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## Pinkoski awarded Millennium Scholarship

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault High senior and Sault Tribe member Savanna Pinkoski has been awarded a Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship.



Savanna Pinkoski

Pinkoski said the application process took some time to get through with the eight essays she had to write, her personal information and a list of extra-curricular activities. She will be attending Michigan State University her freshman year and hopes

to transfer to Tennessee for her sophomore year. Her academic interests include math, science, engineering and business. She is undecided at this point on what she would like to major in.

Pinkoski has been involved with the Sault Tribe Teen Court throughout high school by mentoring younger participants, representing the People during Teen Court hearings and providing valuable input as a jury member. "Her commitment to the program while balancing academics, athletics, family, friends and leisure is undoubtedly admirable," said tribal court staff member Amanda Gil. "Savanna brings a sense of pride to our tribal community and we wish her well in her future endeavors."

Along with her academic achievements, Pinkoski is a member of the cross-country and track teams, takes part in Working on Wellness, Students United and the National Honor Society in addition to being part of the Web

Page Design Team that will be headed to the Nationals in Florida for Business Professionals of America (BPA).

A hard worker, Pinkoski has been employed the past two years at a local pizza shop and in October started a second job at a local retail store.

Her business education instructor at the high school,

Cynthia Zain, said, "Way to go Savanna – it couldn't have happened to a more deserving person. Congratulations also on your first place win for BPA! Orlando here we come!" And coach James Martin said, "Humility, grace and exceptionalism are the three words I would use to describe Savanna. She is truly a once in a lifetime student/athlete. I can't

begin to tell you how proud we are of her."

The scholarship program grants 1,000 minority students each year a chance to further their education by paying the cost of their tuition, room and board and books for up to a doctoral degree.

She is the daughter of Tammy Pinkoski of Sault Ste. Marie.

## Michigan declares wolf hunt

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Michigan's Natural Resources Commission (NRC) on May 9 authorized a wolf hunt in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, according to a Michigan DNR press release. The decision came a day after Gov. Rick Snyder signed legislation for the second time that allows wolf hunting in his state.

The Sault Tribe is opposed to wolf hunting along with United Tribes of Michigan. "I am deeply disturbed by the Michigan legislature enacting legislation that is NOT based on science and the manner in which this legislation barreled down a path through a one-party house, senate and governorship," said Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment.

Payment spoke on behalf of wolves and their deep connection with the Anishinaabeg at the Michigan tribes' annual meeting with the governor, held last month. "At our recent State-Tribal Accord meeting between the governor and all 12 Michigan tribes, I cautioned the governor to not sign the bill given our culture, science, and conservation concerns. I specifically said, 'The legislature may ignore the 60,000 or so indigenous people of Michigan, but Governor, please don't ignore the 250,000 Michigan citizens who signed the referendum.'"

Payment added, "The State-Tribal Accord was set up to facilitate better government-to-government relations. I have tried repeatedly to get a meeting with the Governor to share our concerns. At this point, I am questioning the wisdom of my participa-

tion in an Accord where our input is not sought nor included and decisions that affect our shared resources are made unilaterally."

The NRC authorized a kill of 43 wolves in three areas the DNR calls wolf management units: 16 wolves in Gogebic County, 19 wolves in portions of Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon and Gogebic counties; and eight wolves in portions of Luce and Mackinac counties. The season will run from Nov. 15 to Dec. 31 or until 43 wolves have been killed. Hunters can use firearms, crossbows, bow-and-arrow and traps.

The state will sell 1,200 licenses, \$100 for residents and \$500 for non-residents.

In January 2012, wolves in Michigan were removed from the federal list of endangered species. In December 2012, wolves were declared a game species when Gov. Rick Snyder signed Public Act 520 of 2012. A referendum campaign opposing a wolf hunt in Michigan gathered signatures from 253,705 Michigan voters and is being certified by the state's Board of Canvassers. But the new law gives the NRC authority to declare a species a game animal in Michigan.

Michigan Humane Society Director Jill Fritz said efforts to keep wolves from being hunted are far from over. "We are definitely reviewing all of our options, but this is certain — that we will keep up the fight to keep Michigan wolves protected from being hunted and trapped," she said.

## Vandalism exposes asbestos

MARQUETTE — Two buildings owned by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians were discovered vandalized last month, exposing asbestos. Following the worst possible scenario, the tribe notified authorities and closed the buildings until the situation can be assessed.

The buildings, located on the former KI Sawyer base in Marquette, are filled with RVs and boats stored for their owners by a business that has since been evicted. The tribe wants to make sure the building and its contents are safe before opening it to the public.

According to attorney Saulius Mikalonis, after the tribe took possession of the properties, an employee recovered a piece of piping that was found to have

asbestos. The piping came from an act of vandalism in which copper was stripped out of the walls, exposing asbestos that, up until then, was acceptably bound up in a "non-friable" condition, according to Mikalonis.

The tribe acquired the buildings, each about 40,000 square feet, after the closure of the KI Sawyer Air Force Base in 2000. In 2010, the buildings were leased by a business called Second Street Storage, which rented space for RVs and boat storage. When the tenant stopped paying rent and taxes, the tribe started eviction procedures.

Those with property in the storage buildings should contact Sault Tribe's Insurance Dept. at 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783; (906) 635-6050.



Photo by Ed Furton

FIVE GENERATIONS OF FURTONS — Sault Tribe member Leona Furton pictured with her 25th and 26th grandchildren (the 27th has since made its arrival). Left to right, Leona Furton, daughter Gloria (Furton) Lowman, Gloria's daughter Ashley (Lowman) Pele holding Laynie and Gloria's son Jason holding his Valentine's baby, Kennedy Lowman.

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Three membership liaisons, all Sault Tribe members, have been hired to work with the chairperson's office on membership issues and concerns. The job is complex, requiring knowledge of not only the tribe and its practices, but a great deal of administrative experience, the ability to work with data, reporting and to organize special projects and events. They will also respond to and follow up on membership issues to ensure they are resolved.

## UNIT I

**Jennifer Tadgerson** will cover Unit I and also function as Chairperson Aaron Payment's executive assistant: 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; (906) 635-6050 ext. 26359; cell: 203-4252; email: jtadgerson@saulttribe.net.

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## Tribe works on 2014 Farm Bill reform

SAULT STE. MARIE — Sault Tribe leadership and staff have been working on 2014 Farm Bill reforms for the benefit of the tribe and its members. Program and funding legislation that supports the programs and services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is often referred to as the "Farm Bill." The bill offers many important opportunities to fulfill the nation's trust responsibilities to tribes through enhancement and support of important opportunities in multiple and diverse areas: rural economic development, job creation, energy natural resources, agriculture nutrition, health, youth education, technical assistance markets and exports are some of these areas.

Sault Tribe regularly receives

Annual Mother  
Earth Fair on June 1

The Sault Tribe's Environmental Department is hosting its third annual Honoring Mother Earth Fair on June 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the hoop house on Seymour St. between Marquette Ave. and 3 Mile Road in Sault Ste. Marie. The event features lots of exciting kid games, food, entertainment, prizes and more.

## New Elder Staff



**Sault Tribe member Sharon Hovie recently took the place of retiring Sharon Barnett as elder's administrative assistant. Hovie said, "I was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie. I have been married to my husband, Stephen, for 33 years. I have two daughters, Ericca and Leslie. I transferred to Elder Services after working in administration accounting for 12 years. I am very happy to be here and look forward to getting to know all of the elders and working with this new department."**

funding from Farm Bill sources: USDA Rural Development, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) and Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). The Sault Tribe Housing Authority, Inter Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program, Environmental Program and Commodity Foods are all beneficiaries of USDA funding.

The tribe supports the National Congress of American Indians recommendations. According to the NCAI, important concepts that should control Farm Bill discussions from the tribal perspective include parity, opportunity and consistency:

— Parity requires that legislation and funding for USDA programs and services include tribal governments at the same level as states and counties in the delivery of meaningful food and agriculture, nutrition, health and

education programs.

— Opportunity is what the Farm Bill should provide to the tribes through support and incentive programs. The USDA should focus the provision for all services and programs to substantially underserved trust areas.

— Consistency is needed in programs and funding to ensure tribal governments have the ability to establish long-term plans and goals for our communities. Funding for some tribal programs at USDA over the last few years — especially in the economic development area — has been reduced and then consolidated into broader, non-tribal-specific programs. Given the expense and effort it takes to ensure tribes know about USDA programs and are taking advantage of them, tribal-specific programs should not be moved into general programs where tribes must compete.

Sault Tribe's overarching concerns with respect to Farm Bill reform are to include aquaculture

in any definition of agriculture, and to expand the definition of commodities to include more foods — tribal traditional foods such as maple syrup and Great Lakes fish, as well as fruits and basic vegetables. The tribe would also like to see more self-administration, elimination of the trust land prohibition in Community Forest and Open Spaces program, and financial support for these and for any number of rural development initiatives, from value added fish products to broadband infrastructure.

The tribe also supports

— Traditional ecological knowledge based technical standards for implementation of conservation programs on tribal land,

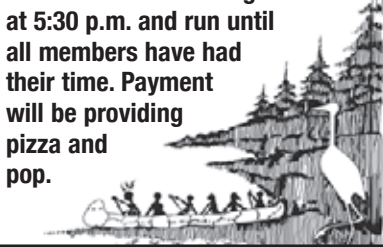
— A 10 percent set aside for tribes and tribally designated housing entities,

— Continuance of the 9 to 1 cost share with NRCS, and

— More funding and wider eligibility for the Commodity Food program along with traditional food purchase.

Sault Tribe Cheboygan  
Community Meeting

**Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment will be holding a community meeting in Cheboygan on June 20 at the Inverness Township Hall located at 734 VFW Road. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. and run until all members have had their time. Payment will be providing pizza and pop.**

Youth sign up for  
warrior camp

Ogichidaa Bimaadiziwin Kinooaagewin Warrior Camp hosted by Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is scheduled for July 15-19, at Mary Murray Culture Camp. Open to all male youths aged 12-16 who are members of a federally recognized tribe.

Participants will learn traditional knowledge and skills based on traditional warrior

society teachings. Hands on activities throughout the five days: warrior teachings, spirituality, natural life skills, healthy lifestyles, physical activities and leadership skills. Camp includes 24-hour adult supervision, dorm style sleeping in camp ground setting and meals provided.

For registration information, please call Jackie Minton or Linda Grossett at 635-6050.

MIEA 2013 scholarship  
application deadline June 20

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available a minimum of four \$500 scholarships and one \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarships will be awarded to at least five qualified students with the \$1,000 scholarship being awarded to the most qualified student, as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college or university or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

Student qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled mem-

ber (copy of tribal card) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent tribes/bands (must be verified in writing by your tribal Enrollment Department).

- Must have 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, must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.0 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university or trade school, must have an accumulated grade point average of 3.0.

- Must, except for special

and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university or trade school on a full-time basis.

- Must complete the provided application form and submit it with required supporting documentation and the mailing must be RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR not later than June 20, 2013. (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

Application forms can be downloaded at [www.michiganindianelders.org/MIEA%20Students.htm](http://www.michiganindianelders.org/MIEA%20Students.htm).

Applications can also be obtained online from the tribal education department at [www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/education/download-files](http://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/education/download-files).

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# Date-saver for this year's upper Michigan powwows

The first Sault Tribe powwow of the season is the **seventh annual Manistique area Gathering of the Clans Powwow** slated for June 8-9 at the Manistique Tribal Community Center, on U.S. 2 next to the Kewadin Casino.

Host drum is Four Thunders, co-host drum is Wandering Nations and invited drum is Mukkwa Giizhik. Head veteran is the KBIC color guard. Head male dancer is Bob Jones-Moody. Head female dancer is Beth Earl Jones-Moody. Arena director is Timothy (TJ) Derwin. Master of ceremonies is Stanley Spruce. Firekeeper is Joe Wallace.

Grand entries are Saturday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at noon. Feast on Saturday at 5 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass for the feast. Crazy auction on Saturday after the feast. Vendors, traders or public can call for further information, Viola Neadow at (906) 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.

Public invited and admission is free. No drugs, politics or alcohol allowed. No dogs or other animals allowed.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians **32nd annual powwow and summer gathering**, July 2-7 on the Sault Tribe reservation in Sault Ste. Marie. This year's powwow is once again traditional, with the theme Sault Tribe *Maawanji'iding Maaingan Kamnaaden Maanaa Enji Jingtamok, Come and Honor our Brother the Wolf*.

The public is invited to attend; entrance is from Baawating Drive off of Shunk Road on the reservation.

Host drum is Bear Creek of Ontario and co-host drum is Four Thunders of Keweenaw



Bay Indian Community, invited drums are Kitchitikiipii Singers of Manistique and Mukwa Giizhik of Hessel. Emcees are Beedahsiga Elliott of Cape Croker First Nation, Ontario and Jody Gaskin of Sault Ste. Marie. Head ogitchidaa is Bucko Teeple Bay Mills Indian Community. Arena director is Bud Biron of Sault Tribe. Head dancers to be selected for each session on site.

For more information visit [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) or find our event on Facebook. Drums, dancers and general info, call powwow chairwoman Jackie Minton, (906) 635-6050.

For vendor information call Linda Grossett 635-6050. Those wishing to volunteer, please call Cathy Abramson at 440-3823.

No alcohol, drugs or politics allowed.

Schedule:

Tuesday, July 2 — The 2013 powwow festivities begin with the blessing of the powwow grounds at 10 a.m., with a potluck brunch to follow.

Wednesday, July 3 — Early registration for vendors, dancers and drums. All dancers and drums must be registered to receive day money and honorarium. IDs and Social Security cards are required for registration. Adult dancers must be in full regalia. First six drums to register will be in drum split, all others blanket dance.

Thursday, July 4 — Sunrise ceremony at waabano lodge. The summer gathering will begin Thursday, July 4, at 9 a.m., with lunch and a feast at closing that evening.

Friday, July 5 — 3-7 p.m., Vendor, dancer and drum registration at powwow grounds. All dancers and drums must be registered to receive day money and honorarium. IDs and Social Security cards required for registration. Adult dancers must be in full regalia. First eight drums to register will be in drum split, all others blanket dance. From 5-7 p.m., the kids carnival is open on the powwow grounds. At 5:30-8 p.m., activity at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building parking lot.

Saturday, July 6 — 10 a.m.-2 p.m., drum and dance registration, all dancers and drums must be registered to receive day money and honorarium, IDs and Social Security cards required for registration. Adult dancers must be in full regalia. First eight drums to register will be in drum split, all others blanket dance. Grand entry at 1 p.m. Feast at the ceremonial building at 5 p.m. Second grand entry at 7 p.m. Two-step contest at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 7 — 11 a.m., Brother John Haskell officiates Mass at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building. Grand entry at noon.

July 19-20 — **17th annual Sugar Island Traditional Powwow**, spiritual gathering on Friday, powwow on Saturday and Sunday. Grand entries on Saturday, 1 and 7 p.m., Sunday noon. Campers and vendors welcome. Save the date and reserve your space. For more information call Mick Frechette at (906) 440-8918 or Elaine Young-Clement at (906) 440-6801.

Aug. 16-19 — **21st annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow**, spiritual gathering and open drum on Friday night, grand entry at 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, potluck feast on Saturday at 5 p.m., grand entry at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Contact Lana Causley, [lcausley@saulttribe.net](mailto:lcausley@saulttribe.net); John Causley, [jcausley1@saulttribe.net](mailto:jcausley1@saulttribe.net); or Lisa Burnside, [lburnside@saulttribe.net](mailto:lburnside@saulttribe.net).

Sept. 7 — **7th annual Honoring the Waters Newberry**

## Powwow raffle tickets

Powwow raffle tickets for sale!

Drawing will be at 1 p.m. July 7 at the Sault powwow grounds.

You could win \$300 for first prize, \$200 for second prize, a two-night stay with dinner and show at Kewadin Casino for third prize, a porcelain doll for fourth prize and a \$25 MidJim gas card

**Powwow** at the Newberry Tribal Center. For more information, call Lois Bryant or Shirley Kowalke: (906) 293-8181.

Aug. 3 — 10th annual Youth Empowerment Powwow sponsored by the Youth Education and Activities Program in Rexton. For more information, Dee Eggert at (906) 635-7010, Lisa Burnside at 484-2298 or Patty Teeple at 341-3362.

Nov. 9 — Honoring our Anishinaabe Veterans Powwow, Kinross Recreation Center in Kinross, Mich., grand entry at 1 p.m. with feast following. Call Jackie Minton at (906) 203-4977.

Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow, feast at 4 p.m., hand drum contest at 6 p.m., grand entry at 7 p.m., ring in the new year at midnight!

## Committee vacancies

**The Sault Tribe Higher Education Committee** has two vacant seats. Selected candidates will help review scholarship essays for the annual scholarship competition and review and make recommendations on policies regarding the Higher Education Program. Preference will be given to individuals who have either completed a higher education program or have a child currently enrolled in a higher education program.

**The Sault Tribe Anishinaabe Cultural Committee** has seven vacant seats for interested tribal

members. The vacancies are open to four men and three women to review and make recommendations on all cultural activities of the Sault Tribe along with five members of the board of directors.

**The Sault Tribe Health Board** has two vacancies for interested tribal members.

Interested Sault Tribe members should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation to Tara Benoit, 523 Ashumun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Call (906) 635-6050 or email [tbenoit@saulttribe.net](mailto:tbenoit@saulttribe.net) for any questions.

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# Tribe featured in PSU Complete Streets study

By RICK SMITH

A research report recently released by Portland State University prominently features the Community Health component of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The study, titled, "The Path to Complete Streets in Underserved Communities — Lessons from U.S. Case Studies," documents the cases of four communities — Sault Tribe; the City of Decatur, Ga.; the metropolitan region of Nashville, Tenn.; and the City of Portland, Ore. — in need of non-motorized transportation facilities for improving residential convenience and physical fitness. All four of the communities adopted Complete Streets policies to acquire grant funding and to develop alliances between varying governmental structures to

pursue improvements.

The report acknowledges the assistance of Sault Tribe Community Health staff members Donna Norkoli and Michelle Conway for their help in assisting with the study respective to the tribe's service area, which is the first community profiled in the report, taking up five pages of the 31-page work. The Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health staff are key figures in the Complete Streets movement in the tribe's service area.

One of the aims of the report is to enable other communities to take advantage of any lessons learned by the four profiled communities that may be useful to other communities seeking local transportation facilities that smoothly include all modes, such as pedestrian, bicycle and wheel-

chair traffic.

In the report's introduction, Sault Tribe is profiled to illustrate "how the power of coalitions can inspire action across multiple jurisdictions."

Getting to the Sault Tribe profile, an introductory portion describes the tribe as the champion of the regional initiatives from envisioning the possibilities to engaging and educating other agencies to successfully acquiring funding through a public health grant. Other work included "walking audits" of street facilities, increasing inter-agency communications and examining traffic planning possibilities.

The portion of the report that focuses on the tribe's situation goes on to describe the geographical, economic circumstances along with demographics and

transportation challenges of the tribal service area. A following section includes much more detail on the development and growth of the Complete Streets concept to include the communities of Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique and Munising. A third section describes results and remaining intentions in the different communities as of 2011.

The final part of the section on Sault Tribe indicates the next steps of the tribe's Strategic Alliance for Health communities includes continuation of the tribe's work on improving non-motorized transportation options and expanding education efforts in making choices healthful choices in life. Those benefiting the most from improvements would be people at a disadvantage in transportation, in par-

ticular, youth, older adults and disabled residents.

The profile closes with a notation about how the original grant from the Centers for Disease Control was a contagious catalyst for change in the communities that spread the desire for increased access to transportation for the disadvantaged, but ultimately for everyone.

A complete copy of the report can be acquired through a Google search of PSU path to complete streets. The report and more information on the Complete Streets initiatives and other health projects involving Sault Tribe in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan can be found at [www.healthyupcommunities.com](http://www.healthyupcommunities.com).

Portland State University is a large public research university based in Portland, Ore.

# Trio take on jobs to help tribe's MIS mission

The Sault Tribe Management Information Systems (MIS) staff was recently bolstered with the additions of Mike Lawless, Jeremy Ripley and Steve Kwaitkowski.

Lawless accepted a position as a personal computer technician and began last March 20. He was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie and likes to keep up on developments in the world of computers.

He worked at GE National Tech Team from Sept. 8, 1998 to 2000 while the company was in town and is a former partner in Five Star Business Computer Solutions in the Sault. He also worked at the Sault Big Lots store and was the manager for the last year that he worked at the store.

His wife's name is Theresa and they have five children, seven grandchildren and expecting another grandchild in June.

In his spare time, Lawless

enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and spending time with family and friends. And he is a fan of the Detroit Red Wings.

Computer technicians help ensure the smooth functioning of computer networks.

Ripley began working as a support technician on March 6. He was born in Green Bay, Wisc., but raised in Sault Ste. Marie. He holds a master's degree in fine arts and worked at Frenchy's Custom Upholtry in the Sault for about 10 years.

As a hobby, he enjoys weaving with his own floor loom and likes to participate in art gallery competitions. His latest competition was at Cross Village, just north of Petoskey.

Support technicians are responsible for providing technical assistance and for personal computers and peripheral equipment in the tribe's inventory. Techs are also responsible for ensuring the



Mike Lawless

stability and integrity of all computer hardware and software.

Kwaitkowski took a seat as a help desk operator on March 20. He was born in Cheboygan, but raised in Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette. Studied at Lake Superior State University and Northern Michigan University and he is currently working on



Jeremy Ripley

finishing a degree at LSSU.

He worked at the NMU information technology help desk and has a strong interest in computers and studying. He feels working in information technology is good fit for him.



Steve Kwaitkowski

His hobbies include building computers, playing video games, reading science-fiction and enjoying friends.

Help desk operators act as the first point of contact with customers who call the MIS help desk.

# PR firm wins awards

LANSING, Mich. — Martin Waymire Advocacy Communications, a full-service public relations and social media marketing firm received five awards — including four first-place honors — for excellence in public relations campaigns and tactics from the Central Michigan Public Relations Society of America (CMPRSA). The PACE Awards announced recently by CMPRSA are Mid-Michigan's highest honor for public relations campaigns.

In addition, firm partner David Waymire was honored as the region's PACE Maker of the Year, the top honor presented annually

to an individual practitioner by CMPRSA. And Martin Waymire is a finalist for a Silver Anvil, the top honor for public relations excellence in the nation, for the successful "Vote NO on Prop 5" statewide ballot campaign. Martin Waymire partners have twice won Silver Anvils in previous years.

Martin Waymore is retained by the Sault Tribe.

In the 2013 PACE Awards competition, Martin Waymire won four top Pinnacle awards and an Award of Achievement: Pinnacle Award, Public Affairs, *Vote NO on Prop 5*, on behalf of Defend Michigan Democracy.

See "PR firm" page 5

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# Chi Mukwa Recreation Center receives award

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Sault Michigan Hockey Association (SMHA) recently presented Chi Mukwa Recreation Center with the Willie and Diane Floyd Award for Appreciation.

SMHA board member ice-scheduler Diane Maleport, said in the past the award has went to an individual, but this year they chose Chi Mukwa “because we couldn’t pinpoint one person that

deserved it more.” This is the second year Chi Mukwa has been presented with an award by the SMHA, last year they were chosen as sponsor of the year.

Chi Mukwa Events Manager Tammy Graham said it is nice to be recognized as a facility. “What we do here day to day is a team effort – right from the guys cleaning the ice and the receptionist, concessions people and our

janitorial staff, the Pro Shop staff sharpening skates – the list goes on and on,” she said. “We want to provide people a good experience when they come here. We are providing our guests a service, so it’s important to have clean locker rooms, clean ice, a clean lobby and friendly staff.”

Maleport said SMHA membership nominates people for the annual awards with their board

making the final decision. “Chi Mukwa is a great place to skate,” she said. “Their entire staff is outstanding and always willing to help. We appreciate everything they do for us.” Malport said in the past seven years since her involvement with the SMHA, nobody has ever had a bad word to say about Chi Mukwa or their staff.

Graham’s son plays hockey and during his awards ceremony and banquet on March 6, she was called up to accept the award for Chi Mukwa. Graham said she had no knowledge of the award and was surprised to be called on to

accept it. “SHMA has a cross-ice program at Chi Mukwa for young children just learning how to play hockey and in order to run that program there is a lot of equipment that gets hauled out into the rink. Our facilities store a lot of their equipment and assist SMHA staff with getting it on and off the ice. There are a lot of things our staff has done to help the hockey association – from the custodians and drivers to the receptionist,” she said.

“Everybody at Chi Mukwa is always willing to help do anything they can for us,” Maleport said.

## Criteria for receiving youth development funding

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Applicants must be tribal youth aged from birth to 12th grade living in the seven-county ser-

vice area. Service area counties include Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette and Schoolcraft.

Applicants may receive funding of up to \$100 once per academic year (Aug. 1-July 31). Qualifying categories for funding are based on tribal strategic directions of medicine wheel such as academic/intellectual, physical, emotional and cultural/spiritual.

Applicants are required to submit current copies of tribal membership cards with applications along with copies of invoices, registration, brochures or literature with organization names and costs or receipts of payment with application. Checks will be made payable to the organization, unless receipt of payment is provided. Applicants must also sub-

mit proof of household income, such as recent check stubs, tax forms, W-2, etc. Income guidelines are based on 150 percent of the 2013 Health and Human Services poverty guidelines.

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## PR firm wins awards

From “PR firm” page 4

The “NO on 5” two-thirds ballot proposal campaign outperformed every ballot question and candidate (including President Obama and incumbent U.S. Senator Stabenow ) on Michigan’s 2012 ballot. This campaign relied heavily on social media marketing tactics, including the use of Facebook ads, to push out YouTube videos of prominent community leaders that helped voters distinguish Prop 5 from the five other ballot questions battling for voters’ attention on election day.

Pinnacle Award, video programs, *Vote NO on Prop 5 Odd Couple Video Series*. The video series became the centerpiece of the winning campaign’s social media strategies and online ad program. Journalists named one of the online spots a top-10 Michigan political video for 2012.

Pinnacle Award, Crisis

Communications, on behalf of Michigan for Quality Schools. Martin Waymire pulled together a coalition to inspire parents and legislative advocacy for the issue of traditional local-controlled school systems in Michigan in the span of just four weeks. As a result, neither of the potentially devastating bills were passed, and the plan to voucherize public schools in Michigan has been pushed back.

Pinnacle Award, Advertorial, *Fowler Farms Clinton County News Advertorial*, on behalf of Fowler Farms. This advertorial, created, designed and placed by Martin Waymire, provided informative project details and put to rest any mistruths of the Fowler Wind Farm in a compelling and easy-to-read format. This advertisement helped the wind project communicate to the entire community and allowed the project to move forward.

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# First Nations website offers resources for Native American food, agriculture and nutrition

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The First Nations Development Institute (FNDI) out of Longmont, Colorado, has launched a new website they hope will prove to be a valuable resource for Native American tribes, organizations and individuals involved in food systems, agricultural efforts and those seeking better health and nutrition for their families and communities.

The Native Foods Resource Center, an initiative of the FNDI, can be found online by visiting: [www.nativefoods.org](http://www.nativefoods.org).

FNDI Senior Program Officer Raymond Foxworth, said the website emerged from a need to

share best practices and resources among tribes and tribal programs and Native non-profits doing work in food systems. Foxworth said FNDI is developing an agribusiness curriculum for individual producers to help them develop their skill sets in agricultural business development. Currently in the design phase, the curriculum will be posted to the website once it is completed.

Foxworth said he hopes individuals, tribes and non-profits will contact FNDI and share their successful best practice food systems stories. The website features a variety of resources and information, from tribal gardens, farms and markets to farm-to-school

and youth programs, seed saving, traditional plants and medicines, food marketing and handling, home gardening, canning and healthy family eating.

The site also offers videos sharing the stories of successful tribes that are working to regain control of their food systems, which according to Foxworth doesn't happen enough. Schools and educational programs may also find the document downloads section about the farm-to-school program interesting and informative.

The non-profit FNDI has been working with tribes and Native communities for over 30 years to assist in the process of asset con-

control. Foxworth said the Institute works in five key areas through grant making, technical assistance and advocacy. Those five areas are: Financial and investor education, combating predatory lending, Native American business and asset development, strengthening Native American nonprofits and Native foods and health.

The website also aims to help reconnect people and tribes with traditional foods and reinforce cultural practices and customs. According to the website, "...regaining control of food systems can provide a huge boost to the development of Native

economies."

FNDI, under their Native Agriculture and Food System Initiative, also provides grants to tribal food and agricultural programs and announced recently they have awarded 10 such grants totaling \$375,000.

According to their website, [www.firstnations.org](http://www.firstnations.org), from 1994 through 2012, the FNDI has provided more than \$18.9 million in financial grant support to 814 Native American programs, projects and initiatives in 36 states. Funding for the native-foods.org website was provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

# Eggert hired as Indian Child Welfare attorney

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Filling a much-needed gap in the tribe's legal services, Elizabeth Eggert was hired recently as an Indian Child Welfare attorney and will be working in conjunction with the tribe's Child Welfare Committee, Anishnaabek Community and Family Services, as well as tribal and state courts on cases involving Sault Tribe children who have been removed from their homes or who, for other reasons, fall under the protection of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

Eggert said her first task is to get a handle on how many cases there are and focus first on the ones requiring more immediate attention. "The majority of my



career has been spent helping tribal members," she said. "So to now be able to go into court on behalf of the tribe and represent the tribe's interests in its kids is

huge."

Eggert will spend most of her time traveling to and appearing in court cases within the tribe's seven counties. "I am going to limit the traveling and try to appear by videoconference or audio for those court cases outside of the seven-county service area," she said. "The tribe does take its interest in those kids seriously and we intend to follow through and be a part of the cases - whether they want us there or not."

She said not all state courts are as familiar with the ICWA as they should be and how to implement it. "Without the tribe having legal representation at those hearings, a lot of things can fall through

the cracks that shouldn't; such as children not being enrolled as tribal members, which causes them to lose their identity with the tribe and their culture. It also puts the tribe in a position of not having any say if they wanted to on placement options for those children and other important decisions. Having a physical presence in the courtroom is important and where it is cost effective I would like to attend those hearings," Eggert said.

On the flip side, there are many cases in state courts where there aren't any concerns she said. "The judges are following the ICWA, the attorneys involved are following the ICWA and the court system is receiving input from tribal caseworkers," she said.

Eggert was employed by the Sault Tribe from 2002-08 as a legal aid attorney for the Advocacy Resource Center and since that time has had her own legal practice and has worked

under contract for tribal court as an indigent defense attorney representing indigent clients in child welfare, criminal, guardianship and juvenile matters. She also served as assistant associate judge to the tribe's court and was a deputy public defender for Chippewa Country for two years.

Eggert spent a year in Japan at Temple University studying international law and business and graduated from the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University with her Juris doctorate in 1998.

She has also been involved in: Uniting Three Fires Against Violence; Tribal Court's Teen Court, Drug Court and Family Preservation Court; Sault Tribe Alive Youth suicide prevention program and the State Bar of Michigan Domestic Violence Committee.

She resides in Sault Ste. Marie with her husband, Jay, and their young son, Ethan, 6.

# Spring League hockey at Chi Mukwa Arena

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Young hockey players ages 4 to 14 in Mite Minors through Pee Wee divisions can keep their momentum up and game going over six weeks each spring by participating in Chi Mukwa's Youth Spring League program.

This year's program is already off and running with 210 kids in five divisions, with four teams in each division playing against each other. The majority of the kids are from Sault Ste. Marie, but others come from Newberry, St. Ignace, Engadine, McMillan and Sault Ste. Marie and Garden River, Ontario.

Chi Mukwa Events Manager Tammy Graham said to mark your calendars for February, which is when they plan to begin early registration for next years program. Graham said if your child has participated in the past you will receive an email when it's time to register. If you have a child who is new to the league, there will be flyers circulated in Sault Ontario, at Little Bear East and Chi Mukwa, as well as

announcements on the Sault Tribe website and on Facebook.

For parents who have more than one child to register, Graham said family discounts are available for children living in the same household; there is a \$20 per child discount after the first child. Goalies can join for half the normal price.

The first two weeks of the program are spent drafting players to their respective teams and assigning jerseys. The last four weeks they compete against the other three teams in their division. Graham said teams are named after pro teams such as the Detroit Red Wings or Boston Bruins and Toronto Maple Leafs. "Their jerseys and socks are the same colors as the pro teams they take their names from and we try to make them look like their pro counterparts as much as we can," Graham said. "We can't put the pro team logos on the jerseys but they all have Big Bear Hockey, Sault Ste. Marie Michigan on them."

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# Proposed HUD budget for fiscal year 2014 includes \$726 million for Indian Country

By RICK SMITH

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently released details of the proposed federal budget for fiscal year 2014. According to an announcement by HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, the Obama administration's plan "seeks to protect the rental housing and homeless assistance for millions of extremely poor Americans while increasing investments in key initiatives to serve some of the nation's most distressed neighborhoods."

The proposed budget specifies a sum of \$726 million for Indian Country to address housing needs

among its populations. The budget request also included another \$13 million for Native Hawaiian Housing Block grants, bringing the total to \$739 million.

An increase of \$47.6 billion is proposed in the 2014 budget, according to the official statement, an increase of \$4.2 billion over the amount passed in 2012.

In written testimony to a Senate appropriations subcommittee dated April 11, Donovan indicated HUD is using innovative programs that have led to finding new ways to develop partnerships with American Indian governments to help build localized solutions to economic

development challenges. Further, he noted HUD recognizes Indian Country self-determination and self-governance, and fosters partnerships conducive to tribal flexibility in designing and implementing housing programs appropriate to tribal needs and customs.

Through innovative programming, HUD has found new ways to partner with American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments to help these communities craft and implement sustainable, locally-driven solutions to economic development challenges. HUD recognizes the right of Indian self-determination and tribal self-governance and has

fostered partnerships that allow tribal recipients the flexibility to design and implement appropriate, place-based housing programs according to local needs and customs.

"HUD is requesting a total of \$739 million to fund programs that will directly support housing and economic development in American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian communities nationwide," Donovan noted.

The budget request includes \$650 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant program, the single largest source of funding for housing on tribal lands today, according to Donovan; \$70 million for Indian Community Development Block Grants, a flexible source of grant funding for federally-recognized tribes or

eligible Indian entities; and \$6 million for the Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund.

In his concluding remarks, Donovan conveyed to the subcommittee that the budget request reflects the Obama administration's recognition of the critical role housing plays in strengthening the nation and providing "leaders of economic opportunity."

Donovan also indicated the 2014 proposed budget is concerned with investing smarter and more efficiently. "It's about making hard choices to reduce the deficit, and putting in place much-needed reforms to hold ourselves to a high standard of performance," he said. But most of all, it's about results we deliver for the vulnerable people and places who depend on us most."

## NCAI testifies on fiscal funding

By RICK SMITH

The National Congress of American Indians submitted testimony on fiscal year 2014 federal funding for Indian Country before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations on April 17.

A brief introduction about the organization opened the testimony and, before delving into the main issue, put forth comments on the fiscal year 2013 sequestration of discretionary programs. The NCAI urged Congress to protect the federal funding that fulfills the trust responsibility to Indian Country, even in the face of difficult choices. "The sequester reductions to tribal programs undermine Indian treaty rights and obligations – treaties which were ratified under the Constitution and considered the

'supreme law of the land,'" the document notes. "At its most basic level, the economic success of the United States is built upon the land and natural resources that originally belonged to tribal nations. In exchange for land, the United States agreed to protect tribal treaty rights, lands, and resources, including provision of certain services for American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages, which is known as the federal Indian trust responsibility."

Cuts to Indian Country not only sacrifice the nation's trust obligations to Indian Country, according to the testimony, but blocks economic growth and planning for the future of coming generations along with hindering law enforcement, education, health care and other services,

which already have long histories of inadequate funding.

The testimony explained how federal cuts disproportionately impact Indian Country in that tribes lack the tax base and authority to raise revenues for services as can be done by state and local governments.

The NCAI expressed opposition to placing caps on payments of contract support costs, eliminating school construction funding and the Housing Improvement Program budget as written in the 2014 proposed budget. Further, the organization suggested an increase in environmental protection assistance.

The testimonial can be viewed in its entirety at: [www.ncai.org/resources/testimony\\_and\\_speeches](http://www.ncai.org/resources/testimony_and_speeches).

## Spring League hockey at Chi Mukwa Arena

From "Spring league," page 6

With local hockey leagues wrapping up their season by the end of February or early March kids are sometimes left hanging until tryouts for travel teams or fall leagues. After a six-week break from the time the regular season ends until they are on the ice at Big Bear, Graham said the program allows the kids to meet new friends and hone their skills before tryouts begin. Travel team tryouts are generally held during the spring, so getting youngsters

back on the ice helps keep them conditioned and ready for early tryouts.

Graham said that although there have been minor changes to the program over the years, it remains much as it was at its beginning shortly after Big Bear opened when the first Spring League program was offered in March 1997.

For more information visit the Sault Tribe website, or call (906) 635-4758.

## Introducing the Digital Public Library of America

By RICK SMITH

Quietly and without any fanfare, the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) was born online last month at [www.dp.la](http://www.dp.la). It appears bound to become a major primary source for anyone interested in perusing libraries and archives in search of anything from satisfying idle curiosity to conducting academic research.

According to an introductory page on the website, "The Digital Public Library of America brings together the riches of America's libraries, archives and museums, and makes them freely available to the world. It strives to contain the full breadth of human expression, from the written word, to works of art and culture, to records of America's heritage, to

the efforts and data of science."

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The DPLA is the brainchild of many in fields related to libraries and academia that started in the early 1990s. Others from private industry and other organizations, such as the Library of Congress, led efforts in building resources that could be made available to anyone online. The materials include collections of books, photographs and art works, historical records and audiovisual materials and so on.

Planning on the project began in earnest in October of 2010 at a meeting of 40 leading figures in fields associated with libraries, archives, foundations and technological projects in Cambridge, Mass. The proj-

ect picked up steam with the Berkman Center for Internet and Society of Harvard University joined the effort with the support of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Hundreds more volunteers, mostly professionals and innovators, became involved in helping to

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# NMU recreation center closed for annual repairs

The Physical Education Instruction Facility (PEIF) Recreation Center on the Northern Michigan University campus closed for annual repairs from May 6 to May 12. The PEIF pool is closed for maintenance, upgrades and repairs since April 29 until July 7.

According to NMU, the floors, courts and hallways are slated to be refurbished during the fourth annual week-long shut down for repairs. Other work includes updates completed on the women's sauna, cleaning and rearrangement of workout equipment, cleaning lockers and locker facilities and touch up painting throughout. The roof is undergoing replacement and scheduled to be completed by Aug. 1.

The pool renovation includes replacement of the filtration system in the lap and diving pool, installation of chemical control and auto-fill systems, maintenance of underwater jets and lights and acid washing and tile replacement in and around the pool.

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<b>PEIF Pool</b>	<b>April 29 – July 7</b> Beginning July 8	<b>Closed for Renovations</b> TBA	<b>CLOSED</b> TBA
<b>PEIF Fitness Classes</b>	Beginning May 20	See website for schedule	See website for schedule
<b>Superior Dome Open Recreation &amp; Walking</b>	Beginning May 6	Monday – Thursday Friday Saturday & Sunday	6:00am – 8:00pm 6:00am – 5:00pm <b>CLOSED</b>
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Photo by Linda Grossett

Samantha Grossett, age 5, holds flowers at the Hiawatha Skating Club show held mid-March at the Pullar Stadium. She is the daughter of Linda and Jamie Grossett and granddaughter of Carol and Elmo Smith.



Photo by Mike McCoy

A prayer gathering on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., took place on April 16 before oral arguments were heard in the "Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl" case before the nine U.S. Supreme Court justices. Pictured above, from the Administration for Native Americans office, Lori King (Sault Tribe), a senior project consultant from Tribal Tech LLC; management and program analyst She Welch (Blackfeet) and senior policy advisor Camille Loya. The case involves the attempted adoption of Dusten Brown's daughter while he was deployed in the Iraq War. Brown is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. The non-native mother gave the child up for adoption.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Drew Fabry, 5, finding out what team he has been drafted for in the spring league at Chi Mukwa and picking his jersey number. See story on page 6.

## Digital Public Library of America

From "Library" page 7 develop the DPLA.

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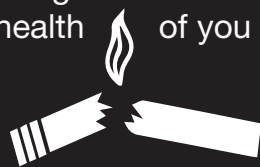
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# Tribal member brings MMA fights to Kewadin Casinos

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Robin Cook is a former mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter on a mission – to promote his company Berzerker MMA, which in conjunction with John Yeabanks of Big Johns MMA, has already brought two successful fights to Michigan's U.P. and Kewadin Casinos.

Their latest show, Rumble on the Border 2, held at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie was a sold-out event showcasing both pro and amateur fighters from the Canadian and U.S. sides of the border as well as Las Vegas; providing some of the best MMA action in the circuit, according to Cook.

And of course no MMA fight is complete without ring girls, area locals Amanda May Pieczynski, Jesselee Maleport and Meagan Photiou kept the crowd informed of the rounds.

Their next roof erupting shows are scheduled for June 1 at Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace and September 28 back in the Sault.

Cook said they have some great sponsors and celebrity fighters lined up for the June 1 show. "Our fans need to keep coming out and supporting us so we can continue to provide exciting shows," Cook said.



Robin Cook

Cook said his interest in fighting began at a young age listening to his uncle's talk about their wrestling, martial arts and boxing skills.

In 2003 he started training in Jiu-Jitsu and Russian sambo wrestling and some judo. He boxed for a while in California before returning to the Sault, then in 2008 when the first King of the Cage fight came to Sault Ste. Marie he fought his first cage fight and won in 11 seconds on a TKO.

When the King of the Cage returned to town, Cook signed up to fight his second ever cage fight not realizing that would be the end of his MMA fighting



LOU SIRIANNI

From left, Meagan Photiou and Jesselee Maleport, ring girls, David "The Butcher" Clifford, announcer, Robin Cook, promoter, and Amanda Pieczynski, ring girl.

career. About 20-seconds into the fight he broke his hand but kept on fighting. He finally got the dazed fighter into a headlock and won. Later in the local ER, they removed the wrapping from his hand and the bone was sticking through his skin in one spot. That was a bad injury, but not the one that made him transition from fighter to promoter.

Undefeated at 2-0, he was training for his third fight when the other fighter hooked his knee from behind during a takedown maneuver. His knee was hyper-

extend and he had a torn ACL, although he didn't find that out until later when he was playing softball and slid into third base. With his leg folded under him like a jack knife, he had to physically reach under himself and free it. He had sustained four ligament tears and two bruises to the bone. He underwent ACL reconstruction surgery and had a meniscus tear repaired and now has permanent screws in his knee.

Four weeks after having surgery he was back to work as a carpenter for the tribe. That win-

ter he wanted to remain involved in some way in MMA fighting and began calling people about buying a cage. That's when he contacted John Yeabanks. They decided to rent a cage and bring a show to the Sault. They put on their first show a year ago on St. Patrick's Day at a local bar, the Savoy. During the same time period he was competing against the King of the Cage to see who would be bringing their show to Kewadin Casinos. Cook and Yeabanks were awarded the show and sold out. "The place was bulging at the seams," Cook said.

Since then one of their fights has gone viral, they have made MMA news across the country and have promoters from Australia who are interested in collaborating on shows with them.

Cook said they are working to expand their show to other states but plan on staying with Native American owned casino venues. They are currently booked through this year with Kewadin Casinos and are working on booking for 2014 as well.

Tickets, ranging in price from \$25-\$100, are on sale now for the June 1 Big Johns & Berzerker MMA- War on the Shores at KEWADIN.COM.

# "Weird Al" Yankovic brings The Apocalypse Tour to Kawadin

The biggest-selling comedy recording artist in history, "Weird Al" Yankovic, on *The Apocalypse Tour* is set to perform at Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater on June

13. Tickets are \$32.50 and \$28.50 and went on sale on March 8.

Now entering his fourth career decade, "Weird Al" Yankovic has won three Grammys (with 14 nominations) and earned count-

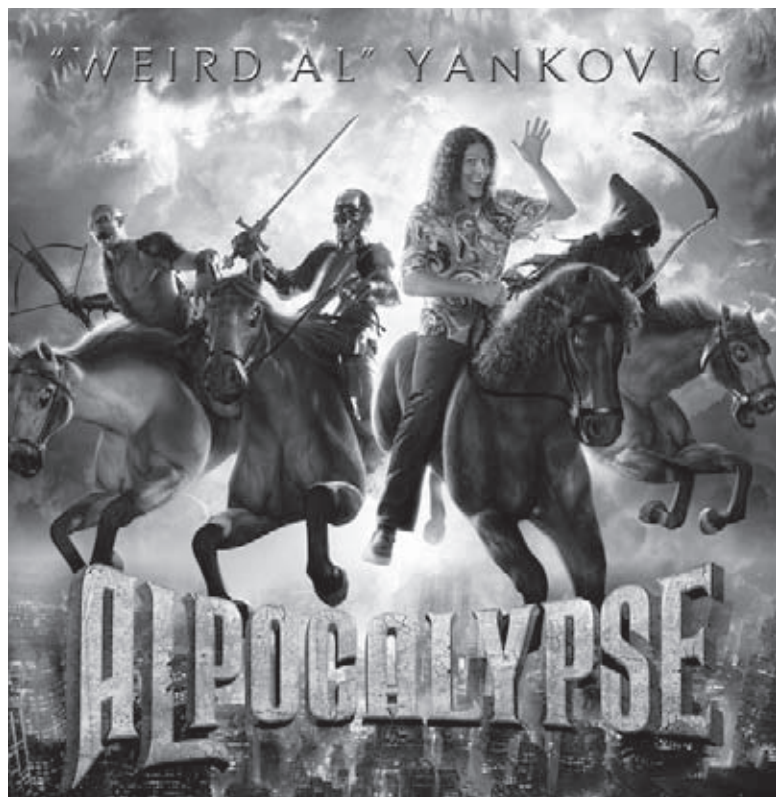
less awards and accolades for classic songs like *Eat It, Like a Surgeon, Fat, Smells Like Nirvana, Amish Paradise* and *The Saga Begins*. Yankovic is also well-known for his cult-hit feature film *UHF* (1989), his late '90s CBS Saturday morning series *The Weird Al Show* and the numerous AL-TV specials that he's made for MTV and VH1 over the years.

His 2006 album, *Straight Outta*

*Lynwood*, spawned the Billboard top 10 single, *White and Nerdy*, the video of which spent two months at number one on iTunes and garnered over 100 million hits on the Internet. His 13th and most recent album, *Apocalypse* (2011), which featured the Lady Gaga parody, *Perform This Way*, charted at number nine — the highest debut of his storied career — and added two more Grammy nominations to his astounding list

of achievements. Last year also saw the release of his bestselling children's book *When I Grow Up* (HarperCollins), and the TV concert special *Weird Al Live! - The Apocalypse Tour* on Comedy Central. A lavishly illustrated coffee table on Al's life and career, *Weird Al: The Book*, was released in October of 2012 by Abrams.

For more official "Weird Al" Yankovic news and ticket information go to [www.weirdal.com](http://www.weirdal.com).



# Huey Lewis and the News anniversary tour

Huey Lewis and the News is commemorating the 30th Anniversary of its most award winning album, *Sports*, with its 30th anniversary tour, coming to Kewadin Casinos' DreamMakers Theater on June 2! Tickets are \$54.50 and \$48.50.

Peaking at number one on the Billboard charts, selling over 10 million copies worldwide, a Grammy award winner and a Diamond award winner in Canada, *Sports* is the anthem of a generation.

Huey Lewis and the News members are: Bottom right, Huey Lewis (vocals and harmonic), Johnny Colla (saxophone, guitar and vocals), Bill Gibson (drums, percussion and vocals), Sean Hopper (keyboards and vocals), Stef Burns (guitars and vocals), John Pierce (bass), Marvin McFadden (trumpet), Rob Sudduth (tenor saxophone) and Johnnie Bamont (baritone saxophone).

For more information visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

# TESLA coming to Sault Kewadin Casino

The multi-platinum-selling and iconic rock band, TESLA, is performing at Kewadin Casinos' DreamMakers Theater on July 27, 2013, as part of the bands summer tour. Tickets went on sale May 17 at 8 a.m. and are \$38.50 and \$35.

Known for their melodic songs and down to earth appeal, TESLA continues to tour to sold-out crowds around the world. TESLA's 2009 *FOREVER MORE* tour in support of the new album of the same name, gave their audience a 25-year musical journey that keeps the loyal fans coming back and has newcomers realizing, "WOW, I didn't know they did that song!"

TESLA's current line-up consists of four of its original members, vocalist Jeff Keith, guitarist Frank Hannon, bassist



Brian Wheat and drummer Troy Luccketta plus new guitarist Dave Rude who has brought a new energy and creativity to the band. The band has sold 14 million

albums in the United States alone. TESLA has made three appearances in Kewadin's theater to sell out crowds. For more information, visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).



# Paranormal Convention!

World renowned psychics, cryptozoologists, TV stars and the son from the Amityville home will headline this year's Michigan Paranormal Convention at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie on Aug. 9-10. Seventeen speakers are scheduled for the event along with gallery readings and twilight walking tours. Ticket sales began



**Psychic Chip Coffey**

on April 26 at the DreamMakers Theater Box Office.

"This is by far our most aggressive line up — it is the largest group of presenters we have ever put together," said Tim Ellis, president of the Upper Peninsula Paranormal Research Society. "We have some crowd favorites back and added some amazing new faces and stories to our event this year. It gets tough to continue to build a bigger event each year, but we have a lot of fun making it happen!"

One of the most exciting sessions at this year's conference will be the round table with Amy Bruni, Joe Chin, Adam



**Amy Bruni & Britt Griffith**

Berry, Britt Griffith and Dustin Pari from the Syfy show *Ghost Hunters*. "This will be one of the most interesting sessions," said Ellis. "We've never had this many members from the hit TV show *Ghost Hunters* at one time for a presentation. Fans will get stories from behind the scenes of the show and a chance to ask the questions they have always wanted to ask."

A familiar face presenting a new subject, John Zaffis will be on hand to discuss "possessed possessions" and haunted museum artifacts. There will also be a live taping of *30 Odd Minutes* during the conference.

New presenters scheduled for the convention this year include *Fact or Fake: Paranormal Files* hosts Ben Hansen and Bill Murphy, who will give a behind-the-scenes look at their hit TV series; cryptozoologist

Loren Coleman; son from the actual *Amityville Horror* home, Christopher Quaratino (Lutz); the real life mother from *Haunting in Georgia*, Lisa Wyrick; Kat Tedsen and Bev Rydel presenting their third book in the Haunted Travel series, *Haunted Travels of Michigan III*; and Detroit's own John Tenney speaking on Sky People.

Other speakers include Darkness Radio TV host Dave Schrader covering *A Look at Ghosts*; psychic Chip Coffey, author and TV host Jeff Belanger and crowd favorite Tim Shaw presenting the correct way to conduct a séance.

Tickets to the event became available on April 26. Convention tickets for the two days are \$75, a one-day convention ticket is \$45 and a VIP package including two-day convention and a dinner with speakers and guests



**John Zaffis**

is \$95. Special hotel packages including two-night accommodation, convention tickets, VIP dinner with speakers and guests is available for \$360. Additional tickets can be purchased during the convention for gallery readings with psychic Tim Shaw for \$25, psychic Chip Coffey for \$50 and for twilight walking tours with Jim Couling starting at \$10. Convention tickets include a special convention-only vendor area where attendees can speak one-on-one with presenters and exhibitors.

All tickets purchased by May 10 will receive a 20 percent discount (with the exception of hotel packages).

For more information on the



**Ben Hansen**

conference, visit [www.miparacon.com](http://www.miparacon.com), [kewadin.com](http://kewadin.com) or [upprs.org](http://upprs.org). For booking a convention room table, please contact Tim Ellis at (906) 440-4890.

# Monster Truck Throwdown at Kewadin St. Ignace

Tickets are now on sale for the 2013 Monster Truck Throwdown at Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace on June 29, 2013. Experience the thrill of a 10,000 lb. car-crushing beast, the thrills of freestyle motocross and take a ride on a real monster truck with well-known trucks and drivers including Barbarian, Toxic, Over Bored, Ballistic and Nitemare.

The show will take place during the annual St. Ignace Car Show weekend event. Fans can meet and get pictures with drivers and trucks at a pre race pit party at 5:30 p.m., followed by the show at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults 18 and over and free for those under 18 (one child entry per paid adult).

The line up for this event is as



follows (subject to change):

Barbarian – featuring driver Devin Jones of Miami, Oklahoma

Nitemare – featuring driver Andy Hoffman of Huntington, Indiana

Over Bored – featuring driver Jamey Garner of Indianapolis, Indiana

Ballistic – featuring driver Mac Plecker of Williamston, Georgia

Toxic – featuring Travis Petri

of Buffalo, New York

Patrons can receive \$10 in Kewadin credit free play by turning in their Monster Truck Throwdown tickets at the Northern Rewards Club on the night of the show. Drink specials, outdoor games, food tent and much more will be available.

Call the box office at 800-KEWADIN or click [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com) for more information or visit [Kewadin.com](http://Kewadin.com) or [midwest-monstertruckevents.com](http://midwest-monstertruckevents.com)



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# Kewadin Casinos recognize team members

**Mike Vieau**, Kewadin security team member, was recently selected as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin St. Ignace.



The team member was chosen by peers for this award and will receive a personal plaque; \$200, entertainment tickets, dinner and a hotel stay along with a plaque that is located in each casino.

"Mike is honest, dependable and motivated to solve problems for team members and staff," said James McKerchie, Kewadin St. Ignace security manager. "Add an almost unbearable positive attitude and you have Kewadin Shores Security Officer Mike Vieau. Simply put, Mike is what all managers, department heads and supervisors are striving to hire."

Mike started with Kewadin's security department in April 2012. He says being able to interact with customers is what he likes most about his position. "Talking with them, walking around and making sure everyone is safe, it's the best part of what I do," he said.

**Joe Starnes**, Kewadin Casino Gift Shop Clerk, was selected as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie.

The team member was chosen by peers for this award and will receive a personal plaque; \$200, entertainment tickets, dinner and a hotel stay along with a plaque that is located in each casino.



Joe started working with the casino in August of 2006. He took one year off when he was deployed with the 1437<sup>th</sup> National Guard Unit in 2009.

He says he loves working in the gift shop and working with different people every day. "My background is working in retail, so a job in the gift shop was a fit for me," said Joe, who was "very surprised" when he realized it was he who was receiving the yearly award. "I have met people from all over the country working here, it's a great place to work," he said.

Team members and customers alike rave about his great customer service skills to internal and external customers. "The way he talks with customers, helps them and provides them service is phenomenal," said Cathy Boling, gift shop manager.

Congratulations to Chris Ogston, Kewadin Sault Team Member of the Month. Chris is a member of the maintenance department and has worked with Kewadin since October 2011. He was born and raised in the Sault and is married to Brandi Ogston. They have two children, Christopher and Marissa. "It's a good feeling to win this award," said Ogston.

Way to go, Chris! Thanks for being part of our team.



Congratulations to David Roe, Hessel Slot Attendant and team member of the month!

Dave started working for Kewadin in June 2012.

He says he finds interacting with customers very rewarding and at times interesting. When asked what was different about working here compared to his last job he said people and the working environment. Congratulations, David!

Thanks for being part of the Kewadin team.



Congratulations to Jesse Robinson, Kewadin's Christmas team member of the month for April!

Jesse has worked with Kewadin for just over a year and is a bartender at Frosty's Bar & Grille. He said the best part of his job is learning how to make new drinks and meeting new people.

"Jesse is always willing to help out. He has outstanding customer skills," said his manager Lisa Hanson. "When short staffed he always offers to work extra or pick up shifts. He always puts his customers needs first, internal and external. He is a great asset to our department."

Jesse lives in Munising with his girlfriend, Kristi and his three children.

Corey Kangus, security guard with Kewadin Sault since 1992, was named April's Team Member of the Month!

Corey lives in Sault Ste. Marie with his wife, Shawnda, and has one daughter. "I really find helping others the most rewarding part of what



I do," said Corey. He was very surprised and humbled to receive this award. Way to go, Corey!

Congratulations to Richard Osterhout, Manistique Shuttle Driver, and team member of the month for February!

Richard says that meeting new people every day is the most rewarding part of his job. Winning this award was the "icing on the cake" he said.

Richard lives in Manistique with his wife and two children. Thank you, Richard, for being an outstanding employee!



Congratulations to Melanie Brock, Vault Cashier at Kewadin Mansistique and the March team member of the month!

Melanie started working for Kewadin Mansistique in June 1994 as a gift shop cashier before moving positions to the cage.

She said the most rewarding part of her job is working with her fellow team members.

Melanie lives in Manistique with her husband, Brady, and her two children.

Congratulations, Melanie! Thanks for being part of our team.

## Slots create another millionaire at Kewadin Shores Casino



A Caro, Mich., woman became a new millionaire in St. Ignace when she won a \$3,275,998 jackpot on an International Game Technology (IGT) Money Madness American Idol<sup>®</sup> Encore machine on April 21, 2013, at Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace, Mich. This jackpot is the largest IGT wide area progressive in the state for over five years.

This lucky night Pamela S. (full name withheld by request) shared the joy of win with her

whole family, including her husband, son, all in-laws and some friends. The new multimillionaire plans to use her jackpot to buy a new truck, pay off her house and start building a retirement house she has been dreaming about for so long.

"IGT congratulates our new winner and thanks Kewadin Shores Casino for its participation," said Susan Cartwright, IGT VP corporate communications.

Kewadin Shores is Pamela's

favorite casino. While on her first motor coach trip with Renee Craig tours 25 years ago, her husband hit a jackpot with the two free rolls of quarters that were given to bus groups. "We have been coming here on one of their tour busses ever since as an annual holiday gift to us," Pamela said.

"After I pay off our house and buy a new truck, anything can happen," she said about her winnings. "This is a godsend for our family."

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Kewadin Casinos has five locations in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and has been in operation for nearly 30 years. For more information, visit [Kewadin.com](http://Kewadin.com).

## Community Action senior nutrition programs serve Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties

Lending a helping hand to elders who are making an effort to maintain an independent lifestyle is what the Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Partnership is doing with their congregate meal and home delivered meals programs.

The Senior Nutrition Programs offer balanced great tasting meals to area seniors with items on their menu such as chicken with whipped potatoes, California blend vegetables, bread and a cherry crisp. Other mouth-watering menu items include pork chops with scalloped potatoes, roast beef with the fixings and for desert pineapple upside down cake.

The congregate meal program is designed for all elders aged 60-plus. The program brings elders together to eat lunch and socialize in a group setting. According to Community Action, over 60,000 meals were served last year to participants in the three counties.

A nutrition expert is on hand to monitor the sodium, vitamin and cholesterol content of the meals, which can easily be adjusted for diabetic diets.

The home delivered meals program is for seniors who are homebound. Meals are delivered seven days a week to the homes of seniors not able to attend the

congregate meals. This program delivered over 75,000 meals last year.

The basic requirements for the home delivered meals program are that you or your spouse must be 60 or older, homebound and cannot leave your home alone, unable to prepare meals and have no other access to a nutritionally balanced diet.

Eligible participants have meals delivered to them by caring drivers.

Local senior centers offering congregate meal programs in Chippewa County are in DeTour, Drummond Island, Kinross, Pickford, Raber, Rudyard, Sewell Avery, Sugar Island and Whitefish centers. In Luce County, meals are offered at the Newberry Center and in Mackinac County at the Clark, Curtis, Garfield and St. Ignace Centers.

The programs are looking for volunteers for the meal services, or if you would like to invest in a community service - a tax-deductible financial gift is also greatly appreciated.

For more information in Chippewa County call the Chippewa County Sewell Avery Center at 632-3363 or (800) 562-4963. For Luce County call 293-5621 and Mackinac County Fenlon Center at 643-8595. You may also visit [clmcaa.net](http://clmcaa.net).

# Leadership academy leads member to India

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Robin Clark first heard of the Great Lakes Leadership Academy – Leadership Advancement Program in 2011. At the time she was working for the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan on energy initiatives, helping to get tribes more active in energy conservation and natural resource impacts from energy development within the state.

She was approached by United Tribes of Michigan Executive Director Frank Ettawageshik, who sat on the board of the leadership academy, who asked her to take a look at the program.

Only one Michigan tribal member had participated in past leadership advancement programs, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians member Doug Craven. Ettawageshik was working with the academy to improve tribal member participation and Clark decided to apply.

The focus of the Leadership Advancement Program was to bring together individual leaders from across diverse sectors, backgrounds, and localities within Michigan to dive into leadership in the context of the common good. The program itself was 18-months long, meeting once a month in locations around the state.

The group met in December of 2011 in Sault Ste. Marie and stayed at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center. That session included an invocation by the Cultural Program's Cecil Pavlat and a speech by Jackie Minton; work with JKL Bahweting students with a presentation from Youth Education and Activity's Jill King; a panel discussion on St. Mary's waterway including Environmental's Kathie Brosemer; and a niibiish activity and walk led by Sault Tribe member Amy McCoy. Sault Tribe members contributed greatly to that session adding to Clark, increasing the knowledge and connection of each of the 27



Photo by by Sandra Yu, GLLA participant

**Robin Clark in India during her trip with the GLLA in February 2012.**

program participants to the tribe, who may share that knowledge and connection further across the state.

Clark said as part of understanding leadership in the context of the common good, the group worked on balancing the needs and skills of the communities and/or sectors they generally "represent" with the needs and skills of greater, diverse communities and economies, with an eye on the long run (think seven generations).

The curriculum included an international experience where program participants would visit a different country and meet with leadership to learn about their issues and what work was being done for the common good of their people. The group decided to travel to India - over 8,000 miles from home - and left Feb. 17, 2012.

The participants spent two weeks in 95-degree weather experiencing India through interactions with residents, students, education professionals and community leaders involved in agriculture, natural resources,

education, economic development and health care. The group traveled to both rural and urban locations, meeting with local practitioners involved in diverse fields to see how they were able to work together across religious, socio-economic and sectoral differences.

Clark said it was a cultural shock going from winter to their summer and from our local culture to theirs. She said it was hot but the group had to remain covered because of India's cultural modesty. "Your shoulders had to be covered and low cut shirts and tank tops were not allowed," she said. Loose flowing skirts became one of her fashion mainstays. The group flew into Delhi and traveled by bus, train and plane through

southern India.

She said there was a language barrier and at times it proved hard to communicate. "My favorite part of the trip," she said, "was the times we just got to talk to people vs. the formal back and forth of arranged meetings." One of the non-profits they visited was working to establish pre-schools and they were given a tour of two of the schools. "One of the schools was just a little room made of concrete with no furniture. To the folks who get to send their kids there though it's an incredible thing. We met the kids and loved talking to the moms and women who have stepped up in their community to do this," she said.

The group visited with an HIV/AIDS women's and children's support group while they were there and Clark became friends with one of the mothers. This women's husband had passed away and she now works in the fields to support her three daughters. To help the family out, Clark and her husband Eric send donations to Shanti Ashram's Sudar Program annually, which helps provide for the children's school uniforms and materials, as well as continuing the HIV/AIDS women's support group. "It's a small thing," Clark said, "but it means a lot to that family."

Clark said the group noticed that even though a lot of community programs were led by women, it was the women who were less likely to be assertive in meetings—men would stand up and talk more freely. "There is a food distribution program in Indian similar to the USDA food

distribution program here in the U.S. where the lowest income families can get subsidized foods," Clark said. "Generally speaking, the whole system was male dominated and there was a lot of corruption - the food wasn't getting where it was needed and the money was disappearing. Women started to get together and have been taking over the program locally. The system started working better once the women came together on behalf of their communities."

One of the more noticeable differences between the cultures, Clark said, was that only about 28 percent of households in India have toilets. "Public sanitation is very limited. We talked with a government leader who worked extremely hard to get a public toilet in his community - usually folks use a hole in the ground," she said. "Toilet paper isn't usually used or available except in upscale hotels and tourist stops. There is always a bucket and water and your hands - you use one hand for sanitary purposes and the other to eat with. I've heard people saying they thought it was gross to use toilet paper, so unsanitary."

Clark said she was able to participate in the program thanks to a scholarship. The GLLA is working on fundraising for an endowment fund, which would allow the Leadership Advancement Program to continue to provide opportunities for leaders across the state and within our tribe.

For more information about the program, visit: [www.glla.msu.edu](http://www.glla.msu.edu).



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# Take Back the Night came to Sault Ste. Marie

## FOURTH ANNUAL PROGRAM HELPS YOUNG WOMEN TAKE A STAND AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE

BY HALI MCKELVIE

The EUP Sexual Violence Prevention team hosted their fourth annual *Take Back the Night* event on April 16, 2013, in the Anchor Room of the Cisler Center on Lake Superior State University's campus.

The team is a multi agency team of Sault Tribe's Advocacy Resource Center (ARC), Diane Pepler Resource Center, Bay Mills Indian Community's Journey to Healing program, Edward Jones investments, Michigan State Police, LSSU's Crisis Center and LSSU's Campus Life. The team hosts and participates in a number of preventative events throughout the year.

*Take Back the Night* started with a welcoming from the team followed by local representatives from the Pepler Center, LSSU, Sault Tribe, city police, campus security and Uniting Three Fires Against Violence. Each representative spoke on ending sexual violence.

Following the welcoming and opening statements, sexual assault survivor Stacey Lannert presented to a crowd of over 100 community members. During her presentation, she focused on identifying signs of sexual trauma with young victims and provided a number of national resources that are available to anyone affected by sexual assault.

She also spoke of the sexual and physical abuse she experienced.

Beginning at the tender age of eight years old, she was sexually assaulted by her father. During the next 10 years, she endured countless encounters of sexual and physical abuse from her father while her younger sister endured solely physical abuse. Stacey shared that she felt she was somehow protecting her sister by "taking" the sexual abuse.

However, on July 4, 1990, her father raped her sister for the first time. As Stacey was forced to listen to the screams and terror of her little sister she found herself truly helpless and hopeless. That night Stacey made a decision that would change her life forever — she shot and killed her father. Stacey was later sentenced to a life term of prison without the possibility of parole.

Although it wasn't the ideal alternative to end a traumatizing chapter in her life, it gave her an opportunity to find freedom, acceptance and peace. Ultimately, through a course of events and after 18 years of incarceration, Stacey Lannert was granted clemency. The governor who granted her clemency made one final order upon her release, "Do something positive with your freedom, contribute to society." From that point on, Stacey decided she would continue to share

her story and play an important role in ending sexual violence.

Stacey's presentation highlighted a number of resources and alternatives to seek out help if you or someone you know becomes a victim of sexual abuse. Since her release she has appeared on a number of national syndicated talk shows, co-authored an autobiography and started a non-profit organization called, Healing Sisters. Often there are times when victims feel they are alone or that no one will ever believe their stories. Therefore, Healing Sisters provides a virtual network that allows other victims and survivors of sexual assault to connect with one another and seek sup-

port. You can find Healing Sisters online at [www.healingsisters.org](http://www.healingsisters.org). A copy of her book, *Redemption*, can be found at major bookstores everywhere.

Directly after the presentation, the ARC hosted a sexual violence awareness walk that took place on the campus of the university.

Over the years, *Take Back the Night* has become internationally known, as a way to take a stand against sexual violence and speak out against these horrible crimes. As described at [www.takebackthenight.org/history](http://www.takebackthenight.org/history), the first documented *Take Back the Night* event in the United States took place in October of 1975 in Philadelphia, Penn. Citizens rallied together after the murder

of young microbiologist, Susan Alexander Speeth, who was stabbed to death by a stranger no more than a block away from her home while walking the streets alone.

A few national and local resources available for victims of sexual abuse are the toll free National Sexual Assault Hotline at (800) 656-HOPE, the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network website at [www.rainn.com](http://www.rainn.com), Sault Tribe ARC at 632-1808 or toll free at (877) 639-7820, Bay Mills Indian Community Journey to Healing at (906) 248-8311 and Uniting Three Fires Against Violence 253-9775 or toll free (855) DNT-HIT-ME.

## ARC conducts annual awareness conference in Sault Ste. Marie

BY HALI MCKELVIE

The Advocacy Resource Center conducted an annual teen wellness conference on April 16, 2013. This year, the *LOL: Living Our Live while Laughing Out Loud* conference had 70 students who attended from three area school districts.

The conference opened with Hali McKelvie welcoming the students, an opening prayer by Cecil Pavlat and an address by Chairperson Aaron Payment. The

conference had four breakout sessions covering various topics including healthy relationships, self esteem, cultural teachings, prescription drug abuse and stalking.

This year's presenters were Melissa Merchant and Becky Rambo with the Diane Pepler Resource Center, Lara Cook-Paquin, LLMSW, with the Sault Tribe's Behavioral Health, Officer Eric Rye with the Sault Tribe Police Department and Jackie

Minton with the Sault Tribe Cultural Department.

Each conference participant received a goody bag that included various sources of local agencies and items from each participating agency.

The conference takes place annually to provide awareness to local youth on healthy relationships, wellness and unity. This year's conference was hosted at the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center.

## Walking On . . .

DARRYL CAUSLEY

Darryl Causley, 49, of Cheboygan died unexpectedly on April 24 at McLaren Cheboygan Hospital. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie on May 25, 1953, to John and Lorraine (nee Perry) Causley. He lived in Hessel much of his life and was a commercial, self-employed painter and a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by his daughters, Nichole Causley of Sault Ste. Marie, Stephanie Causley of Manistique, Jennifer Schuster of Ann Arbor; brothers, John Jr. and Patricia Causley of Hessel, James and Dorothy Causley of Kinross, Jeff and Connie Causley of Kinross, and Donald Causley of Sault Ste. Marie; sisters, Delinda Causley of Hessel and Debra Causley of Sault Ste. Marie; five grandchildren; special friend, Deloris Deloy, and her son, Julian, of Cheboygan.

Visitation took place at the Hessel Tribal Center. Services were conducted April 29 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel with Brother John Hascall officiating. Burial will be in Old Mission Indian Cemetery in Hessel later in the spring. Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace assisted with arrangements.



MARYANN COLLINS

MaryAnn Howell Collins walked on to her heavenly home on April 28, 2013, at the age of 82 years. Her departure from Parkside Facility in Trenton, Mich., was sudden.

She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on May 28, 1930, to Charles W. Howell and Ellen McCoy Howell. Her childhood was spent partially in Sault Ste. Marie and on Sugar Island, Payment. She was educated in Payment, Sault area schools and St. Mary's School. Around 1943, the family moved to Detroit, Mich., and she graduated from Saint Anne's High School.

MaryAnn married Franklin Collins and together raised a beautiful family of five sons, Michael, (Deanna) Collins of Florida, Gary (Cynthia) Collins of Seattle, Wash., Richard (Laurie) Collins of Trenton, Franklin Daniel Collins (deceased) and Steven (Andrea) Collins of Allen Park, Mich.

She leaves behind many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. MaryAnn's siblings are Sister Irene Howell, IBVM, of Wheaton, Ill., Geneveive Howell (deceased), Shirley (Hubert) Yancy (deceased), Maurice (Doris) Howell (deceased), Weldon (Carol) Howell (deceased) and Dorothy (Harold) Eldred of New Boston, Mich.

Her grandparents were Daniel



McCoy and MaryAnn Whalen McCoy of Sugar Island, Payment.

Many nieces, nephews, and cousins will truly miss MaryAnn.

MaryAnn was a member of the Catholic Church and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Eternal rest grant to her, o Lord. May she rest in peace.

LOUIS H. CONGUY JR.

Louis "II" Conguy Jr., 64, of St. Ignace, passed away on April 15, 2013, at Mackinac Straits Health

System, following a seven-month battle with lung cancer.

He was born Nov. 16, 1948, in St. Ignace to Louis Sr. and Vivian (nee LaDuke) Conguy.

He joined the Army in 1966 and served in Germany after his training at Fort Knox in Kentucky. He worked as an ironworker, along with his dad for a period of time, and for more than 30 years as a commercial fisherman on the Great Lakes.

He was a member and elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He helped start the Sons of the Straits and was a member of the American Legion. He was also a member of Moose Lodge 999 for close to 30 years. After serving many different offices for years, he received a fellowship degree. He was bar manager and always helped with the children's activities at the



lodge. He was known at the lodge as "chief cook and bottle washer."

He married his wife of 29 years, Patricia "Patty" Frazier of Naubinway, on Feb. 11, 1984, at the VFW Post in St. Ignace.

It was always spreading his laughter and his smile, family members said, and he was a man with a very big heart. He was known to be a flirt with the girls and he liked to give people close to him lighthearted nicknames, such as "Mistress" Becky Crowder and "Bulldog" Elizabeth Clemens. His wife, Patty, was his pride and joy.

He is survived by his wife, Patty; twin brothers, Bert and Roger Conguy of St. Ignace; two sisters and their families, Karen McMillan of Moran, and Roxanne and Jason Belonga of St. Ignace; three brothers-in-law and their families, Leroy and Leanne Frazier of Ottawa, Harold and Jackie Frazier of Sault Ste. Marie, Glenn and Carolee Frazier of St. Ignace; two sisters-in-law and their families, Deb and Sean Bennett of Naubinway, Elizabeth and Tim Clemens of Mackinaw City; He is survived by his wife, Patty; twin brothers, Bert and Roger Conguy of St. Ignace; two sisters and their families, Karen McMillan of Moran, and Roxanne and Jason Belonga of St. Ignace; three brothers-in-law and their families, Leroy and Leanne Frazier of Ottawa, Harold and Jackie Frazier of Sault Ste. Marie, Glenn and Carolee Frazier of St. Ignace; two sisters-in-law and their families, Deb and Sean Bennett of Naubinway, Elizabeth and Tim Clemens of

Mackinaw City; nieces and their families, Lisa and Leroy Sayles, April and Jeff Vannigan, Jessica and Jonah Staffan, Jamie and Cyle Frazier, Noelle and Austin Clemens, Alexandra Clemens, Samantha Bennett, Erika Frazier, and Courtney Frazier; nephews and their families, Richie and Tracy Smith, Louis and Emily McMillan, Nicholas Frazier, Michael and Samantha Bennett, Justin and Amy Frazier, Dustin and Christine Grondin, Brandyn and Mandy Clemens, Zachary Frazier, Tyler Bennett, Lucas Frazier, Kevin Frazier; a godchild and nephew, Jacob Frazier; four greatnieces, four great-nephews, four great-great-nieces, and two greatgreat nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis Sr. and Vivian (nee LaDuke) Conguy, brother, Oliver John; sister, Diane Lynn; and a brother-in-law and his family, Don and Karen McMillan.

Services took place on April 20 at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church with Father Pawel Mecwel and Father John Haskall officiating. Pastor David Wallis of Mackinaw City was a guest speaker, who guided with prayer for II and Patty on this journey.

Cremation has taken place. Interment will occur later this spring in St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery next to his parents.

Pallbearers were Leroy Sayles, Robby Sayles, Richie Smith, Ethan Sayles, Louie McMillan, Logan McMillan, Frank Captain and Rick Terpening. Honorary pallbearers were Blaine Terpening and Gaige McMillan.

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#### VIRGINIA DEBUSK

Virginia (nee Kay) DeBusk of Sault Ste Marie, Mich. died on May 2, 2013, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born on Feb. 26, 1948, in Sault Ste Marie.

She was a long time resident of the Sault and spent many years in Merced, Calif., where she raised her three children.

Virginia is survived by her three sons, Danny (Betty) DeBusk of the Sault, Shon (Kara) DeBusk of Atwater, Calif., and Kevin DeBusk of Houston, Texas; sisters, Myrna of Livonia, Mich, Sharon (Roy) Russom of Missouri., Sherla (Tom) Moore of Florida, Margaret Pearl of Walled Lake and Sherry (Del) Shagen of the Sault; brothers, Bob (Myrtis) Kay of Louisiana, Earl "Cappy" of Roseville, Don (Medori Kay) of Westland, Mich.; many nieces and nephews, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by her life partner, Charles Niemi; her parents, Earl and Bertha Kay; and a sister, Phyllis.

Memorial services took place at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Building on May 4, 2013 at 11 a.m. with Cecil Pavlat conducting the services.

As per family request, a contribution to the American Cancer Society in Virginia's name would be appreciated.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and Cremation Center assisted the family with arrangements. On line condolences may be left at [www.clark-baileynewhouse.com](http://www.clark-baileynewhouse.com).

#### GENEVA N. ERSKINE

Geneva Natalie "Jean" Erskine, 88, of Stockbridge, formerly Moran, Mich., passed away surrounded by her family on April 23, 2013, at Chelsea Community Hospital in Chelsea, Mich. She was born on July 11, 1924, in Detroit, Mich., the daughter of Rueben and Victoria Edick.

On June 26, 1939, she married John Clayton "Jack" Erskine. She was active with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was an animal lover who loved her cats and adored her dog, Sasha. She enjoyed playing cards, going to the casino, shopping, decorating at Christmas, swimming, dancing and dining out. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Allenville, Mich., and loved attending church at the Good Shepherd Mission in Stockbridge.

She is survived by one brother, Ruben (Janice) Edick of Chelsea; five children, Cheryl (A.C.) Allen, Debra (Morey) Denton, Rick Erskine, Vicki (Ernie) Langstaff, Jackie Erskine (Stacy Sutela), Cindi Sabo (Dan Bigger) and daughter-in-law, Mary Erskine; 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; sons, Gary and Randy Erskine; and grandsons, Morey and Chad Denton.

A celebration of her life took place on April 26, 2013 at the Good Shepherd Mission with Parson Billy Allen officiating. Memorial contributions

may be made to the Good Shepherd Mission, 5050 E. M-36, Stockbridge, MI 49285. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

#### MARGARET J. GRAVELLE

Margaret Jean "Mag" Gravelle, aged 56, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on April 19, 2013, at Hospice of the EUP.

Mag was born on April 21, 1956, in Sault Ste. Marie, the daughter of the late Richard and June (nee Vowels) Gravelle. She graduated from Sault Area High School and worked for Kewadin Casinos. She was an avid reader, who enjoyed arts and crafts and shopping. Mag collected knick knacks of cats and loved to spend time with her cat, Princess Roo Roo. She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Mag is survived by three sisters, Grace "Betsy" Gravelle and Susan "Tota" (Michael) Kinney both of Sault Ste. Marie, and Kathy "Poopsi" (Bob) Moiles of Kincheloe, Mich.; five brothers, Clyde "Manny" (Sherill) Gravelle of Sault Ste. Marie, Phillip Gravelle of Barbeau, Mich., and Ronny Gravelle, Donny Gravelle and Eddie Gravelle all of Sault Ste. Marie; sister-in-law, Helen Gravelle of Brimley, Mich.; many nieces and nephews.

Mag was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, William F. Gravelle.

A gathering took place on April 22, 2013, at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building. Interment will be at a later date in Will Walk Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to help with funeral expenses.

Arrangements handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

#### CLARENCE P. KUCHARCZYK

Clarence Paul Kucharczyk "Sonny", aged 79, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away peacefully surrounded

by his loving family on April 11, 2013 at War Memorial Hospital.

He was born on April 23, 1933, on Drummond Island, Mich., the son of the late John and Julia (nee Alek) Kucharczyk.

Clarence was a Sault Tribe member and took pride in spending time with family and friends, telling stories, taking pictures and videos. He enjoyed spending the day on the water fishing and telling stories. Those who knew him also knew that he loved being outdoors, he has shared many stories throughout the years of his adventures all of which brought him home safely. He loved Clarence's Barber Shop in which he was a barber for many years, starting off working with the VA hospital as a barber in 1958. He loved his customers and enjoyed telling stories with them. He loved music and enjoyed playing the guitar. He shared many years with his faithful dog, Sadie, whom he loved dearly. Clarence was a veteran who served in the Army. He was a strong believer

in God's word, the Bible, and held dear to his beliefs.

Clarence is survived by his children, Debbie (John) Ranieri of Sault Ste. Marie, Kelvin Kucharczyk of Escanaba and David (Shelly) Kucharczyk of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Tammy (Tony) Clement, Jonathan Ranieri, Heather (Brian) McKee, Nicky and Matthew Kucharczyk; great grandchildren, Brittnee (Kyle) Stinson, Whittnee and Courtnee Clement and Connor McKee; and his beautiful sister Christina Lehn.

Clarence was preceded in death by his sons, Kevin Kucharczyk and Gary Kucharczyk.

At Clarence's request, cremation has taken place. Services took place on April 15 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with a luncheon at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building.

#### FRANK J. MADDIX

Our precious father, Frank Junior Maddix, passed away on Feb. 12, 2013, from complications due to Parkinson's disease. He was a wonderful husband to Mom, and a wonderful father and grandfather. Although our hearts are broken, we are comforted he is with the Lord and with family members who have passed on.

Dad was born to Frank and Caroline Maddix on April 25, 1927, in Fiborn Quarry, Mich. He joined the Navy in 1944 and served two active duty tours in World War II and the Korean War. He was a reservist in the Seabees for more than 26 years. Dad was proud to serve his country.

Dad met the love of his life, Pauline, while in the service. They were married in Port

Orchard on Nov. 24, 1951. They were married for 62 years.

Dad worked at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard from 1952 to 1982 as a crane operator. He was one of a few people qualified to run the large hammer head crane. After retiring, mom and dad toured the U.S. in their truck and camper. They had the time of their lives seeing the sites and visiting family and friends.

Dad then worked for 10 years driving a bus for the South Kitsap School District. He was a good, hard working man, always providing for his family. He never complained, even Parkinson's couldn't take away his sense of humor, dignity and grace. You taught us much, dad, you are a heck of a man.

Dad and mom enjoyed square and round dancing, camping, gardening, spending time with friends and family, especially their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dad took pride in keeping the house he and Mom (and other family members) built and their yard in pristine condition. Dad chopped and split wood to build mom a fire in the fireplace whenever it was remotely chilly.

Family members treasuring his memory are his wife, Pauline Maddix; brothers, Jesse and Jim Maddix; sisters, Fanny Aslin and Lola Davis; daughters and sons-in-law, Pauline and Harry McConnell, Mary and Ken Kirk, Brenda and Rod Ludwig; grandchildren: Dustin (Dawn) Deitchler, Jason Deitchler, Lacey Ludwig, Landon Ludwig, and Jeff Kirk; great-grandchildren: Stephanie, Haylee, Robert, JayJae, Anthony, Alena, Jace and Mason; a large extended family and many special friends.

Family members welcoming him into heaven are his parents; brother, Leroy; grandson, Ryan McConnell; and great-grandson, Destry Deitchler.

A special thanks to the staff and volunteers at Hospice of Kitsap County Care Center.

#### HOWARD P. QUANTZ SERVICE AND BURIAL

A service and burial for Howard P. Quantz, husband of Vivian DeRusha Quantz, will take place at the Community Covenant Church at 588 Carlshend Rd., Skandia, Mich., on June 10, 2013, at 4 p.m., with Pastor Todd Spangler officiating. Family and friends are welcome.

#### ANNA J. SAVARD

Anna Josephine Savard, 75, of St. Ignace, passed away on April 12, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital in Petoskey. She was born on April 10, 1938, in Moran, to Frank and Pearl (nee McCall) Stempki.

She was graduated from high school, and married Bernard "Archie" Savard on Nov. 26, 1955, at St. Isaac Joques Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie. Her husband died on April 1, 2013, just 12 days before her death.

Mrs. Savard worked for Mackinac Straits Long Term Care Facility for many years before her retirement.

She loved her grandchildren and was a great cook. She loved to read, listen to music and go to the casino. She was an elder with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a member

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Anna Josephine Savard, 75, of St. Ignace, passed away on April 12, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital in Petoskey.

She was graduated from high school, and married Bernard "Archie" Savard on Nov. 26, 1955, at St. Isaac Joques Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie. Her husband died on April 1, 2013, just 12 days before her death.

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## 3rd Annual Baawting Anishinaabemowin Conference 2013

Opening Ceremony  
June 21, 2013  
7:00am  
Powwow Grounds  
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June 21, 2013  
6:00pm  
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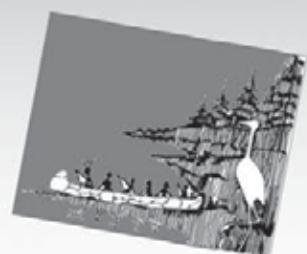
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# JKL students are lauded for MEAP scores

JKL Bahweting Anishnabe PSA in Sault Ste. Marie conducted an awards celebration to honor students who received a proficient score on this year's Michigan Education Assessment Program. Students in grades 3-8 increased scores in all subjects through the hard work and dedication of the students, teachers, staff, parents and community. The school strives for ongoing improvement. All schools in the state of Michigan must have 100 percent of their students scoring at an 85 percent proficiency rate by 2022. The MEAP is given to students in grades 3-8 every October. Adults in the photographs include JKL Superintendent Theresa Kallstom, school board trustees Jim German, Ginger Stratton, NMU Charter Office's Sean O'Donnell and school board trustees Nick VanAlstine and Jack Thompson.



Above, third grade students, left to right, Tishella Forgrave, Jade TenEyck, Neleh Dowdy, Brynn Beaulieu, Miriam Clark, Shane Hubbard, Allysia Bumstead, Dominic Parish, Khloey Kirkpatrick, Keenan Hoffman, Akeera Johnson and Shaelyn Reno. Missing from photo: Jaelyn Azevedo, Addie Berg, Randi Bumstead, Avery Calder, Zachary Collia, Eva Collins, Reilly Cox, David Daley, Jakob Davie, Riley Eavou, Emmett Fazzari, Austin Gervais, Kylie Goodman, Dayton Graham, Jory Homminga, Curtis Hubbard, Lily Izzard, Brynn Jannetta, Jack Krans, Noah LaHuis, Christopher McKechnie, Sawyer McKechnie, Lillian Mckee-Calvey, Lydia McKenzie, Hilary Mckerchie, Malik McLeod, Memphis Meyer, Sagen Nolan, Rachel Passage, Kyle Pine, Jaiden Porcaro, Kylie Povey, Taylor Pratt, Ellie Purple, Jaycee Reil, John Robinson, Alana Smith, Catherine Tucker, Grace Visnaw and Tyler Welch.



Fifth grade students, left to right, Carson Mackety, Lexie Matchinski, Thalen Hoffman, David Anderson, Andrew Innerebner, Brian Kibble, Logan Thompson, Jackson Yeack, Sydney Kuenzer, Zach VanAlstine and Martha Krans. Missing from photo: Jorgiamay Bergstrom, Constance Berube, Adrianna Bouschor, Augustus Brand, Avery Brown, Taylor Causley, Hailey Clement, Kurt Clement, Zackery Cole, MaKenna Corbiere, Lily Dailey, Olivia DeCoe, Emma Donmyer, Dalton Graham, Sydney Hagan, Chase Jannetta, Nicky Kucharczyk, Alivia LaJoie, Hailey Lewis, Dylan Malmborg, Rhiannon McDonald, KijhayGaahte McKeever, Myah McKerchie, Merryn McLean, Bazzil Moran, Cole Nichols, Nicholas Passage, Kyle Portlock, Kasen Reffruschinni, Trevor Renard, Melina Roverston, Christian Saunders, Ch'Giizhigong Shipman, Adria Shook, Hailey Smart, Jeremy Stoppa, Carter Synett, Emma Wallis, Laiken Walters, Emily Wilson and Lucas Wolf.



Fourth grade students, left to right, Max Boyer, Scott Garcia, Kirk Smith, Gisheday Matrious, Alyvia Malloy, Sara Weber and Lillian Tracey. Missing from photo: Alexis Adair, Melanie Alshab, Michael Belanger, Gavin Calkins, Bailey Carey, Alyssa DeMolen, Sawyer Dowd, Carissa Eavou, Ava Fazzari, Alexander French, Nicholas Gerrie, Michael Gunckel, Nicholas Hillock, Cameron Hoorstra, Kaylynn Indorf, Danielle Jackson, Carlyon Jewell, Kelvin Kasten, Helen Kerfoot, Mekayle Kessinger, Rileigh King, Madison LaBonte, Trace Lahti, Noah McKechnie, Brett McKenzie, Andrew Milligan, Marcus Murray, Morgan O'Dell, Xavier Parlier, Aliah Robertson, Gordon Smith, Eli Stevens, Morgan Stevens, Jack Swan, Lillian Thomas, Nathaniel Thompson, Eli Visnaw, Amadeus Wright and Jaron Wyma.

Photos from JKL Bahweting School



Sixth grade students, left to right, Alexia McMillan, Kelly Vaught, Alyssa Dowdy and Sawyer VanAlstine. Missing from photo: Cedric Brown, Ravin Calkins, Scott Colborn, Madison Cox, Nicholas Cox, Gabrielle Erickson, Adriana Frederickson, Jenna Homminga, Ashten Jewell, Kylee Kosiewicz, Andrew Krans, Makenzi LaVictor, Richard McCallon, Braeden Pages, Kira Passage, Jocelyn Perston, Haeli Povey, Virginia Pringle, Miranda Shannon-Adams, Sophie Shepard, Cole Synett, Seandra Thompson and Riley Walters.



Seventh grade students, Nicholas Kammers, Andrew Yeack, Griffin Zajkowski, Karyn Cress, Makenna Reno and Kaitlyn Steele. Missing from photo: Gabriel Boynton, Samantha Brand, Morgaine Brennan, Dawson Brown, Marrisca Clement, Joseph Davie, Jarid DeMolen, Sydney Dumas, Kayla Franklin, Alyssa Gardner, Elizabeth Jackson, Hailey Jackson, Faith Kuchulan-Berube, Raven McDonald, Breeanna McDowell, Alexia McMillan, Nicholas Natzke, Dane Parlier, Caleb Saunders, Ozro Smith, Ryver Stevens, Mikena Sylvester, Isaac Tippet and Dreyden Tremblay-Duff.



Eighth grade students, left to right, Kevin Krans, Karen Moran and Rebecca Steele. Missing from photo: Alaysia Brewer, Audra Burlew, Kayla Cadreau, Callie Church, Kaitlyn Goodman, Miala Hyde, Logan Kessinger-Reed, Mackenzie Knutsen, Makayla Lamoreaux, Trenten Maleport, Anne-Marie Peer, Gregory Renard, Ashley Robinson, Josephine Roos, Brendan Shipman, Laurence Taylor, Jessica Thompson, Rebekah Tompson and Ariana Wolf.

**Sault Tribe Housing Authority is having an Open House.**  
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# Northern Michigan tribes unite in effort to restore native plants and protect pollinators

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Drumming, demonstrations, talking circles and presentations greeted participants during April's 5th Native Plants Restoration and Pollinator Protection Workshop, aptly named Kinomaage – or "Teachings from the earth." Sault Tribe hosted the workshop at their cultural center.

Hands-on sessions for the group of about 40 participants involved demonstrations on seed cleaning, seed storage, invasive species and native seed harvesting.

The Kinomaage series is part of the Wings and Seeds Project (Zaagkii) first launched in 2008 by the Cedar Tree Institute, the U.S. Forest Service, Northern Michigan University's Center for Native American Studies and Michigan's Marquette County Juvenile Court.

The intent of the workshops is to assist indigenous leaders in reclaiming key roles as traditional

caretakers of Great Lakes botanical ecosystems. The project is also a reminder to people that pollination is an essential ecological function. According to the Kinomaage website, "Over 80 percent of the world's vegetables and fruits require a pollinator to produce. These pollinators include bats, butterflies, moths, flies, birds, beetles, ants and bees."

Representatives attended from five area tribes, including the Sault Tribe, Lac Vieux Desert, Keweenaw Bay, Hannahville, Bay Mills Indian Community and Northern Michigan University's (MSU) Center for Native American Studies. Representatives from the tribes and MSU met with key presenters, which included Director of the Cedar Tree Institute Jon Magnuson, Ethno-botanist Scott Herron, Ph.D., Sault Tribe Environmental Program Manager Kathleen Brosemer and Jan

Schultz, a botanist with the U.S. Forest Service, to share skills and experiences for use in collaborative efforts to restore and preserve native plants and protect area pollinators.

Magnuson said pollinators bring integrity to the ecosystems by holding together the web of plant life by helping plants propagate each other.

Schultz said, "There is a need for more collective partnering work in botany and restoration and environment issues related to climate change. We appreciated the tribe hosting this event. I hope we can continue our collaboration and really get to the heart of what the needs are for ethnobotany and botany and the restoration piece and that we can keep it going," she said.

The first four workshops were held at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Indian

Community and in Marquette, Michigan. Magnuson said talks have been initiated about the possibility of forming a partnership with Bay Mills Community College and the Sault Tribe for a certificate program to train tribal members about seed harvesting, identification and medicinal plants. "As indigenous communities, Native peoples have historically been the custodians and caretakers for our natural resources," Magnuson said. "They have a voice and a role that no one can really duplicate. Tribal communities need partners, no one can do anything alone these days. In terms of restoring and protecting the integrity of the ecosystems that we all share, this project is here to assist tribes to reclaim and carry out that promise."

Magnuson said the projects planning team hopes people attending the workshops would walk away with some technical knowledge about seed harvesting,

stem regeneration and identification of medicinal plants that are endangered. He said he hopes participants also came away with a vision and encouragement for continuing restoration work on their own reservations of bringing back native plants and protecting them for future generations.

The Cedar Tree Institute is a non-profit organization that initiates projects and provides services in the areas of mental health, religion and the environment. Magnuson has worked with tribes across the Pacific Northwest and over the last ten years has been working with tribal communities in northern Michigan. He has also taught at Northern Michigan University's Center for Native American Studies.

For more information on the Kinomaage workshops or the Cedar Tree Institute, visit them online at: <http://wingsandseeds.org>.



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Above: Group talking circle. Below: Jan Schultz, a workshop presenter and botanist with the U.S. Forest Service.



Above: Sault Tribe Environmental Program Manager Kathleen Brosemer (left) talking with a workshop participant. Below: Bud Biron (left) and Nathan Freitas, Sault Tribe Environmental Program GIS Technician.



## Walking On continued . . .

of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace.

Mrs. Savard was known to her family and extended family for her quiet ways and her love.

She is survived by a son and his family, William and Molly Savard of Findlay, Ohio; two daughters and their families, Carla Frantz of Hessel and Gwen and Douglas Porritt of Atlanta, Mich.; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three brothers and their families, Al and Laurie Stempki, Frank and Lana Stempki, and Randy Stempki, all of St. Ignace; two sisters and their families, Georgetta "Jo" and Ted Gunthorp of LaGrange, Ind., and Betty Grondin of St. Ignace, and a son-in-law, John Meyer of Blanchard.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Bernard, she was preceded in death by a son, Kevin, who died in 1985; a daughter, Colleen Meyer, who died in 1992, and a sister, Veronica Rickley.

Visitation and services took place on April 18, at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, Father Norbert Landreville officiated.

Burial will be in St. Ignatius Cemetery later in the spring.

Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace is assisting the family with arrangements.

### LUCY M. SAVARD

Lucy Mary Savard, 94, of St. Ignace, passed away on April 13, 2013, at the Norlite Nursing Home in Marquette, surrounded by her



family. She was born May 25, 1918, in Carp River, to Oliver and Mary (nee LaFave) Belonga.

Mrs. Savard worked at the Nicolet Hotel during World War II. She enjoyed telling the story of working with her sister-in-law, Gladys Belonga, where they made two cents more per hour than anyone else in the laundry because they were sheet press operators. She later enjoyed working as a waitress at the Coach in the Third Ward.

She married Clarence Savard in 1946. They lived in St. Ignace, where their three children grew up.

Mrs. Savard was a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Her passions were many. Aside from the love of dancing with her husband, she enjoyed gardening and selling her produce, which continued well into her 80s. She also canned many of her garden vegetables. Mrs. Savard loved to quilt, and made beautiful quilts using her own unique designs. She also braided rugs, enjoyed cooking, baking and going to the casino. She especially loved to prepare large holiday meals but, most of all, she enjoyed being with her family and visiting with friends. She loved to laugh, and she loved life.

She is survived by three children and their families, Doris LaVake of Wisconsin, Darlene and Larry Scott of Indiana and Gary Savard of Marquette; grandchildren and their families, Russell and Karen Luepnitz of Alabama, Darrell and Ashley Luepnitz of Indiana, Richard and

Tina Green, Roxanne and Joann LaVake, and Dean Savard of Marquette; step-grandchildren and their families, Jake and Tara Scott, Jenni Scott, and Jera and Ryan Edgar, all of Indiana; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Clarence, who died in 1981, she was preceded in death by siblings William, Joe, Jim, Walter, Abe, Edward, George, and Louie Belonga, Rose Cone, Mary Lavina Martineau, and one great-grandson, Bryan Luepnitz.

Visitation and services took place on April 17 at Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace and Father Pawel Mecwel officiated.

Burial will be in St. Ignatius Cemetery, next to her husband, in May.

### ROSE M. SCOTT

Rose M. Scott, 89, of Mackinaw City walked on April 27, 2013, at her home surrounded by family.



A lifelong resident of the Mackinaw City area, Rose was born Feb. 18, 1924, in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Clovie and Pearl (nee Duffina) Hillenburg, and, as a young girl, moved with her family to Flypoint near Mackinaw City with her family.

She was a 1942 graduate of Mackinaw City High School and in the same year married Fred W. Scott in Mackinaw City. She was employed at the Greyhound Restaurant, Tyson's Restaurant, the five and dime and most recently, Heilman's Fudge Shop, all in Mackinaw City, retiring in

1989.

She was a member and very active in her church at St. Anthony's for many years, and also was active in the Red Hat gatherings. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren, read, watch birds at her feeders and old time western movies, and was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Surviving are two sons, Mike (Sarah) Scott of Reese, and Pat (Mary) Sikkens of Carp Lake; daughter, Angela (Mike) Florek of Indian River; 12 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Fred, in 2006; daughter, Gloria Schramm; and a son, Fred Scott.

Visitation and services took place on May 1 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Mackinaw City. Rev. Paul Megge and Sister Chris Herald, O.P. officiated. Interment is at Lakeview Cemetery in Mackinaw City.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Straits, or St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Parish Life Center.

Those wishing to share memories or a condolence are invited to do so at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

### MAYBELLE THIBERT

MayBelle Thibert, aged 90, passed on April 8, 2013. She was born on Nov. 27, 1922.

Beloved wife of the late Leo and loving mother of Diana, Don, Eugene, Dennis, Jeffrey, Laurel, Amy and Lenora; dear grandmother of 21; great-



grandmother of 35 and great-great-grandmother of seven.

Visitation and services took place on April 12, 2013, at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black and Son Funeral Home in Highland, [www.eltonblackand-sonhighland.com](http://www.eltonblackand-sonhighland.com).

## Kids and banks

*It's never too early to start kids on the road to good money habits. The Mint has great resources to help educate tweens about checking accounts, ATMs and banking basics such as:*

- Earn money by saving money
- How banks work
- Cash, check or credit?
- Budgeting finances

*For younger kids, The Mint has a Fun For Kids section that introduces kids to the concepts of earning, saving and spending money.*

*Check it all out at: [www.themint.org](http://www.themint.org).*

## Elders and vaccines

*Things that wear down as we get older include our vaccinations. Dr. Andrew Kroger of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says, "Adult immunizations are an excellent way to prevent many diseases that can be deadly."*

*If you're over 60, you may need a shingles vaccination.*

*And you might want the vaccination against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis – known as Tdap. The parts about diphtheria and pertussis could keep you from infecting the grandkids.*

# Visitor impressed by level of care in Sault Ste. Marie

## Impressed with medical professionalism

Dear Editor,

To the community, I wanted to write a brief note to you to let you know how impressed I was with my entire experience I had with a doctor in your hospital community. It was an experience that has raised the bar on what I will expect from other health care providers in the future. I hope that they will rise to the occasion and impress me as much as this personal experience did.

I have had a serious gastro illness for just under a year. I was up visiting my family in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., at the time I became severely ill. I currently live in the lower Peninsula. I have tried every drug and medication available to me, with no success of eliminating my illness, and causing very severe allergic reactions. At almost a year of barely living with this illness, I decided to explore any and all other options. I simply could not live like that anymore, and I refused to believe that this was "all" we could do.

I researched other specialists in Michigan. I was soon discovered a doctor in the Sault community, Dr. Ann Silverman. I read her articles, checked her credentials and asked friends and family in the Sault community for opinions. She received glowing reviews from all sources. What drew me to her is her unique, aggressive and natural way to treat gastro-

intestinal problems. I decided to contact the office for a consult and a second opinion.

Upon calling, the staff was amazing! They listened to my "story." I could tell the person taking the call was not only listening, but taking notes to ensure accuracy. She was kind, understanding and warm. She did not make me feel uncomfortable at all, even though our subject matter was making me uncomfortable. Michelle Malport, the staff member taking my call, was professional, offered advice, sympathy and was empathetic and kind. I was shocked! Who has heard of this type of service?! I have been calling my (former) Gastro for 11 years and have never been spoken to like that. Never. Not even close. My heart filled with hope! This call sealed the deal, I made the consult appointment and submitted my medical records to the office in the Sault.

I drove up on Thursday, April 18, almost a five-hour trip in the pouring rain and crazy statewide thunderstorms. Upon arrival, the office staff was great. They welcomed me and brought me right back. I was in the waiting room maybe three minutes! That is wonderful! That has never happened to me before, either! Again, this was secretly confirming I made a good choice in traveling up for the consult. Michelle, was great again. She was like an old friend, warm, sweet and kind. She told me that my medical records

had been reviewed and the nurse would be in shortly.

I was not even on the table when the nurse came in. Her name was Brenda Brining. She was unlike any nurse I have met in the past. She looked right at me and spoke to me as if she had already studied my medical file. She was friendly, compassionate, empathic and professional. She really personalized my care and made me feel like I was not a diagnosis, but a human who was looking for help. Her kindness made me feel at ease and I was able to speak freely about my issues, frustrations and barriers about my health care until then. Not once did she look at a chart, tap on a computer or flip through papers. She spoke to me like a human being. Later, I noticed she was noting our conversation into the records, but not in my presence in the exam room. I thought that was a very special quality that this office has. She took the time to talk to me and understand before burying herself in her notes and half listening. Again, I was amazed and thought, it can be different.

Then, I met Dr. Silverman. She took me out of the sterile exam room and brought me into her office. What a paradigm shift! That really helped me relax again and made me feel like a person, not a contaminated piece of trash. This has never happened in my former gastro office. Dr. Silverman was very professional,

passionate and knowledgeable. She had reviewed my medical records and asked questions about my care I have never been asked. She inquired about medications, my diet, and my life in addition to my medical history. She listened and was eager to give her professional opinion when needed. I felt instantly at ease with her. We spoke for 45 minutes or so. Not once did she rush me. She treated me like I was the only person that mattered.

Before I went to Dr. Silverman, I was unable to locate anyone in my area or anywhere below the Mackinaw Bridge for that fact, that took a more natural approach to gastro problems. She was the only doctor I could locate in Michigan who embraced this approach. After doing my research, I wanted to see if I qualified for this natural, non-evasive, non-medication approach to rid me of this terrible gastro disease. At the consult, Dr. Silverman and I decided to do the natural procedure that day. Yes, we decided as a team, she did not decide for me or pressure me. It was great! It made sense! They squeezed me into their schedule and did the procedure within minutes of the decision. Dr. Silverman and the nurse, Brenda advised me on what to expect and gave me instructions for after care. For the very first time in over a year, my heart was filled with the hope that this would be the end of my illness, a second chance at a new life! I was

thrilled at the opportunity for me to feel alive again! To me, this is my miracle!

I wanted to share my story with you because I wanted the office, staff and doctor at U.P. Digestive Health to get some positive recognition. The Sault is so lucky to have an office like that! I will continue to commute to see Dr. Silverman. The distance does not matter, especially after this visit! I am a happy, happy, happy patient, filled with joy, gratitude and life! I am a new person and I owe it all to the dedicated, kind and thoughtful people at U.P. Digestive Health! They deserve more than my words of gratitude. I hope that you can honor them somehow as well for the outstanding services they provide the Sault (and other Michigan) communities. I am forever grateful!

— Niibin Kwe, Okemos, Mich.

See "Letters," pg. 22

### DISABLED?

**If you receive disability benefits, the Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work program could help you find employment. It's a free and voluntary program that offers people who receive disability benefits improved access to meaningful employment and achieve greater financial independence. Learn more about Ticket to Work at [www.ssa.gov/work/aboutticke.html](http://www.ssa.gov/work/aboutticke.html).**

# WHILE I PUSH FOR POSITIVE CHANGE, A FACTION ON THE BOARD PUSHES TO STRIP CHAIR OF AUTHORITY!

“If you want to make enemies, try to change something.” ~ President Woodrow

formed pursuant to the current organizational chart.

A Tribal Board Member **ordered** the Tribe's General Legal Counsel, to draft the resolution to revoke the Chair's authority; presumably with the support a faction of my opponents on the Tribal Board. This action is shocking as the planned coup is incongruent with the will of the Members who elected me in 2012 with the largest margin our Tribe has seen in nearly three decades. The people elected me with wins in all five election units and both inside and outside of the Tribe's service area so this act is surprising.

I surmises that the opposition is due to my push to invite the Tribal Members to finalize a constitutional amendment project which began nearly a decade ago with a set of constitutional amendments presented to the Tribal Board in 2007. For the entire four years I was out of office, the document lay dormant. Upon returning to office last year, our official *Sault Tribe Elders Advisory Board* recommended the Board vote to allow the Members to amend the Constitution to institute necessary reforms like a separation of powers; independent court system; a Bill of Rights for Members; real due process of law; at large representation for the 68% of the Members who live outside of the election districts; right of recall; and the right of initiative (all of which current do not exist). Instead, the Board opted to conduct yet another review which spanned yet another six months but is now complete and awaiting Board action to request the *Secretary of Interior* to conduct an election held for this purpose.

While the Members appear to strongly support these revisions, the Board of Directors has a **self-interest** and **disincentive** to make reforms since they currently enjoy an oligarchical form of government where there is no separation of powers and the Board of Directors answers

to no one and are above the rule of law. At the local, state, and federal levels of government, there is a fundamental balance of power with executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government.

Most other Tribes across the country have adopted similar constitutions to reflect their culture, heritage, but non-arbitrary governments.” The *Harvard Indian Economic Development and Governance Project* calls for such reforms to doing business in Indian Country that are non-arbitrary and predictable. In our Tribe, the entire government is up to the discretion of the Board. According to a survey I conducted two months ago, over 80% of the Members support a new constitution with equally as many Members declaring they will not vote to re-elect any Board Member who denies them the right to vote to enact these necessary reforms.

The text of the draft resolution to revoke the Chairperson's authority follows:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Resolution 2012-146, Limited Delegation of Authority to the Chairperson, is rescinded effective immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors hereby establishes the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians which, subject to the oversight, direction, and review of the Board, shall exercise supervisory authority over the governmental, business, and gaming operations of the Tribe as follows:

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3, below, the Chief Executive Officer of the Tribe is hereby delegated such usual and customary authority as is held by a Chief Executive Officer to manage and direct the day to day operations of the Tribe's governmental, business, and gaming operations, including but not limited to:

(a) Guiding and directing tribal governmental, business and casino operations to ensure operational efficiency, quality, service, and cost-effective management of resources;

(b) Performing any and all duties delegated to, authorized to be performed, or directed to be performed by the Chairperson in

any previously adopted motion, resolution, or ordinance;

(c) Performing any and all duties delegated to, authorized to be performed, or directed to be performed by the Chairperson or CEO in the various Team Member Manuals;

(d) Performing all administrative and management functions required to be performed pursuant to the current organizational chart, as it has been modified by this resolution.

2. In the exercise of the authority delegated to the Chief Executive Officer by the Board of Directors in paragraph 1, the CEO shall regularly consult with and shall be subject to the direction and review of the Board of Directors. All actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to this delegated authority shall be subject to the authority of the Board of Directors and the Board may review, approve, modify, or rescind any such action. The CEO shall report to the Board of Directors at each regularly scheduled board workshop and shall provide an update of any activities, issues, decisions, or other matters requiring the attention of the board. In the event that the CEO is unable to attend any such workshop, the CEO shall assign an alternate executive to provide that report.

3. The authority delegated to the CEO by this resolution shall continue until modified, rescinded, or extended by a subsequent resolution of the Board of Directors.

4. All organizational charts of the Tribe's governmental operations are hereby amended to reflect the foregoing.

5. The position of Chief Executive Officer is designated as a key employee position.

So, we'll see what happens. Again, if you disagree with the actions of a Board who would act to undo your intent in the 2012 Tribal Chairperson election, please send me an email for a referendum petition to sign.

## POLITICS THREATENS OUR GOVERNANCE

So by now, the \$1.7 million impact of sequestration is a known quantity. In fact, we have known this since early February but only recently did a majority of the Tribal Board vote to accept proposals from the Governmental operations and Casino management to not quite balance the budget but to significantly close the gap. Still lurking is a projected deficit of

close to \$200,000. While I am somewhat pleased that we got this far, as a Tribal Member I am pretty disgusted with the intrusion of politics in our effort to balance but budget.

To the right is a chart to show the total cost of sequestration. For months now, I have lead the administration in identify options for the Board to balance the budget. Roughly, we found about \$900,000 in government operational savings and initially the same amount in casinos savings. The casino savings would have allowed for creating a revenue stream from the casino to the government side for human resources, management information services, and purchasing services which currently the Tribe provides to the casino at no cost. If we were to directly charge the same rate the Tribal government operations pays for these services, it would amount to \$1.8 million.

Given the 'drivers', however, the Board indicated they wanted us to follow in identify savings, we initially found a balance of cuts and efficiencies. Below are the drivers we used:

- ◆ Protect services over jobs;
- ◆ Minimize impact on jobs;
- ◆ Do not touch casino \$4 million capital expansion budget;
- ◆ Do not touch casino debt repayment schedule of \$8 million annually;
- ◆ Identify casino savings equal to new governmental revenues;
- ◆ Identity legitimate casino to governmental revenues;
- ◆ Comply with bank covenants.

The process for balancing the budget began way back in November immediately after we balanced the budget due to a projected over expenditure of about \$7 million as a result of the previous administration's efforts. What follows is a partial list of the efforts we took administratively and through collaborating with the Tribal Board of Directors to balance the budget. While most Board Mem-



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

[Submitted for print on May 6, 2013]

On the May 7, 2013 Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting agenda, is a resolution to strip me of all administrative authority as Chairperson including representing the Tribe at other governmental levels including spokesperson responsibilities, signature authority, and supervising key employees. I don't know if this extreme legislation will pass, but if so I intend to work with Members to overturn the decision via our Constitutional Right of Referendum. Members are urged to contact me by calling 906-440-5937 or by emailing me at my personal email at [aaronpayment@yahoo.com](mailto:aaronpayment@yahoo.com).

Referendum petitions to overturn the resolution to strip the Chairperson position of all authority will be posted on Facebook at 'Aaron Payment' and the 'Sault Tribe Guide'.

The specific duties slated for elimination are as follows:

(a) Serving as the ceremonial figure head of the Tribe for public events and visiting dignitaries;

(b) Serving as the spokesperson for the Tribe on issues requiring a singular voice of the Tribal Board's official position;

(c) Guiding and directing tribal governmental and business operations to ensure operational efficiency, quality, service, and cost-effective management of resources;

(d) Performing any and all duties delegated to, authorized to be performed, or directed to be performed by the Chairperson in any previously adopted motion, resolution, or ordinance;

(e) Performing any and all duties delegated to, authorized to be performed, or directed to be performed by the Chairperson in the various Team Member Manuals;

(f) Performing all administrative and management functions required to be per-

meetings. Just look back to last's months edition of the Sault Tribe News and you will see that I published the Board and Chair's shared calendar. Still some Board Members (who missed critical meetings to discuss balancing the budget) claimed they did not know of these meetings. Again, they were posted in this paper.

### DIRECTOR McLEOD PROPOSED TO REDUCE TRIBAL NEWS!

One such alternative to balancing the budget provided by a Board Member (she skipped our financial meetings) came from Director Jennifer McLeod who proposed that instead of publishing our monthly Tribal paper, that we save money by going to a quarterly periodical. For those Members who live outside of the service area, the newspaper is their only connection to our Tribal government. Recall, that Ironically, Director McLeod won her seat because of her platform for the 'At Large' Members.

Nonetheless, the steps we followed to try to balance the budget included:

1. Monitored Congress last fall for hints about direction of sequestration;
2. Directed (11/12) Division and Program Directors who manage budgets to prepare a plan to survive 8% cuts if needed;
3. Updated Division and Program Directors at all meetings since November;
4. Discussed at all monthly Financial Reviews since November;
5. Provided updates to Tribal Board during workshops;
6. Lobbied Congress and Testified in Congressional Committees to exempt Tribes from sequestration;
7. Once sequestration took effect, sent out budget template to identify up to 9% cuts on governmental side;
8. Met with Casino COO to identify efficiencies on casino side;
9. Reviewed all recommendations with Board (who attended) during Financial Reviews on April 1<sup>st</sup>;
10. Updated Tribal Board of governmental savings and casino savings. Board discussed ALL of these;
11. Identified those items requiring Tribal Board approval versus those as administrative items and began implementation;
12. Those items requiring Board approval were scheduled for the 4-16-13 Board meeting;
13. Layoffs for budget efficiencies are in the normal course of business and are authorized;

14. Changes to "Key Personnel" requires Board action;
15. Subsequent budget mods require Board action.

The final set of recommendations to balance the budget were scheduled for approval at the April 16, 2013 Tribal Board meeting. The proposal followed the 'drivers' identified by the Board of Directors, included the professional recommendation of team members on the governmental side and the recommendations of the Casino Chief Operating Officer. The total number of positions affected was ten. One such savings was to eliminate a 'key employee' who cost the organization over \$150,000 annually.

This is a position for which no job posting was ever done, and for which politics was the determinant of how the individual was hired. While again, it was the professional recommendation of the Casino COO that we could eliminate the position and not even feel the difference and immediately save \$154,000, politics won out. I underscored that to shield such a non-essential position, it would mean having to layoff four to six team members to make up for this highly compensated individual in the 99th percentile of Sault Tribe employment and as one of the highest compensated individual across the entire upper peninsula of Michigan. I even noted that this individual was compensated at about \$60,000 over the maximum of what the market study recently performed by the Tribe suggests this position be paid.

### BOUSCHOR POLITICS REIGN SUPREME

So how is it that the Board of Directors (not all) chose to ignore these professional recommendations and instead make a political decision? During the April 16th Tribal Board meeting, former Chairperson Bernard Bouschor, his clan and supporters showed up in the audience to make clear that they would not accept the outcome. The consequence? The Board provided amnesty for one individual at the expense of others who will have to be laid off to compensate for this political decision.

Just prior to the April 16th meeting, I held several casino team member

Funding	Total	Reduction	
		2013	Last 3 months
1 BIA	6,763,025	338,151	189,000
2 BIA	125,670	0	3,142
3 HHS Head start	1,087,869	0	13,598
4 Health	19,088,301	992,592	248,148
5 SDPI	836,490	16,730	4,182
6 SDPI 2	324,300	6,486	1,622
7 CDC CTG	500,000	43,000	10,750
8 CDC Trad food	100,000	8,600	2,150
9 IHS PHN	160,000	8,320	2,080
10 CDC Emerg	44,000	3,520	880
11 Employ Cons	179,852	8,993	6,744
12 ACFS HHS	1,520,709	76,035	19,009
13 ACFS State			
14 Elderly	156,910	0	6,276
15 EPA	568,620	28,431	7,108
16 Fisheries	0	0	0
17 ANA	126,397	0	0
18		1,530,858	325,689



meetings to try to calm the panic created by Director s McLeod who together suggested that mass layoffs were imminent, that they knew nothings of the proposed savings (see the list of drivers and steps we followed), and that both the Casino COO and I were violating policy by just identifying the ten positions that would be affected.

At the Hessel, St. Ignace, Manistique, and Christmas Casino sites, team members noted that a particular service that is supposed to be provided by this highly compensated team member, was simply not being provided. In fact, in Hessel, team members indicated that they had not seen anyone from this department in four years! In St. Ignace, the criticism was that the service pro-

vided was not at all connected to what the local market needed. In Manistique and Munising, the criticism was that often, customers knew of changes before team members. Board Members witnessed these critiques. Also, during my team member meeting, Director Pine was belligerent and had to be told to act appropriately or she would have to yield the floor. When Director McLeod was caught secretly recording my presentation on her Ipad and I questioned her, she scurried out of the room.

Nearly, three weeks later, an alternate proposal was made by casino management and again, while we still have a looming \$200,000 deficit, some Board Members are quite content that the impact on services or the positions of

others are less important than to shield one individual who costs the Tribe \$154,000 annually!

### OUR GOVERNMENT IS DISEASED: THE MEMBERS' VOTE IS THE CURE!

The handling of the budget crisis in such a political fashion is proof that our government is broken. While we struggle to balance the budget with Elder checks being cut from \$1,600 to \$535 after I left office in 2008, those who would steal nearly \$3 million from us continue to reign supreme and immobilize our government from making good decision. The Members know the score and need for a new Constitution. Whether the Board ever agrees remains to be seen.

2013 SAULT TRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR
MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10am - 3pm Gov't Budget Reviews	9am JPL Fiduciary???? 10am-3pm Casino Budget Reviews 3pm-5pm May '13 Prep Session	10am-2pm Total Budget Package 12pm South Elders 2pm-3pm Open Workshop 5pm Special Meeting	8am Signatures 10am-12pm Team Member Appointments 1-4pm Members' Office Hours 4pm MIQT Elders	1pm Gaming Expansion
8am-3pm Financial Reviews: Governmental 4pm Meeting Elders	10am Workshop: Legal Budgets/ER 12pm Lunch 1pm Semi-Annual Reviews 3pm TBOB Meeting Agenda Review 5pm Membership Issues 6pm TBOB Meeting - Manistique	8am Signatures 10am-12pm Executive Team 12pm Manistique Elders	8am Signatures 10am-12pm Team Member Appointments 1-4pm Members' Office Hours	9am Member Services 10am Internal Services 11am CFO 1pm Treaty Rights & Natural Resources Protection (Law Enforcement/Conservation, Fisheries, Hunt, Environmental & individual issues) 3pm Health
AMERICAN INDIAN DAY 10am Board Casino Improvement 2-5pm Casino Oversight	8-9pm NIGA Opening at the Shores ***No Workshop So TBOB can Attend NIGA Training*** National Indian Gaming Association Training 5/14-5/16: ST is Host Tribe - TBOB Attend as Much as Possible 4pm Island Conservation	11-1pm Sault Schools Native Graduation	1:1-3 Malcom Grad 5:30pm Escanaba Elders	1-3 pm Tribal Action Planning: Drug Task Force 1pm Gaming Expansion MEEDC Conference 5/16-5/17 in Leland 11am Newberry Elders
10am Casino Executive Team 12pm Legal 1pm Legislative Planning/Appropriations 2pm Kim Remington (Planning Comm, Housing, Enroll) 3pm Financial Reviews: Casino & Enterprise 4pm Great Lakes Conservation 12pm Broad Elders 3pm Meeting Elders	10am Workshop: Legal Budgets/ER 12pm Lunch 1pm General Workshop 3pm TBOB Meeting Agenda Review 5pm Membership Issues 6pm TBOB Meeting - Nantahaway	8am Signatures 10am-12pm Executive Team 12pm Elder Lunch 3pm Division Directors 3:30pm Program Directors	8am Signatures 9am Audit Committee 10am Budgets for Mods 11am Division Directors 12:30pm Tribal Elder Advisory Meeting in Newberry	1-3 pm Tribal Action Planning: Drug Task Force CHIEF OF CHIEF LAKES Governors Conference (5/31-6/2)

Notes: 8am - Signatures are processed daily at 8am and at additional times by appointment.  
 10am-12pm - Team Member Office Hours (usually) on Thursday and by appointment.  
 10am-3pm - Tribal Member Office Hours are all day on Friday, 4-28 and by appointment.

**BOD & Chair Items in Blue**  
**Chair & Committees Chair Attends in Black**  
**Elder Meetings**

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# Sworn to uphold Constitution, not a dictator



**Bridgett Sorenson, Director Unit III**

The tribe is facing a projected \$1.2 million shortfall in our Insurance Department, which is self-insured. The board of directors asked that an ad hoc committee be formed to work with team members, the insurance staff, CFO, board members, our tribal attorney and our benefit services representative to look for changes to the plan. I am a member of that committee and we came up with many good ideas. The ideas will be used to create a survey to team members to see what possible changes they would prefer such as increased deductibles, co-pays or co-insurances.

Some ideas for the increases in co-pays are emergency room visits from \$50-\$100 and/or chiropractor visits to either \$20 or \$25. Deductibles are currently \$100 for a single person and \$200 for two people and \$200 for a family. The deductibles are very low, so ideas are to possibly raise the deductibles to \$100 or \$150 per person. We currently have two tiers for team member premiums that are under \$30,000 and over \$30,000. We are looking at adding a third tier of over \$50,000. Currently, when there are three paydays in a month, there are no premiums taken out of the third paycheck. We are looking at taking the premiums out of those third paycheck months so that people don't really miss it and we can have fewer changes to the plan and/or smaller premium increases. I encourage all team members to take the time to fill out the survey so your voice is heard about these changes.

On April 13, the Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace had a VIP event with 298 VIPs and their guests in attendance. Those from out of town are given a free room on a first-come, first-served basis. The afternoon began with a slot tournament, a dinner buffet was served and then there were hot seat draws to end the night. The food was well prepared but we have to try and speed up the process by opening up another buffet line because players are anxious to get back on the floor and to their favorite machine. The other thing that I don't like is when we call the winner's name they have to leave their machine to collect their prize instead of someone bringing it to them at the machine.

On the first Monday of the month, we meet with all government division directors to review their current financial updates. On April 1, there were five board

members in attendance and at the end of the review the chairman had discussed with just the board members present the results of his meeting with the casino COO for cost savings. There was a proposal to shut down the bakery in the Sault casino. Director Abramson and I did not like the idea because that is one of the best parts of our restaurant and deli. A key employee position was going to be eliminated, we were going to scale back on filling vacant positions, charge the casino for MIS, HR and purchasing services and move some management around.

At the workshop on the following day, the chairman again brought the proposed cost savings to the full board. There was much discussion to say the least. I for one thought there should be a more comprehensive plan to streamline all five casinos, not just look at a targeted amount to balance the sequestration cuts and budget shortfalls. The workshop was chaos as usual and there was no conclusion or decision made by the board to proceed at that time. It was all discussion. The board at that time had never met with the COO to discuss these changes.

On April 10, I received a text message that Alan Bouschor had been let go along with three bakery staff. This seemed crazy to me that the board never said to proceed and we were never given notice until our phones were lighting up with people in fear of their jobs. The chairman's plan was then to do a road show to all five casinos to give a Power Point presentation to team members of the sequestration cuts and budget shortfalls. I sent an email to the board that I did not agree with this because the board had not agreed to these cuts and would have to vote on a key team member being eliminated before that could ever happen. Next was why would we do a presentation when the plan was not complete, there was more work to be done. I did attend every casino meeting with the COO and chairman. There were board members present at each casino site. At the time of the presentation, there were going to be no staff layoffs at the Shores Casino.

At the April 16 board meeting, the vote was scheduled for the elimination of a key employee, the VP of Marketing. After lunch, the VP of Marketing asked to speak with me about his situation. I told him that I felt that our operations did not warrant having any VPs but I said that doesn't mean you need to lose your job. I also told him that there are many issues with marketing, but everything cannot be blamed on him when the department heads are responsible to communicate with their staff on coming promotions and there are many aspects that need to be evaluated to make our marketing more effective. He also showed me three of his performance appraisals that were all very good, two from the COO and one from the current chairman. The VP currently has no contract and I don't believe his last name helped in this matter. I have no histories with the Bouschors, but the son should not

be punished for who his father is; his termination should have been based on job performance and if it is an issue than it should be documented and dealt with.

When the meeting began there was a full house and during a break, Director McKelvie talked with the chairman about a proposal that he had of asking executives to take a pay cut to avoid job losses. The chairman came back and said there was not going to be a vote tonight because there is not enough support to terminate the key employee and no other changes to the plan he said would take place.

On April 17, Director Causley asked to hold a Gaming Authority (governing board of the casinos) meeting to meet with the COO to discuss what led to this plan and the future of cost savings. The chairman did not support this meeting and I again sent out an email on April 19 asking to have this meeting and on Monday, April 22, we had a majority of the board agree to hold this meeting. On the evening of April 23, after our workshop, we had the Gaming Authority meeting. It was a great meeting with the board, chairman, general counsel and COO. It was the meeting we should have had in the first place to discuss cost savings and appropriate planning. In my opinion, if the bakery was supposedly losing money, why aren't we looking at how to cut costs, not shut it down? There happened to be two supervisors over one team member. That is crazy, have them all front line workers and have the restaurant manager manage staff.

After hours of discussion, the direction was for the COO to evaluate all five casinos to save costs and come back to the board the next week with a proposal free of politics. To me, one week is not enough to evaluate five casinos and do it right. I do not want to continue to drag our feet and make cuts on a continuous basis and have team members in constant fear of losing their job. I want a comprehensive plan that can happen all at once so everyone can move on.

On April 30, the proposal was presented to the board. I was not happy with the Shores proposed layoffs because both supervisor positions were held by valuable long-term employees and I voiced my opinion. There were 17 vacant positions that would not be filled, saving \$325,000. The Marketing and Entertainment budgets were cut \$100,000 each. Converting trashcan liners saved \$46,000 for 2013. Some merging of departments, reduction of position hours, transfers and layoffs were presented. The 2013 savings are projected at almost \$900,000. The casino is going to be billed \$500,000 for the JD Edwards software upgrade project, \$125,000 for HR services, \$125,000 for purchasing services and \$100,000 for MIS services for a revenue source of \$850,000 for the government sequestration cuts and budget shortfall.

So, to recap, the sequestration was a \$1.7 million cut, \$1.3 million needed for our JD Edwards upgrade, \$500,000 for new computers and we are facing a

\$500,000 drop in casino revenue. This is a combined \$4 million shortfall.

If it was up to me, I would look at the dollar amount shortfall due to sequestration as it affects each division. The division should live within their means and if that means services would be cut or eliminated, then the directors should come to the board and present the program or services cuts and then the board should take those cuts and prioritize what is the most important and at that point either find money to continue supporting them or consider changing them.

I do not recall any losses of jobs on the government side. There were vacant positions cut. I am not saying to run out and cut positions but there should be a serious look at streamlining. All options should be at the table. There were governmental team members who were willing to take furloughs that should have been considered. The government also has 12 sick days, a minimum of 10 vacation days and both holidays and Indian holidays. The casino has four sick days, two personal days and a minimum of 10 vacation days.

My idea for cost savings on the casino side is for the casino managers to meet with each department head and either ask them to save a certain percentage of their budget or any cost savings ideas. This was not done. There are department heads that would have come up with cost savings that could have spared jobs and when jobs are affected it should be based on performance. We are running a business and we don't want these decisions to affect our business.

The chairman is not in favor of cutting any services and, really, who is? But all across the country programs and services are being reduced or cut. He would like to continue to take from the casinos. The reason for the tribe to get into the casino business was to generate revenue to provide self-sufficiency to our members by providing jobs and services. But if you continue to take from the business instead of have divisions live within their means, then we will affect our businesses.

Here is my analogy: I have an income and I need to live within that income or I will have creditors knocking on my door. I can sell off my assets to feed my kids but when I run out of assets what do I have left? By cutting jobs, those people in turn may be turning to the tribe for services. Needless to say, this is not an easy process and people's lives will be affected by our decisions but we need to consider everything at one time so we can move forward. During these discussions, the chairman said 2014 budgets will be a bloody mess but it is not my cycle and on the way out the door that day he said we will have many cuts for 2014 and hopefully we get four new board members. This is so wrong; make the cuts now, not when it can be used as a campaign tool. The tribe is projected to have many more issues for 2014 such as the implementation of the Affordable Health Care Act. Now is the time

to be proactive instead of reactive.

On April 29, I emailed the general counsel, John Wernet, saying I still haven't seen the resolution that was discussed about making our executive director the CEO. I had asked a while back about this possibility. I never asked for this to be added to the meeting agenda on May 7 to be voted on. I thought since there were many articles written in the recent past from board members concerning the separation of the chairperson position and CEO, that we should talk about this. There was an amendment passed by the membership to separate these functions. To my understanding there was concern over past decisions the past chairmen have made that they had authority under the constitution to do. The amendment passed so that the authority would then be given to the board (12 members) instead of one person.

After the 2012 election, the chairperson requested certain administrative authorities and the board granted them. The board has the ability to review these authorities. I apparently angered the chairman by asking for a resolution to be written when I should have asked for a discussion with the board. I sent an email out on May 2 apologizing to the board for not proceeding as such. The chairman created hype on social media to say that I had proposed to strip the chairman of all his duties, so, of course, I now am under fire. I can take the heat but what I do not agree with is the rallying filled with hate to prove a point at the May 7 board meeting in Manistique. I hope that one of these rallies never results in bodily harm to the board, employees or any of our members. Meetings are an avenue for concerns, discussions and voting, not terrorist attempts to scare or prove points.

Another thing being said is that the chairman won by history making margins so the board should support him. I say this: we all won the election and I am willing to work with the chairman and the entire board. I took an oath of office to uphold the Constitution, not obey the chairman or anyone else. If this is what the membership wants, then I consider it a dictatorship. One person making all the decisions and the board must support and agree with everything.

Please feel free to contact me at my office (906) 643-2123, cell 430-0536, email bsorenson@saulttribe.net, or bridgett91@yahoo.com. I love talking and getting to know individual members. Please contact the chairman and ask him to work with the board on all issues not just the ones he wants to. We all need to listen and work together, not just for the agenda of one.

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# Hollowell responds to recent removal petitions



**Catherine Hollowell, Director Unit II**

I want to inform you that a tribal citizen is circulating two petitions to remove me from office. The accusations are frivolous and without merit. I appreciate the outpouring of support I've received, especially from the members I represent in Unit II. Rest assured that I will vigorously defend myself against these baseless charges and this attempt to remove your democratically elected choice for tribal government. Here are the accusations:

One petition states I violated Tribal Code Chapter 96: "Open Meetings Act" when I invited all the women on the tribal board to join me in co-sponsoring a ceremonial Resolution of Support for the "Idle No More" Movement. There is nothing in Tribal Code Chapter 96 that prohibits inviting sponsorship of resolutions. It's a perfectly acceptable action by any board member and in no way violates the letter or the spirit of the law.

The other petition seeks my removal from office for failure to uphold the Constitution. Specifically, Article IV, Sec. 2 that reads: "*The voters of each of the five election units shall elect from within their qualified membership one member*

*to the board to represent each five hundred (500) members or fraction thereof.*" Based on the 40,000 members of the tribe, that would be 80 elected representatives to tribal government! Clearly that constitutional language has been problematic since the 1980s. However, my personal power to affect change consists of one vote only, out a collective body of 13.

I've notified many of you in person and at community gatherings about the petitions. I know you are sick and tired of these types of political distractions. I know it was a shock to many of you to learn that petition signers are not required to be registered voters of Unit II. It only takes 100 signatures in our small unit to qualify a petition. But, with over 13,000 registered voters eligible to sign the petition, it doesn't take much effort to trigger the removal process.

Let me state quite clearly: It is a tribal citizen's constitutional right to petition. And I support that right. But you just have to wonder how anyone can justify triggering a costly removal proceeding based on such meritless accusations. Our own chairman said it best 10 years ago:

"Clearly, the removal process has denigrated into a campaign tactic to eliminate the competition in tribal elections. This turmoil has taken a sufficient amount of the board's time away from governance and improving services. Please call your board members and insist that you, through elections, not removal petitions should decide who represents you."

**Status of the Draft Constitution**

As I mentioned in last month's report, the review of the draft constitution is complete. On April 6, I requested Legal to

draft a resolution in support of the draft constitution. On April 16, we discussed the resolution at a workshop. On April 25, I requested the chairman place the draft constitution resolution on the board meeting agenda. The chairman did not reply to my request. He did however put four separate constitutional amendments on the May 7 board meeting agenda. I have done what I could and can only conclude a unilateral decision has been made to abandon the original draft constitution.

So now we have before us four separate constitutional amendments that have not yet been discussed at workshop. And I just want to point out none of these separate amendments will fix the problematic language of Article IV, Sec 2 (please see above). There is a certain element of play going on here that has nothing to do with constitutional reform and everything to do with screwing up our tribal government for decades to come.

**The 2010 CEO Constitutional Amendment**

Take, for instance, the CEO amendment that was approved in a Secretarial Election on March 16, 2010, three months before Joan Carr-Anderson, D.J. Malloy, Deb Pine and myself were sworn into office. It was apparent from the start, the amendment was proving difficult enact, probably because the CEO authorities had never been defined or assigned. Nor were provisions for policy and code ever developed. Staff was not supportive, thus there was foot dragging. The CEO amendment has posed a problem for Joe McCoy, Joe Eitrem and now Aaron Payment.

I advocated for a CEO in three unit reports between November 2010 and June 2011. I sponsored

a resolution to create the position of CEO in 2011:

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs the Human Resources Department of the Tribe to prepare and submit to the Board of Directors for review, no later than June 20, 2011, a comprehensive position description and job duties outline for the position of CEO of the Tribe, so as to facilitate the hiring of an individual to fill that position."

This resolution went down to defeat by some of the very people who purported to support the position of a CEO. You do what you can but, at the end of the day, it requires a majority vote to pass. I mention this now because you are going to hear quite a bit of political posturing and conflicting statements on this subject as we struggle to move forward. It's also a cautionary tale of the seriousness and difficulty of enacting constitutional amendments.

Knowing this CEO amendment cast a cloud over the authority of Joe McCoy's and Joe Eitrem's chairmanship, an attempt was made "in good faith" to confer specific and articulated powers to Chairman Aaron Payment so that he could move our tribe forward in a good way. To be compliant with the CEO constitutional amendment, conferring those articulated powers were "subject to review, amendment, or revocation." Constitutionally, the board oversees the chief executive officer (CEO), be it a hired position or the chairman who fulfills those duties. It's the essence of separation of powers. And as we were professionally advised: "You are going to have problems if you expect an elected official to per-

form the work of the CEO." I do have some valid and legitimate concerns about management of our employee workforce, our northern Kewadin Casinos and our tribal health system.

**Waaskoone Giizis!**

I regret the need to devote so much space to political issues. It's very difficult right now, but there are good and wonderful events going on everywhere in our communities to celebrate another cycle of life. We have a spring clean up organized for the Wequayoc Cemetery during the month of May and we are planning a simple honoring ceremony in June but a date has yet to be determined. Look for a notice in the St. Ignace News and tribal website. Looking forward to the Mukwa Spring Drum Social and Women's Health Fair at the end of the month. Still focused on expanding access to health care in the DeTour, Drummond Island and Newberry region — even in the Sequestration Era. We are planning a day-long fishing treaty workshop where hopefully we can realign and affirm our commitment to our treaty fishing rights. Short-term 2 percent funds are scheduled for disbursement at the end of May. Gardens to turn, flowers to plant. Happy spring everyone!

Please contact me anytime with your questions and concerns.

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## Letter: kids need safe place to talk about mental health

From "Letters," page 18

Dear Editor,

There are several children and adolescents who struggle with mental health issues all across our counties that we serve. It is important for them to have mental health resources available in our schools and in our communities. With more resources, our children and adolescents will be better able to prevent the depression, crime, drug use and suicide that can occur when children are denied help. Our young people need for us to stand up and demand support for mental health services. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people aged 10-24. We know it is important to teach kids to seek help for their problems and to not be stopped by the stigma of mental health issues.

Kids need a safe place to go and talk about mental health issues and families need the support and resources to help their children. One out of five children and adolescents in the United States suffers from some form of mental illness. The majority will experience their first symptoms by age 14, but less than half will have access to treatment or

professional help. Studies have shown that emotional problems decrease and attendance and grades increase for student populations when they have access to mental health services.

We feel it is important to raise awareness about suicide and mental illness in the communities we serve. May 9, 2013, was National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day and we urge our citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting every child's mental health needs to unite on that day in the observance of such exercises as will acquaint the people of counties with the fundamental necessity of a year-round program for children and youth with mental health needs and their families.

What can adults do to help a child who has experienced trauma? The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration offers these suggestions:

- Maintain usual routines
- Make sure that the child is not being isolated
- Provide a safe place where the child can talk about the incident
- Be sensitive to potential environmental cues that may

cause a reaction (e.g., an approaching storm or anniversary of an event)

- Prepare the child in advance of a change in routine or other event that could be unsettling
- Monitor what information the child shares with other children to prevent excessive curiosity from peers
- Nurture the child's positive self-view
- Draw on cultural and familiar assets

With the support of caring adults, children can recover from traumatic events, reestablish a sense of wellbeing, and obtain treatment and other services if needed. Remember to hug your child and if needed, get them the help they need. Celebrate May 9, 2013, and support children's mental health needs and their families.

Thank you,  
— Families First,  
Debbie Sirk, supervisor;  
Emily Malcho, worker;  
Goldie Allen, worker;  
Penny Clark, worker;  
Tracey Miller, secretary;  
Lutheran Child and Family Service of Michigan,  
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

**Thanks for help during winter accident**

Dear Editor,

I'd like to thank the people who took care of me when I fell and broke my shoulder at Wal-Mart on Feb. 21, 2013 — the ambulance crew and the people who helped get covers over me, also Dr. Wolever, who did the surgery.

I'd also like to thank friends, relatives and family who sent get well cards in addition to birthday cards on the event of my 91st birthday on March 18. They were much appreciated.

Thank you,  
— Fannie Aslin  
Newberry, Mich.

See "More Letters," pg. 24

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# Finding health care beyond our service area



**Jennifer McLeod, Director Unit I**

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Obtaining healthcare can be very difficult. This month I was asked to provide health care service information for tribal members in Michigan OUTSIDE of the Sault Ste. Marie area. Below is a listing of tribal health programs as well as an urban Indian health center located in Michigan.

Tribal health programs and urban Indian health centers operate mostly independent of the Indian Health Service. *Each will have different eligibility requirements.*

Additionally, *each facility will be different, and may provide different services.* Tribal and urban programs may have physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, laboratory technicians, radiology technicians, behavioral health practitioners, dentists, dental assistants, dental hygienists, optometrists, optical technicians, dietitians, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians,

physical therapists, engineers, sanitarians, equipment technicians, health information managers, administrators, acquisition, supply, finance, information technology and clerical staff.

Tribal and urban centers may also have a variety of health care providers and allied staff such as mental health, substance abuse counselors and community health nurses and representatives.

If you are interested in accessing services at any of the below listed locations (or those on the website), CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY! Each will be able to provide you with additional information and will explain their eligibility requirements.

For tribal members outside of Michigan, check the Indian Health Service website, [www.ihs.gov/index.cfm?module=AreaOffices](http://www.ihs.gov/index.cfm?module=AreaOffices). The website lists tribally administered and urban Indian health programs throughout the United States.

## Michigan Tribal Health Programs

Bay Mills Indian Community  
Ellen Marshall Memorial Center  
12124 W. Lakeshore Drive  
Brimley, MI 49715  
Phone: (906) 248.5527  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
2300 N. Stallman Road, Ste. A  
Peshawbeston, MI 49682  
Phone: (231) 534.7200  
Office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to

6 p.m.

Hannahville Indian Community  
Hannahville Health Clinic  
N15019 Hannahville B-1 Road  
Wilson, MI 49896  
Phone: (906) 466.2782  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan  
Department of Health and Human Services  
102 Superior Avenue  
Baraga, MI 49908  
Phone: (906) 353.4531  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except holidays)

Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians  
Health Department  
PO Box 249  
Watersmeet, MI 49969-0249  
Phone: (906) 358-4587  
Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday ends at 2 p.m.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Health Department  
310 9th Street  
Manistee, MI 49660  
Phone: (888) 382-8299  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians  
Health Department  
1080 Hager Drive  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
Phone: (231) 242-1600  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9

a.m. to 5 p.m.

Match-e-be-nash-she-wish  
Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan  
Health Department  
PO Box 306  
Dorr, MI 49323  
Phone: (800) 968-2770  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi  
1474 Mno-Bmadzewen Way  
Fulton, MI 49052  
Northern office phone: (888)662-2808  
Southern office phone: (888)729-4422  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Michigan and Indiana  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Health Services  
57392 M-51 South  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
Phone: (269) 782-4141  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Indians  
Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center  
2591 S Leaton Road  
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858  
Phone: (989) 775-4600  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians  
Sault Ste. Marie HHS  
2864 Ashmun Street

Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

Phone: (906) 632-5200

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Urban Indian Health Program  
American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeast Michigan (Detroit Urban)  
4880 Lawndale St.  
Detroit, MI 48210  
Phone: (313) 846-6030  
Office hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wed, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sequestration may affect these programs, so be sure to contact them first. Services, hours and eligibility requirements may change due to cuts in government support. As our country and tribal nations everywhere struggle to cope with the effects of serious funding cuts, it is important to continue to contact your legislators and tell them that the sequestration on Indian programs is UNACCEPTABLE. Treaties are not "discretionary," federal support for tribal programs is MANDATORY — check the treaties.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, or if I can be of any help, please contact me.  
Bamapii and miigwech!  
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# Frustrated, but continuing work for betterment of all



**Lana Causley, Director Unit II**

It's been a very difficult month. We are fully immersed in political game playing and old dysfunction and ridiculousness at our board workshops and meetings. I'm going to hold my tongue as much as possible in this report, I will just give you facts and save my comments for the board room and keep fighting the fight for some kind of stable government.

At our recent board meeting we had recommendations presented for dealing with our sequestration, after much discussion we accepted the recommendations of the divisions on cuts from our governmental side, we did not cut any jobs or services to the members. I've requested numerous times for a full listing to be published with justification so, hopefully, that's in this edition. We discussed reductions on

the casino side and came up with items to be cut, which included three layoffs, terminations and transfers of positions (political ties with family members protected in transfers). I advocated and pointed out the facts and objections but the recommendations went through regardless, no one went forward without being enlightened by this director. I did not support the recommendations BECAUSE we have so much more to do to CUT FAT, INCREASE REVENUE and WORK TOWARD A HEALTHY WORKING ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR TEAM MEMBERS. Lots and lots of work to do and no one taking the lead. Again, hopefully administration will handle the layoffs and terminations professionally and fair, now that it has passed. We shall see if we stay on the ball like everyone says we will to advance our businesses.

Next is the CEO separation, we have a resolution on the agenda this coming Tuesday to create the position and name a CEO. This was placed on by our chair after a director asked that a resolution be DRAFTED TO DISCUSS...regardless it's on agenda with no real discussion with the entire board. I have supported a CEO position since becoming ELECTED and before! I've requested a job description and enactment since the clear direction by membership to separate the chair and CEO in the

past constitutional amendment. Now, many leaders don't agree and are halting. Our past leaders, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Eitrem, both DID NOT have the CEO authority and were questioned by all of us daily. What's different this time is we granted full authority to the current chair, he has the authority and has a great responsibility to use it wisely, it's his choice. I guess I'm saying this for one purpose: I HAVE ALWAYS supported the separation regardless of who was the chair. Past unit reports and comments now will tell the tale on the political games. I'm not doing too good holding my tongue, am I?

Next item is the savings from reducing positions over the maximum pay. Oh, my gosh, it's been stated that the savings could be over a million dollars, which AFTER I requested a true and factual report with no mistakes, it decreased to less than \$830,000. A fact not being stated is that numerous employees on this list are over the max due to being in their FRONT LINE POSITIONS (cashiers, housekeepers, security guards, porters, bartenders, etc.) for many many years, maybe the words dedication and loyalty could be used! They have increased due to being here through the years for the piddle raises that were given at election time. I WILL NOT REDUCE THOSE EMPLOYEES WAGES! Now let's jump to the

real numbers of over the max people, the political favor ones or the wage increases that did not go through the normal process, well I'm attempting to find that total because I was never in a position to GIVE EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS and GRANT ENORMOUS RAISES, this was all in place when I became a board member, some of those elected leaders are still here and remain mute! We have been digging out of a hole since I was elected! We have been broke! Stay tuned on what the real numbers are for over the max and who they are. Watch carefully members. I was thinking about taking this part out, but I know members understand.

At the last meeting I attended for our tribal action plan on drug problems, five people were in attendance and I requested that the chair assist in directing some participation. Increased health services draft plan for outlying areas is supposed to come forward this month, waiting on discussion and support but I'm

sure punishment for this unit report will be what I'm being dished up for that. I will still push on and keep it on agenda. Director Hollowell and I will be holding a unit meeting in DeTour at Fisher's Restaurant on May 13 at 6 p.m.

I'm frustrated. In closing, I'm here, I'm watching, working and have a vested interest in our success of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. I prided the debt reduction and quiet stability we held for awhile, but it's politics at its ugliest again and trust me, I'm representing our people. The little I put in this report is just the tip of the iceberg, all I can assure you is that I'm no fool and I will continue to be straight forward and tromp through the muck to protect all of our people. Please keep the calls coming and the input you have for me to move us forward. Miigwech for helping me stay on track.

Baamaapii,  
— Lana Causley,  
(906) 484-2954  
(906) 322-3818

## Get help at [www.girlshealth.com](http://www.girlshealth.com)

*Helping girls through the transition from kids to teens. With hormones surging, peer pressure mounting and more expectations being placed on them, the transition from kid to teen can be a tough time for girls. Helping girls to understand the changes in their bodies and how to cope with social situations and the emotions they are feeling can ease the transition. Girlshealth.gov has some great resources to navigate the teen years.*

# Let's move on and move our people upward



**Joan Carr Anderson, Director Unit V**

Good morning,

I am sitting here getting ready to write my unit report and looking out at our lake, which has finally opened up. It's spring in the Upper Peninsula, a new beginning, it was a long hard winter but now it is gone and

past us. This is the way our board should be thinking about yesterday. We can't bring back what happened before — all the mistakes made on our tribal issues — it is gone and over. So let's move on in a positive way to make it better. If not, we are just wasting more time hashing over bad memories. We can start making good decisions for our tribe.

In the last month, our board has been busy with our regular workshops, budgets, casino problems, insurances, 2 percent monies and dealing in the sequestration cuts and/or hits. These meetings have been very time consuming as we are dealing with some very touchy situations but I am positive we will solve them over time. I do like the idea of having an outside, independent group, come in for an efficiency audit and report.

This would help us all in making some important decisions.

We have our ad hoc health committee meetings, which looks to be moving in a positive direction. I sure would like to see our outlying health facilities restored from when they were shut down in 2008. I know, for sure, we need them in the western areas, such as Marquette and Escanaba. Also other facilities that were closed, if reinstated, would help out our members.

Another committee that is moving forward, which I am on, is our Drug Task Force for substance abuse and alcoholism. The Munising Unit V community meeting will take place at the tribal center (the old Lincoln school) M-28, Munising, Mich., on June 10 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Then, on June 15, at the same place, the focus group will meet

from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mary Jenerau, from Great Lakes, will be the facilitator, and our Unit IV and V liaison, Rita Glyptis, will be the recorder. Thanks, Rita, for all your help in everything you do.

On June 23, Marquette will be holding its community forum from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the MERESA building on June 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Again, Mary Jenerau and Rita Glyptis will be present. I think this will be a help for all our communities and hope our members will take advantage and attend these sessions.

Another good thing happening in Marquette is that Dr. Haynes of Northern Michigan University had agreed to add to his budget this year reopen NMU Physical Education and Instructional Facility (PEIF). Brian Gaudreau confirmed that

the Sault Tribe members would have access to all activities as in the previous agreement. This will include access to the PEIF, which includes fitness area, the fitness classes and the pool. We also have access to the walking area in the Superior Dome and Berry Events Center. For all other information, you can contact Brian at (906) 227-1182 or Jessica Dumbuck at (906) 635-7770.

Remember the Manistique powwow on June 8 and 9.

Thanks to Denise and Darcy for the rides to the meetings. This helps our travel expenses.

To all our members who have emailed or called me with your input, it is greatly appreciated.

— Joan Carr Anderson,  
Unit V Representative

P.S. It is time we all join together for the betterment of the tribe.

## We need to apply THINK and the Thumper Theory



**DJ Malloy, Director Unit I**

Since being elected to the board, I am often reminded to keep close the "Thumper Theory: If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." More recently, I have learned of another philosophy called "THINK." THINK is an acronym for T — is it TRUE? H — is it HELPFUL? I — is it INSPIRING? N — is it NECESSARY? K — is it KIND?

Truly it is something we teach our children; be kind to one another. And, indeed, adults should know the lesson by this point in life. But, somehow, politics seems to bring out the worst in people. It is no secret that politics are brutal. It is even one of "those" subjects we warn people to leave out of pleasant company discussions. But when you are in an elected seat, it seems politics infiltrates every discussion.

I have admitted my naivety before. I still choose to see the good in people and find a way to express myself without getting personal. After all, there is nothing personal about business. It is numbers, policies, procedures and practices. But, with each and every workshop and meeting, our board is getting more and more embroiled with the personalities of the messengers, rather than the message. Instead of standing on the merits of the ideas presented, or lack thereof, too many times the focus is on the messenger and/or the deliv-

ery of the message. Because of this, too many good ideas are cast aside and die in a pool of misunderstanding, distrust and political fallout. In a perfect world, I would have the ideas brought forward without any indication as to the author of such. This would allow for an open minded discussion without politics and personalities poisoning the well. And it would benefit the membership because we might actually accomplish something of substance.

With this in mind, one can understand why I say we are still operating as a reactionary government. We react to things as if we are veering off to avoid potholes in the road. Instead of being proactive and planning a route to good government via well-paved roads, we are constantly taking detours. Meanwhile, your government is under construction and there seems to be no end in sight for the "orange barrel" season.

**BUDGET CUTS**  
As I wrote last month, federal

sequestration has put a stranglehold on our budgets. Coupled with the necessity to upgrade the software and hardware needed to operate business and services (necessary capital expenditures), it put a real hurt on us this year. And if that is not bad enough, should the board fail to take the steps needed to make more hard budget decisions this year, well, next year is going to be worse.

When the process began and before cuts were made, I turned in the paperwork to reduce my salary. I am only mentioning this because I want you to know that I still believe that the board has the responsibility to "feel" the effect of cuts before they ask others to do so. There are a couple others who have done the same. It is their business, not mine, to let you know who they are.

The budget cuts that were made do not line up 100 percent with what I believe should have been done. I would have preferred that those cuts first identi-

fied by directors and managers should have been put in place without board manipulation. But so goes tribal politics. Each day reductions went unmet, the deficit compounded. Therefore, I voted to affirm the recommendations as put before us. But make no mistake, we are not out of the woods yet. We cannot borrow ourselves out of debt and we have much fat that can be trimmed. I am hopeful that we can address it properly before we go into the next budget year with a looming deficit.

**IN CLOSING**

I am going to apply the "Thumper Theory" here and end my report. I am hoping that next month there will be positive movement to report. If you would like to contact me, I can be reached at (906) 440-9762 or through email at [dmalloy@sault-tribe.net](mailto:dmalloy@sault-tribe.net). I always appreciate and look forward to your input, insights and ideas!

Respectfully,  
— DJ Malloy

## Tribal members write letters to the community for support, help

From "More Letters," pg. 22

### Member still seeks bygone election data

Dear Editor,  
I have been requesting data (numerical data), election reports, etc., since August 2012. I have added to the list and was told on Feb. 26, 2013, at the board meeting that I could have the data.

Every meeting I have attended since then I have submitted a membership follow-up form for the same data. What happens to these forms? Who has them? Is there not a log to keep track of these forms? How do you know when the problem is resolved?

To this day I have not received the requested data. Who is responsible for getting this data to me?

Again, I will list the data I am requesting:

- 2007 secretarial election, I have this but not from the tribe;
- 2008 primary election report;

- 2008 general election report;
  - 2010 secretarial election, I have this but not from the tribe;
  - 2010 primary election report;
  - 2010 general election report;
  - 2012 primary election report;
  - 2012 general election report,
- I have this but it is incomplete.

Each report should include the number of ballots printed, number of ballots used for test purposes, number of ballots mailed (should match number of registered voters), number of ballots returned as undeliverable, number of votes cast for each candidate, number of spoiled ballots, total extra ballots and total of valid ballots cast.

According to the Election Code, "All books and records of the Election Committee shall be open to inspection by members upon reasonable request to the board of directors pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Tribal Bylaws.

"The Election Committee shall certify the election results to the board of directors at the next spe-

cial or regular meeting, provided the period for contests has lapsed and all contests have been finally resolved. If a special or regular meeting does not occur within seven (7) days following resolution of all contests, the election results shall be deemed certified."

Also, this is on the tribal website, [www.saulttribe.com/government/tribal-elections/228-government/tribal-elections/1430-how-the-sault-tribe-election-is-conducted](http://www.saulttribe.com/government/tribal-elections/228-government/tribal-elections/1430-how-the-sault-tribe-election-is-conducted), paragraph three, last sentence: "All ballots are accounted for after the election: total printed, total mailed, total used for test purposes, total extra, total undeliverable, and total received in an 'end cycle report' given to the board of directors."

Enough said by me, now the ball is in your court.

— CJ Mosher  
Manistique, Mich.

### Hats off to the Goudreaus

Dear Editor,  
Doug and Paula Goudreau

have gone to great lengths to ensure a successful first season of junior hockey for our local boys. They dedicate their time, financial support and their hearts.

They have given so much to about 13 young Native boys on the team. The owners take great care to maintain a positive environment, monitor and council the players and ensure a high standard of behavior both on and off the ice. The players do community service, assist with the youth hockey program and help with the Hiawatha skating show.

The team has a personal fitness trainer and uses the fitness center in the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, which is their home ice. The team travels by Kewadin buses, stays at only four-star hotels and the players eat very well. This is not the case for many of the other teams in their league.

These are not your typical junior hockey club owners, they care so much about providing

these boys with an opportunity to grow into responsible young men. It isn't just hockey, it's life skills these young men are gaining.

An end of the year banquet was recently enjoyed by the players and parents and, as usual, Doug and Paula provided a wonderful meal. Coach Joe Esson said it very well at the banquet, "If these boys don't appreciate the fine meals and accommodations and the effort it took to manage this team in this league this season, then they just weren't raised right!" That is the truth.

Our tribal youth have benefited in so many ways from the experiences provided by the Goudreaus. We can't thank them enough. The parents of the Soo Firehawks want to say a heartfelt chi megwetch! The Soo Firehawks had an amazing first season, lost only 3 home games of the 23 played at Chi Mukwa.

— Beverly MacLaren  
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



# The tribe shouldn't bite the hand that feeds it



**Debra Ann Pine, Director Unit I**

Ahniin kina gwaya! Hello everyone!

Making money is a lot harder than spending it. I'm sure you

have heard this many times in your life. I know I have.

Our tribal lives are spent living under one umbrella. They are like two people trying to stay under the umbrella and not get wet when it storms. However, one of the people under the umbrella keeps pushing the weaker one out into the rain. That essentially is our tribal government trying to live with our tribal business — business generates revenue, government spends it. Note: The government entities that do produce revenue, please understand that I support giving you wings to fly, as a separate division, away from issues of tribal government.

Each of these have their own needs that have to be attended to or they fail. When they fail,

it's the membership that pays the price on both sides of the fence. We as tribal members need start taking the view that these two are separate and different and SEPARATE.

Our leadership, for far too long, has taken the view that when the waters get rough on the tribal government side, like the \$15 million deficit that the Payment administration ran for us in 2008, government jumps the fence and swift kicks our businesses, primarily the casinos. SWIFT KICKS THE ENTITY THAT BRINGS US MONEY!

Well, folks, we are watching history repeat itself and I find myself on the short end of that voting stick.

Sequestration is happening on

the GOVERNMENTAL SIDE OF THE FENCE and what does our chief do? He hops the fence to our business that generates revenue and uses the sequestration as a thinly veiled attempt to head-hunt employees with the wrong last name. Not only did he do this, he did it going into our summer season when the casino generates most of our money! What kind of sense does that make? He went in with no plan (he shut down the bakery; common sense dictates your don't shut down your bakery when you are selling weddings!), scared the employees and now will be scratching his head as to why there is such low morale on the casino floor and why the low morale is driving away customers.

Oh, well, I guess that is what you get when you have a chief that carries the attitude that employees don't win elections.

A very wise OLD MAN told me: In a tribe, we are in a unique position. We can either provide services on the front end with jobs and business opportunities OR we have to provide services on the back end, when they don't have jobs — your choice. We have to ask ourselves this, what is healthier for our community?

Dbaajimitaadaa! Biginoonshin! Let's talk about it, call me! Baamaapii kawaabmin! See you later.

Sincerely,

— Debra-Ann Pine

(906) 440-1334

debrapine@yahoo.com

## We must proceed, but we must move with caution



**Keith Massaway, Director Unit III**

It has been a very busy time for the tribal board these last few weeks. We have had numerous problems and challenges to work through and sometimes they seem

insurmountable but we always get through them. I wish that we could work sometimes in a more timely manner, but eventually we find the answer.

The budget for 2013 was and still is a very hard item to pin down. Whether the reason is that the programs have numbers that change due to service demand or that lack of current finances cause services to be diminished or delayed, we have tough choices each week. No board member wants to cause any pain to any member or employee so we search for the best available path to get where we need to be, 2014 looms on the horizon and, along with the sequestration and a flat business model, we also must anticipate a possible casino in Mackinaw City and how the Affordable Care Act will impact

our finances to fully cover our work force. I wish there could be easy and painless answers to solve all our financial questions, but there are not and you should hold the board to a high standard when I believe this should be our top priority.

The proposed new Constitution is being thrust upon us relentlessly and I sat through the entire review process the last few months. It is not ready for a vote as written and most of the board and the chairman agree on that. After carefully listening to the Constitution Committee members and their reasons, concerns and fears I more fully understand their thinking. I am not an advocate of the three-party system, like our federal government. I prefer a hybrid between what we have now and what is proposed. The

judicial system should be split off and have protection secured by our Constitution. The council can have a structure similar to existing with better delineation of powers for both the chairman and council members. I am a strong believer in the power of the chairman but the complete separation of the chair from the council creates more problems and discord than positives in my estimation.

I have discussed this with my fellow tribal leaders, Little River Band, Tohono O'odham of Arizona and the Sioux along with many other tribes with varying and dissimilar governing bodies. The consensus is that nothing is perfect, but the further you get away from a council approach, the more discord and disconnect you have with your membership. I could go deeply into the many

other specifics on what parts I like and others that I prefer not to be in the Constitution. But more discussions have to happen with the board. All on the board have very different ideas and concerns and these are mine and not a consensus of any group.

Last edition, I did submit a unit report to the newspaper and it was not published. Mistakes happen and I acknowledge that it was not on purpose. I would like to point that out because I did get several calls on why I did not put in an article.

Congratulations to all the graduating seniors and good luck to your future endeavors.

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

## Testifying in Washington DC and leading by example



**Cathy Abramson, Director Unit I**

The spring fasting camp was held on Sugar Island just recently. I love attending this camp. While I did not fast, just being there helps rejuvenate my spirits. This is a place where healing takes place and where absolutely no politics are allowed.

Because there are so many issues swirling around within our tribal council, I find it necessary to step back and look inside myself and what I can do to help bring our tribe along in a most positive manner. I am not responsible for what individual board members say or do or what our chair says or does. I am only responsible for my words and actions as your representative. I do look to the Creator and my elders for guidance. I listen to our

membership. I listen to our chair and council members, our top administration. Based on all the input, I then make my own decisions. I will always believe that everything happens for a reason and in the big scheme of things, it's Creator's plan, not ours.

On April 22, I presented at the joint tribal budget briefing, "Honor the Promises to Tribal Nations in the Federal Budget," which was held in Washington, D.C. The spending cuts from sequestration undermine the trust, treaty and statutory obligations to Indian tribes that are funded in the federal budget. Not only does it sacrifice the trust obligations, but also it thwarts tribes' ability to promote economic growth or plan for the future of Native children and coming generations. The briefing highlighted the importance of federal funds for tribal governmental services, education, health care, public safety and others.

While in D.C., I also testified before the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in regards to the president's fiscal year 2014 budget for the Indian Health Service. The president's budget request was \$4.4 billion for IHS. To fulfill the total need in Indian Country, appropriations for the IHS would be \$26.1 billion. However, due to the difficult

fiscal environment, the National Indian Health Board supports the recommendation of the National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup and requests IHS to be funded at \$5.3 billion.

Our chairperson and tribal board have been putting a lot of hours working with our top administrators in regards to reducing our budgets due to the sequestration. There will be more planning and decision-making to prepare for the FY 2014 budgets. Cutting program budgets is never an easy decision. Please note that these cuts are due to the federal government's decision of seques-

### Don't get ripped off by fraudulent health products

Scammers have been selling fake health products for hundreds of years. They promise everything from weight loss to a cure for cancer in exchange for your money. These scams aren't only a waste of money, they can be dangerous. Unproven medical treatments can be damaging to your health and even deadly. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) offers these six tips to spot fake health products:

1. One product does it all. Be suspicious of products that claim to cure a wide range of diseases.

2. Personal testimonials. Success stories, such as, "It cured my diabetes" or "My tumors are

gone," are easy to make up and are not a substitute for scientific evidence.

3. Quick fixes. Few diseases or conditions can be treated quickly, even with legitimate products.

4. "All natural." Some plants found in nature (such as poisonous mushrooms) can kill when consumed. Moreover, FDA has found numerous products promoted as "all natural" but that contain hidden and dangerously high doses of prescription drug ingredients or even untested active artificial ingredients.

5. "Miracle cure." Alarms should go off when you see this claim or others like it such as,

6. Conspiracy theories. Claims like "The pharmaceutical industry and the government are working together to hide information about a miracle cure" are always untrue and unfounded. These statements are used to distract consumers from the obvious, common-sense questions about the so-called miracle cure.

7. "New discovery," "scientific breakthrough" or "secret ingredient." If a real cure for a serious disease were discovered, it would be widely reported through the media and prescribed by health professionals — not buried in print ads, TV infomercials or on Internet sites.

8. "All natural." Some plants found in nature (such as poisonous mushrooms) can kill when consumed. Moreover, FDA has found numerous products promoted as "all natural" but that contain hidden and dangerously high doses of prescription drug ingredients or even untested active artificial ingredients.

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# Dealing with sequestration and other issues



**Darcy Morrow, Director Unit IV**

During the month of April, 159.5 hours were spent attending meetings; this time does not include constituent phone calls, emails or reading material.

The board passed two separate resolutions to have either an outside efficiency agency or a group of casino professionals to come in and take a look at our current casino operations. With the sequestration making an impact this year, we are looking at an increased impact next year, the board needs to push this to be done immediately. We are relying on our health programs third

party revenue, but we should be increasing our casino revenue.

I have developed a confidential questionnaire for all casino team members to fill out; last week the board gave their approval to start the process. By getting all team members input at all of our facilities the board will have some real good input from our team members. I want to reassure team members this information will be collected by the board and then a report will be compiled for the board members and chairman only to work from. We have a lot of issues at all of our facilities; this is your time as a team member to speak out and let the board know what is going on. This is one way I believe we can start to turn around our facilities, by listening to our team members that work on the floor daily with our customers.

With the impact of sequestration, all governmental programs have looked at ways to decrease spending but also to ensure no impact to services. With our governmental programs coming up short, our casinos were able to almost complete the shortfall. All the while we are coming up

short and we know 2014 will be even a harder hit; the support of this board is not to close down the Sault Big Bear.

This is one of the Sault's sacred cows when I made the suggestion to close down this facility. A Unit I director stated to myself and Director Chase we will just shut down your health center. Pretty harsh words to threaten to shut down our health center in Manistique when I am asking to close down their hockey rink that does not provide a necessary service to our members at this time. Even if it closed for six months the savings would be \$400,000-plus. This Unit I director is also one who voted to close our Escanaba and Marquette health centers in 2008. Currently Director Chase and I are members of the Health ad hoc committee to try and bring services back to those lost in 2008.

The board adopted a resolution for key employees in 2004-71, 2005-199, and 2008-225. I am proposing that the board take a look at this resolution and we workshop it to come up with a solution. The resolution through amendments has grown to a list

of 40-plus team members. These team members are given a certain right that none of our other team members throughout our tribal organization are afforded. These team members are hired and fired by the vote of at least seven board members. The list has grown and certain people were added to try and protect them because of our political games.

I was a key employee who worked for the tribe 20 years with a clean work history and it didn't protect me from being terminated for no reason other than politics. It was a trumped up termination that was never even investigated and the board termed me in 2008 without even asking my side of the story. They fought my unemployment and after the unemployment hearing the judge awarded me full unemployment. Another key employee was brought forward by Tony Goetz, COO, to be termed for the same offense I was terminated for and that same board voted not to terminate this key employee. This game has been played for years. Team members should be able to perform their job duties and not have to be

worried about what seven board members they need to keep happy.

We will be holding our Tribal Action Plan (TAP – a drug task force) community forums the month May on May 19 at the Willow Creek Building, Escanaba, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. We will be providing snacks and drinks for the event. We hope to have a lot of community input from every age group. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at my number below or Director Chase at (906) 322-3819.

The Escanaba elders are asking for volunteers to help with cleaning up Indian Pointe Cemetery, Nahma, Mich., on May 25 at 10 a.m. Please bring your rake and an appetite, we will have food and drinks for all the volunteers.

Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you,  
— Darcy Morrow  
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## Working on better efficiency in tribal operations



**Denise Chase, Director Unit IV**

A majority of our time had been spent on attending financial meetings and workshops on the \$1.7 million federal sequestration budget cuts to the tribe's governmental services for 2013. The program managers have met and identified savings that would not affect direct services on the governmental side at this time. The casino COO also identified savings on the casino side that would assist the tribe by decreasing the sequestration impact on the governmental side.

Unfortunately, when the COO's initial cost savings plan was presented to the board, some took offense to his recommendations. He was given a directive by some board members to come back with a modified plan. The cost savings brought back in the second plan were not enough to meet the shortfall on the governmental side. Now we have to find those remaining savings and then start looking at the 2014 sequestration impact. If the casino can identify savings to assist the governmental side through their sequestration and help lessen

the impact on tribal programs and direct services, I support identifying the savings. One example of savings was buying trash can liners in bulk, with a cost savings of \$43,000 this year and \$70,000 next year. These are examples of savings that need to be continued to be identified.

Another area identified to look at for cost savings is the employee cafeteria in the Sault. The cost to run this department is \$500,000 per year. A suggestion is to either downsize what is offered to team members or offer them an employee menu at both the restaurant and deli. This would be comparable to what is offered at other casino facilities for their employees.

Efficiency auditor resolution:

*Whereas, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors have a responsibility to the membership to run an efficient and profitable operation to provide services.*

*Now therefore, be it resolved, that the board of directors authorizes Chairperson Aaron A. Payment, William Connolly, CFO, Angeline Boulley, Asst. Membership/Internal services executive director, and John Wernet, general counsel to hire an outside independent efficiency auditor with experience working with casinos, enterprises and all subordinate governmental programs, services and operations.*

*Be it further resolved, the above said efficiency auditor*

*will provide the Sault Tribe Board of Directors with a list of recommendations for improving efficiencies.*

*Be it further resolved, that the Board of Directors shall review and act on the list of identified recommendations for improving efficiencies.*

I brought this resolution forward over three months ago and it was passed by the board.

Because of the impact of sequestration it's now more important than ever that an efficiency group comes in and audits our governmental, casino and enterprises from top to bottom and brings their recommendations to the board for implementation.

I asked that a workshop be

scheduled with the board of directors, commercial fisherman and staff. The idea is to update the new and old board members on the history of the tribal fisheries and update them on the consent decrees with the state (1985 and 2000). This meeting will allow an open dialogue and discussion on the issues that are affecting the fisheries now. The 2000 Consent Decree will expire in 2020. Letters will be sent out to the fisherman with a date and time of the meeting/workshop.

Congratulations to all the high school and college graduates!

If you need to reach me you may call me at (906) 322-3819. Thanks,  
Denise Chase, Vice Chair

## Gathering of the Clans Powwow June 8-9

**Seventh annual Sault Tribe Manistique area Gathering of the Clans Powwow, June 8-9, 2013, Manistique Tribal Community Center, 5698W Highway US 2, Manistique, MI 49854, Next to the Kewadin Casino.**

*Host drum: Four Thunders*

*Co-host drum: Wandering Nations*

*Invited drum: Mukkwa Giizhik*

*Head veteran: KBIC color guard*

*Head male dancer: Bob Jones-Moody*

*Head female dancer: Beth Earl Jones-Moody*

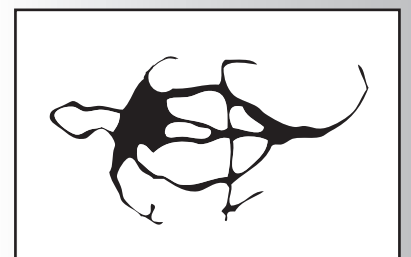
*Arena director: Timothy (TJ) Derwin*

*Master of ceremonies: Stanley Spruce*

*Firekeeper: Joe Wallace*

- *Grand entries, Saturday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, noon.*
- *Feast Saturday, 5 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass for the feast, crazy auction Saturday after feast.*
- *Vendors, traders or public can call for further information, Viola Neadow at (906) 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.*

*Public invited and welcome, free admission.  
No drugs, politics, alcohol or animals/dogs allowed.*



# Thoughts on the tribal fishery and its future

BY CLARENCE HUDAK,  
INLAND CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE

Recently, a high school student asked if I would sit down with him and answer a few questions about our treaty rights. He was doing his last big assignment as a senior and had chosen this as the subject.

I agreed and during our discussion he asked, "Where in the treaty does it mention commercial fishing?" I responded that Article 13 includes the reference to the usual privileges of occupancy, of which making a living is one. I also pointed out to him that when reading a treaty you have to understand that most, if not all, of the chiefs and leaders who signed it with their "X" mark could not speak English and relied on government interpreters.

Because of this language barrier federal courts have ruled that you have to look to what they believed they were agreeing to. This is called the canons of construction and, by using these rules, you can conclude that our ancestors understood that selling or trading fish would not only be allowed, but likely encouraged.

Article 4 of the treaty describes what will be given in exchange for the land and water. This included money, medicine, education, agricultural implements and over the course of 20 years, many tons of salt and 10,000 fish barrels. In those days, fish was preserved with salt and stored in

barrels for shipment to the growing cities of America.

I've spent a couple full seasons commercial fishing the Great Lakes. It was an unforgettable experience. I can confidently say to all who have romantic notions of sailing the big water and harvesting it's bounty that the honeymoon will be over on the first day that you have to go out and pull your nets in four to six-foot waves. In times like those, you really have to pay attention and not let the tossing and turning get to you because things happen fast out there, even on a calm day and if you lose your focus someone can lose their life.

So, you just do your job and keep your thoughts to yourself, but I found that those thoughts are mostly prayers to the Creator to please make it ease up and let us get back to shore safely. I saw some of the most beautiful sights of my life on that water but also some of the most chilling. From spectacular sunrises to nets crammed full of whitefish to a monstrous bolt of lightning that struck so close it made the sides of a steel boat shudder.

I've heard many people in our tribe say, "Boy those fishermen are hard to deal with because they're such a rough bunch." My reply, "Yes, they are, but you have to consider the physical and mental stresses of that work and if you don't learn to be rough and tough and learn quickly, then your time fishing will last about a

day or two."

That being said, I have never met a commercial fisherman who hated his job. Oh yes, there are parts of it that they certainly find hard to deal with, the constant changes in the weather, gear getting damaged or completely destroyed, fuel costs, exotic species, low prices paid for catches, I could go on and on, but my point is that even though there are many things that make the job demanding, the one thing you can be assured of is that those men love to

go out and catch fish.

But, unfortunately, the fishery has been hurt badly by exotic species, mainly sea lamprey and fish populations are not what they used to be - it takes more effort to catch less fish. Because of this, stricter regulations on allowable catch limits and reductions in effort allowed per area are being put in place.

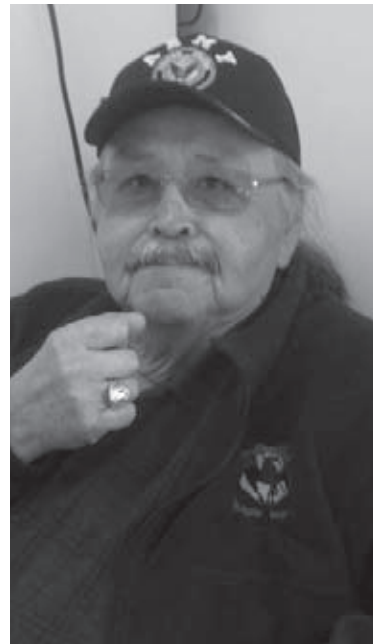
The tribe is bound by the 2000 Consent Decree to follow conservation standards for the protection of the resource and while I believe fishermen support making sure

there are fish to catch in the future, they still have bills to pay and to do that they need to be able to get their nets in the water.

That is why I hope we are prepared for the coming battle we will face in 2020. We are obligated to negotiate a new agreement with the State of Michigan during that year and I pray our leaders at that time will stand solidly behind our fishermen and not give an inch to those who want to restrict our treaty rights any more. May the Creator always watch over and protect our fishermen.



The Sugar Island sugarbush at the Mary Murray Culture Camp was quite successful this year, along with the many family sugar bushes across the region.



Sault Tribe elder Mickey Frechette at the sugarbush.

## Pike eggs harvested

BY RICK SMITH

The Inter-Tribal Fisheries Assessment Program (ITFAP) recently collaborated with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and a Drummond Island landowner, Mike Fairchild, in collecting pike eggs off the north shore of the island. The eggs will supply the hatchery for purposes that include raising fingerlings for stocking in the river.

The ITFAP crew has been stocking the walleye fishery in the river for years, but a change this year came as request by the DNR, according to ITFAP Director Tom Gorenflo, "What was a little different this year was we cooperated with the MDNR and Mike to collect eggs from northern pike. Northern pike numbers have been declining in the river for several years and the DNR was interested in trying to stock some back into the river," he said.

Gorenflo indicated that, normally, the fisheries program doesn't conduct any work in stocking pike. "But they are harvested by tribal subsistence and recreational fishers in the river, so it looked like a good collaborative effort," he noted.

The collected eggs were taken to an ITFAP facility where they will be hatched before being transferred to a rearing pond owned by Fairchild. Once the hatchlings reach the appropriate fingerling size, a control gate on the pond will be raised and the



Pike netted for egg collection.

water with the fingerlings will be released into the river.

"Normally, we would collaborate with Mike to raise walleye in his pond for stocking in the St. Marys," Gorenflo explained. "However, based on a long-term stocking plan developed between the Chippewa-Ottawa Resource Authority, MDNR and Ontario, 2013 is a 'no-stocking' year for walleye in Potogannissing Bay, thus the reason for raising pike in his pond this year."

Fairchild is a huge help for years in the ITFAP walleye stocking activities. According to Gorenflo, Fairchild allows the use of his pond and supplies at least half of the fertilizer for the pond along with heavy equipment when needed. He also acts as a lookout for when walleye start preparing for spawning, saving the ITFAP crew a lot of mileage in running to the far side of the island.

**2013 Sault Tribe Elk Application**

The 2012 Elk application period will run from May 1 - May 31 2013. All applications must be received by the Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Department before 5:00 PM on May 31, 2013. A lottery will be conducted at the June Conservation Committee Meeting.

First Name  Middle Name  Last Name

Address  City  State  Zip code

File number (red # on Tribal ID)  Phone number

STS number (red # on harvest card)  Date of Birth  Sex

E-mail address

**There is a \$4 application fee. Each elk application must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$4. Elders (60 and older) and youth (16 and under) are not required to pay application fees.**

Please send all applications to:

**IFWD Elk Application**  
PO Box 925  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

For questions, please contact the Sault Tribe Inland Fish & Wildlife Department @ 906.632.6132

**2013 Sault Tribe Bear Application**

The 2012 bear application period will run from May 1 - May 31 2013. All applications must be received by the Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Department before 5:00 PM on May 31, 2013. A lottery will be conducted at the June Conservation Committee Meeting. Please be sure to indicate which Bear Management Unit you are applying for (see map below).

First name  Middle name  Last name

Address  City  State  Zip code

File number (red # on Tribal card)  STS number (red # on Harvest card)  Phone number

Date of birth  Sex  E-mail address

Please select **one** of the following Bear Management Units. Please note that all Sault Tribe bear permits are only valid with in the 1836 Ceded Territory. See map for generalized boundaries of each Bear Management Unit.

Upper Peninsula	Lower Peninsula
<input type="checkbox"/> Newberry	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Oak
<input type="checkbox"/> Gwinn	<input type="checkbox"/> Baldwin
<input type="checkbox"/> Baraga	<input type="checkbox"/> Gladwin
<input type="checkbox"/> Drummond	

**There is a \$4 application fee. Each bear application must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$4. Elders (60 and older) and youth (16 and under) are not required to pay application fees.**

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# The pneumonia shot: What you need to know

BY SAULT TRIBE GERIATRIC TEAM COMMITTEE

Pneumococcal disease is a serious disease that includes more than 90 subtypes. This disease kills more people in the United States each year than all other vaccine-preventable diseases combined. This group of diseases includes the very invasive and serious diseases such as meningitis and blood infections but also includes the more common pneumonias and middle ear infections. The case fatality rate may be as high as 60 percent in elderly patients who, along with children under the age of

5, get more serious cases of the disease.

The great news about pneumonia is that we have two vaccines that prevent or lessen the disease process. Both vaccines provide great protection in preventing the disease and even in populations who don't respond as well to the vaccine, the vaccine is believed to provide protection enough to lessen the seriousness of the disease.

Two vaccines exist — one primarily for infants to age 5, and the other for all adults aged 65 and older or specific high-risk groups beginning at

age 2 (diabetes, cirrhosis, lung disease, cirrhosis, no spleen or a number of conditions affecting the immune system). Adults aged 19-64 with asthma or who smoke should also get the adult type pneumonia shot before age 65.

The usual schedule for the infant vaccine (PCV13) is four doses total given at age 2, 4, 6 and 12-15 months. Adults aged 65 and older with no risk factors will receive just one of the Adult pneumonia vaccines (PCV13), but high risk persons may receive one, two or three adult pneumonia vaccines in their life-

time. Your health care provider will guide you on the number of vaccines you will need according to your health conditions.

Both of the vaccines to combat pneumococcal disease are made from inactivated (killed) bacteria. They cannot possibly cause pneumococcal disease. These vaccines are very safe with 30 to 50 percent of vaccinated persons reporting very mild side effects such as redness or pain where the shot was given. As a matter of fact, health care providers are advised to give a person a shot that may have already had one but lost

their record because an extra dose will not harm the patient.

In summary, be sure to ask your health care provider about the vaccines for pneumococcal disease at your next visit. You don't want to be one of the 4,000 deaths (U.S. 2007 estimate) from this disease. Get the shot and live a lot.

(Sources: *Pneumococcal Vaccines-CDC answers your questions*; "*Pneumococcus: Questions and answers, information about the disease and vaccines*," *Immunization Action Coalition*.)

# Tips on prescription drug safety and children

BY TJ DERWIN

Did you know that a recent study by the partnership at Drugfree.org and the MetLife Foundation found that one-fourth of teens have misused or abused a prescription drug at least once in their lifetime and that 27 percent of teens incorrectly believe that misusing and abusing prescription drugs is safer than using street drugs?

As parents, grandparents and other relatives, we all want our kids to be safe and stay as healthy

and happy as possible. We want to see our kids grow up with the best chance to reach their goals and protect them from anything that might get in their way. One way we can do this and help make sure they avoid the dangers of substance abuse is to put some safeguards in place in our own homes.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Monitor your medicine. Keep track of how many pills are in each of your prescription bottles. Keep track of your refills, as

well as those of every member of your household. If you need to refill your medicine more than expected, that could indicate a problem. Control your children's medicine. Monitor their dosages. Be especially careful and watchful of medicines that are known to be addictive and commonly abused by teens.

- Secure your medicine. If possible, keep all medicines, both prescription and over-the-counter, in a safe place, such as a locked cabinet that your child can't

access. Treat your medicines like other valuables such as jewelry or cash.

- Dispose of expired or unused medicine safely. You can check with your local pharmacies or health department to find out if they will take back any medicines for safe disposal. You can also mix unwanted medications with used coffee grounds or kitty litter in order to discourage the misuse of these medications.

- Although it can be difficult and uncomfortable at times, talk

to your kids about the dangers of prescription drug abuse. Clearly communicate your expectations about not misusing medications to your kids. Check out these websites for more tips to help keep your kids safe from prescription drug abuse: [www.drugfree.org/notinmyhouse](http://www.drugfree.org/notinmyhouse) or [medicine-abuseproject.org](http://medicine-abuseproject.org).

For more information on services, please call Sault Tribe Behavioral Health at 635-6075 or toll free at (800) 726-9105.

# Long-term cigarette smoking main cause of COPD

BY COMMUNITY HEALTH STAFF

COPD stands for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. This is an irreversible disease, which refers to a group of lung diseases that make breathing difficult by blocking airflow. Chronic bronchitis and emphysema are the most common diseases that make up COPD. According to the Mayo Clinic, the number one cause of COPD

is from long-term cigarette smoking. The only way to control symptoms of COPD and to try and prevent further damage is by seeking treatment.

Symptoms listed by the Mayo Clinic include:

- Shortness of breath, especially during physical activities;
- Wheezing;
- Chest tightness;
- Having to clear throat first

thing in the morning, due to excess mucus in lungs;

- Chronic cough that produces sputum that may be clear, white, yellow or greenish;
- Blueness of the lips or fingernail beds (cyanosis);
- Frequent respiratory infections;
- Lack of energy;
- Unintended weight loss (in later stages).

Most people will not experience these symptoms until the lung damage is already done.

Think about quitting today — remember, it's not only you who could be affected by smoking. Breathing in smoke from someone else's cigarette (secondhand smoke) is harmful to everyone and can cause breathing problems for them as well as you.

If you have considered quitting and would like to talk about this to someone who can help, please contact Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210 or your local Tribal Health Center. If you feel that you may have symptoms of COPD and would like more information please contact your physician.

# Importance of tobacco-free living and smoke-free air for children

Sault Tribe Community Health, in partnership with the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition (TFLC) is highlighting the importance of commercial tobacco-free living and smoke-free air for children this spring.

During April, volunteers from the coalition, Girl Scouts, Great Start Collaborative partners and other school groups gathered to assemble 800 Children Need Smoke-Free Air Packets for distribution to early childhood programs throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula. Each packet contains information about protecting children from the health harms of secondhand smoke and provides local resources and information for tobacco cessation.

The campaign, which started in the late 1990's, is carried out on an annual basis by the coalition each spring. Julie Trotter, projects coordinator for the Chippewa County Health Department said, "We have made tremendous progress in the arena of smoke-free air and tobacco-free living. However, our children remain a disparate population who continue to be exposed to secondhand smoke. Although our schools, licensed daycare centers, worksites and public places are smoke-free,

children often continue to be exposed to secondhand smoke in the home, motor vehicles and outdoor recreation areas without a tobacco-free policy. Research continues to show that the home is where babies and children spend most of their time and are most often exposed to secondhand smoke."

With the school year coming to an end, it is the perfect time for a reminder about simple ways to help keep kids healthy and safe. The Children Need Smoke-Free Air packets will be sent home with area Head Start students, sharing important information about living tobacco-free and protecting children from the health harms of secondhand and thirdhand smoke. All students attending Sault Tribe Head Start, Bay Mills Head Start, and Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Head Start centers will receive a packet. The EUP Great Start Collaborative and TFLC will also have packets available at upcoming spring and summer events.

"These packets provide families with very important information that can have a great impact on their own health, as well as the health of their children," continued Trotter. "In 1992, the Environmental Protection Agency

classified secondhand smoke as a class A carcinogen, a toxin known to cause cancer in humans. Secondhand smoke consists of more than 7,000 chemicals, including hundreds that are toxic and about 70 that can cause cancer. Consequently, the U.S. surgeon general reports that tobacco use is harmful to health and that there is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure. Children who are exposed to secondhand smoke are breathing many of the same cancer causing toxins as people who smoke."

Children's young bodies and lungs are especially susceptible to the dangers of secondhand and thirdhand smoke. Babies and children exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to suffer from throat infections, wheezing, coughing, bronchitis, pneumonia, repeated ear infections, childhood asthma and increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome. For children with asthma, exposure to secondhand smoke can worsen their condition and cause them to have more asthma attacks. Research also shows that secondhand smoke exposure can impair a child's ability to learn, putting children at risk for deficits in reading, math and visuospatial reasoning. Children

born to women nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke during pregnancy and to women who smoked during pregnancy are more likely to suffer from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and conduct disorder.

Thirdhand smoke, the residue left behind on surfaces and furnishings in places where smoking has occurred, poses many of the same health dangers as secondhand smoke. Children can be exposed to dangerous chemicals when crawling on floors, putting things in their mouth, or being held by adults who may have thirdhand smoke on their clothing or hands. Thirdhand smoke is easy to recognize — just picture walking into a room or sitting in a car that smells like cigarette smoke, even when no one is smoking — or hugging someone who smokes and smelling smoke on their clothes. Even after secondhand smoke is gone, chemicals and toxins are left behind, clinging to walls and ceilings, settling on surfaces, and are absorbed into carpets, curtains, clothing, and furniture. Additionally, children exposed to smoking are also more likely to begin smoking themselves.

The good news is that there are straightforward steps to protect

your family and your children from the dangers of secondhand and thirdhand smoke. Committing to keeping your home and car smoke-free are two great ways to promote the health of your children. There are also many resources available to help those who would like to quit smoking. Policies that make parks and outdoor recreation areas tobacco-free also protect children from secondhand smoke exposure in places where they recreate and play. These are all important ways to protect children from the health harms of secondhand and thirdhand smoke so they can grow up strong and healthy!

To request more information or for help to quit smoking, please contact the EUP Great Start Collaborative at (906) 632-3373, extension 113, the Chippewa County Health Department at 635-3636 or Sault Tribe Community Health at 632-5210, partners of the Tobacco-Free Living Coalition.

For more information on tobacco-free outdoor recreation areas, visit the Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project website at [ww.UP4Health.org](http://ww.UP4Health.org) or the Chippewa County Health Department website at [ww.chippewahd.com](http://ww.chippewahd.com).

# What you need to know about the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver as it applies to you

BY ANGELINE BOULLEY

**What is the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW)?** The State of Michigan enacted Public Law 174 of 1976 that waives the tuition costs for eligible Native Americans attending public community colleges or universities within Michigan. It waives tuition for full-time or part-time courses taken during any semester including summer. Tuition can be waived for undergraduate and graduate courses, as students may continue to use the waiver through post-graduate work. Tuition can be waived for dually-enrolled students as long as both institutions are public colleges/universities in Michigan.

**Does this mean I can attend college for free?** No. It means the college or university will waive only the tuition cost. Students are still responsible for all fees and other expenses, including room and board, books, supplies, transportation, etc.

**Can this waiver be transferred to a private college or can I receive the funds directly to pay the tuition bill?** No. Only public community colleges or universities in Michigan are under legal obligation to waive tuition for eligible Native Americans through the MITW. For a list of public community colleges and universities, check out a list on the Sault Tribe website, Sault Tribe Higher Education page on Facebook or the Michigan Department of Civil

Rights website.

**Are all Sault Tribe members eligible for this program?** No. Not every Sault Tribe member is eligible. To be eligible, you must be enrolled in a U.S. federally-recognized tribe, be a resident of Michigan for at least twelve consecutive months, be accepted for enrollment at a public community college or university in Michigan and be certified as one-quarter (1/4) Native American blood quantum. Although Sault Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian tribe, not every Sault Tribe member resides in Michigan. Also, not every Sault Tribe member is accepted for enrollment at a public college or university, which has the right to accept or deny any student for admission based on their own standards and criteria. Finally, since our tribal membership is based on lineal descent rather than blood quantum, not every Sault Tribe member will meet the requirement enacted by the State of Michigan.

**How can I find out my blood quantum?** Sault Tribe Enrollment Department certifies blood quantum based on your enrollment file which includes information about your genealogy or family tree. The telephone number for Enrollment is (906) 632-8552. There is a \$15 charge to certify blood quantum and this is done as part of the MITW application process. However, some parents choose to pay for a blood quantum certification

before their child graduates from high school so they will know for certain if the child is eligible for the MITW or other scholarships that require a minimum blood quantum amount.

**What if I didn't learn about the waiver until after I earned my degree? What if my blood quantum changed because historical documents were added to my tribal enrollment file? Can I be reimbursed for tuition costs I already paid?** No. The colleges and universities do not retroactively waive tuition for students. The Sault Tribe Enrollment Department certifies blood quantum according to approved documents as of the date the certifica-

tion is processed and does not back date or make a certification retroactive.

**What if I am a college student, have received the waiver and am now experiencing problems with the school not waiving the tuition?** If your college or university imposes criteria above and beyond what is in the law, please call the Sault Tribe Higher Education Program at (906) 635-7784 or send email to [highereducation@saulttribe.net](mailto:highereducation@saulttribe.net) or [bmacarthur@saulttribe.net](mailto:bmacarthur@saulttribe.net). We can assist you in contacting your school and working to resolve any misunderstanding or misinformation. Some colleges and universities mistakenly treat

the MITW as financial aid and try to subject it to conditions such as satisfactory academic progress, degree-seeking status or a limited number of credit hours.

**Where can I get more information about MITW?** The State of Michigan website, specifically the homepage of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, is the best source for information and applications: [www.michigan.gov/MDCR](http://www.michigan.gov/MDCR). The Sault Tribe provides information and applications on our tribal website as a courtesy to our members, but with the clear understanding that the waiver is not a Sault Tribe program: [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

## MSU workshop teaches teens about making movies

BY RICK SMITH

Interested youngsters from age 13 to high school seniors are encouraged to register online for the 2013 American Indian Youth Summer Film Workshop scheduled to take place on the campus of Michigan State University July 14-19.

This exciting, educational opportunity is free of charge but students must provide their own transportation to MSU and the return to their homes. Selected students will be provided room and board for the duration of the workshop in a secure campus dormitory.

The workshop is sponsored by the MSU Native American Institute. An enrolled member of the White Earth Nation of

Minnesota (Anishinaabe), Gordon Henry, director of the institute, advises interested students to register online by filling out a short form and answering a few questions at [www.nai.msu.edu](http://www.nai.msu.edu) to enhance their chances of getting enrolled in the workshop. "This is the third year for doing this workshop and it's gone pretty well," he said. "I would have students sign up online so that they might be selected or could still fill any openings that develop after the selections process." Last year, he added, five openings became available after the selection process. Registration forms must be received no later than Monday, May 20, 2013. Selected students will be notified near the first week of June.

Selected students will receive hands-on training and experience with all facets of filmmaking from setting up lighting and sound equipment and techniques to storyboard development to editing. "We teach them how to put together a short film of about two to five minutes along with developing a short script and how to actually do the shooting and editing," said Henry.

The attendees will also have the opportunity to meet other youngsters interested in the field and enjoy supervised recreational activities and field experiences.

Questions may be directed to April at (517) 353-6632 or [www.nai.msu.edu](http://www.nai.msu.edu).

## Gardner among 36 to win Coca-Cola scholarships

The Coca-Cola Foundation and the American Indian College Fund (AICF) recently announced a Sault Tribe member among 36 scholarship winners honored at a banquet in Green Bay, Wisc. The honors were given at the 2012-13 Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship banquet at the American Indian Higher Education Consortium Student Conference on March 21.

Francis Gardner, a student at Bay Mills Community College, was named in the announcement.

According to the AICF, the Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship was established to fund unmet needs for a student's first year in college. If students maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average and show strong participation in campus and community life, their scholarships are renewed every year throughout



**Francis Gardner** the students' tribal college career.

"I have received the scholarship twice," said Gardner. "This particular scholarship is only awarded through the American Indian College Fund." He noted that he was one of two of the students asked to speak at the banquet and he met Dr. Cheryl Crazy Bull, president of the AICF.

## Mendoskin earns EUP Principal's Award

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Tommy Mendoskin has a lot to be proud of. He went from not caring about school and recognizing its importance, which of course led to some bad grades – to being honored as a recipient of the EUP Principal's Award.

Mendoskin is a tribal member and 17-year old senior at Malcolm High School in Sault Ste. Marie.

He moved from Florida to Michigan two years ago and was placed into foster care with his grandmother. He said having the support of his grandmother helped him to get back on track by improving his school attendance and grades. "Before coming to Malcolm my grades were



**Tommy Mendoskin** terrible," he said. "Most people don't give Malcolm High School enough credit, everyone thinks it's a bad school but it definitely isn't. It's just a different environment. The teachers are more

personal and there are intelligent people in this school – I feel like a lot of people don't realize that."

Mendoskin has worked for the tribe's family services division, ACFS, part time since last summer through a youth work program as a custodian.

He will be starting his college studies at LSSU this fall and plans to major in psychology and work as a psychologist. "I want to be successful in college and figured I should start here," he said.

Principals' Awards are presented to senior students who have maintained a high school grade point average of at least 3.3 and scored 24 or better on American College Testing examinations.

## Suggs-Hood and team garner top student broadcasting honors

Sault Tribe member and White County High School senior Jordan Suggs-Hood and 17 fellow broadcast students from White County Warrior TV WTVN competed in the Student Network National Convention in Los Angeles March 27-30. Warrior TV won \$10,000 and was awarded the Top Broadcasting Student Program in the nation. This was the highest honor at the convention.

Suggs-Hood and his Cleveland, Ga., teammates were judged on their overall work through the school year and their work on special projects in Los Angeles. They competed against 2,600 other broadcasting students from all 50 states.

Suggs-Hood, 18, is the executive sound producer for Warrior TV. After graduation this May, he will attend the University of North Georgia to pursue a

bachelor's in media broadcasting engineering.

Suggs-Hood is the son of tribal member Marie Klingensmith-Hood and the grandson of Helen LaPointe-Klingensmith.

**Left to right, Jordan Suggs-Hood with Georgia House Representative Terry Rogers at an event honoring Warrior TV in Atlanta at the state's capital.**





**The Enrollment Department is seeking valid addresses. Below is a list of tribal members with a bad address. If any of the people listed are your family members please have them contact the Enrollment office. Miigwech.**

**Call toll free: (800) 251-6597**  
**Write a letter: Sault Tribe Enrollment, PO Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783**  
**Email the staff: Julie Yacuone at [jyacuone@saulttribe.net](mailto:jyacuone@saulttribe.net)**  
**Melissa Morehouse at [mmorehouse@saulttribe.net](mailto:mmorehouse@saulttribe.net)**

Abear, Jerome G	Ayers, Nichole M	Bellant, Justin J	Borgeson, Ashley M	Brothers, Bayley T	Campbell, Shawna M
Abear, Katherine D	Babel, Timothy J	Bellant, Kandy M	Borke, John P	Brothers, Keith A	Canterbury, Lorna M
Abear, Kevin E	Bach, Andrew J	Bellant, Nicole M	Bosley, Ashlyn T	Brown III, Benjamin J	Cantrell, Kandy M
Abear, Steve M	Bach, Ellen K	Bellant, Richard P	Bosley, Samantha J	Brown, Bertha	Cantrell, Mykel A
Achilles, Shawn M	Bach, Matthew L	Bellefeuille, Kimberly	Bost, Shane A	Brown, Brandy T	Captain, Frank N
Adams Jr, Donald H	Badgley, Maggie L	Belonga, Amber R	Boston, Julie A	Brown, Bryan J	Captain, Tamika M
Adams, Craig P	Badour, Peggy S	Belonga, Jeffery L	Botsford, David	Brown, Crystal M	Cardiff, Roberta J
Adams, Mark W	Bailey, Donalee J	Belonga, Johnny E	Bouchard, Ashley N	Brown, Cynthia A	Cardinal, Florence G
Adams, Mary A	Bailey, Johnathon E	Belonga, Stacie R	Bouchard, Jerry A	Brown, Cynthia N	Carl, Dustin L
Adams, Micah J	Bailey, Kyle S	Belonga-Torres, Charles W	Bouchard, Woallen	Brown, Darlene J	Carley, Jodie L
Adams, Mindi L	Bailey, Marie E	Belonga-Torres, Jacob A	Boulley, Allan M	Brown, Gregory	Carlson, Cheryl A
Adams, Scott M	Bailey, Matthew T	Benedict, John A	Bourasaw, Angela R	Brown, Jamee L	Carmody, Kasey J
Adams, Wyaudtnoong L	Bailey, Seth T	Benedict, Kristen N	Bourasaw, Troy A	Brown, John P	Carnes, Guy R
Addington, Nicole R	Baker, Adam D	Benedict, Marcus A	Bourdeau, Daniel C	Brown, Kimberly I	Carney, Brittany N
Adkins, Aaron C	Baker, Bonnie L	Benedict, Travis L	Boursaw Jr, Max M	Brown, Lloyd	Carpentier Jr, Charles H
Adkins, Alexis R	Baker, Brandon J	Benner, Kiefer R	Boursaw, Andrew J	Brown, Lori L	Carr, Christopher D
Adkins, Savanna G	Baker, Camerin L	Bennett, Alazyah L	Boursaw, Donald C	Brown, Sally A	Carr, Garry L
Ahrens II, Walter D	Baker, Cameron R	Bennett, Brian G	Boursaw, John J	Brown, Sandra J	Carr, Kellie M
Aikens, Lita M	Baker, Chelsey D	Bennett, Kevin T	Boursaw, Vanessa L	Brown, Savanha K	Carr, Lester J
Aikens, Paul J	Baker, John P	Bennin, Ashley N	Bowen, Cathline R	Brown, Shaun M	Carr, Patricia M
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