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**ACHIEVERS** — For the fifth year in a row, JKL Bahweting School has achieved annual yearly progress status. Part of the team responsible for the accomplishment is (back, L-R) Anishinaabe culture and language teacher Michele Wellman-Teeple, third grade teacher Tracey Knight, curriculum director Carolyn Dale, kindergarten teacher Jennifer Veum, elementary Principal Lynn Methner, middle school math teacher Emily Mettner, parent activities coordinator Lori Jodoin, middle school Principal Ken Sherman, (front, L-R) seventh-grader Kiley Morgan, holding the Bureau of Indian Education AYP award, and third-grader Raven McKerchie and kindergartener Alex Fairbanks-Pieno holding the state of Michigan AYP award.

## JKL Bahweting garners honors

**BIE recognizes JKL Bahweting's adequate yearly progress for five years in a row, state gives school a A- report card**

SAULT STE. MARIE — JKL Bahweting School has again achieved "adequate yearly progress" (AYP) status from both the state and the federal Bureau of Indian Education (BIE).

"Making AYP becomes more challenging each year as the state requirements increase each time. It takes an all-school and community effort to continue to offer quality programs for our students," said curriculum director, Carolyn Dale, Ed.S.

Dale added, "I think that the most important thing to remember is that although we have an awesome staff at Bahweting School who work extremely hard, it's really the dedication and hard work of the students who earn these scores who deserve a lion's share of the credit."

The BIE has recognized AYP for the last five years and JKL Bahweting has been on the list every time. It starts with the state. To achieve AYP status, schools must meet state criteria that a certain percentage of students met or exceeded state standards and the school has met certain indicators.

Last year, JKL not only met or exceeded state standards in the core academic grade level expectations, it also received an A- on its school report card.

The BIE decides AYP status by first analyzing the state's data and then conducting monitoring at least twice.

Achieving adequate yearly progress status one year raises the bar for the next year. "Each year becomes more demanding as the target range for achievement increases," said Dale.

## Team members of the year chosen in Soo, Hessel

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Lucjan "Louie" Lipnicki, Kewadin Travel motor coach driver, was recently selected as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie. Patrice Munro, cage cashier, was recently selected as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Hessel.

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

Lipnicki started working with the casino in the Kewadin Travel department on Nov. 27, 1997, as a motor coach driver. "Louie is a great addition to

our Kewadin Travel team," said Stephanie Sprecker, convention sales manager. "Our groups who travel using our motor coaches love him and our team members love him. He has incredible customer service skills and is an extremely dedicated employee."

When he is not driving a Kewadin Motor Coach, Lipnicki writes short stories, some of which are being published. He speaks Polish, Russian, German, Slovakian and English fluently, plays the accordion and builds canoes and historic models.

Lipnicki said he was "very surprised" to be named Team Member of the Year. "I thank all of those team members who



**Lucjan "Louie" Lipnicki, motor coach driver, recently received Kewadin Casinos Sault Ste. Marie Team Member of the Year award.**

nominated me for seeing me as the professional employee," he said.

Lipnicki was born and raised in Jesionowo, Poland. He lived in Sweden, Denmark and Germany before moving to the United States in 1989, taking up residence in New Jersey, then Ohio and Alaska. He now lives



**Photos Courtesy Kewadin Casinos Hessel Team Member of the Year Patrice Munro is joined by her son Thomas and her husband Roderick (L-R) to celebrate her award.**

in Big Rapids.

"I wish I could move to the U.P.," he said. "Just because I love Michigan!"

Munro was nominated by her fellow team members, in part, because she has a great personality, makes work fun and has made her department a wonderful place to work.

"Pat is very helpful and goes the extra mile for other team

members," said Tel Fox, casino manager. "She is a team player and is very much an asset to Kewadin."

Munro has and continues to serve in her position with integrity, fairness and is willing to work hard in the cage. "This was such a huge surprise," said Munro. "I am excited that I had been chosen and feel appreciated for doing my job."

## Sault Tribe referendum approved March 20

SAULT STE. MARIE — Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians voters have approved Referendum 2008-262 so that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors' retirement plan will come into compliance with new federal tax laws. Over 70 percent of ballots received approved the referendum.

On March 20, the tribe's Election Committee conducted a count for the referendum. Of the 4490 ballots received, 3187 approved the referendum and

1280 opposed the referendum. There were 23 spoiled ballots.

"As required, we received in excess of 30 percent registered voters who cast ballots, therefore, the membership has chosen to have the plan stay in compliance with the new federal tax laws," said Election Committee Chairman Michael McKerchie. "Referendum 2008-262 is valid and binding in accordance with the Referendum Ordinance, notwithstanding a valid contest."

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# Notes and items of interest to our members

## Funds available for home energy conservation projects

Funding is now available through the Owner-Occupied Moderate Rehabilitation Service Program for the repair or replacement of sub-standard heating systems and water heaters for owner-occupied homes. Limited funding will be provided to make home heating and water heating systems more energy efficient.

Eligibility includes tribal membership, income guidelines, service area residency and ownership of the property. Applications are required and can be obtained at any ACFS office. Please contact ACFS with any questions at 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.

ACFS offices are in Sault Ste. Marie at 2218 Shunk Road, St. Ignace at 225 Wa Seh Drive, Manistique at 5698 W. Hwy US-2 and Munising at 622 W. Superior Street.

## Chili and frybread fundraiser

Unit I elders are sponsoring a chili and frybread dinner with a silent auction and bake sale on

April 22 at the Niigaanigiizhik Ceremonial Building from 4 to 6 p.m. Adults \$4, children, 5-12, \$3 and children under 5 free.

## Mom 2 Mom resale event April 25

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Sault Ste. Marie is announcing the second annual "Mom 2 Mom" resale event on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sault Area High School cafeteria.

The fund-raiser is designed to provide sale items of interest to moms of all kinds. The sale is open to individuals who want to sell their good quality items no longer needed by their families and children, as well as local crafts persons displaying their wares and at-home vendors with a variety of items not available in local stores.

Non-profit associations with information they wish to provide to moms and their children are also welcome.

Rental space is available, and sellers must be pre-registered. Table rental space is \$20 each and tables are six feet by 30 inches. Set up is at 9 a.m. and tear down is 2-3 p.m.

Refreshment will be

available. For more information, please contact the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at 635-5188.

## Texas hold'em tournament set for April 18 at noon

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Sault Ste. Marie invites you to a Texas hold'em tournament on Saturday, April 18 (License M46603).

The entry fee is \$50. The payout structure will be determined by number of players and 50 percent of the entry fee will be awarded in prizes. You must be 21 to play.

The tournament will be at the Elk's Lodge, 1111 E. Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Registration begins at high noon and the tournament starts at 1 p.m. For registration information call (906) 635-5188.

## Hospice adult grief support group begins in April

Passages, an adult grief support group, will begin April 21 and run through May 26. The group meets for six consecutive

Thursdays, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Superior Room at Chippewa County Health Department located at 508 Ashmun St., in Sault Ste. Marie. Please use the back alley entrance. The group is open to all adult members of the community free of charge.

Passages is designed both for those who have experienced a recent loss and those struggling with unresolved grief from the death of someone special long ago. The group can become a source of emotional support and help through education and sharing. Please call the Hospice office at 253-3151 to register for the group. Hospice of Chippewa County is a United Way Agency.

## VA healthcare eligibility raised

Veterans Administration healthcare recently announced

that starting July 1, 2009, the maximum income levels (minus out of pocket medical expenses) for category eight veterans has been raised 10 percent to allow more veterans into the healthcare system. If you have applied for VA healthcare in the past and been denied due to too much income, you should check into reapplying.

The income/asset ceiling of 80K did not change. New maximum household income for single veteran is \$32,342 and with one dependent \$38,812. Reminder: all recently separated combat veterans get five years of health care regardless of income.

Any questions call Jim Shogren, Chippewa County Veterans Affairs at (906) 635-6470 or the VA outpatient clinic in Kincheloe at (906) 495-7248 or the Oscar G. Johnson VA Hospital in Iron Mountain at (800) 215-8262 ext. 32810.

## Getting resident tribal member status

Since the new tax exemption policy came into effect, there seems to be a lot of confusion regarding not only the certificates, but the original requirements and responsibilities in regards to the state-tribe tax agreement.

The agreement went into effect in April of 2003. The procedure for tribal members to receive their resident tribal member (RTM) status is through the submission (to the Tribal Tax Office) of an address verification card along with the supporting documentation to verify that their address is within the agreement areas.

No matter how long members have resided in an agreement area, they must be registered with the Tribal Tax Office before their RTM statuses becomes valid. Without registering with the Tribal Tax Office, they are not considered resident tribal members. This status is not based upon being an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

### CERTIFICATES OF EXEMPTIONS

The exempt items are the same items that RTMs would submit for refunds from the state:

- Vehicles, recreational vehicles, modular and mobile homes, watercraft, etc.
- Building materials: lumber, siding, flooring, windows, etc.

When an RTM is planning on purchasing a vehicle, etc., the following information must be supplied by the RTM to the Tribal Tax Office in order to receive a certificate of exemption:

- Year, make, model, VIN or serial number.
- The seller's name and address.
- Names listed on title and last four numbers of social security number.
- RTM phone number.

When an RTM is planning to buy building materials, the following information must be supplied by the RTM to the Tribal Tax Office to receive a

certificate of exemption:

- Name and address of the supplier of the materials.
- Name and address of contractor if applicable.

Information for certificates of exemption can be brought to the tribal administration offices, phoned into the Tribal Tax Office at (866) 632-6281 or faxed into the Tribal Tax Office at (906) 632-6587.

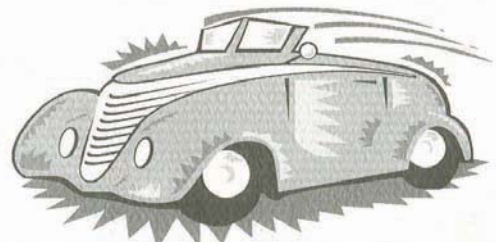
The certificates of exemption are processed as they come into the office.

Reasons for delayed processing is lack of information or incorrect information, such as:

1. Missing contact phone numbers or fax number.
  2. RTM address does not match address listed in tax database.
  3. Name does not match. (For example, an RTM may have been married but did not notify office to submit change of name.)
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# Education fund is now first-come, first-served

Dear college students,  
As you know, the entire nation is experiencing difficult economic times. Our tribe is not exempt from this. We have been looking at our operations and making many necessary changes to adjust to our financial status as well as reduce our 2008 and 2009 deficits. While progress has been made on reducing these deficits, program changes still had to occur to get our spending in line with our revenues.

The original intent of the Education Self-Sufficiency Fund was to provide an incentive award from the interest earned off the fund to those students who attend college or university and maintain a passing grade in each class taken. Due to various influences, we have been spending in excess of \$500,000 of the fund's principal balance on this program in addition to the interest earned each year, totaling over \$800,000 annually. It was great when we could provide this level of service, but due to our negative financial situation, we are unable to continue supplementing the interest earnings at this time.

For 2009, the board of directors approved a budget of \$288,361 based on the estimated interest that will be earned from the fund. This letter serves as your notice that the program is open and it will be based on criteria used from the inception of the program. (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS, NOT BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED.) Once these budgeted dollars have been expended according to existing criteria, the program shall be closed for the remainder of the year.

We have been directed by the board of directors to work with our Higher Education Committee to review the program eligibility criteria to make recommendations for how we

will operate this program in 2010 going forward. Please feel free to contact me or the Higher Education Committee with any

input as to how you would like to see the program operate that best serves the tribal members who utilize it.

Your education is vital to our tribe. We look forward to assisting in any way we are able. Please contact me with any

questions.  
Sincerely, Angeline Matson,  
Education Director

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Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship	Must attend a 4-year school in Michigan in a Teacher Education program
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Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship	Human Services/Social Work degree
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# Wanted: Native counters needed for census

To ensure a more accurate count in 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau is trying to hire more American Indian census workers who are familiar with that you-miss-the-turnoff-with-the-one-armed-cactus-and-you're-lost sense of direction helpful on reservations.

The Census Bureau has been aware of the undercounting of American Indians since a 2003 internal report analyzing the past decade's numbers, said spokesman Raul Cisneros.

The 1990 census undercounted American Indians living on reservations by an estimated 12.22 percent; the 2000 census undercounted them by 4.74 percent.

While that's a marked improvement, it needs to get better, says Jacqueline Johnson-Pata, executive director of the



National Congress of American Indians, who worked closely with the Census Bureau to jumpstart the Native hiring initiative. She stressed there are several federal programs in which tribes receive funding

based on formulas derived from census numbers.

"Housing is a critical need in Indian Country — we use data from the census to determine the allocation of funding for that. If you look at other pro-

grams . . . we need that same demographics information too," she said.

According to Cisneros, challenges the Census Bureau faced when trying to count American Indians living on reservations were residents' hesitation to report all members within a household and uncertainty of whether that information is kept confidential.

Johnson-Pata said that after the 2000 count, when the hiring initiative of Natives first started, both the Census Bureau and Native organizations saw results.

"We found it really made a big difference knowing how to find people . . . in parts of rural Indian Country. It's 'The green house down the way from so-and-so house' logistically," she said.

Johnson-Pata added that having some Native census workers helped tribal members — and tribal governments — feel more comfortable with the whole process.

"A lot of us feel like outside folks want to research us, and it hasn't ever turned out good for us — we've been researched to death and it's not a comfortable feeling," she said. "I hope in 2010 that changes. We have a great showing from Indian Country, to show our growth and get the detailed information for demographics that we need to advocate for ourselves."

To apply for a job, go to the Census 2010 Web site at [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov).

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## Housing Authority awards



The Sault Tribe Housing Authority is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2008 Housing Authority Manager of the Year award and the Team Member of the Year award. Mariea Mongene (right), resident services specialist, was selected by fellow team members to receive the Manager of the Year Award. Dana Patrick (center), homeownership specialist, was selected by fellow team members to receive the Team Member of the Year Award. Congratulations to both of you on a job well done. Honorable mentions were awarded to Dan Maleport, Sheila Berger and Jessica Lakosky. Housing Authority Director Joni Talentino is on the left.

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# New language instructor, Amy says aniin



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maadiziwaad. Indoozhibii'ige da-wiidamooninagog wii-kikinoo'amaageyaan omaa Baawating. Niwii-naad-amaawaag gekinoo'amaagejig omaa.

My name is Amy McCoy and I am writing to re-introduce myself to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians as an Anishinaabe language instructor. My children, Geezhik Michael, 4, and Quinn Phoenix McCoy, 8, and I are Sault Tribe members. I was born in the Sault and raised in Okemos, Mich., until high school when I attended Sault area schools and worked for our tribal newspaper. I spent a number of years working in the governmental arena at tribal, state and federal levels.

I came to recognize the critical state of our language and the subsequent threat to our sovereignty of which it defines. As a result, I sought a career shift and devoted myself to learning our language and acquiring the skills necessary to teach it to our children and

ensure our continued vitality as a sovereign Anishinaabe nation.

We recently returned home from Minnesota and Wisconsin where I worked for Ojibwe language immersion programs in various capacities. We relocated because of the lack of children's Ojibwe language programs in Michigan. We initially moved to Wisconsin so that my children could attend Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Immersion Charter School where I came to instruct and create language immersion curricula in various capacities for three years.

At Waadookodaading, I created and instructed pre-kindergarten to third grade curriculum in all academic areas: science, math, language arts, social studies, health and physical education; all delivered in the Ojibwe language. Waadookodaading is an institution that engages students in the achievement of state standards and benchmarks via a complete immersion of the Ojibwe/Anishinaabe language.

I have an elementary K-8 teaching license with social

studies 5-8 certification, a Bachelor of Arts in social relations with a research emphasis in tribal government, a Master of Science in natural resource development with thesis research on minobimaa-diziwin and have pending a Master of Education for August 2009. I also worked to create and instruct Ojibwe language immersion programming for the University of Minnesota Duluth.

It is a blessing to have the opportunity to come home to assist in the revitalization and healing of our people. I am passionate about contributing to a healthy community and believe that the best place for me to do so is working as an educator creating culturally rich programs that empower our children to live our Anishinaabe minobimaa-diziwin, or the good life. This involves an interconnected emotional, physical, psychological and spiritual habit of being that comes from seeing the world through our sacred language. It is my hope

to engage culture-based Ojibwe language programs as a vessel for the over-all healing and decolonization of our people.

All of Indian Country faces the dilemma of a dual reality. One that seeks to sustain continuity of identity with tribal traditions and one that seeks to succeed in mainstream economic life. In an effort to ease the continuing dilemma faced by those within and without Indian Country today, I devote myself to perpetuating the self-sufficient progress of tribes. At the core of this sufficiency is constructing various bridges between Anishinaabe and Western ways of knowing. These bridges can be built by the generation coming up if they have the right teachers. I commit to being the teacher our children need in order to become Oshki-Anishinaabeg, the new people, prophesized to bring back that what has been lost for a positive multi-cultural co-existence.

Please feel free to contact me at (906) 635-6050, ext. 26064, or amccoy@saulttribe.net.

## Hundreds attend STAY conference in the Sault

By Rick Smith

Representatives from a wide variety of governmental, non-profit and Sault Tribe organizations along with a large number of area teens converged on the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie for the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project Coalition Conference on March 20.

The event began in the morning with registration and a continental breakfast where attendees could meet members of the Seven Feathers Partnership Board. The board guides the STAY Project and is comprised of representatives from tribal and mainstream elected leaders and policymakers, academia, health and social services, law enforcement, foster care and spiritualists. It is charged with developing "a broad-based, culturally competent suicide prevention and early intervention program for the eastern and central Upper Peninsula."

The goal of the STAY Project is to work with the partnership board in developing and implementing tribal youth suicide and early intervention plans.

Sault Tribe Chairman Darwin



Photo by Rick Smith

**Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project Manager Barb Smutek (left) with featured conference speaker Dr. Cheryl King at the STAY conference at Kewadin Casino and Convention Center on March 20.**

"Joe" McCoy welcomed all in attendance as did Sault Tribe Education Director Angeline Matson. An opening prayer and song was also observed. A brief recognition ceremony for the partnership board followed.

Those in attendance heard greetings relayed by Elizabeth Reed, a representative from Senator Carl Levin's Upper Peninsula office, who was followed by Dr. Cheryl King, chief psychologist and director

of the Youth Depression and Suicide Prevention Program in the University of Michigan Medical School Department of Psychiatry.

King has been on the faculty of U-M for the past 20 years and is a clinical educator, speaker and researcher whose writings are published widely in the field of youth suicide prevention. According to biographical information available at the conference, King is the principal investiga-

tor of multiple National Institute of Mental Health and privately funded grants focused on understanding and intervening with suicidal adolescents. Along with other credentials, she is a past president of the American Association of Suicidology, the Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers and the Society for Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology. She is active in public policy initiatives and has provided U.S. Senate testimony concerning youth suicide.

Barb Smutek, STAY Project manager, also spoke to the assemblage.

Keynote presentations were made in the DreamMakers Theater with speeches from John Causley Jr., a tribal elder and co-founder of the Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens, and Bud Biron of Sault Tribe cultural affairs.

Workshops and presentations were conducted in the afternoon followed by concluding remarks and ceremony. A meeting of the Seven Feathers Partnership Board capped the proceedings.

Smutek estimated those in attendance at the conference

numbered somewhere between 200 to 300 people.

Suicide often goes hidden in many communities. In Sault Ste. Marie, for example, many locals would probably be surprised to learn there were 78 suicides or attempted suicides by adults in 2006, and 125 more in 2007, according to figures from the Sault War Memorial Hospital. In that same year for teens, the numbers were 18 for 2006 and 23 for 2007.

The Sault Tribe Police Department recorded one suicide along with two suicide attempts in 2006 and again in 2007. Both of those numbers tripled in 2008.

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# Eby treated to dream game by Make-A-Wish

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Jared Eby was born with so many different types of birth defects that he was transferred to Ann Arbor Mott Children's Hospital eight hours after his birth and spent almost the entire first two years of his life living in the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor with his older brother and parents.

Today, a 19-year-old Jared takes it all in stride. A dark-haired teen with a bashful smile, the only outward signs of his continued struggle are the tracheotomy tube that helps keep his partially crushed Eustachian tube open and the bad leg amputated below the knee in 2006. He has one more surgery planned to make his leg more compatible for a prosthetic now that he is done growing. He also requires nighttime nursing care to make sure his ventilator and other equipment work properly while he sleeps.

Because he is considered chronically ill, he was granted a wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation when he was 17 and in March saw that wish granted.

A true Michigander, Jared comes from a family who loves hockey. His wish was to attend the Red Wings game against the Philadelphia Flyers March 17 in Detroit. Both teams, according to his mom, Wendy Eby, are his favorites.



Doug Eby, Jared Eby, Brandon Tomkinson, Wesley Smart and Ryan Knault at the Red Wings game in Detroit that Jared chose for his Make-A-Wish dream trip.

Jared was allowed to bring his family and four friends. So with a loaded car they left the Sault March 15 for Detroit and checked into a suite and adjoining room paid for by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They had a day to themselves before the game the following day and decided to take a trip to a mall 17 miles away in Troy, Mich.

With the kids loose in the mall, Wendy and her husband settled down for a cup of coffee when her cell phone rang.

Her older son, Levi, was on the other end excitedly telling her she wasn't going to believe



Jared and his mom Wendy Eby.

who he just saw get on the elevator. It was the Red Wings forward player Kris Draper. "We are really big Red Wings fans and know who these people are without their hockey equipment on. So my husband

and I went to see if we could find him. We took the elevator upstairs and it just happened that Jared was on the same floor as Kris Draper and across the hall," said Eby.

"We were in the Gap and when we walked out and saw my mom and dad talking to someone I was wondering who they could know there. I got a better look at him and realized who it was. It was awesome!" said Jared.

The Ebys told Draper why they were there and introduced him to Jared. Draper took their contact information and had a Red Wings representative call them and invite them to

their pre-game practice and to a "meet and greet" after the game.

On game day, Jared, his family and friends rode in a limo to Hockeytown Café where they had dinner and were then told by the manager that their meal was on the house. At the arena, Jared was presented with a bag full of t-shirts, calendars, winter hats and other Red Wing memorabilia. After watching the Red Wings win 3-2, Jared got to meet 13 of the players and the coach, who all signed one of his shirts.

Kris Draper presented Jared with his game stick and told the family to keep in touch. "They treated us like royalty. They were thrilled that Jared had chosen the game as his wish because he could have picked anything," said Eby. "It was a chance meeting that turned into a really super thing."

And of course a trip to Detroit isn't complete without a trip to American Coney Island for one of their famous hot dogs. "That was an experience," said Eby.

Jared is a sophomore attending Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie and is still exploring his options but has taken an interest in broadcasting.

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### APRIL 25 AND 26 IN BRIMLEY WITH YOUTH AND ADULT COMPTETIONS AND PRIZES

BRIMLEY — The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Shoot-Out is an annual basketball tournament hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Bay Mills/Brimley for both youth and adults. It will be held this year on Saturday, April 25 through Sunday, April 26, with a slam-dunk contest, three point contest and 50/50 raffle on Saturday night.

The tournament consists of two separate divisions, adult and youth. The youth division is separated into four age categories: 11 and under co-ed, 12-14 co-ed, 15-17 girls, and 15-17 boys. Players must fit into the age category registered for by the day of the tournament and younger players may play in a higher age division.

Both divisions will have double-elimination format depending on the number of teams that are registered. If there are not enough teams registered by the deadline, the tournament will then be switched to round robin. The registration fee is \$500 for the adult division and \$100 for the youth division, which is due by April 11 with registration re-

quirements for teams — teams do not have to be all tribe members, but each team must have at least one tribe member on the court at all times.

A grand prize of \$5,000 will be awarded to the first place team and \$1,500 for the second place team in the adult division. Trophies will also be awarded for first, second and third place and an MVP trophy will be awarded for the tournament. Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams of the youth division.

The adult division of the tournament will be at Brimley High School, with an admission fee of \$2 for adults, \$1 for students. The youth division will be at the Waishkey Center gym, no admission fee.

For registration and other information for the adult division, contact Tom Ranta at (906) 248-8572 or tjranta@baymills.org. For registration and other information for the youth division, contact Candice Ranta at 248-8571 or cranta@baymills.org or Ashley Lothrop at 248-8576, alothrop@bmic.net.



# Sault River of History Museum going downtown

By Rick Smith

Possibly opening as early as July, the River of History Museum in Sault Ste. Marie is moving to spaces on Ashmun Street now under special design and renovation. The museum will be housed in the old Woolworth's building owned by Sault Tribe and adjacent to tribal headquarters.

Currently, the museum is at 209 East Portage Avenue in a stately, Indiana limestone clad structure with a patinated roof most locals call the old federal building. The space is leased from the City of Sault Ste. Marie and that contract will be terminated as of May 22 to allow city offices to occupy the space.

The museum has been under the current lease since 1992 occupying 2,800 square feet on the ground floor of the three-story edifice. Once moved into its new quarters, it will occupy around 4,000 square feet, nearly one-fourth of the floor space on the ground level of the one-story former store. A commercial kitchen and food service area

takes up most of the remaining southern half of the building; while nothing certain is on the horizon at this point, some people hope for an Internet café to open in that space.

River of History Board of Directors member Cecil Pavlat, who is also the Sault Tribe repatriation specialist and acting as the Sault Tribe's point man on the project, said the move is an opportunity for the museum to take advantage of modern technological advances to dramatically improve visitors' experiences. Pavlat added that the move into the larger facility could also accommodate a wider range of exhibits, providing a deeper examination into the area's history.

Used as storage space for years, renovation on the new museum site began on March 16.

A Sault Tribe interpretive center has been in the works for some time, a floor plan for a building to house it was created using grant funds. It appears, according to Pavlat, those plans are on hold at least until the

overall economic picture improves. He said it appears Sault Tribe and maybe other augmenting sources would have to fund the construction of an interpretive center. In the meantime, it may be feasible to establish a scaled-down version of the interpretive center alongside the museum with the entities complementing each other. Pavlat said, "We'd have a resource library, not a lending library, where people could come in and do research. We'd have the elders videos, books, displays, a computer with Internet capabilities and different resources our tribe has accumulated over the years that have been stored here and there. We could pull it all together in one place to become the Ojibwe interpretive center on a much smaller scale."

Pavlat added that the idea of the museum working in concert with the interpretive center has been discussed among the museum board members since September 2008 when he first suggested moving to the old Woolworth's building.

The new museum site is to be designed by Steve Feringa, a member of and architect for the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Sault Tribe is offering museum studies classes beginning April 17-18 at no cost to the public through a professional development grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The classes are open to anyone in the local Sault area interested in learning more about museums and cultural centers. Instructors from Central Michigan University will conduct the classes. Fees may apply to those taking the classes for college credit.

If you have questions regarding the classes, call Angeline Matson, director of the Sault Tribe Education Department, at 635-4944, or send an e-mail message to instructor Lisa Craig Brisson at lisacraigbrisson@gmail.com. To register for the classes, call Sylvia Shannon at 635-7010.

# Fundraiser nets money for Imagination Library



Some of the Tuesday Public Awareness Committee members and Imagination Library recipients.

On March 24, the Tuesday Public Awareness Committee hosted Basketball for Books Saturday at Sault High, the Sault girl's varsity basketball team rivaled against Sault alumni.

The event raised an astonishing \$2,200 for the Imagination Library. Donations were contributed by local businesses and individual sponsors as well as a 50/50 raffle and concessions.

The day ended with the Alumni team making a comeback and tying the game at 50-50.

The money raised will remove 35 children from the waiting list in Chippewa County

for enrollment in the Imagination Library and cover second and third year enrollment for children currently enrolled. The program provides hardcover age-appropriate books to children from infant to age 5 at their home each month.

The committee would like to give a huge "thank you" to the businesses who contributed through monetary gifts and give-a-ways.

For more information on enrollment and sponsorship in the Imagination, Library please call Becky Davis at the EUP Intermediate School District at (906) 632-3373, extension 117.



Photo by Rick Smith

Standing amid the rubble of the area under renovation to accommodate the River of History Museum in its new location in downtown Sault Ste. Marie are (left to right) Steve Feringa, architect and member of the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians; Lynn Ailing of Sault Tribe Construction; Cecil Pavlat, member of the River of History Board of Directors and Sault Tribe; Tony McKerchie and Mike Sylvester of Sault Tribe Construction. The museum will be housed in the structure most locals presently call the old Woolworth's building, adjacent to the tribal administration offices building.

# Sault Tribe offers introduction to museum studies in the Sault

An introduction to museum studies course is provided at no cost to the public through a professional development grant received by Sault Tribe from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Classes are open to anyone in the Sault community interested in learning more about museums and cultural centers. Classes are taught by adjunct instructors through a collaborative agreement with Central Michigan University.

Classes will be at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. Those who want to learn about museums for fun will attend class on Saturday morn-

ings only from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or may attend any or all classes. Those who want to earn university credit or a certificate must attend class on Friday nights 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays (9 credit hours per weekend) 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. There may be fees and costs for university credit.

In the first class on April 17-18, "What are museums? Mission, impact, variety, importance of museums," is discussed.

In the second class, May 1-2, "Collections: Finding items, sharing items, how to take care of items," will be discussed.

In the third week, May 15-

16, "Educational experiences: Programs, activities, visitors," is discussed.

In the third week, May 29-30, "Museums and money: How funded, grants, budgets," is discussed.

In the fifth week, June 12-13, "Everything else: Marketing, technology, boards, volunteers, legal stuff," is discussed.

Please direct questions to Angeline Matson, Sault Tribe Education director at 635-4944 or instructor Lisa Craig Brisson at lisacraigbrisson@gmail.com.

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# Sault Tribe member oversees American Indian, Alaskan Native national Head Start programs

**BY BRENDA AUSTIN**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nina McFadden was recently hired by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) in the Office of Head Start as the regional program manager for American Indian and Alaskan Native Head Start programs throughout the nation.

“I want to strengthen our American Indian Head Start programs so they are providing the best services for young families and children so they have the foundation they need to be successful in whatever they choose to do, and wherever they choose to go,” she said.

The Administration for Children and Families provides technical assistance and support services to Head Start grantees.

ACF contracts with a technical assistance network located in states served by the program. There are over 20,000 children within the 152 grantees served by the program who receive extensive comprehensive early childhood development services focusing on community, family and partnerships. Each year, McFadden’s office receives \$160 million in federal funding, which is then awarded to the grantees.

“It is a very dynamic office,” said McFadden. “Our main goal is to ensure that American Indian and Alaskan Native Head Start grantees are provided with the services and technical assistance they need to be prepared for their refunding each year. “The focus is on the child and

the family, assisting and providing support to the parents and working with the grantees to ensure they are able to collaborate with partners in their communities to provide a full array of services necessary to help children be ready for school,” she said.

McFadden said her youngest son attended Head Start while she was in college. “I think it is very important for me to help the regional offices understand the needs of the American Indian children they are serving in their programs. Sixty percent of American Indian people live off the reservation. It is important for Head Start services to be meeting the needs of a diverse population spread throughout the country.”

McFadden is a former Sault Tribe employee and is a tribal member. She resides in Alexandria, Va., and works within walking distance of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C.

Prior to accepting her current position, McFadden spent 15 years working for the Indian Health Service Bemidji Area Office as the self-determination director overseeing the implementation of the Indian Self-Determination Act. “I oversaw contracting, self-governance, statistics, health planning and urban programs and worked with tribal leaders throughout our five state region — Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois,”

she said.

McFadden understands that Head Start is a priority of tribal leaders “because our children are the most valuable resource we have.” She expects tribal leaders will be focused on the new administration and working towards increasing funding for all of the health and human service programs. Tribal leaders have been very involved in following legislation and watching the appropriations to ensure the programs that are most important in their communities are funded.

“Indian Country is small and I think that no matter where you work or what agency you work for you can help American Indian people — we can all make a difference,” she added.

## Hear great ideas and insights online at ted.com

**BY RICK SMITH**

Sharing “ideas worth spreading” is the main idea and mission of TED, an acronym for an organization named Technology, Entertainment, Design. It began as a conference in 1984 bringing together people who are involved in the various fields related to technology, entertainment and design. The conference evolved and expanded, gathering “the world’s most fascinating thinkers and doers, who are challenged to give the talk of their lives” in about 18 minutes or less.

In April 2007, the organization launched a Web site, www.

ted.com, bringing over 200 of the “best talks and performances from TED available to the public for free.” Today, TED has over 400 videographed talks by people in diversified fields from novelists to physicists, a “hacker of the human brain” to Bono of the Irish rock band U2, paleontologists to builders of biologic robots. And it continues to grow.

The stated aim of the organization on the Web site is, “We believe passionately in the power of ideas to change attitudes, lives and ultimately, the world. So we’re building here a clearinghouse that offers

free knowledge and inspiration from the world’s most inspired thinkers, and also a community of curious souls to engage with ideas and each other.”

According to the Web site, TED holds an annual conference in Long Beach, Calif., that is still the heart of the organization. More than a thousand people attend with seats selling out a year in advance. Over four days, 50 speakers each take allotted amounts of time for their talks or performances. You might want to see and hear Mike Rowe of the Discovery Channel’s Dirty Jobs program talk about lessons in life he has learned from that work; Majora Carter on fighting “environmental racism;” techie businessman Bill Gates on philanthropy; maybe a number of master storytellers. Many people could take advantage of listening to researcher Kamal Meattle’s four-minute talk about the three common green plants to have in your home or office to “grow” your own fresh air and help improve impaired respiratory

function.

The themes generally center around the basic technology, entertainment and design, of course, but newer themes include business, science, culture, arts, global issues and more. The talks are listed in different categories and orders.

In addition, the Web site notes TED annually awards a prize designed to cull the exceptional array of talent and resources. Three exceptional individuals each receive \$100,000 the granting of “One Wish to Change the World.” The wishes are unveiled during the conferences after months of preparation and have led to “collaborative initiatives with far-reaching impact.”

They also invite one and all to participate in suggesting speakers, voting for favorites and joining the 140,259 who are members of the organization. One can subscribe to the TED Talks, the videos are released under a Creative Commons license. Under such a license, the videos are copyrighted but

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Summing up, the Web site notes, “TED began as a simple attempt to share what happens at TED with the world. Under the moniker “ideas worth spreading,” talks were released online. They rapidly attracted a global audience in the millions. Indeed, the reaction was so enthusiastic that the entire TED Web site has been reengineered around the TED talks, with the goal of giving everyone on-demand access to the world’s most inspiring voices.

“Today, TED is therefore best thought of as a global community. It’s a community welcoming people from every discipline and culture who have just two things in common: they seek a deeper understanding of the world, and they hope to turn that understanding into a better future for us all.”

## The month of April . . .

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experience the great outdoors doing fun camp activities such as swimming, fishing, boating and campfire.

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an MSU pre-college program open to all teens aged 13 to 15. (Teens need to be 13 by July 1, 2009.) Participants do not need to be a 4-H member to attend. The camper fee is \$335 for 4-H members and \$345 for those not enrolled in 4-H. The cost includes meals, lodging, a T-shirt, program and activity fees. The Michigan 4-H Foundation and its donors, Michigan Sea Grant and MSU Extension generously offset 25 percent of the real \$470 cost per camper! Some additional scholarship funds may also be available.

Teens interested in attending 4-H Great Lakes and Natural

Resources Camp can pick up an application packet at the Chippewa County Michigan State University Extension office at: 300 Court Street, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783, or by contacting Andrea Caron, MSUE 4-H program associate, at (906) 635-6368. Completed applications and the registration fee must be returned to the County MSU Extension office by May 1, 2009, along with a deposit (\$100 for 4-H members; \$110 for non-members). Space is limited, so don’t delay! (Late applications will be accepted through June 10 with a \$25 late fee if space is still available.)

For more information visit the 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp Web site at [www.web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/glnrc](http://www.web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/glnrc).



# Tribal elder doesn't let diabetes hold her back

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE—

Catherine LaPointe has diabetes. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health, American Indian adults are 2.3 times as likely as white adults to be diagnosed with diabetes. LaPointe is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Sault Ste. Marie, located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and lives on trust land in a new housing community the elders named Odenaang, or "A Place of Many Hearts." Here is her story.

**Q:** How old are you?

**A:** I am 77 years old, I was born May 14, 1931.

**Q:** How did you find out you were diabetic?

**A:** I worked in a high school kitchen in 1971 and lifted too many heavy foods which gave me a hernia. In 1972 I went in for surgery for my hernia and they found out I had diabetes. All this time that I have been a diabetic I have managed to keep myself off insulin. I am on a medication called Glucophage, I take one tablet three times a day to control my diabetes.

**Q:** What type of diabetes do you have?

**A:** Type 2.

**Q:** What advice would you give other Native Americans recently diagnosed with diabetes?

**A:** Please tell each new diabetic to go on a strict diet and they can get rid of being a diabetic. If I had known that when I first became diabetic, I'll tell you what, things would have been different. When I was diagnosed as a diabetic the doctor didn't tell me much about it.

**Q:** How often do you check your blood sugar?

**A:** I only check my blood sugar in the mornings now. This morning I took my sugar and it was 150 but yesterday I went to a cookout for my sister's birthday and I overindulged. I had a piece of chicken, a hamburger



Photo by Brenda Austin

**Catherine Lapointe with her home made Galette with blueberries.**

and a sausage but I didn't have bread and I thought I'd get away with it. I had a small tablespoon of potato salad and I had about 2 tablespoons of spaghetti salad and that's all I ate there. But then I had a scoop of ice cream and a piece of birthday cake. That's where I went wrong. You know diabetics are just like alcoholics, they can't pass up certain foods.

**Q:** What is your normal blood sugar level?

**A:** Usually my blood sugar is 130. When I get lower than 130, I get dizzy.

**Q:** What is safe for you to eat?

**A:** Fruits, vegetables and lean meats like chicken and turkey. Diabetics are supposed to eat three meals a day but they told me to snack in between meals with celery or carrot sticks every two hours. And when you have a beverage, you don't have a sweet one, you have the sugar-free drink or diet soda pop.

**Q:** Has having diabetes ever stopped you from doing something that you wanted to do?

**A:** Yes, going to weddings. It wouldn't stop me if I knew how to control my eating and drinking the wrong things. Alcohol

is way too much for a diabetic. But you can have one small bottle of light beer if your sugar is okay. When I went to my sister's yesterday I had a bottle of light beer because my sugar was 114. But if my sugar was 140 I wouldn't be able to do that.

**Q:** What is it like as a Native American with diabetes living on a reservation?

**A:** Well, it is really a great thing for me to live with my native people. But native people eat a lot of carbohydrates, which is starch and sugars. But living on a reservation is fine because every Thursday night we go to our Indian language class and that is bringing back our native language. And we have a potluck, most of the Indian people there are diabetics and they try to cook as healthy as they can but there are a few that make starchy foods. A lot of times my strength for passing up old-time recipes is not good.

**Q:** What about exercise and physical activity?

**A:** I am an outgoing person, I'm here and I'm there and I'm

everywhere, but one thing that I have a problem with is exercising. If I do my housework why isn't that exercise?

**Q:** What kind of help do you get from the tribe?

**A:** The tribe is where I belong; they do so much for me. They bring in nutritious meals Monday through Friday that have vegetables, fruit and salad and a 3-ounce portion of meat. I also have a registered nurse that comes in every two weeks to check my blood pressure, heart rate and sugar.

**Q:** If you could choose one special thing to do in the next 10 years what would that be?

**A:** I would like my name to be on a doorway saying "meet this counselor, she is wonderful." There is so much grief and sorrow in this world from so many things like drugs and alcohol and husband and wife abuse. That is what I would like to talk to people about.

**Q:** Tell us about your job.

**A:** I work Mondays and Wednesdays at the Tribal Health Center. When diabetics come in for their checkups they don't eat so I serve coffee, juice and graham and saltine crackers for them to bring their sugar levels back up after their appointment.

**Q:** How did you learn how to take care of your diabetes?

**A:** In 1975, I went into the hospital with a high blood sugar attack and I had internal boils in unmentionable places and I almost met my Waterloo. But the doctor sat me down before I was discharged and told me what I had to watch out for. He asked me what I thought the problem was that had brought on the boils. I said well, I used to go shopping with my husband and hide candy bars all over the house and I wouldn't tell him. My husband knew I was a diabetic but he didn't know what I had to stay away from. So the doctor told me that was why I had the sugar attack and

## Catherin Lapoint's recipe for Galette

3 cups flour  
3 heaping tsp. baking powder  
Dash salt  
¼ cup Splenda (sugar substitute)  
1.5 to 2 cups of milk, mix in until you get a dough you can lightly kneed  
1.5 tablespoons of vegetable oil  
1 cup blueberries (optional)  
Pat into a small cake pan and bake for about 30 minutes at 375 degrees.  
One 2-ounce piece counts as one carbohydrate serving.

the boils, they were from an infection from the chocolate and sugar. When I was released I told my husband there was one thing I wanted to make sure he knew, that if he wanted a pie and ice cream to stop at the truck stop and get it. There was going to be no more sweets in this house. That was just as hard for me as it was for him. He did, he stopped at the truck stop and got his pie and ice cream once or twice a week. He really took good care of me and my diabetes after that. When you are a diabetic it affects all your organs as well. I have heart disease from diabetes that I found out about in 1993, after my husband passed away.

**Q:** Do you ever get frustrated with your disease?

**A:** Some days I feel like throwing all these medicines I take down the toilet and forgetting about it. You have to be a diabetic to know the feeling of being taken away from life's comforts. When we were little we could eat anything that we wanted to and when we got older all those foods became wrong for us to indulge in.

Each time I go to the table I ask Creator to give me his strength and his courage and his confidence to make up my mind that I am not going to overeat.

*This item originally appeared in Indian Country Today in the fall of 2008.*



Photo by Brenda Austin

For her seventh birthday this past December, little Myah McKerchie, brainstorming with her mother, decided she wanted to collect gift cards in place of presents and donate them to the Sault Tribe Women's Shelter. With the money they collected, just over \$200, they purchased towels, shampoo, conditioner, Easter stuff for children staying at the shelter, baby wipes, cleaning supplies and cake mixes for birthdays. Myah's sister, Kayla Price, 13, also offered her help. Left: Pat Allard, victim services coordinator, Kayla Price, Myah and Christin McKerchie.

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## South Carolina soccer team places second



Photo by Noah Leask

Tribal member, Logan Leask, second from left on the bottom row, and her Mt. Pleasant, S.C., soccer club teammates took second place in the 25th annual Augusta Arsenal Spring Shootout U11 bracket on Feb. 14-15 in Augusta, Ga. They played teams from Georgia and the Carolinas winning three out of four games.



Photo by Noah Leask

Tribal member, Logan Leask, second from right on the bottom row, and her Mt. Pleasant, S.C., soccer club teammates took second place in the U11 Girls White Division at the 10th annual St. Patrick's Day Cup 2009 on March 14-15 in Columbia, S.C. They played teams from Georgia and the Carolinas winning three out of four games.

## Eighth annual environmental summit at LSSU

Lake Superior State University will host the eighth annual Environmental Summit on April 16 with the theme of habitat protection and restoration for the St. Marys River area.

LSSU's Department of Biological Sciences and the Bi-National Public Advisory Council (BPAC) for the St.

Marys River area of concern host the annual summit, which is scheduled from 5-8:30 p.m. at the LSSU Cisler Center.

As in previous years, the format of the summit will be an information fair in which any organization working in an environmentally related area can present a table display of their work. Following the information fair will be invited presentations that will center on the theme of habitat protection and restoration. The event is free and open to the public.

"The summit is designed to inform the public of progress toward improving the condition of our environment and for people to learn what they can do to further enhance environmental conditions here in the twin Saults," said Gregory Zimmerman PhD, professor of biology at LSSU.

Organizations interested in a table for presenting their works during the information fair should contact Katelynn O'Boyle at LSSU's BPAC office or send e-mail inquiries to [koboyl@LSSU.EDU](mailto:koboyl@LSSU.EDU) or (906) 635-2136.

There is no charge for a table.

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## Youth in eastern U.P. to benefit from stimulus package

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is paving the way for an expanded Summer Youth Employment program this summer. Michigan Works! is projecting the receipt of \$700,000 for youth activities, most of which is intended for summer jobs in 2009.

The U.S. Department of Labor is instructing local areas "to provide as many youth as possible with summer employment opportunities, while still ensuring that these work experiences are of high quality."

Unlike the traditional Michigan Works! youth pro-

gram, this expanded summer program will provide jobs for economically disadvantaged young people 16-24.

Consolidated Community School Services, which delivers youth programs under the Workforce Investment Act, is seeking public and non-profit agencies as worksites.

Eligible youth will be placed at a variety of worksites including city, county, township, state and federal work places. The worksite will be expected to provide a safe work environment, adequate supervision and project materials as appropriate. They should

have contingency plans for inclement weather and may not have regular employees on lay-off.

Interested worksites are invited to contact the Michigan Works! office for a worksite request form or for more information. Phone Sharon Houghton at (906) 635-1752, extension 110 or send e-mail to [sharon@eupworks.org](mailto:sharon@eupworks.org).

Youth interested in working may contact the local Michigan Works! office, school counselor or community education coordinator for application forms.

## Sault Tribe Head Start programs get grant

The Sault Tribe Head Start and Early Head Start Program have been awarded the Reading Is FUNDamental Family of Readers' Program grant for the eighth consecutive year. Each year we recruit sponsors to help pay the matching funds required to participate in the Family of Readers' Program. This year, Dr. Charlene Sweeney (pictured on the left with Mary Green of Head Start) graciously agreed to sponsor our Family of Readers' Program. On behalf of all the parents, we would like to thank Dr. Sweeney for her generous donation.

The Family of Readers' Program provides free books to all enrolled children of the Head Start and Early Head Start programs, four workshops teaching parents the importance of early literacy to young children and a Twice Upon a Time reading challenge that partners with parents to promote reading at school and at home twice a day for two weeks.

During the Twice Upon a



Time reading challenge, our program will be inviting parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and community members to come into the classrooms to read to our children.

If you are interested in com-

ing into the classrooms to read, please call Mary Green at (906) 635-7722 or Terri Allan at 643-9733 or Dawn Fegan at the Sault Tribe Child Care Center at 632-5258, for more information.

### From the Kitchen of Bob Flowers

#### Havarti with tomato, tofu and herbs soup

I'm going to give you two variations on this recipe because it's a great recipe. The first variation contains the very healthy and versatile ingredient, tofu. The second variation omits the tofu and adds cooked chicken. Both are great, but are very different.

Ready to try something new? I thought so. I'm going to introduce you to an ingredient you probably haven't tried. But when you use it in this soup, you will have a new appreciation for it. It is, of course, tofu.

It's high in protein, vitamins, minerals, isoflavones and a host of other nutrients. Though it isn't fat free, it is low fat. It tends to capture the flavor of ingredients used with it. It has a rather bland flavor of its own, but is great for thickening creamy soups and fruit smoothies.

Now before you move on to the next recipe, remember, tofu has very little flavor of its own. In this soup, it is used as a thickening agent. The cheese, herbs, spices and tomato provide all the wonderful flavor

this soup can handle. Try it. Taste it and make your own decision. You just might be surprised.

Ingredients:

1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes, halved  
1 cup silken firm tofu  
2 cups chicken stock or broth  
2 cloves fresh garlic, minced  
2 tsp. sweet basil  
1/8 tsp. oregano  
2 tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. thyme  
1/4 tsp. black pepper  
8 oz. Havarti cheese, cubed into bite-size chunks

Heat the broth over a medium flame until simmering. Add the garlic, herbs and spices. Blend in the tofu with a wire whisk or immersion blender until smooth. Add the tomatoes and let simmer for 15 minutes. When the soup is served, add the cheese cubes to the bowls. Serve with your favorite gelatin flavor and some whipped cream.

For the second variation, omit the tofu and add chunks of lightly pan-fried chicken. Ingredients:

1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes, halved  
1 lb. boneless chicken, cubed into bite-sized pieces.  
2 tbs. cooking oil  
2 14 oz. cans chicken stock or broth  
2 cloves fresh garlic, minced  
3 tsp. sweet basil  
1/4 tsp. oregano  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. thyme  
1/2 tsp. black pepper  
1 lb. Havarti cheese, grated

Heat the broth over a medium flame until simmering. Add the garlic, herbs and spices. Add the tomatoes and let simmer for 15 minutes. While the broth is simmering, heat the oil in a saute' pan. Add the chicken cubes and salt. Lightly brown and remove immediately from the heat. Remove the soup from the heat and stir in the shredded cheese until smooth. Add the chicken and serve with your favorite crackers.

—From Bob Flower's book, *You Can Be A Great Cook With Soup, Stews and Chowders*.



# End the silence: honoring the courage of sexual assault survivors, stop the violence

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Nationwide, communities will come together to honor the courage of sexual assault survivors and continue efforts to end sexual violence for good.

Every minute there are 1.3 forcible rapes of adult women. This is the equivalent of 78 women being raped per hour and 1,871 women being raped every day. Nearly 30 percent of forcible rapes occur when the victim is younger than 11 years old.

Rape is about power and control and can happen to anybody. Rape consists of any unwanted sexual activity forced upon an individual against their consent even if there is no penetration involved. Rape is the least reported crime because most victims are too ashamed and afraid of their attacker to speak out and be heard. Silence doesn't make the crime go away. Talking to a friend, relative or a person you trust is crucial to recovery and a way to gain back control over your life.

Sexual assault awareness means recognizing that rape is real and is happening in our own backyards.

**Myth 1:** It's not rape if the couple is married.

**Fact:** Unwanted sexual activity in any relationship qualifies as sexual assault.

**Myth 2:** Most victims are raped by strangers in unfamiliar places or on dark nights.

**Fact:** It is estimated that 80 to 85 percent of rapists are known to the adult they attack. "Acquaintance rape"

by a friend, new acquaintance, or coworker is frequent, particularly among young, single women. Statistics show that 50 percent of sexual assaults occur in or around a woman's home, 50 percent during the day.

**Myth 3:** Women often falsely accuse men of sexual assault or rape (for example, to get back at them, or because they regret or feel guilty about having sex).

**Fact:** Nearly all rapes are truthfully reported and, in fact, rapes are vastly underreported. If you or someone you know

is a victim of sexual assault, please don't hesitate to call for help. Know that you are not alone and you are not to blame.

Take the time now to learn the facts about rape and what you can do to raise awareness in your community.

For more information, please call the Advocacy Resource Center at 632-1808 or toll free at (877) 639-7820.

*From the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Advocacy Resource Center.*

## Organization visits former boarding schools

Beginning on May 16, 2009, White Bison Inc. will undertake a 40-day, cross-country journey to bring awareness about the Native American boarding schools era in the U.S. The journey is being undertaken in order to promote healing from the inter-generational trauma that still affects many American Indian and Alaska Native people in diverse ways. The journey to boarding school sites begins May 16, 2009 in Salem, Ore., at the Chemewa Indian

School, and concludes on June 21, 2009 at the site of the former Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Carlisle, Pa. The journey itself will come to an end at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., on June 24, 2009.

The Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness will offer unique presentations at each of the 24 visits across the country. Each presentation will include learning material, ceremony and the opportunity for local and

regional communities to share their knowledge of the issues and history of their particular sites. Some of the sites are still in operation as upgraded modern schools while others ceased operation sometime during the 20th century.

Another objective of the Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness is to request an apology from the U.S. government for the abuses and atrocities to American Indians and Alaska Natives committed on

its behalf during the boarding school era.

Both the Australian and Canadian Governments made such apologies to its indigenous peoples in 2008. White Bison Inc. is circulating a petition for an apology by the government on behalf of the Wellbriety movement. Those feeling strongly about the need for an apology by the government may sign the petition on the White Bison, Inc. Web site at [www.wellbrietyjourney.org](http://www.wellbrietyjourney.org) It is also being circulated throughout Native American communities so that individuals may express their feelings by signing copies of the petition. The petition

will be presented to President Obama on June 24, 2009.

The boarding school era began in 1879 with the opening of the Carlisle school. Although U.S. government policy about the culturally repressive nature of the Indian boarding schools changed in 1934, the destructive practices of the schools, in fact, continued into at least the 1960s. Both BIA schools and those run by diverse church denominations continued to suppress free expression of Native culture and spirituality until about 1970.

The resulting historical trauma is now understood to  
*See "Wellbriety," page 15*

## Help ban live animal skinning for fur industry

BY RICK SMITH

Have you ever wanted to make the world a better place in a major way, but just never seem to find the opportunity or the time? Well, here's your chance.

In order to do it quickly and painlessly as possible, log onto [www.animalsaviors.org](http://www.animalsaviors.org), click on the bar marked "petition," electronically sign their petition urging the government of China to halt the barbaric practice of skinning live cats and dogs for the international fur trade and then leave. That's all you have to do, it will take about two minutes. Warning: Do not view the horrific video you may notice on the home page, it is brutally obscene.

You'll get a nice thank-you note from the Australian-based organization along with encouragement for you to make a personal vow to refrain from buying any fur-bearing products. They also ask you to tell others about the cause and the awareness campaign.

If you want to learn more about the organization or the campaign, go ahead and browse through the Web site but, again, avoid viewing the video, it is disturbing and sickening. You'll find information on several different ways you can become involved with the organization and help them achieve their goals.

In a statement explaining the rationale behind the campaign, Animal Saviors notes that China is the largest fur trader in the world. The country's fur industry annually

generates a multi-billion-dollar source of revenue. Cat and dog fur is an insignificant component in terms of revenue — a few million annually — to the overall cash flow of the industry. The cat and dog fur trade is "hugely significant in terms of the horrendous and unnecessary pain and suffering endured every year by over 2 million helpless cats and dogs cruelly reared or stolen from caring owners, herded in cramped cages to the slaughter grounds and brutally skinned alive."

So, why are the animals skinned alive? According to Animal Saviors, it's because it is easier to get a whole, intact fur off of a warm, writhing body than it is off of a lifeless body.

According to the organization's Web site, "The Animal Saviors Awareness Campaign is designed to inform the world about the worst case of sustained mass cruelty to animals since the dawn of recorded history — the senseless brutal slaughter of more than 2 million cats and dogs every year in China; slaughtered by breaking their backs or necks and skinning them whilst still alive for their fur." And it also notes the practice of "fraudulently misleading consumers by deliberately disguising and mislabeling the fur and products made wholly or partly from the fur by the use of dye or by marking the products as made with rabbit, fox or some other fur."

The organization says it is naïve to believe the Chinese

government would ban the practice from the fur industry altogether. But it is quite possible it would ban the slaughter of cats and dogs and the sale and use of such fur if strong international condemnation and opinion were turned against the Chinese government along with a decrease in consumer demand for fur products. The cats and dogs are a good starting point to persuade the governments of China and a few other countries to give up the practice of live skinning altogether.

According to Animal Saviors, about 99 percent of the world's population is unaware of the practice of skinning live animals for the fur industry. One of the main goals of the campaign is to bring awareness of the situation to the governments and people of other countries.

Animal Saviors does not cite its sources of information on its Web site. Messages seeking comment sent via e-mail to the organization and to the People's Republic of China Embassy in Australia were unanswered at press time.

Peter Steele, a former attorney who is the founder and current campaign director of Animal Saviors, says animal rights is the next great social justice movement. Speaking to a group of young lawyers last year about their roles in making changes, he added another important facet is changing the concept of human "ownership" of animals to that of "guardianship" and the inherent duties of care.

### Patty McIntyre, RN, CHPN Chippewa County Health Department



*Patty started with CCHD April 23, 1999 as a Home Health & Hospice Nurse. She graduated from Northwestern Michigan College in 1983 and became certified in Hospice and Palliative Care in September 2002 through the National Hospice & Palliative Care Association.*

*When asked what she likes most about being a Home Health/Hospice nurse Patty stated, "I really enjoy working with my patients and their families, helping and teaching them to manage their health care needs at home. I have worked in Home Health & Hospice for 22 years and I love it. Home is where the heart is!"*

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# JKL enthusiastic about offering sports programs

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Because of its relatively small student enrollment, JKL Bahweting Anishinaabe School hasn't always had enough students interested in sports to be able to offer competitive after school programs. That has changed in the last two years thanks to the efforts of Chris Oshelski, fourth-grade teacher and athletic director for grades kindergarten to eight.

With Bahweting now an official member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, middle school students can compete against other schools from the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

Last fall JKL was represented by two girls volleyball teams, seventh and eighth-grade students participated with interested sixth-graders. "Because we are a Class D school, the MHSAA gives us permission to allow sixth-graders to play which is a great opportunity for them, otherwise they wouldn't be able to start competitive sports until seventh-grade," Oshelski said.

"Girls volleyball was very successful this year, each team had between eight and 10 girls and played against Bay Mills Ojibwe Charter, DeTour, Brimley and other EUP schools. We also had a volleyball clinic recently for our fourth and fifth-graders to get them to think about playing in future years," he said.

Also offered are boys and girls intramural and interscholastic basketball teams under the direction of Mr. Keerfoot with this year's fifth-grade girls team winning the city cham-

pionship. The fourth and fifth-grade boys teams both made it to the semi-finals.

Intramural after school programs include dodge ball and lacrosse, a traditional American Indian game similar to a combination of hockey, football and basketball. "This fall we took a group of fifth to eighth-graders to a lacrosse tournament in Novi, Mich., and were the only team from the U.P. Lacrosse is a relatively new sport with most of the teams in the Detroit and Grand Rapids areas. Our fifth and sixth-graders were playing seventh and eighth-graders but managed to win one out of five games. It was a great opportunity for the kids, one we are hoping to be able to offer again," Oshelski said.

This spring, a lacrosse program will also be offered to fourth-grade students to introduce them to game play and teach basic fundamentals.

Track and cross-country running are offered if there are enough interested students to make up a team. "Last year we had about eight cross-country runners but this year we didn't have enough interested in participating. We did have a track team last year, which competed against Pickford and Brimley. It was fun with it being our first year of track because any of the kids who ran now have a school record.

"In a two-year span, we have done a lot with our sports programs. A lot of our programs are based on student participation. We promote after school sports because we want to see our students be more

active and research has shown the more they participate in extra curricular activities, the more likely they are to be successful in school," said Oshelski.

Also available to students at JKL is the Sault Youth Wrestling program ran by Del Craven, who is the Sault Middle School and youth elementary wrestling coach in addition to teaching health and physical education.

Twelve JKL students in grades kindergarten to fifth-grade participated in wrestling this year. "Wrestling is a great sport for students to teach them self respect and discipline. We try to match the kids by grade and ability and based on experience level," said Craven.

Wrestling season begins in January and ends in mid-March. Craven said, "The kids finished up the season with their best finish ever at the Petoskey tournament with eight champions: Jeremy Mahoney, Adam Craven, Kayden King, Orion Wilson, Max Boyer, Carson Mackety, RJ Krull and Patrick Rambo. Placing second was Jared Sawyers and placing third were Matthew Mundy, Eli Stevens, Alexandria Hicks and Nicholas Cox. Fourth places went to Zachary Erlichman, Grant Baltosser and Daniel Eavou. The Most Dedicated Youth Wrestler Award went to Patrick Rambo."

JKL has a student enrollment of 450 in grades kindergarten to eighth.

For the Sault Youth Wrestling program call 635-3839. For JKL call Chris Oshelski at 635-5055.



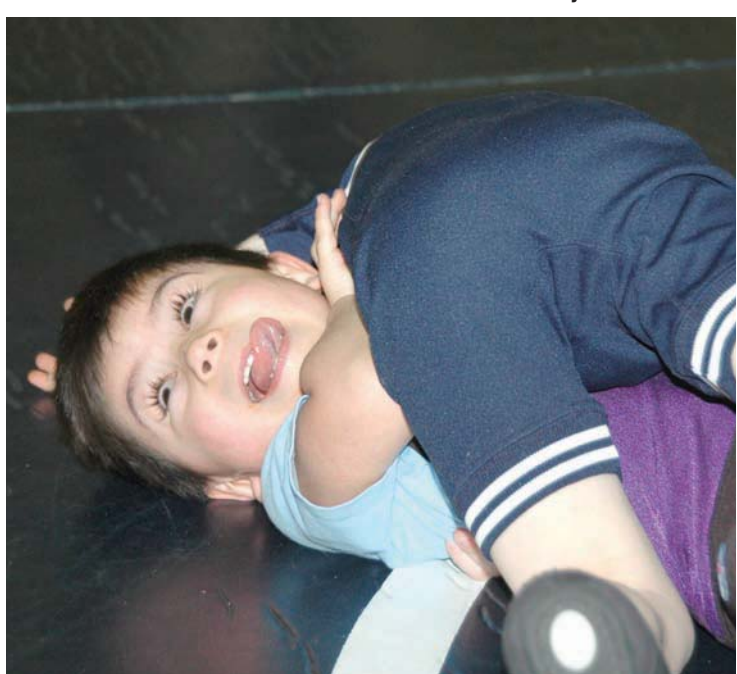
JKL Bahweting Anishinaabe School fifth grade girls championship basketball team.



During the last practice of the season Kayden King (left) practiced a single leg takedown on Ally Hicks with an assistant looking on. Photo by Brenda Austin



Matthew Mundy (center) practicing the half-Nelson pinning move. Photo by Brenda Austin



Orion Wilson gets taken down with the half-Nelson pinning move. Photo by Brenda Austin



Above: The Sault Youth Wrestling team took first place at the Rudyard Bulldog Brawl Tournament. Back left: Nicholas Cox, RJ Krull, Daniel Eavou, Gage Hoornstra, Zachary Erlichman, Trevor Johnson, Trevor Rambo, Ally Hicks. Middle left: Eli Stevens, Kayden King, Max Boyer, Adam Craven, Jakob Livingston, Carson Mackety, Grant Baltosser. Front left: Matthew Mundy, Orion Wilson and Jeremy Mahoney. Right: Trevor Johnson practicing a front headlock on Daniel Eavou with Coach Del Craven watching. Photo by Brenda Austin







Taylor Mackety, fourth grade, trying to keep up with her melting ice cream cone.

*Photos by Brenda Austin*



Callie Church, fourth grade, won first place for her science fair project.



Samantha Brand, third grade, with her first place ribbon.



Gus Brand, first grade, proudly displaying his science fair project.



Left: Rayce Rizzo, 2, with middle school language arts teacher Suzanne Menard.



Above: Adam Craven picks out new books to read.



Below: Elizabeth Fairbanks, age 2, picks out some books to read during the schools annual book swap.



Jacob Collins, third grade, looks through books at the book swap.

## Fun at school

Friday, March 13, was an upbeat day at JKL Bahweting Anishinabe School with two fundraisers taking place in addition to an annual book swap. Ice cream was scooped up and baked goods sold to raise funds for the eighth grade trip to New York City in May. Kids also enjoyed bringing old books in good condition from home and swapping them for books they haven't yet read.



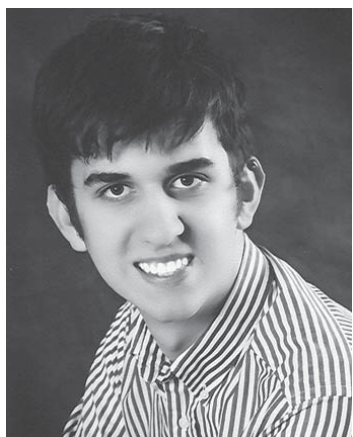


# Smith makes the Michigan Works! honors EMU dean's list local Patricia Sterling

Darin T. Smith has been named to the dean's list at Eastern Michigan University Honors College at the College of Literature, Arts and Sciences for the fall 2008 semester.

Smith is pursuing a degree in political science and economics. A member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, he graduated from H.H. Dow High School in Midland, Mich., with the class of 2008.

He is the son of Lyle and Debra (nee Bellant) Smith of Midland and grandson of the late Euclid and Arbutus (nee Davenport) Bellant of



Cheboygan, Mich., and Patricia Smith of Hampton, Va., and the late Lyle S. Smith Sr.

LANSING – At the 2009 alumni celebration, Michigan Works! Association honored Patricia Sterling of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., for obtaining gainful employment through a Michigan Works! agency.

Members of the Michigan State Legislature attended the event and Sterling's district legislators, Senator Jason Allen and Representative Gary McDowell, presented her with a tribute.

When she returned to the Upper Peninsula to raise her infant son, she assumed her skills and experience would easily lead to a satisfying, good paying career. After learning that she was overqualified for many of the jobs she sought, she found herself unemployed. As a single mom, she had no choice but to apply for public assistance.

With the support of family and friends, she found the support and encouragement to continue her quest for suitable employment when she was referred to Michigan Works!. In addition to transportation support, she was able to work temporarily as an administrative assistant and later accepted a secretarial position with a local company, MCM Marine.

After five months of employment, Sterling was once again



Trish Sterling (center) was honored for her successes at the Michigan Works! annual alumni event in Lansing. She is employed by the Bob Berglin State Farm Insurance Agency in the Sault. Pictured with her, left to right, are Representative Gary McDowell, Eastern U.P. Michigan Works! Director Gwen Worley, Michigan Works! Association Chairperson William Stanek, and Senator Jason Allen.

laid off. However, the company she worked for was so impressed with her work ethic while employed, they helped pave the way to her current position at Bob Berglin Insurance Agency, Inc. Sterling is currently employed as an office representative and is state licensed to sell fire and auto insurance.

Each year, Michigan Works! Association hosts this celebration to highlight success stories of triumph and achievement within the Michigan Works! system. In light of

Michigan's economic downturn, this celebration features individuals who, with support from Michigan Works!, have found gainful employment in Michigan through education or training in high-demand occupations and emerging fields.

The event was held Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the Anderson House Office Building in Lansing, Mich.

Sterling was among the 25 graduates of the Michigan Works! System presented with an Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award.

## Menard graduates from basic training

Sault Tribe member Brittany Alayne Menard graduated from the U.S. Navy Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill., on Feb. 27, 2009. While undergoing training, she played first trumpet for Division 915 and took top honors in physical and educational scores while practicing to play before dignitaries.

Menard is the fourth generation of her family to enter the U.S. military. Her parents are Petty Officer 1st Class Burt Menard (USCG) and his wife, Tanya, of Cheboygan.



She is currently stationed in San Antonio, Texas, undergoing master-at-arms training at Lackland Air Force Base.

## Sault Tribe Head Start & Early Head Start Now Accepting Applications for the 2009 – 2010 school year

### Head Start

- Full Day, Full Year (Sault)
- Part Day, Part Year (Sault & St. Ignace)

### Eligibility

- Children need to be 3 years old by Dec. 1.
- Members of a federally recognized tribe.
- Income eligibility requirements

### Early Head Start

- Center-Based Full Day, Full Year (Sault)
- Home-Based (Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce Counties)
- Home-Based services available for pregnant women

### Eligibility

- Children from birth to 3 years old.
- Members of a federally recognized tribe.
- Income eligibility requirements.



**Children with Disabilities are Welcome.**

For more information or an application, Please Call (906) 635-7722



## PAUL DOWD

Paul "Bill" Dowd, 36, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on March 18 in Detroit after enjoying a Red Wing hockey game there the previous evening.



Bill was born on July 23, 1972, in L'Anse, Mich. His father is Gene (Cheri) McKechnie and his mother is Mary (Bob) Saunders, all of Sault Ste. Marie.

Bill grew up around the Sault. After graduating from high school, he joined the Navy and was a veteran of the Gulf War.

More than anything, Bill loved spending time with his wife, children, large family and many friends. Bill volunteered and participated in many activities with his children and in the community. He owned and operated Extreme Excavating. The company motto "We do it in the dirt," was what he lived by and enjoyed. Other interests were snowmobiling, downhill skiing and a good card game.

Bill is survived by his wife, Nikki; son, Sawyer; and daughter, Adeleigh, all at home. Other survivors include four sisters, Robin Morley, Daisy, Danielle and Destiny McKechnie; uncles, Joe (Kelly) Dowd, Donnie (Renee) Dowd, Tommy (Rose) Dowd, Larry Dowd, Bowdie (Barb), Bob (Shauna) McKechnie, Ron (Loretta) McKechnie, Isaac McKechnie, Charlie (Kim Roy) McKechnie; and aunts, Doris (Ray) Roberts,

Marlene (Rick) Janetos, Sally (Jim) McKechnie and Laura (Clark King) McKechnie. Also included are in-laws, Donna and Terry Paquette, Mike and Patty Gervasio, numerous cousins, four nephews and special friends; Henry Gonyeau and Landon and Tammy Nolan, brothers- and sisters-in-law; Chad (Cristy) Paquette, Shawn (Amy) Paquette, Terry Paquette II and Dan (Julia) Gervasio.

Preceding Bill in death are his very special grandparents, Isaac "Ike" and Annie McKechnie.

Visitation was at the Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home. Services were at the Faith Lutheran Church in Sault Ste. Marie followed by a gathering at the Niigaaniizhik Ceremonial Building.

## LAURIE "JEANNE" GOULD

Laurie "Jeanne" Gould, 56, of Manistique, Mich., died March 7,

2009, at the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Manistique. She was born July 23, 1952, in Manistique, the daughter of Gordon and Ruby (nee Geddert) Barbeaux. She attended schools in Fairport, Garden and Flint, Mich.

On Sept. 24, 1994, she married Gerald J. Gould in Manistique.

Jeanne enjoyed her time as a cook at the Mariner's Cove Restaurant in the Manistique Kewadin Casino. She also enjoyed camping, playing cards, crocheting and playing bingo.



She was a people person and liked being around people.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry of Manistique; sons, Duane (Misty) Barbeaux of De Tour Village and Morgan (Kristi Wood) Farley of Manistique; grandchildren, Kiah, Kaden, Alora and Hailey; sisters, Maxine (Jack) Mitchell of South Branch, Mich., and Tana (Robert) Leckson of Garden; brothers, Sylvester "Butch" (Janet) Barbeaux of DeTour Village and Larry Barbeau of Garden; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Delbert Dale Barbeaux.

Visitation was on March 15 at the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique. Memorial services followed with Pastor Lon Hider officiating. Burial will be in the New Garden Cemetery in Garden Township, Mich.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mbfuneral.com](http://www.mbfuneral.com).

## JILL BAMMER

Jill M. (nee Hull) Brandt-Bammer, 36, of Battle Creek, Mich., passed away Feb.

20, 2009, at Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice Residence.

She was born March 8, 1972, in Kalamazoo, Mich., the daughter of Micheal L. and Mary Ann (nee Hilton) Hull. Jill married David T. Bammer on Feb. 17, 2009 in Battle Creek.

Jill was a 1990 graduate of Springfield High School. She



was a floor hockey player for 10 years as a youngster and had a love of sports that lasted her whole life. She was a medical assistant at Dr. Boga's office and also worked as a certified nursing assistant. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Jill is survived by her husband; parents; children, Britney Roach, Bradley Roach and Caleb Brandt; grandson, Zaveon Avandano; step-sons, Zach, Mitchell and David Bammer; sister, Jo Lynn Hull; niece and nephew, Alexis and Audris; many special friends and her pets, Ace and Roscoe.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Joseph and Vera (nee Lewis) Hilton and paternal grandparents, Beulah Smith and Jack Hull.

## LAVARNE SHAMPINE

Lavarne "Kay" Shampine, 60, of Cheboygan, passed away Feb. 21, 2009, at her home. She was born Feb. 7, 1949,

in Cheboygan to Alfred and Idalene (Young) Shampine. On Oct. 1, 1988, in Cheboygan, Kay married Joe Chimner, who has remained her lifelong companion and friend. She graduated from Cheboygan High School in 1968. Kay worked at Johnson's Motel as a housekeeper and later at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital in housekeeping for several years. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Children's Indian Cultural Group in Cheboygan.

Kay enjoyed Indian arts and crafts, bird watching, pick-

ing wild flowers and going to the casino with Joe and her friend, Charlene. She loved and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and there was always a party and fun to be had at grandma's house. Kay loved animals, especially her dogs, Zeplin and Scooby, and her cats, Callie, Sue and Sally Ann.

Survivors include her three children, Maryann (Kurt) Beard of Cheboygan, Sherry Ormsbee of Indian River and Albert Stellman of Cheboygan; six brothers, Jack Shampine of Grand Island, Fla., Gilbert Shampine of Georgia, Paul (Dawn) Shampine of Lapeer, Mich., Timothy (Donna) Shampine of Davison, Mich., Mitchell (Sandy) Shampine of Linden, Mich., and Henry Cantile (friend Becky LaTocha) of Carp Lake; one sister, Lamae (John) Satarino of Milan, Mich., five grandchildren, Nicholas Beard, Rachel Beard, Autumn Beard, Dalton Ormsbee and Alaina Ormsbee; aunts and uncles, Harold (Aurlie) McLouth of Davison, Mich., and Charles (Joyce) Krawczewski of Cheboygan; her companion, Joe Chimner of Cheboygan and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Fred Shampine and Raymond Shampine, in infancy.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 25, 2009, at St. James Episcopal Church with Chaplain John Wallace officiating. Memorial contributions in Kay's name may be directed to the Children's Indian Culture Group. Nordman Funeral Home assisted the family.

## Births ...

### JAGGER ACKERMAN

Jagger William Ackerman was born Feb. 10, 2009, to William and Danielle (nee Rye) Ackerman of Pickford. He weighed 10 pounds, 6.4 ounces and was 21.75 inches in length.



Grandparents are William and Margie Ackerman of Lancaster, Ohio, Larry and Jackie Smith of Cedarville, Dennis and Corinne Brooks of Sault Ste. Marie and Dan and Cathy Rye of Dafter.

Great-grandparents are Raymond and Mary Lou LaJoie of Barbeau and Roy Rye of Pickford.

### LUCAS MCKERCHIE

Michael and Christina McKerchie of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., are excited to announce the birth of their son, Lucas Mishkwa Migiizii McKerchie on Dec. 18, 2008, at 7:38 a.m. Lucas was born at War Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 13.2 ounces and was 18.75 inches long.



Also excited about Lucas's arrival are Kayla and big sis-

ters Myah and Ella. Proud grandparents are Russ and Linda McKerchie of Kincheloe, Mich., Greg and the late Bonnie Spring of Sault Ste. Marie, Ron Showan of Thessalon, Ont., and Gary and Paula Foster of Bruce Mines, Ont.

Michael and Christina would like to thank doctors Cristof and Tetzlaff as well as the nurses and staff for their excellent care and support.

### BRAIDON WELDON KERR

Jen Norris and Shane Kerr of Kincheloe are proud to announce the birth of their son, Braidon Weldon Kerr, born at War Memorial Hospital on Feb. 12, 2009. He was 19 inches in length and weighed in at 6 pounds, 10.1 ounces.

He is also welcomed with much love by his sister, Marra Norris; brother, Jerid Norris; grandmother, Angelia Kerr of Holly; grandparents, Kay Sheridan and Roger Sylvester of Rudyard; grandfather, Wayne Kerr of Holly; grandfather, Jack Weldon Norris of Lansing; great-grandparents Mona and Gilbert Hyndman of Germfask; along with many other family members.



## Sault gift shop gets new manager

Patty Vogel, of Sault Ste. Marie, has accepted the gift shop manager position for Kewadin Casinos Hotel and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Vogel began working with Sault Tribe in 1989 at the MidJim gas station. In 1995, she began working at Kewadin in the Dream Catchers Restaurant and transferred to clerk in the gift shop in 1997.



"We are very lucky to have Patty as our gift shop manager," said Carol Eavou, vice president of hotel operations. "She has over 10 years of experience working in the gift shop and her knowledge of our systems and our customers will be helpful in her new role."

Vogel will oversee all responsibilities of the department, which employs five. She will be responsible for the ordering, scheduling, inventory and all

other aspects of promoting the store.

"I am very excited to begin work in this new position," said Vogel. "One of my first goals is to bring back more Native American offerings for our customers." The new manager added she also is looking forward to learning more about the "back end" gift shop programs that includes inventory and reporting and ETEC.

Vogel lives in the Sault with her husband, Brian, and their two children, Brian and Ashley. She can be reached at the gift shop at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 55012.

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be a root cause of most present day problems affecting Native American individuals, their families, communities and tribal nations.

Elders, educators, health care workers, scholars and researchers alike now know that the disproportionate issues of alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence and disparities in jobs and educational opportunities among Native Americans today are symptoms of the intergenerational and historic trauma of the boarding school era.

White Bison Inc. invites those who understand the need for healing from issues of the boarding school era to participate in the funding of

the Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness. There are opportunities for individuals, corporations, associations of all kinds, tribal governments, faith based organizations and others who feel an affinity with Indian issues to help make this life-saving event a reality.

White Bison Inc. is a 501(c)(3), Indian-owned, non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. Please visit [www.wellbrietyjourney.org](http://www.wellbrietyjourney.org) or call toll-free (877) 871-1495 to sign the petition and learn more about the boarding school era, intergenerational trauma and the Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness.

In conjunction with the 2009 Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness, White Bison Inc. is offering one-day workshops on the topic of historical trauma in the following cities:

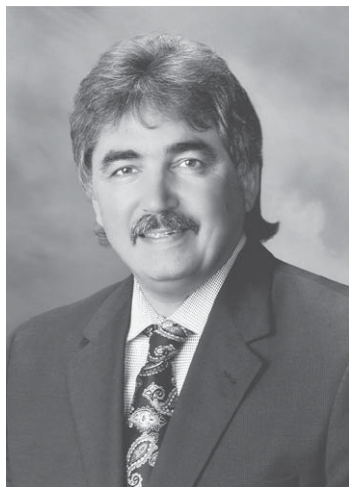
Saturday, April 4, 2009 — Portland, Ore.; Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; Riverton, Wyo.; Reno, Nev.; Sacramento, Calif.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Oklahoma City, Okla.

Saturday, April 18, 2009 — Kansas City, Kan.; Rapid City, S.D.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Oneida, Wisc.; Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

To ensure maximum participation we are charging a nominal fee of \$25 just to cover our costs. Please join us.



# Chairman McCoy reports to the membership



**DARWIN "JOE" MCCOY**  
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii, as always, I hope this report finds you well and provides useful, accurate information about what is going on in our tribe.

## Chairman and Vice Chairwoman Office Hours

Vice Chairwoman Lana Causley and I held office hours in Naubinway in March and they were very productive and informative. I enjoyed meeting all the members and listening to their thoughts, ideas and concerns.

Our next office hours are set for Thursday, April 30, 2009, at the Manistique Tribal Center from 3 to 6 p.m. Appointments are not necessary but will be given priority. Please contact my office to schedule an appointment.

## Board of Directors

### Workshops and Meetings

March was another busy month. Please feel free to contact the board of directors' office at (906) 635-6050 to inquire as to what actions were taken in the month of March. We hope to begin publishing at least the action items from these meetings in the tribal newspaper.

For the open Wednesday workshops held twice a month,

we have gone to a full day schedule. The purpose of these workshops is to provide quarterly updates and reviews of each area within the tribe to the board of directors and any members who choose to attend. All workshops begin at 9 a.m. and will go through completion of that day's agenda.

Following are the coming agenda items:

April 8 — ACFS, ARC, USDA, MIS, cultural, planning and development, transportation, resource specialist.

April 22 — Fisheries, tribal court, enrollment, real estate, purchasing, legal/legislative.

May 6 — Communications, Sault Tribe Construction, education, budgeting, accounting/payroll/facilities, law enforcement/conservation.

## Government-to-Government Relations

We have been actively building/reestablishing our relationships with federal, state, local and other tribal governments, as reported last month. Our tribe has led efforts to establish a meeting at the White House with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. We have invited all Michigan tribes to be a part of this meeting. Director Cathy Abramson and I will be attending to represent our tribe and we have asked other tribes that wish to participate to designate two representatives as well. Along with other tribes, we identified the top three issues we plan to focus on as: 1. Reauthorizing the Indian Health Care Improvement Act; 2. Union issue: we will be seeking an exemption from this as sovereign governments; and 3. Appointments of Michigan tribal people to President Obama's administration in positions that ultimately impact different

policies that we will be required to abide by. I will provide a report to our membership on the results of this meeting in my next report.

United Tribes is a coalition of Michigan tribes with the purpose of identifying and working on issues that affect tribes overall. We will be hosting a meeting towards the end of April that will specifically focus on the union issue as well. One of the most beneficial purposes of this group and any coalition of tribes is there is strength in numbers when we have common goals to achieve.

Meghan Kelly, Sault Tribe member and federal liaison, based in Washington, D.C., provided testimony on our tribe's behalf to the House Interior Appropriations Committee on Thursday, March 26. An example of the testimony that was provided on included, but was not limited to, greater funding for education programs; fully restore Johnson O'Malley Program funding to FY06 level of \$24 million; increased funding for the Esther Martinez Act to assist with language preservation and revitalization; health care — Sault Tribe is currently funded at only 36 percent of our level of need from Indian Health Services and we are encouraged by the additional \$4 billion proposal from President Obama for IHS. This testimony covered additional areas such as Contract Health Services, contract support costs, SAMHSA, environment and home improvement programs.

## Budgets/Business and Strategic Plans

As I mentioned in my last report, following will be some additional details and narrative regarding budgets for tribal programs and services, basically

our governmental operations. Next month, my report will showcase casino and non-gaming enterprises budget information. I believe that we can accomplish more with existing resources through proper planning. Our goal for our businesses should be to increase revenues and planning is crucial for this. The chart included here (see below) shows the funding sources for all of our governmental operations broken out by federal, state, tribal, third-party billings, indirect and other as well as service areas such as ACFS, health and so forth. Our consolidated 2009 budget is approximately \$71.4 million, of which \$26.5 million comes from federal funding, \$1 million from state funding and \$5.2 million from third-party billings, totaling \$32.7 million from outside sources. In addition, \$23.2 million comes from our gaming, non-gaming enterprises and trust fund revenues while the remaining \$15.4 million comes from indirect and other sources.

We are working on a lot of good, positive things for our tribe and members. In 2007, the board of directors approved a resolution requiring our membership services divisions to develop strategic plans for board review and ultimately board approval. The first draft of these plans has been presented for most of these areas over the last few months and input was provided by the board. The board of directors more recently took action to expand this requirement to plans by department within each membership service division and added a business plan development requirement for all our enterprises and casinos. Staff are working diligently

on pulling together all necessary information to meet the May 1 deadline. The board will be kept informed of the progress to ensure enough time was allotted to develop all the plans. I fully support this requirement for several reasons. One, the board understands the need and benefit for businesses to develop plans. Two, our businesses provide revenue to support our government, including membership services and operations. We have to plan how best to operate all our businesses to maximize the revenue available for membership services and operations.

## Economic Recovery/Stimulus Funding

Our tribe has been focused on taking advantage of funding made available by the American Economic Recovery Act. Many of our staff are actively researching every opportunity tribes are eligible for. We submitted an official proposal as mentioned in my last report and have since added projects and requests to this. Our health division is looking at numerous opportunities. We have so much unmet need in our tribe's health delivery system. We know we need to expand our economic development opportunities and look for non-gaming enterprises. We may be able to access tax-exempt bonds that could assist with that. Projects under this opportunity must be on reservation land; we cannot incur more debt than the amount we receive. We are investigating a few projects that at face value meet these requirements. As of the time of this report, the requirements for accessing these bonds have not been published. We will continue to actively pursue any *See 'Chairman's report,' pg. 17*

## Breakdown of 2009 governmental services budgets

Division	Federal	State	Tribal	3rd Party	Indirect***	Other****	Totals
ACFS	\$ 3,251,589.00	\$ 711,481.00	\$ 341,881.00			\$ 289,869.00	\$ 4,594,820.00
Behavioral Health	\$ 729,049.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 356,769.00	\$ 189,266.00		\$ 116,911.00	\$ 1,439,995.00
Cultural	\$ 56,000.00		\$ 607,840.00			\$ 53,630.00	\$ 717,470.00
Education	\$ 2,209,023.00	\$ 71,074.00	\$ 779,684.00			\$ 647,824.00	\$ 3,707,605.00
Elderly	\$ 159,185.00		\$ 615,499.00			\$ 394,442.00	\$ 1,169,126.00
Employment	\$ 211,355.00		\$ 43,177.00			\$ 70,000.00	\$ 324,532.00
Fisheries	\$ 417,191.00		\$ 69,150.00			\$ 313,614.00	\$ 799,955.00
General Fund*			\$ 4,474,379.00			\$ 1,329,028.00	\$ 5,803,407.00
Governmental**	\$ 1,487,446.00		\$ 1,646,905.00			\$ 129,862.00	\$ 3,264,213.00
Health	\$ 13,162,056.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,697,276.00	\$ 5,055,741.00		\$ 901,951.00	\$ 24,832,024.00
Internal Service			\$ 3,243,734.00		\$ 2,722,975.00	\$ 8,137,977.00	\$ 14,104,686.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 2,683,607.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 616,927.00			\$ 75,320.00	\$ 3,385,854.00
Legal			\$ 1,645,908.00				\$ 1,645,908.00
Sanitation	\$ 976,265.00		\$ 108,027.00				\$ 1,084,292.00
Self-Sufficiency			\$ 2,533,080.00			\$ 7,520.00	\$ 2,540,600.00
Tribal Court	\$ 405,155.00	\$ 80,839.00	\$ 434,601.00			\$ 145,466.00	\$ 1,066,061.00
Victim Services	\$ 774,757.00	\$ 107,550.00	\$ 5,661.00			\$ 63,604.00	\$ 951,572.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$26,522,678.00</b>	<b>\$1,043,944.00</b>	<b>\$23,220,498.00</b>	<b>\$5,245,007.00</b>	<b>\$2,722,975.00</b>	<b>\$12,677,018.00</b>	<b>\$71,432,120.00</b>

\*General Fund consists of tribal operations, property management, tribal debt, tribal gaming commission, Chi Mukwa/Big Bear.

\*\*Governmental consists of enrollment, elections, board of directors, referendums, transportation planning, IRR roads - including maintenance and planning, road maintenance, bridge maintenance, EPA, environmental health - housing contracts, environmental health - health center, Water 106, inland fish and wildlife.

\*\*\*Indirect: These are costs not readily identifiable with a particular grant or contract and generally include maintenance of buildings, telephone expenses, travel and supplies, depreciation, rental expense. We receive an annual rate from federal government that we can charge to grants to cover these expenses.

\*\*\*\*Other funding sources include but not limited to smaller grants (Avon, Spirit of Eagle), parent payments at the Child Care Center, funds from JKL, Housing, detention center revenues, court fees, etc.



# Board is accountable for the state of the tribe



**DJ HOFFMAN, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I**

The sense of urgency to right the wrongs and ensure the efficiency of tribal operations has ceased. The “little engine that could” has stalled midway up the hill. With these statements and analogies, questions as to their meaning are sure to arise. The simplest explanation is that the tribe is currently in a state of complacency. The need for innovation, diversification and efficiency has been replaced by content in the fact that we have survived the \$15 million dollar budget deficit of 2008. But at what expense?

I do not agree with the manner in which cost savings were incurred to eradicate the budget deficit of last year. It came as a great expense to membership services and, unfortunately, many people lost their jobs. Job loss is not an unforeseen byproduct of streamlining programming and operations, however, the “chainsaw” approach to restructuring will

only provide results based on pure monetary relief, not efficiency. Many lost employment based on the recommendations of individuals that were not in their direct oversight and this was definitely not an all-inclusive process related to department heads and staff. In short, it would be hypocritical to understate the obvious, some people’s positions were eliminated based upon factors other than the need for the services provided. The tribe is not operating as efficiently without those services. Ultimately, who is to be held accountable for the state of the tribe? The answer is, unequivocally, the board of directors.

The board of directors has a fiduciary duty to protect the assets of the tribe. As a whole, we are failing in that regard. We have not held management accountable for expenditures in certain areas; have not eliminated positions or departments that have continually underperformed in their roles professionally or financially. For example, if you have a business that continually loses money would it not make sense to restructure that entity to ensure its viability and profitability? As a board, we have maintained status quo and remained complacent in allowing the trend to continue.

Merely surviving a budget deficit should not be the goal. Streamlining, increasing efficiency and diversifying operations must be. I realize many will point to the state

of the economy as a whole to justify financials or reductions in services. The truth of the matter is we are not capitalizing on the opportunities available to our tribe. Our casinos have reported better than expected financials as a result of restructuring. Imagine how much more profitable we could be, or would’ve been, had we eliminated administrative fat in the past four to eight years. Taking that into account, it must be noted that we have yet to reduce the bulk of the administrative excess generated by our casino operations. It is time that we take a long hard look at all of our executive management throughout the casinos and the tribe. Before we continue to cut services, I am sure that we can effectively reduce expenses in these areas and become more efficient.

I realize that the preceding paragraphs do not elicit warm and fuzzy feelings of how great the tribe is doing. However, it is important that the membership understand that they must push start the car (board) to get it out of neutral. We can streamline, enhance opportunities, diversify businesses, generate new revenues and maintain services. To do this, the board as a whole needs to get off its @#@!!

#### **DIVERSIFICATION**

The tribe has existing resources to enable it to diversify economically. The Big Bear Arena is a mammoth facility. Within a structure of this size, many differ-

ent approaches can be taken to increase profitability and enhance the marketability of the entire community. The simple addition of a bar is not a sole source solution to all of the facility’s woes. There are no indoor water park facilities within the Upper Peninsula. Wisconsin has dozens; lower Michigan has several, yet one of the largest tourist markets around has none. These facilities generate excellent revenues and create a positive byproduct of visitors and guests that may choose to stay within our casino facilities or shop at our local stores. The facilities themselves have become top destinations for families across the country. This is an option that we should explore to enhance the profitability of the arena itself, our casinos and surrounding communities.

The tribe has yet to utilize its identity and unique attributes to delve into the 8(a) business marketplace. For nearly a year, the board has been informed that the process is moving forward and that it will be two weeks before we are ready. I may be wrong about many things, but I can tell you the difference between two weeks and 12 months. We are missing out on business opportunities, whether joint partnerships or sole proprietor, in the 8(a) government contracting world. The financial government set-aside programs and projects for these types of companies is incredibly lucrative. We are missing out on this opportunity.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

It is the role of the board of directors to lead the tribe. The chairman is a member of the board of directors. The problem that is occurring is the board is, in effect, following the direction of staff to the point that, quite honestly, the board as a whole is failing to lead. I understand some may not like or appreciate that statement. My response to those individuals is simple, too bad. The simple fact of the matter is that board-initiated changes have been met with hesitation, lack of implementation and disregard by executive staff. The majority of the decisions that have been made have been simply brought forward to the board for approval.

Election to a position is not

an entitlement to sit in a chair and sit idle for four years, nor is it a means to continually campaign the entire time to ensure a paycheck. Individuals should not be preaching fiscal responsibility in their reports and casting votes that are financially irresponsible. We are elected by the membership to do a job. Ultimately, we will all be judged on how we get the job done. If a sense of frustration on my behalf were derived from reading this report it would be an accurate depiction. I did not run to sit idle, nor did I run for the board check. I ran to ensure that the tribe moved forward and progressed. I came to work to get the job done.

I would ask that you contact all of your board members and ask them how they are working to move us as a tribe forward. It is one thing to hear about plans for enhancing the tribe at election time, but yet another when given the actual opportunity to do it.

#### **TRIBUTE**

I would like to stray off of the above topics to pay tribute to a tribal member who has recently passed on. Paul “William” Dowd, known to many of us as Bill, passed away unexpectedly on March 18, 2009, in his sleep. He left behind a wife and two incredible children. Many of you may know Bill from growing up on the reservation in the Sault or working with his company, Extreme Excavating.

I met Bill Dowd in 1983, when we both moved into our homes on the reservation (Phase II). We attended elementary together, middle school and high school. Over the years we kept in contact, whether he was in the Navy or I was away at Michigan State.

There is not enough space in this paper to detail all of his wonderful attributes. In 36 years he made an impact on more people than many will make in a lifetime. He was an incredible father and silent community leader. Bill never forgot where he came from and was definitely “Indian before Indian was Cool!” He will be missed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me any time.

Sincerely,  
DJ Hoffman

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opportunity that could further enhance the services we provide our members and that can assist us in expanding economic development for the tribe. Our Housing Division has already been notified that they have received an automatic additional \$1.78 million dollars through the Recovery/Stimulus Act based on their 2008 appropriations. Housing Director Joni Talantino provided a presentation to the board of directors March 24 with a copy of the plan for these dollars. We are very excited about these opportunities.

#### **Referendum Results**

Sault Tribe enacted a board of directors retirement plan in 1998. More recently they passed Resolution No. 2008-262 to bring this plan into compliance with recently implemented changes from the IRS. Sault Tribe conducted a membership driven referendum to determine whether the board of directors’ retirement plan should stay in compliance with Internal Revenue Code. On Friday, March 20, our membership overwhelmingly decided that, in fact, the plan should be in compliance. The final vote was 3,187 saying ‘yes’ to compliance and 1,279 saying ‘no.’

I want you to know how reassuring it is to know that our

membership supports the action taken by the board of directors to continue compliance with federal rules and regulations. Going forward, when a referendum is conducted, we will make every effort to provide our members with necessary background information on the issue they are being asked to vote on. Referendums are a right provided by our Constitution and with every right we enjoy there are responsibilities on all our parts. Your government should provide you with unbiased, factual information so when you are asked to vote on an issue, you can make an educated vote. As members, we should seek this information. Miigwech to all members for participating in our government.

#### **Greektown Update**

We are still faced with the May 1 deadline to submit a plan for one of two options: reorganization or sale. We will continue to investigate both options; the final decision lies with the bankruptcy court. The two new management board members have been actively getting up to speed on where we are, how we got here and where we are heading. I certainly hope that we are given the opportunity by the court to reorganize and show them that, under the proper leadership, we are capable of operating viable businesses. Our tribal board of directors is fully

supportive of wanting this venture to succeed and have given me the appropriate support and authority to represent our interests in Detroit. The support and leadership of our board of directors is crucial to our success, in Detroit and every area within the tribe.

We have been reviewing the structure of our tribe to determine whether we are operating as efficiently as we can. We continue to review our organizational structures for efficiencies. Many staff have taken on additional responsibilities to ensure we are operating as efficiently and effectively as we can. Their efforts, dedication and hard work has not gone unnoticed. I would personally like to say Chi Miigwech to our staff for showing their willingness to just do what needs to be done. I have been impressed with everyone’s willingness to just do what needs to be done. Their dedication has not gone unnoticed. We still have a lot of work to do.

If you have any questions or would like me to report any specific items in my chairman’s report, please do not hesitate to contact me at jmccoy@saulttribe.net or call my office toll-free at (800) 793-0660, or locally 635-6050.

Miigwech,  
Chairman Darwin “Joe” McCoy

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# Pat Rickley reports to Unit III membership



**PATRICK RICKLEY,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Aanii, sorry I missed the last couple month's reports, there just didn't seem to be anything that exciting to report about. Well, I got a few hind

end chewings from some of the members telling me they wanted a report anyway. (To me, no news is good news.)

I hope everyone is still trying to uphold their New Year's resolutions; the key is to keep trying to achieve what you set out to do! Well, the buzz is the stimulus package, we have a lot of people putting in long hours trying to decide the best way to utilize these funds in each department of the tribe. Sitting Bull once said white man can make anything, he just doesn't know how to distribute it. Well, we know that health care is our top priority and we are trying to be competitive with outside markets. We recently had a consulting firm, IBS (Infinity Business

Solutions), come in and do an overall survey of our health program and got a lot of good feedback. Our health care providers are doing an excellent job, we just need more of them. Hopefully, the stimulus will help in that area.

Yes, we finally got a dentist for the Lambert center, this is something that has been long overdue. Now, in this time of economic downturn, I feel we must exercise patience and persistence while the country and other countries are struggling to find a solution to keep their heads above water. I feel we as the Sault Tribe have already took the measures we needed to let us operate smoothly; we still need to be practical in these lean times.

I would like to thank the Anishinabek Community and Family Services and all the other organizations that sponsored the Family Fun Day in St. Ignace at Little Bear East, it is important that we all instill the importance of family and community unity (hey, that rhymes) to our children.

Well, spring is upon us, it's a time for renewal, new life — birds are back, water is flowing, plants are growing. It's also a time for us to thank the Creator for allowing us to see the beauty of the creation before us. As I sat on the front porch the other day, I actually saw the woods through the trees . . . We are all of this earth, we draw our strength from mother earth. We, like

everything else, have similar patterns — a tree has roots a base foundation that turns into the trunk that turns into branches, some old, some new, some healthy, some weak, but all dependent upon each other, so lets all try to remember that everyone is a part of the family.

Oh, one last thing, PBS will air *We Shall Remain: American Experience*, a five-part series highlighting Native American history starting at 9 p.m. on April 13, then every Monday until May 11.

Make happy those who are near and those who are far will come. Baa mama pii.

Pat Rickley  
Unit III Director  
(906) 440-5149

## Funds available for owner-occupied home energy conservation projects

Limited funding is now available through the Owner-Occupied Moderate Rehabilitation Service Program for repair or replacement of sub-standard heating systems and water heaters for owner-occupied homes. Eligibility includes tribal membership, income guidelines, service area residency and ownership of the property. Applications are required and can be obtained at any ACFS office. Please contact ACFS with any questions at (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.

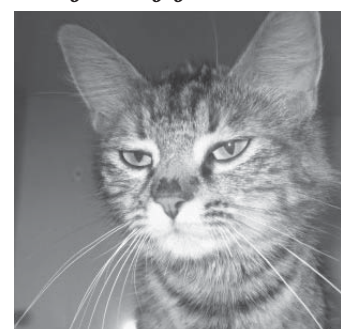
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## Our goal is self-sufficiency



**BERNARD BOUSCHOR,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Dear tribal member,  
Our tribe has at this time dealt with the budget deficit we inherited. We need to be vigi-

lant and not let this ever happen again.

I believe that we must as a community, as leaders, always move towards the tribal goal of self sufficiency. The goal of self sufficiency is built on having a strong economy with profitable businesses. The tribal government utilizes the profits from these businesses for services to you our members and expansion of our economy. The centerpiece of the plan so far has been gaming.

The gaming plan has two sections - tribal and commercial casinos. The first tribal Kewadin Casino opened in 1985. Today Kewadin Casinos are located at five sites in the UP of Michigan. The Kewadin

Casinos have been a huge success and continue to provide revenue to our tribe and employment opportunity for our members.

The state of Michigan approved commercial casinos for Detroit in the mid-'90s. The Sault Tribe competed for and was selected for one of the commercial casinos in Detroit. Our Greektown Casino opened in a temporary facility in 2000. Greektown Casino filed for bankruptcy protection in May 2008. If the plan for reorganization is not approved by the bankruptcy court, Greektown Casino will be forced to sell.

Thank you,  
Bernard Bouschor  
Tribal Council, Unit I

## Request For Proposals

The Sault Tribe Purchasing Department will be accepting bids on behalf of the Sault Tribe Transportation Department and Sault Tribe Construction for final grading and paving for JK Lumsden Way.

### SCOPE OF WORK WILL INCLUDE:

Work is to be completed according to drawings and specifications as prepared by the Engineer, U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs – Roads Midwest Region – Great Lakes Agency as described in general as:

Final grading and paving of approximately .30 mile of roadway known as JK Lumsden Way located in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

### PRE-BID MEETING:

There will be a mandatory meeting held April 15, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Sault Tribe Construction located at 3375 S. M-129 Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, at which time a complete set of plans will be available for all interested contractors.

### PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

**\*\*Native American Preference is given\*\*** The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will receive sealed bid proposals until 2:00 p.m. April 27, 2009, at the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department. Proposals shall be placed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked **SEALED BID: JK LUMSDEN WAY**. Interested contractors may contact Tamara Roche at (906) 635-7035 for more information.

### DEBARMENT:

By submitting a proposal, the offeror certifies that it is not currently debarred from submitting bids for contracts issued by any political subdivision or agency of the U.S. Government and that it is not an agent of a person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting bids or contracts issued by any political subdivision or agency for the U.S. Government.

### ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS:

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bid proposals and to waive any and all informalities and/or irregularities in bid proposal submitted. This right shall be exercised at the sole discretion of the Owner. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will make award as may appear to be in the best interest of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



# Proposal ensures clear referendum language



**SHIRLEY PETOSKY, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT V**

Dear friends, I did submit a unit report last month, but it got lost in cyberspace. I passed out copies of my report at the Unit V meeting on March 12.

First off, I need to mention the Unit V meetings. I said I was going to start having them on the second Saturday of each month — but that won't work after all — so I am going back to the second Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Medical

Center in Munising, enter off M-28.

April 9 is the next Unit V meeting.

Calling all dentists! I am going to mention again that we really need a dentist — if anyone out there is finished with their degree, we would certainly appreciate your inquiries. You would get paid, have insurance, no office costs, no staff to worry about. Please give us a chance.

Last month, I addressed the ballot that went out, but that is over and done with. We spent a lot of money to accomplish nothing. This was only done "to get back at the board." Well, it was done to all of us as a tribe. Over \$20,000 was spent to send it out because a few people submitted the required signatures. People who signed the petition really thought that they were getting rid of the board's retirement plan. Wrong! It only pertained to being in compliance or not with the IRS.

I am working on a proposal

to ensure that all future petitions contain clear and precise wording that passes the legal description as to purpose and intent — not just a number and no explanation for a heading. This would not keep anyone from passing around a petition but it would ensure that we know exactly what we are signing and not what we assume or are told what it means.

I went to a Housing Committee meeting this past Tuesday. These people really have their heads together. You will most certainly be hearing exciting news from that department soon. Thank you, Joni and staff, for all your work. And, thank you, Unit V Housing Rep. Kevin Kolbus.

Spring is coming and so is the next batch of maple syrup. God's blessings are wished for all of you. Please take time to share a kindness with someone. And remember — right nice.

Shirley Petosky, Unit V Rep., (906) 387-2101, e-mail shirleypetosky@yahoo.com.



Photo by Paul Petosky

Pictured (left to right) are Sonny Putvin, who is in charge of Munising's Fourth of July fireworks; Kim Swanberg, a Fourth of July volunteer and a Fourth of July birthday girl, who wrote the grant to receive two percent monies; Shirley Petosky, Unit V director; and Roger Perron, financial secretary for the Fourth of July Committee. Sonny Putvin said the money would be used to help in keeping up with Homeland Security issues. The committee hopes to develop a fireworks storage building. Roger Perron thanked the Unit V director and the Sault Tribe for recognizing the committee's need to serve the community for a very special event. It is what makes Munising the place to be on the Fourth of July.

# Massaway gets on suicide prevention board



**KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT III**

It is very nice to see lots of people moving about outside again. Last week our tribal ACFS had the Family Fun Fair at the Little Bear Arena. It was very well attended and the young children were happy and excited at the activities and games. I had the privilege of running the spinning wheel game and I got many funny looks when I said the name of

the animal the wheel landed on in our native Ojibwa language. I don't know if they thought I was just mispronouncing them in English or they really knew Ojibwa and I was mispronouncing them. That was kind of confusing but it does make sense. Several local groups participated in setting up their own booths. The children loved all the give-aways and the bike drawing was the highlight of the day.

The Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project had a wonderful conference at the Sault casino. The group is focused on preventing suicide in our communities. The Seven Feathers Board will be directing this three-year grant. The board is made up of a diverse group of people including health professionals, school employees, religious leaders, political leaders, tribal cultural leaders, mothers and fathers. I will also be on the board along with Lana Causley and Cathy Abramson. The STAY Project is focusing

on four major areas: suicide prevention and education of our Native youth, suicide education of our future teachers who are in college now, suicide prevention and education of our Native youth at college age, suicide prevention and education of our Native families. If you would like to help or participate in this group, please feel free to contact me and I will put you in contact with the proper people.

Last weekend my wife and I enjoyed "A Night of Jazz" put on by the music department of our high school. They played in the sprung structure at the

Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace. Over 400 local people attended the event. The reason why I mention this is because this shows how we make earnest efforts to participate in community events. The local communities accept the casino as an integral part of the business structure of the area. We work on strengthening our relationships in and out of our communities so we can address mutual problems in a cooperative manner.

I seem to be hearing about Human Resources problems daily. I know that our staffers are doing the best they can

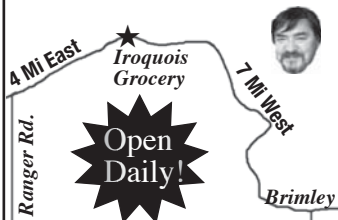
but the policies seem to work against the employees way too often. Most of the policies are fine, but I know some sections must be reworked and given better clarity so implementation will not be arbitrary. I will be putting much of my time and effort into this area. I hope the tribal board will also see this item as a top priority and work with me to review the policies.

Thank you for the calls and the e-mails.

Keith Massaway  
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*Then join us, Ojibwe Charter School on Friday, April 17, 2009, for Kindergarten Round-Up, 12-6 p.m. in the Waishkey gym. To make an appointment call 248-2530.*



# Sault students fight commercial tobacco use

BY LAUREN EVELEIGH

Young people from local schools joined thousands of kids across the country by taking part in Kick Butts Day, a nationwide initiative that makes kids leaders in the effort to stop youth commercial tobacco use. As part of the Kick Butts Day celebration, students from Sault Area High School and JKL Bahweting School came together to get involved in the event.

Members of the Bahweting Anishnabek Tribal Youth Council from Sault High developed, practiced and presented skits to third through fifth grade students at JKL Bahweting School on March 24. The skits, which delivered the message that commercial tobacco is dangerous, addictive and very “un-cool” were also followed by a tobacco trivia

game to reinforce the deadly facts on commercial tobacco.

Over 100 elementary school students gathered in the gymnasium at JKL Bahweting School to take part in the event. In preparation for the event, the school held a Kick Butts Day poster contest for students to share their thoughts on commercial tobacco and show their creativity. Over 50 students created posters with the theme, “We Need Smoke-Free Air!” which plastered the gym walls on the day of the event.

Winners of the poster contest were Taylor Walsh, Natasha Stewart, Jennifer Poliski, Connor Boyer, Courtney Arbic, Alysia Brewer, Haley Worden and Ashley Biron.

Throughout the year, young advocates across the country take part in a variety of activities to protect kids from com-



**POSTER CONTEST WINNERS** — Back left: Taylor Walsh, Natasha Stewart, Jennifer Poliski, Connor Boyer, Front left: Courtney Arbic, Alysia Brewer, Haley Worden and Ashley Biron.

mercial tobacco, including working with elected officials to develop policies that reduce youth tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke and educating their peers about tobacco companies’ deceptive marketing practices. “Kids are a powerful

part of the solution to reducing youth tobacco use,” said Matthew L. Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, which coordinates Kick Butts Day. “For Kick Butts Day 2009, kids sent two important messages: they want the tobac-

co industry to stop targeting them with advertising and they want elected leaders at all levels to do more to protect them from commercial tobacco.”

Commercial tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, killing more than 400,000 people every year. Every day, more than 4,000 kids try their first cigarettes and another 1,000 kids become addicted smokers, one-third of whom will die prematurely as a result.

Kick Butts Day is carried out by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids — one of the largest initiatives ever undertaken to decrease youth tobacco use in the United States.

For tobacco cessation resources, call Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

# Container gardening limited only by imagination

BY CONNIE M. HILL,  
HEALTH EDUCATOR

Even the smallest patio or porch can boast a crop of vegetables or a garden of flowers in containers. Planter boxes, ice cream buckets, five-gallon buckets, wooden barrels, hanging baskets and large flowerpots are just some of the containers that can be used. The container gardener is limited only by one’s imagination.

Keep these ideas in mind when picking out a container:

- Avoid containers with narrow openings.
- Cheap plastic pots may deteriorate in UV sunlight and terracotta pots dry out rapidly. Glazed ceramic pots are excellent choices but require several drainage holes.
- Wooden containers are susceptible to rot. Redwood and cedar are relatively rot resistant

and can be used without staining or painting. Avoid wood treated with creosote, penta or other toxic compounds since the vapors can damage the plants. One advantage of wooden containers is that they can be built to sizes and shapes that suit the location.

- Use containers between 15 and 120 quarts capacity. Small pots restrict the root area and dry out very quickly. The size and number of plants to be grown will determine the size of the container used. Deep rooted vegetables require deep pots.

- Make sure your pot has adequate drainage. Holes should be a half-inch across. Line the base of the pot with newspaper to prevent soil loss.

- Set containers on bricks or blocks to allow free drainage.

- Line hanging baskets with moss for water retention. Keep

baskets away from afternoon sun.

- If you choose clay pots, remember that clay is porous and water is lost from the sides

of the container. Plants in clay pots should be monitored closely for loss of moisture.

For more information on container gardening, contact



your County Extension office or Sault Tribe Community Health, (906) 632-5211.

**Bouncer Cadreau and Frisky Young (L-R) at the sixth annual Great Lakes Indigenous Farming Conference on the White Earth Reservation in Callaway, Minn., in February 2009. Bouncer and Frisky attended this conference along with community members Chris Cadreau, Lindsey Cadreau and James McKelvie, Community Health traditional foods grant coordinator Connie Hill, Rural Health registered dietician Gail Sulander and Youth Education and Activities staff Patty Teeples and Kelly Constineau. Conference funding was made possible by Dr. Larry Dyer, tribal MSU Extension educator.**

# Turn off all screens and tune into life this month

BY CHARLA GORDON

According to Wikipedia, TV Turnoff Week began in 1994. In the last 15 years, it is estimated that 70 million people have taken the opportunity to turn off their television sets and enjoy the peace and quiet of their home and the company of their family and friends for one week in April.

What started with *TV-Free America* in 1994 has expanded to include all electronic screens — computers, video games, DVD players and so forth — and the name of the organization is now the Center of SCREEN-TIME Awareness to

reflect that change. In addition to changing the name, the center is now promoting turning off the screens for *two* weeks in 2009.

It can make us a bit uneasy to think about turning off the screens in our lives. But that is exactly the point; electronic messages and images are constant in our daily lives. Many of us spend hours at work in front of a screen and go home for more. Think about what each of us is exposed to all day — the ads, news, images we may not want our children to see, lack of physical activity, lack of time communicating with those we

love and more.

In 2008, Adbusters changed the name of *TV Turnoff Week* to *Mental Detox Week* to reflect the growing predominance of computers and other digital devices in our lives and the impact that has on each of us.

This movement to create awareness of the impact of the screens on our lives is not just happening in the U.S. In Canada, France, the United Kingdom and many Spanish speaking countries, this grassroots movement is gaining support. In some areas you might run into anti-TV “guerrillas” who use a small device known

as TV-B-Gone to remotely turn off television sets within 14 meters in an attempt to reduce the nonstop chatter in public spaces.

When did television enter your life? Has it always been there in your living room, kitchen, even your bedroom? Have you ever thought about turning it off? How much time do you spend staring at a screen every day? How could you cut back? What would happen if you watched less and did more?

Go to [www.tvturnoff.org](http://www.tvturnoff.org) to join the Center for SCREEN-TIME Awareness in its effort to reduce the amount of time all of

us spend in front of screens.

Study after study shows that getting up and turning off your television will improve health, education and wellness while building stronger families and communities. In 2009, the two weeks planned for Screen Turnoff are April 20-26 and September 20-26. Make it your goal to try and turn off the screens for at least one day each week.

Visit [www.tvturnoff.org](http://www.tvturnoff.org) for more information about turning off the screens and turning on life.

(Source: Wikipedia, Center for SCREEN-TIME Awareness)

# Turning off TV reduces risk of developing type 2 diabetes

In 2001, a large 10-year study confirmed that exercise is important for avoiding diabetes. The study showed that men watching TV over 21 hours per week were at least twice as likely to develop Type 2 diabetes. The study also showed that people who watched many hours of TV each week had poorer diets and were heavier than people who watched very little TV. The authors of the study encouraged people to get out and walk as a simple

way to reduce diabetes in our country.

It is not just about men, though. In 2003, a study was published that showed Type 2 diabetes risk in women increased 14 percent for every two hours a day that they spent in front of the TV. The men were also reported on again in 2003, and it was found that if they watched more than 40 hours of TV per week, they were three times more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes than

men who watched TV less than one hour per week.

Do we need all these studies to tell us what we already know? We know that it is healthier for us to be out walking than it is to be sitting in front of the TV. Start now to spend more time being up and moving around, walking and playing outside and doing activities other than staying glued to the tube.

Think about times when you can turn off your TV. Enjoy

your meals without the interruption of the chatter on the television; this will also help you pay attention to how much and what you are eating. Make a plan when the TV will be on and when it will be off and stick to the schedule.

Take the TV out of your bedroom and see if your sleep improves (people who sleep more than seven hours each night also reduce their risk of developing type 2 diabetes). Plan fun times with family and

friends to play games, laugh and catch up on news — this type of activity will help to reduce and manage your stress level, which may reduce physical illness.

Find out more ideas for turning off TV by contacting the TV Turnoff Network and putting these ideas to practice during TV Turnoff Weeks April 20-26 and September 20-26, 2009.

(Sources: PubMed, Lifewire, TV Turnoff Network)



# Sioux woman nominated for new IHS director

By Rick Smith

The White House announced a 46-year-old Sioux woman has been nominated to head the Indian Health Service (IHS) by President Barack Obama on March 23. Nominee Dr. Yvette Roubideaux hails from the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota and is currently an assistant professor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine Department of Family and Community Health. She is the first American Indian woman nominated to head the IHS.

According to the White House, Roubideaux has experience working in the IHS as a physician and director of clinical services for the San Carlos Indian Reservation and the Gila River Indian Community, both in Arizona. She also has experience conducting extensive research into American Indian health problems focusing on diabetes and federal policies. The White House notes, "She received her MD from Harvard Medical School and her MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health. She completed the Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency Program at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass. She also completed the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy in 1997."

Additionally, "Roubideaux is



Photo courtesy of the U.S. NIH  
Dr. Yvette Roubideaux

the co-director of the Coordinating Center for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Demonstration Projects, a program implementing diabetes prevention and cardiovascular disease prevention activities in 66 American Indian communities. She also serves as director of two programs, the UA/Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Indians (ITCA) Into Medicine Program and the student development core of the ITCA/UA American Indian Research Center for Health, that focuses on recruiting American Indian students into health and research professions.

"Roubideaux was appointed to the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Advisory Committee on Minority Health from 2000-02. From 1999-2000,

she served as president of the Association of American Indian Physicians. Roubideaux has received numerous awards including the American Diabetes Association's 2008 Addison B. Scoville Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service and the 2004 Indian Physician of the Year Award from the Association of American Indian Physicians. She is co-editor of the American Public Health Association book titled Promises to Keep: Public Health Policy for American Indians and Alaska Natives in the 21st Century. She has authored several monographs and peer-reviewed publications on American Indian health issues, research and policy."

For its National Library of Medicine Celebrating America's Women Physicians series, Roubideaux told the National Institutes of Health, "I decided to become a doctor because I wanted to help improve the quality of healthcare for American Indians. My first encounters with the healthcare system were as a patient in the Indian Health Service. The IHS is severely under-funded and understaffed, and I often waited four to six hours to see a doctor. As a teenager, I realized that I had never seen an American Indian physician and felt that by becoming a physician I could do something to help improve healthcare for American Indian communities."

# Obama's cabinet addresses NCAI

WASHINGTON — The National Congress of American Indians Executive Council Winter Session on March 4 focused on Indian Country's legislative goals for the 111th Congress



and the Obama administration, including addresses by Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson and White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Cecelia Munoz.

"It is encouraging to see so many new members of the Obama Administration and members of Congress engaging in Indian issues with tribal leaders," said NCAI President Joe A. Garcia. "These high level meetings set us on the right course as we work to ensure we have a place at the table early on in this new administration."

Secretary Chu told tribal delegates and conference attendees that he takes the responsibility and commitment to sovereign nations very seriously, and will prove it by fully empowering a tribal office in the energy department and holding a summit on issues that touch Indian Country.

Secretary Napolitano said she understands tribal consultation comes before decisions are made. In an effort to move that agenda along, she released a draft consultation policy and solicited input from NCAI and tribes, especially those hit by natural disasters and located along the borders.

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar told tribal leaders his department will assist tribes to harness the powers of the sun and wind or look at geothermal resources for economic development.

Salazar also highlighted education and public safety as priorities of his department.

Finally, Salazar committed to resolving the trust reform settlement and addressing the recent Supreme Court decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*. Salazar said he is troubled by the decision

and called it ambiguous.

Lisa Jackson, administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, said we have much to do to ensure that communities impacted by environmental degradation have a seat and voice at the table, including tribes.

Jackson said she hoped to be able to resolve the proper location of the American Indian office within the agency and reiterated a pledge to hold a summit with tribes in the fall that will focus on improving tribal programs and agency responses to climate change.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan pledged to work closely with NCAI and tribes to ensure the economic stimulus dollars are allocated to building and renovating houses in Indian Country.

Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said he will work to institute and implement the tribal provisions in the farm bill.

Vilsack also pledged to put resources into the U.S. Forest Service to reduce hazardous fuel, he said. Many reservations house acres and acres of forest service land managed by the federal government.

White House Intergovernmental Affairs Director Cecilia Munoz said she realizes the front door of the White House hasn't always been open and welcoming to Native people, but assured the audience that dialogue will be on a government-to-government basis.

Jody Gillette, deputy director of Intergovernmental Affairs and a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, said she is confident in President Obama's commitment to Indian Country.

"NCAI and Indian Country is committed to working closely with all branches of the federal government in the coming months and years on these important issues discussed here today," said NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson Pata. "Whether it is partnering on issues such as climate change with the Department of Energy or border issues with the Department of Homeland Security, tribes will play a crucial role in the agenda moving forward."

# Salazar: Recovery plan should create jobs, stimulate economic activity in Indian Country

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Speaking to a summit of American Indian leaders, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar highlighted more than \$2 billion in President Obama's economic recovery package to create jobs and economic opportunity in Indian Country.

"The challenges we face as a nation are not new to Indian Country," Salazar told a recent Tribal Nations Legislative Summit of the National Congress of American Indians. "But President Obama's recovery package will provide significant investments in Indian Country which can play an important role in helping to stand-up tribal economies."

Recovery funds to be distributed through the Department of the Interior include \$450 million to fix and build roads, repair and construct schools, strengthen detention centers in Indian Country; and another \$50 million for housing improvements, workforce training programs, and economic development loans.

Other non-Interior funding in the American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act of 2009 for Indian Country includes \$510 million in Native American Housing Block Grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; \$310 million for roads, through the Federal Highway Administration; and \$500 million for health information technology and facility construction and health services from the Department of Health and Human Services. Additional stimulus funding is included under the Department of Justice and other federal agencies.

Commenting on the recent Supreme Court decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*, the Secretary said he was "troubled" by the ruling that only Indian tribes that were formally recognized in 1934 could have land taken into trust for them by the Department of the Interior. Since the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act, Interior has added about eight million acres of land to the trust for various tribes, including some that were not federally recognized in 1934. Salazar pledged to continue the program while examining all options to resolve the land-into-trust issue

raised by the court decision.

Later, Salazar spoke to the Council of Energy Resource Tribes summit on Native energy development. One of the greatest opportunities for economic development for tribes can be the development of alternative energy sources, Salazar said. Indian lands have major resources for renewable energy as well as rich sources of conventional fossil fuels.

"Indian Country offers some of the premier wind energy sites in the United States," the Secretary noted. "I look forward to exploring with tribes the potential for wind, geothermal, biomass and solar energy development that exists on those lands."

The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development has identified 77 reservations that possess commercial-scale wind resources and the ability to support viable wind-based economies. Forty of these are in states that enacted a Renewable Portfolio Standard requiring utilities to purchase a percentage of their power from renewable sources.

## Where's Rick winner!

We had a few good guesses as to where Rick was hiding, but only one winner this time.

Carol Syminow was the *only* one to guess that Rick was hiding in plain sight on page 2.

Now that we're warmed up, see if you can find Rick Smith, one of our staff writers, in these pages. He could be small or big, black & white, or in full color.

Here is what he looks like, and this image does not count!

Carol, graphic designer with Kewadin Casinos, wins a copy of "Kitchigamig Anishinaabe," from Michigan Indian Press. Next month's prize is another MIP book — check them out on the tribe's website, [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).



Rick Smith, Win Awenen Nisitotung writer, is hiding within these pages. Can you find him?



# Attention all tribal hunters, fishers and gatherers

Please use this new application for tribal inland hunting, fishing trapping and gathering. Do NOT use the application that appeared in the March issue of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*.

## Rock 'n' Skate at Chi Mukwa

March 27-May 29 — Rock 'n' Skate at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 6-9 p.m., every other Friday on March 27, April 17, May 1, 15 and 29.

Costs are \$3 for students and seniors, \$4 for adults and \$2 for skate rental. Ages five and under are FREE. Skate aids available for beginners for \$1. Free admission and skate rentals for Sault Tribe members with proof of tribal membership.

For more information, call 635-RINK (7465).

### 2009 Inland Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Application

#### Personal Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment File Number \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate all the 2009 permits that you wish to apply for, if applying for the permit package indicate each permit that you would like to receive:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Game \$7  | <input type="checkbox"/> Furharvester \$7    | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Gathering \$7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing \$7     | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Turkey \$7   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfowl \$7** | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Turkey \$7     | <input type="checkbox"/> Permit Package \$15   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer \$5        | <input type="checkbox"/> State Gathering \$7 |  |

Total Amount Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a check payable to Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for the total amount due. **Note, if you are applying for the package permit the total due is \$15. Please add \$4 if you would like your permits mailed.**

\*\* The issuance of waterfowl permits is dependent upon regulations being published in Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code.

The above information needs to be returned to the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Law Enforcement Department at 2175 Shunk Road, Post Office Box 925, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783.

### Raining Cash in Kewadin Country!

Register beginning April 1st-30th to compete across all 5 sites to earn the most base points! Top prize is \$10,000. Top 25 places will pay CASH!! Every Wednesday registered participants actively playing will be eligible for 1 of 10 - \$100 Cash draws at each site!

### Native American Casino Pool Tour Tournament

Kewadin St. Ignace  
April 3-5, 2009

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

### Honky Tonkin Party

Kewadin St. Ignace  
April 25th, 2009

Ride the Bull, Cash Draws, Drink  
Specials and More!

#### Tournaments

Video Poker  
St. Ignace  
April 17-19, 2009

Blackjack  
Christmas  
April 17-19, 2009

Spin To Win  
Hessel  
April 24-26, 2009

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#### ZIP to Christmas

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more details!

#### Weekly Events

Rapids Lounge Entertainment  
Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie  
Comedy starts at 8pm - Thurs.  
Apr. TBA  
Live Music starts at 9pm Fri. & Sat.  
Apr. 3 & 4 Hixx  
Apr. 10 & 11 Bad Side

Northern Pines Entertainment  
Kewadin St. Ignace  
Wednesday Comedy Shows  
start at 8pm  
TBA  
Live Music starts at 9pm Fri. & Sat.  
Apr. 3 & 4 TBA  
Apr. 10 & 11 Nixxon Dixon

Team Spirits Bar Entertainment  
Kewadin Manistique  
Apr 4 Lightning Strikes  
Apr. 11 Karaoke





**Sault Ste. Marie**

Anishinaabemowin language classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. at the Niigaanagiiizhik Ceremonial Building.

Classes are taught through immersion in the Ojibwe language and start with potluck feasts. So bring your favorite dish.

Nancy Debassige will demonstrate different stories in life and provide language sheets for recognition of vocabulary.

It's a great time to eat, visit, and enjoy living our culture. Everyone is welcome.

Call 635-6050 for more information.

Drumming, Mondays, 7-9 p.m., at the Niigaanagiiizhik Ceremonial Building.

It's a great time for families to come and participate by singing, dancing or just listening to the Bahweting Singers.

For more information, call Bud at 635-6050.

Anishinaabemowin language classes, Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m., 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie.

No sign up necessary. Please bring your brown bag lunch.

For more information, call Nancy Debassige 635-6050.

**April 7:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m., at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.

Open community hour, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

**April 16:** Student Transition Fair, 5-8 p.m., at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center with guest speaker and comedian, Brett Eastburn, *No Legs, No Arms, No Handicaps*, from 6 to 7 p.m. Everybody welcome and free admission.

Featuring 70 career related booths from 5-8 p.m. Refreshments, door prizes. Dance and karaoke for middle and high school students, 7-8 p.m.  
For more information, call Rachel Mandelstamm at (906) 440-4494.

**April 21:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m., at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.

Open community hour, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

**May 5:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m., at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.

Open community hour, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

**May 6:** Unit I Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center 2076 Shunk Road.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Hessel**

Language classes, Mondays, 5-7 p.m., at the tribal center.

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

**April 20:** Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**April 23:** Marrow donor registry drive.

Anthony Lee, a 15-year-old Sault Tribe member from Hessel, is suffering from aplastic anemia and needs a bone marrow transplant.

Anthony is desperately searching for a donor of partial American Indian ancestry.

Please join the marrow donor registry on Thursday, April 23, 4-8 p.m. at the tribal center, 3355 N. 3-Mile Road., in Hessel to see if you are a match for Anthony or other patients in need.

For more information, please call Lisa Burnside at 484-22987 or Eric Trosko at the National Marrow Donor Program at (800) 471-3020, extension 101.

**May 18:** Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**St. Ignace**

St. Ignace Ojibwe language classes, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., at the McCann Center, 399 McCann Street.

Participants enjoy potluck feasts at 6 p.m. followed by language lessons at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

**April 10:** Unit III Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**April 16:** Free parent training and dinner, 5 - 7 p.m., at the St. Ignace Middle School cafeteria.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Help bring awareness by joining us for the evening.

Free taco bar dinner, presentation by Dr. Raquelle Fernandez-Earns, door prizes and free child care.

Information provided by Great Start Parent Coalition, Community Action Head Start, and MSU-Extension.

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

**April 22:** Representatives Keith Massaway and Patrick Rickley invite you to attend a unit meeting, 6 p.m., at the McCann Center.

Please come and share your ideas, questions and concerns.

For questions, call Keith Massaway at 643-6981 or Patrick Rickley at 440-5149.

**May 8:** Unit III Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

**Newberry**

**April 8:** Free community Easter party, 4 - 6 p.m., at the Luce County Community Resource and Recreation Center.

Get pictures of your children with the Easter Bunny. Piñata, Easter egg hunt and much more.

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

**April 11:** Good Fellows annual spaghetti benefit dinner, 5-9 p.m., Elks Club, Newberry.

The Easter Bunny will be making a guest appearance.

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

**April 24:** Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee meets, 11 a.m., at the tribal center.

For questions, (888) 711-7356.

**April 27:** Elderly Advisory Board meets, 12:30 p.m., at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Naubinway**

**April 29:** Unit II Naubinway Elderly Committee meets, 6:30 p.m., at the pavilion.

For questions, (888) 711-7356.

**Manistique**

**April 8:** Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Escanaba**

**April 16:** Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee meets, 5:30 p.m., location to be announced.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Munising**

**April 9:** Unit V membership meeting, 6 p.m., at the tribal center.

For more information, call Shirley Petosky at 387-2101.

**April 6&20:** Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meets tribal center at 4:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

On the third Monday of the month, dinners are at 5:30 p.m.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**May 4&18:** Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meets tribal center at 4:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

On the third Monday of the month, dinners are at 5:30 p.m.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Marquette**

**May 7:** Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee meets, 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Announcements**

**April 6:** Foster or adoptive parents and kinship care support breakfast meeting, 9-11 a.m., at Studebaker's Restaurant in Sault Ste. Marie.

Foster or adoptive parent and kinship care givers interested in becoming a foster parent, please join us for our monthly breakfast meeting. We enjoy breakfast, fellowship and plan activities and events.

We will be having a speaker most months which count towards your foster parent training hours.

This month, Shirley Goudreau from Sault Tribe will speak on adoption issues and answer questions.

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

**April 7&21:** Weight loss support group, 5 - 6 p.m., at the Manistique Tribal Community Center, 5698W Hwy U.S.-2.

If you are considering weight loss or have been working to lose weight and could use some help, this is an opportunity for you.

Idea and recipe sharing. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Patty Teeples at 341-3362 or Jeanne King at 341-9511.

**April 8:** Talk on John Tanner.

After the Chippewa County Historical Society's annual meeting at 7 p.m., John Fierst, the special collections librarian for the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University, will present a talk on John Tanner. His talk is titled *When the Sugar Season Arrived, I went to Elk River: Making Sense of Time and Place in John Tanner's Narrative*.

Mr. Fierst is also the director of the John Tanner Project, a project funded through the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to prepare a documentary edition of the captivity and adventures of John Tanner.

John Tanner was captured as a nine-year-old and lived for thirty years (1790-1824) with the Anishinaabek — the Ojibwe and Odawa (or Ottawa) of the Great Lakes region.

His narrative was recorded in 1827 on Mackinac Island where Tanner was working as an Indian interpreter.

For more information on this period of our history, see Mr. Fierst's article, *John Tanner's Narrative and the Anishinaabek in a Time of Change*, at [www.archives.gov/nhprc/annotation/june-2002/john-tanner-narrative](http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/annotation/june-2002/john-tanner-narrative).

The talk is free to the public and refreshments will be provided.

The Chippewa County Historical Society is at 115 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, call 635-7082.

**April 9:** Sparrow Project, 7-8:30 p.m., at the Glenn Memorial Baptist Church in St. Ignace.

Support for parents of children with disabilities.

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

**April 11-12:** 37th annual Dance for Mother Earth Powwow in Ann Arbor at the Bowen Fieldhouse of the Eastern Michigan University Campus.

For more information, call (734) 565-8670, visit [www.umich.edu/~powwow](http://www.umich.edu/~powwow), or e-mail [powwow\\_commitee@yahoo.com](mailto:powwow_commitee@yahoo.com).

**April 16:** Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, *Act in Time to Heart Attack Signs — Know Your Risk*, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Sault Tribal Health Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Join us for this session where we will discuss the following questions: What are the signs that someone is having a heart attack? What would you do if you thought someone was having a heart attack? What things affect your heart health? How can you be prepared for emergency trips to the hospital?

Heart health is a gift you can give yourself anytime. This series is part of our Healthy Heart Project and this new six session series explores the many things you can do to keep your heart beating strong.

Come to any or all sessions. Open to the public.

For questions or to register, call Community Health at 632-5210.

Registering for classes is recommended so we can inform you of any changes.

**April 18:** Animal Fun Totzone from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the basketball court at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

Dress your little ones like farmers. Bring their animal toys and stuffed animals. Enjoy a visit from a special animal friend.

For children five and under and requires adult supervision.

We encourage everyone to bring strollers, push toys, riding toys, walkers and trikes.

In addition, disco lights, children's music and special activities are planned for each Totzone date.

A \$3 fee applies for each child to participate.

For more information call 635-7465.

**April 23:** Straits Area Wellness Expo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Kewadin Casino tent in St. Ignace.

Get your blood pressure checked and lots more. Vital Care, Mackinac Straits Area Hospital, Hospice and much more will be available with information and various screenings.

Free admission for everyone. Bring a "toddler wellness item" such as nail clippers, baby wipes, thermometers, vitamins or diapers to donate to the Mackinac County Parent Coalition's Wellness Derby and you'll be entered to win many door prizes.

Come and help support your community.

For additional Mackinac County event information, contact Heather Bird at 643-0096 or [allaboutkids01@yahoo.com](mailto:allaboutkids01@yahoo.com).



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