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## Sault Tribe voters return incumbents to office



**Aaron Payment,**  
Chairperson



**Dennis McKelvie,**  
Unit I



**Jennifer McLeod-Tyson,**  
Unit I



**Michael McKerchie,**  
Unit I



**Lana Causley-Smith,**  
Unit II



**Bridgett Sorenson,**  
Unit III



**Darcy Morrow,**  
Unit IV



**Anita Nelson,**  
Unit V

SAULT STE. MARIE — All tribal board incumbents running for re-election were returned to office in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' 2016 general election, according to the June 23 General Election Day unofficial results.

In the chairperson's race, incumbent Aaron Payment was re-elected. Running against him was Unit III Director Keith Massaway.

Payment said, "I am honored and humbled to have been returned to office by Sault Tribe voters. We have great things on the horizon that deserve immediate attention, like our mandatory

trust petition and our downstate casinos that will yield much needed revenues to expand services back home and finally bring services to members no matter where they live. I will do my best to earn everyone's support going forward."

The Sault Tribe is governed by a 13-member board of directors with representatives from five election units across the tribe's seven-county service area in the Michigan counties of Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce, Schoolcraft, Alger, Delta and Marquette, a board chairperson is elected by all tribal members registered to vote. The four-year terms are

staggered so the board always has experienced directors seated. The election is conducted by mail.

In Unit I (Sault area), three seats were up for election, with Unit I Director Cathy Abramson retiring. Incumbents Dennis McKelvie and Jennifer McLeod were voted back in and newcomer Michael McKerchie will take the seat vacated by Abramson.

In Unit II (Hessel area), incumbent Lana Causley-Smith was returned to office unopposed.

In Unit III (St. Ignace area), incumbent Bridgett Sorenson defeated opponent Ilene Moses.

In Unit IV (Manistique area), Director Darcy Morrow was

returned to office, fending off candidate Krystal Goudreau.

In the Unit V (Munising area) Special Election to decide who would fill the vacancy left by former director Rita Glyptis's removal, Anita Nelson defeated Charles Matson Sr.

The contest period for election results ends June 27 after which the results will be certified and the directors installed in a special ceremony where they will take the oath of office.

### ELECTION RESULTS

(Winners in bold.)

### CHAIRPERSON

**Aaron A. Payment 3,485**  
Keith Massaway 3,224

### UNIT I

**Michael McKerchie 1,559**  
**Dennis McKelvie 1,487**  
**Jennifer McLeod 1,382**  
Angeline Bouley 1,299  
Betty Freiheit 1,154  
Nichole Causley 1,107

### UNIT II

**Lana Causley** was unopposed and deemed elected

### UNIT III

**Bridgett Sorenson 931**  
Ilene Moses 547

### UNIT IV

**Darcy Morrow 488**  
Krystal Goudreau 299

### UNIT 5

**Anita Nelson 295**  
Charles Matson Sr. 222

## Dollar General faces trial in Choctaw tribal court

BY RICK SMITH

What some are describing as a huge win for Indian Country and others call a limited victory, an evenly split Supreme Court decision left the ruling of a lower court in place, which found in favor of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in a civil suit against the Dollar General Corporation.

The Choctaw filed a suit in tribal court against Dollar General after a 13-year-old boy alleged the manager of a Dollar

General store molested the lad as he worked as an unpaid intern at the store on the Choctaw reservation. The boy was in a short-term internship as a participant in a youth development program supported by a mutual agreement between Dollar General and the Choctaw band. Representatives for the plaintiff in the suit seek \$2.5 million.

The tribal court agreed to handle the case, but Dollar General claimed the tribal court has no jurisdiction over people who are

not members of the tribe. The accused manager is not a member of the Choctaw band and Dollar General is a chain of 12,400 variety stores in 43 states with corporate headquarters in Tennessee.

In short, Dollar General took the case to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth District, which has jurisdiction in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The Fifth Circuit Court sided with the tribal court's decision to handle the case. Dollar General took the case to the Supreme Court where the eight justices rendered a split-decision of four in favor of the lower court ruling and four against the lower court decision. The tie resulted in the court issuing a very brief notation regarding the decision made by the lower court, "The judgment is affirmed by an equally divided court."

Sault Tribe General Counsel John Wernet said, "That means the issue in the case — the authority of tribal courts to assert civil jurisdiction over non-Indians — is still very much in play and it will most likely come back to the Supreme Court in a future case."

A release from the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) indicated the situation in the Dollar General vs. Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is the third Supreme Court decision this year that backs tribal sovereignty in major Indian law cases.

See "Dollar General," page 21

## Michael J. Olujic hired as Kewadin Casinos' CEO

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — After a national search, the Kewadin Gaming Authority has hired Michael J. Olujic as the new CEO of Kewadin Casinos. He was selected by an independent interview panel.

Olujic will come onboard on July 11.

"I am very excited to be part of Kewadin Casinos and the tribe, and I am honored to be part of the team," said Olujic. "I am happy to contribute to Kewadin Casinos' success now and into the future."

The new CEO brings over 15 years of executive management and over 10 years of executive gaming and tribal financial experience to his new role. Olujic held senior leadership roles as general manager of Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino in Chandler, Ariz., CEO of North Star Mohican Casino Resort in Bowler, Wisc., and CFO of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin in Green Bay. Prior to working with tribes, Olujic held strategic financial leadership positions at IBM.

In these leadership roles, Olujic led and managed over \$270 million in new property development and venue transformation. He also managed organizations in excess of



**Michael J. Olujic is a member of the Oneida Nation of Indians of Wisconsin with an MBA from Marquette University and over 10 years experience in executive gaming and tribal finances.**

\$500 million and over 3,000 employees. Olujic's properties have achieved accolades such as AAA four-diamond recognition, Travelocity Excellence Award, Open Table top restaurants, Wine Spectator award, and Telly/Davey Awards for best marketing commercial and direct mail.

Olujic is a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University with a major in accounting and a minor in American Indian studies, and an MBA from Marquette University.

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# A few faces from the 2016 Manistique powwow



Above, Casey Hinkson of Manistique and her daughters, from left, Finley and Lilah, wait to watch the start of the grand entry.



Above, Marge and Bill Lanford of Ishpeming Township soak up some sun and wait for clients to come calling after setting up shop at the 2016 Manistique Gathering of the Clans Powwow on June 11-12. The tent raised by the Lanfords harkens back to years of yore as it appears similar to old photos from eras such as the Civil War, construction of the Soo Locks and many other periods. Dancers, vendors, powwow staff and spectators alike enjoyed sunshine and breezy fresh air along with the usual powwow trappings and proceedings.



Above, from left, Billy Perry and Don Jenerou, both from towns around the Manistique area, stand with a POW/MIA community staff Jenerou made and gave as a gift several years ago.

Sault Tribe powwows in Manistique usually take place immediately behind the tribe's community center along U.S. Route 2 east of Manistique.

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- Naubinway**-Pavilion- July 27, 2016 - 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Munising**-Tribal Health Center- August 4, 2016 – 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- St. Ignace**- Elder Meal Site – August 12, 2016 – 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Hessel**- Elder Meal Site- August 15, 2016 - 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Newberry**-Tribal Health Center-August 19, 2016 – 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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Tom Tufnell, one of the Club Car drivers helping to expedite folks and gear around the different areas adjacent to the powwow grounds.

# Jury duty — A constitutional right

## FROM TRIBAL COURT STAFF

Jurors are the heart of the tribe's judicial system. In all criminal cases, defendants are entitled to a trial by a jury of members of his or her tribal community.

Jurors are selected randomly from a list of members enrolled with the tribe's Enrollment Department every six months.

Juror questionnaires are sent to each member selected. Selectees are required to answer and return the juror questionnaire within 10 days after receiving it. Refusing to answer, make truthful statements or return it, could result in

a fine, imprisonment or both for contempt of court. The full cooperation of every citizen is necessary if our system of justice is to function fairly and efficiently.

By completing the juror questionnaire, it allows the court to make determinations whether people are qualified and able to serve as jurors. It also provides the court with updated information of where to send a summons to appear for jury duty to selectees. In addition, the information provided gives the parties and attorneys in cases to "pre-screen" jurors, alleviating the need for a longer trial by reducing the time

it takes to select juries.

Tribal Court will review all requests for hardship, medical and other reasons for excusal if one is called upon to serve as a juror.

Tribal Court reminds each member to please complete the juror questionnaire and return it to the court as soon as possible. If a form has been misplaced, additional forms can be obtained through the Tribal Court or by calling (906) 635-4963.

Thank you for your support of the jury system, an important component of a free society.

## Sault Tribe committee vacancies

The following committees have vacant seats. Sault Tribe members interested in filling these vacancies should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from other members to Joanne Carr or Linda Grossett, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783. Call 635-6050 for any questions.

- Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Three vacancies (men, four-year term)
- Health Board - One vacancy (four-year term)
- Inland Conservation Committee - Two vacancies (four-year term)
- Election Committee - Two vacancies (four-year term)
- Special Needs/Enrollment Committee - Six vacancies (two-year term)
- Child Welfare Committee - Four vacancies (four-year term)
- Unit I Sault Elders

Subcommittee - Two alternates (one four-year term and one two-year term)

- Unit II Hessel Elders Subcommittee - Two regular seat vacancies, one alternate (four-year term)
- Unit II Newberry Elders Subcommittee - One regular seat vacancy, one alternate (four-year term)
- Unit II Naubinway Elders Subcommittee - One alternate (four-year term)
- Unit IV Manistique Elders Subcommittee - One regular seat vacancy, one alternate (four-year term)
- Unit V Munising Elders Subcommittee - Two alternate (four-year term)
- Unit V Marquette Elders Subcommittee - One regular seat vacancy, one alternate (four-year term)

# — Employment opportunities —

Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians employment opportunities Call (866) 635-7032, send email to [stemployment@saulttribe.net](mailto:stemployment@saulttribe.net) or apply online at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

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Event worker – part time/regular – open until filled

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Weight room monitor – part time/regular – open until filled

Medical technologist – part time/regular – open until filled

Project specialist (Education) – full time/regular – open until filled

Diagnostic radiology technologist specialist – full time/regular – open until filled

Probation officer – full time/regular – open until filled

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tionist/judicial secretary – full time/regular – open until filled

Early Head Start instructor – full time/regular – open until filled

Health education supervisor – full time/regular – open until filled

Community Health educator – full time/regular – open until filled

Insurance manager – full time/regular – open until filled

HESSEL, ST. IGNACE, ESCANABA, MANISTIQUE, MARQUETTE, MUNISING and NEWBERRY

Chief solo dentist (Manistique) – full time/regular – open until filled

Dietician (St. Ignace) – full time/regular – open until filled

Staff dentist (St. Ignace) – part time/regular – open until filled

KEWADIN CASINO OPENINGS

SAULT STE. MARIE Chief executive officer – full

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Marketing director – full time/regular – open until filled  
Website administrator – full time/regular – open until filled

### ST. IGNACE

Bar servers (2) – full time/temporary – open until filled

Guest room attendant – full time/temporary – open until filled

Front desk clerk – (2) full time/temporary – open until filled

### MANISTIQUE

Gaming dealers (2) part time/temporary – open until filled

Lead cook – full time/regular – open until filled

### CHRISTMAS

Bartender – part time/regular – open until filled

Line cooks– (3) part time/regular – open until filled

### ENTERPRISE

General manager (Northern Hospitality) – full time/regular – open until filled.

## The summer's berry moons ...

June, July and August, the summer moons, are generally named for the berry that is ripe during that moon cycle. Strawberries are the first berries to ripen, followed by raspberries, blueberries and blackberries. There are regional variations, such as thimbleberry and huckleberry moons.

Berries are an important food for the Anishinabeg, providing a multitude of micronutrients and fiber to help fight off chronic diseases while providing the best of nutrition. Blueberries pack the most powerful antioxidant punch of any fresh vegetable or fruit. The blueberry's antioxidant activity helps fight against Alzheimer's, cancer, stroke, and promotes heart health, eye health and urinary tract health.

Strawberries are also high in antioxidants and a rich source of dietary fiber, folic acid, potassium, manganese, and contain more vitamin C than any other berry. Antioxidant compounds found in strawberries may also help fight the development of heart disease by discouraging bad cholesterol to form.

Raspberries are rich in anthocyanins and cancer-fighting phytochemicals. They also contain

calcium, vitamins A, C and E, fiber and folic acid. Some of the fiber in raspberries is soluble fiber in the form of pectin, which lowers cholesterol. Raspberries have also been found to protect against esophageal cancer and other cancers.

A modern problem with berries is their cultivation to make them bigger and "better." These days, people and even scientists are admitting that wild blueberries, and organic strawberries and raspberries are the better deal in taste, nutrition and purity.

Imagine a world in which we all ate berries, honey and maple sugar, whitefish and lake trout, pure and fresh water, delicious herbal teas and roots, and venison and moose — instead of fatty burgers and fries, deep fried mass-produced, brain-dead chickens, and microwaved pot pies washed down with chemical cocktails.

Speaking of feasts, June is usually the time of the summer feast, people coming home and people reconciling their differences. July is reflective of its Anishinabeg name — usually the raspberry — and is a time of learning about surmounting difficulty to reap the reward.

## Sault Tribe picnic near Marquette

Unit V Elder Subcommittee hosts a picnic on Aug 6, noon to 3 p.m., at Beaver Grove Recreation Area Township Park on US-41 South.

Please call Joe Gray at 249-3303 if you and your family will be attending.

Unit V is bordered by Lake Superior to the north, extending south and encompassing an area extending west of Marquette and

east of Munising and other communities.

Beaver Grove Recreation Area has many amenities such as a playground for youngsters, large gazebo, outdoor grills, restrooms, facilities baseball, soccer and basketball.

Maps and directions to the site can be found on the Internet.

# Membership liaisons — helping you to find tribal resources and information

Three membership liaisons work with the chairperson's office on membership issues and concerns across the service area. The requires knowledge the tribe and its practices, administrative experience and the ability to work with data, write reports and organize special projects and events.

The liaisons will also respond to and follow up on membership issues to ensure they are resolved.

Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact liaisons when they need help with tribal issues by emailing [membersconcerns@saulttribe.net](mailto:membersconcerns@saulttribe.net) or individually at:

Unit I — Sheila Berger, Office of the Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, [sberger@saulttribe.net](mailto:sberger@saulttribe.net)  
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# Graham assumes management of Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Tammy Graham began her new position as the recreation facility manager for the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center on June 6.

She has been at the facility since the summer of 1996, before the doors were open to the public, starting out as a part-time events coordinator after graduating from college. "When I interviewed for a position at the facility, I was convinced I wanted one of the two full-time management positions that were open at the time - Pro Shop and concessions. During the interview, the interviewer kept referring to the part-time events coordinator position despite my interest in the management positions. She said she thought it would be a better fit for me based on my resume, education and experience with sports and recreation. I decided to take the events coordinator position and was in that position for about six months before becoming the events manager, which is the title I have had until recently," she said.

As the events manager, Graham was over Chi Mukwa's youth program, Pro Shop, concessions, scheduling and the reception department. "I will no longer be overseeing the day-to-day operations of most of those departments in this new position, so that will be a big adjustment," she said.

In her new position, Graham will have responsibility for oversight of the entire facility.

"I have one new department that I will be supervising in addition to what I was doing before - operations. That manager and I have worked side by side for the past 20 years," she said.

New to Graham will be handling the business side of operations and working closely with the Accounting Department. During the transition from her events manager position to recreation facility manager, she will be doing both jobs until a replacement is hired.

Until someone is hired to replace her former position, she will be on the phone daily booking events, scheduling ice and working on contract negotiations. Although she will still be filling two sets of shoes for a while, she



said, "I won't be able to be as involved as I have in the past." Graham said she would like to focus on superior customer service and creating a positive work environment. "I would like to see Big Bear arena be the number one recreation facility in the state. I am going to try and elevate our staff so they know that everybody has a part in making us be that well-known facility. When you walk into a clean restroom, or your food is prepared correctly at concessions, or your skates get sharpened properly or you get greeted by the receptionist when you come in - all those things together help create the environment that make people want to be at the facility," she said.

"Our staff are important to every aspect of our customer service, from the windows being clean when you first walk in, to having a clean parking lot - because that is where your experience begins when you come here," Graham said.

The facilities 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is coming up in September and Graham said they are starting to talk about how to celebrate that benchmark.

Graham graduated from LSSU in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a concentration in management.

Graham's office is located on the second floor at Chi Mukwa and she can be reached by calling (906) 635-4758 or by email at tgraham@saulttribe.net.



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**Recreational Activities:  
Swimming / Games**

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE**

Sault Tribe Members 11 - 15 Years of Age

**WHERE**

Boedne Bay, Moran, Michigan

**WHEN**

Monday - Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> - August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**COST - None**

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**CONTACT**

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# BIA issues rules supporting ICWA family unity

BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) issued new regulations on June 8 in support of keeping American Indian families together in child welfare cases under state jurisdictions. The measures constitute the new final rule recently filed in the Federal Register. According to the BIA, the rule enables a more consistent interpretation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978, regardless of officials or states involved.

"The final rule (25 CFR 23) builds upon the work of tribes and states by clarifying the Indian Child Welfare Act's requirements, promoting consistency in Indian child-placement proceedings, and ensuring that regardless of the state court forum, children and their parents receive the active efforts envisioned by Congress to maintain family and community," Acting Assistant BIA Secretary Lawrence S. Roberts said in an

official statement. "Child welfare workers, state court judges and state agencies deserve clear rules as they work with Native families and tribes to implement the protections of the law. This rule promotes family and community by ensuring that if a Native child has been removed from their home previously, they will have a pathway for reunification with their family."

According to the introductory section of the new rule, the ICWA was enacted "to address an 'Indian child welfare crisis of massive proportions'" where an estimated 25 to 35 percent of all American Indian children were removed from their families when placed in adoptive homes, foster care or institutions mainly because state agencies and courts were unaware of essential tribal customs, relations and social standards among American Indians.

However, misinterpretation of the ICWA by state child wel-

fare officials from jurisdiction to jurisdiction led to inconsistent handling of cases involving American Indian children. The new rule provides uniformity and clarifies federal standards and promotes compliance with the ICWA "from the earliest stages of a child-welfare proceeding."

Key provisions in the rule are a mandate to determine if children are subject to the ICWA protections, distinguishes emergency removals and placements from other custody proceedings and ensures timely initiation of the "full suite of ICWA protections" in emergency cases, establishment of uniform promptness in notifying parents and tribes in involuntary cases, standards set for state courts to determine if cases should be transferred to tribal courts or if cause exists to deny transfers, clarifies placement preferences and causes constituting cause to deviate from those preferences, clarification of applicability of the ICWA in vol-

untary cases, and addresses the rights of adult adoptees to information and specifies what records must be maintained by states and the BIA.

"ICWA was designed to safeguard Native children from undue separation from their families and

cultural identity," noted Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell.

She added "This rule will achieve consistent application of a law that remains critical to protecting the best interests of Native children and promoting successful Native communities."

## Obama signs Native American Children's Safety Act into law

BY RICK SMITH

President Barack Obama signed the Native American Children's Safety Act into law on June 3 which amends the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings and other purposes.

The new law mandates criminal records checks on all individuals aged 18 years of age or older living in a potential foster home before final approvals by tribal social services can be granted on foster care placements or licenses.

Criminal records checks are to include fingerprint checks in national crime information databases, abuse registries maintained by Indian tribes, state child abuse and neglect records in which covered individuals have lived in during the previous five years and allows additional requirements deemed necessary by tribes that are within existing authority of tribes. A noted example of a necessary requirement is the creation of voluntary agreements with states to facilitate sharing criminal records information.

According to the new law and as determined by tribal social services agencies, emergency foster care placements are not subjected to criminal records checks before such placements are approved.

The law also calls for tribes to establish procedures to recertify foster care homes or institutions no later than two years after

the enactment of the Native American Children's Safety Act. Further, the federal government is mandated to consult with American Indian tribes in issuing guidance no later than two years from June 3 regarding criminal records investigations and other matters.

"Protecting Native children is paramount," U.S. Senator John Barrasso, chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, noted in a prepared statement. "Requiring background checks for potential foster care parents of Indian children is just common sense."

Said U.S. Senator John Hoeven of North Dakota, who sponsored the bill in the Senate, "Our bill ensures that Native American children living on reservations have all of the same protections when assigned to foster care that children living off the reservation have. The measure requires background checks for all adults living in a foster home, which will help to protect children place there at an already difficult time in their lives."

The White House had no comment on the new law's enactment.

The bill passed through the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in February of 2015 before passage by the full Senate in June of 2015. The bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives on May 23, 2016, whence it was sent to the president to be signed into law.

## FAN changes meeting schedule

Support groups meet in Sault Ste. Marie — Families Against Narcotics (FAN) and Substance Abuse Support Group for Family and Friends.

FAN meets on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m., in the Huntington Bank meeting room.

For more information, email [chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org](mailto:chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org), visit [www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/chippewa-county](http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/chippewa-county) or [www.facebook.com/fanchipp](http://www.facebook.com/fanchipp).

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stigma of addiction.

Look into Substance Abuse Support Group for Family and Friends if you have experienced loss, heartbreak or diminished relationships due to someone else's substance abuse.

The group meets on the first and third Mondays of each month, 6 p.m., at the Huntington Bank in Sault Ste. Marie.

Call Linda at (906) 440-7252 for more information.

## Michigan participates in national effort to lock up child predators

LANSING — The Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force recently participated in a nationwide law enforcement effort to enforce online child sexual exploitation crimes that resulted in 28 arrests in Michigan and 1,368 arrests nationwide.

In April, ICAC task forces from around the country representing more than 3,000 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, including the Michigan State Police (MSP), launched a two-month initiative called "Operation Broken Heart III" with the purpose of arresting child predators and promoting Internet safety education and outreach.

"The Michigan State Police is committed to keeping our children safe in today's virtual world," said Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the MSP. "Along with our law enforcement partners in Michigan and across the country, we will continue enforcement efforts to discourage predators, while also working to educate children and parents about safe Internet use."

Operation Broken Heart III concentrated on offenders who possess, manufacture and distribute child pornography; engage in

online enticement of children for sexual purposes; or engage in the commercial sexual exploitation of children (commonly referred to as child prostitution).

In addition to the arrests made during this operation, ICAC task

force officers also provided over 2,000 community presentations during this time.

For more information on the Michigan ICAC task force and safety tips, visit [www.michigan.gov/MSPcyber](http://www.michigan.gov/MSPcyber).



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# Flap over NFL team name continues in spite of poll

By RICK SMITH

A panel of American Indian leaders, social science experts and others hosted a nationwide media teleconference on May 27 to comment on recent developments surrounding the controversial name of the National Football League (NFL) franchise of the country's capital city, the Washington Redskins. The panel also spoke on continuing efforts to bring an end to the use of the team's current name. The conference was prompted by a recent *Washington Post* telephone poll of 504 "self-identified" American Indians indicating 90 percent of them did not find the team's name offensive. Hence, by projection, the pollsters infer 90 percent of well over five million citizens of Indian Country have no objections to the team's name.

While many mainstream media outlets and others are essentially citing the poll as an end to the decades-old controversy, prominent Indian Country figures and others disagree. Hence the media call — to spread the word the battle is not over, as has been widely reported, and to provide an update on the ongoing efforts to end the use of the current name.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has long campaigned against stereotyping, as far back as the 1940s when the organization was formed. Sporadic protests against the NFL team's name at stadiums on game days are on reports dating from the early 1970s, but demonstrations began taking place at the team's games nationwide in the 1980s. Even as mainstream media largely ignored the situation, continued use of the name grew to be seen as a racial slur among American individuals, members of Congress, civil rights organizations, religious leaders, American Indian leaders and organizations, foreign governments, the president of the United States and even some mainstream media outlets. In fact, the *Washington Post* itself has long advocated for a change of the controversial name. Further,

in spite of its poll, the newspaper remains steadfastly in support of changing the name.

So far, the football team's owner remains defiantly resistant to any change and claims the name is meant to convey honor for American Indians. However, opponents, which include many American Indian individuals and organizations, see the name as a disrespectful throwback reference to Indian scalps used as proof for collecting bounties offered on kills. One point opponents make clear is "this issue is not about polling, this issue is about human dignity."

The media teleconference discussion panel:

- Amanda Blackhorse, a leading American Indian activist involved in the case;
- Jacqueline Pata, executive director of the NCAI;
- James Fenlon, professor of sociology and director of the Center for Indigenous Peoples Studies at California State University at San Bernardino;
- David Grosso, Washington, D.C., councilmember at-large who sponsored a resolution in support of changing the team's name, which passed unanimously;
- Dr. Stepanie Fryberg, associate professor of American Indian studies and psychology at the University of Washington;
- Ray Halbritter, representative of the Oneida Indian Nation and leader of the Change the Mascot organization, a grassroots campaign.

"This misguided poll changes nothing," said Blackhorse. "We are still here, our fight continues, we will not go away."

Jaqueline Pata, executive director of the NCAI, commented on how studies show such continuous stereotyping in popular culture negatively and deeply affects how people view American Indians and how Indians see themselves, especially among impressionable young people. She indicated stereotypes contribute to many of the ills Indian Country experiences, noting one in three citizens of Indian Country are

young people aged 18 years or younger. She suggested stereotypes and questionable polls contribute to "a deeply defeatist environment" among some young people, raising serious questions among them that anyone cares about them as worthy human beings or if they should care about themselves.

Fenlon condemned the team's name as immoral, misrepresentative and an extension of racial supremacy. "It's a form of fascism disguised as patriotism," he said, "there is no surrender or ignoring this issue." He also indicated a majority of American Indians do reject the team's name.

Grosso noted along with officially supporting a team name change, the city council stands strong against allowing the team to return (the franchise's facilities are exiled to nearby suburbs and other towns) until the name is changed. Further, the mayor wants the change before a stadium that could accommodate the team is built.

Fryberg reinforced Pata's statements on how stereotyping can sway imagery of American Indians. "It can decrease self-esteem, community worth and goal," he said. He added while racist portrayals of Indians can be damaging to the indigenous, others can get boosts in self-esteem and may become more open to discrimination.

Halbritter said the Change the Mascot mission "fundamentally resonates with people. There's no place in polite society for such a hateful slur." He added the NFL is a multi-billion-dollar entity that should be setting an exemplary standard in its reflection to U.S. society and the world. "We are in this for the long haul until the name changes," he said. "We've come to far to quit now."

During a question and answer session, Sault Tribe member Jared Hautamaki, a federal attorney and reserve tribal appellate judge, relayed his own experiences in combatting stereotypes at his son's elementary school near Washington, D.C., including

confronting the schools administrators and staff wearing clothing sporting the team's name and logo. The case involves a state board of education and other entities. Hautamaki also offered opinions on flaws of the *Washington Post* poll.

It should be noted ongoing progress in reducing stereotypical American Indian mascots continues, even if getting little attention in mainstream media. The Washington, D.C., NFL franchise itself, for example, has toned down stereotypical Indian chants, cheers, gestures, displays and dress associated with the team, especially during games and half-time shows. Some schools and school districts across the country, from elementary schools to universities, are discontinuing mascots that reflect poorly on American Indians. A slowly growing number of folks in mainstream media are exercising more

care in their terminology as more members of Congress are examining the issue. Other unheralded progress has been seen as the fight goes on.

In an official response, the NCAI noted, "It is true some Native people do not find the word offensive. However, thousands of Native people across the country have voiced their opposition to the name and the historic, disparaging connotations it carries to this day. More than 100 Native American organizations representing tribal nations and peoples across the United States have spoken out in opposition to the use of the R\*skins mascot of the Washington, D.C., NFL team. The tribal nations comprising the National Congress of the American Indians have repeatedly passed resolutions against the R\*skins name and image, as well as many individual tribal governments and organizations."

## Hospice of the EUP seeks members for annual campaign

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — A growing fundraising campaign for Hospice of the EUP is welcoming new members. The Hospice Annual Giving Circles program, created two years ago, invites community members to become a regular part of helping Hospice of the EUP continue to provide free services for residents of Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties.

It costs more than \$250,000 per year to provide hospice services in community members' homes and to maintain the new Robert and Helen Ball Hospice House, according to Tracey Holt, executive director of Hospice of the EUP, who noted that our hospice is one of only two hospice organizations in the state that does not charge for any of its services. It is the hope of the annual giving team to work with community partners in providing a steady, reliable source of funding.

"In the Ball Hospice House, we have served more than 245 families in just over three-and-a-half years," said Holt. "The average length of stay the first year was 14 days. Last year, it was 17 days. This year, for the first six months of the fiscal year, the average length of stay has been 21 days."

Holt noted that all told, the 2,872 patient days would amount to \$718,000 based on the average hospice daily rate in Michigan of \$250 per day.

"If you add the time donated by our wonderful volunteers since we opened the Ball Hospice House, we have saved well over \$1 million in our community," she said.

Hospice of the EUP Annual Giving Chair Sue Tetzlaff said the combined efforts of the members of the Annual Giving Circles and the annual year-end appeal raised \$48,000 or 19 percent of the annual operating expenses in 2015. This year, Hospice of the EUP is looking to boost the total

raised to \$57,000 or 20 percent of the annual operating expenses.

"We had 74 Giving Circle members who donated \$30,411 in 2015," Tetzlaff said, noting that hospice hopes to add enough members this year to increase the amount to at least \$57,000.

Hospice sent out letters in May to ask current Giving Circle members to continue their support. New members are welcome anytime, Tetzlaff said.

Giving levels include the Bronze Circle of Hope, \$100-\$299; Silver Circle of Faith, \$300-\$999; Gold Circle of Love, \$1,000-\$4,999; and Platinum Circle of Peace for those who give \$5,000 and more.

"Those who give between \$100 and \$299 in the Bronze Circle of Hope provide for grief counseling sessions for family members who are coping with a death," Tetzlaff said. "That amount could also provide training for volunteers or a month of patient care supplies, while giving in the amount of the gold level will cover a month of utilities that supply patients and family members with heat, electricity, water, internet and cable services at the Ball Hospice House."

"At the platinum level," Tetzlaff added, "a donor would be providing two weeks of salary for the fabulous caregivers who staff the Ball Hospice House, which can accommodate five patients per day."

The need continues for support for nursing care, counseling, pain management, and more. Volunteers provide thousands of hours of service in support of the hundreds of families who are assisted each year.

To find out how you can support Hospice of the EUP and the Robert and Helen Ball Hospice House by becoming a member of the Annual Giving Circles, call (906) 259-0222. Holt and Tetzlaff also encouraged the community to "like" the Hospice of the EUP Facebook page.

## ISHPI awarded 10-year HHS contract for strategic program

### Member-owned company will provide technical guidance and support

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. — Sault Tribe member-owned and operated ISHPI was awarded a prime contract on the Strategic Partners Acquisition Readiness Contract (SPARC) program. SPARC is a 10-year, \$25 billion multiple award "indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity" contract for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

ISHPI will provide strategic and technical guidance and support services to facilitate the modernization of CMS business processes and supporting information systems. These systems include the federal healthcare exchange and Medicare/Medicaid information technology systems. Services acquired under the SPARC contract will include requirements engineering/analysis, systems design, systems/

software engineering, systems/software integration, systems/software development, systems/software testing and independent verification and validation.

CMS is responsible for administering the Medicare program and, jointly with the state governments, the Medicaid program. Additionally, CMS also has the daunting task of implementing provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). CMS covers 100 million people through Medicare, Medicaid, the state Children's Health Insurance Program and the Health Insurance Marketplace (i.e., the ACA) — almost one-third of the entire U.S. population.

Other HHS operating divisions may also place orders under this contract.

"ISHPI is proud to have the opportunity to make substantial and lasting contributions to the

lives of so many of our fellow citizens," said Earl D. Bowers, ISHPI's president and chief strategy officer. "We look forward to making a real difference in the quality of the information systems and business processes that support our vital national human services functions."

ISHPI, which is Anishinaabemowin for "to move forward, to advance, advanced, high or above," works in concert with other defenders of the homeland to fortify national preparedness, agility, strength and advantage in the cyber domain — a readiness state we refer to as an i-Holistic CyberStance.

For additional information about ISHPI, please visit [www.ishpi.net](http://www.ishpi.net). For more information, please contact Kimberly Fite, ISHPI corporate office manager, at (843) 329-4100 or [kimberly.fite@ishpi.net](mailto:kimberly.fite@ishpi.net).

# New website helps veterans find employment

By RICK SMITH

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) recently announced the launch of veterans.gov, a website specifically designed to help U.S. military veterans in finding civilian jobs. DOL touts the veterans.gov as a place where veterans may explore online listings in veterans' job banks and labor exchanges, find careers suited for one's military training or look into other options, get individualized help, learn about assorted career programs or learn how to become an entrepreneur with resources specifically for veterans.

Further, according to the DOL, veterans.gov is a great place

for employers to find veterans with desired skills and training. Employers can also find help in reaching veterans able to meet unique hiring requirements, post job descriptions and openings as well as getting free hiring information and resources.

Mike Michaud, assistant secretary of labor for veterans' employment and training, noted more features and content continue to be added to veterans.gov, "We want to give customers the most robust and valuable experience we possibly can," he explained. "To do that, we'll be meeting with our government and private sector partners to learn from them what works well

and hear their suggestions for improving the site. I encourage everyone to try it out today and spread the word about all the resources veterans.gov has to offer."

When going on the site, visitors find three main option buttons — *Find A Job*, *Start Your Own Business* and *Hire Veterans*. A smaller button under the main buttons is marked *Veterans' Program Information*. A group of five buttons also invites visitors to explore opportunities with the U.S. departments of Agriculture, Energy, Transportation, Homeland Security and other federal government hiring possibilities.

Clicking on the *Find A Job* option, one finds buttons to *Get One-On-One Assistance*, *Search For Jobs Now*, *Explore Careers* and *Find Training*. On the same page, one finds links to "quick resources" enabling veterans to translate military skills and specialties to civilian jobs, build resumes, profile interests, contact veteran employment centers and other programs.

Help listed under the Start Your

Own Business option covers areas in starting businesses, financing, growing and expansion, mentoring and training, selling to the government and writing a business plan to financing basics to building a business to finding mentors and even returning to business. Resources from the U.S. Small Business Administration can also be found on the page.

Explore the options available at [www.veterans.gov](http://www.veterans.gov).

## Area libraries host antique and collectibles appraiser

Appraiser appears on national PBS television program

SAULT STE. MARIE — In July, three Superior District Libraries will be hosting antique and collectible appraisals events with Mark F. Moran of Iola, Wisc. Due to the success of last year's appraisal opportunities, Mr. Moran is making a return visit to our area.

He has been an appraiser for more than 20 years, a guest expert on PBS's *Antiques Roadshow*, a contributing editor to *Antique Trader Magazine* and co-author of over 25 books on antiques and collectibles.

Moran will be at the Brevort Township Community Library on Thursday on July 28, from 4 to 7 p.m., Les Cheneaux Community Library on Friday, July 29, 12-3 p.m., and at Bayliss Public Library on Saturday, July 30,

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The charge per item to be appraised is \$10. Those interested must register and pay in advance at the library of choice; space is limited. The appraisals will be verbal, not written.

Audience spectators invited for his days of appraisals to watch him in action. Moran will appraise most items, including fine art, furniture, ceramics, glassware, vintage photographs, advertising, folk art, assorted toys, metal ware, clocks and costume jewelry.

Each library has a more detailed list of categories he can appraise. For a fee, Mr. Moran is also available to visit homes to assess collections. For more information, see [www.markfmo-ran.com](http://www.markfmo-ran.com).

## Pickford Sprouts Youth Garden Club: Fun from preschool to high school

Educational summer fun for the whole family and a good introduction for youngsters about growing their own food or enjoying the natural beauty and wonder surrounding flowers.

The Pickford Roots Garden Club is excited to announce our newest offshoot for preschool to high school participants.

This group meets throughout the summer for fun learning activities that center around gardening.

From preschool to high school, the group offers something for everyone, from food to flowers and soil to sun, we will learn so much.

Please note, any child aged 10

or under needs to be accompanied by an adult — thank you!

Our big garden kickoff for Pickford Sprouts is on Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m. at the Pickford Feed Service. We will meet our fellow gardeners and plant vegetables in the barrels that will grow throughout town this summer. All families are encouraged to attend this fun event.

Beginning on July 14, we meet each Tuesday through Aug. 16, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Pickford

Community Library. Participants can come to any or all classes. Children who attend at least seven sessions receive a certificate and a fun garden gift. Come bloom with us this summer!

Pickford Sprouts is led by Jeannette Cushway from FoodCorps and Pickford Roots leader Amy Brzuchalski.

For more information, contact Jeannette at (989) 415-2993 or Amy at (906) 647-1444. We hope to see you this summer!



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Saturday, July 9 ~ 1 p.m.

Call (906) 203-2042 to register and reserve your seat.

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Saturday, July 30

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Saturdays - July 9-Sept. 3

Hot Seat Draws 2 p.m.-10 p.m.

See Northern Rewards Club for details.

# Whispering Pines Quilt Shop opens in AuTrain

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Whispering Pines Quilt Shop. Looking through the front window you might see grandma Tina sitting behind the counter working on colorful blocks for her latest quilt, other quilts on commission strategically placed to catch the afternoon sun and racks and rows of fabric, wide backing, interfacing, batting, notions, threads and other supplies.

Then when you open the door the homey atmosphere invites you in with the lingering scent of warm coffee and bolts of 'you just removed the plastic' fabric.

If you live in the AuTrain, Munising or Marquette areas you now have a new alternative for your quilting needs.

The events leading up to that first day as a business owner began when tribal member Tina (McNally) Kleeman was 10 years old and learned how to sew. When she had her own children (six of them!) she made "draggy blankets." Then 10 years ago she joined the Munising Bay Quilt Guild and started what she calls artistic quilting.

Some of her inspiration comes from her friend and owner of the Lavender Quilt Shop in Curtis, where she would spend hours browsing through fabric and helping with sales.

Then about five years ago she approached her husband about opening a quilt shop in AuTrain, informing him that the nearest place to buy fabric was almost two hours away. Turns out that the Kleemans own a rental house and he felt the rental income would be more than what a quilt shop would generate. Then last summer he came into their house one morning and said, "You still want that quilt shop?" Saying she thought that boat had sailed four years ago, she asked him what had changed his mind.

Turns out that "Our renter was in the process of moving out and he [her husband] had finally gotten tired of renters. My

friend Linda (who had the shop in Curtis) had to retire because of health reasons and it worked out that I was able to get her inventory. So we remodeled our rental house with a lot of help from my brother and his wife — and the rest is history. It took us from last August to May 7, when we had the official opening," grandma Kleeman said.

For those who are interested in taking classes, Donna Gennick, the owner of Frog Stitch Studios, will be offering classes or one-on-one instruction in basic sewing and quilting on Tuesdays.

Grandma Kleeman enjoys quilting because of the satisfaction it gives her to put something beautiful together and compares the 'hands on' aspect of creation to a carpenter building a house and the satisfaction of completing something. "Whispering Pines provides a place for whoever needs fabrics and notions, and it's satisfying to know that you are a part of the community and are providing a service that people will enjoy," she said.

Quilting takes time and patience. At the time of this interview, grandma Kleeman was two weeks into a king-size quilt using large blocks and another lady had spent over 800 hours creating a king size wedding quilt for her son with pieces that are an inch to inch and a half square. Then there are the quilters who can put together three or four a month.

Where did the name Whispering Pines come from? There used to be an old hunting lodge where the shop now sits. Back in the 1930s when Detroit was swinging and cars were hot items, Detroiters would come to the Upper Peninsula to hunt, and a hunting lodge called Whispering Pines was one of those destinations. With a name that perfect it's no surprise they can also boast having the tallest pine trees on AuTrain Lake sitting in front of the shop.

"It spoke to me," grandma



Sault Tribe member Tina Kleeman measures twice and cuts once in her new quilt shop.

Kleeman said. "And another coincidence was the shops cell phone number. I had gone in to get a new phone for the shop and the number is (906) 202-3612. When I told one of our members from the Guild, she said a yard and a foot! That was by accident, but it helps people remember the phone number," she said.

Where is this magical shop?

It's on the cut-across between M28 and 94, located at N7037 AuTrain Forest Lake Road, AuTrain, MI 49806. That's two miles from M28 and five miles from 94, and about 12 miles from Munising. AuTrain is located at the flashing light on M28 between Munising and Marquette.

Shop hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

In addition to her six children, she has a stepson and 17 grandchildren and has been married to husband Ken Kleeman for 20 years. She grew up in the area, and said some of the older residents may remember her father, Clifford, who was a logger. She is also proud of the fact that Chippewa legend Powers-of-the-Air is her great-, great-, great-grandfather. Powers-of-the-Air lived with his band on

Grand Island, off the south shore of Lake Superior. Fellow tribesmen from the mainland goaded the band into waging war against rival Sioux warriors early in the 19th century and the war party was decimated. Only Powers-of-the-Air lived to tell the story that forms the basis of the legend that survives today.

And now, decades later, his family is creating their own legends and legacy.

## Sterling takes position as ACFS project specialist

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Trish Sterling is the new project specialist for Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS). She will be working on a multitude of tasks, including communications and coordination of information between ACFS, local media and team members. She will be updating the ACFS strategic plan, making sure that ACFS is represented in local child and family related events, assisting with updating policies and procedures, grant reporting, and developing tribal community resources and cultural resource information.

Sterling said that ACFS participates in the annual community baby shower, sponsors events such as Parenting Awareness Month activities and Fun Nights, and participates in the tribe's annual powwow and in Sault Tribe Housing's Family Safety Fairs.

Sterling will also be the go-to for the coordination of dates for



Trish Sterling

ACFS events for their monthly calendar. "I will be gathering information from all ACFS sources throughout the service area to keep our calendar updated with events and trainings, and to make sure they aren't competing in the same time slots on the same days," she said. She will addition-

ally be helping prepare procedures for the department's online presence and updating their Facebook page.

Her educational accomplishments include an associate's degree in early childhood development from LSSU, a bachelor degree in human services, early childhood and sociology also from LSSU and masters in public administration from Northern Michigan University.

Sterling was the Native American Representative for children ages 0-3 with disabilities for the State of Michigan and was governor appointed to the state Interagency Coordinating Council from 1996-2001.

More recently, she was employed by the State of Michigan as a travel counselor at the Welcome Center in Sault Ste. Marie, and is also a retail merchandiser.

Sterling has a son, Tyler, who will be 10 in July.





# Dumback accepts assistant executive director post

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Former Chi Mukwa recreation facility manager, Jessica Dumback, accepted a new position within the Sault Tribe as the assistant executive director of membership and internal services reporting to Executive Director Christine McPherson. She began her new career March 21.

Dumback graduated from Lake Superior State University in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, and a minor in legal assistant studies.

Prior to graduating from college she participated in the first Chairman's Internship Program in 1997, after which she accepted a position as the administrative assistant to then Internal Services Director Mike McCoy.



**Jessica Dumback**

From 1999-2004, Dumback worked as a program manager/administrative liaison at tribal administration before accepting

the position as facility manager of the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in 2004. Dumback managed the recreation center until she began her current position in March.

"During my initial days as an administrative assistant and program manager, I became familiar with the different departments and programs within the tribe and the services each provide. As the administrative liaison, I worked directly with tribal members out of the chairman's office to help them obtain services they needed or find answers to what they were inquiring about," she said. "As the facility manager I further built my management and business operation skills."

Dumback now oversees

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS), the Cultural and Education Divisions, along with the Elder and Recreation Divisions. "I want to ensure tribal members are aware of all the programs and services these departments offer," she said. Attending tribal workshops and board meetings also allows Dumback to have one-on-one contact with tribal members.

"My door is always open if anyone has questions. I am here to help our tribal membership and to provide guidance to the divisions I oversee," she said.

Life's quirks can sometimes take you by surprise. "I remember the first day of my internship, now almost 20 years ago. I started my internship on the third floor

of tribal administration which is ironically just around the corner from where my office is now. I am excited to be back where my career started," Dumback said. "Everyone has been great to work with. My assistant Laura Porterfield has really impressed me and has been a valuable resource through my transition back to tribal administration."

Dumback is the daughter of the late Joseph Dumback and Joan and William Wheeler of Goetzville, Mich. She has two sisters, Jenny from Howell, Mich. and Ashley from Stillwell, Kans. During off time she enjoys traveling and spending time with her niece, Olivia, and nephew, Blake.

To contact Dumback, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

## Building grassroots CERTs in Sault Tribe's service area

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Health Center emergency preparedness coordinator Jami Traver is working closely with Assistant Health Director Joel Lumsden, to build a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in each tribal community in the tribe's seven-county service area in the Easter Upper Peninsula.

There are currently 16 people on the CERT team in Chippewa County.

Lumsden said the CERT team is a good way to start reaching out to the community with services from a grassroots perspective. Having the community involved in taking care of themselves is very powerful and beneficial. It builds a strong fabric within the community when people are looking out for each other, he said.

Traver said communities come together in an emergency, so if you give them the tools they need to be prepared on an everyday basis, you get them in the mindset of taking little steps to prepare themselves and their families — and that is one less person or family that the professionals will have to take care of.

"There are a lot of suicides in tribal communities and professionals and area residents are trying to bridge the gap between services

and what volunteers can do," she said. "CERT formed from that, and started out with phone numbers that we could hand out to people and post in the health center. Drug overdoses were also another hot topic. So the group became a pseudo team and then CERT was brought up and we looked into it."

Lumsden said, "It would be very beneficial to have people trained in CERT on our reservation and housing communities so that people would know who to go to in the event of an emergency. We also provide our CERT teams with information connecting them to our services, such as our crisis lines. We are training the CERT team to expand their role to meet community needs."

Both Lumsden and Traver said that recruiting has been difficult. It took them eight months to put together a team of 16 volunteers in Chippewa County. Traver said, "You don't need to have any type of formal education to do CERT — as long as you are a free-thinking individual, you can do it. The whole idea of CERT is that anyone can participate. You can be disabled, retired, elderly — there are roles for everyone. You can be the person sitting at a station giving out the water or answering phone calls from your living room during

an emergency. Every community member has a place to help."

Traver said they are focusing their efforts on recruiting for the western end of the service area. "There are one or two people there that have shown interest. We would like to see at least 8 to 12 people in each area — that would be ideal," she said.

Lumsden said volunteers do not have to be residents of tribal housing sites and that they are looking for 15-20 individuals who would like to sign up for free CERT training and become leaders in their communities. There are a few CERT trainers in the Sault willing to do some training courses at no cost and on their own time.

Lumsden said he would like to see some of the volunteers then become certified CERT trainers. "That is a key to the perpetuation of the program," he said.

"If you love your community, help prepare and build resilience in your community. It's free training and looks good on a resume. There is also personal development associated with being on a CERT team," he added.

For more information, call Lumsden at (906) 632-0611 or Traver at (906) 632-5200 or visit: <https://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams>.

## JKL School thanks Fun Run volunteers and participants

Thank you to everyone who participated or volunteered in the Billy Mills Fun Run. We had 312 participants who walked or ran the event. There were 33 registered volunteers, not including family members or other individuals who came to watch the run or support participants or those who saw where help was needed and stepped up and helped, especially Sandy Sawyer, Lisa Moran, Kim Gravelle, D.J. Hoffman, Jessica Dumback, Zachary Jodoin, Alan MacArthur and the Big River Drum.

Billy Mills and his wife, Pat, seemed to really like the event and I am so glad it went smoothly. Many thanks to those who were at the event who sat on the Billy Mills Committee and committee members who were unable to attend but helped from behind the scenes to make this happen.

Race donations were received from Robin Sutton, Armande Piescke, Cathy Lumbert and Joe Martin USMC. These donations were used to cover last minute race expenses. The water bottles were donated by Sault Tribe Community Health and the bracelets were donated by the Sault Tribe Court.

The press releases from *Win Awenen Nisitotung* staff before the race helped news and details of the event reach a wide audience. The coverage they provided at all events surrounding Billy's visit was much appreciated.

Finally, thank you to the JKL Fiduciary Committee and Moore-Trosper for the financial support that allowed us to hold this healthful, family-focused activity at no cost to participants. Due to their support, we were able to take care of every aspect of the race from buying software to providing a healthful lunch and offering door prizes to keep families active together.

Best of all, we all got to hear from an amazing man who is an inspiration and testament to all. I hope to see you all at next year's fun run on May 14, 2017.

Lori Jodoin,  
JKL School



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# Participants finish *Matter of Balance* class

These are the elders who finished the first *Matter of Balance* class and received certificates of participation. Front, instructors Sharon Hovie and Emily Higbee; second row, Susan Lively; third row, Joanne Nault, Kenny Lively, MaryRuth Gamelin; back, Diane Boutillier, Lou Anne Bush and Elizabeth Young. Missing from picture, Beverly Marble. Elders Service is so proud of these elders for taking the first steps in learning how to maintain their safety and reducing fall risks. Way to go!



# UP4Health Summit: Improving health in the U.P.

BY RICK SMITH

About 125 professionals and others associated with health concerns in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan heard from recognized experts in different health fields or related interests during the three-day 2016 UP4Health Summit at the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island during June 14-16. The conclave was the third grant-supported gathering in recent years hosted by Sault Tribe Community Health. The purpose is to improve the health of people in communities of the U.P. Support comes from the Sault Tribe Partnerships to Improve Community Health Project and funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“Sault Tribe’s Community Health Department was thrilled to be able to host the UP4Health Summit at Mission Point resort this year,” noted Lisa Myers, health and wellness manager. “The summit was sponsored by the CDC funded Partnership to Improve Community Health grant project, with support from the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. The UP4Health Summit provided an avenue for Community Health to bring together community leaders, tribal members and health experts to engage attendees in discussion related to the development and sustainability of programs addressing tobacco use and exposure, poor nutrition, physical inactivity and diabetes treatment and prevention. Summit attendees were challenged to return to their communities to share lessons learned, develop partnerships and work together to battle the rise of chronic disease and strive to build healthier communities in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.”

One of the main features of the summit consisted of 26 optional breakout sessions on as many subjects regarding developing, promoting and maintaining good health among people. The breakout sessions were spread over the course of two and a half days.

Each day also offered a portion of seven plenary sessions, involving all participants at the same time.

Probably the most widely known speakers in the sessions were Zonya Foco, a registered dietician, entrepreneur, television chef, author and professional speaker, and Mark Fenton, a national public health, planning and transportation consultant as well as an adjunct professor at Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy. Fenton is also the former host of the Public Broadcasting System television series *America’s Walking*.

Other sessions speakers:

- Isaiah Brokenleg, a member of the Rosebud Sioux and epidemiologist as well as program director for a CDC grant program for Indian Country health and wellness;
- Monica Nelson, a registered dietician who currently works for the Young Men’s Christian Association of Marquette County;
- Char Day, program manager for Americans for Nonsmoker’s Rights;
- Mohey Mowafy, retired Northern Michigan University professor of nutrition active as a community teacher on nutrition, obesity, eating disorders and wellness in Marquette.
- Scott Drum, associate professor of exercise physiology at Northern Michigan University;
- Joshua Gustafson, director of community health and wellness for Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial;
- Martin Reinhardt, Sault Tribe member and associate professor of Native American studies at Northern Michigan University;
- Kailee Fretland, U.S. Public Health Service clinical pharmacist at the Red Lake Indian Health Service Hospital in northern Minnesota;
- Marsha Kaehne, U.S. Public Health Service nurse practitioner at the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Indians of Cass Lake, Minn., diabetes clinic; and

• Vincent Irving, youth activism manager for Truth Initiative, a non-profit public health organization dedicated to diminishing and preventing commercial tobacco

use.

The summits exemplify the UP4Health motto, “Communities working together for a healthier Upper Peninsula.”

Those interested in learning about the Sault Tribe Community Health UP4Health programs or other information should visit [www.up4health.org](http://www.up4health.org).

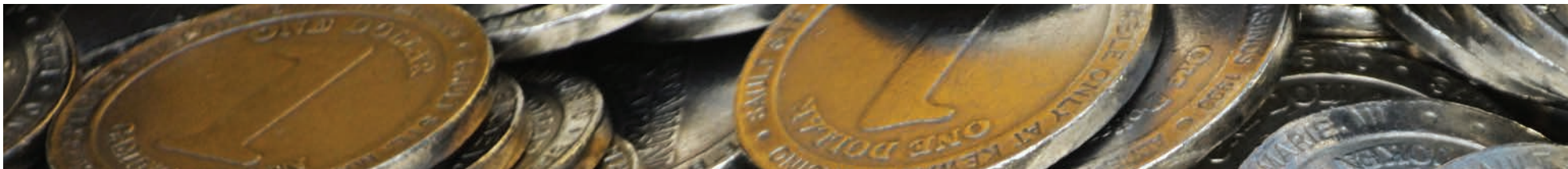


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Above, sitting from left, Jennie O’Dell, Sault Tribe Community Health nursing supervisor, and Lisa Myers, health and wellness manager, speak with Frances Hank, a long-time (over 30 years) member of the Sault Tribe Health Committee, at the summit reception table posted in the lobby of the splendid Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island on the first day of the three-day UP4Health Summit during June 14-16. The grant-funded gathering brought a dozen notable speakers on health and related fields in support of building healthy communities. Below, Scott Drum, associate professor of exercise physiology at Northern Michigan University, speaks during one of 26 breakout sessions scheduled over the three-day summit.



# Tokens destroyed at all Kawadin Casinos



Kewadin Casino's \$1, \$5, and \$25 tokens at all five venues are no more.

About 10 tons of tokens were destroyed June 14 inside a box trailer set up in the parking lot of Sault Kewadin Casino for that purpose by Secure Mobile Destruction from Los Angeles, Calif. Some discontinued gaming chips were also destroyed.

In place of tokens, the casino has made the switch to a ticket in and ticket out system.

Cage Director Kent Artley said once the metal tokens have been destroyed, Secure Mobile Destruction recycles them and splits the profit with the tribe. "We will get a check for about \$6,000, depending on the weight of the destroyed tokens," he said. "It doesn't cost us anything to have them come here to do this for us."

*Photos by Brenda Austin*



Casino employees emptying bags of tokens into a cart.



Tokens being "chewed" up into small pieces.



A worker from Secure Mobile Destruction takes a bin full of tokens to the back of the semi where their equipment is set up to destroy the tokens.



Above, a worker with Secure Mobile Destruction dumps tokens into a chute where they fall onto a conveyor belt. Below, security guard Ken Hiatt keeps an eye on tokens and chips.



Above, a worker from Secure Mobile Destruction checks the conveyor belt. Below, Secure Mobile Destruction in action next to the Sault casino.



Discontinued playing chips



# Annual affairs promote physical fitness and support continuation of Anishinaabemowin

## Young riders take Bike the Sites challenge

By Rick Smith

According to Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities (YEA) coordinators, 23 youngsters took part in the 2016 Bike the Sites ride from St. Ignace to Sault Ste. Marie. The 47-mile sally on bicycles was conducted under the escort of sheriffs' deputies, Sault Tribe police officers and support teams.

The annual rides started eight years ago by the tribe's Maamwi Niigaanzhiwak Grand Tribal Youth Council with support from United National Indian Tribal Youth and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through the Celebrate Native Health Project. The objective of the Bike the Sites rides is to raise awareness about childhood obesity. The rides have continued with help from tribal programs and officials and the youth council uses the rides to also call attention to bullying and keeping a positive self-image.

According to reports, the riders and their entourage stopped for lunch in Rudyard before continuing on to the Soo Township Hall for a dinner prepared by YEA coordinators and youth council members.



Some of the youngsters at the staging area in St. Ignace just prior to embarking on the ride to Sault Ste. Marie. From left, Aurora and Alexis Kelly of Sault Ste. Marie, Josh Slavador of Hessel, Chandler Currie of Cedarville, Greg Currie of Hessel, Tristan Slater and Ashton Hutchinson of Manistique, Emily Wilson of Rudyard, Michael Ritter of Manistique, Emma Bosley and Barbara Gould of Kinross, Alexis Phillips of Manistique, Linnie Gregg of Sault Ste. Marie and Aaron Hutchinson of Manistique.

Photos by Rick Smith



Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities coordinators coach riders through some warm-up exercises prior to departing St. Ignace.



A support van follows an (unseen in the photo) a Mackinac County Sheriff's escort and leads the line of riders along Mackinaw Trail (H-63) heading to Sault Ste. Marie.



One of the support escorts repairs a disabled bicycle as the rider and friends standby. One Sault Tribe police escort stayed on scene with the delayed group while another continued on with the other riders.



With the repair soon completed, the delayed riders race to catch the rest of the group.

## Cultural Department hosts sixth language conference

By Rick Smith

In the ongoing effort to revitalize the ancestral language, the tribe's Cultural Department hosted the Baawting Ojibwe Language Conference in Sault Ste. Marie during June 10-11 at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building.

Folks from all four directions and directions in between, near and far, convened to learn from nearly a dozen folks presenting stories, songs and instruction in Anishinaabemowin, the Ojibwe (Chippewa) language, and observe ceremonies.

According to a schedule, conference registration opened in the afternoon of June 10 followed by a welcome feast and song performances sung in Anishinaabemowin by Susan Askwith. The schedule indicates Barb Nolan followed as keynote speaker to the attendees. Workshops commenced after a continental breakfast.

The schedule indicated language instructors Shirley Recollet and Leonard Kimewon served as storytellers along with Michele Dolly and Paul Blondeau. Workshop conductors were Recollet, Doris Boissoneau, Michele Wellman-Teeple and Josh Eshkawkogan.

Repatriation specialist and language program manager Colleen Medicine also aided in operations of the function.

Photos by Rick Smith



Above, Michele Wellman-Teeple conducts a workshop inside the building.



Above, from left, storyteller Michele Dolly, attendee Elizabeth Kimewon, singer and musician Susan Askwith and storyteller Leonard Kimewon enjoy lunch in between workshops.



More folks enjoying lunch between workshops at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building during the conference.



Above, Doris Boissoneau conducts a workshop outside in the shade of a tent.

# Lisa Corbiere-Moran takes position as education director

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Lisa Corbiere-Moran has been hired as the Sault Tribe education director.

Moran has a bachelor's in business education with a minor in physical education from Ferris State University, where she attended on a sport scholarship for track and field and basketball, and a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University.

She said she plans to meet with the staff she is directing to build a shared vision that will strengthen both the education and cultural departments. "I think analyzing data to focus on strategic plans to improve education is going to help shape the future of the education department - and this will include enhancing partnerships with charter and public schools," Moran said.

The Cultural Department was recently moved under the Education umbrella.

"With cultural, I want to sit down and establish long-term goals to enhance the quantity and quality of our cultural programs. This position holds more responsibilities, but it's exciting," she said.

Moran's past work experience includes teaching computer and physical education classes at JKL School when it first opened, and from there she went to Sault Area High School, Cheboygan then Rudyard. She has also taught adjunct college courses at Bay Mills Community College.

For the past eight years she worked for the Chippewa Correctional Facility in Kinross teaching business classes to inmates and was also the GED examiner. "I'm glad I had that experience; I took a lot from it. When I was working for the prison I decided that I would get my masters degree and eventually try something different. When this position came open it caught my eye - and after 20 years in the classroom this change is what I have worked so hard for. So I jumped on this opportunity and started on May 26," she said.

As the education director,



in addition to the Cultural Department, she also oversees the Early Head Start program, Head Start, Sault Tribe Childcare, Youth Education and Activities, Higher Education and Community Enrichment, Adult Education, and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program.

Education Department directors that report directly to her include Anne Suggitt, Brenda Cadreau, Brandi MacArthur, and Tanya Pages, and from cultural are Jackie Minton and Colleen Medicine.

In addition to her work with the Sault Tribe, she coaches Sault High varsity volleyball during their season, which kicks off in August and goes through November. She has been coaching various sports for about 20 years, which include basketball, track and field, and volleyball. Before taking the coaching position at Sault High, she was the assistant volleyball coach at Lake Superior State University.

She has a son, Treyce, 9, and husband Eric Moran. With a family history of athleticism, Treyce is in hockey and baseball and his dad and him both race in motocross.

# Bellant graduates Notre Dame, awarded Fulbright Scholarship

Whitney R. Bellant, of Rosemount, Minn., granddaughter of tribal elder Francis J. Bellant, of St. Ignace, Mich., graduated from the University of Notre Dame and was one of three students at Notre Dame to be awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship.

Whitney is the daughter of proud parents Anita L. Bellant, Mary E. Megan, and Mark Litzner, all of Minnesota.

Whitney double-majored in German and Psychology and spent a semester studying German at Heidelberg University in Germany. She earned a place on the Dean's List, and was honored for her achievements at the Native American Recognition Ceremony at Notre Dame on May 13.

The Fulbright Scholarship awards Whitney a year-long position teaching English in Germany this September.



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# GED summer break

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For general GED information or information on enrolling in a CCSS program, please call the main office at 495-7305.

You may also call Tanya Pages at (906) 632-6098, or email your questions to [tpages@eupschools.org](mailto:tpages@eupschools.org).

Remember, the CCSS PearsonVue Testing Center remains open during the summer. Those who want to test can schedule and pay for tests through their MyGED account at [ged.com](http://ged.com).

# Moving?

Make sure to contact the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department at 800-251-6597 and the Sault Tribe Newspaper at (906) 632-6398, to continue to receive your newspaper and tribal mailings. If you are registered with the Sault Tribe Higher Education Department, also give them a call at (906) 635-7784.



New Exhibit Opens: July 16, 2016  
Curator: Sue St. Onge

The intent of boarding schools was to "erase and replace" Native American culture, and was part of a larger strategy to conquer Indians. For the U.S. government, it was a conceivable solution to the so-called Indian problem. For the tens of thousands of Native Americans who were sent to boarding schools, it is largely remembered as a time of abuse and desecration of culture.

Today Native scholars describe the destruction of our culture as a "soul wound," from which we have not yet healed. Embedded within that wound are patterns of sexual and physical abuse that began in the early years of boarding schools. The past shapes the present and many of the social ills that haunt tribal communities today can be traced to boarding school trauma.

Students in our schools are taught about the Holocaust. However, the genocide and later ethnocide of Native Americans that occurred in residential schools is rarely written about in U.S. history books or discussed in any classrooms. Many survivors state that their experiences must be acknowledged before they can heal. Undoubtedly, it is not a comfortable process to relive these experiences, but it is necessary for healing. Feeling our brokenness is the first step to being whole again, healing our circle and reversing the negative impacts that we continue to struggle with as a people. The truth is a prerequisite to that healing and reconciliation.



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# Mia Joey celebrates her first birthday



Happy First Birthday to our beautiful princess, Mia Joey (MJ) Enfelis. MJ turned 1 on June 10. She is the daughter of Steve and Janel (nee Lumsden) Enfelis. MJ is named after her great-grandfather Joseph K. Lumsden. She is a fun-loving baby girl who loves to smile and dance. Happy birthday, MJ!

# Law school grad receives honors

The family of Whitney Bernadette Gravelle is pleased to announce she graduated from the Michigan State University College of Law. Whitney, a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community, graduated with honors and is going to work for the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. in September. She is the daughter of Evelyene and Joe McPherson and Robert and Janet Gravelle, all of Bay Mills, and the granddaughter of the late Big Abe LeBlanc and Amelia LeBlanc of Bay Mills, and Grace Gravelle of Sault Ste. Marie.



# Lafuente earns honors

Joe and Christa Lafuente of Clio, Mich., announce the graduation of their daughter, Alex Lafuente, from Clio High School on June 5, 2016, with high honors. She plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University this fall to pursue a degree in the medical field.



# Baby born to Gervais family

**JOSLYN R. GERVAIS**  
Jason and Tracy Gervais of Grand Rapids, Mich., announce the birth of their daughter, Joslyn Rae Gervais. Joslyn was born at 2:41 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at Metro Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured at 20 inches in length. Paternal grandparents are John (Sandra) Gervais and Patti (Scott) Curran of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Maternal grandparents are Deborah (Chris) Lowe and the late Keith "Mike" Knorr of Grand Rapids. Great grandmother is Dorothy Gervais of Sault Ste. Marie.



# Soule graduates from U-M College of Pharmacy

Ashley Frances Soule, daughter of Steven and Suzanne Soule, a resident of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (PharmD) at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy. Ashley graduated with honors and is one of 76 students who completed the Doctor of Pharmacy degree at U-M this year. Ashley recently moved to Charlotte, N.C., where she will be completing a PY1 (Post Graduate Year 1) residency at Novant Health.



# Ziegler graduates high school with honors

Ellie Ziegler of River Forest, Ill., recently graduated from Oak Park and River Forest High School with Cum Laude Society honors. She also received all-conference honors and athletic academic honors in softball. Ellie received the Lee Caruthers Memorial Award for the senior athlete who has best exemplified courage through adversity. Ellie will be attending the University of Dayton this fall where she received a merit scholarship and will be continuing her softball career there. Go Flyers! Her major is undecided, but will probably involve exercise sciences. So proud of her!



# Rudyard senior Trevor Headley graduates salutatorian and senior class president

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

His mom Lisa Caster couldn't be more proud. Her son Trevor Headley, a Sault Tribe member, graduated recently from Rudyard High School as the senior class president and salutatorian.

"She pushed me to get all As because she knew I could. She wanted me to do and be the best I could be," Headley said.

He said his mother told him to try every extra curricular activity possible, so he did, starting with student council his freshman year. He was also active in a peer-counseling group called Natural Helpers, was involved in wrestling his freshman year and football until the end of his junior year (he was nose guard on defense and then offense left tackle).

"I won defensive player of the year in my junior year. Football season is the same as the musical season, and I really wanted to be the lead in the musical *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, so I decided to do that instead," he said.

In addition to all his other activities, he was the student council president, the National Honor Society president, involved with Students Leading Students and became certified to teach kids how to say "no" to drugs.

"Up until the end of middle school I never had to study for anything, it came to me. When I got to high school I realized I had to study, so I did work at it during my high school years," Headley said.

## BMCC ads program offerings and faculty

BY MARIA CANTARERO

Bay Mills Community College is expanding its program offerings. This January, the college welcomed five new, distinguished faculty members. These seasoned professionals will teach in various departments, in classes offered on campus and online.

**Agricultural arts** — As a federal land grant college, BMCC has initiated a new program in agricultural arts, centered on developing sustainable agriculture and food systems. In June 2013, the college hired Iowa-transplant Monica Young to manage the Waishkey Bay Farm in Brimley.

Traditional Anishinaabe planting and gathering practices are taught under the leadership of Ojibwe elder Wilmer Noganosh, who is also the coordinator for the Youth Growing Medicine Program, which supplies produce to the Brimley-Bay Mills Farmer's Market and to area elders. In August, the agricultural arts students will get started with the foundation course taught by new faculty member Michelle Sweeten.

**Criminal justice** — The Criminal Justice Department is another popular, career-oriented program that expanded its faculty. Norm Jahn brings an impressive set of credentials and a wealth of experience to his online class,

He applied to five colleges and chose Central Michigan University and the full scholarship they offered him.

CMU has a good music program, according to Headley, and he plans to get a degree in music education and vocal performance and be a high school chorus teacher. He is a tenor and enjoys singing musicals and opera but listens to rock music when he's not singing or performing. He is looking forward to becoming involved in the university's musicals and plays as well.

He said, "I'm a kid from Kinross who went to Rudyard and did the best I could and something came of it. If you work your hardest and to your full potential and believe in yourself — and tell yourself you can do it — good things will happen."

He added, "I was always afraid of going into debt for college. I worked hard and now I have a full ride. I got what I worked for."

Looking forward to the future, Headley plans to get his master's degree in music education and vocal performance.

"I feel your high school teachers have the most impact on your future and going on to college than anyone else. My band teacher who became my chorus teacher, George Dugan, always helped me out with music and took me under his wing a little bit. I wouldn't be where I am at with music if it wasn't for him."

Dugan taught Headley how to read music and learn music theory, said Headley.

In his sophomore year, Karen Hughes Beacom became the chorus substitute teacher for the last half of the year. "She is big around here with music," said Headley. "She works at the STARS Theater, she is a professor at LSSU and she directs plays. She asked me if I wanted to get involved at the STARS Theater and I said 'yes.'"

He started performing in the musicals and operas. His first opera was *Carmen* two summers ago. "That is when I started to realize that this is what I want to do for my life. I want to teach and I love music, so why not teach it. I give my teachers Mr. Dugan and Mrs. Beacom a lot of credit for getting me involved with all that stuff," Headley said.

Headley said he is glad he knows what he wants to do in life and knows he is going to enjoy it. "A lot of people can't say that," he said. "Don't be afraid if you don't have a major picked out, because when you get to college and do your required classes you will have time to figure it out, and there are counselors there to help you."



### Sault Tribe Housing Authority

## Down Payment Assistance Program Is Now Accepting Applications

from

June 01, 2016, through July 05, 2016

Applications available at  
154 Parkside, Kincheloe, MI 49788

If interested, please call Dana Piippo at 906-495-1450 or 800-794-4072 or dpiippo@saulttribe.net

#### To be eligible you must:

- Be a Sault Tribe Member
- Be at least 18 years old
- Make a minimum of \$15,000 per year
- The applicant must contribute five hundred dollars (\$500) of their own cash funds toward the purchase of the home.
  - Be within the income guidelines, see chart below
  - Be a first-time homebuyer
- Qualify for a mortgage from a lender of your choice
- Must live in the seven-county service area: Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft and Marquette

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

Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$ 36,792
2	\$ 42,048
3	\$ 47,304
4	\$ 52,560
5	\$ 56,765
6	\$ 60,970
7	\$ 65,174
8	\$ 69,379

introduction to criminal justice (CJ201).

**Health and fitness** — The Health and Fitness Department also expanded its faculty. Dr. Kristina Latva has experience as a physical therapist, and ample teaching experience in both traditional classrooms as well as in virtual classrooms. She teaches physical rehabilitation and exercise physiology on campus and online. Matt Romanz, formerly the manager of Anytime Fitness in the Sault, has a likewise strong background in fitness, coaching and clinical cardiac rehabilitation. In addition, Maddy Gallegos, a Bay Mills Indian Community member and BMCC and LSSU graduate in exercise science, is teaching an online section of ES 101: Health and Fitness, the department's general education course.

**Emergency medical technician** — Finally, BMCC's Emergency Medical Technician Program is also back in full operation, with David Duncan as the new instructor. Duncan is a former fire chief with over 29 years' experience as a paramedic.

Registration in these programs or in any of BMCC's occupational and college transfer programs is now open. Classes for the fall semester begin Aug. 29. For more information, call (906) 248-3354.

# Walking On . . .

## LAWRENCE A. WHITE

Lawrence Amos White, 83, of Homosassa, Fla., passed away on May 16, 2016, at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center in Crystal River, Fla. A native of Cheboygan, Mich., he was born Nov. 24, 1932, to Herman and Ellen (nee Pennington) White, one of five children.

Dumpy, as he was known to many, enjoyed a 35-year career as a long distance truck driver and moved to Homosassa in November of 1990 from Menominee, Mich. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army during the Korean War era. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting and was of American Indian descent and a member of Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Waltraut Ruth White, of Homosassa; sons, Scoby White of Homosassa, Randy White (wife Marilyn) of Somonauk, Ill., Dale White (wife Debbie) of Sandwich, Ill., and

Doug White (wife Margaret) of Patterson, Mo.; brothers, Mike White of Cheboygan, and Frank White of Inkster, Mich.; sister, Betty Phillips of Trenton, Mich.; grandchildren, Lina, Robert, Michael, Cindy, Dale Jr., Nick, Ryan, Adam, Nicole and Chrissy; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Mr. White was preceded in death by his brother, Herman White.

Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa.

### IN MEMORIAM

**In memory of our uncle, James (Jim) Ailing, 11/22/54 – 7/16/13**

Uncle Jim, our memories are what we have left, and a lesson we will never forget.

The time had come when time was no more, and all that's left was once before.

The memories are so dear and true, those memories of us and you.

All the times when your heart shined through, are the greatest memories we have of you.

We will always remember you, uncle of ours, in our hearts we will keep you, so we will be fine.

We will go forward with our heads up high, it may be hard, we will not lie.

But in our hearts you will always be, moving forward, with you and me.

All our love, Timmy, Kristin, Tim, Traci and Bebie

**In memory of my brother, James (Jim) Ailing**

Beloved brother, you showed me a lot of things.

I did learn so much I didn't know, but you forgot to teach me one last thing, how to let you go.

I know you didn't mean to leave, sometimes we just have no choice.

I miss you very much day after day and miss hearing our names called by your voice.

If God could grant me one last wish, I'd ask to say "goodbye," for you always meant so much

to me, my brother, and I could never love you less.

I know it's true when they say, "God only takes the best." Love and miss you big brother, Ada and John Dalglish

**Beloved brother, James (Jim) Ailing**

My brother, Jim, day by day I think of you, and I wonder how can all this be true?

I can't believe you're really gone, I still can't accept it, even after so long.

Just the thought of you makes me cry, I never even got the chance to say "goodbye."

So many things I never got to say, I never imagined you'd be so far away.

With every picture and every letter, I don't think it will ever get better.

You were my brother, and I loved you like no other.

In my heart you will always be, you'll be my guide to help me see.

I miss you Jim with all my

heart and I wish we never had to part.

I know you're always by my side, so now I guess I will say "goodbye."

I miss you, Jim, each and every day.  
Robert Captain

**In loving memory of my son, James (Jim) Ailing**

Words cannot describe the sadness this brings or how very dearly you are missed.

Knowing you're no longer here is very painful indeed.

An emptiness now exists which only you once filled.

How I wish I could bring you back.

My heart aches for you so and I miss you for evermore.

I cherish all the memories I have of you, nothing can ever take them away from me.

I hold you closely in my heart each day, and I always will.

Love and miss you my son,  
Your mother, Vida Captain

# Elders: Why take a driver safety course? Because driving has changed and it could save you money

## BY AARP DRIVER SAFETY

Learn how to refresh your driving skills, save money, volunteer and find useful information and guidance about getting around at [aarp.org/driversafety](http://aarp.org/driversafety).

Cars have changed. So have traffic rules, driving conditions and the roads you travel every day.

Some drivers' age 50-plus have never looked back since they got their first driver's license, but even the most experienced drivers can benefit from brushing up on their driving skills.

By taking a driver safety course you'll learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. You'll learn how you can manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. In addition, you'll learn:

- How to minimize the effects of dangerous blind spots
- How to maintain the proper following distance behind another car
- The safest ways to change lanes and make turns at busy intersections
- Proper use of safety belts, air bags, antilock brakes and new technology found in cars today

- Ways to monitor your own and others' driving skills and capabilities

- The effects of medications on driving

- The importance of eliminating distractions, such as eating, smoking and using a cellphone

After completing the course, you will have a greater appreciation of driving challenges and a better understanding of how to avoid potential collisions and injuring yourself or others.

About the course — The AARP Smart Driver Course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's largest classroom and online driver safety course and is designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. Over 15 million participants have gone through AARP Driver Safety classroom and online courses, taught by more than 4,000 AARP Driver Safety volunteers.

The AARP Smart Driver Course is available nationwide in classroom and online settings, in both English and Spanish.

You may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course, so consult your insurance agent for details.

AARP membership is not required to take the course and there are no tests to pass.

The classroom course costs

only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers. The cost for the online course is \$19.95 for AARP members and \$24.95 for nonmembers.

How to register: Call Elder Service Division at (888) 711-

7356 or 635-4971. Class is on July 13, 1-5 p.m., at Elder Service, 2076 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie. Hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Unit I Sault Elder Subcommittee. To register for the online course,

visit [aarpdriversafety.org](http://aarpdriversafety.org).

After completing the course you'll receive a certificate of completion that can be presented to your insurance agent for a possible reduction in your auto insurance premiums.

## WALK-IN CLINIC

Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun, St. Sault Ste. Marie

Open Monday through Friday  
from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Sault Tribe Health Center 2nd Floor  
2864 Ashmun, Sault Ste. Marie

Rae Ann Brand FNP  
Andrew Rife PA



*The Walk-In Clinic Provides Routine Medical Care, Such As:*

- Vaccinations
- Evaluation and Treatment of Cold and Flu Symptoms
- Minor Ailments or Illnesses
- Minor Cuts Requiring Stitches
- Minor Injuries
- Minor Burns
- Sore Throats, Earaches
- Insect Bites
- Simple Rashes
- Skin Infections
- Sprains and Strains



## No Appointment Necessary!

### ELIGIBILITY

All patients eligible to be seen at our medical clinic are eligible to come to our walk-in clinic.

### WEEKEND CARE

Urgent care patients can still be seen at War Memorial Hospital's Community Care Clinic on weekends and holidays when the Tribal Walk-in clinic is closed.

### AFTER HOURS CARE

After hours, call 906-632-5200 to speak to a nurse for guidance on your health issue.

## DOI looking for director of investments

The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians is currently advertising the position of the director of investments, an Indian preference position. We are asking your assistance in filling this position.

Anyone interested should log on to the following sites: Applicants in the federal government or enrolled in a federally recognized tribe should go to [www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/442510400](http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/442510400), all others should go to [www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/442511200](http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/442511200).

Anyone who is interested but has questions should contact Catherine E. Rugen, special advisor, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, at (505) 816-1071 (office) or (505) 238-2366 (cell).

*Sault Tribe Health Services ... "Health for a Lifetime"*



# Bill would leave Great Lakes vulnerable to more invasive species via ballast water discharge

BY MIKE RIPLEY

A bill sponsored by Republicans in the House of Representatives would gut provisions in the Clean Water Act that require vessels entering the Great Lakes to clean up their ballast water.

The bill was tucked away in the House-passed National Defense Authorization Act and would cripple the ability of the nation to protect itself from aquatic invasive species like zebra mussels that have been introduced into U.S. waters via ballast water discharge.

The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) is urging the House to remove the so-called Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) from the final defense authorization bill as the U.S. Senate already has. “We have to stop ballast water discharges from harming our Great Lakes before more of our

native species are gone,” said CORA Executive Director Jane TenEyck. “The invasive species seem to adapt but our native species only suffer.”

One of the main pathways for non-native species to enter U.S. waters is through the ballast water discharge from vessels originating in foreign ports. The zebra mussel, for example, entered the Great Lakes via ballast water discharge and proceeded to upend the Great Lakes ecosystem—fueling rampant, and sometimes toxic, algae growth, collapsing native fisheries and harming recreation.

Aquatic invasive species continue to exert a devastating impact on the treaty-based commercial and subsistence fisheries in the upper Great Lakes. From the early invasion of sea lamprey to the more recent invasion of dreissenid (quagga) mussels, the tribal commercial fishing indus-

try has suffered irreparable losses in fish harvest opportunities and income, destruction of fishing gear and disruption to the cultural practices of treaty-retained fishing rights as a consequence of invasive species—with no remediation in sight.

“The tribes fully participated in the process to secure the ballast water regulations implemented under the Clean Water Act, and now find it reprehensible to think that the House would even consider weakening or repealing these hard fought protections,” said Tom Gorenflo, director of the Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program. “Past failures by the federal government to protect culturally and economically valuable Great Lakes fisheries from the well-documented ravages of aquatic invasive species, particularly from ballast water discharges, must not be repeated.”

The anti-clean-water provisions in the defense authorization bill are included as an amendment that essentially attaches the VIDA (S. 373) to the bill. The VIDA removes the authority of the Clean Water Act over ship discharges and preempts states’ rights to protect their waters. And it freezes in place measures that will be ineffective at both preventing new invasions and slowing the spread of extant invasive species. Not only would the act strip ballast water discharges from coverage under the Clean Water Act, but the amendment would block the future adoption of more protective discharge standards.

As a whole, the provisions of this legislation would enshrine a regulatory scheme that places the economic burden associated with invasive species on the nation’s taxpayers rather than on the international shipping industry that

is responsible for bringing those species to our nation’s waters.

The Clean Water Act is the most effective way to protect U.S. waters from the serious threat posed by aquatic invasive species introduced by ballast water discharge. The Clean Water Act obligates the U.S. EPA to protect U.S. waters from biological pollutants—living, breathing organisms—by establishing limits on how many microorganisms can be present in discharged ballast water.

Just as the Clean Water Act helped the nation reduce pollution from industries and cities—leading to dramatic improvements in water quality—the act is the strongest policy tool to shut the door on ballast water invaders.

*Mike Ripley works with the Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program, Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority*

## Lake Superior whitefish planks and hobos, oh my

### Planked whitefish

It is usually recommended one skins whitefish fillets before preparing, but when planking one wants to make sure the fillet does not stick to the plank. If the skin sticks, just slide the fillet onto your plate and leave the skin behind.

#### Ingredients:

- 2 pounds skin-on, pin-boned lake whitefish fillets
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground white pepper
- 1/2 tsp. chopped chives
- 1/2 tsp. tarragon
- 1 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp. butter

Untreated, one-inch thick, cedar, maple, oak, hickory plank presoaked in water for 30 minutes.

#### Instructions:

Preheat grill on high for 10 to 15 minutes or until charcoal is white. Place fillets skin-side down on presoaked plank. Drizzle butter and olive oil on fish. Season with salt, pepper and spices. Place plank



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on grill rack, lower heat and close grill cover. Grill for 15 minutes or until fork easily penetrates fillets and flesh is flaky. Serve on plank, garnish with lemon wedges and fresh parsley.

#### Whitefish hobos

You can prepare delicious fish at camp fit for gourmet palates. Usually hobos are a camp dish made with hamburger, but they

are just as easy with fish. Use vegetables like zucchini, carrots, tomatoes, summer squash, mushrooms, peppers, broccoli or cauliflower. You can prepare all the vegetables ahead of time to store in a Ziploc bag in your cooler. Slice them on a diagonal so that they’ll cook more quickly.

When you are ready to make your hobos, pull out a length of foil, place a

fillet and a handful of vegetable mixture on top, fold and bake.

#### Ingredients:

- Pinboned, skinned lake whitefish
- Thinly sliced potatoes
- Thinly sliced onion
- Your choice of fresh vegetables, thinly sliced diagonally
- Butter
- Salt and pepper

Instructions: Use one fillet and a few pieces each of potatoes, onions and vegetables, spread evenly on top of the fish, for each hobo. The more ingredients you use, the longer the hobos will take to cook all the way through. Lay your ingredients on enough heavy-duty foil to wrap and fold edges securely. Before folding, top each with a pat of butter, salt and pepper to taste. Bake 30-45 minutes in a covered grill, or over a low campfire.

*(Recipes from Preserving the Resource For the 7th Generation, bimonthly journal of Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, July 2006)*

## State confirms case of Rocky Mountain spotted fever

### Protect yourself and your pet against all tick-borne illness

#### FROM MDHHS

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has confirmed a case of Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF) in a child in Cass County. This is the first confirmed case of Rocky Mountain spotted fever contracted in Michigan since 2009.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is a tick-borne disease caused by the bacterium “Rickettsia rickettsii,” and can be fatal if not treated promptly and correctly, even in previously healthy people. Symptoms typically include fever, abdominal pain, vomiting and muscle pain. A characteristic rash may develop a few days later. The rash typically consists of small, flat, pink, non-itchy spots on the wrists, forearms and ankles that spreads to include the trunk and sometimes the palms of the hands and soles of the feet. However, some people never develop the rash, or the rash may



**The American dog tick, “Dermacentor variabilis,” the most common tick in Michigan, can transmit RMSF.**

have an atypical appearance.

“Like all tick-borne illnesses, the best way to protect yourself against Rocky Mountain spotted fever is to prevent tick bites,” MDHHS Chief Medical Executive Dr. Eden Wells said. “Let your doctor know right away if you develop signs of illness such as fever, rash, or body aches in the days after a tick bite or potential exposure. Early detec-

tion and treatment are essential to preventing serious health complications.”

Rocky Mountain spotted fever can be challenging to diagnose because it can mimic other common diseases. Early treatment is essential to preventing serious complications, including death. If Rocky Mountain spotted fever is suspected, the antibiotic doxycycline is the first line treatment for both adults and children, and should be initiated immediately.

There are a number of ticks in the United States that can transmit Rocky Mountain spotted fever including the American dog tick, “Dermacentor variabilis,” which is the most common tick encountered in Michigan.

Other ticks that transmit the disease outside of Michigan are the Rocky Mountain wood tick, “Dermacentor andersoni,” and the brown dog tick, “Rhipicephalus sanguineu.”

Residents can protect themselves by using the following tips to prevent tick bites:

#### Avoid tick-infested areas.

This is especially important in the

spring and summer in Michigan. If you are in tick-infested areas, walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush and leaf litter at trail edges. Dogs and cats can come into contact with ticks outdoors and bring them into the home, so use tick prevention products on pets.

**Use insect repellent.** Apply repellent containing DEET (20-30 percent) or Picaridin on exposed skin. You can also treat clothes (especially pants, socks and shoes) with permethrin, which kills ticks on contact or buy clothes that are pre-treated. Permethrin can also be used on tents and some camping gear. Do not use permethrin directly on skin. Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions when applying any repellents.

**Bathe or shower.** Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.

**Treat your clothing.** Ticks can get a ride indoors on your

clothes. After being outdoors, dry clothing should be tumble dried in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed. If the clothes require washing first, hot water is recommended. The clothes should be warm and completely dry when finished.

#### Perform daily tick checks.

Always check for ticks on yourself and your animals after being outdoors, even in your own yard. Inspect all body surfaces carefully, and remove attached ticks with tweezers. Grasp the tick firmly and as closely to the skin as possible. With a steady motion, pull the tick’s body away from the skin. Do not be alarmed if the tick’s mouthparts remain in the skin. Cleanse the area with an antiseptic.

For more information about Rocky Mountain spotted fever, visit [www.cdc.gov/rmsf](http://www.cdc.gov/rmsf). Additional tips on tick bite prevention can be found on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid](http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid).

# Community Calendar through December 31

Jan. 5-Dec. 21: Newberry language classes, Wednesdays, noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. For more information contact the Language Department at 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie or call 635-6050.

Jan. 5-Dec. 21: St. Ignace language classes, 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays at the McCann Center, 399 McCann Street. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact the Language Department at 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie or call 635-6050.

Jan. 6-Dec. 21: Munising language classes, Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Center. For more information contact the Language Department at 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie or call 635-6050.

Jan. 7-Dec. 22: Lunch Bunch language classes, Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m., 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call the Language Department at 635-6050.

Jan. 7-Dec. 22: Sault Ste. Marie language classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. at the Nokomis/Mishomis Building. Everyone is welcome. For more information call the Language Department at 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie or call 635-6050.

July 2: The Beach Party Boys/The Jersey Seasons, 8 p.m. at Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

July 3: The Beach Party Boys/The Jersey Seasons, 4 p.m. at Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

July 5: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Sault Ste. Marie, 6 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center. Open community hour, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please call Joanne or Linda at the administration office, 635-6050 or (800) 7930660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

July 6: The Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center 2076 Shunk Rd. For questions, call the Elder Services at 635-4971.

July 7: The Unit V Marquette Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 7 and 21: The Unit V Munising Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly at the Munising Tribal Center (Lincoln School), first Thursday of the month the meetings are at 11 a.m., meal is at noon. On the third Thursday of the month, meal at noon, entrance to the building is off Munising Ave. (M 28) across from the Legion. Please use the west entrance. For questions, call the Elder Services at 635-4971.

July 8: The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the second Friday of

every month after the noon meal at the McCann Building. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 9: Neil Diamond tribute show, 8 p.m., Kewadin Shores Events Center, St. Ignace. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

July 10: Neil Diamond tribute show, 4 p.m., Kewadin Shores Events Center, St. Ignace. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

July 11: Inland Conservation meeting, 4 p.m., Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie. Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month. Contact Linda Grossett at 635-6050 or [lgrossett@saulttribe.net](mailto:lgrossett@saulttribe.net) with any questions.

July 13: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the second Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Manistique Tribal Center. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 14-16: Sault Tribe artisans exhibit and sales, on the second Thursday-Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in the Bawating Art Gallery at Kewadin Casinos. Buy handcrafted gifts for all occasions! Artisans must be a Sault Tribe member or Sault Tribe household to use the space for exhibits or sales. For reservations or information, call Rachel McKechnie at 632-0530 ext. 53573.

July 15: The Unit II Newberry Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the third Friday of every month at 10:30 a.m. before the meal at the Zellars Village Inn. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 15: *Win Awenen Nisitotung* newspaper deadline, 12 p.m. For submissions or to place an advertisement, email [jdburton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdburton@saulttribe.net) or send to 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. For community calendar events, email [slucas@saulttribe.net](mailto:slucas@saulttribe.net). For more information, call the Communications Department at 632-6398.

July 18: The Unit II Hessel Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 18: Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit III representatives Keith Massaway and Bridgett Sorenson are pleased to invite you to attend a Unit III meeting at 6 p.m., Enji Maawanji' Iding, the McCann Center, 399 McCann Street, St. Ignace. Please come share your ideas, questions and concerns with your tribal board representatives. For questions, call Keith Massaway at 643-6981 or Bridgett Sorenson at 430-0536.

July 18: Do you have a diminished relationship due to someone's substance abuse? Please join us at the Substance Abuse Support Group for Family and Friends of the addict on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. at the Huntington Bank in Sault Ste. Marie. If you have

any questions, please don't hesitate to call Linda at 440-7252.

July 19: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Manistique, 6 p.m., location to be announced. Open community hour, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please call Joanne or Linda at the administration office, 635-6050 or (800) 7930660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

July 20: Les Cheneaux-Cedarville Schools Title VII Parent Advisory Committee monthly meeting every third Wednesday in the School library at 5 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend. For questions, please call Drew Paquin at Les Cheneaux Area School at 484-2256.

July 21: The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Subcommittee meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Willow Creek Professional Building, second floor meeting room, 3500 Ludington Street. Catered meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by the meeting. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 21: Families Against Narcotics meets on the third Thursday of every month, 6:30 p.m., at the Huntington Bank meeting room in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, email [chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org](mailto:chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org) or visit [www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/chippewa-county](http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/chippewa-county) or [www.facebook.com/fanchipp](http://www.facebook.com/fanchipp).

July 23: Night Fever, a tribute to the Bee Gees, 8 p.m. at Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

July 24: Night Fever, a tribute to the Bee Gees, 4 p.m. at Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

July 25: Elderly Advisory Committee meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. Representatives from all elder subcommittees attend on the fourth Monday for months March through October. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 27: Unit II Naubinway Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Naubinway Pavilion. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 1: Inland Conservation meeting, 4 p.m., Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie. Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month. Contact Linda Grossett at 635-6050 or [lgrossett@saulttribe.net](mailto:lgrossett@saulttribe.net) with any questions.

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Aug. 2: Sault Tribe Board of

Directors meeting, Kincheloe, 6 p.m., location to be announced. Open community hour, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please call Joanne or Linda at the administration office, 635-6050 or (800) 7930660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

Aug. 3: The Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center 2076 Shunk Rd. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971.

Aug. 4: The Unit V Marquette Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 4 and 18: The Unit V Munising Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly at the Munising Tribal Center (Lincoln School), first Thursday of the month the meeting will be at 11 a.m.; meal is at 12:00 p.m. On the third Thursday of the month the meal will be at noon, the Entrance to the building is off Munising Ave. (M 28) across from the Legion. Please use the west entrance. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971.

Aug. 6: British Legends A Tribute to David Bowie, John Lennon, Tom Jones and Elton John, 8 p.m. at Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

Aug. 7: British Legends, a tribute to David Bowie, John Lennon, Tom Jones and Elton John, 4 p.m. at Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

Aug. 10: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the second Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Manistique Tribal Center. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 11-13: Sault Tribe artists exhibits and sales, on the second Thursday-Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in the Bawating Art Gallery at Kewadin Casinos. Buy handcrafted gifts for all occasions! Artists must be Sault Tribe members or Sault Tribe household to use the space for exhibits or sales. For reservations or information, call Rachel McKechnie at 632-0530 ext. 53573.

Aug. 12: *Win Awenen Nisitotung* newspaper deadline, 12 p.m. For submissions or to place an advertisement email [jdburton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdburton@saulttribe.net) or send to 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. For community calendar events email [slucas@saulttribe.net](mailto:slucas@saulttribe.net). For more information, call the Communications Department at 632-6398.

Aug. 12: The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann Building. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 15: The Unit II Hessel Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 15: Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit III representatives Keith Massaway and Bridgett Sorenson invite you to attend a Unit III meeting at 6 p.m., Enji Maawanji' Iding, the McCann Center, 399 McCann Street, St. Ignace. Please come share your ideas, questions and concerns with your tribal board representatives. For questions, call Keith Massaway at 643-6981 or Bridgett Sorenson at 430-0536.

Aug. 15: Do you have a diminished relationship due to someone's substance abuse? Please join us at the Substance Abuse Support Group for Family and Friends of the addict on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. at the Huntington Bank in Sault Ste. Marie. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Linda at 440-7252.

Aug. 16: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Marquette, 6 p.m., location to be announced. Open community hour, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please call Joanne or Linda at the administration office, 635-6050 or (800) 7930660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

Aug. 17: The Les Cheneaux-Cedarville Schools Title VII Parent Advisory Committee monthly meeting every third Wednesday in the School library at 5 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend. For questions please call Drew Paquin at Les Cheneaux Area School at 484-2256.

Aug. 18: The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Subcommittee meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Willow Creek Professional Building, second floor meeting room, 3500 Ludington Street. Catered meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by the meeting. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 18: Families Against Narcotics meets on the third Thursdays of every month, 6:30 p.m., at the Huntington Bank meeting room in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, email [chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org](mailto:chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org) or visit [www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/chippewa-county](http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/chippewa-county) or [www.facebook.com/fanchipp](http://www.facebook.com/fanchipp).

Aug. 19: The Unit II Newberry Elderly Subcommittee meets on the third Friday of every month at 10:30 a.m. before the meal at the Zellars Village Inn. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 22: The Elderly Advisory Committee meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. Representatives from all elder subcommittees attend on the fourth Monday for months March through October. For questions, call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

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# CDC American Indian Cancer Summit 2016

FROM NATIONAL NATIVE NETWORK

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2016 Summit, *Looking Back and Looking Ahead: The State of Cancer Control in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities*, convened for current CDC grantees on April 26-28 at Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, Mich.

Grantees from five CDC regions across the country collaborated to discuss cancer health policy implementation in Indian Country. Grantees included Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cherokee Nation, Kaw Nation, Cheyenne River Sioux, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board, Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Tohono O'odham National, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Arctic Slope, Southcentral Foundation, Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Native American Rehabilitation Association, South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and California Rural Indian Health Board.

The summit opened with a prayer by Grand Traverse Band Health Director Ruth Bussey and remarks by the CDC Division of Cancer Prevention and Control Director Lisa Richardson. Keynote speaker Dr. David Espey presented *Cancer Surveillance in American Indian and Alaska Natives: What the Data are telling us and Future Directions*, focused on emerging trends in American/Alaska Native cancer



Photo by Mike Willette

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2016 Summit was held April 26-28 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, Mich.

data sets.

Next, a panel discussed "Unique Characteristics of Tribal Communities and the Impact of Cancer Control" focusing on different areas including research, tobacco abuse and colorectal cancer.

During the afternoon, Noel Pingatore of the National Native Network and Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan moderated a discussion. The afternoon wrapped with breakout sessions.

The final event of the first day was an "nDigi Fest" sponsored by the California Rural Indian Health Board and the National Native Network. The event was a cultural exchange through "digital storytelling" with stories about the many aspects of cancer prevention, education, care, and

treatment in a culturally unique and powerfully healing setting. The presentation was moderated by Brenda K. Manuelito and Carmella Rodriguez of nDigiDreams.

nDigi Fest opened with a prayer Cree First Nation of Waswanipi's Daisy Kostus and an Eagle Staff presentation by Linda Woods from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Stories included, "Zaagidiwin (Love)," told by Punkin Shananaquet of the Lac Courte Oreilles/Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Potawatomi; "Stage 2...Stage 3," by Rita McDonald, Cancer Navigator for Northern Cheyenne Tribe; "Lessons Learned" by Donald Sumners of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Indians; "Yuuluaqaucirkaq (Healthy Way of Living)" by Agnes Roland of the Yupik; "My Mother Prayed Cancer Away," by Ophelia Spencer of the Navajo, "Nikaanag (My brothers, my friends)" by Dr. Erich Longie of the Spirit Lake Sioux; "Gift of Another Day" by Dr. Suzanne Cross of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe; and "Calling on the Great Spirit" by Daisy Kostus.

Fond du Lac Wiidookaage Cancer Team Chairwoman Sharon Johnson opened the second day with a prayer. Day two keynote speaker, Jeffrey Henderson of the Black Hills Center for American Indian Health, presented, "Intersections of Culture, Science, Policy and Cancer Disparities Among AI/AN." The meeting then tran-

sitioned to a panel discussion, "Embracing Policy, Systems and Environmental Approaches to Address Cancer Disparities in AI/AN Communities." The remainder of the day was dedicated to break out sessions working to identify PSE opportunities and needs facilitated by CDC Program Consultants.

Day three opened with a prayer by Karen Morgan of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium followed by an early working session to finalize action items.

The CDC's Lisa Richardson, Nikki Hayes and Faye Wong gave the closing address and call to action to continue the momentum beyond the summit. Eldon Kalemsa of the Hopi Tribe led the closing prayer.

## Health educators receive national recognition

Sault Tribe Community Health educators Colin Welker and Tyler LaPlaut gained national attention recently for their successful initiatives to improve the health of youth in the Upper Peninsula.

Welker and LaPlaut were each selected as panelists to speak about their successful community health initiatives at two national conventions.

Last month in New Orleans, Welker presented during *Clearing the Air: An Institute for Policy Advocacy*, a convention that focuses on smoke-free air policies.

Welker shared his experiences working in youth tobacco prevention, providing one-on-one commercial tobacco cessation counseling and his involvement with the Truth Initiative, America's

**We wanted to show we built and enhanced a community by simply creating partnerships and sharing resources.**

— Tyler LaPlaut

largest non-profit organization dedicated to teen smoking prevention.

A few weeks later, LaPlaut was a panelist at the 2016 Building Michigan Communities Conference during April 25-27 in Lansing. The conference is the largest of its kind in the nation with more than 1,700 people from Michigan and the country in attendance.



Colin Welker (left) and Tyler LaPlaut recently spoke about their programs at two national conventions.

LaPlaut was joined by Erin Carter, extension educator for the Marquette County Michigan State University Extension Office.



LaPlaut highlighted coalition efforts that led to newly expanded after-school and summer programs for youth at the K. I.

Sawyer Community Center in Gwinn.

The Youth Education and Activities program is provided by Sault Tribe and is a win-win for kids and working parents by offering a safe, structured and enriching environment for K-12 youth.

"We wanted to show we built and enhanced a community by simply creating partnerships and sharing resources," LaPlaut said. "We are utilizing what's available to us, plus some manpower, to create programming and recreation that has a positive effect on the health of the community."

Both Welker and LaPlaut saw the opportunity to attend and present as a way to increase their professional knowledge and network with top industry players.

## From "Calendar," continued from page 19 —

Aug. 31: The Unit II Naubinway Elderly Subcommittee meets monthly on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Naubinway Pavilion. For questions, call Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Tribal foster homes

Tribal foster homes are needed. Make a difference in the life of a child — consider becoming a foster parent. Call ACFS at 495-1232 or call (800) 3477137.

#### Sault Tribe picnic in

### Marquette set for Aug. 6

Hosted by the Unit V Elder Subcommittee of Marquette on Aug. 6, 2016, noon to 3 p.m., at Beaver Grove Recreation Area Township Park on US-41 South. Please call Joe Gray at 249-3303 if you and your family will be attending.

### Lodge of Bravery needs volunteers and interns

The lodge is a safe shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, family violence and stalking in Sault Ste. Marie,

Mich. Motivated and compassionate people are needed to help our residents regain their independence. If interested, contact Bridget Akre at 635-7705, extension 73108 or send email to bakre@saulttribe.net.

Volunteers must pass a background check (through Human Resource) and a Central Registry clearance from DHS and ACFS.

### Child Care Center currently has openings

Sault Tribe Child Care currently has openings for infants

and toddlers. Our center offers an educational setting and the classrooms follow a daily schedule along with implementing the Creative Curriculum. Open Monday-Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We are open to the community! Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided!

We accept CCDF and DHS child care assistance payments! We recently received a four-star rating through DHS and the amount that we get reimbursed for the care provided will

increase effective on June 28, 2015.

For more information, please contact our office at 632-5258.

### Ojibwe Learning Center and Library survey

For the current Institute of Museum and Library Services grant, we have made a short survey for the Sault Tribe Ojibwe Learning Center. We are asking for feedback from employees and members of the community. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JJXMZCG>.

# End of an Era or Beginning of a New One?



With My Mom Katherine (Gotnee) Payment in 2004

**Ahneen, Boozho, Negee:**

By the time you read this, the Tribal election will be over and the results clear ~ either you elected me to continue to serve you or you didn't. If I am not re-elected, I will try to find a way to serve our people in some other capacity. Either way, I am 100 percent committed to our people and perpetuating our way of life. I believe I was born into this role. I have

done my best to fulfill this sacred trust and responsibility.

Whether I am re-elected, it is truly a sad occasion and an end of an era with Cathy Abramson's retirement. I admit in our early days, I did not see the full extent of her commitment, ability and heart. Having worked closer with her in the last four years, I can now say I feel privileged to have worked with

her and our tribe is honored to call her a Sault Tribe citizen. She has served with distinction back home and at the national level. I hope others will step up to hers and my commitment if we are both gone. Chi McGwitch Cathy for loving your people and tribe so much that you gave so much of yourself and truly made a difference!

This election cycle was one of the more negative ones

we have had. It was not quite the "Pink Post Card," "Michael Jackson," or "Mike and Aaron Suck, Volume I and II" negative, but I was accused of covering up a rape of a child from before I was even Chair, accused of being a misogynist when I my mom and my grandmother were my most influential teachers, and of being equated with Adolph Hitler. Besides the grossly inappropriate trivialization of the Holocaust of millions of Jewish people for a tribal campaign, it was even suggested that the granddaughter of our first Chair and I should just commit suicide together. After called out on it, it was explained away as a joke. Many of these accusations were posted or allowed to be posted by Directors Massaway and McLeod.

I made myself a promise a long time ago, to never cower or remain silent so others believe the negative campaigning and never to return hate with hate. Instead, I feel it is necessary to openly ad-

dress the hate and expose it. While anonymous mailers and attack ads have become typical, I refuse to attack for fear that if I lose, I will wonder if that is why I lost.

During my final days of the current administration, I have been very busy fighting to shut down the Enbridge Line 5 Pipeline, testifying yet again in Congress on the "Indian Child Act," pushing legislation to save us millions under the Affordable Care Act, addressing issues of data collection and historical trauma to the HHS Secretary and pushing structural changes in the U.S. Department of Education to improve our American Indian graduation rates.

I first ran along with Cathy Abramson in 1996 to make a difference in our people's lives. We have had some success and there is more to do. I hope to be part of it. Either way, it has been a privilege and an honor so *Chi McGwitch, Negee!*

*Aaron*

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## Landmark case allows Choctaws to prosecute non-Indians on tribal land

From "Dollar General," page 1 NCAI cited the other two cases as *Nebraska vs. Parker* and *U.S. vs. Bryant*.

"Tribal courts must have the authority to protect and provide remedies for tribal members who are subjected to assault on an Indian reservation," said NCAI President Brian Cladoosby. "The Supreme Court upheld the Fifth Circuit's decision, and the civil lawsuit against Dollar General in the Mississippi Choctaw Tribal Court will proceed. While we applaud this result, we also remember that the offender in this

case was never held criminally responsible for his crimes. For victims on tribal lands to truly have access to justice, Congress must take action to untie the hands of tribal courts and allow them to prosecute offenders who commit crimes against our children regardless of their race."

NCAI further noted the case illustrates tribal courts have jurisdiction to protect their members from intentional harm from employers on tribal lands, a point "particularly important" because tribes do not usually have criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians.

## Traditional Medicine July hours

Keith Smith will be holding Traditional Medicine Clinic hours:

July 6, 7, 14, 21, 26, 28 in Sault Ste. Marie. Call Tony Abramson Jr., 632-0236, Peggy Holappa 632-0220 or Reception 632-5210 for an appointment.

July 19 in Munising, 387-4721 or (866) 401-0043

July 20 in Hessel, 484-2727

July 27 in Escanaba, 786-2636 Harlan Downwind will be holding Traditional Medicine Clinic hours:

July 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 27 in Sault Ste. Marie. Call Tony Abramson, Jr. 632-0236, Peggy Holappa 632-0220 or Reception 632-5210 for an appointment.

July 12, 26 in St. Ignace, 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135



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# Board votes to hire new casino CEO, Buro out



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

The board voted at the June 1 meeting to hire a new CEO. I did not agree with that decision

for several reasons. Even though Fred Buro had been hired in December 2014, the first budget he prepared was in 2016. There were several changes in promotions, software, player development, management training, etc., that were still in process. We are upon the busiest season and are now competing with Odawa's 160-slot machine shop. Anybody walking into this position had to stop the bleeding. I don't understand how this board thinks that in 18 months a person can turn the ship around when revenues have been declining for years as well as much more competition.

We have a few board members who could not manipulate Fred, even though they ran him through the mill every Tuesday and God

knows how much behind the scenes. They are the same board members who say the board should not have their hands in our businesses or micromanaging. Only time will tell how this new CEO will be able to please these board members. Will this one bring in his own staff? Will he work with our own staff? Will they brow beat him with every decision he makes? Will he be able to make business decisions, or what is best for a "unit?"

At the June 14 meeting, Director Hoffman had put economic development on the agenda under new business. The chairman ruled that no action could be taken because there was no resolution within the five-day notice. This is insane since on June 1

at the St. Ignace meeting the chairman had put a key employee issue under new business and there was a vote taken to hire a new CEO. So, how can two meetings back-to-back not follow the same rules? Could it be because one was placed on the agenda by the chair? Director Hoffman only wanted to figure out direction on whether the board was moving to the second choice for the position, re-posting or offering more money to the first choice. This is an example of why the board has problems moving the tribe forward.

The board voted to authorize the Legal Department to intervene in the lawsuit filed by the National Wildlife Federation to shut down Enbridge Line 5 pipe-

line. I have been to the past two city council meetings and county commissioner's meeting to ask them to take action. The city of St. Ignace and Mackinac County are among the few local governments left to take action.

For members who see our meeting agenda and come to the meetings or watch Ustream, it is very frustrating when items are removed from the agenda. I do not agree with items being removed during the workshop and not read when the meeting agenda is voted on. Members sometimes attend and travel for specific agenda items. I also do not agree with the five-minute limit, especially when there are only one to three meetings a year in some units.

## McLeod says, "Time to change how we do things"



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin Anishnaabek, due to the election, my monthly reports to you have been limited to just 500 words, so I will be direct.

Our tribe needs to change how

it works, and I believe it needs to start with the board of directors. We need to ask and answer important questions:

- 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 that we make?
- What do we do in the event of a federal financial crisis?
- Are we doing enough to perpetuate our way of life and provide for the welfare and prosperity of our people?

But we are not asking those questions. 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. This needs to stop. We need to be visionary and develop a cohesive plan for the future of our people that keeps the foundation of our being Anishnaabe STRONG. With a shift in our thinking, we can focus on what truly matters: Moving our tribe forward in a good way and making life better for our people.

Can we answer these questions?

- Has life become better or worse for ALL of our people?
- 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 young people to drugs and suicide?
- Are OUR children using

OUR language?

— What are the needs of our elders?

Our board's time is wasted on meeting agendas that are filled with minor budget modifications and resolutions based on politics, instead of tribal need. Too much of the board's time together as a group is spent focused on dollars instead of people.

We need to focus on making certain that our language and culture does not vanish. We have excellent cultural and language events and activities, but is this tribe providing enough resources to rejuvenate the use of our language so that seven generations from now, we will have MORE language speakers?

Are the basic needs of food, medicine and housing being met?

The need of our people is great in these areas! I want to give credit to those departments who work hard to address those needs. But we are a tribe, not a corporation. We need to focus more on PEOPLE, less on dollars. I heard someone say "We had more when we had less." It's true, we had more caring, more connection and more hope.

Moving in this direction would require a huge shift in thinking, procedures and accountability measures. But I believe we MUST do this. We MUST put our PEOPLE first.

Anishnaabe gagige (Anishnaabe for always)

Jen

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## Causley-Smith updates Unit II membership



**LANA CAUSLEY,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

I'm going to have to be the bearer of unfortunate news this month. As you have read in my past reports we hired a temporary CEO to restructure and set professional business direction for

our casinos. During the time here we turned around our bottom line and stopped the bleeding of millions of dollars and set sound business direction for savings and profitability. We had trained managers, implemented different policies, started a new Northern Rewards Players Card program, prioritized capital projects for upgrades in our casinos and implemented an accountability structure for managers to be graded on knowledge, profitability, vision and team member satisfaction structures. We had a long way to go, I'm sorry to say that the board voted to permanently hire someone else for the position and the temporary CEO has since left.

The board interviewed potential individuals for this position and could not come to an agree-

ment; the board then chose to allow three outside men as a panel to interview and recommend a hire (I didn't agree to this). The interviews were completed and a recommendation was made to hire.

I did not support going in a different direction at this time and I have NOT met the new CEO — we have not even been officially notified of his start date. I've asked and been told soon. I'm very concerned at this point, as managers have called me, team members have asked me, all with no real answers to their questions. I will say that all the managers I spoke with have stated they supported our direction, although difficult but all said they appreciated that training and challenges to become better. I had also personally spoken to administrative

staff and front line workers who saw us going down a professional path and now it's up in the air. I cannot answer when the new position will be filled. In the meantime, I'm confident that the general managers can and need to keep the ship steady until a new path is set. As always, since the majority of the board voted to hire someone else I will do my best to allow him the opportunity to set a direction and respect his work. This is just one of those disappointments I have to roll with and advocate for the very best. I want to thank all the team members and administration staff who worked hard to change our old structure and become better.

With that, I want to close with a special "chi miigwech" to Jackie Minton, Cecil Pavlat and Colleen Medicine for their

work toward putting together an amazing play and dedication for women against domestic violence. Many tribal members participated (I'm afraid to forget any) so please go to our website and view the entire play online. It was a something all can be so proud of for awareness and good work.

Also, our youth education staff just finished a 47-mile "Bike the Sites" bicycle trip with our tribal youth to combat childhood obesity. Thank you for the time spent and not getting me a bike (ha ha). It was another good thing for our tribal youth.

As always, please contact me if you would like to meet or talk: (906) 484-2954, (906) 333-3818 or lcausley@saulttribe.net.

Baamaapii.

Lana Causley-Smith

## Many challenges and obstacles to overcome

When this unit report is printed the tribe will have voted for our next board. We will have at least two newly elected members and quite possibly more.

I would like to thank Cathy Abramson for her years of dedication to the board, the tribe and our citizens and to also extend thanks to all past board members who have served our people.

This newly seated board will have many challenges and obstacles to overcome for the next two years and we need to work

together to find the best solutions to these problems.

Our downstate casino expansion projects are moving along their twisted path. We hope to have some news in the near future. We think that it may actually be good news but it will be only a small step that will lead to another hurdle.

There has been talk of a casino opening soon but the timeline still looks like a few years before we can open a door. Just the construction alone would take over a

year without the legal challenges that are sure to be raised and slow down the project.

The Head Start Program and Early Head Start Program have had their federal reviews. I am on the committees and this program is one of the best in the nation.

We are very proud of all the hard work our employees do to ensure that we remain in compliance on this heavily regulated program. I would like to congratulate everyone involved on

maintaining these high standards

I would like to thank Mr. Fred Buro, our last CEO of the casinos, for the work he did while he was the temporary CEO.

We look forward to working with our new permanent CEO who should be on the job early July.

Thank you for all the support, phone calls and e-mails.

Keith Massaway, 702 Hazleton St., St. Ignace, MI, 49781, kmassaway@msn.com, (906) 643-6981



**KEITH MASSAWAY,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

# A behind-the-scenes look at Kewadin Casinos Accounting Department's daily activities

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Chief financial officer for the Kewadin Casinos, Rick McDowell, is one of the few people you will ever hear use the word “fun” and “accounting” in the same sentence.

McDowell supervises 120 team members directly or indirectly in the tribe's five northern casino locations. Of the 120, 20 are in the Accounting Department located in the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino, 80 team members are working in the cage area (the casino's center of commerce where cashiers handle money, casino chips and paperwork) between the five casinos and the count team has about 20 team members.

Kewadin count team counts all revenues from the gaming and nongaming areas in the form of currency, checks, slot tickets and other negotiable instruments at the five casinos. The Cage Department provides services to casino customers and team members, including check cashing, ATM/Kiosk withdrawals, selling and redeeming coin, chip and token transactions, promotional coupons, and tax reporting. The cashiers in the cage are also responsible for dispersing playing cards, dice and key control for the gaming and the security departments.

Casino Accounting processed over 5,000 taxable jackpots in 2015 with a combined total over \$11 million, processed over 7,000 checks with a combined total over \$25 million, and processed the purchase of over \$2.3 million in slots and systems.

There is a massive amount of behind-the-scenes paperwork that goes through Accounting. The department is also responsible for generating financial statements, numerous audits, compliance with tribal, state and federal regulations, accounts receivable, tax reports and revenue projections.

The casino's Accounting Department works closely with Purchasing, Human Resources, Tribal Police and tribal Accounting, and with over 100 departments between the five casinos, and all that information continuously routes through the department.

“Throughout the casinos we interact with all the departments — any of the funds or monies that come through any of the casinos we tie out and balance in accounting,” McDowell said. “We compile all the information for overages and shortages for the drawers in the cages, the hotels, gift shops, restaurants, and entertainment,” he added.

Accounting completes the monthly and annual financial statements, which include net assets, revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, cash flows and related notes to the financial statements.

The department audits and reconciles all “source” documents — the master gaming report; slot summary report; hotel, entertainment, gift shop,



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**KEWADIN CASINO ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT TEAM MEMBERS** — Back, left to right: Matthew Bernier, Terry Carr, Dana Schlehuber, Dennis Menard, Greg Dunning, and Shari Carlisle. Center, left to right: Kim Latreille, Sue Tobias, Dave Lockhart, Wendie Harten, Tammy Vickers, Kim Schoepfner, Millie Redmond, and Teresa Patten. Front, left to right: Rick McDowell, Sandy Sauro, Tina VanAlstine, Joan Hill, Heather Weber, Lorraine Rapson, Brenda Lipponen, Ashley Reffruschinni, and Alex Munro.

restaurant and bar information — to the actual cash counted by the count team.

Accounting reviews transactions to comply with Kewadin Casino Minimum Internal Control Standards, Tribal Code Chapter 42 Gaming Ordinance, National Indian Gaming Commission Control Standards, the Gaming Compact with the state of Michigan and other federal regulations.

The department pays invoices, monthly billings for convention center events, and processes payroll deductions, tip allocation and reporting.

Accounting reports and submit withholding payments on slot winners \$1,200 and over to the Internal Revenue Service. They process 1099 informational returns when a customer wins \$600 and over in value on a promotion.

Other functions of the Casino Accounting Department include gaming audits, non-gaming audits, hotel night audits, compliance audits, budgeting, credit authorization, Bank Secrecy Act and Patriot Act compliance as well as forecasting and projections.

McDowell said he believes they have the best department in the casino. The staff has an average of 15 years of service to the casinos, with Cage Director Kent Artley at 22 years, Count Team Supervisor Joseph Farrish, 22 years, Kim Schoepfner and Dana Schlehuber both senior accountants with 22 and 13 years respectfully, and Account Receivable Manager Joan Hill with 22 years.

“The staff is all very knowledgeable. We have a hard working department that is very varied in what we do. It isn't

typical accounting work, we do a lot of the balancing and recon-

ciliation, but also a lot of auditing and testing to detect fraud

or misappropriations of different things,” McDowell said.

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Discount at Kewadin retail shops (restrictions may apply)	20%	15%	10%	5%
Buffet line pass				
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Dining discounts	20%	15%	10%	5%
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Guaranteed show reservations		Yes		
Complimentary ticket offers		Yes		
Meet and greet offers		Yes		
Valet service		Yes	No	Yes
Complimentary shuttle service to/from airport		Yes	No	Yes
Birthday offers		Yes	No	
Club anniversary offers		Yes		
Special holiday offers		Yes		
Personal check cashing fee waived		Yes		
Wedding and catered event discounts	15%	10%		
Complimentary services while waiting for progressive payout		Yes	No	
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Earn Club Points to convert to free play or use at authorized Kewadin outlets		Yes	No	Yes
Earn Tier Points to determine tier status		Yes	No	Yes
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