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## Family chosen as March of Dimes ambassadors

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A Sault Tribe member household from West Bloomfield, Mich., was chosen to be the March of Dimes Ambassador Family for Oakland County. Terri and Sean Compton have two young daughters, Brin, who will turn 5 in August, and Zoe, 3, their foster daughter they are in the process of adopting. Brin and her father Sean are both Sault Tribe members.

The Compton's were blessed with their beautiful daughter Brin on Aug. 24, 2010, 11 weeks premature. She weighed one pound, 15 ounces, and was just over 10 inches in length. Her mom says they were fortunate that even as a preemie, Brin was very healthy and went home after just seven weeks in the NICU - four weeks before her due date. "We thought we were out of the woods with everything," her mom said.

Then when Brin was 2 years old they found out she has a



sensory disorder that could be attributed to her not getting enough oxygen. "She had these

quirks that we thought were cute at first because we didn't know any better. She would see some-

thing that would get her really excited and she would start shaking. We thought she was overwhelmed and excited, but it turns out she was over stimulated and didn't know how to control it. She was biting, hitting the floor, and hitting herself. We thought these were things she would grow out of. Then we worked with the Oakland County Health Department and they said they thought she should be tested to see if there was something more going on. That is when she was diagnosed with her sensory disorder. Specialists from the health department have been coming to our house every other month to work with her," she said.

The early intervention with occupational and speech therapy has helped Brin. She is still in Early Childhood Special Education, but will be mainstreaming in the fall to preschool, where there is a possibility she might continue to need speech

therapy. "With our situation we thought there were going to be no long-term effects. But the thing is you don't know, it could show up two years later because when a baby is born so small you don't know what the whole outcome is going to be," she said.

Terri said this was their fourth year walking with the March of Dimes and they were asked last fall if they would be interested in being the ambassador family for Oakland County. "We said that was something we would be honored to do. I got on stage in front of a thousand people and did a three-minute speech with Sean, Brin and Zoe on stage with me."

She said the family had their pictures taken for March of Dimes March for Babies posters that were used locally throughout Oakland County and at the beginning of the walk, which was held April 26, Brin got to cut the ribbon.

See "Ambassadors," page 17

## Hogue to compete at U.S. Para Cycling National Championships

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Randy Hogue has been an athlete most of his life, enjoying the freedom and relaxation he is able to find on his bicycle rides, while at the same time training hard, and occasionally competing against others as a measure of his own physical abilities and prowess.

In 1996 Hogue's life changed forever when a car hit him while he was riding his bike. His right ankle and foot were crushed, his right shoulder was damaged and he had broken vertebrae in his neck that doctors didn't find until a number of years later when fragments started entering his spinal cord. As he was healing from spinal cord surgery he fell and damaged his lumbosacral joint, which caused him to have a spinal fluid leak. His doctors believe that is what caused him to have postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS) and narcolepsy after the fall.

He said POTS is when the brain doesn't control the heart and circulatory system correctly. "If I stand



up quickly I can black out. Because it doesn't control the blood flow correctly the blood will pool in my legs, leaving me with a brain fog that can leave me unable to focus visually on things because the pressure will change in my cornea," he said.

See "Hogue," page 17

## Payment made charter member of Levin Center Law Advisory Board



Aaron Payment, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians board chairperson, has been selected as a charter

member of the Levin Center at Wayne Law Advisory Board.

He joins former members of the U.S. Senate, attorneys and other community leaders in Michigan and Washington D.C. — Eugene Driker (chair), N. Peter Antone, Dennis W. Archer, Louis A. Brown Jr., Senator Tom Coburn M.D., Senator Tom A. Daschle, Cynthia Ford, Paul C. Hillegonds, Eleanor J. Hill Esq., Daniel Levin, Cyril Moscow, James B. Nicholson, Senator John D. Rockefeller IV, Senator Olympia Snowe, Gary Torgow and Reginald M. Turner.

The first meeting is June 17 at the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights, Wayne State University Law School, Detroit.

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## Units IV and V get new membership liaison



Mary Jenerou is the new executive membership liaison for units IV and V. She will be working out of the Manistique Tribal Center three days a week and the Munising Tribal Center two days a week. Members who need assistance may contact her for help.

"Mary has served our members for many years through our tribe and outside social service

agencies," said tribal board Chairperson Aaron Payment. "She cares deeply about our people. I am excited that she has joined our membership liaison team to help ensure we are matching members with the services they need and following up on their issues."

Jenerou is the daughter of longtime Unit V Director Martha Miller, now retired, and Art Miller. She is mother of three children — the oldest is a married cosmetologist, the second oldest is graduating from high school this year, and the youngest — a football and wrestling fanatic — is going into the eighth grade. Jenerou has a Bachelor's in psychology, with a political science minor, from Northern Michigan University and is a certified prevention specialist.

She was 12 when her family started getting involved in tribal government. She has worked with a number of tribal programs and served on the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) board for suicide prevention for her community. Now nearly 50, she is coming onboard the tribe again to work with members who need help but don't know whom to ask or where to turn.

"I'm ready to come back in and be an advocate for our people," she said. The job won't be complete until the members she is helping are satisfied, she added. "Helping one another to unite — that's what a tribe is," she said.

Jenerou can be reached at the Manistique tribal center by calling 341-8469, the Munising tribal center, at 387-4721 or mjenerou@saulttribe.net.

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# Board resolutions passed during April 21 meeting

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Board of Directors met for a regularly scheduled meeting on April 21 in Munising, all board members were present except for Jennifer McLeod and Catherine Hollowell.

Thirteen resolutions were passed during the meeting, with 10 passing by unanimous vote.

**Resolution 2015-78: Interim Appointment Policy** – The board approved a Interim Appointment Policy to be included in the tribe’s Human Resource policy manuals for the tribe’s governmental, casinos and enterprises effective April 21. Interim appointments currently in effect will remain in effect under their current terms and conditions until they naturally terminate.

**Res. 2015-79: Healthy Start Grant FY 2015 Budget and Family Spirit Program FY 2015**

**Budget Modification** – A FY 2015 budget was established for the Healthy Start Grant with ITC monies of \$38,632 and a budget modification was approved for the Family Spirit Program to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses with no effect on tribal support.

**Res. 2015-80: NAR Housing (New Sanitation Funds) Establish Budget for FY 2016** – A FY 2016 budget was approved for NAR Housing with Federal IHS funds in the amount of \$300,000 with no effect on tribal support.

**Res. 2015-81: Nunn’s Creek Rehab Hatchery FY 2015 Budget Modification** – An FY 2015 budget modification was approved for Nunn’s Creek Rehab Hatchery for an increase in Federal BIA funds of \$37,593 with no effect on tribal support.

**Res. 2015-82: IRR Roads FY**

**2015 Budget Modification** – A FY 2015 budget modification was approved for IRR Roads for a decrease in Federal BIA monies of \$880,000 with no effect on tribal support.

**Res. 2015-83: IRR Road Maintenance FY 2015 Budget Modification** – The board approved an FY 2015 budget modification for IRR Road Maintenance for an increase in Federal BIA monies of \$100,000 with no effect on tribal support.

**Res. 2015-84: Tribal Court Enhancement FY 2015 Budget Modification** – The board approved a FY 2015 budget modification to Tribal Court Enhancement to increase Federal Department of Justice revenue by \$14,632 with no effect on tribal support.

**Res. 2015-85: Northern Hospitality FY 2015 Budget**

**Modifications:** The FY 2015 budget modification to Northern Hospitality was approved for an increase to net income of \$4,173 to reflect changes to the personnel sheet.

**Res. 2015-86: Wequayoc Cemetery Temporary Sexton** – Russell Rickley was appointed to serve as an uncompensated temporary sexton with the authority to designate specific burial plot location with respect to existing plots and family connections but without authority to commit the tribe into any contract or agreement, until bylaws are approved with a permanent process for selecting an individual to serve as sexton of Wequayoc Cemetery.

**Res. 2015-87: Michigan Elders Association Delegate Appointment** – Brenda Garries of St. Ignace was appointed for a two year period as MIEA dele-

gate to represent the elders of the Sault Tribe. The vacancy was created with the earlier resignation of Phil Payment.

**Res. 2015-88: Michigan Indian Elders Association Alternate Delegate Appointment** – Anita Nelson of Munising was appointed for a two year period as the MIEA alternate delegate to represent Sault Tribe elders.

**Res. 2015-89: Munising Culture Camp Planning** – The board directed that a project team be established to develop a long term strategic plan for utilizing the Munising Tribal Center in a similar fashion as the Mary Murray Culture Camp and for concentrating regional social services including Youth Education and Activities, tribal social services, community events, and powwows and potlucks. The plan is to be presented back to the board at a later date.

**Res. 2015-90: Acceptance of the 2014 Northern Kewadin Casinos Audit** – The board accepted and approved the 2014 audit of the Northern Kewadin Casinos as presented by Anderson, Tackman, and Company, PLC.

The board also re-appointed Billy Perry to the Inland Committee for four more years.

To see the above resolutions in their entirety, visit [www.sault-tribe.com](http://www.sault-tribe.com).

## New service officer in U.P.

The American Legion Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation is pleased to announce the expansion of veteran service officer coverage in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

With the hiring of Josh Brewster, an Air Force veteran, who previously worked as the Schoolcraft County veterans service officer, we have expanded our five monthly visits to eight.

Working with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, we secured spaces in five of the tribal clinics in the eastern and central U.P. This will allow us to better serve our local veterans.

Josh’s schedule begins May 14 as follows:

May 14, second Thursdays of the months, Escanaba tribal clinic.

May 15, second Fridays of the months, Sault tribal clinic.

May 21, third Thursdays of the months, Newberry tribal clinic.

May 22, third Fridays of the months, Sault outpatient clinic (Osborn Blvd).

May 28, fourth Thursdays of the months, Munising tribal clinic.

May 29, fourth Fridays of the months, St. Ignace tribal clinic.

And starting in June, he will be on the above schedule plus the following:

June 4, first Thursdays of the months, Manistique tribal clinic

June 5, first Fridays of the months, Sault outpatient clinic.



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### Saturday June 13

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Language Workshops 9:00 am



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# Attention: Sault Tribe members who own businesses

The Sault Tribe Purchasing Department is currently updating its files and requests all Sault Tribe members who own businesses to contact the purchasing office to complete a potential vendor application. This application allows the Purchasing Department to solicit member-owned businesses for contractual work or services. It is the Purchasing Department's goal to continually strive to improve customer service through innovation, education, teamwork, open communication and long-term relationships.

The selection of the vendor shall be conducted with the goal of purchasing from responsible vendors who have technical and financial competence to perform in a professional manner and who have a satisfactory record of integrity. The Sault Tribe bid policy offers Native preference from one percent up to five percent on goods and services procured from businesses that are at least 51 percent Native owned and by members of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

The primary responsibility of the Purchasing Department is

to provide for the purchase of materials, supplies and services, ensuring availability at the proper time at the proper place and in quantity, quality and price consistent with the needs of the tribe. The Purchasing Department was instrumental in saving the tribe over \$3.5 million in the last three years. Here is a short list of services provided or performed in the Purchasing Department:

- Obtain information concerning products and service such as price, specification, conditions and select appropriate suppliers for purchases.

- Perform cost analysis of current and potential suppliers.
- Prepare, solicit and evaluate competitive bids.
- Negotiate and manage vendor contract agreements.
- Shipping and Receiving departments in Sault and St. Ignace.
- Coordinate CO-OP buying with other Michigan tribes, GSA and MIDEAL.
- Asset and property redistribution or disposal.
- In-town pickup and deliveries.
- Warehousing/storage.

- Daily seven-county service area mail run.
- Manage the tribes recycling programs.
- Record box management for casino and government.
- Purchasing's mission is dedicated to providing the highest quality of customer service delivered with a sense of warmth, friendliness, timeliness and individual pride.

For more information, call the Purchasing Department at (906) 635-7035.

## Treasury unveils retirement savings starter program

BY RICK SMITH

The United States Department of the Treasury recently unveiled its new myRA (my Retirement Account, pronounced MY-AR-AY) program. The program is designed as a simple, safe and affordable option to start retirement savings accounts, especially for folks who make less than \$129,000 a year and are unable to participate in retirement accounts through their employers.

According to the Treasury, millions of workers in the country don't have access to retirement plans through their employers or don't have enough money saved to meet minimum requirements for opening investment accounts. The myRA program was conceived as an

excellent option to address some of these barriers. To be sure, though, myRA is not a replacement for 401(k) accounts or other types retirement savings accounts.

In a nutshell, myRA account holders can make monthly contributions to their accounts in amounts of their choosing with a maximum total of \$5,500 annually. The Treasury Department requires no minimum contribution amounts for myRA accounts. For those aged 50 or older by the end of the year, the annual maximum is \$6,500.

Once a myRA account reaches \$15,000 or ages 30 years, the account is transferred into a private Roth IRA account, allowing for continued growth on

the accumulated savings after the myRA starter savings account has reached maturity.

Program participants can withdraw money from their myRA accounts at any time without any penalties or taxes. Five years after making their first contributions, if participants are aged 59 years or older and meet certain conditions, such as using the money to buy their first home, they also may withdraw interest earned on their accounts without tax or penalty. In other

cases, participants may withdraw interest earnings but withdrawals would be taxable and may also be subject to a 10 percent additional tax unless certain conditions are met.

The myRA accounts must be facilitated by employers through payroll deductions from participating employees' paychecks. Once deductions are established, employers need not be concerned with any further matters regarding employee myRA accounts.

According to the Department of the Treasury, an individual can open a myRA account at no cost and in a matter of minutes simply by going to the website [www.myra.treasury.gov](http://www.myra.treasury.gov) to open and set up online management of the account, then submit a direct deposit authorization to the employer to start funding the account.

More information about myRA is available at the previously mentioned website, [www.myra.treasury.gov](http://www.myra.treasury.gov).

## Native American festival being held May 23

The Ojibwa Museum scheduled its fourth annual Native American Festival for May 23 at the museum grounds in St. Ignace beginning at 8 a.m. with a sunrise ceremony.

Demonstrations and workshops start at 10 a.m., ending around 12:30 p.m., with black

ash basketry, dream catchers, brain tanning, porcupine quill-work and kids' crafts.

A powwow takes place from 1 to 6 p.m. with a grand entry at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Shirley Sorrels at (906) 430-0446.

## VA expands Choice Program eligibility

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In order to expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program based on the distance between a veteran's place of residence and the nearest VA medical facility is now using the driving distance rather than straight-line distance. This change is effective immediately.

"VA is pleased to announce the distance calculation change from straight-line to driving

distance for the Veterans Choice Program," said Secretary Robert McDonald. "This update to the program will allow more veterans to access care when and where they want it."

The change from straight-line to driving distance roughly doubles the number of eligible veterans. Letters are being sent to the newly eligible veterans to let them know they are now eligible for the Veterans Choice Program under this expansion. If a veteran does not remember receiving a Veterans Choice card or has

other questions about the Choice Program, they can call (866) 606-8198.

Effective immediately, VA is also changing the mileage calculation for beneficiary travel. The change will ensure consistency in VA's mileage calculations across the two programs. The beneficiary travel calculation will now be made using the fastest route instead of the shortest route.

For more details, see [www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/factsheets\\_and\\_details.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/factsheets_and_details.asp).

## Delta adding second Saturday flight from Chippewa County International

Responding to a steadily growing demand for flights over the past several years, Delta Airlines will now offer 14 non-stop jet flights per week to Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Delta announced, starting in May, they will be offering a second flight on Saturdays from Chippewa County International Airport.

Passenger counts have climbed on available flights from Chippewa County International for years, especially since the advent of jet service in 2011. The airport saw its second busiest month ever in March and is ahead

of last year's pace for the first quarter. More than 40,000 passengers a year pass through the passenger terminal at Kincheloe.

According to a study conducted by Lake Superior State University's marketing research class last fall, 63 percent of the passengers are U.S. residents and 36 percent are Canadian. Two-thirds of the travelers are on business trips and one-third travel for personal reasons.

Managed by the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation, Chippewa County International has obtained mil-

lions of dollars in federal and state grant funds for improvements and maintenance over the years. Following last year's \$3.5 million repaving project, the main runway will be improved again this summer with a \$1.5 million lighting project. Local contractors and subcontractors have benefited from more than \$22 million in airport improvement project grants since 2003, all designed to improve the safety and comfort of air travelers into and out of northern Michigan and Ontario.

## Sault Community Awareness Walk set for May 20

Celebrate National Prevention Week by joining us in a Community Awareness Walk - The Voice of One, the Power of All on Wednesday, May 20.

The walk begins at 5:30 p.m. at Avery Square in Sault Ste. Marie.

A short route will take walkers through the downtown area. Refreshments and "mocktails" will be served, along with activities for kids and information on community resources will be

available after the walk.

There are a limited number of adult and child t-shirts available. There is no charge for this event. So come make a difference! You have the power to help others lead healthy lives!

For more information, please call Tonya Joss at 635-3647.

Sponsored by Chippewa County Health Department and Families Against Narcotics. Visit <http://www.samhsa.gov/prevention-week> for details about National Prevention Week.

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## USGS report links fracking to “induced” earthquakes

By RICK SMITH

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) released a 69-page report on April 23 with details linking unusual minor earthquakes with “fracking,” a practice of injecting water with other substances under high pressure to create cracks in deep rock beds to stimulate the flow of natural gas and petroleum for commercial extraction and production. The report indicates fracking creates “induced” earthquakes, or those earthquakes either hastened or resulting from the practice of fracking.

Also called hydraulic fracturing, fracking was first used in the United States for commercial purposes in 1949 near Duncan, Okla., and simultaneously near Holliday, Texas, by the Halliburton and Stanolind companies, according to the American Oil and Gas Historical Society. The technology had been used nearly one million times by 1988 and, about 60 years later, companies have done well over two million fracking jobs throughout the country, mostly in inland northeast and central states.

The USGS indicates it reviewed 17 areas in eight states reporting significant increased seismic activity since 2009. Those states were Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma and Texas. Between 1973 and 2008, an average of 21 magnitude three earthquakes were reported in the central and eastern U.S. From 2009 to 2013, the number of reported magnitude three and stronger earthquakes spiked to an average of 99 and, last year, the number leaped to 659.

Usually, earthquakes of magnitude three are strong enough to be detected by folks in the surrounding area, but won't cause much, if any, damage. The USGS reported some larger earthquakes of over magnitude five occurred in in Prague, Okla., and Trinidad, Colo., which caused some damage.

While the increase is alarming, USGS scientists claim only a relatively few of the growing number of earthquakes can be attributed to fracking. They say the analysis is “very difficult, since we do not understand some of the fundamental differences between natural and induced earthquakes and because the seismic activity can change based on changes in human activity.”

The USGS continues studies to learn more about earthquakes and aims to develop the ability to predict when and where induced seismic activity will occur as well as predicting magnitudes. The report can be viewed or downloaded in its entirety at <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2015/1070/pdf/ofr2015-1070.pdf>.

## Hospice of the EUP can always use helping hands



Chip MacArthur at the Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie.

By RICK SMITH

Hospice of the EUP based in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., is the organization that operates the Robert and Helen Ball Hospice House at the corner of Ryan Avenue and West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It's no secret that invaluable services are provided to folks of the eastern Upper Peninsula through the Ball Hospice House.

Unlike its frequent collaborator, the Chippewa County Health Department's EUP Home Health and Hospice, the

folks at Hospice of the EUP rely heavily on first-rate volunteers. “Volunteers are the heart of Hospice,” according to the organization's website at [www.hospiceoftheeup.com/volunteers](http://www.hospiceoftheeup.com/volunteers). Executive Director Tracey Holt noted volunteers help with a variety of duties, “Volunteers are needed to assist with answering phones and greeting family and friends when they come to visit, cooking meals or baking, gardening, providing friendly visits and respite care, to name a

few.”

Holt said volunteers who have regular contact with patients are provided with background checks and a daylong training session in preparation for their service. The sessions are offered throughout the year. Some volunteers come with the necessary skills to do certain jobs, but must still take part in the hospice training.

Chip MacArthur is one volunteer at Ball Hospice House who brought skills with him to benefit the facility's volunteer maintenance staff a little over a year ago. MacArthur is a member of and acting facilities manager for Sault Tribe. He began working with the tribe about 20 years ago.

MacArthur indicated his volunteer work at Ball Hospice House as “doing maintenance or whatever is needed. Sometimes, just to take the time to listen and talk with patients or their families.”

He describes his experience at the hospice of contributing in so many ways to help people in need as very rewarding. “Helping patients and families in their time

of need, you also become friends with both patients and their families.” But this can multiply the general ups and downs in one's life, “That makes the job hard sometimes as you lose someone who became a friend.”

Overall, though, it appears MacArthur enjoys his volunteer work and the friendships that come from the experience. Further, while he is not one to go on about what he does, he speaks of the folks at Ball Hospice House with a sense of pride, “The staff at hospice are very caring and tend to every need for both families and friends. I've never seen such great and caring staff.”

Observant readers might notice he said “families and friends” — instead of families and patients — could be a Freudian slip, or it could be a hint of bonds formed.

Those interested in volunteer opportunities at the Ball Hospice House or would like to sign up for the next day-long training session should contact MaryJo DuVall at 259-0222, or send her a message via email at [hospiceoftheeup.com](mailto:hospiceoftheeup.com).

## U.P. Veterans Services



- ✓ Expanded Hours
- ✓ New Veteran Service Officer

**Working with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the American Legion Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation has secured space in 5 tribal clinics in the eastern and central Upper Peninsula.**

**Josh Brewster, Air Force veteran who previously worked as the Schoolcraft County veterans service officer, will now be available eight days a month.**

**Watch for other announcements for the western and central areas of the U.P. coming very soon.**

EFFECTIVE MAY 14:

### 2nd Thursday of the Month

Starts May 14  
Escanaba Health Center  
1401 N. 26th St., Suite105, Escanaba  
(906) 786-2636

### 2nd Friday of the Month

Starts May 15  
Sault Tribal Health Center  
2864 Ashmun, Sault Ste. Marie  
(906) 632-5200

### 3rd Thursday of the Month

Starts May 21  
Newberry Tribal Health Center  
4935 Zeez-ba-tik Lane, Newberry  
(906) 293-8181

### 3rd Friday of the Month

Starts May 22  
Sault Outpatient Clinic  
509 Osborn Blvd, Sault Ste. Marie  
(906) 635-4447

### Fourth Thursday of the Month,

Starts May 28  
Munising Tribal Health Center  
622 W Superior, Munising  
(906) 387-4721

### 4th Friday of the Month

Starts May 29  
St. Ignace Tribal Health Center  
1140 N State, Suite 2805, St. Ignace  
(906) 643-8689

EFFECTIVE JUNE 4:

### 1st Thursday of the Month

Starts June 4  
Manistique Tribal Health Center  
5698 W Hwy US-2, Manistique  
(906) 341-8469

### 1st Friday of the Month

Starts June 5  
Sault Outpatient Clinic  
509 Osborn Blvd, Sault Ste. Marie  
(906) 635-4447

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# Marble takes entrepreneurial internship at CMU

BY RICK SMITH

Jessica Marble, a Sault Tribe member originally from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., recently included a new direction in her academic pursuits as a sophomore at Central Michigan University when she was accepted into Young Entrepreneurs Across America.

According to the organization's website, [www.yeaainternship.com](http://www.yeaainternship.com), Young Entrepreneurs teaches college students how to run a small business through training and hands on experience running a painting business.

Marble describes Young Entrepreneurs Across America (YEAA) as a free internship program where students undergo a training series in off-season months when students learn basics of the business from how to paint to managing skills. When summer rolls around, the students take on the task of managing a painting service. The managers operate their business under supervision of program veterans



called executives.

"In order to obtain this internship," Marble noted, I had to go through a set of two interviews. "I thought students had to be business majors in order to receive this opportunity, however I was wrong. I have an Exercise Science focus at CMU and I made the cut. That is when I realized that YEAA looks for over achieving students who go above and beyond the average workload."

She added that, considering she worked at two full-time jobs the prior summer, the internship appears to offer a chance to earn the same amount of money or more while running her own operation under the program. "Now the stress of having more than one job is gone, but I have to put a large amount of effort into this internship," Marble said. She plans to devote most of her summer hours to continuing studies at CMU and managing the painting business on weekends in the Traverse City area.

The prospect is exciting for Marble, "Last year, when I came to CMU as a freshman, I never thought that in a year I would be running my own business as a sophomore. I am one of 500 students across the United States with this opportunity. Now that I have started the training sessions and have been in the field, I decided to sign my minor, which is in entrepreneurship."

As branch manager for the Traverse City area, Marble's

team offers free, no obligation estimates for house painting services. For more information or to schedule an estimate, folks can call her at (906) 630-6691.

Marble indicated she received her elementary education at what was then known as the JKL Bahweting Anishnabe Public School Academy in Sault Ste. Marie. While attending Sault Area Middle School, she acquired her first job as a student secretary for Contract Health at Sault Tribe Health and Human Services.

During her busy years at Sault Area High School, she gained experience and certifications working at the Little Ceasars Pizza franchise, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center concessions and Summer Recreation Program as well as an on-call lifeguard at Sault Area High.

She was also involved with the Student Health Adolescent Care Center Advisory Council, Girls on the Run, College Horizons, Students United, CMU

Youth Philanthropy and Service Camp, Business Professionals of America and the National Honor Society. Further, she was a member of Working on Wellness for three years and served another year as president along with having a membership in Health Occupation Students of America for one year before serving another year as president. On top of all that, she also participated in school sports on teams competing in swimming and diving, golf, track and field.

Honors she picked up in high school before she graduated with the class of 2013 include the Sam Dubow Award, Pastor Kreml Memorial Scholarship and the Board of Trustees Academic Honors award from CMU.

She continues to participate in sports on the university's women's hockey club while pursuing a major in exercise science with a focus on health fitness along with a minor in entrepreneurship.

# Navajo Nation enacts first Indian junk food tax

BY RICK SMITH

In a move to reduce obesity and diabetes among over 300,000 members of the Navajo Nation of the southwest U.S., Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly signed the Healthy Diné Nation Act of 2014 last November, which enacts what is believed to be the first junk food tax in Indian Country and the second in the United States. Diné (pronounced Deh-nay) is the name the Navajo people call themselves.

The act imposes a two-percent tax on foods and drinks with little or no nutritional value sold in stores or other outlets on the 24,425 square-miles of the Navajo reservation. Revenue generated from the tax may support farming,

greenhouses, vegetable gardens, farmers' markets, clean water, exercise facilities and many other means of promoting good health.

According to the content of the findings in the 15-page Healthy Diné Nation Act, the Navajo Area Indian Health Service reported 25,000 members of the nation suffer from diabetes and another 75,000 are pre-diabetic. Further, 31 percent of Navajo pregnancies were complicated in overweight and obese women. On average, it costs \$13,000 per individual annually to treat diabetes and the cost for treating diabetes related complications can exceed \$100,000 per person. And the rate of diabetes afflictions among the Navajo is rising.

The main goal of the act is specified in one of its sections, "It is the intent of the Navajo Nation Council, by approving the Healthy Diné Act of 2014, to diminish the human and economic costs of obesity and diabetes on the Navajo Nation. The intent is to improve health by creating the environment that supports health and wellness with a dedicated revenue source for community wellness projects designed by Navajo Nation chapters to prevent obesity, type 2 diabetes mellitus and other such health conditions by discouraging excessive consumption of sweetened beverages and minimal to no nutritional value food items high in sugar, salt and saturated fat."

The act also notes public support from the Navajo membership for the tax.

While a two percent tax on junk food may seem negligible to most folks, it may present an obstacle to many of the Navajo population. According to the *Navajo Times*, thousands of people on the reservation are unemployed and have no electricity. Consequently, they have difficulty buying healthful foods regularly and no way to store any perishable foods for very long. Many junk food items, however, are relatively inexpensive and require no special storage conditions.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) designated the rural reservation as one of the country's food deserts due to the poor availability of healthful foods. According to the USDA, food deserts are urban and rural areas that lack readily available

fresh, healthful and affordable food, such places may be served only by fast food restaurants and convenience stores offering few healthful and affordable options, contributing to poor diets and higher levels of obesity and other diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease.

President Shelly negotiated with the tribal council and food advocacy organizations in working out the final draft of the measure. He vetoed previous versions over the course of about two years because they didn't contain provisions to ensure proper monitoring.

A member of one of the advocacy groups was quoted in a Navajo Nation press release calling the enactment a part of historical movements.

The release further noted, "The seed has been planted, and the war against diabetes on the Navajo Nation continues."

# Federal web page: Indian Country is Open for Business

BY RICK SMITH

Members and others affiliated with federally recognized American Indian tribes interested in developing or boosting a business enterprise should peruse information online at [www.commerce.gov/os/olia/native-american-affairs](http://www.commerce.gov/os/olia/native-american-affairs). So should anyone else interested in conducting business in Indian Country.

"Tribal governments, their business enterprises, their members and firms that want to do business in Indian Country can tap into the vast resources of the bureaus of the United States Department of Commerce to create jobs on and off-reservation," the page states by way of introduction.

For starters, the department indicates the bureaus can provide many grants for functions conducive to building or expanding businesses in Indian Country in order to grab on to opportunities presented in the United States or from abroad.

Further, the department has

a senior advisor on Native American affairs, Cisco C. Minthorn, who is responsible coordinating with tribes and all of the department's bureaus and other federal agencies. He also serves as the primary contact for all tribal consultation matters and the facilitator of the Office of Native American Business Development. He can help Indian Country tribes and individuals in "leveraging the combined efforts of the federal programs, tribal governments, private sector businesses and financing in order to promote economic growth for tribes and Native Americans."

According to a policy statement on the page, the Department of Commerce is interested in helping tribes to build "vibrant and sustainable economies" as that would empower tribes to become independently and effectively self-governing.

The page also features an abundance of links, search options and contact information to learn more about specific issues or whom to consult with on how the department can help businesses in Indian Country. Check out all it offers at [www.commerce.gov/os/olia/native-american-affairs](http://www.commerce.gov/os/olia/native-american-affairs).

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# Michigan Youth Challenge Academy seeks candidates

The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy is a free, voluntary residential education program for males and females aged 16 to 18 who have dropped out, or are at risk of dropping out, of high school. Over a 22-week period, program participants attend classes as they would in a traditional high school, but they also engage in a variety of activities aimed at development of leadership skills, teamwork, physical fitness, employment skills and civic responsibility.

The program uses an interdisciplinary intervention model which includes formal education, elements of social and behavioral sciences and a quasi-military structure of organization and procedures. Academy graduates are productive, contributing and empowered young people fully prepared for the next stage of their lives. The program can accept up to 288 applicants each year – 144 in January and 144 in July.

Leading the way in reclaiming the lives of dropouts and at-risk students, the academy began its recruiting and admissions process, May 9 marks the next opportunity for applicants to apply for Class 33, which begins July 19. Deadlining for applications is June 15 at 5 p.m.

Applicants must be between 16 and 18 years of age on July 19, have no felony convictions and volunteer to attend the five-and-a-half month residential por-

tion of the academy. Following the residential phase, program graduates complete a 12-month post-residential component. During this period, graduates return to their home communities – or wherever their post-graduate plans take them – to work, to return to high school or to attend college. Each graduate is supported by at least one mentor, a member of their communities whom cadets selected as part of the academy application process.

Mentors are an invaluable resource to all graduates of the MYCA. They stay in regular contact with their graduate cadets over the course of an entire year, supporting his or her transition, providing advice and helping the cadet to continue the personal growth developed during the residential program.

Currently, the academy has 120 cadets (students) on hand. Though Class 32 began in January with 153 candidates (auditioning to become cadets), 33 have opted out of the academy at this point. “We make it very difficult, which is why every class experiences attrition” said Jimmie Jones, the public relations official for the academy. “We do so because life is very difficult, which is exactly what our cadets are preparing to face,” added Jones. “Conditions here are uncomfortable by design. We do not learn much when we are comfortable because we do not desire change. Conversely, we learn what is



Michigan Youth Challenge Academy cadets in Grayling, Mich.

required to become comfortable very quickly when that comfort level is missing,” said Jones.

A stark difference applicants should be very aware of is the academy’s new target number – 144. Prior classes enjoyed seats numbering over 200, not anymore. The academy instituted a more stringent selection process which will raise qualifications for all applicants. “When you look at it from a strategic recruiting standpoint, we used to be able to offer two seats per county, more than that for some counties. With only 144 available seats, some counties may miss out completely,” Jones added. Currently, the academy does not issue a certain amount of seats per county, but it may become

necessary to do so in the future.

Jones said those who procrastinate during the application process run a very serious risk of missing out on Class 33. “Once the class is full, there is no excuse, reason or story that can get you a seat,” he explained. “Since we serve the entire state Of Michigan, we have instituted an application deadline of June 15 at 5 p.m.” “Once the deadline passes, we will hand-select 144 applicants from the hundreds of packets we receive and send them official invitations.”

The academy advises all interested parties to visit [www.miyca.org](http://www.miyca.org) and complete the online pre-application immediately. Upon submission of the pre-application, applicants can

print and complete the entire application. The website also has an active list of recruiting and admissions orientation sessions. Applicants should aggressively complete the application and attend the earliest orientation possible. The time is now. Class 33 will be full in a very short time.

“If you are serious about transforming your life, if you are serious about earning a bigger paycheck and if you are serious about proving your doubters wrong, come see me,” Jones said. “If you are on track to graduate from high school and comfortable with your situation, you need not apply.”

For information, call Mr. Jones at (989) 205-7352.

## Native American Festival 2015

Saturday May 23, 2015

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- Dreamcatcher Workshop: Sue St. Onge and Helena St. Onge Kissinger
- Quill Work Demonstration: Sally Paquin and Tracy Heath

- Cultural Teachings: Tony Grondin
  - Storytelling: John Causley
- (Some workshops will go throughout the day)

1 P.M. Grand Entry, followed by an afternoon of drumming and dancing

- Host Drum: Mukkwa Giizhik Drum
- Head Veteran: Butch Van Ellen
- Head Male Dancer: Les Aiiling
- Head Female Dancer: Francie Wyers
- Head Youth Male Dancers: Joey Loons-foot and Matt Wyers

- Head Youth Female Dancers: Helena St. Onge Kissinger and Olivia Wyers
- Emcee and Arena Director: Cal Burnside
- Spiritual Leader & Story Teller: John Causley

Sunday Mass at 9 A.M. on May 24 will take place at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, 120 Church Street in St. Ignace. Father Marquette’s chalice will be used at the mass. The Grandmother Moon Singers will be singing and drumming. Everyone is welcome.

### SPECIAL GUESTS —

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Join us for fabulous Indian Tacos, Fry Bread and other traditional foods provided by The Lunch Box, a Native American food vendor.

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# JKL student's documentary wins multiple awards

SAULT STE. MARIE — Sault Tribe member Laura Innerebner, fourth grade student at Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting School, took home four local and state awards for her Michigan History Day project, a documentary titled, "Joseph K. Lumsden and his Vision for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians." Lumsden was the founding chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the namesake of Innerebner's school.

At the local level, Innerebner's documentary placed third overall and won the "Susan Shacher Award for Best Local History," which came with a \$100 cash prize. An archeologist and college pro-

fessor, Susan Shacher was the founding director of the River of History Museum in Sault Ste. Marie.

She is the daughter of Nick and Alison Innerebner. Her grandmother, "Bernie" Innerebner, volunteered at the museum.

At the state level, Innerebner's entry placed second overall and won the award, "Best Entry in Native American History."

The documentary is available at the River of History website, [www.riverofhistory.org](http://www.riverofhistory.org). She has been asked to present her documentary to the JKL Bahweting School board and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors.



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Award winner Laura Innerebner poses with her mother Alison Innerebner and River of History Museum Director Tom Robinson. Her documentary, *Joseph K. Lumsden and his Vision For the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians*, won the River of History Museum Susan Schacher award and the state Best Entry in Native American History Award for Michigan History Day projects across the state.

## New Michigan Works program helps seniors reenter workforce

There is good news for older Michiganders needing help to reenter the workforce. A local nonprofit has openings in a program that offers training and other services as a stepping-stone to employment.

The Michigan state office of Experience Works, a national nonprofit organization, operates the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) in 58 Michigan counties. The program is free and provides paid community service assignments at local and public nonprofit organizations, training, referral to needed services, and job search assistance.

"The search for employment

can be difficult or even overwhelming for many older workers," says Andrea Bridgewater, state program manager for Experience Works. "This is a great opportunity to build confidence and gain valuable skills that respond to today's job market."

The program is available to people ages 55 and older, who are unemployed and meet other criteria. Chippewa County residents can find out if you qualify, or to schedule an appointment, call Experience Works toll-free 1-888-278-9109. SCSEP is funded through the U.S. Department of Labor and administered by Experience Works.

# SUMMER POWWOWS

## 9th annual Gathering of the Clans Powwow Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14

Manistique Tribal Community Center on US-2 next to casino. Grand entry Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday at 12. Crazy auction Saturday after the feast. Vendors, traders or the public can call Viola Neadow at 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137

## 17th annual Sugar Island Traditional Powwow Friday-Sunday, July 17-19

Spiritual gathering, Friday July 17. Powwow, July 18-19. Grand entry Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday at 12 p.m.

Campers and vendors welcome. Save date and reserve your space.

For more information, contact Mick Frechette (906) 440-8918 or Colleen St. Onge, (906) 635-6050.

## 34th annual Sault Tribe Traditional Powwow and Summer Gathering

Tuesday-Sunday, July 7-12.

For more information, call Jackie Minton at (906) 203-4977.

Grand entry Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday at 1 p.m.

For more information, call Jackie Minton at (906) 635-6050.

For trader information, call Linda Grossett at (906) 635-6050.

## 11th annual Youth Empowerment Powwow Saturday, Aug. 1

Newberry Tribal Center, Newberry.

Sponsored by the Youth Education and Activities Program.

For more information, call Patty Teeple at (906) 341-3362, Dee Eggert at 635-7010 or Lisa Burnside at 484-2298.

## 22nd annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow Friday-Sunday, Aug. 14-16

Friday Night, spiritual gathering and open drum.

Grand entry Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Saturday, potluck feast at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Lisa Burnside at [lburnside@saulttribe.net](mailto:lburnside@saulttribe.net) or Lana Causley at [lcausley@saulttribe.net](mailto:lcausley@saulttribe.net).

## Rendezvous at the Straits St. Ignace Powwow Friday-Sunday, Aug. 21-23

New France Discovery Center at the Father Marquette National Memorial, St. Ignace.

Open to the public. Admission \$3 for adults, \$2 for elders and students, children under 12 free.

For more information, contact the St. Ignace Events Committee at (906) 643-8717 or Darryl Brown at (906) 984-2083.

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# Calder: from Soo Indians to LSSU Lakers

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Lake Superior State University (LSSU) Lakers, a Division I, Western Collegiate Hockey Association team, recently received a commitment from local 17-year old forward, Ashton Calder.

Calder played the past two seasons with the major midget Soo Indians and during the 2014-2015 season the 6-foot-1, 190-pound power forward had 27 goals, 30 assists, and scored 57 points.

Calder, who will be a high school senior in the fall, is expected to move up to junior hockey for the 2015-2016 campaign. From Sault Ste. Marie, Calder is a member of the Sault Tribe.

His first time on the ice he was a three-year-old toddler and by the time he was five he was skating in organized events. For three years during elementary school his father volunteered as his hockey coach. "I didn't get him into hockey, he got himself into hockey," his father Dave Calder said.

"I am really happy about him committing to LSSU. I know he really wanted to play at Lake State because it's his hometown and I know that really means a lot to him," Dave said.



As a forward, Calder said his main goal each game is to get the puck in the net for and create offense for his team. "I love playing hockey and the feeling I get when I step out on the ice each time - I wouldn't trade it for the world," he said.

Dave said, "It's really hard to play hockey right out of high school as a true college freshman, because they want you to play junior hockey to develop further and play against young men. When you go to college hockey you generally start there when you are 19 or 20, not normally at 18. When you start playing as a true freshman, you are young and are playing with men a few years older than you.



Forward Ashton Calder on the major midget Soo Indians

Ashton is going to try and get into juniors soon, and if he were to do really exceptional he could possibly start at LSSU as a true freshman. Most likely he will have to play two more seasons in juniors before he gets on Lake State's ice. So he is probably looking at the 2017 season."

Calder said his goal is to start on Lakers ice as a true freshman when he graduates high school in 2016. A good student with a high grade point average, Calder is studying for the ACT test and is confident he will qualify for one or more academic scholarships.

"I love this community and

everything to do with hockey," he said. "I want to stay as close as I can to the community and I have always been a Lakers fan - I have always said how cool it would be to be on the ice and be one of them. I give a hundred percent until the buzzer goes off in the third period, because I want to win more than anybody on the ice."

Calder said that it's hard to make it in hockey without other quality players. "I played with Cole Lussier, Brendan MacLaren, and Blake Mastaw and a few others - we worked off each other and had great chemistry. A big reason I did so



A young Ashton Calder with his father Dave Calder.

well last year was because of my line mates. I am very excited to stay in the community and play in front of my hometown. I owe a lot to my family and community for supporting me and helping me get where I am today. Sault Ste. Marie is a hockeytown - the coaching and development I got growing up was amazing and I am very thankful. My dream has become a reality," he said.

## Health Center hires emergency coordinator

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Health Center staff recently welcomed a new team member, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Jami Traver.

Traver said the Health Center has been working on putting an emergency preparedness plan in place for a number of years and has been partnering with local agencies, tribes, governments and Sault Tribe departments such as environmental, police and community health to develop and implement it. "We work with the tribal police department in a lot of different situations and highly



value their input, they are the first people who would get called

to respond to any kind of emergency situation," she said.

A Sault Tribe member, Traver is a four-year veteran of the Air Force where she worked in bioenvironmental engineering technology and some emergency response - including chemical, biological, radiological, and explosives. She also has some experience in occupational health and safety and public health preparedness.

Traver left the Air Force in January 2014 and said it is exciting to know she can put her training and knowledge to use in her work with the tribe.

The Health Center's emergency preparedness team will have an impact within the community and could potentially save lives, manpower and resources during an emergency, she said.

"When I was in the Air Force I was the person who was implementing the emergency plan," Traver said. "I was the responder who was going in and seeing if there was a suspicious package or white powder. I was doing entry-level HAZMAT team stuff, whereas now I am now in the planning stages of what the responders would actually do."

Traver said she found the job

posting on the Sault Tribe website while looking for employment opportunities and began her new position April 6.

She is a 2009 graduate of Rudyard High School and said that as for joining the military, "I'm a patriotic person. Everyone in my family is military - my dad, uncles, and grandfathers."

Traver is considering returning to school in the near future for a bachelor degree in occupational health and safety, or disaster preparedness.

For more information, contact Jami Traver at (906) 632-5200 or [jtraver@saulttribe.net](mailto:jtraver@saulttribe.net).

## Petroglyph site finds 3,000 additional carvings

**"The earliest carving predates Stonehenge, more than 4,000 years ago, and the most recent American Indian carving was made about 250 years ago."**

This year, visitors to the Jeffers Petroglyphs Historic Site near Comfrey, Minn., will find thousands of newly uncovered rock carvings done by American Indian ancestors and a guid-

ed tour reflecting discoveries revealed by the new carvings.

Until recently, the number of petroglyphs identified at Jeffers was around 2,000.

Over the past several years, an extensive conservation project has resulted in the identification of an additional 3,000 petroglyphs, bringing the on-site total to around 5,000. With the new discoveries has come evidence that generations of American Indian ancestors who gathered at the red

rock for nearly 7,000 years had advanced understanding of mathematics, geometry, astronomy and medicine.

The arrival of Europeans on the continent eroded traditional American Indian cultures, including insight into the sacred that had been passed on for thousands of years.

Reconstructing the meaning and significance of the petroglyphs, and surfacing their stories, has been a labor of patience, discovery and dedication led by a team of archaeologists and American Indian elders.

"The earliest carving predates Stonehenge, more than 4,000 years ago, and the most recent American Indian carving was made about 250 years ago, or around the 1760s," said Thomas Sanders, an archaeologist and Jeffers' site manager. "That means at least 10 generations have passed since this last contact. The link was lost between those who left their messages for

the ages, those who carried the knowledge and those who would come later."

Jeffers Petroglyphs is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**NEW TOUR** — A new daily guided tour called *An Encyclopedia of the American Indian* launches on Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25.

The tour showcases 20 recently uncovered petroglyphs, their stories and the significance the red rock played in American Indian spiritual life and oral tradition.

It will be offered three times a day, at 10:30 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m., during regular site hours.

**NEW WEBSITE** — A new website at <http://collections.mnhs.org/jp/> provides access to thousands of 3-D-styled scanned photos of the petroglyphs. The images were taken by the University of Minnesota's Evolutionary Anthropology Lab as a way to document the petroglyphs and

to provide baseline conservation information. The website highlights the photos and provides additional historical background.

**AMERICAN INDIAN ELDERS** — American Indian elders have participated in every aspect of the recent conservation and the ongoing interpretation of the petroglyphs' meaning and significance.

"Dakota elders have a saying: 'The sacred is like rain. It falls everywhere but pools in certain places,'" said Sanders. "The elders working with us here at Jeffers brought the sacred intent to the stories of these ancient people. With so much knowledge getting lost, they have guided us with context, truth and meaning. They have helped us uncover and piece together narratives that are healing. Healing is important."

The Minnesota Historical Society is a non-profit educational and cultural institution established in 1849.

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# Drug courts celebrate National Drug Court Month

BY PATRICK MCKELVIE

This May, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court is joining more than 2,900 drug courts nationwide in celebrating National Drug Court Month.

National Drug Court Month arrives amid renewed interest in criminal justice reform. National, state and tribal leaders are looking to reform the criminal justice system to see how best to reduce our costly over-reliance on incarceration.

Sentencing and prison reform is a start, but if we are serious about reducing substance abuse, crime and recidivism while

saving money, we must continue to expand and support drug courts.

In 2000, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court opened its doors with a simple premise: drug addiction is a disease and rather than continue to allow individuals with long histories of drug abuse and crime to cycle through the criminal justice system at great expense to the community, use the leverage of the court to keep them engaged in drug treatment long enough to be successful.

America's 35-year war on drugs and the stigmatization of drug users has backfired,

hindering progress in curbing addiction with cost estimates as high as a trillion dollars. There are 20 million addicts in America (including alcoholics), and more drugs, more kinds of drugs and more toxic drugs used at younger ages.

Today, drug courts have proven that a combination of accountability and compassion can not only save lives, but save valuable resources and reduce exorbitant criminal justice costs. More research has been published on the effects of drug courts than virtually all other criminal justice programs combined. In 2012, the

U.S. Government Accountability Office submitted a report to Congress confirming drug courts reduce substance abuse and crime and save money.

Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court is one of many drug courts and criminal justice systems setting a national standard for smart-on-crime justice policies that reduce recidivism and save money. Drug courts represent a path ahead that will not only save critical money for the government, but, more importantly, save the lives of our neighbors ravaged with addiction

and mental illness.

Since January, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court hosted four Drug Court graduations and a family reunification. Since its implementation, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Drug Court has witnessed the birth of three babies, all born healthy and drug free, during their parent's journey through the program. This victory cannot be measured in dollars alone but in sense, the sense it makes to offer a better life for our next seven generations.

*Patrick McKelvie is the Sault Tribe specialty court coordinator.*

# Tribal Court establishes released convict reentry team

BY DAVE MASSEY

The Sault Tribal Court established a reentry team to assist Sault Tribe members released from incarceration from federal and state prisons or a county jail. According to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the incarceration rate of American Indians is 38 percent higher than the national rate and they tend to serve longer time in prison, meaning less parole and less good behavior time. The cost of incarceration is also troubling with the average annual cost of incarcerating one

person at \$31,298.

The statistics show the majority of offenders do return to our community with over 90 percent of individuals in jail or prison returning to the community. However, release from prison and returning to communities to try to become productive members of society is neither easy nor guaranteed. Currently, 68 percent of state prisoners are rearrested in three years and 50 percent are re-incarcerated in three years. Many challenges are experienced by American Indians when

released from incarceration. Some examples of the challenges they face are housing, treatment and therapy, education and employment.

Recently, our reentry team, consisting of personnel from tribal court, ACFS, law enforcement, prosecutor's office, behavior health and a tribal board member were selected to participate in an intergovernmental reentry workshop delivered by the U.S Department of Justice in

partnership with the executive office of the U.S. Attorney's National Indian Country Training Initiative.

The workshop will give our team the tools and guidelines to help develop reentry strategies for our members returning to our communities. A few of the shared goals of reentry will be to make the most out of limited time and resources, break the cycle of re-incarceration and joblessness, have oversight over offenders who return to our

community and prepare people to be productive, successful, community-minded citizens.

Participation in this workshop promotes collaboration among federal, state and tribal justice systems that is necessary to provide the proper services to our members when they return to our community. We look forward to this opportunity and to help those members of our community succeed.

*Dave Massey is the Sault Tribe justice planning specialist.*

# Senate bill approved to protect families of fallen first responders

LANSING, Mich. – Surviving spouses and dependents of officers who die in the line of duty would be guaranteed health care benefits under legislation unanimously approved by the state Senate on April 29.

"Providing health care coverage for spouses and children of officers who die in the line of duty is a small gesture of our appreciation for their sacrifice that will hopefully provide a big help during a difficult time," said Sen. Wayne Schmidt, (R-Traverse City) who sponsored the bill.

Under Senate Bill 218, the spouses and dependents of law enforcement officers, firefighters, rescue squad members or ambulance crewmembers who lose their lives as a result of their duties on the job would be provided health care coverage comparable to those of retired state police officers.

The state Department of Technology, Management and Budget's Office of Retirement Services would be responsible for determining and administering the health plans. SB 218 now goes to the state House of Representatives for consideration.

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If interested, please call Dana Piippo at 906-495-1450 or 1-800-794.4072 or [dpiippo@saulttribe.net](mailto:dpiippo@saulttribe.net)

**To be eligible you must:**

- Be a Sault Tribe Member
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- Make a minimum of \$15,000 per year
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  - Be within the income guidelines, see chart below
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  - Qualify for a mortgage from a lender of your choice
- Must live in the seven county service area: Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft, & Marquette

**You could receive up to \$9,500 for a down payment And/or closing costs.**

| Family Size | Annual Income |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1           | \$ 36,848     |
| 2           | \$ 42,112     |
| 3           | \$ 47,376     |
| 4           | \$ 52,640     |
| 5           | \$ 56,851     |
| 6           | \$ 61,062     |
| 7           | \$ 65,274     |
| 8           | \$ 69,485     |

# Manistique Health Enrichment Gathering

On April 29, 31 community members participated in the Spring Women's Health Enrichment Gathering offered by Sault Tribe Rural Health staff. The event provided an opportunity for sharing and lessons on the important role of women in Native American communities.

As a member of the Tribal Food Sovereignty Collaborative, registered dietitian Gail Sulander collaborated with Manistique Community Health nurse Jaime Paradise and Community Health technician Kellie Lakosky to present literature and offer a casual healthful learning experience which integrated Anishinaabe ways of life.

Clinic nurse Alice Carley shared the story of her journey to learn the language and led the group in song. Using a download of Giishpin Jiikendam (If You're Happy and You Know It) from the Lyz Jaakola album Anishinaabemowin Nagamodaa, she successfully motivated the group to sing out loud in the Native tongue.

Traditional medicine helper, Maribeth Leveque of Munising, shared lessons she was taught on the celebration of Grandmother Moon. Her stories and pictures engaged the audience for a full hour. Maribeth, her sister, Nita, and her granddaughter, Starr, captivated the audience with their drum song *Meet Me By The Swamp* which uses lyrics adapted from the album *Awakening* by Spirit Wind.

Informative literature was made available on Sault Tribe health services, the Native plate, sustainable eating, Anishinaabe and local food recipes, traditional uses of semaa, the Sault Tribe nicotine independence program, women's health programs and recommendations, Anishinaabe language and culture, ACFS



A spring women's health enrichment gathering was held in Manistique on April 29 by the Sault Tribe Rural Health staff.



One of the many information booths available to answer questions.

programs, the Traditional Medicine Program and much more.

The event concluded with social time and a delicious pot luck feast which included a variety of offerings made from local foods along with traditional Anishinaabe ingredients.

Plans for a fall gathering are in the works. Anyone interested in receiving notification of the next event are encouraged to

email [gsulander@saulttribe.net](mailto:gsulander@saulttribe.net) with their contact information. Those interested in the Sault Tribe health and education programs are encouraged to call the Manistique Tribal Health Center at (906) 341-8469.

The event was supported by the Sault Tribe Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Grant received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Maribeth Leveque and her sister, Nita, and granddaughter, Starr, captivated the audience with their drum song *Meet Me By The Swamp* which uses lyrics adapted from the album *Awakening* by Spirit Wind.



One of the information booths available at the event.



A presenter giving a talk during the gathering.

## Let's Get Moving U.P.! Health Challenge begins

The Partnerships to Improve Community Health Grant project is sponsoring the sixth annual Let's Get Moving Community Challenge, which encourages people of all ages and backgrounds to live with or develop healthful habits by being physically active and eating healthful foods. The program is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The eight-week challenge runs from June 6 to Aug. 1. Tribal and mainstream community members from Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Munising, Manistique, Marquette, Kinross, Cedarville, and Nahma

will be competing to build healthier communities.

On June 6, community members will begin tracking their progress using the following criteria:

- Physical activity including minutes, miles or pedometer recorded steps.
- Servings of fruits and vegetables.
- Servings of water.
- Eliminating tobacco use.
- Shopping at a local farmers' markets for fresh produce.
- Weekly updates and team standings will be distributed through email notifications.

Residents living in the participating communities can register at [www.up4health.org](http://www.up4health.org) and log their activity in a user-friendly system, through [www.challengerunner.com](http://www.challengerunner.com).

Participating communities will earn \$2,000 in funding, which must be used to enhance physical activity or healthful eating opportunities in the community.

The funding will be used for sustainable changes in the environment, such as the purchase of bicycles and helmets for community bike rental programs, community gardens, enhancements to farmers'

markets, fitness equipment for walking paths, bike route signs and infrastructure improvements for biking and walking paths or other modes of non-motorized transportation.

In order to receive the funding, community teams must have at least 50 percent of their team members record wellness miles on at least 44 of the 56 days of the challenge. The community team from the Blue and Green divisions with the highest average wellness miles per person will also receive the Community Challenge Trophy.

The community with the

highest average wellness points per person will receive a community challenge plaque.

Manistique and Nahma took first place in last year's challenge. Together, these two communities walked over 191,029.37 steps and earned over 840 points.

For more information on the Let's Get Moving Community Challenge or other events in the Upper Peninsula, go to [www.UP4health.org](http://www.UP4health.org) or for any other questions, please email [communityhealth@saulttribe.net](mailto:communityhealth@saulttribe.net).

The Community Challenge will conclude on Friday Aug. 1.

## Mayo specialist visited tribe about growing nicotine addiction

Sault Tribe Community Health is taking the lead to address nicotine addiction that affects more than 33 percent of the tribal community. The initiative was launched with continuing education opportunities for more than 65 tribal medical providers, nursing, dental, community health and behavioral health staff.

On April 8 and 9, Community Health hosted Jeff Poterucha, M.A., a tobacco treatment specialist with the Mayo Clinic, who presented information on nicotine addiction treatment and commercial tobacco dependence. The Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center has been treating patients with nicotine

addiction for more than 25 years, focusing on behavioral change and pharmacological methods to treat tobacco dependence.

"We continue to focus on our goals of decreasing tobacco use within our community, providing quality care to patients, and educating our community on how to live healthier lives," said

Rebecca Werner, M.D., Capt., USPHS medical director, Sault Tribe. "With this extensive training and education for our staff, we are able to provide high-quality, modern care and information to our patients so they can make informed health care decisions."

For additional information

about the Sault Tribe's Nicotine Dependence Program, please call Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

Supported by the Sault Tribe Partnerships to Improve Community Health Project Made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

# Five health educators hit service area streets



**Heather Hemming**

Michigan's Upper Peninsula is nationally renowned for nature and fresh air. At the same time, the U.P. is also known for higher than average smoking rates and obesity. But a team of five health educators from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Community Health is out to improve those statistics.

These five very passionate health experts will start their mission by providing community outreach and education programs to Tribal members, schools, municipalities, healthcare providers and other critical outlets, to promote tobacco cessation, physical activity and access to healthy food.

Please be on the lookout for these health educators in your community. They will deliver news, tools, education, programming and resources through fun, interactive presentations.

**Heather Hemming** — Heather is a Sault Tribe member who has lived in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., for 26 years. She has



**Colin Welker**

worked for the Sault Tribe for eight years and is a certified exercise physiologist. Heather is excited to continue working with the community and tribal coalitions to promote access to local, healthy foods and active non-motorized transportation. She also plans to assist with developing a physical activity referral system for Sault Tribe members. Heather attended Lake Superior State University and graduated with honors, receiving her bachelor's degree in exercise science and an associate in health and fitness.

Heather enjoys running, playing hockey, bike riding, and going for walks with her dog Jack.

**Colin Welker** — Colin is a certified health education specialist focusing on tobacco prevention and cessation. He will use social media to provide education to local communities. Colin is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in public health education and health



**Katia Hughes**

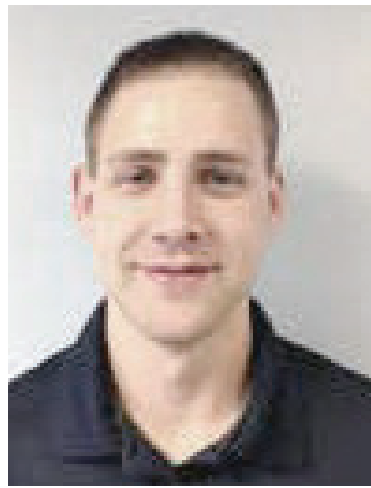
promotion. He gained experience working with the Central Colorado Area Health Education Center in Denver, Colo., where he focused on health programs for youth.

In his free time, Colin enjoys horseback riding, being outdoors and traveling.

**Katia Hughes** — Katia is a Sault Tribe member who will work with schools and farmers' markets in the tribe's service area. She graduated from Lake Superior State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training and an associate in health and fitness. She is a board certified and licensed athletic trainer in the state of Michigan.

In her spare time, Katia enjoys spending time with her family and friends, training her dog, playing volleyball and horseback riding.

**Kyle Greene** — Kyle will work closely with local communities and organizations to create tobacco-free outdoor recreation areas, tobacco-free



**Kyle Greene**

worksites, and worksite wellness. In addition, he will encourage people to increase physical activity by leading the *Let's Get Moving* community health challenge and promoting non-motorized transportation.

Kyle is a graduate of Northern Michigan University with a master's degree in exercise science and a bachelor's in sports science. Prior to working for Sault Tribe, he worked as a medical assistant and strength and conditioning specialist. He also has experience in physical therapy, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, medical wellness and corporate wellness.

Kyle enjoys the outdoors, being physically active and helping other people live physically active lives.

**Tyler LaPlaut** — Tyler is a Sault Tribe member and the community health educator working on the west end of the tribal service area, including Marquette, Alger, Delta and Schoolcraft counties. He is currently finishing his master's



**Tyler LaPlaut**

degree in exercise science at Northern Michigan University. He also has a bachelor's degree in management of health and fitness.

Tyler's previous experience includes work at the Ojibwa Casino, personal training, YMCA programs and strength and conditioning coaching for the Marquette Royals and Legion hockey teams. He is also currently working as an adjunct professor at NMU.

Tyler enjoys spending time with family, especially his daughter, jogging, weight training, bicycling, reading and nature.

These educators are supported by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Partnerships to Improve Community Health and Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country grants funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information, visit [www.UP4health.org](http://www.UP4health.org) or email [communityhealth@saulttribe.net](mailto:communityhealth@saulttribe.net).

## Students at Mather Elementary learn to plant three sisters gardens



In celebration of Earth Day, Cassie Steinhoff, RD, CDE, from the Munsing Tribal Health Center, teamed up with Mather Elementary Native Education teacher Jennifer Meyer to help the children with a seed starting activity. After a brief nutrition lesson, the children in grades K-4 got their hands dirty. The children were learning about the Three Sisters and got an opportunity to plant one to take home and grow over the summer.



**The Sault Tribe Early Childhood Education Programs now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year**

**Services are provided to children from birth through 5 years old. Center base services available in Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace, Home based services available in Chippewa and Mackinac Counties.**

**The Early Childhood Programs offers Head Start, Early Head Start and regular Child Care.**

**Applications are available by calling 906-635-7722 or 906-632-5258**



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**EARLY HEAD START**  
Center Based – Full day, full year (Sault)

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Eligibility – Children from birth to 3 years, members of federally recognized tribe, and meet income eligibility requirements.



**HEAD START**  
Full day, full year – Sault

Part day, part year – Sault and St. Ignace

Eligibility – Children need to be 3 years old by Sept. 1, members of federally recognized tribe, and meet income eligibility requirements.



**For more information, call 906-635-7722.**

*Our Mission is to merge, inspire & support the Head Start field as a leader in early childhood development & education, resulting in the outcomes of healthier, empowered children and families, and stronger more vibrant communities.*

# Seed saving class about more than gardens

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

What is a seed? The answer is many things — life, knowledge, information, wealth, the Creator’s gift. To me, a seed means food security and food sovereignty.

If I have seeds, I can choose what foods I grow and eat. I don’t have to buy vegetables bred for transporting and long shelf life rather than taste and nutrition. I don’t have to buy corn bred for super sweetness rather than protein and nutrients. I don’t have to eat a genetically modified organism (GMO); instead I can eat the food I grow.

The seed is the beginning and the end of a cycle — the seed that will grow into another seed and provide us with so much more in the process.

This is what Clayton Brascoupe brought to Bay Mills Community College (BMCC) in a four-day class in April, hosted by Waishkey Bay Farm at Migiizi Hall on BMCC’s west campus.

Brascoupe is known in the Native world for his efforts to bring back tribal communities through indigenous agriculture. His program has turned gang members and couch potatoes into passionate farmers and helped indigenous communities weather bad times with new — or reclaimed — skills.

The class was a mixture of 22 students ranging in age from young to retired, from Native and non-Native, to gardeners and farmers and from a number of tribes across Michigan.

Participants learned about where to get seeds and what the differences are between traditional, pen pollinated, local, heirloom and hybrid seed, and concerns about GMOs — genetically modified organisms.

They learned about growing plants for seed, methods of producing healthy pure seed, keeping genetic lines pure and managing cross lines.

Hands on learning included seed cleaning for different sizes and kinds of seeds. Students participated in low-tech methods of seed testing and learned seed storage methods, record keeping

and starting a collection.

His discussion on genetic diversity, cultural needs, climate concerns and how all these issues are related seemed the same as Sault Tribe’s struggle — from an agricultural standpoint — to regain its treaty reserved right to fish and to rekindle the Anishinaabe language, and how all these things are part of the struggle to exercise sovereignty.

The group watched a video, *The Genetic Time Bomb*, about how monoculture crops — only one kind of corn, one kind of bean and so forth — could lead to disaster when the wrong disease or pest comes along.

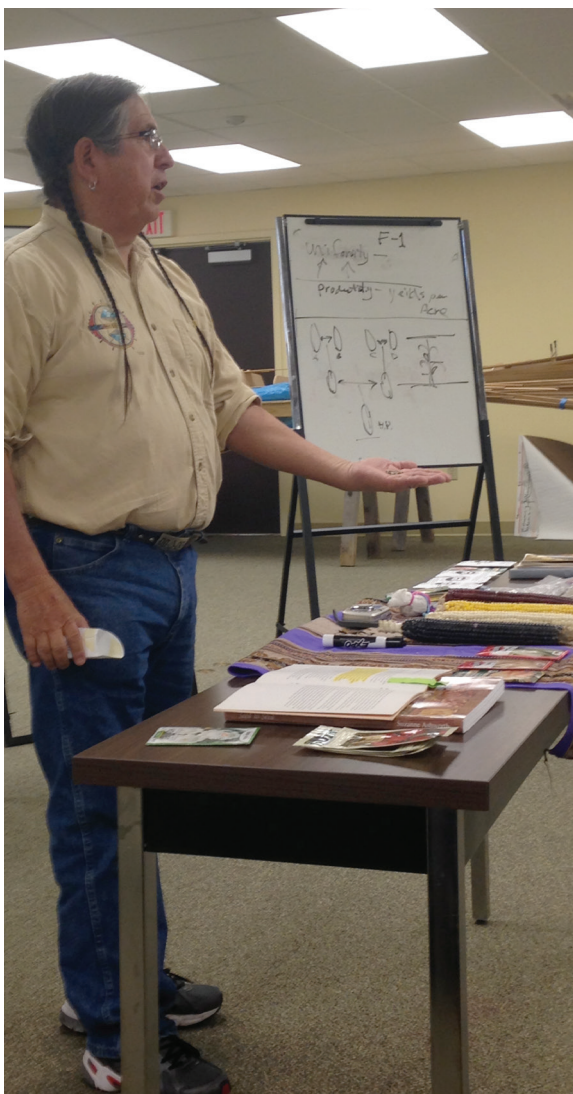
Brascoupe talked about local, regional, national and international efforts to maintain genetic diversity. The class watched anti-GMO activist Vandana Shiva’s keynote address to a conference, *Sustainability and Food Security for the 21st century and Beyond*.

The workshop was a treasure box full of practical skills and knowledge mixed with a plan to recover our culture, and ourselves, through seed and community. It ended on a high note with everyone feeling the positive energy in which everyone felt the urge to keep in touch and work together.

So, what is a seed? The seed is you; the seed has the memory of our ancestors and the potential to take care of our seventh generation.

Brascoupe is a Mohawk and Anishinaabe who was born on the Tuscarora reservation. He worked in his family’s gardens in upstate New York as a child and then began working on commercial farms when he was 13.

He met his wife, Margaret, in January of 1973 in her home community of Pueblo of Tesuque. They traveled together to the AIM occupation of Wounded Knee and married in September. Brascoupe moved into the pueblo and began farming with Margaret’s father and uncles and has even been appointed to the tribal council a few times.



Clayton Brascoupe taught a four-day seed saving workshop at BMCC last month.



An ancient low-tech seed saving method is to roll dried seeds into a ball of clay.



To start the wet method of getting seed smush the seeds and pulp into a jar and add a little water.



Sault Tribe member Monica Cady who took the workshop stopped for a picture with Clayton Brascoupe. Everyone gave Brascoupe a small gift in appreciation for his teachings and then celebrated with a feast.



## LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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Submit the following documents: LLTC job application, letter of interest, curriculum vitae, three to five professional references, copy of official graduate transcript(s), and a personal education philosophy statement. Mail completed application materials to the address below or email dawn.connor@lltc.edu

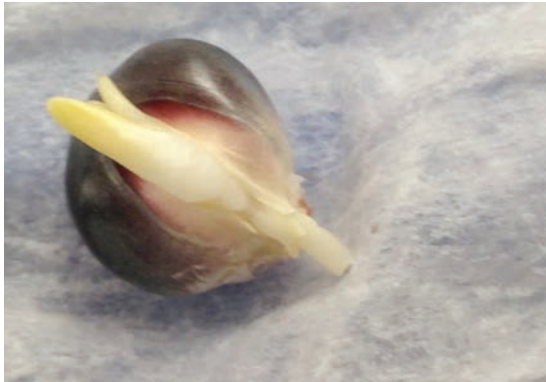
**LLTC Presidential Search Committee  
(PMB 240) 215 Paul Bunyan Drive NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601**

Confidential review of applicant materials will begin on May 18, 2015, and will continue until the search process is completed. Visit our website at [www.lltc.edu](http://www.lltc.edu) for more information.

# Saving seeds, storing seeds, growing seeds is seed sovereignty



Germination tests can tell you what percentage of your seed is still viable.



Close up of a black popcorn seed sprouting.



First you have to clean your seed, then dry it. The wet method is for seeds like tomatoes and melon (right), the dry, squash (left).



Traditional samah seed pod and the seeds that came out of it.



Participants pitched in to help clean samah seed by separating it from the pod and then gently blowing off the chaff.

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**Friday Night Open Drum**  
**Saturday Grand Entry 1 & 7 p.m. Feast 5 p.m.**  
**Sunday Grand Entry 1 p.m.**  
**Registration Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Blessing of the Powwow Grounds on Tuesday, July 8 at 11 a.m.**  
**Summer Gathering on Thursday, July 9 -**  
Sunrise Ceremony & continue throughout the day at the Wabeno Lodge on Powwow Grounds  
**Kids' Carnival Friday, July 10 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Visit [www.saulttribe.net](http://www.saulttribe.net) or Find our Event on Facebook  
GENERAL INFORMATION, DRUMS, DANCERS: Jackie Minton, Powwow Chairwoman 906-203-4977  
VENDOR INFORMATION: Linda Grossett 906-440-1470  
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NATIVE DANCERS, SINGERS AND VENDORS ONLY! Singers, Dancers and Vendors must show proof of tribal affiliation at registration, or upon request of the Powwow Committee. No DOGS ON POWWOW GROUNDS. NO OUTSIDE RAFFLES.  
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13-17 - \$200  
6-12 - \$100

Two-Step Contest  
1st Place - \$75  
2nd Place - \$50  
3rd Place - \$25

# Head Start celebrates end of 2014-15 academic year



Photos by Rick Smith

Above left, Unit I Director Jennifer McLeod addresses attendees at the 2014-15 Head Start academic year-end celebration at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center on April 30. Parental volunteers and a total of 39 students were recognized. Above right, JKL Bahweting School drum, Ogimaa-Minisino, participated in the event.

# St. Ignace Head Start held year's end drum social



Traci Tamlyn, Parent Volunteer of the Year, (left), was presented with her award by teacher Terri Allan.



Teacher Terri Allan presented Parent Volunteer of the Year Jimmy Upchurch with an award.



Head Start children enjoying the drum social.



Submitted by Anne Suggit

The Sault Tribe's Head Start in St. Ignace celebrated the year's end with a drum social at Kewadin Shores. Traci Tamlyn (48.5 hours) and Jimmy Upchurch (33.5 hours) were the Parent Volunteers of the Year. Mrs. Terri Allan, teacher, presented their awards with sincere gratitude for the hours they committed to the children and staff at this center.

## From Bob Flowers' kitchen: Stromboli

Preparation time: eight hours or overnight.  
 Cooking time: 30 minutes.  
 Ingredients:  
 2 tbs. active dry yeast  
 6 cups flour  
 2 cups milk  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 2 tsp. salt  
 3 medium potatoes  
 1/2 cup cooking oil  
 Preparation: Peel and chop the potatoes. Place them in a pan of water and boil until tender. In a microwave safe container, heat milk to 115F as measured with a thermometer. Add sugar and stir. Add yeast and let sit for five minutes. While yeast is proofing, drain and mash potatoes. Add three tbs. milk to potatoes and continue to mash. Add potatoes to milk/yeast mixture and stir until

smooth.  
 In a large bowl, combine flour and salt. Add wet ingredients and oil. Stir with heavy, wooden spoon and knead for ten minutes. Divide dough into equal halves and place in gallon freezer bags. Place bags in refrigerator. Let dough work for about three hours. Open bags and squish dough to collapse it and release built up carbon dioxide. Reseal and let work for three more hours or overnight.  
 A slow rise lets the yeast develop its full flavor and allows gluten to become soft and malleable.  
 For toppings or filling, we will use shaved ham, thin slices of sharp Cheddar, Swiss and Mozzarella cheese.  
 Preheat oven to 350F and dust work surface liberally with

flour. Remove dough from one container and roll into a long rectangle. Dough should be no thicker than a pencil. Lay toppings on to cover. Roll dough along its length into a cylinder and place seam-side down onto a parchment paper-lined cookie sheet. Do same with second bag of dough. Brush dough with milk and place in oven. Bake for one hour. Remove and let cool for five minutes. Slice into bread-slice thick rounds and serve with favorite soup. A good pea soup would go great.  
 Top uncooked and rolled dough with anything desired, such as pizza toppings, ground beef and diced potato, turkey and stuffing or make cinnamon rolls by topping with butter, sugar, cinnamon, raisins and nuts.

## GED graduation coming up

The Consolidated Community School Services (CCSS) and Sault Tribe Adult Education GED program celebrate the accomplishments of this year's graduates on May 21, 2015. Summer break also begins on this date. However, the PearsonVue Testing Center is open year round. GED classes

resume for the 2015-16 school year on Sept. 14, 2015.  
 For more information, contact Tanya Pages at (906) 632-6098, tpages@eup.k12.mi.us or the CCSS main office at (906) 495-7305.  
 Registration is open to tribal members and others throughout the school year.



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# Walking on...

## MARLA S. CARR

Marla Sue "Boog" Carr, 59, of Cedarville, Mich., died unexpectedly on April 21, 2015, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born on Aug. 13, 1955, in Sault Ste. Marie to Ernest Frances "Bud" Carr and MaryAnn Ignatia (nee McLeod) Carr.

Marla grew up in Cedarville and graduated from Les Cheneaux Schools where she participated in volleyball and softball. She worked as a machinist at Mackinac Tool in Cedarville for a few years and then at Witson Carbide in East Jordan, Mich., for 20 years. She returned to Cedarville and worked at Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace for nine years.

Marla was in a bowling league for many years. She loved the outdoors where she enjoyed caring for her yard and flowers. In her younger years, her passions were riding her dirt bike and, most of all, riding and caring for horses.

Marla is survived by her mother, MaryAnn Carr of Cedarville; sister, Sheila Marie "Flip" (Mark) Tejkl of Lyons, Ohio; brothers, Robert Michael "Skin" (Patty) Carr of Hessel, Mich., Terrance William "Tote" (Lisa) Carr of Marinette, Wisc., Eugene Patrick "Toolie" (Carrie) Carr of Hessel; nieces, Angie Skymanski, Kassandra Carr, Alexandra Carr and Paige Carr; nephew, Matthew Szymanski; and great nephew and niece, Karson Moore and Hailey Hudson.

Marla was preceded in death by



her father, Ernest "Bud" Carr; and nephew, Joseph Carr.

Services took place on April 24 at R. Galer Funeral Home, in Pickford, Mich. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

## DAVID L. MARTIN

David L. Martin, 59, of Engadine, Mich., and formerly of Grand Marais, Mich., died at his home while under the loving care of his family and Northwood's Home Healthcare and Hospice. Born on Oct. 6, 1955, David was a son of the late Victor F. and Marion C. (nee Propst) Martin.

David loved to hunt and do anything as long as he did it outside. He was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was known as Ogema Mikanuk Ininee (Leading Snapping Turtle).

He was an over-the-road truck driver working for several employers and was also self-employed at one time previous to retiring for health reasons. He also lived in the Midland, Mich., area at one time and was a member of the Mills Township Fire Department. While residing in Grand Marais, he was on the Burt Township Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife, the former Deborah Klotz, whom he married in Grand Marais on Nov. 28, 1981; his children, Kandi (Andrew) Missbach of Powell, Tenn, and Allen (Whitney) Martin of Calhoun, Ga.; grandchildren, Nakita, Seairra, Da Kota, Dixie, Naveah, Lucas, Riley and D.J.; siblings, James (Susie) Martin of Cedarville, Mich., Pamela (Tommy) Agate of Hudsonville, Mich., and Francis (Shawn) Martin of Gould City, Mich.; 11 nieces and nephews; and 10 great-

nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service took place on May 1 at the Naubinway Christian Fellowship Church with Pastor Tim Miller officiating.

Condolences may be extended to the family at [www.beaulieufuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulieufuneralhome.com).

## CLEO A. SMITH

Cleo A. Smith, 73, a lifelong Mackinac County resident, died on Friday, May 1, 2015, surrounded by her family.

Born on Feb. 22, 1942, in Mackinac County, she was most recently residing in Engadine. She was born the daughter of Ernest C. and Clara G. (nee Olson) King.

Cleo was raised in Naubinway and graduated in the class of 1960 from Engadine High School. She owned and operated the Brandon Oil Company in Engadine. She was also very civic minded, being a Garfield Township trustee and then Garfield Township supervisor. Cleo was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Naubinway and was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She was active in Koinonia, and enjoyed golfing travelling and antiques.

Cleo was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Ernest "Pete" King and John "Jack" King; along with sisters-in-law Alice King and Donna King.

She is survived by her daughter, Linnea Ison (Randy Brown) of Tampa, Fla.; and



grandchildren, Brandon (Summer Brewer) Ison of Orlando, Fla. Justin (Amanda Dorff) Ison of Penrose, Colo. and Adam (Jamie Jones) Ison also of Orlando; four great-grandchildren; a brother, William King of Naubinway and sister-in-law, Vidas King, also of Naubinway; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was on May 7 at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Naubinway. Services were on May 8 with Frs. Marty Flynn and Frank Ricca co-celebrating. Interment will follow in the family lot in Naubinway Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Moffitt Cancer Center or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.beaulieufuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulieufuneralhome.com).

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family with their arrangements.

## STEVEN J. TERRIEN

Steven James Terrien aged 61, of Twin Lake, Mich., died on April 10, 2015, at home surrounded by his loving family. Steven was born on July 1, 1953, in Mountain Home, Idaho to Fritz and Doris (nee Reid) Terrien.

He married Susan Rae (nee Gillissen) Terrien on Sept. 9, 1999, in Comstock Park, Mich.

Steven is survived by his wife of 15 years, Susan of Twin Lake; one son, Brian (Stacy) Terrien of Cedar Springs; one daughter, Tracy (Scott) Vandenakker of Kentwood; six grandchildren, Haylie, Caleb, Kyle, Skyler,



Annalise and Ashley; father, Fritz Terrien; mother, Doris Terrien; two sisters, Janice Terrien of Whitehall and Vicki (Bryan) Slocum of Muskegon; two brothers, Dale Terrien of Muskegon and Mike (Cindy) Terrien of Florida; several nieces and nephews also survive.

A gathering took place on April 18 at the Ravenna American Legion. Memorials may be directed to the family.

## ISOBEL FLIETSTRA

Isobel Flietstra (nee Sheber), aged 63, of New Port Richey, Fla., died on March 11, 2015. Surviving her are her husband, Kenneth Flietstra; sons, Jacob, Adam and Ryan; brother, Jacob Sheber; sisters, Aimee Penrose and Bertha Smith; and many nieces and nephews.

Her daughter, Isobel Albert; her parents, Jacob and Isobel Sheber; brother, Edward; sister, Lenore Murray; sister-in-law, Jean Sheber; brothers-in-law, Gerald Smith and Murray Murray predeceased her.

She was born on Nov. 8, 1952, in St. Ignace, Mich., to parents Jacob and Isobel Sheber. She also resided in Sault Ste. Marie and Grand Rapids. She was married to Kenneth Flietstra on April 26, 1976, in Sault Ste. Marie and celebrated 38 years together.

She attended St. Ignace schools and later beauty school in Sault Ste. Marie. She was a member of Women of the Moose 1484, the VFW and Sault Tribe.

In lieu of a funeral, a celebration of her life was scheduled for May 17 at the Moose Lodge 999.

# New budget would require deep spending cuts for many federal Indian programs

## MARK TRAHANT, TRAHANTREPORTS.COM

House and Senate negotiators have reached a deal on a budget resolution. That agreement then would go to each House for a vote. (An outcome that is not certain.) But, if it passes, it would be the first budget enacted by Congress in six years.

Let's be clear about this plan: It would require deep spending cuts in federal Indian programs.

While the budget itself is not law, it sets limits for each of the appropriations committees to follow. According to a report from The Associated Press the draft document adds some \$40 billion to military spending and calls for deep cuts to all domestic programs, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service.

"The plan sets broad budget goals but by itself has little teeth; instead, painful follow-up legislation would be required to actually balance the budget," the AP said. "It also permits the GOP majority to suspend the Senate's filibuster rule and deliver a special measure known

as a reconciliation bill to Obama without the threat of Democratic opposition. Republicans plan to use the special filibuster-proof bill to wage an assault on Obama's Affordable Care Act rather than try to impose a variety of painful cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, student loans, and other so-called mandatory programs over Obama's opposition."

The House budget is blunt about the next steps required to balance the budget within a decade, including repeal of the Affordable Care Act. "None of the reforms proposed in this budget will be able to solve the underlying challenges in our health care system so long as Obamacare remains on the books. Our budget fully repeals Obamacare," according to the budget plan.

This very notion sets up an debate. President Barack Obama would need to sign any appropriation into law — so a veto threat has merit. But the Congress still must pass a bill to appropriate money that would defy their own budget rules on

programs such as the Indian Health Service (because some of that agency's authorizing legislation is the Affordable Care Act. Remember: The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is a chapter of the ACA.)

This debate is going to be difficult to resolve.

At the same moment that the Congress is pursuing its latest "repeal" of the Affordable Care Act more states, even states controlled by Republicans, are moving forward with an expansion of Medicaid. This may be the most important part of the Affordable Care Act, especially for Indian Country because it's adding new dollars to the underfunded health care system. Montana is the latest state to expand Medicaid.

A new report by the Kaiser Family Foundation says hospitals in states with Medicaid expansion are reporting a significant decrease in uncompensated care and a boost from Medicaid revenue. "Overall," the report said, "hospitals in Medicaid expansion states saw increased Medicaid discharges,

increased Medicaid revenue, and decreased cost of care for the poor, while hospitals in non-expansion states saw a very small increase in Medicaid discharges, a decline in Medicaid revenue, and growth in cost of care to the poor."

In past budget years, American Indian and Alaska Native programs have been able to get support from the appropriations committees, but in this cycle there will be less flexibility because of the instructions in the budget. The ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Nita Lowey from New York, said the "majority's allocations, which are based on the House budget resolution that passed on a party-line vote, are insufficient and fundamentally flawed."

She said, "The Interior bill's allocation paints a similar picture with an allocation that is \$246 million below the FY 2015 enacted level. We will still have to cover the increased costs to combat deadly wild fires, provide contract support costs in

the Indian Health Services, and prepare for Centennial anniversary of the National Park Service, all from an allocation below last year."

This budget resolution would cut deeper than even the sequester. As Lowey said in a press release, "I think my colleagues on the other side generally agree that sequestration was a failure, and a return to those sequester-level caps threatens important defense and non-defense priorities alike."

The Republicans have yet to identify specific spending numbers based on their budget targets.

No Democratic votes are required in either the House or the Senate to enact this budget resolution. The president does not need to sign the resolution, but he will need to sign into law any future appropriations based on the spending plan.

Mark Trahant serves as the Atwood Chair at the University of Alaska Anchorage. He is an independent journalist and a member of The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

# Walleye population assessment at Brevoort Lake

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Assessment Biologist John Powell said the Sault Tribe is collaborating with the U.S. Forest Service and the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians to complete a spring walleye population assessment in Brevoort Lake in Mackinac County.

The assessment began April 27 and is expected to last from seven to 14 days.

Powell said the three agencies would each have a boat on the water with a team of three to four people, including volunteers from the Straights Area Sportsmen's Club who will be working with the U.S. Forest Service. The goal of the assessment is to try and characterize the adult walleye population in Brevoort Lake, which they will do by collecting spines, marking fish, and measuring their length. This information will allow them to estimate how many fish are in the lake and determine other attributes of the population such as growth rates. The 4,233-acre lake is also home to pike, bass, perch and a variety of other fish.

Powell said that Brevoort Lake is consistently listed among tribal license holders in their annual harvest report as the most important lake for their inland fishing activities. Brevoort is a stocked lake and has been stocked in the past by the Straights Area Sportsman's Club, the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources, and the Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program. He said the information they gather will be used to better manage the fishery and to set harvest levels.

To gather fish for their assessment, the teams will be using impoundment nets and electrofishing, both are non-lethal ways of trapping fish. When using

impoundment nets, fish swim along the lakeshore until they reach a net surface and swim along the net surface until they are corralled into a pot. Once they are in a pot they are measured, tagged and a dorsal fin is clipped and used to age the fish, after which they are released back into the lake.

After netting is completed during the first phase of the process, they will then electrofish the entire lakeshore in a single evening and look for the number of fish that were marked during the first phase. Powell said they would know how many fish were marked and will look at the proportion of fish recaptured in the electrofishing with a mark and will be able to extrapolate out the number of fish in the lake.

During the initial netting process, jaw tags will be placed on the walleye with Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Department's name, phone number and a unique identification number for each fish. The jaw tags don't affect the survival of the fish Powell says. If a tagged walleye is harvested, they would appreciate a call to report the tag number and answer a few questions about the fish.

To contact Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Department, call (906) 632-6132.

## Inland Committee to meet June 1

The Sault Tribe Inland Conservation Committee will hold a meeting Monday, June 1, at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, beginning at 4 p.m.

All tribal members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

The Inland Committee meets the first Monday of each month.



Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Department field technician Rusty Aikens (front) with Brad Silet (back) is ready to place jaw tags on captured walleye.



Left to right, Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Department assessment biologist John Powell and Field Tech Rusty Aikens net walleye in Brevoort Lake.

## Honoring Mother Earth Fair at Chi Mukwa June 6

On the second Sunday in May, we celebrate our mothers across the United States. We thanked them for their tireless efforts in loving us, sheltering us, sustaining us and so much more. This year on June 6, the Sault Tribe Environmental Department invites you to help us honor a mother often forgotten — Mother Earth (Aki).

Never in our history has a need for honor and protection of our sacred mother been needed more. Warning signs have been abundant as the average temperature of the earth has risen by 1.4 F° over the course of the past century. As temperatures rise and the climate changes, we see threats to everything: water supplies, agriculture, power and transportation systems, the natural environment and even our own health and safety are all impacted by the damage we are inflicting on the mother of us all.

In December 2014 our tribe was recognized by President Obama as a Climate Action Champion, but we cannot succeed in continuing to lead without the

help of all members of our tribe. Annually, we host a special fair to honor Aki and to educate members of our tribe on what they can do to assist with our unified effort to support and sustain not just our tribal lands, but the land that holds and nurtures all mankind.

For the past five years, the Environmental Department has hosted our Honoring Mother Earth Fair combining tribal departments and local organizations to provide a Saturday of fun and education. Previous years have included giveaways, raffles and educational presentations on topics from composting to using rain barrels. This year will be no different.

On June 6 at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center, the Environmental Department will once again join forces with several organizations to celebrate Mother Earth and educate our community.

This family-friendly event has no cost to attend and will feature games and activities for families. Educational games based on environmental science and con-

servation will be heavily featured along with simple fair games and face painting for children of all ages to enjoy.

Staff-led nature hikes and geocaching will encourage outdoor adventure and celebration of the beauty of our land. Educational booths will educate and assist with personal goals to help protect and sustain Mother Earth. Raffles will be drawn and Yooperdogs will be on site to sell their famous Michigan-made hotdogs. This is the perfect opportunity to not only spend a quality afternoon with family and friends, but to learn about simple and affordable steps community members can take to improve their lives and the life of our great mother.

We hope to see you and your family at this entertaining and educational event!

If you have any questions or wish to learn more about this event, please e-mail Jordan at [jjohnston@saulttribe.net](mailto:jjohnston@saulttribe.net) or call the Environmental Department at (906) 632-5575.

## Janetos graduates from magnet program



Sault Tribe member Tommy Janetos graduated from the Environmental Science Everglades Restoration Magnet Program at South Plantation High School in Plantation, Fla. He will participate in the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology summer internship program before entering Louisiana State University to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in natural resource management. Janetos is the grandson of the late Isaac and Ann McKechnie.



# Tribal member conquers condition, competes

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"When it first started showing up I would cough and instantly black out. It took them a few years to figure out what it actually was. There is nothing they can do to cure it, all they can do is treat some of the symptoms and try to keep my bad days down."

Today he competes against men in their 20s and 30s and wins, which tickles him pink because he recently celebrated his 50th birthday.

He has been invited to the U.S. Olympic Training Center (in Chula Vista, Calif.) twice in the past six months and more recently participated in a week long camp to train with the U.S. Paralympic Cycling Team. On May 23-25 he will be competing at the Volkswagen USA Cycling Professional Road, Time Trial, & Para-cycling National Championships in Chattanooga, Tenn., in both the road race and time trial (a race in which cyclists race alone against the clock) events.

"I was told that I may be named to represent the U.S. in a couple of Para-Cycling World Cup events in June," he said. "One is in Maniago, Italy, and the other in Yverdon les Bains, Switzerland. I might also be selected for the U.S. Team going to the 2015 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships in Nottwil, Switzerland, in July."

He said he was initially approached to attend a cycling camp in Oklahoma for disabled vets last August but hadn't been on his bike in a few years. "I started to train hard and was invited to attend a weeklong Paralympic Talent ID camp in October just days before I turned 50. Each day was full of tests for power and bike handling skills," he said. "I have been working one-on-one with one of the National Team coaches to prepare for the national championships.

After the coaches observed me training and racing, I was told that I have the potential to make the 2016 Olympic/Paralympic team going to Rio. I was the only one from that camp that progressed to the next level."

He was then invited to ride with the U.S. National Team so they could see how conditioned he was in comparison to the other team members. "It was a pleasant surprise on the second day when they had us doing a time trial and I actually beat the guy who has been the three-time national champion by 19 seconds," he said.

Hogue said he owns 13 bikes. He said para-cyclists are classified by their disabilities, and because he has POTS and narcolepsy, he can be unsteady on two wheels and would be a danger to himself and others. So to prevent injuries, he has a conversion kit and once he knows which of his 13 bikes he wants to use, he removes the rear wheel and axle and turns his bike into a trike. "Because you have the rear axle attachment on it, it adds another 10 pounds to your bike. It also creates a lot more drag, which makes it more difficult to ride long distance," he said.

Based on results achieved at the U.S. Paralympics Cycling time trial (part of USA Cycling Collegiate Nationals) on May 10, in Asheville, NC, he may become the newest member of the U.S. National Team.

Hogue currently trains six days a week for a total of about 14 hours. Before he was injured, he raced 24-mile time trials and 50-75 mile road races. Now as a para-cyclist, he races from 10-15 miles for the time trials and about 35-40 miles for road races.

"Depending on how I do at the races next month, they might make me one of the resident athletes training at one of the US Olympic Training Centers either



Veteran and Sault Tribe member Randy Hogue (front) participating in a para-cycling road race.

in California or Colorado," he said. "If they consider you in the running for an Olympic medal at the Olympic Paralympic Games next year at Rio, then they want you at one of the training centers so they can focus your training

more."

He is encouraged by his wife Lynn and their daughter Jennifer to never give up. "Even through the pain, I still get up and get on the bike and try to make something of it. I am determined to

make the most out of what I can still do," he said.

Hogue spent six years in the Navy as a machinist mate and operations specialist and is a member of the Sault Tribe.

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Brin's school also got involved in fundraising for the walk and raised over \$800. "I contacted a lot of people and used social media a lot," Terri said. "They ran an article in our paper in Oakland County about Brin, and I would go with March of Dimes representatives and talk to other companies such as K Mart, who is a big sponsor, and try to get them excited and revved up for the event. We also went to local daycares and gyms to see if they would be interested in building their own team for the March of Dimes March for Babies walk. We tried to get the community very involved and I was there to

help with that."

Terri said people might not realize that one in nine babies are born premature in the U.S. "Here in Oakland County that number is actually one in seven. We are fortunate because we have a county that is very involved. I think that no matter what area you live in, people need to be aware they can get help, even if it means contacting the March of Dimes for referrals."

Terri said her family hopes to make a difference and want people to know that resources are available.

To learn more about the March of Dimes, please visit online at [www.marchofdimes.org](http://www.marchofdimes.org).

# Hiawatha volunteers receive regional honors

GLADSTONE, Mich. — Hiawatha National Forest Supervisor Jo Reyer recently announced four Hiawatha National Forest volunteers have been selected as the Eastern Region U.S. Forest Service Volunteers of the Year.

Point Iroquois Lighthouse volunteers Ron and Karen Gilmore were chosen in the leadership category, and John and Marny Weting, volunteers in the Munising Ranger District, were selected as winners in the enduring service category.

Ron “Gilly” and Karen Gilmore were nominated by the Hiawatha National Forest for their commitment as volunteer caretakers for the Point Iroquois Lighthouse in Brimley, Mich. They live on site and oversee the care and upkeep of the building and grounds, welcoming visitors from all over the world to this iconic site. Ron and Karen painstakingly clean and polish the museum areas, beautify the site by maintaining flower beds, decorate the lighthouse (inside and outside) for different seasons and set up displays to bring attention to the merchandise in the book nook. They have developed programs incorporating period character performances based on local history.

Forest Service recreation technician Julia Slabosheski said, “Managing a lighthouse is a huge responsibility, so the work Karen



**John and Marny Weting receive award from Hiawatha National Forest Supervisor Jo Reyer and Charlie Marsh.**

and Ron do assists the forest tremendously.”

Their enthusiasm for the lighthouse and its history really shows. Both Ron and Karen have conducted research of the site using the books in the lighthouse library and they joined the Bay Mills Historical Society and other location organizations in order to learn more.

“Volunteering for the Hiawatha has given us the opportunity to learn about the area’s history, share it with others and, in the process, to connect with the local community and visitors,” Ron said.

He noted connecting with people from other area organizations such as Bay Mills-Brimley Historical Society and the Bay Mills Indian Community further enriched their experience as vol-

unteers and their sense of community inclusion.

“Volunteering takes time,” Karen added, “But, I have learned that contributing as a volunteer is far more rewarding than being selfish with one’s time.”

The Gilmores were presented their award by District Ranger Robert West on April 27 at the Point Iroquois Light Station.

John and Marny Weting were nominated by the Hiawatha National Forest for their passionate volunteer service in the Big Island Lake Wilderness and Rock River Canyon Wilderness. For the past seven years, they made hundreds of contacts with visitors by answering questions, performing interviews with visitors, maintaining campsites and trails, planting trees, installing signs and improving visitors’ experience in



**Iroquois Lighthouse volunteers Ron and Karen Gilmore receive award from USFS District Ranger Robert West.**

both areas.

Forest Service Recreation Technician Mark Bender said, “Marny and John make it their personal mission to improve and protect the wildernesses. With over 3,000 hours of service in the forest in the past few years, it would be extremely difficult to find two individuals more dedicated.”

In addition to providing top-notch, friendly contacts with visitors, Marny and John also do outstanding record keeping, helping the Forest Service in managing and monitoring wilderness use.

“We were totally surprised by the recognition we received last night for our volunteering,” Marny said. “We truly feel privileged to have the opportunity to volunteer in the wilderness areas of the Hiawatha National

Forest.”

“While the recognition from the region was amazing, the fact that the staff of the Munising District Ranger Station felt strongly enough to recommend us for the recognition was perhaps the greatest reward,” John added.

Forest Supervisor Jo Reyer presented the Wetings their award on April 16 at the Forest Service’s West Zone Volunteer Recognition at the Iroquois Lighthouse.

Hiawatha National Forest is proud to see these dedicated volunteers recognized regionally for their service.

If you are interested in volunteering for Hiawatha National Forest, contact your local ranger district office ([www.fs.usda.gov/detail/hiawatha/about-forest/offices](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/hiawatha/about-forest/offices)) or visit Hiawatha National Forest webpage for information.

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# GENERATIONS INDIGEOUS: CHAIRPERSON CHALLENGE

**Aaron A. Payment, MPA**  
Tribal Chairperson  
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## Ahneen, Booze, Negee:

Earlier this year and again last month, I listed a legislative agenda that I believe the vast majority of our Members support. This agenda was drafted based on extensive Member meetings both inside and outside of the service area. While some will list reasons why we cannot move forward with a progressive agenda, I say there are no legitimate reasons, only excuses. The bolded items below are those I raised at the 5/5/15 Tribal Board Meeting. At the time this report was written, the meeting had not occurred. I will provide updates in the next edition of this paper on our progress.

### Tribal Legislation:

- **Establish a Mackinac Island Elder Subcommittee;**
- **Re-Open Enrollment;**
- Tribal Referendum to include a Tribal Promise to Raise Elder Dividend to 10% of Net Revenue of all Gaming Expansion Projects;
- Negotiate to extend the State Tax Agreement to all Members in Michigan;
- Immediately commit a level of services expansion for the Western End of our Service Area.

### Constitutional Amendments:

- **Establish a Unit 6 "At Large" Election Unit ~ necessary to Consolidate and Enhance;**
- **Add the Mackinac Band to our Historical Bands;**
- **Establish a Separation Powers into an Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches;**
- Set Term Limits for the Chairperson and Board of Directors

## MORE DO NOTHING NEGATIVITY

I am going to do my best to not engage in a back and forth useless debate with select Board Members who have nothing to show for themselves but instead take pot shots in this paper to fabricate the appearance that they are doing something. It is time to put petty differences aside. Get over it and

get on with it. Members expect and deserve better. What have the *Negative Nellies* accomplished for the \$201,000 salary they have grossed? We have lots of work to do. Let's keep our focus and produce results you can see like testifying in Congress to increase our federal appropriations.

## GIVING BACK IN APPRECIATION

I am proud to have been born in 1965 when the federal *Great Society* programs were created. I am not ashamed to say I benefitted from programs like Head Start, Upward Bound, Welfare, USDA Commodity Foods Distribution, Title IV Indian Education, and various tribal services. I feel it is my duty to give back in every way that I can. I am also a high school drop-out but when I am done with my education, I will have three masters degrees, a doctorate, a bachelors and my GED. It is with great humility that I recognize the help I received along the way. As such, I do my best to give back.

In addition to my busy administrative schedule, and duties chairing Board meetings, I take every opportunity to responsibly represent our Tribe and to strive to provide opportunities for others; especially our youth. As I reported earlier this year, I was elected unanimously as an officer with the *National Congress of American Indians*. In February, my fellow 1836 Treaty Tribal leaders voted unanimously to appoint me the Chair of the *Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority* Board. Recently, I was recruited and appointed by retired Senator Carl Levin to serve on the *Wayne State University Levin Center for Law and Policy*. None of these additional duties come with pay but all afford us the

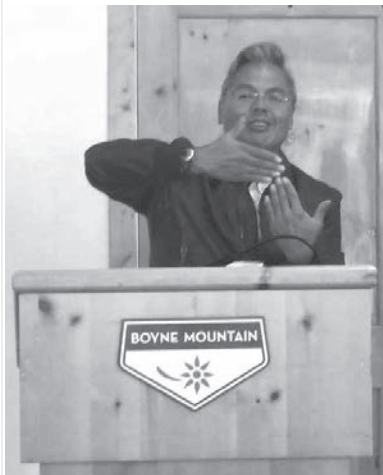


**Newberry, MI** - Chairperson Payment donating \$1,000 to the ST Youth Grand Council to facilitate the production of a viral video to promote signing up for the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid Expansion while trying to bring awareness to critical issues facing our youth like suicide, drug overdose and other serious challenges to the well-being of our Sault Tribe Youth.

opportunity to network on behalf of our Tribe and identify and access additional resources to benefit our people. I am honored and perpetually happy to do so.

## MIDJIM ST. IGNACE

At the time I write this, I had placed on the agenda an action item to appropriate an amount of just over a quarter of a million dollars to do capital improvements on our Midjim in St. Ignace. While there was a proposal to build a new Midjim some 500 feet from the existing facility at a costs of \$1.2 Million, after six months the proposal failed to be approved. Realizing it would never be approved, I chose to request the funds to do improvements. Stay tuned.



Using my MI Map to demonstrate our 1836 Treaty Boundaries during a presentation to MI CAPP (Michigan College Professional Access Programs & Personnel). Programs like Upward Bound and other TRIO programs participate in this association.

## GENERATIONS INDIGENOUS

When I think back to when I was as a fifteen year old who dropped-out of high school, was homeless, and worked as a migrant worker picking oranges at 16 to where I am now, I realize how far I have traveled. Again, I am humbled to realize that my successes are not solely attributable to my extreme drive and determination but also, in large part,

due to those who helped me along the way. Thus, I have personally accepted the President's challenge to forge opportunities for our Native youth. President and Mrs. Obama created this challenge after visiting the reservation at Standing Rock and seeing the poverty but also the great spirit of hope and optimism. I am grateful for this awakening of the plight of our Native youth and proud at the level of commitment of the President and First Lady to this renewed purpose. One challenge the President made was for his Cabinet Members to visit Indian County. Thus, I have extended an invitation to a cabinet secretary to visit during the 20th Anniversary celebration of our Tribal Youth Council.

## RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

I am going to take a little privilege as your Chairperson to recognize three of our Members who have contributed significantly to the health care deliver of our people. In the time I have left in my term of office, I am going to give greater recognition to those modern day warriors who selflessly make our lives better.

## STACY BOHLEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NIHB

Stacy, a Sault Tribe Member, works tirelessly to advocate for our health interests at the highest level. She finds a way to be in the right place at the right time to push for additional health funding, and is committed to supporting the IHS Special Diabetes program. The National Indian Health Board serves all tribes so Stacy balances her representation, but we are the beneficiaries of her leadership.



With Stacy, just before testifying in the U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee. Stacy, a proud Sault Tribe Member, is the Executive Director of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB). We are proud of you Stacy!

## BONNIE CULFA, ST HEALTH DIRECTOR

A ST Member from St. Ignace, I hired Bonnie as Health Director shortly after I became Chair in 2004 and challenged Bonnie to increase our "third party" revenues from insurances. I am happy to report that Bonnie far exceeded my challenge by raising our third party revenues from \$1.5 million in 2005 to over \$8 million of our \$26 million annual budget is through third party revenues. I am grateful for her leadership and our health division team.

## CATHY ABRAMSON, PAST, CHAIR - NIHB

Finally, as the former NIHB Chair, Cathy tirelessly pushed to facilitate Members of Congress and the Administration to understand their trust responsibility to provide health to our people. I am proud to say I was able to quote Cathy in my dissertation for a phrase she coined called "pre-paid" treaty rights.

Please Join me in recognizing how these *Ogitchda kwe* have made our lives better.

*Chi McGwitch, Negee,*

*Aaron*



"It was awesome to have Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment at the Up North(er) weekend for MPLP at Higgins Lake to discuss tribal sovereignty, issues facing tribal governments, and the historical/legal context of government-to-government relations with the State and U.S. governments. Chairperson Payment is an alum from the inaugural MPLP class and a big supporter of the program." ~ Dave Nyberg, MPLP Fellow.

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# Taking action: Standing up and speaking out



**Jennifer McLeod**  
Director, Unit I

(Editor's note: The following is the April unit report of Unit I Director Jennifer McLeod. Her report, though submitted by deadline, was inadvertently and unintentionally left out of the newspaper.)

Aanii, Anishinaabeg, it's time to set the record straight.

In general, I keep my articles focused on positive, thought provoking, and informational words, written to give our people hope and let them know that I am rising above the petty politics and focusing on the future of our tribe.

Although I have often acknowledged that Chairman Payment does a fine job for us in Washington, D.C., given some recent events, I need to dedicate this space to address the words the chairman used against me in last month's tribal newspaper, as well as some of his unacceptable behaviors at home.

Last month, the chairman resorted to name calling, and labeled me a "hater" just because I do not support canceling or changing board meetings to accommodate his schedule. I have made it clear for three years now that I believe that there is not a single one of the 13 of us sitting at the board of directors table who is SO IMPORTANT that the business of the tribe must come to a halt, simply because of someone's scheduling conflict. If the chairperson must be absent, that is why the board has a vice-chairperson!

Also, we publish our meetings a year in advance for the benefit of our membership, not the convenience of the board of directors. We have members who plan ahead to attend, and will make advance arrangements for travel, or take time off from work, but then the board simply changes the date to accommodate the board (or the chairman!)? This is disrespectful to our people.

We should make every effort to keep our workshop and meeting schedule as set.

There are rare circumstances when I believe that meetings should be changed or cancelled, such as dangerous weather conditions (again, not for board convenience, but to keep our tribal citizens, and employees SAFE!) and when it is known in advance that there will not be a quorum of board members present to conduct a meeting. Example — A majority of the board members may be attending a vital national training or conference that was

not scheduled prior to the board calendar being set.

For some board members, it's not a big deal to change a date on short notice, and I support their right to their view. However, the "meeting shuffle" chaos goes beyond simple date change. There was an instance where the chairman changed the location of a board meeting while board members were en route! Lack of cell phone service in the remote area we were meeting in, resulted in board members and tribal members alike showing up at the wrong location! The board eventually found the right place, but there were some very unhappy tribal citizens who did not. Also, let us not forget the time when the chairman bullied the board by threatening to refuse to meet with PRESIDENT OBAMA, unless the board of directors changed a board meeting date! As our elected tribal chairman, I feel that when the president of the greatest super power in the world requests a meeting with you, you don't play politics, you GO! These tactics are not traits that I look for and respect in a leader. Public name-calling, tantrums and coercion are unacceptable.

Simply put, my position on changing board meeting dates is: "Not for a scheduling conflict for any single board member, including the chairman. Our Constitution provides a vice chairperson position in the event of a chairperson's absence." The chairman can call my position consistency "hate," I call it "integrity."

Another issue upon which the chairman and I disagree: I believe that the day-to-day operations of the tribe need to be handled by a full time employee, not a politician. There are many solid reasons why we should have a CEO of tribal government, and many reasons why this position should also be separate from the CEO of our casinos. AND, there are many, MANY solid reasons why neither one of those positions should be held by an elected tribal chairperson. But, of all the solid reasons I could list to support this separation, there is only ONE THAT MATTERS: In 2008 OUR PEOPLE VOTED TO SEPARATE THEM!

It's true, that in 2012 I voted "yes" to a limited delegation of authority for the chairperson. I was one month old as a board member and I was led to believe that if I didn't vote "yes" that grants wouldn't get signed, payroll wouldn't be authorized and the business of the tribe would quickly come to a grinding halt. Since we didn't as yet have a CEO, I was very alarmed and worried for our tribe. However, I was reassured by language in the resolution (and sagely nods from board incumbents) that caused me to believe this delegation was temporary in nature, and that the board would have oversight UNTIL there was a CEO to take over. Once I learned my lesson and saw the harm to our tribe, I brought forward a resolution to restore the tribal structure to what the people voted for! This

resolution was defeated, but I STILL believe the separation needs to occur. It's not personal to Aaron Payment. This resolution is not, as he claims, "stripping the chairman of his authority." It is restoring the authority of the people, and giving them back what they voted on! Again, the chairman calls it "hate," I call it doing my job.

Now permit me to address another issue that brings me to odds with the chairman. It is referred to as "over the max employees." For three years, I have heard the chairman reference the hundreds of thousands of dollars that the tribe could save YEARLY, if it were not for the actions of previous chairmen, who gave unearned raises of over \$20,000 or more to "family members" and select buddies. The board listened to the tirades and resisted taking action. Despite the current chairman's pleadings to "let the Nazi out of the box" (a disturbing reference to his own ability to be ruthless), the board continued to resist until we were assured that the proposed "over the max" wage adjustment affected a low number of people who actually received some ill-gotten raise. As it turned out, the number was NOT LOW and was not limited to "ill-gotten raises!" The affected employee count was over 100, and would strike even the lowest wage earners of our tribe! It also would have affected those who have worked for us the longest, and dedicated their working lives to their tribe. Here's the final kicker: the actual saving of tribal dollars is around \$25,000, not \$400,000-plus! The chairman (who is now claiming he had nothing to do with the proposed over the max cuts, and is now blaming the board), would have cut GRANT FUNDED wages, and called it a savings! Typically, if grant dollars are earmarked for wages, that's how it must be spent! You can't decide to spend it on whatever you choose, YOU GIVE THE MONEY BACK! Those dollars are regulated by law.

The proposed over the max cuts would also once again cut casino wages! Cut wages on people who haven't had a raise in years? Harm 100 families to save \$25,000? Unacceptable, and I won't do it. But watch, the allegations are already being thrown around that those board members who voted to stop this madness must be protecting family or friends or are in cahoots with one of the previous chairmen (who, incidentally, have been so vilified by our current chairman that it is embarrassing). I believe in raising our people up, not tearing them down.

I would now like to address the flat out lying of Chairman Payment when he declared that the JKL School would close at the end of this school year due to an expiring tribal lease. He incited parents to organize and "stand with him" against the tribe, to fight against something that didn't exist. This twisted action was so harmful to our children, parents, school employees and

community, that the board of directors was forced to issue the following press release:

Official board statement on JKL Bahweting PSA, published 25 March 2015.

The following was released by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors at its March 24, 2015, meeting:

In an effort to clarify any misconceptions regarding the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting PSA, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indian is providing the following statements:

- The current lease between the tribe and the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting PSA is not expired, nor expiring in the near future.

- The tribal board of directors is committed to the future growth of the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting PSA and all of our community's children.

- The tribe is currently working towards expanding the gymnasium and cafeteria areas within the Joseph K. Lumsden

Bahweting PSA and has previously taken action by resolution to authorize the purchase of the parcels adjacent to the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting PSA for future expansion purposes.

- The school is not closing!

I will never forget the crying grandparents.

I dislike that I had to bring these issues to you, in this very public way. I work hard to maintain positive communications with our tribal citizens and have consistently taken the high road regardless of the personal assaults, but I could no longer remain quiet; the truth needs to be spoken. Our people are being hurt. Senator Elisabeth Warren stated that she is paid to stand up for what she believes in — her words rang true with me. I believe in our people!

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## Tribal leaders attend 2015 self-governance conference

Directors Cathy Abramson, Lana Causley and Bridgett Sorenson, and Executive Director Christine McPherson represented Sault Tribe at the 2015 Tribal Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference, *Tribal Self-Governance: A Legacy for Future Generations*, April 26-30 in Reno, Nev., sponsored by the Self-Governance Communication

and Education Tribal Consortium, Department of the Interior and Indian Health Service.

The national consultation conference renews and strengthens partnerships between tribes and federal government officials by addressing tribal policy issues, sharing best practices, and formulating recommendations for improvement.



Left to right, Unit III Director Bridgett Sorenson, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut Chairwoman Lynn Malerba, Unit I Director Cathy Abramson and Unit II Director Lana Causley at the conference.



Left to right, Directors Abramson and Sorenson, Acting IHS Director Robert McSwain, Director Causley and Sault Tribe Executive Director Christine McPherson.



Left to right, Directors Abramson and Sorenson, BIA Director Kevin Washburn and Director LanaCausley.

# Statement: Time to change how we do things



**Jennifer McLeod**  
Director, Unit I

Aaniin, Anishnaabek, last month, my unit report was not printed in our tribal newspaper. I wish to thank Editor Jennifer Dale Burton for her quick response and assistance in helping to correct the omission.

I sincerely appreciate the concern expressed by many of you and I want to assure you that, this month, you will find my unit report for April as well as May.

My fellow tribal members, I will once again be outspoken and forthright in my communication to you this month.

**Our tribe needs to change.** I believe we need a major shift in how our tribe “works,” and I believe *it needs to start with the board of directors*. I work with some very fine and dedicated men and women; individuals who stepped up and were selected by their communities (units) to serve as their representatives. I’ve witnessed board members who work hard and demonstrate generosity

and commitment to the people of our tribe.

My suggestions are not in reference to how board members **individually** do their jobs. However, I believe what we do when we are **together** in our workshops, budget meetings, committee meetings and board meetings needs to change, continuing to do things “the way we’ve always done it” isn’t good enough.

In the three years I have been seated at the board table, I have yet to see a plan that speaks to the future of our tribe. What are our priorities? Where are we weak? Where are we strong? What do our people need? How do we involve our people in the decisions we make? What do we do in the event of a crisis?

Our Constitution directs us to perpetuate our way of life and provide for the welfare and prosperity of our people. Instead, we spend huge amounts of time on budgets (many of which are grants and they are basically dictated by the granting agency!), and we allow ourselves to get involved too deeply in the day-to-day operations of every department and enterprise.

I mean no disrespect to my colleagues, but I believe it’s time to change from the “way we’ve always done it” to thinking about “how can we do this better?”

We could begin by **developing a cohesive plan for the future** of our people that keeps the foundation of our being Anishnaabe STRONG. In my opinion, we spend too much time focusing on things that are “less about where we are going,” and more about “where we have been.”

Please don’t misunderstand

me, the mistakes of the past are important to learn from so that we don’t repeat them. However, I am weary of listening to the current chairman’s rants about chairmen of the past, instead of meaningful discussion over what we are doing NOW. I am weary of meetings that are allowed to disintegrate into chaos and lose the focus and purpose of the meeting. With a shift in our thinking, we can put a stop to the nonsense and focus on what truly matters — moving our tribe forward in a good way and making life better for our people. I am not criticizing individual board members. I believe, individually, board members DO work to make life better for our people, but we can do so much more as a group if we look at how we’ve done things over the years and ask ourselves, “How’s this working for us?”

You have heard me say before in my reports that we need to prioritize. We need to have a plan. We don’t. Wait, let me rephrase those statements. There are LOTS of plans, but they address goals established by various departments. I am saying that the board of directors needs to prioritize, and have a plan, **a tribal strategic plan**. As a board, we need to change what our meetings are about, put a stop to the chaos and make time to plan. I don’t have all the answers, I do not believe any ONE of us does. But, I do know that working together we can make a difference. I know that change begins by asking the right questions such as:

- Has life become better or worse for our people? How? Why?
- What is our tribal unemployment rate and what are we doing about it?

• How can we improve access to medical care for ALL of our members?

• Why are we losing so many of our young people to drugs and suicide and how do we stop it?

• Are the children using our language?

• What are the needs of our elders?

These are just examples of a few questions we could focus on and really make a change in the lives of our people. Perhaps there are questions even more important that should be looked at first, I am merely providing some examples. But our board time is structured to do the same things we have always done. Meeting agendas get filled with minor budget modifications and resolutions based on politics, instead of tribal need (as is the case for the May 5 board meeting). Too much of the board’s time together as a group is spent focused on dollars instead of people. We can change that.

Let’s look at the constitutional goal of “perpetuation of our way of life.” I believe we need to be focused on how we are going to make certain our language and culture does not vanish. We have some excellent cultural and language events and activities, but is it enough? Is this board of directors providing enough resources to rejuvenate the use of our language so that seven generations from now, we will have MORE language speakers?

Let us look at the other constitutional goals: Are we doing enough to provide for the welfare and prosperity of our people? Are the basic needs of food, medicine and housing being met? I know the

answer is “no.” The need of our people is great in these areas and I want to give credit to those departments who work hard to address those needs. But as a tribe, can we do better? I know the answer is yes. But we have to change. We are a TRIBE, not a corporation. I believe the board of directors needs to focus **more on PEOPLE**, less on dollars. I heard someone say recently, “We had more, when we had less.” We had more caring, more connection and more hope. Sadly, I understood exactly what was meant.

Members of our board of directors do many good things and work hard, but it’s time to work better. I believe it is time to do what we demand of our staff. Plan where we are going, prioritize what is important and hold ourselves accountable for getting there. We need a **tribal strategic plan**. Moving in this direction would require a huge shift in thinking, procedures and accountability measures. But I believe we MUST do this. Continuing to do what we have always done will only bring us more of the same.

This is only a small part of changes I think need to happen for the betterment of our tribe. I am interested in what YOU think. Please feel free to contact me via phone, email, “snail-mail,” texts or come visit me at my office (I rent an office in the Big Bear Arena) and, as always, if I can be of any help, please don’t hesitate to contact me!

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## Reporting on National Tribal Caucus actions



**Catherine Hollowell**  
Director, Unit II

I promised last month to give a more in-depth report regarding the work I am involved with as a National Tribal Caucus leader representing Great Lakes tribes. I want to begin by saying that tribal issues and concerns relating to our environment and to natural resources is not an isolated departmental issue. It represents where the battle for strong tribal sovereignty will be played out over the next decade. It also represents where the opportunity for economic, education and cultural/social prosperity will emerge. The devil is in the details and it requires strong partnership and unification with our sister tribes throughout the Great Lakes region. These issues are converging and destined toward constitutional deliberations

at some point. It’s imperative we not find ourselves asleep at the wheel.

As we come off the 30th celebration of EPA’s 1984 Indian policy, and as a tribal representative of the National Tribal Caucus (NTC), I am thankful to former EPA Administrator Carol Browning for her memo implementing this Indian policy. Prior to that period, there was no venue for tribal nations to influence regulation or funding in Indian Country.

Two significant events occurred recently that brought the Indian policy into sharp relief as we tackle environmental concerns at the local level. One, coming out of the last presidential tribal leader’s summit in Washington, D.C., where current Administrator McCarthy published a memo recommending the incorporation of “treaty rights” into the Indian policy and EPA. This is very big news, because the current federal regulatory framework delegates jurisdictional authority (and money) to the states. Holding states accountable — especially when it comes to quality standards and the permitting process — to the human health and cultural practices of tribes is groundbreaking.

The other event was the implementation of the new GAP Guidance (the base capacity development funding available to tribes—It’s woefully underfunded). As Chairman Billy Means, chairman of NTC states, “. . . One event furthers the cooperative spirit

between EPA and tribes, while the second event takes that spirit back to the Stone Age and goes against the fundamentals of the Indian policy and the trust responsibilities that the federal government has with the tribes across the nation.”

This is a snapshot of the current work the NTC is involved with. The NTC recommends scrapping the new GAP Guidance and begin a consultation process with the tribes across the nation on how we, together, can answer the questions and concerns raised in the 2007 inspector general’s report (DOI-

EPA Joint Report: *Protecting the Environment and Natural Resources in Indian Country*).

The NTC is also preparing its budget recommendations to the Office of Management and Budgets for fiscal year 2017. Tribal programing in many cases are tied to state appropriations as a percentage “set aside.” For instance, the Great Lakes National Program Office proposes a funding cut to fiscal year 2016 budgets.

The result will mean a belt tightening at the state level, but an evisceration of programs at

the tribal level. It translates into a funding cut of as much as 77 percent to particular tribes and 92 percent of all funding to the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission.

This is an example of the disparity we face in Indian Country (that can only be viewed as a social injustice) and where NTC works to correct funding formulas as well as regulatory decisions that adversely impact tribal nations.

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## Grants help with raising children



**Kim Gravelle**  
Director, Unit I

Hello, I would like to inform the membership we received a grant through Intrer-Tribal

Council to establish a Healthy Start and a Family Spirit Program.

These grants will provide for home visits to tribal families to assist in developing parenting skills through education training.

It will target pregnant and postpartum women, fathers and other caregivers and children newborn to two years of age. All women of childbearing age are an additional focus of community education and program-sponsored events.

The overall goal is to enhance maternal and infant care support and education to decrease infant morbidity. The grant will last for five years.

To see if you qualify, please call the Sault Tribe Health

Center at 632-5200 and ask for Debbie Sirk or Pamela Smith.

A lot of my time is spent on the phone talking with members from all over the United States. Most of the concerns are the negative messages that are being put out on social media. I try to help them decide what is truth and what is rumor.

In order for us to grow as a successful tribe we need to work together and not pull each other down.

I also want to take the time to thank all the team members for the hard work they do every day for our tribe. It is appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments you can contact me at (906) 203-6083 or at KKGravelle@saulttribe.net.

# Question: When will common sense prevail?



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Unfortunately the campaigning has already started, so we are in for a long year of craziness. The chairman's last report has all kinds of legislation being brought forward and already on the meeting agenda. All I can say is, it is easy for one person to add anything to the agenda and make yourself look good, especially when you don't have to vote on it unless there is a tie. You can promise the moon and sit back and say I tried to bring all of these wonderful things forward but the big, bad board wouldn't go for it. These are not actions of a good leader. The campaigning is so obvious, back on committees that were resigned from, attending elders' meetings since the last election, twisting of facts to create hysteria to then look like the hero when it doesn't happen.

There are a few things that bother me, such as conflict of interest. We have people voting on things that they should not be. I actually cannot believe how often it happens. I do not feel that I need to call a conflict; I think it is an individual person's responsibility to abstain.

Another problem I have is the hiring of people's relatives. Somehow, people believe if you have a level of supervisory between the supervisor and his/her relatives, that is ok. How can it be? If that

supervisor disciplines the other supervisor's relative, that supervisor will get the backlash from their supervisor. I would never want my relatives working in the same department as me if I was a supervisor. There are enough jobs in different areas of the tribe where you shouldn't have to work with a person's family. This obviously creates morale issues but it is the way we have always done it and look how that is working for us!

I want to let the membership know about the 2 percent liability each casino has to pay in lieu of taxes to their local units of government. I personally believe the liability charged to that casino should be the amount that stays in that community. That was the intent of the 2 percent liability but it is being used to garner votes instead. I will give you numbers to show you:

**(PLEASE SEE TABLE,  
ABOVE, RIGHT)**

There are 2 percent long term agreements in each area with some under contracts. Some of these agreements were made years ago and others recently. When it comes to any long-term agreement, the full board needs to vote on whether to approve. Once all of the long-term liabilities are paid in each cycle (spring and fall), then the remaining amount is divided among the five units to split evenly. So each time one of our Unit III long term agreements have expired, that money is either put in another area or split between all five units. You can see that Unit III is getting the shaft. For the spring cycle, we have \$205,706 in requests and \$51,635.45 to be able to give away. If we actually received what our actual liability was, we could benefit our community a lot more.

I just got back from a self-governance conference in Reno, Nev., with directors Abramson and Causley. It was a very eye opening conference. There are many members who think our tribe is so bad off, but after listening to the various other tribes, we are very fortunate.

| CASINO           | ACTUAL LIABILITY<br>04/01/14 – 03/31/15 | ACTUAL YEARLY<br>PAID | DIFFERENCE            |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Hessel           | \$ 54,133.48                            | \$144,229.70          | \$ 90,096.22          |
| Christmas        | \$136,115.82                            | \$206,239.70          | \$ 70,124.18          |
| Manistique       | \$180,054.47                            | \$190,229.70          | \$ 10,175.23          |
| St. Ignace       | \$545,572.76                            | \$219,129.70          | <b>(\$326,443.06)</b> |
| Sault Ste. Marie | \$629,659.98                            | \$785,717.70          | \$156,057.72          |

Some tribes have no water or roads. Some have to travel 200-600 miles for medical treatment. Many of these tribes are located on the west coast. A few very disturbing facts discussed were the national suicide rate is 2.5 times higher for Native Americans. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for males 15-24 years old. Also, drug related deaths have doubled in Indian Country from 2000 to 2008. We as tribal communities have our work cut out for us.

One afternoon we had a listening session with Robert McSwain, the acting director of Indian Health Service. Tribal leaders were invited to sit at the table and voice their concerns with issues in their communities and then the floor was open to the public. Many of the tribes concerns were access to health care and being so far underfunded.

After the listening session, there was a tribal caucus with moderators Lynn Malerba, chief of the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut and chairwoman of IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee, and W. Ron Allen, tribal chairman/CEO of Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and chairman of the DOI Self-Governance Advisory Committee. The tribes and legal staff discussed knocking down doors to get support for legislation prior to the next election. The tribes want contract support costs to be a permanent part of the yearly budget.

There are 566 federally recognized tribes in the U.S. and 350 of those are self-governance tribes. When self-governance started there were only 14 tribes with 14 compacts and there are now 87

compacts.

At the April 14 workshop, there was more discussion on the St. Ignace Midjim with the manager recommending we start a feasibility study soon due to the issues of the current location and the uncertainty of a proposed move. The planning and development department worked on finding this free feasibility study and located a firm that specializes in these types of studies with excellent experience in the industry and in Indian Country.

The break even analysis for payback on a new store in St. Ignace would be 14 years, 47 years for a Hessel Midjim and 25 years for a Manistique Midjim. At the same time, the housing director came forward with a sketch of a possible mixed-use travel plaza (gas station, retail and residential) on the property of the old casino. This included the elders apartments and an elders/community center also on that property. The housing director was questioned and criticized for bringing these sketches forward. God forbid if someone thinks outside of the box or takes some initiative. The biggest problem is that it is being considered for Unit III. We have the longest waiting list for housing, we have a dysfunctional Midjim, and the Housing Authority has money for economic development and it makes sense.

So now I am told that it is too late for the feasibility study because of the games at the board table and now, at the May 5 meeting, it is on the agenda to repair the old building for \$266,000 without replacing the tanks. Now we will waste the money to tear up all the concrete and parking lot when we do replace the tanks. Wow, so much for doing

what is best for the tribe. A free feasibility study and due diligence goes out the window because we don't like Unit III. Common sense doesn't exist.

At the last elders' meeting in Unit III, I told the elders what was going on with our Midjim and asked for their support if this was still an issue when the board meeting was going to be held in St. Ignace on June 9. Later that day, there was an email sent out to the board saying a board member was campaigning at elder meetings. I guess asking them to support our area is campaigning. I think it was the fact that I told them the truth that we had maybe six votes and the chairman did not support it. He wanted the feasibility study money to be spent on business plans for the enterprises instead.

I will stand up for my unit and what I think is right for this whole tribe as long as I am alive. I am tired of people sticking their nose in our unit and disrespecting our elders when they have no idea what is going on nor is it any of their business. We have a great community and your actions will not weaken us!

Congratulations to all those who are graduating this month and taking the next step in your future! For those attending college — there are many things people can take away from you, but your education is not one of them! For those joining the workforce — your work ethic will define you and can make or break future promotions.

Contact me at bsorenson@sault-tribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536. Appointments can be made for personal face-to-face meeting at my office.

## Researching a culture camp for Munising area



**RITA GLYPTIS**

**DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Congratulations to Munising High School 2015 graduating seniors. On Monday, May 5, a special recognition ceremony was held at the Munising elders' dinner to honor the graduates. They are Garrett Blank, Karlee Decet, Calvin Gauthier, Nickolas Goings, Matthew Johnson, Courtney Livermore and Amanda Marinoff.

Good luck with all your future plans.

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority will be attending the

elders' meeting in Munising on May 18 to assist them with applications, determining eligibility and to answer questions regarding the Home Improvement Program. They also met with the Marquette elders at their meeting on May 7.

The Weatherization Program opened in April and can assist homeowners with home repair or replacement to make the home more energy efficient. If you would like more information about these programs, please contact Annie Thibert, homeowner specialist, at 495-1450 or (800) 794-4072.

At the board of directors meeting held in Munising on April 21, the board approved the appointment of Anita Nelson, tribal elder, as the Michigan Indian Education Association alternate delegate representing the elders of Sault Tribe as outlined in the MIEA Bylaws. Congrats!

The resolution below titled *Munising Culture Camp Planning* was also approved by a majority of the board at the meeting. After some discussion and accusations that I am being Unit V specific and not representing the tribe as a whole, it was approved to look for

resources and to put together a plan for use of the vacant building and property.

As you can see by reading the resolution, it is written and intended to research options and to establish a plan for use of the building. Nothing more. All board members have the ability to discuss and to submit a resolution for anything they feel needs to be done in their communities and for all tribal membership. The tribe owns the building and my only motivation is to find a way for our members to use it.

*Resolution 2015-89*

*Munising Culture Camp planning*

*Whereas, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 467 et seq; and*

*Whereas, the building previously known as the Munising Tribal Center has been vacant since 2007 when health and tribal services relocated to the new location at the old Lincoln School property; and*

*Whereas, the Tribal Board of Directors committed in 1998 the*

*resources to establish the Mary Murray Culture Camp Building on Sugar Island to promote cultural practices and community social and educational purposes; and*

*Whereas, upon closing the building previously known the Munising Tribal Center; it was clearly stated that this building would be rededicated for a similar purpose as the Mary Murray Culture Camp.*

*Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby directs that a project team be established to develop a long term strategic plan for utilizing the Munising Tribal Center in a similar fashion as the Mary Murray Culture Camp, as well as, for concentrating regional social services including youth education and activities, tribal social services, community events, powwows and pot lucks.*

*BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that within 90 days of enactment this plan shall be presented to the Board of Directors.*

On March 16, Tom Derwin was nominated and voted as the new chairperson of the Munising Elders Subcommittee. Thank you to outgoing Chairperson Anita Nelson for

your dedicated service. The elders meeting in Munising is held on the third Monday of every month at 4 p.m., which includes an awesome meal provided by the Christmas casino. The Marquette elders meeting and meal is held at the Holiday Inn in Marquette on the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. These meals are a great opportunity for our members to get together, socialize and to share questions and information. I encourage our members to attend.

Miigwech to tribal elder Bill Perry for bringing the staff to the board meeting in Munising and for the smudging and prayer.

Our voices on the western end need to be heard as we are a small, outnumbered part of our tribe. If you have any comments, questions or concerns please contact me anytime. Together we can make positive changes for all tribal members in all areas. We have a say, we just need to be heard and to support progressive change for the greater good of our tribe and our communities.

Sincerely,  
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# We must overcome our self-generated obstacles



**DJ Hoffman**  
Director, Unit I

The tribe is facing many challenges. Currently, many of the obstacles facing us are self-generated. We need to address these changes head on and take necessary steps to right the ship.

## CASINOS

Last month, I mentioned the crossroads we are currently at with our casino operations and that we were headed in a downward direction. I did not have the numbers to provide last month regarding the casinos' performances; however, I am not in possession of current financials.

In an interesting twist it appears that I will have to ask permission of the Gaming Authority to provide these "proprietary figures" within my unit report. Our tribe's Legal has provided the advice to treat this information as proprietary and thus confidential unless the Gaming Authority agrees to disclose it. Therefore, I cannot provide the exact figures at this time. I believe that this information should be published on a monthly basis to allow the membership to see the performance of our operations on a regular basis.

What I can state is that according to last year's annual report and audits (public) is that first quarter net revenues in 2014 were just over \$20 million. This year's first quarter net revenues are at \$\_\_\_\_\_ million. This blank space denotes a figure less than 18, but higher than 17.

## CEO

For the May 5, 2015, meeting of the board of directors, I sponsored a resolution to post the position of Chief Executive Officer of Kewadin Casinos. The position is a key employment position, approved in the 2015 casino budgets. Hiring of this "key employee" requires seven votes of the board of directors. Under the tribe's adopted personnel policies, all positions must be posted.

Some members of the board have argued that the resolution would send the wrong message to

the temporary Casino Executive Officer. My concern continues to be the message of not following policy, adopted by tribal resolution, and what it conveys to the membership and our employees as a whole. In addition, policy also dictates that temporary positions shall not exceed six months; it has been nearly six months since the temporary position was hired.

In August (2014), an RFP (Request for Proposals) was distributed externally with the following as its premise:

*Temporary overall management of gaming/hospitality operations with the ultimate goal of assisting with selection of a permanent chief executive officer of Kewadin Casinos.*

This resolution to post the position not only complies with the policies and procedures of the tribe, it adheres to the intent of the RFP. In addition, the language within the resolution was derived from these policies.

I have been asked where the non-grant revenues generated by our tribe are allocated. Therefore, I have asked for a detailed breakdown for tribal support by area, you will find it at right.

\*The disparity in 2010's Administrative expense is attributed to the purchase of Indian Energy.

Internal Services accounts for 30.5 percent of our tribal support dollars.

Administration accounts for 41.7 percent of our tribal support dollars.

Legal accounts for 8.8 percent of our tribal support dollars.

These three areas account for over 81 percent of the tribal support dollars generated by our tribe.

It is apparent that with 81 percent of our tribal support dollars being earmarked for these three areas that we have to re-look at how we operate and what exactly our focus is as a tribe.

## JKL BAHWETING SCHOOL

I placed this in my previous report, and I will continue to place it in my report it so that we can move this project forward.

The JKL Bahweting School is an excellent school that is in need of expansion. Currently the school has over 490 students K-8. With this many students it is shocking to find that the current capacity of the schools sole gymnasium is 51. This disparity is startling. Imagine the Sault Community and its frigid temperatures in the winter, or rainy days in the spring. Now imagine how 490-plus students spend recess, athletic practices, Christmas concerts, awards cer-

## TRIBAL SUPPORT RECONCILIATION

| AREA          | 2010              | 2011              | 2012              | 2013              | 2014              |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| EDUCATION     | 330,572           | 398,686           | 430,454           | 531,019           | 620,553           |
| ELDERLY       | 554,301           | 587,731           | 535,084           | 584,146           | 534,108           |
| HEALTH        | 547,937           | 402,375           | (262,430)         | (2,495)           | 0                 |
| LAW/ENFOR     | 8,223             | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| ACFS          | 844,471           | 425,132           | 424,899           | 395,759           | 388,540           |
| INTERNAL      | 2,326,659         | 3,121,041         | 3,925,428         | 5,740,925         | 5,259,679         |
| BIG BEAR      | 729,724           | 780,691           | 775,011           | 853,128           | 805,116           |
| ADMIN         | 10,077,321        | 7,305,625         | 7,172,914         | 7,364,265         | 7,181,493         |
| INDIRECT      | 1,119,470         | 503,008           | 591,782           | 578,255           | 359,474           |
| CULTURAL      | 555,072           | 552,310           | 486,460           | 594,657           | 536,972           |
| ENVIRONMENTAL | 4,649             | 5,724             | 4,307             | 4,048             | 5,310             |
| LEGAL         | 2,497,815         | 2,329,733         | 1,068,315         | 1,563,949         | 1,525,798         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>19,596,214</b> | <b>16,412,056</b> | <b>15,152,224</b> | <b>18,207,656</b> | <b>17,217,043</b> |

emonies, etc. Currently, the children are bussed back and forth to Big Bear for gym class and athletics. It rents space at outside venues for its concerts and events. In this case, the demand for space for these children is high, and the supply is inadequate. The school needs a new, larger gymnasium to accommodate the children.

This is not merely the opinion of elected official; it has been discussed and debated continually with members of the tribal board

and school board as well as direct input from parents and staff.

The timeframe for moving this project forward is closing to accomplish this prior to the next school year. Please contact your board members and give it the support it so desperately needs.

Encourage people to stop merely talking, and start getting things done

I will continue to push forward with members of the board that wish to be progressive. I

will also continue to work with members of the board to ensure that we become innovative in our approach to economic diversification, membership services, and stepping out of the non-progressive box that we appear to be confined to.

Sincerely,

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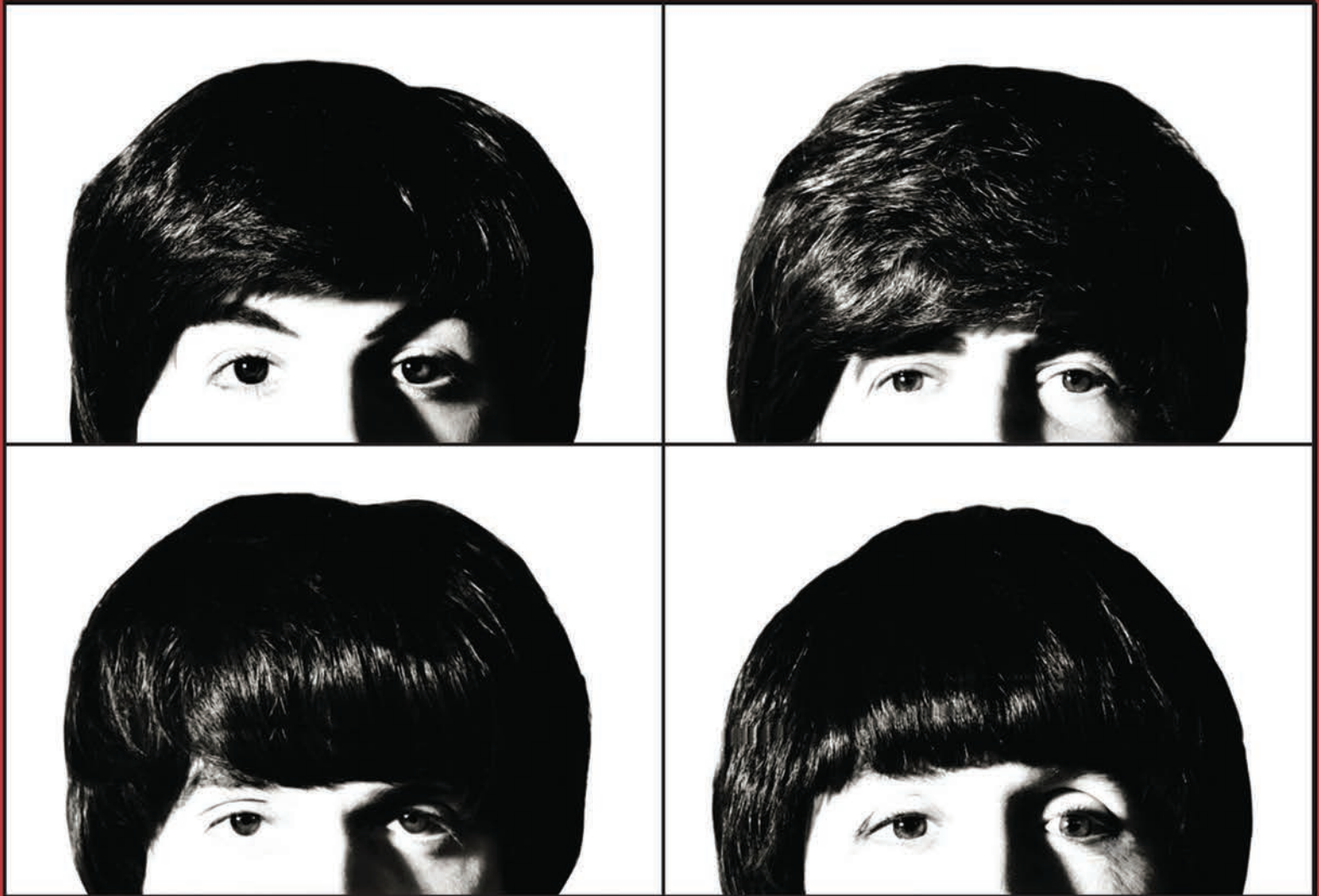
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