Ste. Marie at 635-1566, Julie Lipnitz in St. Ignace at 643-1100, Donna Norkoli for Kinross at 635-8844 or Newberry at 293-8181, Kerry Ott in Manistique at 341-9561 or Evi Lindquist in Munising at 387-4721 extension 36026.



Photo by Rick Smith

Representatives gathered for the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan check presentation to the City of Sault Ste. Marie in recognition of the team effort of the local participants in the 2012 Let's Get Moving Community Challenge. The funds were presented at Avery Square in downtown Sault Ste. Marie on Aug. 14. Left to right, Ellen Benoit, Lisa Myers of the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health, Ken Hemming, B.J. Pucha of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Spencer Nebel of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Wayne Barry, Alicia Askawith and Leon Malone, who earned the highest milage for Team Sault Ste. Marie in the competition.



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State, tribes maintain strong relationship

Governor signs directive reaffirming state's commitment at 2012 State-Tribal Summit

LANSING, Mich. – The state is committed to building its relationship with Michigan's federally recognized Indian tribes for years to come, Gov. Rick Snyder said during the 2012 State-Tribal Summit.

Snyder also signed Executive Directive 2012-2 on state-tribal affairs, affirming his commitment to the government-to-government accord between the State of Michigan and the 12 federally recognized Indian tribes of Michigan executed in 2002 and now spanning three administrations. The annual meeting is held pursuant to the accord.

"By signing this executive directive, I am signaling my commitment to building a strong relationship between the tribes and the state not only during my tenure as governor, but for many years in the future," Snyder said. "The state has worked constructively with Michigan's tribes in many areas including transportation, human services and economic development, and I look forward to improving this relationship as we move toward a brighter future for all of Michigan."

Under the directive, the governor will select an advisor on

tribal-state affairs from a member of his legal division to monitor the state's adherence to the 2002 accord. The advisor shall have regular communication with tribal leaders and department tribal liaisons, and will also work closely with the directors and tribal liaisons from each executive branch department.

When formulating or implementing laws, rules or policies that have tribal implications, state executive branch departments, agencies and officials are directed to be cognizant of tribal sovereignty and the state's unique legal relationship with federally recognized tribes. Departments may establish guidelines for implementation, and must consult with tribes and respond to legislative inquiries if requested.

The parties to the accord agreed to meet on at least an annual basis and consult on matters that significantly or uniquely affect the governmental interests of the other.

The event was opened with a traditional prayer, offered by Cecil Pavlat Sr., a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, followed by an honor song performed by Great Lakes Alliance Singers of

the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Attendees discussed issues of common concern including human services, transportation and economic development.

Michigan's Indian tribes are Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi (Gun Lake Tribe), Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

For additional information on tribal resources, visit www.michiganadvantage.org/tribal. More detailed information about E.D. 2012-2 can be read at www.michigan.gov/snyder.

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Nolan brings Stanley Cup to Garden River

BY RICK SMITH

Declared by Chief Lyle Sayers as one of the proudest moments in the history of the Garden River First Nations Reservation in Ontario, Canada, native son Jordon Nolan of the National Hockey League's L.A. Kings arrived back home to massive American Indian style fanfare and media interest as he brought with him the coveted NHL Stanley Cup on Aug. 20. The L.A. Kings won their first NHL Stanley Cup championship last June 11.

A huge crowd gathered mid-morning in the parking lot of the Garden River Bingo Hall. Many of the folks donned L.A. Kings hockey jerseys or T-shirts, all bearing "NOLAN" just above large figures of "71" on the back. It seemed like most of those without phone cameras, digital cameras or different types of video cameras were carrying microphones and sound equipment. Overall, the crowd exhibited a jubilant and expectant mood.

Nolan, the guest of honor, unceremoniously arrived on the scene in a white pick-up truck and nearly went without notice until he lifted the object of honor, the Stanley Cup, out into plain view from the back of the pick-up's cab. Cheers went up from the crowd as Nolan hoisted the cup over his head and beamed a big, broad smile. As cameras clicked and video cameras followed his every move, Nolan carried the cup up on a flatbed trailer attached to a semi truck.



Photo by Rick Smith

Jordon Nolan hoists the Stanley Cup over his head to the cheers of a large crowd of admirers gathered on the Garden River First Nation Reserve in Ontario, Canada, at the start of festivities commemorating the native son's involvement in bringing the prized trophy home.

The trailer was festooned with congratulatory signs and balloons in the colors of the L.A. Kings.

Garden River officials opened with an official welcoming to one and all, introducing attending dignitaries and offering an opening prayer. The chief of the Batchewana First Nation and the regional chief of the Ontario Assembly of First Nations expressed congratulations and well wishes before the Bearcreek Drum performed a victory song.

The crowd adjourned to the nearby recreation center for a youth presentation and a release of balloons.

Emergency vehicles from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) along with Garden River Police and Fire escorted the decorated tractor-trailer rig at the head of a parade of cars, pick-ups, SUVs and pedestrians on a two-mile trek along Highway 17B to the

Garden River Community Center. The OPP and RCMP blocked off the section of the highway for the parade. A 15-minute stop for a photo session at the bridge across Garden River was held. Many folks especially wanted to get photos of Nolan with the cup in front of a nearby parallel railroad bridge bearing the words "THIS IS INDIAN LAND" spray painted in large letters on the side of its support structure.

Nolan was scheduled to pres-



Photo by Rick Smith

A normally sedate Highway 17B as it looked during the Jordon Nolan and Stanley Cup celebration on the Garden River First Nation Reservation on Aug. 20.

ent the cup to the Garden River elders at the community center in addition to signing autographs before concluding remarks from attending dignitaries.

The 24-year-old Nolan began his hockey career with the Erie Otters of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) in the 2005-06 season moving on to the Windsor Spitfires during 2006-08 and his final team in the OHL was with the Sault Greyhounds. He briefly played in the East Coast Hockey League and was selected by the L.A. Kings in the 2009 NHL entry draft and signed a three-year, entry-level contract with the Kings in 2010. Nolan also played two seasons with the Manchester Monarchs in the American Hockey League.

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Maddix receives medals earned during WWII

Believed to be last remaining survivor of ill-fated Coast Guard cutter sunk by a hurricane during daring rescue

By RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Jessie Maddix received five medals last March stemming from tours of duty during World War II. According to family sources, while Maddix officially earned the medals and they were duly recorded on his discharge papers but, as sometimes happened back then, he never actually received them because of his transitions during duty and release from the United States Coast Guard before arrangements could be made for presentations.

Several months ago, family members contacted the Kellis-Draper American Legion Post in Wickenburg, Ariz., and asked for assistance to acquire the medals for Maddix. Dave Mitchell, the post service officer, explained that even though the Coast Guard had a backlog of such requests at the time, he was able to acquire two of the medals from them before pursuing the acquisition of the rest of the medals through other channels.

Maddix finally received his long-overdue recognition in a special ceremony during a meeting at the post on March 10. Maddix received an Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal with one battle star, an American Theater



Above, U.S. Coast Guard veteran of World War II and Sault Tribe member Jessie Maddix with American Legion comrades after a special presentation ceremony at the American Legion Kellis-Draper Post 12 in Wickenburg, Ariz., where, at long last, Maddix received medals earned in World War II.



Photo courtesy of USCG archives
Left, United States Coast Guard Cutter Jackson soon after her commissioning in 1927. The cutter conducted law enforcement and search and rescue operations along the east coast of the U.S. The 125-foot cutter was sunk by a powerful hurricane during a rescue mission.

Campaign medal, A Philippine Liberation medal, a World War II Victory medal, a Coast Guard Good Conduct medal and a "Ruptured Duck" discharge pin.

Further, it is believed that Maddix is the last remaining survivor of the ill-fated United States Coast Guard Cutter Jackson, which sank during the "Great Hurricane of 1944" off the coast of Cape Hatteras, N.C. The cutter sank along with her sister ship, the Bledsoe, when they floundered during a rescue mission on a torpedoed liberty ship off of South Carolina. According to official Coast Guard archives, the Jackson had 41 souls on board at the time and lost 22 of them before they were spotted by a Coast Guard airplane from Air Station Elizabeth City in North Carolina and coordinated a rescue of the survivors after having been at the mercy of the storm and elements for over two days and nights.

Maddix kept in touch with other survivors of the wreck of the Jackson. According to his family, he was informed last year by relatives of his former shipmates that his fellow survivors had crossed the bar, in sailor speak, leaving him as the last survivor of the incident.

Olivia Newton-John coming to DreamMakers Theater

Olivia Newton-John, Grammy award winner, who has amassed five number one and 10 other Top Ten Billboard Hot 100 singles and two number one Billboard 200 solo albums, is scheduled to perform at Kewadin's DreamMakers Theater on Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. Tickets went on sale on Aug. 27 at the casino's box

office, online and on Facebook. With a career spanning more than four decades, she is a vibrant, creative individual who is adored by fans around the world.

With more than 100 million albums sold, Olivia's successes include four Grammy Awards, numerous Country Music, American Music and People's

Choice Awards, an Emmy Award, 10 number one hits including *Physical*, which topped the charts for 10 consecutive weeks, and over 15 top 10 singles. Billboard Magazine listed *Physical* at number six on their Top 100 Songs of All Time list and recently named it the Sexiest Song of All Time. In addition, she recently performed a new version of the song with Jane Lynch on the hit series, *Glee*.

Her co-starring role with John Travolta in *Grease* catapulted Olivia into super-stardom. This film's best-selling soundtrack featured the duets *You're the One That I Want* and *Summer Nights*, with Travolta, as well as her mega-hit, *Hopelessly Devoted To You*. To date, *Grease* remains the most successful movie musical in history. Her other feature film credits include *Xanadu*, *Two Of A Kind*, and *Sordid Lives*, among

others. Her latest film, *A Few Best Men*, has received critical acclaim around the world and is scheduled for a USA release in late 2012.

Adding author to her already impressive career, Olivia's new cookbook, *LivWise: Easy Recipes for a Healthy, Happy Life*, was recently released and all of her royalties will benefit the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre in her hometown of Melbourne, Australia. As a breast cancer "thrivor," Olivia is thrilled that after 10 years of fundraising and building, the centre opened its doors on June

22 — almost 20 years to the day from her own cancer diagnosis.

With her current and ongoing projects and philanthropic endeavors, Olivia's worldwide popularity is as strong as ever!

For additional information, visit www.olivianewton-john.com, or follow her on Twitter @olivianj or become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/olivianewtonjohn.

Tickets are \$54 and can be purchased at the casino's box office by calling (800) KEWADIN or go online at either www.kewadin.com or www.facebook.com/kewadincasinos.

Auger named Kewadin Sault bar manager

Dean Auger of Kinross has accepted the position of bar manager for Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. Auger began working with Kewadin in 2005 as slot manager for Kewadin St. Ignace. In 2011, moved to Kewadin Sault in his most recent position as data analyst.

"We are very pleased to have Dean on board with us as our bar manager," said Tony Goetz, chief operating officer. "We look forward to making some improvements, improving our customer service and bringing in some new ideas to the department."

Auger will oversee all bar operations and staff at the Kewadin Sault facility which include the Rapids Lounge, Signatures Lounge, the Superior Bar and all beverage service in the casino. Auger has 25 years experience in management, 13 of those in tribal casino industry. He has a 2-year degree in food service. Growing up, Auger worked in his family's two restaurants, ABJ's Pizza, and the DOG House, along with helping out at his uncle's Tavern, Jolly Roger and CHEZ Emil's.

Auger lives in Kinross with his wife and is an active tribal member.

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Sugar Island vandalism

Sometime between Aug. 18 and Aug. 20, vandals painted graffiti on the Sugar Island, Brassier Road, stone man.

The first three stones were set in place in 1995 by Larry Hatfield and the crew of CCMS Associates Inc. during construction of the road. It was first painted red, white and blue in 2000 as a tribute to all the Island people that served in the military.

It was vandalized in 2005 with graffiti. The stones that formed the hat were installed in 2010 by Tony Willis, Chip MacArthur, Darrel Menard and Joe Menard.

It was repainted to resemble Uncle Sam in summer of 2011. Any information on the vandalism can be given to Michigan State Police, attention Trooper Mike Poliski, 632-2217.



The Stone Man of Sugar Island before the vandalism (L) and after (R).

Survival expert shares his lifeway and values

By JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Cody Lundin is a well-known expert in primitive survival skills who has a deep connection to nature. He served as the keynote speaker for the tribe's first Empowering Our Community with Preparedness Conference in Sault Ste. Marie Aug. 23. I was interested in his perspective as a non-American Indian on what is happening in our world and what it would take for non-American Indians to make that connection we Anishinaabeg feel to Mother Earth. I feel that if that could happen so many things would change for the better. I wanted to see if he agreed, and if so, his thoughts.

Is it important to feel a connection to Mother Earth?

"Yes — why wouldn't be? Is it important to feel connection to your mom? I can't see how you couldn't — we don't come from Mars. A lot of the problems and disconnect people have are a direct result of not feeling connected," Lundin said. "I've been all over the world. Part of problems we are having in this country is because of our disassociation with Mother Earth."

The disconnect happened in Lundin's family a couple of generations ago. His grandma grew up in a sod home. They farmed and lived off the land. For someone in Manhattan, that disconnect could be three or four generations removed.

If you go back far enough in anyone's family tree, you find tribal people. "Go back far enough and you'll find tribal." In Lundin's college course, he has students explore their ethnicity. His is Scandinavian. "I try to turn people on to their cultures."

Anishinaabeg already have our foot in the pool, said Lundin. "You're on your land, thank God — you are already in your homeland in your heart," he said. "Coming here from Scandinavia, my family already lost a connection. Nature is the common glue that binds it."

Do most Americans feel rootless? Did their ancestors feel different in their motherland?

"Yes." Lundin is mostly Czech and Swede. "A lot of Scandinavian peoples settled in that part of North America that was like their homeland. They love their Minnesota, their Wisconsin."

"When I got out of the plane, I smelled the air — I could tell I was in a different place. I could smell the water. Its got to be a big part of your cosmology." His ancestors in Scandinavia lived on a big lake and came to what reminded them of it.

Is there something wrong with humans? Or are we stressed out as species?

"I don't know," he said. "There's an acceleration of positive and negative — good and evil, if you will. There is no question in my mind that good will trump," he said. "Intensifications are separating the wheat from the chaff until whatever is not positive will be consumed as unsustainable."

Lundin said we are eating Mother Earth from the inside out, and that's not sustainable. "Not sustainable results in death."



Primitive survival skills expert and author of three books, Cody Lundin, spoke to the conference crowd about disaster survival for three hours.

Lundin said that Nature is the ultimate flywheel and she will correct things as she sees fit to restore harmonic balance. "What I do is keep as many people alive as possible until we quit being assholes," he said "Why are we? I don't know. I see people in my courses who behave that way — if that went on and on, there'd have to be a reckoning. An organization only as strong as its leaders."

For example, he said, Japanese are altruistic. They helped each other through the tsunami crisis. Contrast that with what happened in New Orleans. We feel "owed." During Katrina, with little outside help, neighbors bound together to take care of each other. Lundin observed that it's usually those lower on socio economic ladder who stick together.

Lundin said our tribal identity would save many of our lives in the face of disaster. "We all know how the U.S. government takes care of the Indians — you needed self-reliance," he said.

"You are already a tribe and have a foundation in place," he said. "It will save many of your lives." The average American doesn't have "a tribal foundation in place. "You already have the ship built — even if there's a few

holes, it's built.

A survival situation is 90 percent psychology. "A tribal mindset is a huge boon to survival as a person and a tribe," Lundin said. "That's one of the reasons I'm thrilled to be here — you totally get it. It's the tribal module that I'm trying to teach other people. The average mountain man died 32 to 35 years old — he was alone."

Is Mother Earth sentient?
"Of course. Go back far enough in religion, any religion, and there is a reverence for nature. Tribal people all over the world love the earth," he said.

He added, "You don't kick your mother in the face, but that's what most Americans do, with their disconnect with Mother Earth. 'Is Mother Earth sentient?' How could she not be?"

Lundin finds the best way to teach people is by example. "Be respectful in your actions, people watch, observe, and follow suit, teaching by example is the best way," he said. "Americans don't respect Mother Earth. They have lost their gratitude. We are selfish, we have this expectant 'gimme it' attitude, we have lost our connection."

Having to live off the land

is one way to restore that connection. "If you want people to be more gracious and respectful, starve the hell out of them," Lundin said. "Living close to the land breeds an inherent respectfulness and gratitude — you have to have a connection to the planet and it doesn't get in any deeper than 'I'm really hungry' and 'I'm really thirsty.'"

He feels very strongly about self-reliance. His homestead is self-reliant with a passive solar home. He composts feces and collects rainwater. "I use technology to collect rain, manage water," he said. A combination of ancient wisdom and modern technology can be successful, but only to a point. "Don't throw away the modern technology but don't become its bitch," he said.

For example, we use the tribe's new emergency towers and combine them with our strong community built over centuries — with our grandfathers' culture and today's technology, we best of both worlds, Lundin said.

Are there too many people?
"I do think we're overpopulated on the planet," Lundin said. "That can be remedied. But it's not the first thing on people's mind. Profit is."

Lundin said we could all have affordable housing and enough to eat. But, the "world's 'haves' don't care. Absolute power corrupts absolutely," he said. "We could solve the world's problems if we really wanted to, but that's not good for profit margins right now."

What is the value of human life compared to other life on the planet?

"Everything out there is living — rocks, plants, wolves, humans," said Lundin. "The reality is people consume, the wolf consumes ... plants consume nutrients and rocks consume space. Mother Earth's got it down. We can't mimic Mother Nature's balance."

Lundin said that people might let themselves starve but not their kids. Killing to eat and killing to kill (to sell a fur to the casino gift shop) are two different things. If you killed all the eagles for ceremony, then there would be no more ceremony. "You can't just randomly hunt a species," he said. "If you take too much, you're going to pay for it. It's a tough question; it depends on intention and context. When push comes to shove, the top of the food chain eats."



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**Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012 CALENDAR
July Changes**

<p>Aug. 7 Kincheloe Sept. 4 Sugar Island Oct. 2 Mackinac Island Nov. 6 Escanaba Dec. 4 Newberry</p>	<p>Aug. 21 Hessel Sept. 18 Munising Oct. 16 St. Ignace Nov. 20 Marquette Dec. 18 Sault Ste. Marie</p>
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Per the Constitution and Bylaws, Article 1 – Meetings of the Board of Directors, Section 1:provided that at least one meeting per year shall be held in each of the five election units established pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the tribal constitution.

General meetings of the board of directors are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

All general meetings start at 6 p.m., unless there are no issues brought forward from the membership; then, the meetings may start at 5:30 p.m. All Sault meetings will be held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, other locations to be announced.

All special meetings will be announced.

For further information, please call Joanne or Tara at the Administration Office, (800) 793-0660, ext. 26337 or 26338.



THE ELDER TIMES



Attention: New Elder Health Fund guidelines

The Elders Services Division is announcing a change to the Elder Health Fund guidelines. Beginning July 1, 2012, as approved by the board of directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians at a regular board meeting on June 26, 2012.

The new income guidelines are shown below.

Income Eligibility and Standards of Assistance

Total Gross Income 150% Federal Registry Poverty Guidelines

(Federal Registry Updates yearly)

Household Size	Gross Annual Income	Percentage Elder Health Fund Pays
1	\$16,755	95%
2	\$22,695	80%
3	\$28,635	60%
4	\$34,575	40%
5	\$40,515	20%
6	\$46,455	10%

ONLY approvals after July 1, 2012, will be applied to the new guidelines.

If you have any questions, please call the Elders Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

2012 Elders Scholarship Program announced

Applications are being solicited for two one-time \$500 scholarships from the Sault Tribe elders for qualified freshmen enrolled in public colleges, universities or trade schools. The deadline for applications is Oct. 10, 2012. All applicants must be registered Sault Tribe members with the following qualifications:

- Successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (GED) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a GED certificate or graduated from an accredited high school with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50;

- Accepted or enrolled in any two or four year public college, university or trade school in any field of study as a full-time student;

Applicants must submit letters of application that include:

- Name, address, telephone number, proof of tribal enrollment and social security number;

- Transcript from the applicant's high school verifying the cumulative grade point average or proof of achieving GED requirements stated above;

- Letter from the college, university or trade school, showing acceptance for the

2012-13 school year;

- Academic major or course of study to be pursued;

- Essay of 300-500 words describing how you feel a college education will benefit you, your career objective and why this scholarship will help you achieve your goal.

All requirements listed above must be packaged and received no later than Oct 10, 2012, by the program coordinator, Philip Payment, 2076 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. If you have a question, please contact Payment at (906) 484-3775. PLEASE NOTE — Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

WE THE PEOPLE: *Our turn to make history*

Editor's note: Sault Tribe's Elders Committee Chairman Robert Menard made the following address to the tribe's board of directors at its Sept. 4 workshop. It is being printed in this issue of Win Awenen Nisitotung to give all tribal members the opportunity to hear our elders.

Thank you for allowing your elders to meet with you and make this presentation.

I ask the Creator to be with us on the journey I am about to take you on and that the smudging, the teachings of the Seven Grandfathers and the tobacco I put down today will inspire us to put aside any personal bias we may harbor and guide us toward a singular, unselfish goal — that being, to do what is best for our people today, and for the next seven generations.

I truly believe it is the workings of the Creator, perhaps even prophetic, that this board of directors will meet tonight on Sugar Island, in a building named in honor of Mary Murray. It would appear that we are being guided full circle.

Let's start now on that journey that will take us through a series of events, leading us to a conclusion, a conclusion as momentous in the lives of our people as most of us in this room will ever experience in our lifetime.

The journey starts in the late 1940s when a small group of Sugar Island residents gathered to talk about their common history and embark on a mission, with the goal of gaining state and federal recognition for our people. Those Sugar Islanders were led by Fred L. Hatch and they included Mary Murray, Louise McCoy, Daniel Edwards and William Sebastian. By combining their talents and knowledge, they took the first steps to establish the identity of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, ratify its founding Constitution and preserve the tribe's Anishinaabeg culture.

Dec. 24, 1953 — The Sugar Island Group of Chippewa Indians and Their Descendants was incorporated under Michigan law.

Feb. 28, 1959 — The Descendants changed their name to the Original Bands of Chippewa Indians and Their Heirs.

Sept. 7, 1972 — The Tribe was accorded federal recognition by memorandum of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

May 17, 1973 — Land was first taken into trust for the tribe by deed.

March 7, 1974 — The 1973 land transaction was approved by the area director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

Feb. 20, 1975 — The commissioner of Indian Affairs formally declared the trust land to be a reservation.

May 30, 1975 — By Resolution No. 6-27-75A, the present Constitution and bylaws were submitted for approval by a secretarial election.

Oct. 9, 1975 — The Constitution and bylaws were adopted in an election by the tribal membership.

Nov. 13, 1975 — The Constitution and bylaws were approved by the acting deputy commissioner of Indian Affairs and went into effect on that date. The Constitution has been amended twice since adoption.

Now, fast forward to Dec. 6, 2005, to when, by unanimous vote, our board of directors adopted Resolution No. 2005-198 (the resolution). Aaron Payment was chairperson at that time, Cathy Abramson was secretary and several other members of this board were involved in that vote. As a result of its adoption, Resolution No. 2005-198 became tribal law and it launched the Constitution Amendment Project (the project) and by reference, a project plan (the plan).

Let us examine the resolution very closely since it was meant

to set in motion a process specifically designed to engage our people in the solution of many major problems facing our tribe. The board acknowledged that our current Constitution is no longer viable. They maintained that our current Constitution "places unnecessary limits on the rights of our people and the powers of the tribe."

There are nine direct references to BIA review and approval provisions in the existing Constitution. The BIA is written out of the proposed new Constitution, thereby strengthening tribal sovereignty and power.

The board also concluded that one major reason for the lack of viability is that our early founders started work to develop a constitution using a non-representative sample of a constitution. It was given to them by the BIA. As cynical as it may seem, one would have to wonder if someone at the BIA didn't intentionally give our founders the wrong type of sample constitution to work with, so as to skew the outcome to ensure BIA oversight. The type of work document they gave the founders was based on a corporate model, not readily modified to provide for the comprehensive needs of an Indian nation.

Throughout the development of our Constitution, the founders faced monumental challenges, not the least of which was having to deal with the BIA, a manipulative and obstinate government bureaucracy. What's more, they did not have the advantage of the resources and technology that we have today. The descendants had no financial resources, no political support and little information on how to present their claims to the federal government. Fred Hatch sent a one-page letter to the BIA.

Can you imagine a handwritten, one paragraph letter in today's world of computers, consultants and attorneys?

Under the circumstances, the constitution the founders drafted,

while it may not be ideal, has provided us with the legal framework for a governmental structure that has served us until now. We should be proud of those original founders for their foresight and dedication and be forever grateful for their efforts.

Getting back to the resolution, in another section there is pertinent language that helps underscore the board's contention that the present Constitution is inadequate and outdated, specifically, "the tribe has experienced difficulties operating under the 1975 Constitution given the tribe's expansion of membership, businesses and governmental operations since 1975." The fact of the matter is that the tribe has simply outgrown the current Constitution.

Moving from the resolution to the plan — The project plan, because it is attached to the Constitution Amendment Project, by reference, also became tribal law. It contains some very specific provisions that mandate, in very clear language, the intent of Resolution No. 2005-198. These provisions, however, have not been carried out and that is what principally motivates the Elder Advisory Committee to champion adoption of the proposed new Constitution.

Let me illustrate some of the more pertinent provisions of the plan and comment on them:

Provision: Project plan, paragraph 2 — **"The new Constitution Amendment Project is designed to develop proposed amendments to the Constitution to be put to a vote of the people. The voters of the tribe will make the final decision on whether to approve any amendments to the Constitution."**

Comment: 1.) To counter the argument that the Constitution Committee's proposed document is a wholesale rewrite, rather than a series of amendments, applicable law establishes that

a wholesale rewrite does indeed constitute amending. 2.) The language of the law is very specific that the voters have been empowered to make the final decision whether or not to make any amendments to the Constitution and that is by vote of the people. The language virtually removes the board of directors from the approval process, limiting their role to requesting a secretarial election as cited in the approval process section. (See later under "approval process").

Provision: Constitution Committee — **"The committee will be comprised of 29 members of the tribe representing diverse backgrounds and life experiences. Committee members will be selected using three methods."**

Comment: Some people who are inclined to quash the project maintain that 29 members did not produce the final document, that a lesser number did. Since the project was a volunteer effort with no pay, involved considerable travel and required a huge commitment of time, it is not unrealistic to expect that some would drop out, for a number of reasons, not the least of which is normal attrition. However, there was a core group of committed people who attended most of the meetings and participated in the development of the final document. The record will show that the committee members, who did work on the project the conclusion, provided fair and balanced debate in the resolution of the issues.

Further, there is no provision in the plan to maintain a certain number of members on the committee, nor is there a caveat stipulating that the number of committee members was not to fall below an established minimum for the work of the committee to be valid and acceptable.

Provision: Guiding principles — **"The project is designed to let the people of the tribe develop See "Elders Speak" pg. 11**

Tribe saves Anishinaabe cemetery, old village

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Along St. Martin's Bay on Lake Huron, northeast of the Mackinac Straits, is a private little cemetery called Wequayoc Cemetery. Larry Grimes tended that cemetery from the late '60s until shortly before his death this past March at the age of 82. His mother-in-law Agnes Paquin, his wife Anna, and finally Grimes himself, were all laid to rest there as were many Anishinaabe.

Grimes wanted to bequeath the cemetery to the tribe in exchange for its care in perpetuity. "I've taken care of it for 40 years and I want to make sure someone will take care of it after I kick off," he said, and agreed in January 2010 to put the cemetery in the tribe's hands.

But the paperwork was never completed and after his death, all of his land went up for public auction. The tribe stepped in and purchased it for \$155,000.

The one-acre cemetery was called Bishop Baraga Cemetery for over a century. A few years ago, Grimes renamed it "Wequayoc" because he thought it was more appropriate. "Agnes used to talk about Wequayoc, the Ojibwe place name here. It

means 'Big Bay' and seemed more appropriate than 'Baraga,'" Grimes said back in January 2010.

Besides the cemetery, the property is the site of an old village, also called Wequayoc. Grimes related that back in the early 1940s, Agnes began the process of preserving the old village area, which was divided up into a number of lots across 40 acres. In 1968, she finally obtained the last quit claim deed.

"Her boy and I started cleaning it up and I started taking care of the cemetery around 1968 or '69," recalled Grimes. "We bought out the other kids on the 40 acres and it's been my hobby ever since."

In a 2010 interview, Grimes showed off a photo of his wife, and smiled at it, still in love. Career Navy, he married Anna Paquin, a nurse from St. Ignace, in 1961, retiring from the Navy in 1968 and settling down near his wife's family. Anna died in 1995.

Thank you, Lawrence Grimes, for protecting and caring for Wequayoc Cemetery all these years. May we do as good a job as you did.



From the Archives of Win Awenen Nisitotung

In January 2010, Cecil Pavlat (R) presented Larry Grimes (L) with a plaque of appreciation, a Pendleton blanket and performed a drum song for him when Grimes formally agreed to leave the one-acre Wequayoc Cemetery to the Sault Tribe. Unfortunately, the paperwork was never completed, but the tribe was able to purchase the entire 40-acre parcel for \$155,000, including shoreline. Various uses have already been proposed, including growing wild rice. Below is a shot in Wequayoc in the winter, and to the left, Wequayoc — the Big Bay, just behind a beautiful stand of pines on a sunny winter's day in January 2010.



From "Elders Speak," Page 10

and vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution. The Constitution is a document for all of the people and the whole tribe. The board of directors has agreed to take steps to stay neutral in the project, to try to keep politics out of the project and allow the people to develop amendments to the Constitution."

Comment: This section of the plan is designed to create a work environment for the committee that allows the drafting process to proceed, free of intimidation by the board and ensure that it is the voters who make a final decision on any proposed amendments.

Provision: Approval process — **"Once proposed amendments to the Constitution are developed, the committee shall forward their recommendations to the board of directors. According to the current requirements contained in the 1975 Constitution, the board of directors must ask the BIA to hold a special election, called a 'secretarial election,' for the voters to make a final decision on any proposed amendments."**

Comment: As mentioned previously in the comments covering paragraph 2 of the plan, according to the newly established law, the role of the board in the approval process is extremely limited; it basically amounts to calling for a secretarial election.

Provision: Voters have the final say — **"Any decisions reached by the committee will not be final until approval by the voters in an election. The voters of the tribe will make the final decision on any proposed amendments to the Constitution."**

Comment: Again, a very clear affirmation of the voters' rights and responsibilities in this matter.

Now, let's go back to the start of our journey!

Sixty years ago a handful of elders from Sugar Island made tribal history. They had a vision for our people. They were willing to make bold decisions and do what was necessary to formalize the inherent sovereignty of our nation. They charted a course for our tribe that allowed for the perpetuation of our culture and provided the basis for the continued welfare and

prosperity of our tribal community. The course they charted was the essence of our current Constitution. As was outlined above, our tribe has outgrown the current Constitution. It no longer serves us well.

Fred L. Hatch and the others made tribal history 60 years ago. Now it's our turn to make history. The Elder Advisory Committee requests that this board of directors officially petitions the BIA to hold a secretarial election so that the voters of the tribe have the opportunity to draw on their wisdom and intelligence and make the final decision on whether or not the proposed new Constitution is the right document to guide our tribe into the future. Further, it is requested that the proposed new Constitution be the complete document, as submitted to the board of directors on Feb. 11, 2008, by the all-volunteer committee that drafted it.

Since the project was put on a shelf four years ago, there are some who will say there should be more public hearings. That would serve no useful purpose but to delay a vote on the project.

It is recommended that a copy of the proposed new Constitution be posted in a special edition of the tribal newspaper to refresh the memory of the community and provide them with a piece of history, should they adopt it by their vote.

Since the project was put on a shelf four years ago, there are some who will say we can't afford the proposed new Constitution at this time. The same argument was made four years ago. Since then, we have invested \$2.5 million on windmills in Mexico with the potential for little or no return for the next 10 years. We have agreed to become involved in a multi-million dollar casino project in Lansing. There's something terribly wrong with this picture. I say this: If my daughter was diagnosed with cancer; if my health insurance was limited; if my life savings was depleted, you can bet that I would leave no stone unturned to make sure that she got the best of care. If I was cutting wood with a friend and my friend cut himself badly, I would do everything I could to stop the bleeding. Figuratively, our

present form of government is a type of cancer and our people are bleeding. On Dec. 6, 2005, by unanimous vote, our board said so!

Hopefully, the board will take the steps necessary to treat the cancer, stop the bleeding, employ some creative financing and make the protections and benefits of the proposed new Constitution available to our people.

In conclusion, let me put this request by the Elder Advisory Committee in perspective — this is not about Bob Menard, it is not about the Elder Advisory Committee, and while the fate of this document is in your hands, it goes beyond you, IT IS REALLY ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE AND THE NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS.

I leave you with this final thought: The results of the last election left no question that the people feel strongly that there is need for a drastic change in the way our tribe does business. Like our forefathers, let US rise to the occasion. This proposed new Constitution will allow us to accomplish that.

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Photos by Brenda Austin

Above, new Appeals Court Judge Jay Finch takes the oath of office at Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Court, administered by tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment.

At right, Dyke Justin, retiring after many years of service, is honored by Tribal Court with a beautiful Hudson Bay blanket.



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton
STUFF IT — Above, United Way volunteer coordinator Steve Carey and Sault Tribe Payroll's Lisa Moran with school supplies collected at the Sault Tribe administration building for Stuff the Bus, an initiative to collect school supplies for the free backpack event for local school children at the end of August. Moran is a member of the tribe's United Way committee. Tribal employees in the administration complex and health center in Sault Ste. Marie contributed.



Junior Police Academy gives insight to youth

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A record number of kids ages 11 to 15 participated in this year's Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) Junior Police Academy. The 45 participants, counselors and officers spent a week in the woods of the U.P. at Boedne Bay in Moran Aug. 6-10. The annual camp is free to Sault Tribe youth and features law enforcement training activities and recreational fun.

According to STLE Office Manager Lona Stewart, there were a lot of firsts at this year's camp. One of those was Officer Ryan Luben and his K-9 partner, Lux. A new addition to the department, Lux is a highly trained police K-9. Luben and Lux spent a few hours with the kids doing a presentation high-

lighting Lux's skills in searching for and finding narcotics and in tracking suspects.

One of the highlights from the kids' standpoint was meeting Ken Belanger, a former NHL player, who talked to the kids about bullying. Also for the first time, Border Patrol agents attended the camp and taught the kids survival skills and shared a presentation with them. Adding to what they learned from the agents, STLE's Emergency Manager Matt Carpentier worked with the kids on practicing wilderness survival skills including building some primitive shelters in the woods around the camp.

A staple of the camp, each year the kids participate in fire-arm's training, building entry and taking turns in front of the MILO simulator. They also do light physical fitness training, learn about evidence collection and watch a taser training presentation where this year Chairman Aaron Payment volunteered to take a

hit. There is also first aid training, SWAT team techniques, felony traffic stops, report writing, water safety and fingerprinting and fire safety.

Of course, camp can't be all work and presentations. Each afternoon the vans were loaded with beach towels, balls and chairs for a short drive down the road to Lake Michigan for some swimming. Due to a scheduled presenter backing out at the last minute, the kids were also treated to a trip to Castle Rock in St. Ignace and a trip to State Police Post 83 for a presentation by its dive team. Camp counselors also had fun playing volleyball and tossing footballs with the youth. And the winning team of the much anticipated volleyball game between the counselors and cadets? The counselors!

Some of the more sobering activities the camp participants were involved in included a presentation by MSP Trooper Ailene Bitnar, who brought out the AAA

Distracted Driving simulator to show the kids how dangerous distracted driving can be. A presentation by Sault resident Bonnie Raffaele hit even closer to home. The KDR Challenge, which she presented, was created in memory of her daughter Kelsey Dawn Raffaele, a student at Sault Area High School who was tragically killed in an automobile accident on Jan. 24, 2010. Raffaele told the kids the KDR Challenge educates Michigan youth about the dangers of using a cell phone while driving. The letters K-D-R stand for Kids Driving Responsibly as well as Kelsey's initials. All the kids took up the challenge by signing a KDR Challenge banner stating they would not drive distracted by using a cell phone to call or text.

STLE Chief of Police Robert Marchand said all too often the only contact youth have with police officers is a negative one. Pointing out that sometimes that is just part of an officer's job, Marchand said the camp experience helps officers and youth to build positive relationships at an early age to show them that the officers are not the bad guys.

"We are hoping that when these kids grow into young adults they have a good understanding of who we are and what we do. We are people they can talk to and confide in and trust," Marchand said.

He said one of their current employees, Casey Povey, participated in one of the first Jr. Police camps. "If they go into law enforcement that's great," Marchand said. "But for a lot of the kids, maybe the camp is a good chance to have a vacation

that they otherwise wouldn't have had."

Marchand said he would like to sincerely thank everyone in law enforcement for coming together and donating their time to the camp. "Most of the staff at Law Enforcement came out to volunteer even on their days off," he said. "A good number of officers who donated their time have families at home — that really shows what it means to everybody to volunteer that whole week of their time to come out and spend it with the kids. That says a lot about the department and their willingness to do that."

With the camp no longer receiving state funding, the department had to find a way to raise funds. The second annual Junior Police Academy Golf Charity Scramble was held at Tanglewood Golf Course this summer and raised close to \$4,000 in addition to donations. During the camp, Chairperson Aaron Payment made a personal donation of \$1,000 towards future camps.

"It takes a large amount of work to put the camp on," Marchand said. "The planning and preparation really pays off. At the end of the week you are totally exhausted but it is well worth it and you sit back and say, 'That was a good time and a great camp.'"

Each year the camp costs the department between \$6,000 and \$7,000. "So between now and next summer's camp we will be soliciting funds to keep the camp going into the 2014 season," Marchand said.

See pages 14-15 for photos.



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Sault Tribe golf scholarship event nets over \$73,000



Team Waste Management / UBS Financial Services — L-R: Todd Menard, Paul DeWeese, Pat VanSloten, Craig Wallis. First place men's division — shot a 60 and tied with O'Connors Team, but won the tie breaker.



The Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic was held July 28 at Wild Bluff Golf Course in Bay Mills. The annual event raised over \$73,000, which will be used to fund Sault Tribe scholarships.



Photos by Brenda Austin

Left: Dave Hank of the ACC Planned Service Team at the driving range prior to the shot-gun. Above: Sysco Food Service of Grand Rapids team (L-R) Jonathan Clegg, Caity Carter, Angela Benson, Jason Wenzel took first place in the mixed division — shot a 64.



Team O'Connor's Chrysler Dodge and Jeep — L-R: Chelsea O'Connor, Dennis Jahn, Vance Barber, Barry O'Connor. Second place men's division



Member of Team Cloverland Electric reviewing the rules of play
L-R: Jim Bennin, Jim Wilson



Golfers of the 2012 Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic getting ready for the shot-gun start.

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Classic hosted by Kewadin Casinos & Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Law enforcement, board representatives, agencies and youth made this years camp a success



Camp participants listened to a presentation by Sault resident Bonnie Raffaele who explained the KDR Challenge, which was created in memory of her daughter Kelsey Dawn Raffaele, a student at Sault Area High School who was tragically killed in an automobile accident Jan. 24, 2010. Raffaele developed the KDR Challenge to educate Michigan youth about the dangers of using a cell phone while driving.



Camp participants took turns signing the KDR Challenge banner pledging to not drive distracted by texting or using cell phones.



Officer Eric Rye shows the kids the proper techniques for entering a building.



Mike Povey (left) and Chief of Police Bob Marchand (right) prepare Chairman Aaron Payment who volunteered to be tasered at the camp. Officer Eric Rye pulled the trigger when given the go ahead.



Officers and volunteers made and served lunch to a hungry line of youth, counselors and officers.



Unit I board representative Debra Pine taking a turn at the AAA Distracted Driving simulator with encouragement from Officer Mike Pins and Unit 1 representative Jen McLeod (not shown).

Photos by Brenda Austin & Officer Dan Frechette



Aaron Payment made a personal donation of \$1,000 to the Junior Police Academy.



Unit III board representative Bridgette Sorenson shoots at bad guys on the MLO simulator being operated by Officer Thomas Money from the Manistique office.



Impromptu volleyball games kept the youth busy between other scheduled events.



Left: Lux the K-9. Right: Jenna Homminga, a crack shot - she drew a smiley face on the target with her shots.



Left: Chad Pifer, Owen Nolan and Griffin Ewanouski practicing building entry and learning how to back each other up.



Officer Eric Rye instructs kids on building entry while one of them keeps the suspect (Officer Dan Frechette) in her sights.



Officers preparing the youth to participate in some target practice. Each participant strapped on a holster and real 9mm hand gun that had been modified to shoot only simunitions (for simunition training only). The modified 9mm rounds have a plastic tip that has paint in the end.



Andrew Hutchinson gets direction from Officer Sam Gardner during simunitions practice.



Above: Officer Sam Gardner heads to the beach with the kids for a late afternoon break. Right: Swimming in Lake Michigan.





A large group of youngsters took advantage of a Chi Mukwa excursion to Tapawingo Farms in Sault Ste. Marie on Aug. 10. Above, a group of lads become acquainted with a couple of friendly alpacas as other children practice teamwork by herding goats into hutches without using their hands. The youth enjoyed lessons about the farm's animals, teamwork, critical thinking, solving problems and more.



Children work together to direct a goat into a hutch. The "farm Olympics" events gave the youth an opportunity for some exercise in addition to the learning experiences through fun and games. The Chi Mukwa Summer Recreation Program sponsored the outing.



Above, Helenna Krull of the Chi Mukwa Summer Recreation Program coaches Veralynn Breslin as she uses a spoon to propel a raw egg towards a finish line during a racing heat. Below, Adam Ruotsala acts as part of a team to herd chickens. Anyone interested in learning more about the Chi Mukwa Summer Recreation Program may call Dianna Allen at 635-4777.



A few of the goats in two of the hutches as the teams try to round up the rest.

Photos by Rick Smith and Jessie Beckett



Below, Nathan Ernst teaches youngsters about pigs and the origin of some of the meats and other products they yield. Bottom right, the youth became likewise acquainted with cattle. The youth also learned some interesting things about rabbits. Any questions about Tapawingo Farms may be directed to Jessie Beckett via (906) 322-6381 or Facebook.



An elated Eden Palmer successfully crosses the finish line with the egg intact. Tapawingo Farms invites the public to their Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., to enjoy hayrides, tours, a pumpkin patch, equine exhibitions throughout the day by local professionals, blacksmith demonstrations, local crafters and vendors offerings and a bounce house. Admission is free but donations will be accepted and appreciated.

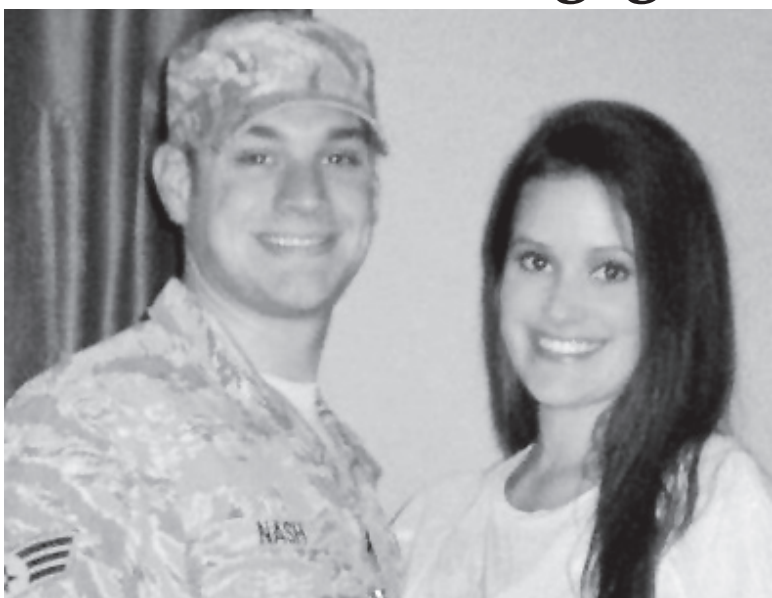


Ebert-Schultz engagement



Kelley and Dennis Ebert of St. Cloud, Wisc., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Lee Ebert, to Cory David Schultz, son of Leroy and Mary Schultz. The couple lives in Campbellsport, Wisc., their wedding is planned for Oct. 6, 2012.

O'Neill-Nash engaged



Jack and Janice O'Neill, along with Dan Nash and Jane Sedlecky, announce the engagement of their children, Erin O'Neill and Dustin Nash.

The future bride graduated from the University of Michigan as a doctor of pharmacy and is a pharmacist at Safeway pharmacy

in Anchorage, Alaska.

The future groom is a senior airman in the United States Air Force. He is serving with the USAF as an electrician and is stationed at Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage.

A wedding is planned for Sept. 21 in Marquette.

Mastaw, Payment united



On a gorgeous summer day on June 30, 2012, Shelly Mastaw wed Russell Payment III in an outdoor ceremony at the groom's parent's home in Sault Ste. Marie.

Rev. Jan Sweet performed the ceremony. Attendees were Russell Payment Sr. and Sheryl Hammock. Parents of the bride are the late William Mastaw and Mary Mastaw. Parents of the groom are Russell Payment Jr., and Camille Payment.

The couple were once in love and found each other again three years ago. They are residing in Austin, Texas, where the groom has relocated from South Carolina for his work.

Kateri Tekakwitha to be canonized in Rome

BY LISA DIETZ

On Oct. 21, 2012, the first Native American saint will be canonized in Rome. This is an event that will be telecast worldwide live on EWTN (channel 353 on Charter Cable). To help honor this event, Native Americans from all over Indianland will be attending, dressed in full regalia. It will be something a lot of Europeans have never ever seen, about 1,000 of us gathered in front of St. Peters in Rome in our beautiful regalia for this sweet little Woodland Indian woman who lived hundreds of years ago in relative obscurity in New York.

Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 in a little village along the Mohawk river in upstate New York. She loved her mother, a Christian Huron captive who had married a Mohawk chief, and learned the faith from her. She had an adorable baby brother to play with and life was good. But a horrible smallpox epidemic swept through her village and took away her parents and the baby. It left her almost blind and scarred for life with pock marks. There were no orphans in Indian homes — her uncle and aunt took her into their lodge.

Later, Jesuits came to teach and she listened on the sidelines, remembering with love what her mother had taught her what seemed to be so very long ago. She finally had the courage to insist to her family that she must be baptized. At age 20, she received baptism, but with it persecution from all sides. She loved her family and was thankful for their help as a child so she never complained. When it became too difficult, she moved away to a Christian community run by the Jesuits.

Here she flourished. She dedi-



cated the rest of her short life to prayer, penance and helping the poor and distressed in her village. She consecrated herself to the Lord and received communion often.

Her health was never good and she often gave her food to someone else in need, her health faded. On April 17 at age 24 she laid down on the blanket on her cabin floor and never got up again. The

Help Brother John get to Rome; benefit Mardi Gras dinner Sept. 22

Sept. 22 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Marquette Hall (behind St. Izaak Joques church), there will be a Mardi Gras style dinner and festival featuring a great raffle, games for the kids, eat-in or take-out for the adults. Menu includes jambalaya, gumbo and dessert. Adults \$7, children \$5 and under 5 is free. This is a benefit to help Brother John Hascall travel to Rome this fall to witness the canonization of the first Native American saint.)

priest came and gave her the last sacrament and she died. Almost at once, a beautiful fragrance filled the room and all the scars left her face. She was called the Lily of the Mohawks because of her beauty and the fragrance, people came from far and wide to pray at her burial. Long after she was buried, they still came and many received healing.

When my children were little, I told them this story many times. When we watched Pope John Paul II be elected, we thought to write him about her. When I was a year old she had been declared Venerable. So I wrote him a letter, illustrated with woodland beadwork on the birch and asked him to help her cause. Our young Native American girls needed a role model who was like them, I wrote. It probably didn't make much of a difference, but many other Native moms were also writing him and not long after, in 1980, he declared her blessed and opened the door for Blessed Kateri to become our much needed Native saint.

So on Oct. 21, 1,000 of us will be in Rome to see this event. I will be there in white elkskin and I like to think our dear Kateri will be amazed to look down from heaven and see so many of us in Rome, of all places, and dressed so proudly in our regalia in her honor. With all the suffering she went through in her day, our girls have it even worse than she did even with all the modern wonders, cars, computers they have, because they have the decline of morals in the world, drugs, alcohol and so on to deal with. May Saint Kateri be a heroine and role model for our young girls and women forever and give our young ones heavenly guidance in their lives.

Tribal members graduate



Haran Ellis graduated from the United States Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, N.J., on August 10, 2012. He was awarded the John W. Campbell Physical Fitness Award as special honor. Haran is currently stationed at USCG Air Station Kodiak, Alaska, where he has been assigned to an aids to navigation unit. He said, "I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our country, see exciting places and earn money for college."



Heather Marie Payment, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Payment, graduated on May 13, 2012, with honors from the College of William and Mary, which is the second oldest college in the country. Heather earned a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology magna cum laude with a concentration in health sciences. Heather is continuing her education at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill School of Medicine, where she will obtain

a DPT doctorate in physical therapy. Payment is a member of the Sault Tribe and hopes to provide health care services to tribal members. She is the granddaughter of Merlin "Bunny" and Madeline Payment, both tribal members.



Mathew Carlton Borchert of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., has graduated from Weber College in Ogden, Utah, with a bachelor's degree majoring in English with a psychology minor.

ETHEL J. CADREAU

Ethel J. Cadreau, 71, of Kinross, Mich., died on Aug. 11, 2012, at Marquette General Hospital. She was born on Jan. 27, 1941, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

She belonged to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was known for her Native crafts, especially sweet grass and black ash baskets.

She is survived by her son, Paul (Lois) Cadreau of Kinross; brothers, Edward Cook, Lorne Cook and Charles Cook; grandchildren Lisa and Angelia Cadreau; great-grandchildren, Kayla, Emily and Taytum Cadreau; niece, Gina (Chris) Harmon; nephew Richard Dubord; nephew and special friend, Todd "Toddeo" Shannon; best friend, MaryLou Skipper; step-grandchildren, Donald (Brooke) Carlson, Denise (Jeff Gordon) Carlson, Louis Carlson, Marie Carlson; and several step-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph "Mann" and Margaret "Mugs" Gurnoe; daughters, Kathy Gurnoe and Theresa Gurnoe; son, Kenneth Gurnoe; sisters, Beverly Albon and Edna Dubord; and brothers, James, Lorne "Bunn," Leroy, Brian and Robert Cook.

Funeral services took place Aug. 16 at the Sault Tribe Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Building with Brother John Hascall officiating. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

NOEL F. FORTIN

Noel, known to his family as "Buzz," walked on to a better place and to be with the Lord on Aug. 25, 2012, at his home in Daytona Beach, Fla. Buzz was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on March 4, 1949, to Frieda Wright and Edmond Fortin.

He was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Because of his heritage, his friends called him "Chief."

Buzz was a proud veteran of the Army and served in Vietnam. He was a member of VFW Post 1590 in Daytona Beach. The members held a heartfelt memorial for Buzz for his time served in the military and a foreign war. They said he was one of them. They had some wonderful stories to tell and such kind words about Buzz.

Buzz loved to go boating and he spent his days near the ocean that brought him so much happiness. Buzz was also very close to his family and he loved them all very much.

Buzz will join his mother Frieda Hanson and father Ed Fortin; two sisters, Aurelia Loverage and Laurelie Bolan; and two brothers, Orran White and Rocque Fortin.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife, Mary Fortin of Daytona Beach, Fla.; three daughters, Tracy Chamberlain of Cape Coral, Fla., Kristen Fortin of Happy Valley, Ore. and Brooke Westbrook of Lakeland Fla.; six grandchildren; sisters, Eileen Seabolt of Waterford Mich., Vivian Lowery of Rector, Ariz., Sandra Botsford of Edgewater, Fla., Denise Fortin of White Lake, Mich. and Carla Suave of Lakeland; brothers, Stephen

Fortin of Hartland, Mich. and E. J. Fortin of Flint, Mich.

Buzz came from a very large family and will be missed by many nieces and nephews, two aunts and many cousins.

The Rose — The rose is bent and wilted, the petals falling one by one. Once it was beautiful, but now its life is done. Except for one petal, it just keeps holding tight. And I wonder, will it make it through the night?

It reminds me of my family as we, too, fall one by one. Like the rose, they were beautiful, for some their life not yet begun. The rest of us keep clinging to the stem that holds us tight. Waiting, waiting for the call we know will come some fateful night.

The pain will come and never leave, as another life comes to a close. We'll gather to say our good-byes and upon the grave, we'll place a rose.

June 1, 2002, Sandra Botsford

NANCY A. GLODEN

Nancy Ann Gloden, 62, of Crystal, Mich., died on Aug. 5, 2012, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born Dec. 16, 1949, in Sault Ste. Marie.

Nancy grew up in DeTour Village and then attended Northern Michigan University. She lived in the Lansing area for many years where she raised her son and worked for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Nancy was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She enjoyed turkey hunting, deer hunting, interior decorating, investigating paranormal activities, classic cars and disco music.

Nancy is survived by her husband, James H. Gloden of Crystal, whom she married Sept. 1, 2001; her mother, Pauline Rita (nee LaPoint) Tominack of DeTour Village; her uncle, Robert (Pat) LaPoint of Drummond Island; and many cousins.

Nancy was preceded in death by her son, Nathan Charles Loveless; her father, Edwin "Mark" Tominack; and her first husband, Harry Earl Loveless.

Services were held on Aug. 13 at Ferris Church of Christ in Vestaburg. Burial will be in Ferris Township Cemetery in Vestaburg.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford assisted the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.reamergalerfuneralhome.com.

MARY A. GROGAN

Mary Anna "Nan" Grogan, 79, of Moran passed away on July 28, 2012, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital, surrounded by her family. She had suffered a stroke on July 22 at home.

She was born on May 25, 1933, in Epoufette to William and Delia (nee Paquin) Bellant.

Mrs. Grogan graduated from LaSalle High School in St. Ignace and married Patrick Grogan Nov. 8, 1952.

She was an elder of the Sault

Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Moran, serving as Eucharistic minister and sacharist, and in the Altar Society for many years. She was an excellent cook, working at various restaurants including Al's Pancake House; Gustafsons in Brevort; and Borlands. Mrs. Grogan was known for her home-made pies and bread.

She enjoyed attending church, walking, gardening, picking berries, making jelly, canning and baking. She especially enjoyed spending time with family and caring for them.

She is survived by her husband, Patrick; five children and their families, Rodney and Lany Grogan of Sault Ste. Marie, Linda Grogan of St. Ignace, Kelly Grogan of St. Ignace, Mike and Joni Grogan of Moran and Tim Grogan of Munising; two sisters, Alice Quinlan of Newberry and Betty Carlson of Brimley; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers-in-law, Frank Quinlan of Newberry and Chuck Carlson of Brimley.

Mass of Christian burial took place on Aug. 2 at Immaculate Conception Church in Moran with Father Pawel Macwel and Father Norbert Landreville officiating; burial followed in Epoufette Cemetery with Native American rites.

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

THOMAS L. MCCLUSKY

Aug. 24, 1953 – Dec. 16, 2009

I'm sending a dove to Heaven with a parcel on its wing. Be careful when you open it, it's full of beautiful things. Inside are a million kisses wrapped up in a million hugs to say how much I miss you and to send you all my love. I hold you close within my heart, and there you will remain until we meet again.

Sadly missed and loved by mother, May Machin, wife, "Angel Eyes," brothers and sisters.

LAQUITA A. MUNRO

LaQuita Agnes Munro, 78, of DeTour Village, Mich., died on Aug. 30, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born on Nov. 11, 1933, on Drummond Island, Mich., to Elwin Francis and Margaret Zepherina (nee Stevenson) Cleaver.

LaQuita grew up on

Drummond Island and then attended high school in Coldwater, Mich. She met Mitchell Leszczynski from Detroit while he was visiting the island. When they married, they lived in Detroit where they owned and operated a gas station. They later moved to St. Clair Shores and, when Mitchell became disabled, LaQuita operated a convenience and party store she owned in

Lincoln Park. With Mitchell in continued ill health, they returned to Drummond Island where LaQuita worked at Sune's Dry Goods Store. Mitchell died in 1976. On June 20, 1979, she married William "Bid" Munro and they made their home in DeTour.

LaQuita enjoyed gardening both flowers and tomatoes, sewing and walking the beaches on Drummond looking for pudding stones.

LaQuita is survived by her daughter, Michele J. Ledy of St. Ignace, Mich.; sons, Mitchell W. Leszczynski of DeTour and Michael E. Leszczynski of Southgate, Mich.; step-children, Vernon Munro, William "Bud" Munro, Karen Munro, Lynn Montgomery, and Suzanne Munro; grandchildren, Mitchell E. Anderson, Marc Anderson, Lawrence M. Ledy, Adam G. Ledy, Aaron Blaze Leszczynski, Hunter P. Leszczynski; and step-grandchildren, Mackenzie Munro, Carolyn Munro, John Munro, Meggie Munro, Benjamin Montgomery and Olivia Montgomery; sister, Audrey M. Bailey of Drummond Island; sister-in-law, Suzanne Stevenson; brother-in-law, Donald "Mac" Munro; and many nieces and nephews.

LaQuita was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Matthew Leszczynski; husbands, Mitchell E. Leszczynski and William J. "Bid" Munro; and one brother, Elwin J. Cleaver.

Services and visitation occurred on Sept. 4, 2012, at St. Florence Catholic Church on Drummond Island with Father Janusz Romanek as celebrant. Burial is in the Drummond Island Cemetery.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.reamergalerfuneralhome.com.

SARAH M. PYLE

Sarah Margeret Pyle, 72, of Flint, Mich., went to be with her Lord on March 11, 2012, at Avalon Hospice.

Sarah was born in Flint on Nov. 8, 1939, to Harold and Rose Dudley. She married Lee Pyle on March 28,

1970. Sarah was a member of Higher Ground Ministry and Friends in Christ Senior Group. She belonged to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She volunteered for many years at McLaren Regional Medical Center and retired from Ideal Pharmacy.

Surviving are six children, Sherry (Gary) Delacruz of Flint, David Middleton of Burton, Nancy (Donnie) Isabel of Lansing, Jeff (Angi) Pyle of Swartz Creek, Joni (Ted) Hayden of Plymouth, Indiana and Pete (Becky) Pyle of Gaines; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Jo (Marvin) Davis; special niece and nephew, Sarah and Dave Davis; special friends and traveling companions, Delroy and Pat Hayes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Mary Middleton; granddaughter, Kelly Laatz; and nephew, Harold

"Chubby" Johnson.

A funeral service was conducted on March 16, 2012, at the Swartz Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Garfield officiating followed by burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Higher Ground Ministry or Friends in Christ Senior Group. Condolences may be left at www.swartzfuneralhomeinc.com.

THEODORE J. SNIDER

Theodore J. Snider, 56, died Aug. 26, 2012, at his home on Sugar Island. He was born Sept. 15, 1955, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

He belonged to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was a member of the Legion Riders and the Sons of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, the former Margie Maleport; son, Keith Snider; daughter, April Snider; sisters, Dianne Perin and Debra (Tom) Cox; brothers, George (Mary) Snider, Robert (Mary) Snider and Ronald (Sandy) Snider; grandchildren, Sheldon, Elizabeth and Sierra; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Katherine Snider; daughter, Tonya; sister, Darlene Miller; brother-in-law, Donald Perin; and nephew, T.J. Cox.

Visitation was held Aug. 29, 2012, at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to Hospice House of the EUP would be appreciated.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements



MIRANDA J. EID

Miranda Jenna Eid, born Feb. 4, 2010, to Lisa and Mohammed Eid. Passed away Feb. 10, 2012. Surviving brother, David Eid.

Miranda was a normal two-year-old little girl who loved balloons, cupcakes and Bubble Guppies.

She is very much missed and we just want her name to stay alive. God bless you all.

Things that wear down as we get older include our vaccinations, many older people don't realize this. Adult immunizations are an excellent way to prevent many diseases. Vaccines aren't just for kids. Some childhood vaccinations may have worn off.

Also, chickenpox and shingles are caused by the same virus, but shingles is more common among people over 60. If you're over 60, you may need a shingles vaccination.

Look into Tdap vaccinations against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis. Parts of Tdap vaccinations could keep you from infecting the grandkids.

Chainsaw carver brings life to logs

Sault Tribe member one of 10 best in country

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Retired boilermaker James Denkins has been hefting a chainsaw and carving a niche as one of the 10 best chainsaw carvers in the country for the past 25 years. A Sault Tribe member who hails from Cooks, Mich., and soon to be grandfather of six, he said he began carving when his boys were young.

Wanting to be involved at home with his family as they were growing up and not on the road looking for work, he began making small wooden chainsaw creations such as mushrooms and cigar store Indians, simplified carvings to use for family and friends as Christmas gifts. He said it didn't take long before people were coming to him with special requests and placing orders.

Today, most of his inventory ranges in size from 2 feet to sometimes over 6 feet high. He makes bigger pieces by request. Right now, he is working on a replica of a 7-foot tall, 14-inch wide Alaskan totem pole. A local resort has placed a special order with him for an 8-foot tall, 3-foot wide collage piece with carvings of about six different animals on it. He enjoys working during the long winter months in his carving shed and garage and said those are two projects that will help keep him busy.

His most recent creation

"Edge of the Forest" was overseen by his grandchildren and carved with a specific purpose in mind. It has been entered into the world's largest art competition located in downtown Grand Rapids: ArtPrize.



With \$560,000 in total prizes, Denkins hopes to bring home the first place prize of \$200,000 and if you happen to be in or near Grand Rapids he is asking for your vote.

His enchanting carving is big: 9 feet high, 6 feet deep and 6 feet wide and is a collaboration of plants and animals surrounding a forest gnome, who is looking out from the edge of a forest while holding a walking stick. Denkins said the gnome is a fanciful play on how humans are in the midst of everything — most of the time surprised at what is happening, and not knowing what to do. The sprouts of grass, he said, are a sign of hope for re-growth and understanding. The trees represent how age and the elements affect everything. The variety of animals in the carving, which when completed will number 15, are meant to be eye-catching while

also showing how nature adapts to its surroundings.

He began the piece last October and worked on it throughout the winter. He said he visits forums online and converses with other chainsaw carvers throughout the world sharing pictures and talking and asking questions. "I saw a gnome similar to the one I carved with the same pose on the German forum," he said. "I liked it so much I sketched it up and added my own ideas to it. I kept the sketch for a year or two before finally deciding to carve it."

He begins by roughing out the logs with his chainsaw, then uses sanding disks and little grinders for more detailed work. Then he torches the entire piece just enough to smooth it out so you can't tell by touch or sight that it was carved with a chainsaw. A lot of the detail you see on his work comes from the painting he does to each sculpture before he seals them.

Denkins said he also enjoys being able to help out in his community by donating pieces to different fundraising events. In the past he has donated to powwows, schools, baseball teams, churches and benefits. "I have a list a mile long that I donate to," he said. "I try not to take my God given talent for granted in any way."

He said he hopes to make some good connections while in

Grand Rapids and maybe even find a buyer for the piece. To read about the competition and for voting information, visit the ArtPrize website at www.artprize.org. Click on the link on the top of the

page "Find Art" and in the search bar type in "James Denkins Edge of the Forest."

You can also view Denkins carvings by visiting his website at: <http://jwcustomcarvings.com>.



Above is one of Jim Denkins oversized chainsaw carvings destined for an upcoming competition.

Breathable air in the twin Saults, a comparison

Stepping out the front door of the Sault Tribe Environmental Department, Canada is clearly visible just across the St. Marys River. Just a small passage of water away, laws are different, traditions are different, languages are different, and most important to my air monitoring efforts as a summer intern, air quality standards are different. Air pollutants readily pass over the border with no regards to citizenship and the bridge toll the rest of us are forced to pay. The two countries are fighting against the same menace, pollution; thus, a comparison of the standards and air monitoring procedures is vital in the collaboration to fight air pollution.

Major concerns in Sault Ste. Marie Michigan and Ontario are particulate matter and ground level ozone. Ground level ozone forms readily in warm conditions when volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides react in sunlight.

Volatile organic compounds originate from vehicles, fossil fuel combustion, steel-making, petroleum refining, fuel refilling, industrial and residential solvent use, paint application, manufacturing of synthetic materials, food processing, agricultural activity and wood processing and burning. Nitrogen oxides are produced in combustion processes including transportation and power generation and in natural processes such as lightning and aerobic activity of some bacteria. Ozone is a threat to the respiratory system especially for sensitive individuals and can lead to chest tightness, coughing and wheezing in addition to being a threat to agriculture.

Particulate matter (PM) encompasses a wide variety of airborne

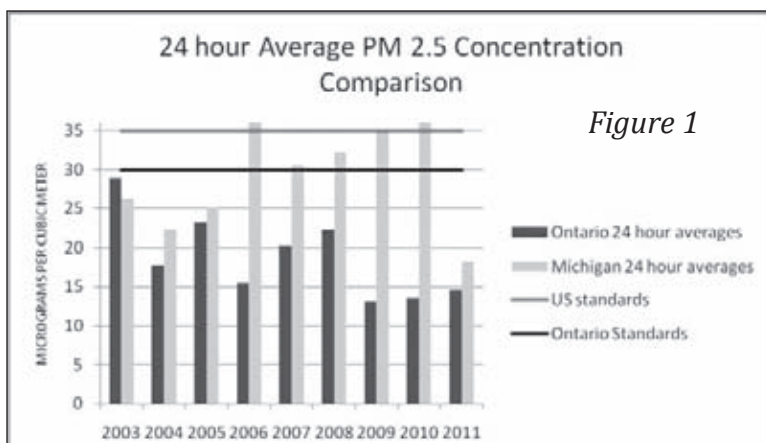


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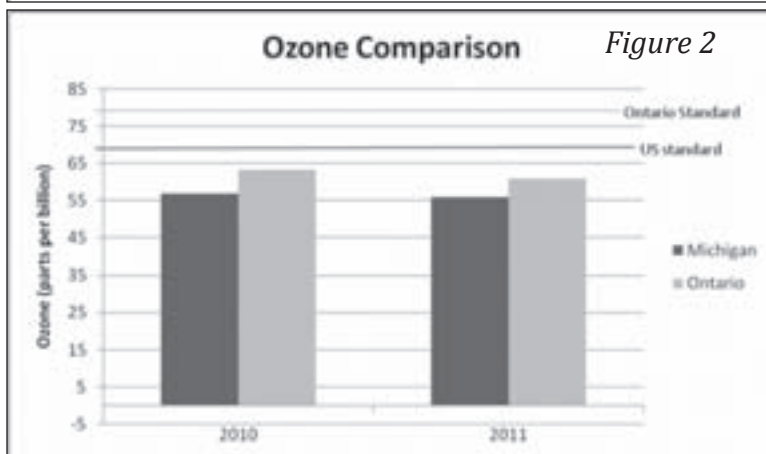


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solid substances such as smoke, dust and pollen. PM 2.5 and PM 10 (the numbers refer to particle width in microns) are of concern, especially for people with existing health issues, because their very small size allows them to penetrate individuals' respiratory systems.

While particulate matter originates from a variety of natural and manmade sources, industrial facilities, motor vehicles, residential wood combustion and dust are the major culprits. Ozone and particulate matter are particularly susceptible to wind and weather patterns, especially the long range high pressure systems south of the lower Great Lakes, making them

frequent commuters across the international border.

In Canada, pollution is monitored by the National Air Pollution Surveillance (NAPS) and compared to the National Ambient Air Quality Objectives (NAAQO). NAAQO sets a maximum desirable level which prevents degradation of unpolluted locations, and a maximum acceptable level which protects human and environmental health. NAAQOs are not legally enforceable under federal legislation but may be implemented as standards in provincial governments. Due to the high priority for monitoring PM 2.5 and ozone, Canada has developed a Canada-

wide standard for these pollutants. In Ontario there is an additional point-of-impingement standard and ambient air monitoring requirements developed to regulate the emissions from industrial and commercial facilities.

In the United States, USEPA sets limits for criteria pollutants known as National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Unlike Canada, these are legally enforceable under the US Clean Air Act. Air monitoring data is compared to NAAQS to determine if an area meets standards. If it exceeds standards, state implementation plans are developed to improve the air quality.

PM 2.5 and ozone concentrations between Sault Ste. Marie Ontario and Michigan are compared in the graphs below. Note that not all data has been verified and is for reference only. Ontario air quality data was obtained from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment website while Michigan's data was obtained from the Inter Tribal Council of Michigan from the air monitoring station at Lake Superior State University. The PM 2.5 concentrations for Ontario are consistently lower than those for Michigan and do not exceed either the U.S. or the Ontario standard for PM 2.5. Data from Michigan exceeds the U.S. standards, however it is only of concern if a consecutive three-year average exceeds the standards; thus the concentrations are acceptable, but should be monitored closely. Ozone concentration for both Sault Michigan and Ontario are below standards — not considered to be at harmful levels for 2010 and 2011.

(See Figures 1 and 2.)

Regardless of the close proximity of Sault Ontario and Michigan and the frequency of shared pollutants, monitoring methods in the neighboring towns are different, making data comparison somewhat challenging.

The standard for Canada for ozone is 80 ppb (parts per billion) averaged over an hour. The standard in the US is 75 ppb averaged over eight hours. Though these standards can still be compared, the comparison may be biased due to the differences in the duration over which the standards were calculated.

Both Sault Ontario and Michigan monitor with ozone analyzers using a Federal Reference Method (FRM) monitor, the method designated by the EPA. When monitoring for PM 2.5, Ontario uses a Federal Equivalent Method (FEM) monitor while Michigan uses both a FRM monitor and a FEM monitor. FRM monitors gather data every three days while FEM monitors gather data continuously; comparison between the sets of data historically has shown bias.

Ontario and Michigan use different equipment to measure particulate matter. Though they gather the same information, different equipment has different sources of error making data comparison difficult. These discrepancies should be considered in further efforts to monitor trans-boundary pollutants. The transport of ozone across the border is detrimental to both Sault Ontario and Michigan. Making data comparison more efficient and accurate is of utmost importance in tracking pollution and regulated sources.



Photo by Rick Smith

Sault Tribe Early Head Start staff with their charges at an end of the year celebration in Sault Ste. Marie on Aug. 24. From left, Miss Mary Ann, Miss Tammy and Miss Krystal. The youngsters received an honor song from the Bahweting Singers and enjoyed a lunch with the festivities.



Photo by Rick Smith

From left, Sault Tribe Early Head Start staff Miss Peggy, Miss Desi, Miss Lisa and Miss Dawn with their charges at the end of the year celebration on Aug. 24 in Sault Ste. Marie.



Photo by Rick Smith

From left, Lori Severance, Sheryl Hammock and Gabryelle Clement were recognized for their outstanding volunteer service to the Sault Tribe Early Head Start Program at the end of the year celebration on Aug. 24 in Sault Ste. Marie.



Photo by Rick Smith

From left, Rose Perry and Gabriel Castaneda of Simply Unforgettable Catering Services were recognized for their many volunteer efforts throughout the year to the Sault Tribe Early Childhood Education Program.



Photo by Rick Smith

Students of the Sault Tribe 2011-12 Early Childhood Education Program at the end of the year celebration on Aug. 24 at the Niigaanighzhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie. The students received an honor song by the Bahweting Singers, opening prayer by Unit I Representative Debra-Ann Pine, lunch and certificates of completion presented by instructors Nicole Ince, far left, and Susan Averill, far right.



Photo by Rick Smith

From left, Ashley Russo was recognized for her volunteerism by Tiffany Menard of the Sault Tribe Child Care Center at the end of the year celebration on Aug. 24 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Members attend College Horizon admissions program

Sault Tribe members Savanna Pinkoski and Jess Marble attended College Horizon this summer. College Horizon is a college admissions program for Native American, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian high school students who are in grades 10 and 11. The program brings over 40 partner colleges and 100 Native students a college campus to receive expert college advice and counseling.

This year's programs were held in Gambier, Ohio's Kenyon College, University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and Harvard University of

Cambridge, Mass.

Pinkoski is a senior this year at Sault Area Public Schools who attended the five-day program in Philadelphia, Penn. She became acquainted with "many other Native Americans and Hawaiians, learning about different cultural practices."

She said participants learned about the college application process — how to apply, when to apply, and even where to apply for the 2013-2014 school year. "Staff at college Horizons were definitely helpful and I think if Natives are being overwhelmed about the going to college I

would highly recommend this program," she said. "It was fun and a lifetime experience."

Each program allows students to work with college counselors and college admissions officers and get a short preview of dorm life and living in a college environment. "I thank all the counselors and volunteers at this program, especially Executive Director Carmen D. Lopez, Program Coordinator Christine M. Suina and Coordinator of Recruitment & Alumni Affairs Hillary Abe," said Pinkoski.

For more information visit www.collegehorizons.org.



Left to right, Sault Tribe member Savanna Pinkoski and her friend Jordan Lee from Hawaii after gaining the top of the 72-stone steps, known as the "Rocky Steps," at the entrance of Philadelphia Museum of Art. Pinkoski and other Natives attended the 2012 College Horizon program.

Family Fun Day at JKL Bahweting Academy



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Travis Theel, third and fourth grade volunteer, basketball coach and college student, sang to the school children and their families at the Family Fun Day on the last day of JKL Bahweting summer school.



Photo by Lori Zenker

Due to bad weather, the fun day had to be held indoors, but everyone adjusted and had a great time. Above, a round of bingo.



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Sisters Missy and Chelsea Zenker also took a turn at entertaining the lunch crowd.



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

School volunteers prepared and handed out healthful lunches to all the participants.



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Emily Cornwell and her little sister Elea Cornwell enjoy lunch at the Family Fun Day under the watchful eye of their mom, Gretchen, across the table.

STEM camp at BMCC



Photo by Dawn Griffin

Sault Tribe students from Hessel and Kinross attended a Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) camp at Bay Mills Community College during Aug. 6 through Aug. 10 with Hessel Youth Education and Activities coordinators Lisa Burnside and Dawn Griffin. The students worked with several different hands-on experiments throughout the week. The program was sponsored by the Department of Defense and NASA.

LaPlaunt named manager of St. Ignace clinic

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Cheryl LaPlaunt, a long-time employee with 25 years of service under her belt, was recently hired as the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services St. Ignace Clinic Manager.

She began working for the tribe in 1987 and in January 1988 transferred to Community Health where she remained for the past 24 years. She began as a community health representative and that title was eventually changed to Community Health Technician (CHT) to more accurately reflect the job. During her 10 years as a CHT, she decided to return to school for her nursing degree. She graduated in 1998 as an RN and pushed herself beyond that for another year and earned her

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

She then transitioned into a part-time diabetes case coordinator position for Community Health while also working part-time as a Community Health nurse where she was eventually promoted to nurse supervisor.

LaPlaunt credits some of her success to her mentors and former co-workers Sandy Reining and Ruth Theising. She added she had a lot of encouragement over the years from tribal board members Cathy Abramson and Aaron Payment. Deciding she still had more to accomplish, she returned to school a few years ago to earn her Master's degree in Public Administration from Northern Michigan University. She com-



Cheryl LaPlaunt

pleted her coursework for that degree and is working on her thesis. She has also earned a minor in Health Care Administration.

A single mother with a son to support, she said the road was often difficult and paved with sacrifices. Today, her 24-year-old son is proud of her accomplishments, as are her parents, Sault residents Robert "Bob" and Mary Hoffman.

Although nursing school is both emotionally and physically draining, she said, if she had to do it all over again she would. "I am glad that somebody believed in me," she said. "I still have a journey to complete and am very excited and humbled by this new position — what a wonderful team down there; they are amazing! It was hard leaving the team in the Sault; they are all amazing there as well."

She has a lot of offer the St.

Ignace clinic, she said, adding the nature of health care is change. "It isn't a place to be if you don't like change," she said. "The ride can be bumpy but it is exciting what you can do to contribute. My world revolves around health and people."

LaPlaunt describes herself as hard working, dedicated and honest. Since her new position means driving every day from the Sault to St. Ignace, as she has met others doing the same thing she has organized a car pool with three other employees.

LaPlaunt also works part-time as an RN for Home Health and Hospice of Chippewa County when she is needed to fill in for evening, weekend and holiday hours.

STAY brings Meier back to Sault



Photo by Rick Smith

Sault Tribe Alive Youth sponsored a return speaking engagement on cyberbullying and suicide prevention by Tina Meier on Aug. 29 in Sault Ste. Marie. The free, public presentation took place at the Cisler Center on the campus of Lake Superior State University. Meier makes appearances across the nation and other countries on many television network stations on syndicated talk shows and appears as a keynote speaker at public schools, youth rallies, Internet safety summits and education programs discussing the subjects of cyberbullying and suicide prevention. She lost her daughter, Megan, to suicide in 2006 as a result of cyberbullying. Learn more on the subjects at www.meganmeierfoundation.org or contact Sault Tribe Alive Youth.

2012 Sault Tribe flu vaccination schedule

The tribe's Community Health Program set its flu shot clinics for this flu season. The shots are free of charge to Sault Tribe members and other members of a federally recognized tribe, \$10 for everyone else.

ESCANABA AREA*
Fri., Oct. 19, Escanaba Salvation Army, 18 and older, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

HESSEL AREA
Wed., Oct. 10, Hessel Tribal Health Center, 9 – 4
Wed., Oct. 24, Hessel Tribal Health Center, 9 – 4
Thurs., Oct. 25, Hessel casino employees, 11 – 3

Wed., Nov. 28, Hessel Tribal Health Center, 9 – 4

MANISTIQUE AREA
Thurs., Oct. 18, Manistique Tribal Health Center (adults only), 9 – 12 and 1 – 3

Wed., Oct. 24, Manistique Tribal Health Center (adults only), 9 – 12

Wed., Oct. 31, Manistique Tribal Health Center (adults only), 1 – 3

TBA, Manistique Kewadin casino employees, TBA

MARQUETTE AREA*
Tues., Oct. 16, Salvation

Army (Marquette), 18 and older, 10 – 2

MUNISING AREA
Tues., Oct. 16, Munising Tribal Health Center 9 – 3

Tues., Oct. 23, Munising Tribal Health Center 9 – 12
Thurs., Oct. 25, Christmas CASINO (employees) TBA

Tues., Oct. 30, Munising Tribal Health Center 9 – 12
Tues., Nov. 6, Munising Tribal Health Center 9 – 12

NEWBERRY AREA
Tues., Oct. 16, Newberry Tribal Health Center, 8 – 4:30

Mon., Oct. 29, Newberry Tribal Health Center, 8 – 4:30
Mon., Nov. 12, Newberry Tribal Health Center, 8 – 4:30

SAULT AREA
Tues., Oct. 9, Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 8 – 4:45

Wed., Oct. 10, Sault Tribe Elder Care, adults only, 10:30 – 1

Fri., Oct. 19, Housing Authority, employees only, 11:30 – 4
Tues., Oct. 23, Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 8 – 4:45

Wed., Nov. 7, Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 8 – 4:45

Tues., Nov. 27, Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 8 – 4:45

TBA Vegas Kewadin casino employees, TBA

ST. IGNACE AREA
Wed., Oct. 10, St. Ignace Elder Care (McCann School) elders only, 10 – 3

Thurs., Oct. 11, St. Ignace Tribal Health Center, 10 – 4
Thurs., Oct. 18, St. Ignace Tribal Health Center, 10 – 4

Thurs., Oct. 25, Kewadin Shores, casino employees, 9 – 4

For more information please call one of the following clinics:
Hessel Tribal Health Center at (906) 484-2727

Manistique Tribal Health Center at (906) 341-8469
Munising Tribal Health Center at (906) 387-4614

Newberry Tribal Health Center at (906) 293-8181
Sault Community Health Program at 632-5210

* Children 17 and under can visit a tribal health centers or go to the local health departments to be vaccinated, which is free because of their Native American status.

St. Ignace clinic gets new dentist

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Lani Hoshaw DDS was hired recently as a dentist at the St. Ignace Health Center. She moved to Sault Ste. Marie from Taos, N.M., after accepting the position.

Hoshaw earned her dental degree 15 years ago from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and has since worked on the Navajo Reservation in Tonado, N.M., for almost four years before going into practice with a partner in Taos for the past 10 years.

Originally from Indiana, she decided she needed to be closer to home as her parents aged. She said she is happy that she can now get in her car and seven hours later be greeting her husband and mother in Indiana. Sadly, on the day of her move, her father passed away.

Her husband, Carlos Bermudez, is an artist who originally hails from the Windy City. "I like it here and my husband loves it up here," she said. "I think we will all eventually end up here."

This is Hoshaw's second career. She is a former chemist for a division of Bayer that did

home diabetes testing. She said it was difficult going back to school to start at new career at 35 but it has all been worth it. "I have lived places I never would have lived had I not been to dental school," she said, "it has given me a good lifestyle."

Her mother is Japanese and her father was from Indiana. "I am told I look like I am American Indian a lot," she said. "Elderly Navajo people used to come up to me speaking in their language and assuming I was one of them."

Hoshaw said she loved the southwest and decided that when she moved she wanted to look for a totally different experience. The biggest difference she has noticed since her move here is that "there is water everywhere."

Hoshaw says she owns a pair of snowshoes and also hopes to get in some cross-country skiing this winter. She is also looking forward to exploring the area with her husband while spending time outdoors camping.

To make an appointment at the St. Ignace Dental Clinic, call 643-8698 or (877) 256-0135.



Lani Hoshaw DDS

Prevention: Are you at risk for diabetes?

BY LINDA COOK BSN RN

Preventing Type 2 diabetes has major benefits right now. We are in the midst of an epidemic of Type 2 diabetes — a disease that can be prevented but people must be willing to change their daily lifestyle.

Risk factors for Type 2 diabetes include:

Age. As we get older, our risk of acquiring Type 2 diabetes increases.

Weight. If you are overweight with a BMI of 25 or greater, ask your doctor or other healthcare

provider about this.

Family history. Having a parent, brother or sister with diabetes put you at higher risk for diabetes.

Race/ethnicity. If you are an American Indian you are at very high risk of getting diabetes.

Gestational diabetes. If you had gestational diabetes (diabetes that occurs during pregnancy and most often goes away after delivery), your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes later on is increased.

If you have given birth to a baby weighing more than 9 pounds,

you are also at risk.

Blood pressure. 140/90 or higher means you are at higher risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

Cholesterol. HDL cholesterol less than 40 in men and less than 50 for women and triglycerides 250 or higher puts you at higher risk.

Inactive lifestyle. Exercise less than three times a week and your risk increases.

Many of the above risks can be improved with dietary changes and starting, or increasing, exer-

cise. But knowing your risk and talking to your doctor about getting screened for pre-diabetes is also important.

Pre-diabetes is diagnosed by having a fasting blood glucose drawn by the lab and the results being higher than 99mg/dl, but less than 126mg/dl. Normal blood glucose is less than 100mg/dl.

Pre-diabetes knows no age boundaries, meaning adults, teens and even children need to be screened.

There are many tools out there people to use to make changes.

One of them is *Small Steps, Big Rewards*, which can be found at www.ndep.nih.gov or by calling, toll free, (800) 438-5383.

If you would like more information about pre-diabetes, please call 632-5210 and ask for Linda Cook, diabetes case manager in the Sault, or 643-8689 and ask for Bridget Beatty, diabetes case manager in St. Ignace.

Linda Cook BSN RN is a diabetes case manager with the Sault Tribe Community Health Program in Sault Ste. Marie.

Sault Tribe Bike to Work Week gets results

FROM SAULT TRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL

Cars are one of the major contributors to air pollution — they are responsible for the direct emission of pollutants and also emit components that react to form secondary pollutants. Cars produce volatile organic compounds, oxides of nitrogen, carbon monoxide, particulate matter and carbon dioxide.

Gases such as carbon dioxide trap solar energy in the earth's

atmosphere influencing global temperature which contributes to global warming. The increasing global temperature will threaten the human race if it continues to increase at the current rate.

Volatile organic compounds and oxides of nitrogen react in sunlight to form ground level ozone which threatens human and agricultural health.

Toxins from car emissions contribute to cancer and non-cancer health effects including neu-

rological, cardiovascular, liver, kidney, respiratory, immune and reproductive effects.

From Aug. 20 through 26, the Sault Tribe Environmental Department held Bike to Work Week to encourage reduction of air pollution by using non polluting sources of transportation. At the end of the week, participants sent in the total miles biked during the week.

Participants of the event biked a total of 818 miles during the

week! This prevented about 220 kilograms of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere.

It is not difficult to contribute to the reduction of air pollution if you take easy steps like biking or walking more often. Biking instead of driving just once a week makes a difference!

Thank you to all the participants: Crystal Bole, Dave Bourgeault, Ken Vargas, Scott Parker, Virginia Lane, Nick Wong and Stephen Kosacz!



Ken Vargas contributed to the 818 miles biked during the event.

Addiction: Chronic but treatable brain disorder

KAREN SENKUS, CHIPPEWA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

What is addiction? It is a subject that touches all our lives. One in four Americans has a family member who is struggling with addiction. Addiction affects over 22 million Americans, yet fewer than 10 percent of those individuals receives treatment.

Many of us can use substances or become engaged in activities without any significant problems. Some people, however, may experience damaging psychological or physical effects when their habit becomes an addiction.

Put simply, with a habit you are in control of your choices, with an addiction you are not in control of your choices. The National Institute on Drug Abuse defines drug addiction as a chronic, relapsing brain disease that is characterized by compulsive drug seeking and use, despite damaging consequences. It is considered a brain disease because drugs change the brain and how it func-

tions. Further, these brain changes can be permanent and can result in the harmful behaviors often seen in people who abuse drugs.

Drug addiction is a chronic, but treatable, brain disorder. People who are addicted to drugs cannot control their need for alcohol or other drugs, even in the face of negative health, social or legal consequences. This lack of control is the result of alcohol- or drug-induced changes in the brain. Those changes, in turn, cause behavior changes.

The most common reasons people begin using drugs are to feel good, feel better, perform better, because they are curious, and because others are using them. Hence, people do not use drugs because they want to have a bad experience. Rather, many initial experiences of drug taking produces some pleasurable effects.

Doctors say there is a link between the repeated use of an addictive substance and how the

human brain experiences pleasure — its use has a nice reward, leading to further and more frequent use. The addictive substance — be it nicotine, alcohol or some drug — actually causes physical changes in some nerve cells in the brain.

After a while, users of the potentially addictive substance do not get the same pleasure and have to increase the dose because their body's tolerance to it increases. Eventually, the user no longer experiences pleasure from the substance and takes it simply to prevent withdrawal symptoms; taking the substance just makes them feel normal. Experts say that when tolerance increases, the risk of addiction is much greater.

Because the media, in particular, has portrayed addicts as hopeless, unhappy people whose lives are falling apart, many people with addictions do not believe they are addicted as long as they are enjoying themselves and they are holding their lives together.

The harm of addiction may only be recognized when the addicted person goes through a crisis. This can happen when the addictive substance or behavior is taken away completely, and the person goes into withdrawal and cannot cope. Or it can occur as a consequence of the addiction, such as a serious illness, a partner leaving, or loss of a job.

It takes tremendous courage to face the possibility of personal addiction. A willingness to ask and answer some difficult questions will be necessary to identify whether you or a loved one has an addiction.

If signs and symptoms of addiction are noticed in a loved one, don't shy away from asking questions and evaluating the situation. Addictions can be more than unpleasant — they can become downright destructive and it is dangerous to ignore the early signs.

If you or a loved one is suffering because of a substance

abuse problem, help is available from any of the following local resources:

- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (635-6075)
- Bay Mills Substance Abuse Services (248-3208)
- Chippewa County Health Dept. (635-1566)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers (632-9809)
- Weber and Devers Psychological Services (635-7270)

Web resources:
www.addictions.about.com/od/howaddictionhappens/a/defaddiction.htm
www.hbo.com/addiction/
www.medicalnewstoday.com/info/addiction/
www.nida.gov

For information about local coalitions that promote the prevention of substance abuse, please contact Karen Senkus at the Chippewa County Health Department at 635-1566.

Back to School: How to keep kids tobacco free

FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OFFICE ON SMOKING AND HEALTH

As the new school year begins, parents and caregivers start thinking about preparing their children for the upcoming year. For parents of middle schoolers and teens, how to keep kids from using tobacco products might not seem as serious as other issues. In fact, some parents may feel that smoking is a "rite of passage" and that kids who start will outgrow the behavior as they get older. However, once teens start using tobacco, they can quickly become addicted, and that addiction can lead to a lifetime of serious health problems. The best way for parents to protect their children from tobacco-related health problems

The Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project is working on preventing Sault Tribe youth from starting commercial tobacco use. This initiative will include working with retailers who sell tobacco to prevent sales of tobacco to minors and to provide tobacco cessation programs for youth who want to quit using commercial tobacco. For more information on this Sault Tribe initiative please contact Colleen Commons, Health Education supervisor, at 632-5210.

(including asthma, heart disease, cancer and lung damage) is to prevent tobacco use altogether. With so many high-risk activities available in today's culture, par-

enting adolescents can sometimes feel overwhelming. However, the risks associated with smoking — and with other tobacco use that often leads to smoking — are just as overwhelming. Despite decades of health warnings, 46 million Americans still smoke cigarettes today. More than 70 percent of them want to quit, but nicotine addiction is so powerful, quitting is very difficult and many smokers just give up trying.

Nearly half a million die from smoking every year — an average of 13 years earlier than their peers who don't smoke — and for every smoker who dies, 20 more live with at least one serious chronic disease caused by smoking. More than 3.6 million middle school and high school students smoke cigarettes; one out of three teen

smokers will ultimately die from a tobacco-related disease. That is not a future parents want for their children.

The key is prevention, because nearly 90 percent of smokers start smoking before they're 18 and almost no one starts after age 25. To help keep your children from starting to use tobacco, take these important steps:

— Tell your children emphatically and often how dangerous smoking is — and how addictive all tobacco products are.

— Make your home and your car tobacco-free for everyone — friends and guests as well as family members.

— Tell your children you expect them to be tobacco-free.

— Ask your child's doctor to discuss health issues caused by

tobacco use — including nicotine addiction.

— Encourage your children to be involved in activities at school, church, or in the community.

— Don't let your children see movies, TV programming, or video games that show tobacco use.

— Find out where your community stands on policies known to reduce tobacco use by youth, such as school-based tobacco bans, smoke-free policies, and higher prices on tobacco products.

— Set a good example by not using tobacco yourself.

For more information about how to prevent youth from tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, visit www.cdc.gov/features/backtoschool.

October ash tree seed collection

It's that time of year again folks! With the invading emerald ash borer (EAB) quickly moving into our area, it is extremely important to get out and collect ash tree seeds to store for our future generations.

Sault Tribe's Environmental Department started a seed bank in 2010 to prepare for the detrimental loss of our culturally significant ash trees. The EAB is native to China and eastern Asia and was discovered in Michigan in 2002. This beetle may be small but it has huge impacts. The Environmental Department has been setting purple traps in local ash trees as a monitoring method

and traps will be taken down and checked in September.

The goal is to collect ash seeds from 100 mother trees in October, and your help would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer some of your time, or if you know of stands of native ash trees we should collect from, please contact Tammy Tremblay, seed and native species technician, at 632-5575, extension 73058, or email ttremblay@saulttribe.net.

At right, Tammy Tremblay hugs a black ash on Sugar Island as she and Crystal Bole hang EAB traps.



ITFAP helps out at Cabela's walleye tournament



Photo by Rick Smith

The Inter-Tribal Fisheries Assessment Program was once again on hand for the recent Cabela Master's Walleye Tournament in Sault Ste. Marie. From left, program technician Dave Pine and fellow technician and boat captain Richard Reining fill holding tanks with river water. Fish caught during the tournament will be handed over to personnel from the program for evaluation and proper release back into the river. At the same time, ITFAP staff can collect a lot of important information about the fish before they release them. Ed Reining of the Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau expressed appreciation for the assistance of the program's staff in handling and returning the fish for the competition.

Environmental Department builds Sault nursery

BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Tribe Environmental Department is constructing 72-by-30 foot, Gothic-style hoop house on private property in Sault Ste. Marie. Seed and native species technician Tammy Tremblay, who is coordinating the development, explained the structure is intended as a nursery to grow food

crops and a variety of native plants for restoration projects. She indicated that other departments of the tribe will be invited to share space in the nursery once the construction is finished. Departments like traditional medicine and foods along with other entities such as the local tribal community garden may be especially interested in taking

advantage of the opportunity.

Funding for the nursery came from a 2010 Environmental Quality Incentive Program Grant application through the Natural Resources Conservation Service, according to Tremblay. The service approved the \$6500 grant to the Environmental Department to build a hoop house by the end of September 2012.

Announcing waterfowl regulations for 2012

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' harvest tag entitlements, among many other things, tribal members to hunt waterfowl. Sault Tribe's waterfowl regulations are subject to approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service every year, with final approval coming this year at the end of August.

Here are this year's regulations:

Mourning doves — Season dates: Open Sept. 1, through Nov. 14, 2012. Daily bag limit: 10 doves.

Ducks — Season dates: Open Sept. 15, through Dec. 31, 2012. Daily bag limits: 20, including no more than five canvasback, five black duck and five wood duck.

Mergansers — Season dates: Open Sept. 15, through Dec. 31, 2012. Daily bag limit: 10, only five of which may be hens.

Geese — Season dates: Open Sept. 1, through Dec. 31, 2012. Daily bag limit: 20 in the aggregate.

Coots and gallinule — Season dates: Open Sept. 1, through Dec. 31, 2012. Daily bag limit: 20 in

the aggregate.

Woodcock — Season dates: Open Sept. 2, through Dec. 1, 2012. Daily bag limits: 10.

Common snipe — Season dates — Open Sept. 15, through Dec. 31, 2012. Daily bag limits: 16.

Sora and Virginia Rails — Season Dates: Open Sept. 1, through Dec. 31, 2012. Daily bag limits: 20 in the aggregate.

General — Possession limits are twice the daily bag limits except for rails, of which the possession limit equals the daily bag limit (20). Tribal members must possess a tribal hunting permit from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe pursuant to tribal law.

Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Hunters must observe all other basic federal migratory bird hunting regulations in 50 CFR part 20.

Contact Inland Fish and Wildlife Department's Randy Aikens, Permitting and Reporting, at raikens@saulttribe.net or by phone at (906) 632-6132 with any questions.

Give back to Mother Earth on Sept. 20

The Sault Tribe Environmental Department has organized an annual event doing something beneficial for Mother Earth where team members can help enhance the community, socialize, network and have fun without having to worry about missing work.

Our ecological footprint is a measure of human demand on the earth's ecosystems. This demand is measured and calculated annually and the results are given on Ecological Overshoot Day, which this year falls in September. It's a great time to hold our annual Give Back to Mother Earth event. A Give Back to Mother Earth committee was formed from the Housing, Cultural, Kewadin, Law Enforcement, Inland Fish

and Wildlife and Environmental departments. This year's plan is for team members to help plant more trees at the Odenaang subdivision windbreak site. About 2,500 trees have been planted at this site and 3,000 more will be planted this month.

At the Sept. 20 event, we plan to replace trees that didn't survive the June planting. We will start the day off with an opening ceremony at the new triplexes, where Chairperson Aaron Payment will plant the first tree.

Department managers and staff are encouraged to take part in this event. For more information, please contact Tammy Tremblay at 632-5575 or ttremblay@saulttribe.net.



Photo by Rick Smith

New plant nursery under construction off of Seymour Street between Marquette Avenue and 3 Mile Road in Sault Ste. Marie.

"A hoop house allows for extended growing seasons," said Tremblay, "a definite advantage given the Upper Peninsula's climate."

The hoop house is on a piece of Sault Tribe trust land known as the "Roy parcel" situated along Seymour Street between Marquette Avenue and 3 Mile Road. Tremblay said the site is an open area susceptible to high winds and snowdrifts, so the peaked roof of the Gothic style for the hoop house was selected to facilitate snow sliding off of it in the winter. Further, the design and construction of the nursery is heavy-duty and will withstand the winds characteristics of the area.

"I'm hoping to have the hoop house complete by Sept. 14," said Tremblay. "We are open to ideas on ways we can tie in more community involvement with our new structure, could be educational programs or plant starter projects for community gardens. We are a small department and all grant funded, so any help to get the hoop house operational

would be fantastic!"

Those interested in making inquiries should call the Sault Tribe Environmental Department at 632-5575.

Tremblay noted Environmental Department staff, namely Crystal Bole, Tesha Zimmerman, Hayley Moen, Joe McKerchie, Nathan Freitas and herself, assumed responsibility for the construction and are grateful for their luck in having some volunteers come out to help. They are thankful for help from Marlene Porcaro, Barb Smutek, Dr. Greg Zimmerman, Tasha Therrien and Jake, Kevin Parr, Dan and Elisa Cotter and Bob Flowers. They give special thanks to George Solomon for allowing the use of his scaffolding, Sault Tribe Health Department for the use of their generator, Sault Tribe Housing Authority for preparing the construction site, Sault Tribe Police Department for watching over the site after hours and to all of the volunteers.

Construction of the nursery began on Aug. 22.

The New Sault Tribe Constitution Will Empower Our People



**Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson
“Proudly Representing
All Members Everywhere”**

I am dedicating this issue to our future in respect and to honor of our past leaders like Fred L. Hatch, Mary Murray, and many others who adopted a Constitution in 1975 because we had to in order to become recognized. They fully intended future generations to fix this inappropriate ‘corporate charter’ document when the opportunity presented itself. Well folks, guess what, that day is today!

The new Constitution is not perfect but it is a giant leap forward and a significant improvement over what we have today which is an all powerful single branch of government. Regardless of who is in office, the potential currently exists for a government that answers to no one and ignores the people. The new Constitution moves us forward like most other tribes in the nation who have separated governmental powers and become real governments.

Currently, you have no guaranteed rights! The new Constitution guarantees these rights are not left to the benevolence of any seated Chair or Board of Directors. **I ask myself, if not now, when?**

RIGHTS RESERVED TO YOU ‘THE PEOPLE’

Many do not fully understand the authority your Tribal government has over you. This is one instance where ignorance is not bliss as laws can be enacted to affect your life as Members including

your continued membership. In the new Constitution, your rights are derived from you the people and your sovereignty protected. *Article I ~ Sovereignty*, reads:

Sec. 1. Source of Sovereignty. The people shall be the source of all governing authority and power vested in the Tribe by this Constitution.

Sec. 3. Delegation of Sovereignty. The government shall exercise only the authority and powers granted by the people in the Constitution.

Sec. 4. Reserved Powers. Powers not granted to the government shall be reserved to the People.

BILL OF RIGHTS

These DO NOT exist in any substantive form in our current Constitution. A snapshot of these rights includes:

Article II. Bill of Rights. Free Speech; Right to Petition Government for Redress of Grievances; Protection against Illegal Search and Seizure or Arrest without Probable Cause; Protection Against Excessive Bail and Fines; Real Employment Due Process in-

cluding Protection against Employment Retribution; Enforceable Indian Preference in Hiring, etc. Though various protection do exist in Tribal law, they are not guaranteed rights; in the new Constitution, they will be.

SEPARATION OF POWERS

You currently have one branch of government. The origins of the concept of a separation of powers can be found in the writings of founding father, Benjamin Franklin who patterned these after the *Iroquois Great Law of Peace*. Thus, this concept is steeped in our own beliefs. I am proud that our American form of democracy and that which has liberated nations around the globe was patterned after our Indian way. Isn’t it time that our own people benefit from the wisdom of this insight?

Article V. Sec. 1. Branches of Government. There shall be one Legislative branch, one Executive Branch, and one Judicial Branch. There shall be a system of separa-

tion of powers and checks and balances between branches of government. No branch of government or official of any branch of government shall exercise any power granted in this Constitution or properly delegated by law to any other branch of government except as expressly directed or permitted by this Constitution and each branch shall act as a check and balance upon the actions of the other branches as permitted by this Constitution.

At the time I write this report, it is the day before the Board will act [or not] to move forward. I will provide updates on our progress.

Chi Miigwitch, Negee,

Aaron

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Facebook: ‘Aaron Payment’
Also, check out the ‘Sault Tribe Guide’ on Facebook.

WIN \$1,000 CASH!

Just send me an email and have your name placed in a drawing to win \$1,000 Cash! The deadline has been extended to November 15th.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE APPOINTED 2005; FINAL DRAFT SUBMITTED 2007; IT’S NOW 2012! IF NOT NOW, WHEN?!!

Chairperson Payment Meets with Tribal Members

As promised, I am reinstating Tribal Chair meetings with the Members in a location near you. For the most part, throughout the service area, I will join existing meetings. Additional meetings have be reinstated in lower Michigan with a plan to expand to additional locations. Please come to have your say and to receive Tribal Updates. ~ Aaron

Date	Location	Time	Event	Building	Address
Monday, October 1st	Munising	5pm	Elder Committee	Munising Tribal Center	622 W. Superior St.
Tuesday, October 2nd	Mackinac Island	5pm	Regular Meeting	City Building - Council Meetings	1 Market St.
Wednesday, October 3rd	Sault Ste. Marie	12pm	Elder Committee	Nokomis/Mishomis Center	2076 Shunk Rd.
Thursday, October 4th	Marquette	6pm	Elder Committee	Holiday Inn	1951 U.S. 41
Friday, October 5th	Cheboygan	4pm	Community Meeting	Inverness Township Hall	734 W. VFW Rd.
Saturday, October 6th	Detroit	10am	Community Meeting	American Indian Health and Family Serivces Building	4880 Lawndale
Saturday, October 6th	Detroit	12pm	Community Meeting	American Indian Health and Family Serivces	4880 Lawndale
Saturday, October 6th	Okemos	4pm	Community Meeting	Nokomis Learning Center	5151 Marsh Rd.
Sunday, October 7th	Grand Rapids	1pm	Community Meeting	Ramada Plaza	3333 28th St. S.E.
Wednesday, October 10th	Manistique	12pm	Elder Committee	Manistique Tribal Center	5698 U.S. 2
Friday, October 12th	St. Ignace	12pm	Elder Committee	McCann School	399 McCann St.
Monday, October 15th	Hessel	12pm	Elder Committee	Hessel Tribal Center	3535 Nopaming
Monday, October 15th	Munising	4pm	Elder Committee	Munising Tribal Center	622 W. Superior
Tuesday, October 16th	St. Ignace	All day	Regular Meeting	McCann School	399 McCann St.
Thursday, October 18th	Escanaba	5:30pm	Elder Committee	Willow Creek Professional Building	3500 Ludington St.
Friday, October 19th	Newberry	11am	Elder Committee	Zellars Village Inn	7552 M -123
Monday, October 22nd	Newberry	12:30pm	Elder Advisory	Newberry Tribal Center	4935 Zeez-ba-tik Ln.
Wednesday, October 31st	Naubinway	6:30pm	Elder Committee	Naubinway Pavilion	2 blocks S. of Blinking light on US2



For more information, please call Ashley at 906-635-6050 or toll free at 1-800-793-0660
Changes to this Schedule Will be Posted to the Tribal Website at www.saulttribe.com



Health delivery system is our immediate need



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

Sometimes the challenges we face in life can seem overwhelming. I recall a childhood teaching I learned, that the Creator will never burden you with more than you can handle. I keep reminding myself of that lesson as my husband Richard, faces the 27th day

of a battle for his life. Surgical complications from a relatively routine procedure have resulted in three near death incidents and four subsequent surgeries in a matter of 15 days.

I'm reluctant to use this space to shine a light on my family's own personal problems, but we've received so many calls and inquiries from tribal members who know my Richard (and those who don't know him), that I wanted to take this opportunity to update and to thank everyone for your prayers, your pipes, semah, your words of encouragement, cards and acts of kindness. It's been a test of the depths of personal endurance. It would be an insurmountable challenge without the support of community. And I thank the Creator for the gift of your support.

I'm also very grateful for the

great health insurance I have. As a retired federal employee, I have (FEHB) Federal Employee Health Benefits. I don't utilize the health insurance benefit offered to me by the tribe. But I do use our tribal health clinics, and they are then able to bill my insurance and utilize the revenue for operational purposes.

As I sit here at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Mich., I constantly think about all our tribal members access to quality health care. How many of our tribal members have no health insurance coverage; how many rely solely on our own Sault Tribe health system; how many refuse to enroll for Medicaid or even Medicare under the misguided idea that the federal government gives our tribe sufficient funds to adequately meet the healthcare

needs of our citizens; how many have no access to our health system because they live too far away; and most importantly, I'm concerned about the adequacy and quality of health care we are able to deliver. These things weigh heavy on my mind.

I admit I was cynically amused by a bucket list of "priorities" a new board member recently presented for immediate action. No mention therein of health care! We are a tribe with 40,000 members, 80 percent of whom live in the state of Michigan. We have an opportunity to profoundly expand the access and availability of health services to our tribal members who reside in the state of Michigan under the provisions of Indian Health Care Improvement Act under the larger Affordable Care Act.

An ambitious effort to ramp up, devote resources and drive this opportunity to reality should be our No. 1 priority! Because it won't be accomplished for us. Without bold leadership at the board level, our health delivery system will be unable to broaden its scope to bring quality health care to all our members, regardless of where they live in Michigan. I recognize that it's an overwhelming task. It will be a test of the depth of our leadership. But it's not an insurmountable challenge, especially if the chairman makes it his No. 1 priority. And with the support of our tribal community and the board, it can become a reality.

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Catherine Hollowell
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BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

— JKL Bahweting School held its annual welcome back BBQ during the first week of school. The turnout was amazing and a great time was had by all. Left, third grader Lily Izzard and first grader Coralee Seppala are all smiles after a fun-filled day of learning and eating dinner with friends. At right, Reading Recovery teacher Barb Rogers was on clean up duty at the BBQ.

(Photos courtesy JKL School)



Board members: tribal leaders or politicians?



DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I

Ahniin kina gwaya! Hope all is well.

This new board has been working at getting up to speed on all the various projects we have going. It's an overwhelming time for new board members because of all the information they need to digest and understand is enormous. I have to say that the new members are doing great and I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in this next session.

I believe one of the biggest questions you are faced with when joining the board is this: Are you a tribal leader or are you a politician?

It is my belief that each are very different and the main thing that separates them in Indian Country is this:

The politician will tell you what you want to hear —

A tribal leader will tell you what you need to hear.

This can be a hard thing to do since most people want what they want and there are things that we, as tribal leaders, cannot go around broadcasting due to the federal and state government watching our every move.

I came to this question early on in my first two years. Faced with tribal members asking questions about any numerous topics,

I had to ask them, "Do you want me to tell you what is really going on or do you want me to tell you what you want to hear?" I say this because what is going may not be what you want to hear." I found myself saying this quite often hence the question of, "what are you?"

I made the decision early on to strive at being a tribal leader. I want my tribe to be safe. You, as a tribal member, need to be told the truth and at times, the truth may not align with what you want. We need to be careful with the "what we want" versus "what we need" when making decisions for the longevity of our tribe.

In closing, there was an error in the print about my phone number. As in the old way, you take what you need. I am currently paying for my own phone. I did not take a tribal number and the number that has been floating around is the one I was assigned and then declined when I decided to pay for my own phone.

This is my number: (906) 440-1334. Please feel free to call me anytime.

Baamaapii kowaabmin kina gwaya! Nengache! (take it easy).
Sincerely,
Debra-Ann Pine

Sorenson gets up to speed, sets office hours



BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

On Aug. 18, Aaron, Denny, Catherine, Cecil and I were present at the Larry Grimes estate

auction where the tribe purchased the 26 acres with home, including the cemetery, for just under \$155,000. This was a great day for our members who have family buried there. I do think this should have been taken care of years ago when Larry approached the tribe. From there I went to enjoy the Hessel powwow. Lana, Catherine and their community did a great job putting it together.

On Aug. 22, Darcy, Denise, Denny, Joan and I met in Lansing for a lunch meeting and property tour with Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, his staff and the Lansing casino developer, to discuss why Lansing is "the place to build our casino." Such reasons are the City of Lansing wants us there and are being very accommodating (unlike Greektown); Lansing Community College, Cooley Law School, Davenport College and

Michigan State University are nearby; the Capitol Building is a few blocks away; and both the temporary casino and the permanent casino will be connected to the Lansing Center (conventions) and there is easy access to and from the casino. I think that if we do move forward to build the casino, we should consider allowing 18 year olds to gamble, with all the colleges nearby.

Later that day, we met with United Tribes of Michigan to discuss the November Michigan ballot proposal to add eight non-Indian gaming casinos in Michigan. At the time of the meeting, it was not going to be placed on the ballot, and still may not, but we must be prepared to lobby against this as it will devastate Indian gaming and being able to provide services to our members. If this does appear on the

ballot, please ask everyone you know to vote "NO."

On Aug. 24, Keith, Aaron and I walked behind the Unit III elder's float in the first annual Heritage Parade as part of St. Ignace's Heritage Week. We had a great time and threw lots of candy. I was very pleased with the amount of participation and organization by Mary Beth Powers and the community and I look forward to this event growing in the years to come.

On Aug. 25, I attended the Rendezvous at the Straits PowWow along with Aaron. It was a beautiful day for a powwow, and extremely hot, especially for those in regalia. Daryl Brown and the community do a great job with this event. I do, however, miss the old days of the powwow being held downtown on the Museum of

Ojibwe Culture's property. It was easier to access and many people stopped by when they were driving through town.

We have been very busy trying to move the tribe forward, and it seems like every time we meet, 10 new things come up that we need to discuss or deal with. I suggested that we need to prioritize what items are the most important and take care of them first.

It looks like my office hours will be on Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. at the old Lambert Center unless meetings or conferences come up that I need to attend. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns or to set up an appointment: bsorenson@saulttribe.net, (906) 643-2123 (office) or (906) 430-0536 (cell).

Trust land applications finally begin to move



KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

I know this is old news, but I would like to tell you how pleased we are that the tribe made sure the Wequayoc Cemetery was not allowed to fall into private hands. The tribe purchased the cemetery and surrounding house and land in mid-August. We have secured a portion of the land that

has been used for hundreds of years by our ancestors as a burial ground. The surrounding land will also remain sacred and plans are being developed to possibly use these lands, keeping our cultural heritage in mind.

We have approved many grant applications — the tribe has a very good record of being awarded the projects and money of nearly all we apply for — grants for housing, education, health, elder services and environmental, just to name a few. Grants are the main money engine of the tribe. I thank all those who put countless hours and immense care into these proposals so our tribe can prosper.

We recently approved a cooperative agreement with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Inc. for implementation of Honoring our Children Initiative. This initiative is to improve the well being of tribal children up to the

age of 8 years old. It improves education, safe communities and good health. Contact the Inter-Tribal Council (632-6896) for more information.

Last month, we asked Ken Ermatinger, the tribe's gaming commissioner, to seek the chairmanship of the National Tribal Gaming Commission/Regulators. We passed a resolution of support and wish him the best of luck for this appointment. I know Ken very well; he has been employed longer than almost anyone else in the tribe and will do a great job for us if he, indeed, gets this appointment.

After decades of trying to get our land put into trust, the Secretary of the Interior has finally approved a pending parcel. The land put into trust is the Detention Center in St. Ignace. It may seem like no big thing, but it finally breaks a stalemate between the tribe and the Interior

Department. We have 16 or more parcels on application with the Interior Department including the very first building ever owned by the tribe, Greenough. Our oldest pending application is dated March 24, 1994. This piece of land has our USDA program on it. So you can see that the tribe has been frustrated for many years trying to get land put into trust. Maybe the dam has broke and the applications will now be processed.

We have posted for a new Elder Division director and barring any complications a new hire will already have been completed when you read this. Thank you, Sheryl Hammock, for the great job you have done for our elders and good luck in your new job.

The last item I wish to cover is our looming decision on the 2013 budgets. Dennis McKelvie summed it up very well in his last report. The ultimate bottom

line is that we receive approximately \$19 million in revenue from our tribal businesses and our 2013 budget says we are going to spend \$26 million. That is not possible and the only way to do that is to borrow money. Borrowing is not an option in my book. We already have too much debt. Fiscal responsibility lies with the board of directors and its chairman. The question then is: do we live within the actual amount of income we generate now or do we deficit spend, cut programs and employees at a later date or borrow money. I, for one, say make a reasonable budget within our means and do our job to squeeze every penny to get the most services for our members that we can.

Thank you again for the emails and phone calls. Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, kmassaway@msn.com, (906) 643-6981.

Tribe can flourish even with meager resources



JENNIFER MCLEOD, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin Anishnaabeg, In this beautiful Waatebagaa-giizis (Leaves Turning Moon), we can see change all about us. The leaves change from green to

beautiful reds and golds; animals scurry about, building up fat stores before winter; birds begin to gather and prepare for the long journey south. All of creation is preparing for the fast approaching season (winter) that is not so easy to get through, but results in cleansing, purity and new life in the Spring. In many ways, our tribe is also preparing for a time that will not be so easy to get through, but will result in cleansing, purity and new life.

We know our tribe is not defined by our "enterprises." We are Anishnaabe and always will be. But the reality of the modern times we live in forces us to look at other truths as well. We remember a time, not too long ago, when our tribal enterprises did well, and we thought we were

prepared for hard times ahead. Services to our membership were at all-time highs, as were the yearly payments to our elders. However, the truth of "economic hard times" is with us, as it is across the entire United States. We have to find a way economically, to not only survive, but flourish as a people. To that end, our board of directors has been putting in numerous 12-hour days, reviewing, analyzing and searching for solutions. The challenge is great, but we are committed to finding ways to bring new life back to our enterprises.

This past month, in addition to the numerous budget reviews, audit reports, departmental presentations, workshops and board meetings, I have spent time with tribal members, listening, learn-

ing and helping where I can. I have met the vice president of the United States, the governor of the State of Michigan, a state congressman and the mayor of the City of Lansing. I was proud to speak to them about our tribe, and to stress how we need to work together to serve the people we represent. As an educator, the education of our children will always be a priority for me, and I am pleased to report to you that I have been elected chairperson of the JKL Fiduciary Committee, and will continue to serve as the Indian education administrator at Rudyard area schools. In each of these activities, and on a daily basis as well, I am consistently asking myself, "How will this help our people?"

I apologize that my website

is not ready yet, but I am now on Twitter! My first downstate meeting with tribal members is being planned for the first week in October, and will be posted on the tribal website as soon as details are firm. As we move forward, I want to encourage all of you to continue to share your thoughts, concerns and ideas with me. I firmly believe that among us all, we will find the answers we need. Our future lies in our resilience, our strength and our creativity. Even with meager resources, Anishnaabe people can do remarkable things, take frybread, for instance! Meager ingredients, amazing outcome!

Please feel free to contact me by text or phone at (906) 440-9151 or 203-6714; or at jennifer.mcleod.2012@gmail.com.

Revised Constitution back after 5 stagnant years



DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

By the time this paper reaches the membership, the board will have had at least two meetings in September. In our first meeting (scheduled for Sept. 4) we will discuss, and perhaps vote on, putting the 2007 revised Constitution out for a vote of the people. This is a product of two years of work by the Constitutional Convention Committee and came at a cost of over \$400,000.

The revised Constitution has been filed away for five years since being submitted as the compiled work of the committee and subsequently presented to the board for consideration of a full membership vote. It has been a

long time coming and addresses many of the concerns of the membership regarding membership rights and separation of powers.

While I support the new document's ideals, I have concerns and perhaps even reservations about implementation, should it pass with your vote.

My first concern is how to put the entire document into place at one time. So, I will be suggesting a timed implementation whereby the separation of powers, the most integral portion of the document, might be put in place first. I see the balance of the document having a graduated timeline to ensure all facets would be implemented within a set period and according to financial structure (the financial structure being my second concern).

If this document becomes a ballot item, you will be asked to review the proposed constitution and cast your vote. You will be provided with a copy of the document for review and I invite you to ask all questions you may have to ensure you are able to cast an informed vote. By the time you read this, each board member should have a grasp of the consti-

tutional language and be able to provide answers. This is a huge step in restructuring your government. Please, do not be afraid to contact us and ask questions! We work for you and it's our job to impart the details. My dad always said, "There is no such thing as a stupid question, only stupid answers. If you don't know, ask."

BOARD PACE

The board has been tackling governmental issues at a very fast and steady pace. We have worked countless hours looking at what can be restructured to provide more bang for the buck without losing services or cutting employment. The more efficient we become, the more financially stable we will be. Since Chairperson Payment has been in office, our workshops are literally jammed full of issues to discuss and work on. It is a pleasure to work with this board and to see the progress that is made by working together. There is a unified focus on moving forward and I can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Our Training Department has initiated a few new offerings for members and potential

employees. If you need to hone or refresh your skills in any of the business software programs like Word or Excel, or if you would like to get help on how to be a better applicant and increase your chances of getting hired, please contact the Training Department at 632-4971 and ask for a list of the trainings available in your area. They provide a varied training calendar with times to fit almost any schedule.

REMINDER

My favorite season is upon us — fall. I love the smell of the morning air after a frost and of course the glorious colors. With fall, comes children returning to their school regimen; and the streets will be filled with buses in both the mornings and afternoons. PLEASE, be mindful while driving and watch out for students crossing the street to catch the bus and those returning home from school. So often they are preoccupied with all that is youth and they forget to watch for cars as they hurry to the bus stops.

IN CLOSING

I am available via phone, email or by appointment if you care to meet face to face. If you have questions, concerns or input,

please feel free to contact me at dmalloy@saulttribe.net or call me at (906) 440-9762.

Respectfully,
DJ Malloy

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**DAVID
FRIZZELL
AND
JETT
WILLIAMS**

Friday, September 21
at 7:00 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

DreamMakers Theater • Sault Ste. Marie, MI

SEPTEMBER

David Frizzell & Jett Williams

21st | 7 p.m. | Friday | \$18.75 | On Sale Now

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A benefit concert for the KDR Foundation

29th | 7 p.m. | Saturday | \$10.00 | On Sale Now

OCTOBER

Travis Tritt

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

The Band Perry

25th | 7 p.m. | Thursday | \$58.50 | On Sale Now

**Kutless, Fireflight, Rhett Walker Band
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