

# WIN AWENEN NISITOTUNG

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

## Tribal leaders unite voices in Washington D.C.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Since time immemorial, the Anishinaabeg have hunted,

fished and gathered in the upper Great Lakes to survive and preserve their way of life.

While much has happened in the intervening centuries the Anishinaabeg have always reserved those rights.

On Feb. 5, for the first time in these modern days, all five of the 1836 Treaty tribes' leaders traveled to the nation's capitol to personally deliver their 2011 appropriations request for federal funding.

United by the regulatory body for 1836 Treaty Great Lakes fishing activities, Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, Bay Mills Indian Community Chairman Jeffrey Parker, Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians Chairman Derek Bailey, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Chairman Larry Romanelli, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairman Darwin "Joe" McCoy and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Chairman Kenneth Harrington (pictured L-R) met with Department of the Interior officials to request base funding for the tribes' inland activities as well as restored funding for Great Lakes fishing activities.

The historic meetings gave CORA tribes a voice in Washington, D.C. During this time when 2011 appropriations are being formulated, tribal leadership felt the lobbying effort was crucial.

"Congress and the Department of the Interior needed to understand why this new funding is so badly needed," said Chairman McCoy. "Our new responsibilities under the 2007 Inland Consent Decree require significant and annual funding for the decree to be a success by ensuring sustainable fishing, hunting and gathering for our members on over 13.8 million acres in northern Michigan."

The tribal leaders visited Department of the Interior Policy Analyst Tracey Stevens, Office of Budget Management Director Mary Jane Miller, Natural Resources Division Chief Ira NewBreast and Senior Specialist Forester John Vitello, assisted by Bryan Newland, special assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

The chairs explained the history of the 1836 Treaty and resulting agreements, including the 2000 Consent Decree to regulate Great Lakes treaty fishing and the 2007 Inland Decree to regulate the tribe's inland hunting, fishing and gathering activities. The historic 2007 agreement between the tribes and the state of Michigan requires a great deal of tribes' resources for management and regulation of the tribes' hunting, fishing and gathering activities in the 1836 Treaty ceded territory.

"Establishing base funding is our goal," said CORA Executive Director Jane TenEyck, who felt that the meetings were positive and the information well received, although it's too early in the appropriations process to tell if they were successful.

These court-ordered activities and responsibilities will cost the tribes \$5.65 million annually to support the Inland Decree for biological services, See "Inland funding," pg 15



Tribal Chairmen of the 1836 Treaty tribes in Washington DC Feb. 5.

## ARRA funds St. Ignace housing improvements

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

ST. IGNACE — Construction crews with their trucks and trailers have been busy the past seven months building two single-family homes for the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Homeownership Program and improving tribal member housing on the St. Ignace reservation.

The newly constructed homes, valued at \$150,000, are for sale to income-eligible Sault Tribe members for \$55 to \$65,000. Funded by the Rural Housing and Economic Development, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant, two more homes will break ground this spring.

Homeownership specialists Dana Patrick and Ryan Madigan will assist qualified homebuyers throughout the mortgage process.

Arlon Goforth's construction crew, consisting of four carpenters and a laborer, built the homes from the foundation up; including the trim work and interior painting.

Work crews have also been busy installing new kitchen cabinets, countertops, sinks and flooring in 56 of 59 homes on the reservation as part of the Housing Authority's plan to provide energy efficient renovations to existing rental housing units. Three of the homes already had updated kitchens.

The rehabilitation project is funded by a portion of the nearly \$5 million in ARRA funds the tribe received in April 2009.

The remodeled homes have also received new high efficiency boilers, furnaces and hot water heaters. Of the \$1 million to be spent on renovations at the St. Ignace site, about \$300,000 has already been invested.

Energy-Star windows were installed in most of the homes in 2008, according to Housing Director Joni Talantino.

Further work at the site during the summer of 2011 will include taking off the wood exterior finish on all the homes, installing exterior

Energy-Star rated doors, insulated exterior house wrap and new vinyl siding. Similar improvements are also scheduled for the housing sites in Hessel, Kincheloe, Sault Ste. Marie, Newberry, Manistique, Marquette, Escanaba and Wetmore.

Operations manager Veronica Hickman, said, "Our crews are doing an awesome job. The progress the carpenters are making on the kitchen renovations is way ahead of schedule. In each housing unit we have crews of four, three carpenters and a laborer, and they are doing two to three homes a week. The role the Resident Services Department plays in making these projects a success is important. Without the coordinating assistance that Mariea Mongene and the St. Ignace on site specialist, Michelle McKechnie, do with the residents, projects in the occupied units would be difficult to do efficiently."

The Housing Authority would like to thank Northern Hospitality for delivering and setting up furniture for the open house held Feb. 23.

See more photos on page 15 of this issue.

### SAULT TRIBE ARRA FUNDS

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| \$3,000,000.....   | Housing  |
| \$16,610.....  | Elders: help meal programs   |
| \$29,085 .....   | Health: Purchase retinal camera, medical exam table                  |
| \$855,100 .....  | Advocacy Resource Center   |
| \$200,021 .....  | ACFS: Supplies, equipment  |
| \$75,766 .....   | Head Start/Early Head Start: Quality improvement/COLA                |
| \$25,181 .....   | SYEP: summer youth training  |
| \$51,042 .....   | ACFS: emergency assistance   |
| \$145,964 .....  | Law Enforcement: Hire one full-time officer for 3 years              |
| \$446,700 .....  | Education: Title I funds for teachers, library, playground equipment |
| \$382,400 .....  | Buildings: Energy efficiency   |
| \$215,000.....   | Health center renovations  |
| <b>\$7,236,608 ..</b>  | <b>TOTAL</b>   |
| (ARRA funding for construction and designs of various roads has been requested.) |  |



Photo by Brenda Austin

Sault Tribe Housing Authority construction worker Shawn Nolan works on cabinetry to make improvements in St. Ignace housing.

## Contract Health Service moving to third floor

The Contract Health Service offices in the tribal health clinic at 2864 Ashmun St. in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., will be moving from its present location to the third floor in the same building.

The new spaces will occupy three separate offices along the hallway between the Behavioral Health reception area and the dental services area.

We will be moving on Thursday, April 1, with no interruption in services to members. We will be fully moved into the new spaces to greet members on Monday, April 5, 2010.

Our phone numbers and address will remain the same: 632-5220 or (800) 922-0582, fax 632-5248 and mailing address: PO Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

CHS Staff:  
Tina M. Fox CHS Utilization Manager  
Carol Pages-Montie CHS Certifier  
Kimberly Menard Patient Care Coordinator (A-L)  
Claudette Crook Patient Care Coordinator (M-Z)

## Sault Tribe Unit I Health Board vacancy

The Sault Tribe Health Board has an open seat in Unit I. Interested tribal members should submit one letter of intent and three letters of rec-

ommendation to Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783.

Please call 635-6050 for any questions.

## Coming Conservation Committee meetings: Bear Permit input sought

The Conservation Committee will be holding a community input session for the ceremonial bear permitting process. The session will be at the Sault Kewadin Casino in the Whitefish Point Room on Tuesday, March 9 at 6 p.m. Interested tribal members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please

contact Tara Benoit at (906) 635-6050 or tbenoit@sault-tribe.net.

The Conservation Committee has its next regular meeting on Monday, March 15 at 4 p.m.

Interested tribal members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Benoit at (906) 635-6050 or tbenoit@saulttribe.net

## Anishinaabe Future Leaders Camp planned

The Anishinaabe Future Leaders Camp is free for qualified Anishnabe students aged 14-18, limit of 40. The camp takes place June 21-25 at Clear Lake Educational Center.

The camp integrates traditional values with contemporary concepts. Highly trained staff,

mostly of Anishinaabe ancestry who know their traditions and walk in two worlds gracefully.

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For more information, call Aagii Clement at (906) 440-9795 or e-mail muk kwa@gmail.com.

## Sault Ste. Marie Family Celebration set for March 16

Come join us on March 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center for Family Celebration, an event to promote child and parent interaction. Local organizations and businesses will participate by providing parents with information and activities for their children.

Skating with free skates provided is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. plus door prizes from local businesses, free pizza,

snacks and refreshments in the hospitality room.

The celebration is sponsored by Anishnabek Community and Family Services, Chippewa County Council for Youth and Families, Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District, Sault Tribe Head Start, Youth Education and Activities, Sault Tribe Housing Department, Kewadin Casinos and Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

## Chippewa County sets preconception classes in Sault Ste. Marie

The Chippewa County Health Department has been awarded a 2010 March of Dimes Chapter Grant. The funds will allow the department to develop and provide for preconception classes that will be offered quarterly.

The first class is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 6-8 p.m. in the St. Marys River Room at the health department.

The course will address priority health issues when planning a pregnancy and the development of a reproductive life plan. This information will

also be available at local health fairs and events.

The grant will also allow for continuation of the Points for Prizes Program currently in place through the early prenatal class offered by the department. The program rewards women for making healthy choices during pregnancy.

For more information about classes and programs available at the Chippewa County Health Department, please visit our Web site at [www.chippewahd.com](http://www.chippewahd.com) or call 635-1566.

## Newspaper deadlines

Below is the Win Awenen Nisitotung production schedule for the rest of 2010. Holidays and election schedules have been taken into account. Please save this schedule and use it as a tool for event scheduling and public service announcements.

If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me, Jennifer Dale-Burton, at (906) 632-6398, extension 26073, or send e-mail to [jdburton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdburton@saulttribe.net).

Thanks to everyone who participated in 2009.

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| April 27            | May 7             |
| June 1              | June 11           |
| June 22             | July 2            |
| July 27             | Aug. 6            |
| Aug. 24             | Sept. 3           |
| Sept. 28            | Oct. 8            |
| Oct. 26             | Nov. 5            |
| Nov. 30             | Dec. 10           |

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# Fabry to take oath for tribal court chief judge

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Jocelyn Fabry will be sworn in as the chief judge for the Sault Tribal Court in the George K. Nolan Building in Sault Ste. Marie at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5.

According to her resume, the new judge studied at Michigan State University where she graduated cum laude from the Honors College in 2001 and received a Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado School of Law in 2004.

In recent years, she gained experience with a strong background in civil and criminal litigation along with federal law regarding American Indians. She has extensive knowledge of federal, tribal, state and local court policies and procedures and is licensed to practice in Michigan, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan and the Sault Tribal Court.

She served as a law clerk and staff attorney for the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court in Wisconsin before taking a position as a tribal attorney for Sault Tribe in 2005. She became a tribal prosecutor for our tribe in 2005 before a stint as a partner and law



Jocelyn Fabry

office manager of a Sault law firm. She also served the Sault Tribal Court as a legal aid attorney until accepting her new position.

As chief judge, Fabry will be responsible for the administration of justice in the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court along with the overall organization and administration of the court and all of its programs.

"It is with great pleasure to have Jocelyn Fabry accept the position of chief judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians," said Kristi Harwood, executive director for Sault Tribe. "Ms. Fabry's past experience working for the Ho-Chunk Nation and within the Sault Tribe and Chippewa County legal

systems provides her with the background required for the position. I look forward to working with Jocelyn to enhance our current system."

Fabry actively contributes to the Sault area community in other ways through involvement with the Chippewa County Bar Association, the Rotary Club, United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula and as a member of the Diane Pepler Resource Center Board of Directors.

"I am deeply humbled by this appointment and the enormous responsibility that comes with it," Fabry noted. "This position presents an amazing opportunity to impact tribal members in a significant way and a responsibility to have that be a positive impact. I look forward to working with staff in building upon the foundations the judges who came before me have laid and finding new and innovative methods of working with people who find themselves involved with the court. My goal each day will be strive to meet and exceed the expectations the tribe has of me in hearing and deciding the cases before me according to the laws enacted by our tribe."

# Register before March 26 to vote in May 20 primary

SAULT STE. MARIE — Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Of Chippewa Indians' Primary Election day is May 20. March 26 is the deadline for voter registration forms for the current election.

Tribal members only have to register if they do not live in the seven-county service area and have not yet registered to vote. Registration for voting in Sault Tribe elections is permanent. Just be sure to keep your address current with the Tribal Registrar (Tribal Enrollment Department).

March 26 is also the deadline for those declaring candidacy.

Primary ballots will be mailed to voters on April 29 and the primary election will be held on May 20.

In the 2010 Sault Tribe elec-

tion, officers to be elected are: two members in Unit I; and one member each in Units II, III, IV and V.

All terms are four years in duration. Board members with seats up for election are DJ Hoffman and Dennis McKelvie in Unit I, Robert LaPoint in Unit II, Keith Massaway in Unit III, Denise Chase in Unit IV and Shirley Petosky in Unit V.

Those who win the primary

**Sault Tribe voting registration is permanent. Just be sure to keep your address current with the Tribal Registrar's Office.**

election will move on the general election scheduled for June 24.

Registration is free and members need only contact the Registrar's Office at (906) 635-3396 or (800) 251-6597 to check registration and to receive a registration packet.

Registration forms received after March 26 cannot be registered for the 2010 election. The registration forms are also available on the tribe's Web site at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com)

For detailed election information, contact the contact Tribal Election Committee at (906) 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, or [electioncommittee@saulttribe.net](mailto:electioncommittee@saulttribe.net). The Notice of Election and Election Code are available on the Sault Tribe Web site at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

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# EUP United Way appoints new executive director

Tracey Laitinen has been appointed as the new executive director for the United Way of Eastern Upper Peninsula by the organization's board of directors effective Jan. 21. She succeeds Molly Paquin, who has accepted a position with VitalCare in Cheboygan, which is affiliated with Northern Michigan Regional Hospital.

"We are excited to be welcoming Tracey as our new director. She brings the leadership skills and community volunteer experience needed to lead the organization through the exciting opportunities and challenges that lie ahead," said Tom Ewing, president of the board.

Laitinen graduated from Lake Superior State University in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in biology and is married to Rob Laitinen. They are very proud parents of their daughter, Audrey, 3.

Since 2006, Laitinen has worked at MacMaster Realty in Sault Ste. Marie while

volunteering with Community Health Access Coalition, Great Start, Road to Recovery and the Relay for Life.

"I have great goals for United Way this year and in the future," said Laitinen. "I am very happy to be working for an organization that is so well thought of and that makes a difference in a large geographic area."

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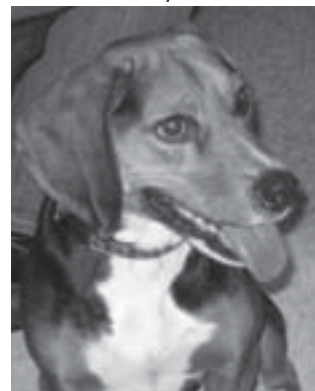
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# Attention Sault Tribe members: Tax exemption policy

All enrolled Sault Tribe members residing in the tax agreement areas, and thus eligible to receive tax refunds under the state-tribe tax agreement, must request a "tax exemption certificate" prior to initiating a significant transaction or purchase that would entitle a tribal member to a Michigan sales tax refund or exemption.

The tax exemption policy specifically applies to the sales and use tax for purchases of a vehicle, modular homes, mobile homes, building materials, home improvements, treaty commercial fishing expenses and taxes paid on tangible personal property acquired within tribal and trust lands for commercial use. Tribal members are required to submit the 4013 tax form when filing their income taxes if they wish to obtain the annual sales and use tax refund.

The exemption policy requires tribal members to obtain and complete a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption for Sales and Use Tax (Form 3998)" prior to a tax exempt purchase. Following the submission of a completed 3998 form, and as long as the tribal member is qualified to receive a tax exemption, a signed "letter of authorization" or "tax exemption certificate" will be issued. The original certificate must then be provided to the seller (or vendor) prior to the purchase or at the time of purchase. A copy of the certificate must also be retained by the purchaser.

## McDowell honored

LANSING – State Representative Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) was recently honored by the Michigan Association of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies (MASACA) in Petoskey for his leadership and unwavering support of access to substance abuse treatment services.

"Receiving this award from the agencies is a great honor," said McDowell, chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Health. "Access to effective treatment to help people win their struggle against alcohol or drug dependency isn't just about saving prison costs by not locking people up. It's about overcoming addiction to keep people in their jobs, with their families and in their communities."

MASACA was established in 1975 as the voice of local substance abuse coordinating agency directors from all 83 counties in Michigan.

Members must provide the Sault Tribe Tax Office with the seller's contact information, the purchaser's contact information, and specific details of the item to be purchased, all of which is required on the 3998 tax form. The only way to obtain a 3998 tax form is to contact Candace Blocher from the Sault Tribe Tax Office at (906) 632-6281 or 635-6050. For more information regarding the 3998 tax form, please visit the Sault Tribe's official Web site at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) or visit [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury).

# Program helps members to become homeowners

The Down Payment Assistance Program assists Sault Tribe members in becoming owners of structurally sound homes. The funds are Housing and Urban Development dollars restricted to low-income members. Eligible applicants could receive up to \$9,500 to be applied toward down payments and closing costs. Participants will need to contribute \$500 of their own money to receive the maximum grant of \$9,500 or 20 percent of the home's purchase price. This program is open to members residing in the tribe's service area, which covers Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Schoolcraft, Delta and Marquette counties in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The application period ends March 19, 2010.

The program is open to members whose total incomes are at or below 80 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size. Participants must obtain mortgages with local lenders. The Housing Authority will assist applicants in demonstrating that they have stable incomes and the ability and willingness to meet financial obligations.

Program funds are available to lower the cost of buying a home. Funds will be in the form of a note applied as a lien against the property. No monthly payments apply; the amount depreciates 20 percent each year and is forgiven after

five years.

Trained staff will assist eligible applicants in successfully working through the process of making applications to banks or other lenders for mortgage loans, assist with inspection concerns and aid in the real estate process.

Borrowers are required to participate in the Homebuyer Education sessions designed to help homebuyers in understanding and fulfilling the responsibilities of homeownership.

If you have any questions, please call homeownership specialists Dana Patrick or Ryan Madigan at 495-1450 or toll free at (800) 794-4072.

## Re-Elect

AMENDING CHAPTER 14: RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE ORDINANCE

REPLACEMENT OF FUNDING FO CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

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RE-ESTABLISHING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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COST SHARING PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

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ENTERPRISE BUDGET MODIFICATION POLICY

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EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCT AT MIDJIM'S

NO VOTE ON ALL ANNUAL BUDGETS 2006-PRESENT

AMENDING TEAM MEMBER MANUALS REHIRE POLICY

PRESERVATION, REVITALIZATION, AND PROTECTION OF OJIBWE LANGUAGE WITHIN THE SAULT TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

ESTABLISHMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AWARD FOR MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

DEVELOPING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POSITION

SUBMITTING TO SECRETARIAL ELECTION A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SEPARATING THE CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITIONS

AMENDING TRIBAL CODE CHAPTER 42: GAMING ORDINANCE

GRANTS MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

CLASS III GAMING – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL GAMES

AMENDING KEWADIN CASINOS GAMING AUTHORITY BYLAWS

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT OF GOLF SCHOLARSHIPS

RENEGOTIATING EVERGREEN CONTRACTS

ADOPTION OF PURCHASING POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE SAULT TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

PETITION TO THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR TO ISSUE CORPORATE CHARTER

RECLAMATION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

ANISHNABE WAY

CONTROLLING LOBBYIST ACTIVITIES

BUDGET SWEEP RESOLUTION

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD

VOIDING EVERGREEN CONTRACTS

TRIBAL RECYCLING

TRIBAL LICENSE PLATES

CHIPPEWA SERVICE AND SUPPLY

MARKETING PLAN REQUIREMENTS

CORPORATE CHARTER, SAULT TRIBE INC.

NO VOTE ON GREEKTOWN BANKRUPTCY

RESOLUTION SUBMISSION DEADLINE

TRIBAL MEMBER DISCOUNTS WITHIN CASINOS/HOTELS

FREE USE OF BIG BEAR FITNESS CENTER FOR MEMBERSHIP

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# Federal tribal priority for radio licensing is a go

BY RICK SMITH

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently adopted new rules that give American Indian tribes priority to obtain AM and FM broadcast radio licenses in tribal communities. According to the FCC, the order provides opportunities for tribes to establish broadcast radio services specifically designed to meet the diverse needs of their tribal citizens.

Furthermore, the new rules streamline the commission's radio application and assignment procedures resulting in speedier assistance to qualified applicants to establish new radio stations or networks for their intended listening public.

The new rules present exciting potential for tribes such as Sault Tribe, whose territory is scattered in pockets over a large area and needs to speed communication on tribal matters and interests for members. Radio waves travel at the speed of light; nothing in the known universe is faster. A tribal radio station with a series of simple repeater sites would bring a source of rapid and reliable communications for all members throughout the Sault Tribe service area.

As an incidental bonus, such a network would also offer increased employment and revenue opportunities.

By virtue of how broadcast radio signals function, members who live within range of broadcasts in off-reservation areas would be served as well as listeners on tribal lands. Access to tribal radio programs could be available anywhere in the service area through ordinary modes of stationary and portable reception — solving the problem of communicating to members without easy access to the Internet. However, if so desired, broadcasts could also be sent over the Internet. Broadcasts could be scheduled anywhere from a full 24 hours a day throughout the year to 12-hour daily broadcasts to designated periods at intervals through the day.

The FCC proposed creat-



Photo by Rick Smith

ing the tribal priority rules last October, as *Win Awenen Nisitotung* reported at the time, to improve communication services for tribes and to increase the number of radio stations owned by American Indians, especially in rural locales such as Sault Tribe's service area.

The purpose of increasing the number of radio stations owned by Indian concerns is to reach a fair allocation distribution among people in different demographics. Currently, according to the FCC, out of

over 14,000 radio station licenses in the United States, only 41 are held by American Indian tribes or affiliated groups.

The commission seeks comment on whether applicants should be helped further in acquiring new commercial radio stations by establishing an auction bidding credit for qualified federally recognized tribes. A bidding credit helps offset some of the costs of providing telecommunication services but, at this time, does not appear to apply to establishing new stations or networks. The commission also wants feedback on if and how tribal priority should be extended to tribes without lands. Deadlines for comments will be announced in a coming public notice, watch for them at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov).

The National Congress of American Indians and Native Public Media welcomed the commission's adoption of the new tribal priority in the allocation and licensing of new radio stations serving communities on tribal lands. The organizations issued a joint statement applauding the order as an important step in the right direction in solving widespread communications problems in tribal communities. "In addition to some of the lowest levels of telephone and broadband Internet services in the nation, American Indians and Alaska Natives have been largely invisible in the broadcasting industry on all levels ranging from media access, to control and ownership of broadcast facilities," they noted.

A copy of the new order, FCC 10-24A1, is available for viewing or downloading in its 58-page entirety at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov), click on "2/3/10 FCC Adopts Order to Promote Native American Radio and Streamline Broadcast Radio Assignment and Allotment Procedures."

Much more information and further explanations of details regarding federal policies on telecommunications in Indian Country can be seen at [www.fcc.gov/indians](http://www.fcc.gov/indians).

# Experience Works helps seniors get training and jobs

## Unemployment rate among senior workers at record levels

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, unemployment numbers for individuals 55 and over are at record levels — up 54 percent since November 2008.

Low-income older workers in Michigan who need to brush up on their job skills may be eligible for free job skills training through Experience Works, part of the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), while earning minimum wage. Services offered by the non-profit organization include computer training, placement in a training assignment and assistance with a job search, including resumes, interview skills and help completing online job applications.

Celia Case, Experience Works communications coordinator for Indiana and Michigan, said those enrolled in the program are placed with non-profit organizations within their communities where they learn new job skills or update old ones while working 20 hours a week.

"Senior workers have some really good things to bring to the table," Case said. "As well as their experience, they often have a stronger work ethic — seniors really appreciate the opportunity to have a job."

In the last grant year, Experience Works served 12 people in Chippewa County and contributed \$71,020 towards the local economy by paying participants who were training. Additionally, Experience Works served 50 seniors in the last grant year within the Eastern U.P. at a value of \$264,859 in community service. The local community benefits from the program because the non-profit companies where participants train have access to free labor while participants learn new skills. According to Case, the non-profit or host company often hires workers at the end of their training period.

The number of older work-

ers seeking assistance from Experience Works has increased about 33 percent in the past year. "Older workers often experience age-related prejudice in the work place. There is a misconception that older workers are slower to learn or are set in their ways," Case said. "That is not necessarily so."

According to Case, those over 55 are competing with younger workers who might have more up-to-date computer skills, which is probably the number one thing that senior workers need to brush up on. "We offer a training program that teaches them the basics of Word, Excel, how to use the Internet and email programs," she said. "We also offer more advanced classes if they choose the path to employment that might require that."

The income limit for the program is 125 percent of the federal poverty level, \$13,000 to \$14,000 a year for an individual. People receiving disability benefits, subsidized housing or food stamps are allowed into the program but getting a job could impact their ability to continue receiving those benefits.

Experience Works and the SCSEP program receive funding primarily from the Department of Labor under Title V of the Older Americans Act. Funding received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has also allowed the program to help nine additional Michigan seniors in the Eastern U.P.

For more information about Experience Works, or to find the nearest location, log on to [www.experienceworks.org](http://www.experienceworks.org) or call (866) 976-5939. The nearest Experience Works office for those living in Sault Ste. Marie is located in Newberry. For local information, contact Christine Rosenberg at (906) 293-9470. There are nine Experience Works offices located throughout Michigan.

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# New culture camp coordinator seeks volunteers, all ages

**Volunteer to assist elders to collect maple sap on Sugar Island by calling Adrienne Shipman or Laura Porterfield at 635-6050.**

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Adrienne “Rene” Shipman, a native of Sault Ste. Marie, accepted a new role as coordinator for the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island, just off the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Shipman said pride in her ancestry was nurtured from an early age. “My mother was very instrumental in instilling Native pride in all seven of her children. I started fancy dancing back in the 1960s and have been a dancer ever since.”

She was raised with five brothers and an older sister.

Powwows stoked her desire to learn more about her ancestral traditions; she started attending gatherings and ceremonies in the late 1970s. These days, she still continues her cultural pursuits, “to help me live the good Anishinaabe way and to honor the wishes of my elders who encourage me to help all I can with what I have learned along the way.”

Her first employment with Sault Tribe was in the Enrollment Department. Since then, she worked in many other capacities and has a total of about 15 years service with the tribe but she found her favorite vocations in Anishinaabe language services and the Cultural Department.

“It is an honor to serve the Mary Murray Culture Camp and I will do my best to carry on the mission of the camp as it has been established,” she said.

## 2010 Sault Summer Arts Festival applications now available from arts council

Applications for the 38th annual Sault Summer Arts Festival are now available from the Sault Area Arts Council. They may be downloaded from the Arts Council web site at [www.saultarts.org](http://www.saultarts.org), requested via e-mail at [saac@saultarts.org](mailto:saac@saultarts.org), by writing the Sault Area Arts Council, Alberta House Arts Center, 217 Ferris Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or by calling Jean Jones at (906) 437-5463.

The Sault Summer Arts Festival, a juried show and sale of fine art and crafts, is open to original work that is displayed by the artist who created it. Jury is by photograph, 35mm slides or digital images. Three slides are required for each category of work to be exhibited except jewelry, which requires five.



**Adrienne “Rene” Shipman**  
Photo by Rick Smith

“With the help of the community and support of our leaders and elders, I look forward to good times and new friendships.”

As the culture camp coordinator, Shipman will be responsible for developing and teaching activities for the restoration and preservation of Ojibwe skills and customs. In addition, she will work toward developing camaraderie between youth and elders. Further, she performs administrative duties such as events management, budgeting, accounting and other support functions.

“It is very exciting to be working with Adrienne,” said Kristi Harwood, Sault Tribe executive director. “She is planning many new additions to the current culture camp offerings. She has extensive grant writing knowledge, which will enhance the program. As a respected tribal member and traditional woman, she is a great asset to the Cultural Division.”

Shipman is looking for volunteers to assist elders for sap collection and hauling to make maple syrup on Sugar Island during the latter part of March, depending on weather conditions. Anyone interested may call her or Laura Porterfield at 635-6050.

No work from commercial patterns or molds is eligible. Prizes include the \$300 Best of Show Award, the \$150 Painting Award, the \$150 Best of Crafts Award and approximately \$500 in other awards. Jury deadline is June 1, 2010.

The festival will be held Tuesday, Aug. 3, on the grounds of the Old Federal Building, 209 East Portage in Sault Ste. Marie. Festival hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The space fee is \$100 for a 10 sq. foot space. There is no jury fee and no commission.

The 38th Annual Sault Summer Arts Festival is sponsored as a public service by the Sault Area Arts Council. For more information, call Jean Jones at (906) 437-5463 or e-mail [saac@saultarts.org](mailto:saac@saultarts.org).

# Registration required to reap tax exemption benefit

Sault Tribe members living in the tribe’s service area are eligible for tax benefits. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and State of Michigan signed a tax agreement that benefits many members whose principal residences are within specific agreement areas which are on or near tribal reservations. The complete tax agreement along with agreement area maps is available on the tribe’s Web site at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

Members living in agreement areas receive state tax discounts on many purchases. The agreement applies to the Michigan sales tax (6 percent of retail price), use tax (6 percent of purchase price), motor fuel tax, cigarette tax and the single business tax.

Members are also entitled to an annual income tax refund check, which is four percent of adjusted gross income and must

be filed when filing income taxes. Members who do not live in agreement areas are not eligible to receive sales tax discounts, tax exemptions or an income tax refund. However, they are able to receive gas, diesel and cigarette tax discounts at certain retail stores located in the agreement areas. Fuel and cigarette tax discounts are realized at the time of purchases.

If you are age 16 or over and want to receive these benefits, you are required to sign a Sault Tribe tax agreement registration card to verify your residency in an agreement area.

Before you can request an annual tax refund or tax exemption, you must first sign and return a registration card to the Sault Tribe tax office to verify your residency in a tax agreement area. This is mandatory for all members. After your residency has been verified by the tax office, a letter will be sent

to you confirming your status in the agreement area.

If you are unsure if you are registered, call the tax office and Candace Blocher at 632-6281 or toll free, (866) 632-6281, to verify your card is on file. Once registered, members are required to fill out a certain tax form and submit it to the state or tribe’s tax office.

It is the member’s responsibility to notify the tribal tax office of changes in address, even if the address change is still in the agreement area. Please note, if you moved out of the tax agreement area and are still receiving certain tax benefits or exemptions through this agreement, it may be considered tax fraud. Contact your personal accountant or call the tribal tax office for questions.

Members are responsible for complying with the agreement and should call the Sault Tribe Tax Office with any questions.



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# Haverkate on NIHB

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Yet another Sault Tribe member is elevating his career to the national level — Rick Haverkate was recently tapped by the National Indian Health Board in Washington, D.C. He accepted the NIHB public health director position in January, moving from the Inter Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., based in Sault Ste. Marie, where he has filled similar shoes for over 12 years.

"I am extremely proud and excited to have Rick come to work for NIHB," said Cathy Abramson, Sault Tribe Unit I representative and a member of the NIHB board. "I look forward to working with him at a national level on behalf of our tribal people."

Haverkate, 44, is excited about the challenges that come with his new job. Most of his work will be program planning, resource development, community assessment and liaison work between the tribes and health and human services organizations, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office of Minority Health.

"Our legislative experts work hard and if they are successful, I will work on implementing the legislation down to the tribal program level," he said.

NIHB is a non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of all tribal governments, American Indians and Alaska Natives in their efforts to provide quality health care for all Indian people. It also conducts research, provides policy analysis, program assessment and development, national and regional meeting planning, training, technical assistance programs and project management.

NIHB offices are located on Pennsylvania Avenue, right down the street from the Whitehouse. With 16 employees, the NIHB staff is at its highest level ever, and the advent of the Obama administration has opened up a new frontier.

Haverkate felt energized meeting with NIHB staff and board. "Their can-do attitude and yes-we-can spirit impressed me," he said. "They're very good people."

The organization's executive director, Stacy Bohlen, is also a Sault Tribe member. "The National Indian Health Board is pleased to welcome Rick Haverkate to its staff as our director of public health programs," said Bohlen. "Mr. Haverkate will be the first person to hold this newly-created position."

Bohlen said that public health programs and policy are critical areas of work for the National Indian Health Board. "In fact, it comprises the largest department within the NIHB," she added. "We are confident that Mr. Haverkate will serve as an excellent public health team leader and be a conduit to making significant



**Rick Haverkate**

improvements in health status at the tribal level through this important work."

While Haverkate is up for a new challenge after 12-and-a-half years with ITC, he is very proud of the work he has accomplished thus far for the Anishinaabe people. "I've been fortunate enough to be part of a wonderful team," he added. "My only wish was to bring health and prosperity to Indian people of Michigan and the country."

He hopes he is leaving a legacy that will continue. He is particularly proud of the Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe project on community assessment, which established a tribal-specific picture of status of the Anishinaabeg, and the Healthy Start project, which brought Michigan Community Health service to eight Indian communities that resulted in a 50 percent reduction in infant mortality.

"We know that his track record with the Sault Tribe and the Michigan Intertribal council was consistently impressive and made a measurable impact for the tribes served by that work," said Bohlen. "At NIHB, we are counting on him to lead change, listen to the tribes and act accordingly at the national level to make those same kinds of improvements for all American Indians and Alaska Natives. Given the team in place, his talent and demonstrated commitment to Native People, I am quite confident that, together, we will succeed."

Haverkate would like to thank those who have gone before him, those who worked hard to open doors for him and those he has worked with along the way: Char Hewitt, who brought him to ITC; his mentor, Dr. John Casken, who recruited him for the University of Hawaii graduate program; ITC Director Sharon Teeple, who gave him free reign to do innovative work with the state and country, among many others.

Haverkate is the son of Shirley Petosky, Unit V Sault Tribe board representative, and grandson of Joseph Paquette Sr. His Native roots derive from the Grand Island Band of Anishinaabeg and has links in the Bay Mills and Sault Ste. Marie areas as well. He grew up in Munising, received his bachelor's from Northern Michigan University and his master's in public health from the University of Hawaii.

# March Secretarial Election voters list released

The list of eligible voters who registered and are qualified to vote in the Secretarial Election, which will be held March 30, is available to be viewed in all tribal offices, the tribal Web site ([www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com)) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency.

Only the 6,300 Sault Tribe members who registered to vote in this election will receive a ballot.

The election is to allow the qualified voters to approve or disapprove a proposed amendment to Article II – Duties of Officers, Sect. 1 of the Bylaws in the Tribal Constitution.

Challenges to the official voting list must be submitted, in writing, to the Election Board chairman no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on March 19, 2010. The Election Board shall

rule on all claims no later than 10 days before the election. Its decision shall be final.

The Election Board shall determine the eligibility of any,

1) written claim to vote presented by someone whose name does not appear on the official list of registered voters; or,

2) any written challenge of the right to vote of anyone whose name is on the list.

The Election Board appointed to conduct the election is composed of the following people, Chairman: Gerald F. Parish, Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency, 2901.5 I-75 Business Spur, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; toll free: (877) 659-5028 ext. 3111; fax: (906) 632-0689. Members: John Causley Jr., Angeline Matson, Janet Liedel and Jackie Minton.

# Sault child center gets new manager

Sheila Bobay-Singh was recently hired as the new Child Care Center manager. Bobay-Singh is a Sault Tribe member from Corydon, Ind., which is located on the Ohio River and near the Kentucky border. She started her new position on Jan. 11, 2010.

Bobay-Singh comes to the tribe with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology she obtained at Indiana University. Her experience includes working with at-risk children of all ages including working at Childplace and Blue River Services in Indiana. She has accumulated many hours of training in a vast array of specialty areas.



**Sheila Bobay-Singh**

Bobay-Singh loves horses and will be bringing her four girls

up north soon. Her other hobbies include gardening, fishing, writing short stories and traveling.

"I look forward to working with the children and their parents at the Child Care Center. I have been getting to know the staff at the Child Care Center and look forward to creating strong working relationships with each and everyone of them," said the new manager.

During the past four years Bobay-Singh has wanted to move closer to her tribal community. "I am excited to have the opportunity to participate in cultural and traditional events and activities," she said.

## Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School Kindergarten Enrollment, Screening and Orientation 2010-2011 School Year



Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School is holding Open Enrollment for Kindergarten for the upcoming 2010-2011 School Year.

**Only those who fill out an enrollment application during the Open Enrollment period will be considered for the lottery.**

The Open Enrollment dates are from March 8, 2010, through March 19, 2010, with evening hours from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on March 18.

All applications must be received by the school office by 4:00 p.m. on March 19, 2010. Applications may be picked up from the school office or from the school web site at [www.jklschool.org](http://www.jklschool.org) beginning March 8, 2010.

The lottery will be held in the school cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 for those wishing to attend.

**Attendance at the lottery is not mandatory.**

The parents of those children selected from the lottery will be notified by phone to set up the appointment for the screening/orientation. The dates of Kindergarten Screening & Orientation are tentatively set for April 14 and 15.

## Brock Lewis voted top U.P. wrestler

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RUDYARD — Brock Lewis is a senior at Rudyard High School and a member of the Sault Tribe. He participated in the Michigan Upper Peninsula finals on Jan. 22-23 in Marquette for wrestling. This meet included all of the wrestling teams in the U.P.

Lewis started the day with a 33-1 record. In his first match, he pinned Josh Kadis of Gladstone with a time of 2 minutes and 54 seconds. The semi-final match had Lewis facing Derek Wiley. Wiley was the fourth ranked wrestler in division 3. Lewis won the match by a decision in double overtime.

In the final match, it took a last second takedown for Lewis to secure an 8-6 decision over Garrett Johnson of Escanaba.



**Brock Lewis**

Lewis was voted the Upper Peninsula outstanding wrestler by the coaches.

Among his other wrestling accomplishments: 101 wins, second place SAC 2009, U.P. champ 2010, U.P. tournament outstanding wrestler 2010 and varsity captain in 2009 and 2010.

## Community Growth Expo set for Chi Mukwa in Sault

BY RICK SMITH

Prizes, freebies and raffles are just some of the exciting attractions set for the Community Growth Expo at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday, March 11, from noon to 5 p.m. One and all are invited to the event.

Local and regional representatives will be showcasing an array of some of the resources and opportunities now available to enhance your life or the lives of your home populace. While the roster is still in the works, some of the folks who will be on hand to promote their offerings are the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, 2010 Census, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Lake Superior State University, area tribal leaders and others.

Jeff Holt of the Sault Tribe Planning and Development and

coordinator for the event said all are welcome. He encourages people from all facets of the community to come, "This event will provide information on funding for commercial and residential."

"The focus of the expo is to increase awareness of local resources community members may not know about," said Cathy Edgerly, program specialist for the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and administrator of a grant in support of the 2010 Census.

In addition, the event is geared to help correct a gross Census undercount in the area during the 2000 Census. The U.S. Census Portrait of American Road Tour will be at the expo featuring interactive displays.

A severe undercount in the area means insufficient government funding for needs such as

roads, schools and jobs. It also results in a weak representation structure in state and federal legislatures.

"It is our intent to make tribal and non-tribal communities aware of the importance of being counted in the Census by dovetailing this event alongside the tour," Edgerly said.

She said enticements planned for the event include drawings throughout the day for prizes such as concert tickets, motel packages and health club memberships plus giveaway items like fleece jackets, warm-up suits, tote bags and T-shirts bearing the U.S. Census logo.

A soup and fry bread lunch by donation and live music is anticipated during the event.

Any folks with questions about attending or participating should call Jeff Holt at (906) 635-6050.

## A note from the editor: Every penny counts

Boozhoo! About 10 years ago, the newspaper cost an average of 25¢ each to print and mail and that's pretty reasonable. That's not the case any longer.

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We are looking at different ways to save postage money. We have found some savings and are looking at more. It seems like we've just found a way to save thousands, and then postage regulations change. Then we consider other ways but then find them too restrictive. But we are still looking.

The digital edition is part of that effort. We are in the

process of collecting e-mail addresses from our interested tribal members (e-mail me at the address below if you are interested).

It would be very helpful if you could let us know when you are going to move as soon as you know your new address. It's a free call to Tribal Enrollment at (800) 251-6597. And please let us know if you are receiving more than one newspaper per household. Just e-mail me at the address below or call (906) 632-6398.

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**Jennifer M. Dale-Burton**  
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## John Weir Scholarship now open to Lake State students

Criminal justice graduates at Lake Superior State University now have additional resources for professional development. The John Weir (Sault Police Department) Memorial Scholarship provides financial support for graduating students who enroll in the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) law enforcement academy at Lake Superior State University.

Anyone wishing to become a police officer in Michigan must first be certified through MCOLES. Lake State works with the agency to provide annual academies on campus. At the end of the police academy, cadets must complete a physical fitness test and written exam before receiving the stan-

dards accreditation.

The Lake State-administered scholarship honors John Weir, a police officer who served with the Sault Ste. Marie Police Department for 19 years. On Sept. 23, 1990, Weir responded to a call that involved a man threatening others with a knife. During the incident he was stabbed, resulting in injuries that left him in a coma for several months. After coming out of the coma, Detective Weir was blind and remained partially paralyzed until his death on Nov. 7, 2004.

The Sault Police Department established a golf outing fundraiser to assist the family with their expenses while caring for Detective Weir and to support local charities. It is now their wish to honor his memory by

rolling proceeds into the form of a scholarship endowment.

Scholarship applicants must be Lake State criminal justice program graduates with a GPA of at least 3.0 accepted into a coming MCOLES academy. Extra consideration will be given to students who volunteer for community service and exhibit other forms of outstanding citizenship. Preference may be given to candidates who are the first to attend a university in their family.

For more information about this or any one of the more than 100 scholarships and awards available at Lake Superior State University, call the Lake State Foundation Office at (906) 635-2665 or visit the campus on West Easterday Avenue in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



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# Member saves teen through kidney donation

*EUP community gathering donations to help defray transportation and other expenses*

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

KINCHELOE, Mich. — Two girls' lives were forever changed by their friendship; one by gaining a new lease on life, the other by finding the courage to become a live organ transplant donor.

Katie Manitowabi took a trip to War Memorial Hospital's emergency room on Nov. 1, 2009, thinking she might have mononucleosis in addition to the H1N1 virus. After numerous tests, it was found that the 14-year-old had been born with underdeveloped kidneys, which were failing.

She was airlifted to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids where she remained for three weeks. She made many trips between Kincheloe and Grand Rapids during the following weeks while undergoing dialysis treatment.



Amber LaPonsie and Katie Manitowabi (L-R).

Two weeks after Christmas her kidneys failed.

Thankfully, her best friend, 20-year-old Amber LaPonsie, was there for her. Two weeks after Manitowabi was admitted, her doctors were calling LaPonsie to set up the rigor-

ous testing she would have to undergo to become a live kidney donor.

LaPonsie and Manitowabi underwent surgery Feb. 9 and today both are recovering and doing well. "I love Katie just as if she were my little sister," said

LaPonsie. "I can't believe this happened to her so quickly. I would like to encourage people to help others by donating an organ, it's a wonderful gift to give."

LaPonsie is the mother to an 18-month-old girl, Ryan Nicole.

Michelle Cornelius, Manitowabi's mother, said, "Amber is a real blessing to us. When we found out that Katie needed a kidney, Amber was the first one to stand in line."

Donations for travel, lodging and other expenses are being accepted for Amber LaPonsie and Katie Manitowabi by Chippewa County Credit Union in Kincheloe.

LaPonsie has a six-week recovery period in which she will be traveling to Grand Rapids for medical exams and will not be able to do the things she normally does as the caretaker of her daughter. Manitowabi will have about a six-month recovery period and will be traveling frequently to Grand Rapids during that time.

LaPonsie's friend and her

daughter's grandmother, Joan Reed, said, "I am very familiar with the importance of organ donations, especially live as opposed to cadaver. It was not a surprise to me that someone like Amber would volunteer to do something like that. She is a caring, kind, giving person. As young as she is, she is very courageous to consider doing that."

Manitowabi, who is expected to be back home by March 4, said when she was first diagnosed with kidney disease she was in shock.

"Now we really are sisters. I am very thankful to Amber for giving me one of her kidneys," said Manitowabi. "The surgery went great and I feel really good now."

LaPonsie plans on completing her GED and attending Bay Mills Community College this fall. Manitowabi is a student at the Mount Zion School at the Open Door Baptist Church in Sault Ste. Marie.

Manitowabi has American Indian ancestry and LaPonsie is a Sault Tribe member.

## Indian Country opening pro athletic opportunities

BY RICK SMITH

As with many endeavors, discipline and determination are two essential elements individuals must have to excel in athletics. Promising athletes also require family support and the attention of those in positions to help advance athletic careers on to colleges, Olympics or professional leagues.

The lack of opportunity in Indian Country to get that needed attention concerns many people working to change that situation. One of them is a former president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and many others affiliated with Indian Country share his concerns.

Tex Hall, a former president of the NCAI and current chairman of the Inter-Tribal Economic Alliance, says backing and opportunities for deserving athletes on the reservations of Indian Country are nearly non-existent.

Hall, who was inducted in three sports halls of fame, recounted his own brush with

professional sports. During a tryout for the Denver Nuggets, other players showed up with entourages that included coaches, trainers, agents and accountants in tow to advocate for them. All Hall had with him for support was a duffel bag and a pair of sneakers.

One of the measures taken to improve the lot of athletes in Indian Country was the recent inaugural Tribal Sports Law and Business Conference conducted last May in Seattle, Wash. The 2010 conference is scheduled for the spring of 2010 in Phoenix, Ariz.

One of the main goals of this and future such conferences is to encourage American Indian tribal investment in sports and athletic opportunities for youth hoping to have lucrative careers in sports. Attendees also discussed expanding tribal involvement in the businesses of sports such as franchise team ownerships, especially since sovereign governments could establish their own commissions, regulations, licensing requirements

and other supporting devices.

Among other organizations involved in creating opportunities for Indian athletes is the Native Voices Foundation, founded by former Olympian skier "Suzy Chapstick" Chaffee. The foundation is involved in

"creating a new generation of American Indian Olympians." Visit the Web site at [www.nativevoices.org](http://www.nativevoices.org).

Chaffee is also involved with the new Native American Sports Foundation established last May to increase opportunities

for Indian athletes in all levels of sports and in the Olympics. Among other efforts, the foundation is pushing for recognition of a Native American Olympic Committee that could form its own teams to send to the games.

## U.P. Catholics donate to Haiti earthquake relief

Parishioner response to the Marquette Catholic Diocese special collection for Haiti earthquake relief is tremendous. Over 125 parishes, institutions, organizations and individuals have sent \$175,954.75, as of Feb. 22.

Bishop Alexander Sample called on parishes throughout the U.P. to have collections for relief efforts the day after the devastating earthquake hit Haiti on Jan. 12.

"The people's generosity to this special collection is truly overwhelming and a testament to their Christian charity. At a time when many of our parishioners are suffering from

the poor economy, they have demonstrated their solidarity with their brothers and sisters in need by giving from the heart," Bishop Sample said.

The money will go to Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian arm of the U.S. Catholic community.

With the diocese continuing to receive checks every day, it is possible the collection total could go even higher.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the effort can send donations to Diocese of Marquette, PO Box 1000, Marquette, MI 49855. Please note the donation is for the Haiti earthquake.

### Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School 2010-2011 School Year Open Enrollment and Lottery Information



Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School is holding Open Enrollment for the upcoming 2010-2011 School Year.

**Only those who fill out an enrollment application during the Open Enrollment period will be considered for the lottery.**

The Open Enrollment dates are from March 8, 2010 through March 19, 2010, with evening hours from 5-6 p.m. on March 18. All applications must be received by the school office by 4:00 p.m. on March 19, 2010. Beginning March 8, 2010, applications may be picked up from the school office or from the school web site at [www.jklschool.org](http://www.jklschool.org).

The lottery will be held in the school cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 for those wishing to attend.

**Attendance at the lottery is not mandatory.**

Those selected from the lottery will be eligible to attend the 2010-2011 school year provided they respond within 3 school days of notification. If the deadline is not met, those children will be dropped from next year's roster and the next name on the waiting list will be accepted.

# Sault Tribe acts to protect health care for members

## Move will keep tribal health centers staffed

BY MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

Sault Tribe took action to keep direct health care providers such as physicians, nurses, dentists, optometrists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and behavioral health counselors on the job in its medical centers, a move that will protect access to health care for children, elders and other members.

The board of directors approved the first market-based compensation system for the direct care health providers in more than a decade after a recent analysis found that compensation for medical staffing at the clinics was not competitive.

The tribe has been losing health care providers since 2008 and has been unable to fill open medical practitioners positions for several years. This compensation analysis may serve as a model for other areas of the organization and began with the tribe's number one priority – health care.

The action will help the tribe recruit and retain professional staff and ensure families, children and elders can get medical care when they need it.

"If we want to recruit and retain good quality health care providers, we need to offer a benefit package that is competitive for our area," said Bonnie Culfa, Sault Tribe health director. "We've been losing physicians and nurses at an alarming rate. We must rebuild our medical staff and fill our vacancies so we can provide the care our members need and deserve."

Over the past two years, Sault Tribe lost 27 health care professionals. As a result, the tribe's health services were unable to care for thousands of patients because of understaffing.

"Tribal members, their families and our employees are relying on our health department for important medical treatments," Culfa said. "Our inability to attract and retain direct care provider staff is hurting our ability to provide medical, dental, behavioral and optical services to our membership, including children and elders and our employees."

Under the board's plan, only direct care providers in the following disciplines — physicians, dentists, optometrists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, behavioral health therapists and counselors and all nursing positions — are eligible for placement in the market-based compensation system.

"This is the first market-based compensation system adjustment for our medical provider staff in a decade," Culfa said. "It was necessary to protect access to medical care for our children, our elders and all other tribal members."

In the Manistique and St. Ignace areas, the position of chief solo dentist was vacant for nearly two years. During this time, not only were dental services not met in the area, support staff were also laid off.

"The affects of not having the number of providers we need not only hurts the number

of patients we can see, but the number of staff employed and the amount of third-party revenue we can collect," Culfa said.

Having an adequate and stable staff also helps the tribal health centers maintain accreditation.

"Being an accredited medical facility in Indian Country is very rare and we are very fortunate to have this accolade," Culfa said. "Having stable, constant staff is one of the reasons we are accredited. Losing accreditation would not only harm our reputation, it would jeopardize our ability to collect third-party revenue."

Tribal Chairman Joe McCoy said the medical staff compensation increases were approved after careful consideration by the board and is only a starting point for similar analysis throughout the organization to ensure all employees are receiving fair and competitive market compensation.

"We understand no other tribal staff, including in our government programs and at our casinos, have seen wage increases in recent years," McCoy said. "But health care is and always has been our number one priority. If a tribal member needs medical care, we must be able to provide it, especially at a time when the state and federal governments continue to make deep cuts to Medicaid and Medicare and a record number of Michigan residents have no health insurance."

# 2010 Powwows set for Michigan U.P.

More powwows will be listed as they are scheduled. If you have a powwow scheduled and don't see it here, please email your information to [jburburton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jburburton@saulttribe.net) and we will get it posted. Miigwech.

**Manistique** — Fourth annual Gathering of the Clans Powwow, six miles east of Manistique behind the tribal center on US-2, June 12-13. Information: 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.

**Sault Ste. Marie** — Sault Tribe Summer Gathering and Powwow, tribal powwow grounds, July 3-4. Information: Cecil Pavlat or Elaine Clement, (906) 635-6050, 440-7849 or 632-4719.

**Rexton** — Youth Education and Activities Empowerment Powwow, Aug. 7. Information: Dee Eggert, (906) 635-7010; Patty Teeple, 341-3362; Lisa Burnside, 484-2298.0

**Hessel** — 18th annual Hessel Powwow, Aug. 21. Information: Lisa Burnside, (906) 484-2298 or 484-2239; Lana Causley, 484-2254 or 322-3818; John Causley, 484-2921 (trading information).

**St. Ignace** — Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow and Historical Camp, New France Discovery Center, Aug. 28-29. Information: 643-8717, (800) 970-8717; vendors/traders: Darryl Brown, turtles-back@charter.net.

**Sugar Island** — Traditional powwow, Sept 4-5. Information: Cecil Pavlat, (906) 635-6050, 440-7849 or 632-4719.

**Newberry** — Fourth annual Newberry Powwow, Sept. 18. Information: Shirley Kowalke, (906) 293-8181 or Lois Bryant, 293-8181.

**Kinross** — Seventh annual Honoring our Anishinaabe Veterans Powwow, Kinross Recreation Center, Veteran's Day weekend. Information: Cecil Pavlat or Elaine Clement, (906) 635-6050, 440-7849 or 632-4719

**Sault Ste. Marie** — Sobriety Powwow, New Year's Eve, Dec. 31. Information: Cecil Pavlat or Elaine Clement, (906) 635-6050, 440-7849 or 632-4719.

## Home-based businesses

What do Apple Computer, Hershey Chocolate, Mary Kay Cosmetics and the Ford Motor Company have in common? They all started out as home-based businesses. Over half of all U.S. businesses are based out of an owner's home. Starting a home-based business has many rewards and challenges. Log on to the Web site [www.business.gov](http://www.business.gov) to learn about working out of your house, starting a home-based business and managing your business within the law. The Web site is an official site of the United States Small Business Administration.

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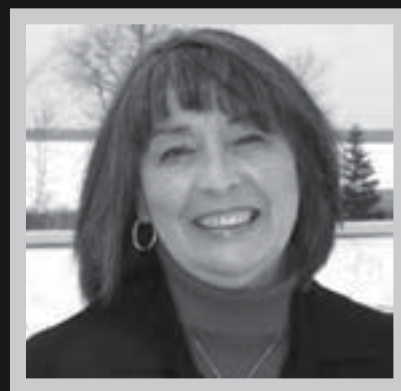
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Let's Get it Done

# NCAI president delivers annual address

BY RICK SMITH

NCAI President Jefferson Keel spoke to American Indian citizens, leaders and organizations nationwide along with members of the Obama administration, members of Congress and those all across the country who tuned in to listen to the eighth annual State of Indian Nations address on Jan. 29 in Washington, D.C. Titled, "Sovereignty and the Future of Indian Nations," Keel began by saying the state of Indian nations is strong and growing stronger, yet there is much work to do and the time to do it is now. He reflected on the relationship between the federal government and Indian Country in recent decades and the need to take the next steps in the evolution toward tribal self-government. Keel made clear what he hoped listeners would take away from his address, "First, the nature and value of the sovereignty of Indian nations; second, a brief inventory of the significant challenges we face; and, third, what some of the solutions are, working in partnership on a nation-to-nation basis with the federal government."



On the nature and value of sovereignty, Keel mulled over historic and present day facts on tribal sovereignty in the United States along with monumental gains in recent decades plus goals yet to be achieved. Gains through tribal self-governance have come not only to Indian Country but to others as well such as through employment and partnerships. "The bottom line," he said, "Is that when tribes govern

themselves in much the same way states and communities do, the benefits accrue not only to Indian Country but to all Americans. NCAI is producing a report with case studies and analysis of job creation and other economic benefits that federal investments have brought to our communities." Speaking on significant challenges in Indian Country, Keel said new strength must be directed toward the chronic problems faced by our people. In particular, he called high unemployment rates in Indian Country one of the most egregious situations. "Imagine men and women who have tried and failed to find work, year after year. Imagine wanting something better for your children, knowing that the drop-out rate for high school is higher among Native communities than any other minority group in the country. Imagine that the place where you live has the lowest college graduation rate in the United States. What encouragement does a child have to study and prepare for meaningful work when their parents can't find a job for years at a time? Wouldn't your hope run out?"

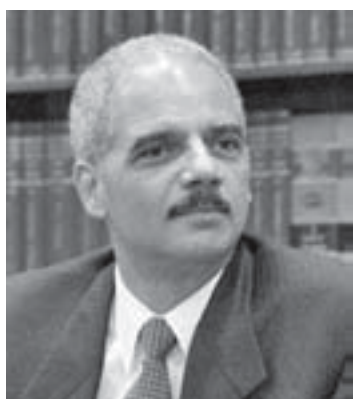
He indicated unemployment is at the root of many other chronic ailments at much higher rates than the rest of the country. He pointed to Indian Country's higher rates of obesity, mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence, suicide, teen births and incarceration. Keel said sovereignty, matched by needed resources, is the path to solutions. Seven suggestions for action by the Obama administration were offered that could be accomplished now to foster jobs, expand health care, improve education and much more. Further, Keel challenged the administration to act on the suggestions in the next 12 months. He suggested taking action to restore tribal lands and allow tribes to use their lands as they see fit; address law enforcement issues; guarantee equal treatment under the law by granting tribal governments the same treatment as state and local governments on tax and finance matters; investment in the children of Indian Country so that they grow into healthy youth and become the next generation of tribal leaders, community members

and business leaders; ensure effective distribution of funds to tribal governments; develop interagency coordination to improve tribal infrastructure; and support a "legislative fix for last year's Carcieri decision by the Supreme Court." In closing, Keel focused on three points: Indian Country seeks a growing government-to-government relationship with the federal government, self-determination is the path to tribal revitalization including overcoming challenges and asking the Obama administration to address the suggested seven measures to improve an inter-government relationship and transform Indian communities. Jefferson Keel is a citizen of the Chickawa Nation of Oklahoma and was elected to his first term as president of the National Congress of American Indians last October. The Ada, Okla., native was a tribal delegate to NCAI before serving as an NCAI vice president after 2005. A transcript of his entire 2010 State of Indian Nations address is posted for viewing at [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org).

# DOJ unveils plans to help Indian Country

BY RICK SMITH

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder submitted U.S. Department of Justice plans to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in early February to improve tribal consultation and coordination. The move was directed by President Barack Obama last November in a presidential memorandum signed at the White House Tribal Nations Conference to all of his administration's Cabinet agencies. The plan outlines six measures to meet the president's mandate. The first action listed on the departmental memorandum to the OMB is to reorganize the Office of Tribal Justice into a separate component that, the department notes, appropriately conveys the prominence and important functions of the office — it serves as the department's principal liaison with all federally recognized tribes. The department intends to create a tribal nations leadership council to ensure ongoing communications and collaboration with tribes. The council will consist of one tribal representative from each of the 12 Bureau of Indian Affairs regions who will be selected by the tribes in



U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder those regions. The council will meet biannually. The department's consultation development includes reviews of written feedback on from all tribes or tribal organizations on tentative policy recommendations during the biannual conferences and other inter-tribal gatherings such as the National Congress of American Indians conference this month. The department will then prepare a draft and submit a consultation policy to OMB within 270 days of the Nov. 5 presidential memorandum. The Tribal Nations Leadership Council will be asked to review the policy and provide any further comment. Once the council is done, the

policy will be published in the Federal Register to be subject to a 60-day comment period. All tribal leaders will receive an e-mail of the draft consultation policy. The policy will also be posted on the Office of Tribal Justice Web site. A final consultation policy will be issued within 90 days of closure of the comment period. The final work will be published in the Federal Register and posted on the Department of Justice Web site. The department's memo further directs every United States attorney with primary jurisdiction over major crimes on tribal reservations to convene with the tribes in their jurisdictions to develop plans to improve public safety for those tribes. Steps to further combat violence against women are outlined by the department. Measures include expanding the annual tribal consultation required by the 2005 Violence Against Women Act, continuation of a special task force to advise on research programs and the creation of a federal-tribal task force to develop strategies and guidance to prosecute violent crimes against women in Indian Country. The Federal Bureau of

Investigation is directed to continue managing and funding special task forces, which provide collaborative opportunities for federal, tribal, state and local law enforcement agencies in tribal communities. In addition, the three Justice Department grant-awarding components will meet annually with tribal governments to discuss needs, policy development and tribal funding priorities. Other ways the department may ensure effective and continuing tribal consultation and coordination will be given ongoing evaluation and reported annually. "The public safety challenges we face in Indian Country will not be solved by a single grant or a single piece of legislation," Holder said in an announce-

ment. "There is no quick fix. While today's directive is significant progress, we need to continue our efforts with federal, state and tribal partners to identify solutions to the challenges we face, and work to implement them." *Want to learn about federal benefits and grants? Need some consumer guidance? Could use some help with your family, home or community? Just befuddled about dealing with the U.S. government and want some answers? Then do yourself a great big favor and pay a visit to . . .* **www.usa.gov** It's "Government Made Easy."

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# MIEA 2009/10 student incentive program

## Michigan Indian Elders Association 2009/10 Student Incentive Program Application Form

|  |      |                                      |   |
|--|------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Student's Name:                                  |      | Age:                                 | Grade:  |
| Address:   |      | City:                                |   |
| State:   | Zip: | Phone:                               | Email:  |
| School Name:                                     |      | School Address:                      |   |
| School Phone and Fax:                            |      | Principal's Name:                    |   |
| Student's Social Security Number (see #4 below): |      | All A's<br>Number of marking periods | Perfect Attendance<br>number of marking periods |

### VERY IMPORTANT - Please attach the following documents to this completed application in order for your student to qualify and be considered:

1. A copy of the student's report card signed by his/her parent and/or a letter from an administrator in his/her school stating the marking periods for which he/she have had all A's or perfect attendance; (note: student must be in grades 4 through 12 to qualify for all A's and K through 12 for perfect attendance).
2. A copy of the student's tribal membership card; (If the student doesn't have a card please include a copy of a parent's tribal card).
3. NOT REQUIRED, however, if a photograph of the student is available which could be used in promotion of the program please enclose with the completed application. Please write the student's name on the back of the picture.
4. MIEA sends the money for awards to be distributed by the member tribes/bands. Some member tribes/bands require a social security number to be able to issue a check for the award.

I certify that all the information given is true and correct. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of funds and the Michigan Indian Elders Association program coordinator may verify the information on the application with my child's school. I further give consent for the use of my child's name and/or likeness for the promotion of this program.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the preceding information to: Robert S. Menard, Coordinator, Michigan Indian Elders Association, 1910 North Lake Drive, Ishpeming, MI 49849.

All information Must Be Received by 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2010 to be eligible for the program.

A student incentive program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) to recognize students who achieve all "As" for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year and \$25 will be awarded for each qualified entry, up to the minimum available funds in the program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery. Here are the conditions to qualify:

- Students must be enrolled members or be direct descendants of enrolled members of one of the MIEA constituent tribes.
- Students must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school (home schooling not eligible).
- Students must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for straight A grades awards (A-, A, A+).
- For school systems that use grading systems based on numbers, the equivalent to straight A grades will be acceptable.
- Students must be in grades K-12 to qualify for perfect attendance awards.
- Perfect attendance means exactly that. Students must be in schools or at a school sponsored functions each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than school sponsored or approved functions do not constitute perfect attendance.
- The first two marking periods

of this 2009/2010 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.

• Students can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight A grades awards for both marking periods. For example, straight A grades and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.

• Parents of students must complete and sign student incentive program application forms in order for students to qualify for awards.

• A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight "As" and perfect attendance.

The drawing to determine the winners will be at the April 2010 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

### VERY IMPORTANT - NECESSARY

You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form (this is a different document than this notice), a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator and copy of student's or parent's tribal identification card must be received at the following address not later than April 12, 2010: Robert S. Menard, President, Michigan Indian Elders Association, 1910 North Lake Drive, Ishpeming, MI 49849. Application forms can be obtained from your tribal Education Department.

# Munising's Native Education Program honors grads

SUBMITTED BY KIM SWANBERG

Munising Public Schools Native Education Program held its annual Senior Graduation feast Thursday evening to honor our Native seniors who will be graduating this year. Students were honored with gifts and a delicious pot-luck feast. The room was beautifully decorated by the elders in a Valentine's theme. Each student gave an itinerary of their future plans. The evening continued with a wonderful celebration for those who have served on the Title VII Indian Education Parent Committee for 20 years or more and are retiring from the board but not retiring from helping our young people on their life's journey.

Thank you to the young helpers who assisted the elders at the feast: Trevor Witty, Katie Richardson, Taletha Witty, Hailee Petosky and Hailee Streeter.

Joe Paquette Jr. has served on the Indian Education Parent Committee for over 20 years. The last eight years were served as chairperson. Joe made sure our children were taken care of, especially their academic needs. Joe participates in elder activities in the Munising area and brings his expertise and cultural knowledge to Parent Committee meetings. He instructs our Native staff to ensure proper cultural teachings are being taught to our children.

Linda Martin has served 20 years as secretary for the Parent



**Trent Howard, Kim Swanberg and Sasha Howard (L-R) stop for a hug. Swanberg, who has served with the Native American Education Program in the Munising Schools for 20 years, will be retiring as director/coordinator of the program on June 30.**



**Volunteer Joe Paquette Jr.**

Committee. Linda's job was to make sure we had things in order and keep us on track! Imagine the work she had to put into her position keeping us on track with all our ideas! Plus, she works full time as



**Volunteers Linda Marting & Kewpie Gage**

slot manager at the Christmas Kewadin Casino! Linda kept impeccable records of all our activities including our powwows. It's time to pass the torch, she says. Thank you for all your hard work and years of



**2010 Munising grads: Alicia Semasky, Rick Matson, Maddison Segerstrom, Trent Howard, Sasha Howard and Colton Sanders (L-R).**

service and dedication to our Native children.

Kewpie Gage is our longest serving representative on the committee — 39 years of dedicated service to the Indian community! Kewpie was one of the founding members of the Title VII Indian Education Parent Committee when Title VII first began. We did not question Kewpie on anything! She was our teaching elder and her knowledge of Native culture and energy kept us on our toes. All the give-aways and gifts given over the last 20 years were made by Kewpie. She is admired and respected by the Native community for her gentleness, kindness and knowledge. The Parent Committee has lost a great deal with Kewpie retiring her post.

Last but not least, I will be retiring on June 30, 2010 from my position as director/coordinator of the Native American Education Program

at Munising Public Schools.

It has been a great ride, working with the children, school administration, tribal administration and all tribal program staff, the Munising community, and all the people I have met along the way. It's time to follow a new path. I'm not sure what that path may be, but with all the energy I have, it has to go somewhere or it will drive my husband crazy.

An advocate for children and women is the gift I was given and hopefully, I used and will continue to use this gift in the way God had planned, working with children kept me young . . . in mind! I will continue to assist our children and help them reach their goals in life. I love what I do, but it is time to move on from this program and make room for someone new. I thank you all for the support, love, and generosity you have given me over the past twenty-something years.



# The challenge of creating healthier communities: Here's how we do it

## SEEK FUNDING

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians was one of nine communities awarded funding from the CDC's Healthy Communities' Division for the Strategic Alliance for Health (SAH) project in 2008. The Sault Tribe Community Health Program manager pursued this funding for a five-year project to focus on chronic disease prevention through policy, systems and environmental change. The management team consists of Principal Investigator Marilyn Hillman, Community Health Education Supervisor Kim Alford and SAH Project Coordinator Donna Norkoli. This funding enables Sault Tribe Community Health to expand services into the four funded communities: Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique and Munising and will allow for expansion in years three through five of the project through mentored communities in the Sault Tribe seven-county service area.

## GAIN TRIBAL LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

In year one of the project, the SAH Management Team formed a leadership team of tribal members dedicated to health improvements for tribal members and their families. This leadership team provides input in program direction and

provides a link for program initiatives to be adopted into tribal policies and systems changes to increase access to physical activity, healthy eating and commercial tobacco-free lifestyles.

## ASSESS WHAT'S IN PLACE AND BUILD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Year one of the SAH project involved community capacity building, community needs assessments and strategic planning for years two through five. The management team first worked to build community coalitions in the four funded communities.

These coalitions assisted with the assessment process which involved use of the "Community Health Assessment aNd Group Evaluation (*CHANGE*) Tool" developed by the Division of Adult and Community Health at the Centers for Disease Control. This *CHANGE Tool* provided a community snapshot of the policy, systems, and environmental change strategies currently in place and helped identify areas where improvements are warranted.

Results of this assessment showed that our funded communities had very similar priority areas for improvement. Issues of improving our communities for walking and biking were given top priority by the com-

munity coalitions. Questions such as: does your community have a maintained network of walking/biking routes and does your community have sidewalks and or bike lanes that are built for all new developments (e.g., housing, schools, commercial) received low scores.

## CREATE STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

In September 2009, strategic planning meetings were held to develop community action plans in each of our funded communities. These action plans were developed using data collected from the *CHANGE Tool* assessments to prioritize needs and then strategies were determined using research from the literature on strategies that have been proven to bring about lasting, sustainable changes to improve health. The strategies identified by the funded communities include:

- Working to improve the environment for walking and biking by implementing a "Complete Streets" resolution in each community. This resolution would mean that streets will be designed with the needs of all users and all modes of transportation in mind, cars, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

- Increasing access to healthy food choices by developing community gardens and

farmer's markets, working with local restaurants to label healthy menu choices, and working with schools, worksites, and community-based organizations to implement healthy food policies within their organizations.

- Decreasing exposure to environmental tobacco smoke through policies that protect people from the effects of secondhand smoke exposure.

- Working with school districts in our four communities to develop "Safe Routes to School" Programs and form Coordinated School Health Teams to review policies, systems and the school environment for physical activity, healthy eating and tobacco-free lifestyles.

## CREATE AWARENESS AND BUILD GRASSROOTS SUPPORT

Our work with the SAH leadership team, the SAH community coalitions and various other partners and key stakeholders have helped the SAH project create awareness of how policy, systems and environmental changes can impact chronic disease prevention, specifically the prevention of diabetes, heart disease and obesity. The SAH team is working to gather grassroots support to advocate for these changes within the tribal community and the four communities as a whole.

For information or to join the SAH team in our initiatives, please call the SAH community coordinator in your area. For more information about the CDC Strategic Alliance for Health Project visit [www.cdc.gov/healthycommunitiesprogram](http://www.cdc.gov/healthycommunitiesprogram).

## THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Marilyn Hillman**, Community Health Program manager

**Kim Alford**, Community Health education supervisor

**Donna Norkoli**, SAH Project coordinator

**Bonnie Culfa**, Sault Tribe Health Division director

**Cathy Abramson**, Sault Tribe Board of Directors

**Jeff Holt**, tribal administration

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A kitchen in one of two new homes built over the past seven months on the St. Ignace reservation that are for sale to qualified Sault Tribe members.



Left: Fred Albon and Wayne McKerchie, carpenters, installing a range hood in one of the rental housing units in St. Ignace.



Photos by Brenda Austin

Above: The work crew that has been installing new kitchens in the St. Ignace housing rental units. Below: One of two new homes for sale to qualified Sault Tribe members on the St. Ignace reservation.



## 1836 TREATY CEDED TERRITORY



From "1836 Treaty Fishery of the Great Lakes Anishinaabe" by Jennifer Dale-Burton for Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, 2007.

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conservation enforcement, administration, tribal court, and CORA support. The tribes are looking for this base funding beginning with the 2011 budget.

Biological services alone will cost over \$3.3 million. The tribes are responsible for monitoring harvest of fish and wildlife and evaluating their status, developing population models to ensure the proper harvest levels and developing infrastructure to manage these species.

Conservation enforcement to oversee inland activities throughout northern Michigan will cost \$1.6 million. The shared responsibility between the state and the tribes requires the tribes to develop and maintain a properly staffed, trained and equipped enforcement program.

Administration will require \$460,000 to cover costs of issuing and managing permits and licenses for inland hunting, fish-

ing and gathering, along with developing and maintaining a harvest database.

Tribal court will cost an estimated \$130,000. As implementation of the Inland Consent Decree progresses, the number of tribal members exercising their rights to fish, hunt and gather will increase, and tribal court activity is expected to increase as well.

CORA administration support will cost \$150,000 for additional inland issues. CORA's role calls for coordinating between its member tribes, as well as the state and local governments, in regards to issues related to implementation of the Inland Decree, as well as other intertribal functions.

CORA also requested recurring funds to meet the increased obligations mandated by the 2000 Consent Decree, an allocation agreement regulating the tribe's Great Lakes fishing.

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# Kewadin Festival celebrates 25th anniversary

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.

— Kewadin is known for its amazing outdoor concerts, but this year, we're taking that to a whole new level with the Kewadin Casinos 25th Anniversary Summer Festival July 22-24, 2010.

"The festival is going to be an incredible three-day event with non stop entertainment, activities, great food and fun," said Alan Bouschor, Kewadin's VP of Marketing and Sales. "Not only will we have a national entertainer each night of the festival, we'll have live entertainment throughout the festival."



Local and MySpace bands along with acts like DJ Chef and food eating competitions will be on location throughout the event.

Complete details are still in the works and will be announced soon. The three-day event will be held at the casino's Sault Ste. Marie location from noon to 10 p.m. each day and will feature daily national entertainment, special appearances, fireworks, simulator games, food, beer tent and much more.

Organizers plan the event in celebration of the casino's 25th anniversary but hope to continue it as an annual event. "Depending on how the festival goes over, we may consider having it annually," said Bouschor.

When Kewadin Casinos opened in November 1985, it was a one-room blackjack house with 80 employees. Now, the casinos have 86,000 square feet of gaming space with 2,000 slot machines and 50 table games. The casinos have more than 500,000 square feet of facility space with seven restaurants and delis, two on-site hotels, a 25,000-square-foot convention facility, eight lounges and four gift shops.

More information on the festival will be posted on the casino's web site (www.kewadin.com), Facebook and Twitter.

## Think fun this spring with fun, prizes, cash

*Games, tournaments, entertainment, gifts and more!*

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.

— You know the old saying that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb? Well there is nothing sheepish about all the great things waiting in Kewadin Country this month!

Visit any Kewadin location to earn entries March 1-26 for the March Madness event! Get your share of \$30,000 by visiting every Friday in March from 6 to 10 p.m. simply by playing any slot machine with a club card! Winners will play the Kewadin Ski-Ball game for cash. The highest point earner between the two will receive \$250 - \$150 with the lower point earner receiving a consolation prize of \$100 - \$75. (Prize values vary depending on casino location.)

Then, March 26 is our grand prize drawing where winners will take home their share of over \$20,000! Random drawings will be held every 20 minutes from 6 to 10 p.m. Players who win a random drawing and have won previously during the promotion, will have their prize doubled. At 10:15 p.m. the grand prize drawings of \$6,400 at the Sault and St. Ignace, \$3,200 at the Manistique and Christmas and \$1,600 at the Hessel casino will be held from all those who earned entries

throughout the month.

April showers usually bring May flowers but at Kewadin Casino, April brings cash! If slots are your game, then check out our Slots of Fun tournaments, April - October at Kewadin Manistique, Hessel and Christmas! Top accumulated scores at the end of the 30-week competition will win a share of the \$15,000 grand prize. Monday and Wednesday prize pools are \$500 each.

And let's not forget our newest promotion - Friday Night Lights! On April 30, from 2 to 10 p.m., 725 customers will win between \$25 and \$300! Anyone who earns 50 points on a Northern Rewards Club card will receive a Night Lights Necklace. The necklace has three lights on it. If your second light goes off, you win! But wait! If your third light goes off, you win again!

And if that's not enough, our entertainment line up is sure to please with Little River Band on March 5, Irish Comedy Tour on March 12, King of the Cage on March 19 and Crystal Gayle on April 9.

For more information and details on these and other events happening at Kewadin Casinos, visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

## Dunn selected February's team member of month



**Congratulations to Maurice Dunn, Kewadin Hotel valet, for being chosen as the February 2010 Kewadin Sault team member of the month! Maurice has worked with Kewadin for two years in the valet area. He was born and raised in El Paso, Texas, and now lives in the Sault with his wife Betty and son, Derrick. "I was very, very surprised," said Dunn. "It's great to be appreciated - I am very proud." Pictured above is casino Chief Operating Officer Tony Goetz, , Dunn and Front Desk Manager Patty Jurzenko (L-R).**

## They're Irish, they're American and they're not holding back

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.

— The Irish Comedy rolls into The Dream Makers Theatre at Kewadin Casino, Friday, March 12 and showtime is 7 p.m.

The Irish Comedy Tour takes the party atmosphere of a Dublin pub and combines it with a boisterous, belly-laugh trio.

The clover — make that clever — comedians, whose ancestors hail from the Emerald Isle, include Detroit native Derek Richards; New Yorker Jim Paquette and the new addition this time around is Boston-born Mike McCarthy.

Audiences howl at Richards' tales about his mom's dog, the holidays and dating a stripper. He has appeared on The Bob & Tom Show, XM and Sirius, and The Weather Channel's Top 10. McCarthy's no-holds-barred

humor has landed him on Comedy Central and Showtime. The "comedy barbarian," as he calls himself, takes no prisoners when it comes to poking fun at society's most sensitive topics.

And finally Paquette, who has fine-tuned his comedy chops across the country as a dueling piano performer, opens the show with classic Irish drinking tunes and riotous original songs that inspire audiences to clap along.

The irreverent trio, which just released a DVD titled, "Dublin' Over," has performed at venues across the country.

Tickets, \$22.50, are available at [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com) or The Dream Makers Theatre box office.

For video clips and show schedule, see [www.theirishcomedytour.com](http://www.theirishcomedytour.com).



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians*

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### *For more information, contact:*

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# Births ...

## MARIUS JOSEPH

Dan and Claudia Crisp of Thompsonville welcomed son Marius Joseph, born at 7:34



a.m. on Jan. 19, at Munson Hospital in Traverse City. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Marius joins brother Stefan at home. Grandparents are Margareta and Viorel Spatariu of Brasov, Romania, and Marlene and the late Harvey Crisp of Hessel, Mich. Great grandmother is Leona Brown of Hessel.

## LEVI ROBERT MAYER

Karlee, 5, and Landen Mayer, 3, are proud to announce the birth of their baby brother, Levi Robert Mayer, born Nov. 19, 2009, at 12:11 a.m. at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Levi weighed 8 pounds 1.4 ounces and was 19.5 inches in length. Parents are Anthony and Deanna Mayer of Rudyard, Mich. Grandparents are Francis and Connie Mayer of Rudyard, Mich., and George and Betty Wilder of Lehigh Acres, Fla. Great grandpar-



ents are Ramona Wilder of Muskegon, Mich.

# McCoy heads for Fort Bragg



Company C795th Military Police Battalion, "Comanches," announces the graduation of Private Patrick John Makoonz "Little Bear" McCoy on Jan. 21, 2010. This ceremony marks the successful completion graduation of 19 weeks of rigorous training.

He is the son of Kristine Marie McCoy of Marquette and Patrick Anthony McCoy of Kincheloe.

He will be headed to Fort Bragg, which is known as the "Home of the Airborne and Special Operations Forces." Fort Bragg is the home for the XVIII Airborne Corps and the 82nd Airborne Division.

Private McCoy is pictured at left with his little brother, Elijah.

# Third generation of Paquin family volunteer for EUP Special Olympics

FROM LAURA AIKENS, EUP SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Vi and Bernard Paquin are familiar faces to EUP Special Olympics, Area 35. Vi has been recognized by Special Olympics Michigan Hall of Fame for her endless hours of coaching, volunteering, chauffeuring and chaperoning. Vi and Bernard have been involved with Special Olympics since their daughter Christina began participating 29 years ago. They have always encouraged the involvement of their children and grandchildren to take part in events held in the EUP and state.

The Paquin cabin on Brevort Lake is the site of our annual parent/family picnic every July. At this time, children and grandchildren come from everywhere to take part in setting up, cooking, serving, clean up and organizing the pontoon boat rides making sure everyone is safe and has a great time.

Kyle, Christopher and Cody all started volunteering when they were old enough to do unified sports. Kyle, 23, is a correction officer at the Sault Tribe



Cody Brow, Chirstopher Paquin and Kyle Brow (L-R).

Youth Facility, Christopher Paquin, 26, is a CMU graduate working as a paraprofessional at Gros Cap School with hopes of a teaching position soon. Cody, 15, is a sophomore at La Salle High School. Cody is also coaching bowling in St. Ignace.

These young men live in St. Ignace and take time out of their busy schedules to attend training and become certified

coaches so every Thursday they can coach poly-hockey in the fall, basketball in the winter and track in the spring. This means they must travel 50 miles one way from St. Ignace to the Sault.

EUP Special Olympics salute these fine young men for their kindness and willingness to work with our Special Olympians.

# Elder gets her deer



Tribal elder Connie Paquin got her deer.

# Information sought on the Keyandwy, Abbott and Vallier families

FROM JOANN KEYANDWY

I am a tribal member looking for anyone who may know of one Margarita Abbott Keyandwy Vallier. Her mother was Brigitte St. Cyr, her father was Samuel Abbott. Her brother was Samuel Jr., who married Theresa Kechive at St. Anne's on Mackinac Island Sept. 22, 1840. Her sister, Caroline Abbott, married J.B. Therrien on Mackinac Island Nov. 24, 1850. Margarita Abbott married Pierre Kiwandaway about 1847. Then she married Samuel Vallier Dec. 12, 1858, at St. Ignatius Church. I am the great great granddaughter of Margarita and Pierre Kiwandaway. Peter Keyandwy, pictured at right, was born on July 8, 1880. His father was Joesph Keyandwy.

Any information would be appreciated; I have been looking for information about the Vallier's for some time.

If you have information call Joanne Keyandwy at (313) 565-4371 or by mail to: Joann Keyandwy, 4660 Roosevelt St., Dearborn Heights, MI, 48125.



# Gurnoe joins Border Patrol

Sault Tribe member Merle Gurnoe Jr. was sworn into the Border Patrol on Oct. 31, 2009, at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Oscoda, Mich.

He started at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Artesia, N.M., Nov. 2, 2009 and graduated Jan. 27, 2010, receiving his badge.

His parents, Merle and Virginia Gurnoe, attended graduation.

He will finish Spanish class March 26 and then will be temporarily stationed at Santa Theresa (El Paso, Texas) for 10 months then transferred to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.





**ROBERT M. OSTERHOUT**  
Robert M. Osterhout, 61, of Newman, Ga., passed away peacefully on Jan. 12, 2010. He was born Sept. 19, 1948, in War Memorial Hospital, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and lived on Sugar Island until the age of 8. He moved to lower Michigan and graduated from high school in 1967. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 through 1974. He attended Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music, and Calvary Bible College, in Kansas City, Mo. He moved to Georgia in 1987 where he worked as a cook and later on was a chaplain at Atlanta International Airport. Bob was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed traveling, playing golf, reading and spending time with his friends.

#### DENISE K. ATKINS

Denise Kay (Roy) Atkins entered into eternal rest at home with her family by her side on Feb. 16, 2010. Denise was born April 29, 1949, in Sault Ste. Marie to the late Dennis and Marion (Henderson) Roy. Denise attended Loretto Academy and was a member of the Sault High graduation class of 1967. She was also a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Denise enjoyed many activities, including bowling, camping, hockey trips and family events. Denise loved to cook and her family enjoyed attending her many family dinners. Denise's pride and joy will be ever present in her grandchildren.

Denise is survived by her very best friend, Ann Watson; her husband, William "Bill" Atkins; daughter, Becky (Jeff) Collia; grandchildren, Madelyn, Joshua, and Macy Jane Collia, all of the Sault; her brothers, Carl (Cathy) Roy of Illinois, Rodney (Marcella) Roy of the Sault, William (Patti) Roy of Menominee, Doreen (Glenn) Nelson of the Sault, Rick (Vicki) Roy of the Sault; her mother-in-law, Clara Atkins of the Sault; brothers-in-law, Bob (Bonnie) Atkins, Jim (Bev) Atkins, both of the Sault; sisters-in-law, Rachel Pratt of the Sault and Jeannie (John) O'Connor of Quincy, Mass. Also surviving are 29 nieces and nephews as well as many grand nieces and nephews.

Denise was preceded in death by her parents as well as two brothers, Wilbur and Thomas, and her father-in-law, Eugene Atkins.

Funeral services were Feb. 18, 2010, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Miller officiating. Entombment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to E.U.P. Hospice. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

#### DOUGLAS B. CASEY



Douglas Bruce Casey, 67, of St. Ignace, Mich., died Feb. 16, 2010, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, Mich. He was born Sept. 21, 1942 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Mary (Cootes) Casey and Clyde Fenn Casey.

Doug served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Oriskany and, for the past 20 years, dealt blackjack at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. He will be extremely missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, the former Roseanne Gaus; his children, Adam and Tina; his brother, Harry (Joyce) Casey; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Eddie Casey and Clyde Casey.

Visitation and funeral services were held Feb. 19, 2010, at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Rev. Rod Clark officiating. Graveside Services were held Feb. 20, 2010, at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

The family asks, in lieu of flowers, that contributions be made to the Hospice of the EUP.

#### HAROLD KERRIDGE

Lifelong Garnet resident, Harold D. "Jim" Kerridge, 82, died Feb. 1, 2010, at his residence.

Born Dec. 15, 1927, in Petoskey, son of the late Chester and Julia (nee Snyder) Kerridge, Jim served in the United States Army during World War II until his honorable discharge on Sept. 26, 1947. Jim was employed with the Mackinac County Road Commission for 32 years, retiring as foreman. He was a member of American Legion Post 74 of Newberry and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, traveling and casino gaming.

Besides his parents, Jim is preceded in death by his wife, Jane, on May 11, 2000; siblings Tom, Kenny and Cecil Kerridge.

Survivors include his stepchildren Keith (Donna) Grogan and Karrie (Dan) Sheber, all of St. Ignace; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; siblings, Chester of Flint, Donald of Fennville and Margie Weger of Garnet;

sister-in-law, Ethel Kerridge of Garnet; several nieces and nephews including Mike (Kim) Kerridge of Garnet, Rick (Peggy) Kerridge of Newberry, Nancy (Ralph) Godfrey of Gladstone and Ron (Jackie) Weger of Mississippi.

Per his request, cremation services were accorded with no public services scheduled. Interment will take place at Maplewood Cemetery in Garnet.

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



#### VERNON MARTIN SR.

Vernon L. Martin, previously of DeTour, Mich., was born Dec. 20, 1920 to Archie and Ruth (Olmstead) Martin and died Feb. 7, 2010, in Novi, Mich. at the age of 89.

Vernon had spent the previous eight years in the Houghton Lake, Mich., area and recently Novi, Mich.

Mr. Martin was the former owner of Dunham's Sporting Goods in southeast Michigan and later owned and operated Martin's Sportsman sporting goods store in DeTour. Vernon was an avid fisherman having fished all over the world. He loved to walk and hike and often could be seen with a walking stick outside of town on walks of at least five miles. Vernon served as mayor of DeTour as well as a councilman for numerous years. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in DeTour for many years.

His beloved wife, Mable Martin preceded Vernon, in death.

He was a loving father to Raymond (Peggy) Martin, Ruthann (Jim) Rohlf, Donna (Marty) Green and Vernon (Sandy) Martin Jr.

Nine grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren also survived Vernon.

Vernon was a brother to Genevieve Sprague and the late Ione Moran, and had numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral mass was held at St. Williams Catholic Church in Walled Lake, Mich. on Feb. 10, 2010. Interment will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery, DeTour, Mich. in the spring.

#### JOHN D. STEEL

John D. Steel Jr. 74, of DeTour Village, died Feb. 1, 2010, surrounded by his family at his home.

He was born in St. Ignace Sept. 25, 1935, to John Steel Sr.

and Aldyth Ione (nee Simmons) Steel.

Mr. Steel graduated from DeTour High School and entered military service during the Korean War. He owned Steel and Sons Trucking business doing government contracting work, excavation, and so forth and had worked many years in the logging business. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Through his lifetime he made many friends. He was known as being honest, fair, a hard working man with quick wit and humor.

He married Carol Parkin May 30, 1959, in Pickford.

Mr. Steel is survived by his wife, Carol; three sons and their families, Randy Milligan and Sandy Miller of Jacksonville, Ark., Michael and Sue Steel of Beulaville, N.C., and Eric Steel of DeTour Village; four grandchildren, Rhianna, Michelle, Ben and Patrick; and three great grandchildren, Andrew, Allison and Alexander. He is also survived by two brothers-in-law and their families, Mark Carney and Sharon Kennedy, and Kenneth and Mary Jane Parkin, all of DeTour Village; one sister-in-law and her family, Donna and Jim Wellz of Tampa, Fla.; and nieces and nephews, Pete Griffin of Juneau, Alaska, Terrie Milligan of Hessel, Meg and Jake Buck of Juneau, Peter Scott Griffin of Mountainview, Calif., and Josh Carney of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Ione Steel, and a sister, Aldyth Parkin.

Graveside services will be in the spring at Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour Township.



#### NORMA J. MATTSON

Lifelong Newberry resident, Norma J. Mattson, 86, died Wednesday morning Feb. 17, 2010 at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital in Newberry.

Born May 13, 1923, in Boyne City, daughter of the late Neal Jay and Rose (LaBlanc) Dake, Norma moved to Newberry as a child and was a 1943 graduate of Newberry High School. During her lifetime, Norma was a devoted homemaker raising her family and was a longtime active member of St. Gregory's Catholic Church where she served in the Altar Society, church choir and as a catechism teacher for several years. Norma was also a former trustee of the Tahquamenon Logging Museum, volunteer for the Newberry Goodfellows and an

active volunteer with several community activities. Her hobbies included crocheting, knitting, baking, canning, dancing and crossword puzzles. Norma was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Survivors include her children, Karen Livingston of Newberry, Rosie Choi of Los Angeles, Calif., Christine (Chester) Bynum of Brighton, Michelle (Stewart) Yockey of Reese, Jim (Ann) Mattson of Lakefield Township, Jane (Roger) Norkoli of Traverse City, Dan (Bobbi) Mattson of Vero Beach, Fla., and Dave (Mary) Mattson of Richland; 21 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; and siblings, James Dake and Rosann Brown, both of Newberry.

In addition to her parents, Norma is preceded in death by her husband Sanfred "Mutsie" Mattson on Oct. 26, 2001, and her brother, Paul Dake.

Visitation was held at the Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry Feb. 19, 2010, and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 20, 2010, at St. Gregory's Catholic Church with Fr. Frank Ricca officiating. Rite of Committal will take place in the spring at Forest Home Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to St. Gregory's Catholic Church or the Luce County Annex in Newberry in memory of Norma J. Mattson.

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



#### VIRGINIA ANN BROMMERICH

Virginia "Ginny or Tookie" Brommerich, 70, of Cochrane, Wisc., passed away on Feb. 2, 2010, at Franciscan Skemp Medical Center, La Crosse, Wisc., with her loving family at her side.

She was born April 20, 1939, in Raco, Mich., a daughter of Alvin and Helen (Oga) Fish. She honorably served her country as a member of the Women's Marine Corp, entering in May 1957 until her honorable discharge in May 1960.

She met her future husband, Dick Brommerich, while they were both serving in the Marines. They eventually shared in the unity of marriage on July 9, 1960, in North Carolina. After leaving the service, Virginia and her husband settled in rural Cochrane in 1964 until the present.

She was employed at Watlow in Winona, retiring in 1999.

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# Science teacher believes in getting kids involved

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

BAY MILLS, Mich. — Sault Tribe member Benjamin Davis has been teaching kids in grades 7-12 biology, chemistry, physical science and Earth science at the Ojibwe Charter School in Bay Mills for the past four years.

The K-12 school has an enrollment of about 100 students and this spring will see their third graduating class of seniors. Although most students are from Bay Mills, the school also offers a bus route to kids living in the Kinross area.

Davis graduated in 2002 from LSSU in a pre-professional medical curriculum. After moving back to lower Michigan and getting married his career changed directions. In 2006 he graduated from Grand Valley State University with his teaching certificate. During his course work at Grand Valley, he was offered free tuition through a service program for teachers agreeing upon graduating

to work in an area with a high Native population. The week prior to school starting in the fall of 2006 he answered an ad in a local paper and began teaching at the charter school. Continuing his education, in 2009 he graduated from Central Michigan University with his master's degree in education.

Davis was honored as Volunteer of the Year in 2007 at the Bay Mills Boys and Girls Club and is also on the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District curriculum review team.

"In the UP we don't have the chance to collaborate with other teachers as often as we would like to. When I am working on the review team I have the chance to meet with other teachers and see what they are doing and what works for them that we might be able to use for our students," Davis said.

The past four years has been a journey in discovery for Davis. "Knowing how to

get the kids interested in science and get them through high school can be challenging," he said. "The charter school is a good place for kids to go if they value their traditional American Indian culture. There is a lot of support from both the Bay Mills and Sault communities about the importance of a good education."

Davis said he involves the students in community activities as much as possible. "We worked on a service project called 'Kids Against Hunger' at LSSU where we packaged about 10,000 pounds of food. Half of what we packaged went to the local food pantry, a quarter to the Bay Mills Senior Center and a quarter to the Salvation Army soup kitchen in the Sault."

The Bay Mills Ojibwe Charter School is located at 11507 W Industrial Dr. in Brimley, Mich. To learn more, visit their Web site at [www.bmocs.org](http://www.bmocs.org).



Sault Tribe member and Ojibwe Charter School science teacher Ben Davis uses his master's in education to challenge K-12 students.

# Elder writes to share memories, photos

Dear fellow members,

Just a few lines to tell you a little about our family. Here are some pictures that I think may be of interest to our tribe. I live in Englewood, Fla., now and have since 1959 when my husband and I sold our farm in Fibre, Mich., and moved here. My sister, Joyce House, lives here also. My family consisted of Asa Lenon, originally from Remus, Mich., Margaret (nee Sylvester) Lenon, originally from Sault Ste. Marie, and their children, Virginia Vanderstan of Custer, Mich., Evelyn Simpson of Englewood, Doris Beaune of Irons, Mich., and Joyce House of Englewood.

In 1920, Asa Lenon came up to Fibre (Rudyard) deer hunting and met my mother, Margaret Sylvester. He loved the U.P. and soon obtained one of the last homesteads in that area, 125 acres on Sullivan Rd. at Fibre, Mich., and built this log home on it. I am standing in the doorway. The year was 1933.

My father hewed off all the logs for his house with a broad ax and also built a log barn, chicken house, log garage and log "back house." That was during the first depression. He worked at the WPA and PWA for extra money while waiting for his farm to start making money.

My mother had lots of flowers all over the place, lilacs, honeysuckles, roses and every flower you could name.

I am also sending a picture of my mother's family, the Sylvesters. George Sylvester was my grandfather's name and my grandmother was Rose Payment from Sugar Island. George owned a farm on N. Sullivan Rd. near Pine River (north).

So long and hope this is of interest to you,

Love,  
Evelyn J. Simpson, age 83,  
Englewood, Fla.



**THE SYLVESTER FAMILY** — Pictured to the left is the Sylvester family around 1912 or 1913: Elise Sylvester, Rose (Payment) Sylvester, George Sylvester, Victor Sylvester and Margaret Sylvester (L-R). George had a farm on N. Sullivan Rd. near the Pine River.

**THE OLD HOMESTEAD** — The Lenon home in Fibre, Mich., (just west of Rudyard) is pictured below as of 1933 and at right as of 2009. Evie Simpson is standing in the doorway in the photo below. The original house stood on a 125-acre farm on Sullivan Rd.



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She loved crafts, such as knitting, crocheting or beer can hats, was an avid bingo player and an absolute Green Bay Packers fan. She will be remembered for her large, kind and loving heart that even during her trials of ill health, she would never complain and kept the needs of others in front of her own. Ginny's greatest joy and love was for her family, especially her grandchildren.

She will be sadly missed by her husband of the past 49 years, Dick, of Cochrane; her two children, Becky (Mike) Hobbs and their children Amanda and Brittney all of Fridley, Minn., and Rick (Julie) Brommerich and their children Cody and Zach all of Whitehall; her many siblings, Sandra of Ft. Myers, Fla., Deanna of Deposit, N.Y., Richard of Manitowoc, Wis., Rodney of Two Rivers, Sheri of Pardeeville, Wis., Helen, Wayne, Betty, Nancy, Geraldine, Ethel, Marjorie and Tina, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; also by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Ronald; her parents; and two brothers, Larry and William.

A time of visitation and support for Virginia's family was held Feb. 5, 2010, at the Talbot Family Funeral Home, Cochrane Chapel in Cochrane. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church of Alma, Wis., with Father Rick Roberts as celebrant. Burial followed at Buffalo City Cemetery.

A memorial service was held in Sault Ste. Marie for her siblings on Feb. 4, 2010. We would like to thank the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Sault Tribe Dress Down Committee, Sault Tribe Cultural Division, Bahweting Singers Drum Group and Cecil Pavlat, Les Ailing, Graz and Adrienne Shipman and Bud Biron. We were able to gather and heal as a family because of your support. G'tchi miigwech.

# U.P. Raptor center hosts blessing ceremony

The non-profit Upper Michigan Raptor Rehab and Wildlife Center in Gladstone, Mich., hosted a blessing ceremony on Dec. 21, 2009. Sault Tribe elders, members and guests from St. Ignace, Cheboygan, Indian River, Epoufette, Rapid River, Gladstone and Escanaba attended. Jessie Seronko's students from the Gladstone area schools and the Indian Education Program demonstrated dancing abilities.

The center, founded in 2006, rehabilitates birds of prey from across the entire Upper Peninsula. It is the only state and federal-licensed facility in the entire U.P. Before acquiring licensing, area captive birds of prey in distress were sent downstate or to Antigo, Wisc. Recuperated birds were not released in their home area.

Over the last three years, the organization's officials traveled over 117,000 miles in retrieving and releasing these magnificent birds. It is important to release

birds from the areas where they were rescued, except during their migration time.

The facility takes other songbirds and wildlife but members of the public must bring them to the facility, according to Gayle Bruntjens, U.P. Raptors Education Program coordinator. There are a few animals the facility cannot take, such as bats and skunks, which are prohibited from rehabilitation services in Michigan, while raccoons cannot cross county lines.

The organization's livelihood depends solely on small grants and donations. Birds that cannot be released into the wild have a home at the center and used in an education program.

For more information on programs or the raptor center, please call (906) 428-1497 or e-mail [upraptor@hotmail.com](mailto:upraptor@hotmail.com). For those who would like to make donations, please send contributions to U.P. Raptor Rehab, 5717 25th Rd Gladstone MI 49837.



Photos courtesy of the U.P. Raptor Rehab Center

**MID-WINTER BLESSING CEREMONY** — Above, students from the Indian Education Program in Gladstone area schools surround U.P. Raptor Rehab Center's Gayle Bruntjens, of Gladstone (wearing sunglasses). At left, Sault Tribe elder Tony Gondin of St. Ignace, participates in the blessing ceremony, a young fancy dancer at his right. All participated in a blessing ceremony hosted by the center last December.



## From the Kitchen of Bob Flowers

### Fish Chowder

I made this chowder using freshly caught and cleaned whitefish, but you can use any firm-fleshed, mild fish or seafood that you want, including seafood such as scallops, crab, lobster, shrimp, sea bass and so forth.

There are three parts to a good chowder, the sauce, the flavors and the texture. The sauce is called veloute, a French name for a white sauce flavored with a broth, usually veal, fish or fowl.

The broth is made from the heads and skeletons of the fish. So, you will either need to find a bottled broth (poisson in French, found in most grocery stores) or make your own using the skeletons and heads of cleaned fish.

Finally, various seasonings and vegetables are cooked into the sauce until tender. They provide flavor, enhance the nutritional value make it more interesting.

Here's how we make this wonderful dish.

**Ingredients:**  
2 quarts water  
1/4 cup all purpose flour  
1/4 cup salted butter  
4 carrots, peeled and sliced  
1 large onion, peeled and diced  
1 stalk celery, washed and sliced  
4 whitefish fillets  
salt  
pepper  
2 tbs. Old Bay Seasoning  
1 bay leaf

The fish stock (broth) can be purchased in the ethnic food aisle of your favorite grocery store, sometimes. If you can't find fish stock in the supermarket, it's easy to make. You will need the spine, skins and heads from several cleaned whitefish or other fish of your choice. Place these into two quarts of

water with two tablespoons of salt, cover and bring to a boil. Turn the heat down to simmer and let cook for an hour or two, two being better if you have the time.

When the hour has passed, strain the stock through a fine, wire mesh sieve or even paper towels and discard the skins and stuff. Taste and correct the seasoning by adding more salt if required. Add the prepared vegetables to the stock and bring to a boil. Turn down and allow the soup to simmer for one half-hour. Add Old Bay Seasoning and pepper to the broth.

Next, we'll make the roux and thicken the broth into a silky smooth sauce. Add the butter to a heavy frying pan over medium heat. Let melt completely. Add the flour and stir to make a paste. Let this mixture (called a roux) cook in the pan until it just begins to brown. Slowly ladle in some of the stock into the pan while stirring with a wooden spoon. The thin paste will become very thick. Add more broth, a little at a time, while stirring continuously. Complete this process until you have a creamy sauce, called a Veloute.

Next, transfer the veloute to the remaining broth and stir until combined. If it's not thick enough, make more veloute and stir into the chowder until it has the texture you desire. Add the chunks of cooked fish and you have chowder.

It is important to stir as little as possible after the fish is added, to avoid breaking the fish into unrecognizable bits in the chowder. You want good chunks of fish for everyone to see and appreciate. If you want this to be creamier, add cream to the chowder.

Enjoy.

## Fish waste: fertilizer to fuel

The disposal or reuse of fish processing waste has long been a challenge for Michigan's fish processing industry, where 5 million pounds of waste from commercially processed fish are generated every year. In an effort to help the Michigan fish processing industry find better solutions to handle fish processing waste materials, Michigan Sea Grant along with Michigan State University Extension will host a Fish Waste Handling Workshop.

The Fish Waste Handling Workshop will cover different aspects of the industry from disposal methods to potential uses of the waste. More specifically, organizers will address Michigan rules and requirements for the disposal of fish waste, the four different disposal methods and the

possibility of using it for compost, fertilizer, and biogas production for agricultural applications.

The one-day workshop is targeted at those in commercial fisheries and processing, agriculture and waste management.

The event is scheduled for Audie's Restaurant, 314 Nicolet St., Mackinaw City, Mich., on Wednesday, March 31.

To register, contact Ron Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant extension educator at (906) 226-3687 or [kinnunel@msu.edu](mailto:kinnunel@msu.edu).

Please make requests for accommodations for persons with disabilities by March 26 to make arrangements.

Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.

## Bay de Noc Gardening Conference this April

ESCANABA, Mich. — A conference for gardeners will be offered on Saturday, April 10. The all day event will be held at Bay College, Escanaba. Fifteen classes will be offered. Participants can choose to attend three. This year's conference will feature keynote speaker Kathy Baum.

Baum has been gardening intensely for more than 30 years and a Wisconsin Master Gardener for 11 years. Over the last several years, she has collected and grown 600-plus hosta varieties and hundreds of companion plants. Her presentation is titled, "Hosta and Friends." Not all hostas are created equal. Find out which hostas to avoid and which ones you can't live without. Hostas combine beautifully with other shade loving plants to create color and texture in the garden.

There are 15 other sessions offered at the conference. Topics include: How to Grow Orchids Successfully, Herbs 101, Winter Gardening in the Greenhouse, Garden Irrigation Systems, Willow

in the Garden, Designing Your Herb Garden, Intensive Vegetable Gardening, Fruit Tree Care and Management, Home Composting, The Well Tended Perennial Garden, Backyard Beekeeping, Growing Garlic, Soil Fertility – Plant Nutrient Needs, Wild Mushrooms and Gardens of the Modern Landscape.

The cost of the program is \$35 per person. This includes morning refreshments, lunch and up to three classes plus the keynote presentation. Registration deadline is March 19. Only pre-paid registrations will be accepted.

For a registration brochure and more information contact MSU Extension at (906) 786-3032. The brochure can also be found at the MSU Extension Delta County web site at [www.msue.msu.edu/delta](http://www.msue.msu.edu/delta) by clicking on the Consumer Horticulture link on the left side of the page.

The program is open to anyone with an interest in gardening. The program also qualifies for Master Gardener educational credit.

# Newberry Diabetic Support Group meets monthly

FROM LISA SIMMONS,  
SAULT TRIBE CHN

On Jan. 27, the Diabetic Support Group in Newberry met for its monthly meeting usually held the fourth Wednesday of every month. Our potlucks at these meetings are well anticipated and, of course, all the food is good and healthy. We start our meetings with motion - whether it be stretching or deep breathing exercises. We even did a little Richard Simmons

aerobics, which got us all laughing, good medicine in itself. We cover a variety of educational topics and sometimes invite a guest speaker.

Our first home safety training was held Feb. 18, with a focus on fire prevention. We will be receiving a small grant to help local families by providing fire extinguishers and smoke detectors. This meeting will be held monthly with a new topic each month. Our next meeting is March 23.



# St. Ignace Tribal Health Division moves April 15

BY MARLENE GLAESMANN  
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PROGRAM MANAGER

On Thursday, April 15, the Tribal Health Division services and one ACFS direct service worker at the Lambert Tribal Health Center at 225 Wa Seh Dr. in St. Ignace, Mich., will relocate to the Mackinac Straits Health System's new hospital facility in St. Ignace.

Tribal health care and ACFS services will be located on the second floor of the new facility and will include medical-nursing, traditional medicine, pharmacy, optical, dental, Community Health, Behavioral Health and an ACFS direct service case manager.

The new health system facility, which began con-

struction in October 2008, is near completion and will be ready for occupancy in April. During the move, the Lambert Tribal Health Center will be closed for health care services from April 14-16 and will reopen all services for members at the new facility on Monday, April 19.

The new address for services will be Sault Tribal Health and Human Services, 1140 N. State Street, Suite 2805, St. Ignace, MI 49781. The telephone number for services will not change and will still be (906) 643-8689.

Members requiring medical attention during the closure and relocation should contact the Tribal Health and Human Service Center in Sault Ste. Marie at (877) 256-0009.

# Where do you go for your nutrition advice?

SUBMITTED BY JULIE  
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HEALTH CENTER

Are you looking for ways to maintain health in your older years? Do you want to lose or gain weight? Do you want to improve your diabetes by healthier eating? Do you have heart disease and want to eat the proper foods to lower your cholesterol? Are you taking over-the-counter supplemental vitamins, but are unsure if you really need to?

Getting accurate nutritional advice can be tricky. These are just a few of the reasons people seek the expert, science-based advice of a registered dietitian. **WHAT IS A REGISTERED DIETITIAN?**

A registered dietitian is a food and nutrition expert who has met specific educational and professional requirements. RDs are the leaders in the field of nutrition and dietetics.

Registered Dietitian Day is celebrated on March 10 and was created by the American Dietetic Association (ADA) to increase the awareness of RDs as the providers of food and nutrition services and to recognize RDs for their commitment to helping people lead healthy lives. Registered Dietitian Day and National Nutrition Month promote ADA and RDs to the public and the media as the most valuable and credible source of timely, scientifically-based food and nutrition information.

**WHAT ARE THE EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A REGISTERED DIETITIAN?**

Individuals with the "RD" credential have met the following criteria:

— Earned at least a bachelor's degree with course work approved by the American Dietetic Association's Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education.

— Completed 1,200 hours in an accredited, supervised, experiential practice program.

— Passed a national exam administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration.

— Completed continuing professional educational requirements to maintain registered dietitian certification.

**HOW IS AN RD DIFFERENT THAN A NUTRITIONIST?**

The "RD" credential is a legally protected title that can only be used by practitioners who are authorized by the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association.

Some RDs call themselves "nutritionists," but not all nutritionists are registered dietitians. The definition and requirements for the term "nutritionist" vary. Some states have licensure laws that define the scope of practice for someone using the designation "nutritionist," but in other states, virtually anyone can call him- or herself a "nutritionist" regardless of education or training. The Michigan Board of Dietetics and Nutrition was created July 1, 2007, to establish minimum standards for licensure for dietitians and nutritionists in the state of Michigan.

**WHAT SERVICES DO RDS PROVIDE?**

The majority of registered dietitians work in the treatment and prevention of disease, often in health care facilities, com-

munity and public health settings, academia, research and private practice. An increasing number of Registered Dietitians work with the food industry and business, journalism, sports nutrition, corporate wellness programs and other non-traditional work settings. About half of RDs hold advanced degrees and/or hold additional certifications in specialized areas of practice, such as diabetes education, renal, pediatrics or nutrition support.

**TOP 10 REASONS TO CONSULT A REGISTERED DIETITIAN.**

(Source: the American Dietetic Association at [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org))

1. You have diabetes, cardiovascular problems or high blood pressure. An RD serves an integral part of your health care team by helping you safely change your eating plan without compromising taste or nutrition.

2. You are thinking of having or have had gastric bypass surgery. Since your stomach can only manage small servings, it is a challenge to get the right amount of nutrients in your body. An RD will work with you and your physician to develop an eating plan for your new needs.

3. You have digestive problems. A registered dietitian will help you fine tune your diet so you are not aggravating your condition with fried foods, too much caffeine or carbonation.

4. You are pregnant or trying to get pregnant. A registered dietitian can help make sure you get nutrients like folate, especially during the first three months of pregnancy, lowering your newborn's risk of neural tube or spinal cord defects.

5. You need guidance and

confidence for breastfeeding your baby. A registered dietitian can help make sure you are getting enough iron, vitamin D, fluoride and B vitamins for you and your little one.

6. Your teenager has issues with food and eating healthfully. A registered dietitian can assist with eating disorders like anorexia, bulimia and overweight issues.

7. You need to gain or lose weight. A registered dietitian can suggest additional calorie sources for healthy weight gain or a restricted-calorie eating plan plus regular physical activity for weight loss while still eating all your favorite foods.

8. You are caring for an aging parent. A registered dietitian can help with food or drug interaction, proper hydration, special diets for hypertension and changing taste buds as you age.

9. You want to eat smarter. A registered dietitian can help you sort through misinformation; learn how to read labels at the supermarket; discover that

healthy cooking is inexpensive, learn how to eat out without ruining your eating plan and how to resist workplace temptations.

10. You want to improve your performance in sports. A registered dietitian can help you set goals to achieve results - whether you are running a marathon, skiing or swimming.

**WHERE DO I FIND A REGISTERED DIETITIAN?**

Registered dietitians are available to serve you at the following tribal health facilities:

Sault Tribe Health Center, Sault Ste. Marie, 632-5210

— Julie Trestrail, RD, Kristy Hill, RD, Stacy Storey, RD and Mary Bunker, RD

Lambert Health Center, St. Ignace, 643-8689

— Linda Inhelder, RD  
Manistique Tribal Community Center, Manistique, 341-8469

— Gail Sulander, MS, RD, CDE

Munising Tribal Health, Munising, 387-4614

— Cassie, Britton, RD, CDE

# Tribal trading post: vendors wanted

BY CONNIE M. HILL, HEALTH EDUCATOR

Community members are expressing interest in buying food, produce, arts and crafts directly from farmers, growers and artisans. As part of the Traditional Foods Grant Project, a tribal trading post is being organized in Sault Ste. Marie. The trading post will be an outlet for community members to buy, sell or trade locally made goods.

If you are interested in joining the planning and organizing committee or if you have a product you would like to buy, sell or trade, please contact Connie Hill, Traditional Foods Project coordinator, at Sault Tribe Community Health, (906) 632-5211 or [chill@saulttribe.net](mailto:chill@saulttribe.net).

The next planning meeting is Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 10 a.m. in the Sault Tribal Health Center, third floor conference room A, 2864 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

# Former smoker celebrates one year smoke-free

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN EVELEIGH

March 8, 2010, marks Rick Smith's one-year anniversary since he quit smoking. Rick is a Sault Tribe member and employee who smoked cigarettes for 40 years before quitting last year. "I wanted to quit for a long time because I wanted to restore some degree of my former level of physical fitness. I recognized the first and most necessary step to that goal was to stop smoking," said Rick. One year later, he is confident in saying he has taken that important step.

Rick tried to quit smoking many times before making it to this point, but those



attempts were often short lived and lacked real commitment on his part. He reported the commitment to reach his goal

came by taking small steps, such as not smoking while he was driving. From that point, he gradually lengthened the periods of time he was able to go without a cigarette. Then, when he felt ready, Rick called Sault Tribe Community Health and enrolled in the Nicotine Dependence Program. He worked with his tobacco cessation counselor and his Sault Tribe healthcare provider to make a quit plan.

The Nicotine Dependence Program offers several medications that can help make the quitting process a little easier and, for Rick, Chantix was the right option. Along with Rick's strong commitment, Chantix

helped him gain the freedom he had longed for.

"Soon, I found it quite easy to go without smoking, except during one part of my daily routine, which disrupted my progress. Knowing it had to stop, I took responsibility for the situation and eliminated the disruption – it was much easier than I anticipated," said Rick.

Looking back over the past year, Rick can now say, "My breathing is greatly improved. I don't wheeze anymore and I feel much better overall. I don't feel the need to constantly have cigarettes within my reach. Physical exertions are becoming easier and my

endurance is growing as time goes by. My outlook on life in general, and myself in particular, is improved. In addition, I'm saving a bunch of money over time."

These benefits have helped keep Rick motivated and committed to being smoke-free.

In closing, Rick has some advice to offer others who are in the same place he was one year ago, "Make the decision to quit, commit to your decision and look into the absolutely free smoking cessation help offered by the tribe."

For more information on the Nicotine Dependence Program and how you can quit, call (906) 632-5210.

## Master canning workshops offered



CONNIE M. HILL, HEALTH EDUCATOR AND TRADITIONAL FOODS GRANT COORDINATOR

Do you want to learn how to can and preserve food - fruits and vegetables are not available fresh? Do you lack freezer space and want to learn how to pressure can beef, venison, poultry, wild game and fish?

As part of the Sault Tribe Traditional Foods Grant Project, two master canning and preserving workshops, an MSU extension program, will

be offered, one on April 13-15 in Sault Ste. Marie and the other June 22-24 in Munising. This is a three-day workshop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., learning safe and healthy techniques for canning (pressure canning and boiling water bath), freezing, and drying food.

There is no charge for this workshop. If you are interested in registering, please contact Connie Hill at Sault Tribe Community Health (906) 632-5211.

## Manistique Students are increasing physical activity

Students at the Manistique Middle and High School have two more opportunities for physical activity thanks to a grant funded by the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project (SAH). In Fall 2009, the Manistique Area Schools submitted a proposal to the SAH to increase middle and high school students' access to physical activity by offering open gym time for 30 minutes before school and weight room access after school, five days a week.

Mary Lou Lund, track and field coach for MAS, serves as the coordinator for the new physical activity access programs at the school, which began in early February. "The first day we had about five students participating, but word quickly spread and now we have between 30 and 50 students in the mornings and another 25 after school," Lund said.

"They are getting a really good workout," she added.



Students at Manistique Middle and High School participate in a fast moving game of Lightning Basketball during open-gym time on February 19, 2010. Between 30 and 50 students are enjoying daily physical activity at the school mornings and afternoons with the help of a grant from the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project.

In addition to the physical activity access programs at the middle and high school, the SAH grant funding will also be used to build a ball/activity field in the spring at

Emerald Elementary School. Use and maintenance of the field will be shared between the school and the Manistique Parks and Recreation Department.

## Get checked for chronic kidney disease, risk factors

SUBMITTED BY JULIE TRESTRAIL RD, SAULT TRIBE HEALTH CENTER

A healthy person has two kidneys. They are fist-sized organs located in the lower back. Kidneys keep us healthy by filtering waste and extra water from the blood, which then leaves the body in urine. The kidneys have other important functions including regulating minerals, such as potassium, sodium, calcium and phosphorus, removing drugs and other toxins from the body and producing hormones that help control blood pressure and help make red blood cells.

Chronic kidney disease results from damage, over time, to the tiny structures inside the kidneys that filter the blood.

When the kidneys are damaged, they slowly stop doing their job and waste builds up in the blood harming the body. If kidney disease is not treated, it can lead to kidney failure, which means

the kidneys stop working. Once the kidneys fail, a person must either begin dialysis or get a kidney transplant to sustain life.

The main risk factors for chronic kidney disease are diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and a family history of kidney disease. The most common causes of kidney failure are diabetes and high blood pressure. Approximately seven out of 10 people with kidney failure have one or both of these conditions.

Most people do not have any symptoms in the early stages of chronic kidney disease. As the disease progresses, the symptoms may include the following: feeling weak, loss of appetite, a metallic taste in the mouth or ammonia breath, not sleeping, swelling of the feet and ankles, dry/itchy skin, muscle cramping at night, puffiness around the eyes and increased urination, especially at night.

Testing is the only way

to know if you have kidney disease. Two tests are used to check for kidney disease. A blood test checks your glomerular filtration rate (GFR), which tells how well your kidneys are functioning. A urine test checks for a protein called albumin. Albumin can pass into the urine, which indicates kidney damage.

The sooner you know you have kidney disease, the sooner you can get treatment to help delay or prevent kidney failure. Your doctor may prescribe medicines, such as angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and angiotensin-II receptor antagonists (ARBs) to help manage kidney disease and blood pressure.

Exercise and eating healthy can help lower your blood pressure and blood sugar. Eating too much protein can cause your kidneys to work too hard. A registered dietitian can help you learn what amount of protein is

right for you to eat.

If you smoke, quit, because smoking causes further damage to your kidneys. Get regular check-ups with your doctor, who may also refer you to a kidney doctor or nephrologist.

Here are more recommendations to decrease your chances of developing chronic kidney disease: follow your treatment plan for high blood pressure or diabetes, limit the amount of over-the-counter pain relief medications you take, treat urinary tract infections right away, drink water instead of soda, limit your salt intake and exercise most days of the week. If you currently use or are considering the use of herbal supplements, check with your doctor, registered dietitian and pharmacist regarding safety, dosage, duration of use and interactions with prescription drugs.

Don't wait until you experience symptoms of kidney disease to talk to your doctor about

getting tested. Bring these questions and a list of the medicines with you when you visit the doctor:

"Based on my health and my family history, am I at risk for kidney disease?"

"Do my blood and urine tests show signs of kidney disease?"

"How often should I be tested for kidney disease?"

"How can I keep my kidneys healthy?"

To learn more about managing chronic kidney disease, diabetes and high blood pressure, contact the Nutrition Program or Diabetes Program at any of the following tribal health facilities:

Sault Tribe Health Center,

Sault Ste. Marie, 632-5210

Lambert Health Center, St.

Ignace, 643-8689

Manistique Tribal

Community Center, Manistique,

341-8469

Munising Tribal Health,

Munising, 387-4614

# Chairman McCoy reports to membership



**DARWIN "JOE" MCCOY**  
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii! Hope this report finds you well.

## COMMUNICATIONS

As reported last month, we have established a consistent meeting schedule for our Communications Plan Project team, which includes myself and the board of directors as well as staff. You may have noticed already there are more news releases going out indicating many of the positive activities going on in our tribe.

One of the goals of the plan was to reinstate the previous method of communicating with our membership via e-mail. In the previous administration, the Communications Department's Web administrator compiled a list of over 6,000 member e-mail addresses, 4,600 of which are still active. Through the restructuring that was necessary in 2008, and the elimination of that position, that list was no longer accessible. After further investigation, we found a way to regenerate that list and are working on an initial message to our members through that avenue.

If you wish to continue receiving official updates from the tribe, once you receive the initial message, please confirm your wishes. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact Jennifer Dale-Burton at Communications via the administration toll free number, (800) 793-0660 or e-mail [jdburton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdburton@saulttribe.net).

I am still working on my blog set up, February turned out to be a busier month than anticipated and I ask for your patience while we structure this blog and develop the procedures that will be utilized to access and participate.

## ELECTIONS

We are now in the official Sault Tribe election cycle. Remember the importance of your vote. Tribal members who have turned 18 years of age or have moved into or out of an election unit must register to vote. Whereas registration is permanent, members who meet the above criteria must register. To determine whether you are registered to vote in tribal elections, I urge you to contact our Enrollment staff at (800) 251-6597, or Tara Benoit at Administration, (800) 793-0660. The deadline for registration in this cycle is March 26. The BIA Secretarial Election is also underway. The deadline to submit your voter registration through that process has passed (Feb. 22). If you have any questions related to that process, please contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Sault Ste. Marie at (906) 632-6809.

## TRIBAL COURT/CHIEF JUDGE

I am pleased to announce that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors has approved the hire of Sault Tribe member Jocelyn Fabry in the key position of chief judge for Sault Chippewa Tribal Court. In my role as chairman, I am charged with swearing in new judges to our judicial system. It will be a great honor to swear in Jocelyn to the top, key position within our tribal court structure on March 5. I would like to take a moment to thank Charles Palmer for his service and dedication over the last years in his position as judge for tribal court. Being a judge in any system is not an easy job, you don't make many friends when you administer justice based on law, but Charles exercised his

authority in a professional, ethical manner and we thank him for that and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

## MARKET-BASED COMPENSATION SYSTEMS

I have reported in several past issues regarding the analysis that was being conducted within our tribal Health Division structure, specifically on the market-based compensation study for health direct service providers. Based on surveys conducted in the past with our membership and the board of directors direction, health has been and remains the tribe's number one priority service for our membership. We focused our initial efforts on the Health Division to ensure continuity of quality services, to increase member access to our providers and to retain and recruit those providers. We have completed the initial phase, there is more information in a separate article specific to the health analysis and implementation of board approved guidelines for that division. With that being said, the board and administration are now turning our focus to other areas within the tribe that have not had market based studies in many years, including enterprises and casinos.

Administration had put together a presentation for the board of directors that included options for their consideration to provide some type of increase to our employees throughout the tribe in the near future, based on available resources. Due to time constraints at the workshop this proposal was being presented, staff were unable to complete their presentation to the board. However, I am placing this item back on their agenda for further review and discussion in the very near future.

## GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

As some may have heard, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi has suffered a sudden and tragic loss when Chairwoman Laura Spurr passed

away unexpectedly while away on travel for her band. Sault Tribe wants the Huron Band to know that our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with them during this time and we are so very sorry for their loss.

On Feb. 2, I traveled with the other four tribal chairmen from Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) to Washington, D.C., to meet with staff in the Department of Interior regarding 2011 CORA appropriations. This was an historical event. Please see article in this edition of the paper for additional information regarding this trip. It was an honor and privilege to be with the four other tribal chairmen on this historic trip.

I, along with the majority of the board of directors, traveled to Lansing Feb. 24-25 for the United Tribes of Michigan meeting. Several additional meetings were scheduled for our leadership outside of the UTM meeting to discuss issues and topics specific to our tribe. Additional information will be provided in my next report.

I will attend Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) again this year in Washington, D.C. March 7-11.

We are working on setting up additional meetings with our federal legislators or their staff to discuss issues important to Sault Tribe. Again, additional information will be provided in my next report on the outcomes and topics addressed.

## SAULT TRIBE ALIVE YOUTH (STAY) PROJECT

The Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project is guided by the Seven Feathers Partnership Board, which consists of stakeholders from across the seven-county service area. The stakeholder groups represented include elected leaders, schools, health care, community agencies, juvenile justice, foster care systems, and spiritual or faith-based helpers. They meet monthly to assist the STAY Project by providing ideas and

insights into what services would work best in their areas to work towards the common goal of preventing suicide among Native American youth ages 10-24 in our service area.

I attended the STAY meeting on Feb. 19, 2010, at the Hessel Tribal Center. Even though this group is focused on impacting the Native community, they encourage participation and involvement from both the Native and non-Native community. STAY staff gave program updates that included an overview of one of the reports that was submitted to the federal grantor to update them on grant activities. After that, planned awareness activities were highlighted. One upcoming activity is a 5K run being held in June in collaboration with JKL school where the STAY Project is bringing in Billy Mills to present on his successes and dealing with the loss of a close family member to suicide.

There was discussion on recruiting Seven Feathers Partnership Board members in the western end of the Upper Peninsula and overcoming the barriers to recruitment. The Seven Feathers needs to increase involvement in Delta, Alger, Schoolcraft and Marquette counties. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 16 at 11 a.m. in Marquette at Northern Michigan University. Video conferencing locations, including St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie, will hopefully be available to allow for increased participation. If you are interested in participating with the STAY project, please contact Barb Smutek at (906) 635-8629 or [bsmutek@saulttribe.net](mailto:bsmutek@saulttribe.net).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our tribe that you would like to discuss or meet with me about, please contact my office, toll-free at (800) 793-0660, or locally at 635-6050.

Sincerely,  
Darwin "Joe" McCoy  
Tribal Chairman

# Tribe's issues need responsibility, resolution



**DJ HOFFMAN, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

For the next few months, my report will be shorter than normal and I apologize for not providing more information; however, the rules adopted must be adhered to with no exceptions. For more information on issues facing the tribe, please visit me on the Web at:

[www.djhoffmanblog.com](http://www.djhoffmanblog.com).

## HEALTH CARE

Many rumors have been spread recently regarding this topic. To clarify some misconceptions it is important to understand the following:

The changes come at no new expense to the tribe, as the recent stimulus funds have actually proved to be very advantageous for the tribe relating to health care. It is merely a reallocation of funds originally earmarked for health care that were removed from the annual budget as a result of the successful receipt of grant funding.

**THE GRID ADOPTED SOLELY AFFECTS DIRECT CARE PROVIDERS. THOSE PROVIDERS THAT ACTUALLY SEE CLIENTS AND PROVIDE SERVICES. THE GRID DOES NOT APPLY TO MANAGERS... ONLY DIRECT CARE PROVIDERS...**

While there are some that would prefer to focus on the negative aspects of this decision by the tribe, one thing is apparently clear: A majority of the board made the decision to ensure that the tribe's health care system was afforded an opportunity to survive and thrive. This decision will increase the overall quality of service within our health programs ultimately benefiting the membership our tribe.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

In May 2009, nine members of the board of directors voted to send out the constitutional amendment to separate the chairman and CEO positions (a 10th supported the amendment, but not the initial process). I have written on this topic on countless occasions. Please consider voting 'YES' to approve the amendment.

## ECONOMIC

## DIVERSIFICATION

The tribe has existing resources and facilities that can be revamped or re-developed to become income generators instead of loss leaders. Examples of such can be found in the old Kewadin Shores building, Chippewa Service and Supply and Big Bear Arena.

I have continually stressed the diversification of the Big Bear Arena. Make no mistake, I do like the facility. However, I cannot justify businesses that continually lose nearly \$1 million per year.

I have proposed doing a feasibility study on the Big Bear and the possible enhanced uses, including an indoor water park, or in place of constructing a new school for Bahweting.

The indoor water park concepts intent is to drive up revenue within the facility to at least a break even point, where the tribe is not "on the hook"

for operating expenses. The additional attraction to the area would complement our hotel and casino operations, thus potentially driving revenues off site upwards.

This concept has sat dormant for some time and it is more than apparent that something must be done to eliminate waste and change a negative into a positive.

Many board members may agree that this issue that must be addressed. However, when operating budgets continue to be approved – knowing full well these types of issues exist – there are no excuses. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime at:

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[www.djhoffmanblog.com](http://www.djhoffmanblog.com)  
Sincerely,  
DJ Hoffman

# Separation of chair and CEO duties needed



**TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

I hope everyone is enjoying our mild winter, at least to this point. The board of directors has been working on many different fronts in addition to the normal daily governmental activities of the tribe. I have been asked several times on the upcoming secretarial election and what vote is in the best interest of the tribe. My response has been consistent, vote "yes."

The separation of the tribal chairperson's position and that of the chief executive officer (CEO) is needed. One, the tribal chairman's position is elected with no requirements other than to be of a certain age and a tribal member and you cannot hire or fire based upon performance. On the other hand, the CEO position in its present form has the same minimal requirements. I believe the CEO needs to be an employee position that has very high professional requirements that can be evaluated and held to a standard and also hired and fired, based upon perfor-

mance.

There have been concerns about the money that would be needed to fund the position and my answer to that is this is the top indirect cost position and would be largely funded by the U.S. government out of the indirect cost pool.

We need to have a professional that can spend 100 percent of his or her time overseeing the operations of the tribal government and ensuring that it is operating efficiently and effectively. It would also free up the chairman's position to be the elected official that he or she is and to spend more time responding to and interacting with the tribal membership and ultimately the federal and state governments.

Greektown casino remains basically in the same position with the tribe still in the owner's role. The noteholders plan is the only confirmed bankruptcy plan and that still has to be proven that it can be licensed. We are meeting and talking with potential investor/partners with which to retain a portion of the casino. I will update you as this proceeds.

The yearly budgeting process has yielded some positive news with a surplus of over \$5.4 million. But, we do have some outstanding debts from prior years that will use up the majority of this year's surplus. Still, this is a good indicator that we have the finances under control and are headed in the right direction.

Recently we passed a scale increase for the health professionals (e.g. doctors, dentists,

nurses) so we may attract and retain these type positions. The scale was developed by an outside professional firm that does these type of studies. We have several openings that need to be filled so these health services can be provided to the membership. We must be at least competitive in what we offer for wages if we are ever expected to fill and retain our open doctor and dentist positions.

We are now entered into the reviewing of the gaming compact with the state of Michigan. This will be a fairly long process and we will keep the membership updated as the process allows.

The 7+2 litigation received

a decision from the state court system that reinstated the defendants and allows the case to proceed. There is a very good chance that we will succeed in our efforts to recover the \$2.66 million dollars that was taken during the 2004 change of administrations. There is no chance to recover more than that or even the attorney fees, but we must set this as an example so this does not occur in the future.

The board recently hired a tribal member as our new tribal judge and I feel our selection was very good. I believe she will do an excellent job for us and will be sensitive to the needs of the membership.

On a national and state level, there are several meetings (e.g. National Congress of American Indians, Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, United Tribes) that will be attended by some of the board of directors. This is our role to take an active role to influence the shape of the laws and regulations that affect our tribal members.

I hope this snapshot of the major items the tribe and board of directors are presently involved with helps you to better understand what is being done. If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 644-3334 or (906) 322-3827.

## Purchasing saves \$1.5 million



**KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I would like to thank all of the members that I have had the pleasure of meeting at the Unit III meetings each month. Pat Rickley and I have decided to change the day we have our unit meetings to the fourth

Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Elder Center, the old McCann school building. This change, we hope, will allow more members who could not make the previous day have the opportunity to participate. Our unit meetings are very informal and after a brief update on tribal business the floor is opened up for comments and questions. Please attend if possible.

The tribal board has been reviewing many of the directives we gave last year to increase productivity and pare down costs. Last month we had an in-depth review of our Purchasing Department. When this department was first looked at over a year ago and many divisions ordered similar items from many different places at different prices.

Creating purchasing power through quantity pricing and aggressive bidding created a momentum that has carried through to today. I am happy to report that the Purchasing Department has quantitatively saved over 22 percent in operating costs of the department and through group purchasing and contracted services we have saved approximately \$1.5 million. Even with these huge improvements there are still opportunities to save more. The board and the department are still adjusting and carefully implementing the plan and we hope to make it even better.

Thank you for all the calls and e-mails.

You can contact me at any time at (906) 643-6981 or [kmassaway@msn.com](mailto:kmassaway@msn.com).

## Separate chairman, CEO jobs



**ROBERT LAPOINT, DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

For the past several months, I have been working with a company seeking to donate land to the tribe for the corporate benefit of tax write off. The land is a collection of building in southern Michigan that are industrial grade buildings equipped with cranes and

other fixtures that could prove very useful to the tribes efforts of diversifying in business. I have been met with skepticism on this issue and it has not been pushed as much as it should have been. The simple fact is that someone wants to gain a corporate tax break by donating land to the tribe. If the land is free of encumbrances and environmentally sound – then why would we not pursue this type of opportunity? The SEV on the property is over \$500,000. At the very least the tribe should consider taking the land and put it up for sale to generate income for our tribe.

In the next few days, the constitutional amendment ballots will be arriving to tribal members that registered to vote. I have had the opportunity to serve as a member of the board of directors during

three separate chairman administrations, and can attest that change needs to occur.

There are many people attempting to confuse the membership on this issue by saying that it weakens the chairperson and a variety of other rumors in an attempt to stop this change from occurring. These naysayers are not telling people the truth, which is that approving this change strengthens the TRIBE.

To put it quite simply:  
2004 GAVE US \$2.6 MILLION + REASONS TO SEPARATE THESE POSITIONS.

2008 GAVE US \$15 MILLION MORE ...  
SEPARATE THE CHAIRMAN AND CEO POSITIONS ONCE AND FOR ALL ...

Sincerely,  
Bob Lapoint

## Referendum will hurt medical services



**SHIRLEY PETOSKY, DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Winter is winding down - but a big storm is going on in the tribe. The board voted to give our professional providers an increase in their wages. We have been asked over and over for this increase.

Finally, with a study done by an outside group that showed we were not up to par, as far as wages go for most of our providers, and by the proof that our providers are leaving and we can't replace them — I and others voted for the increase.

I really felt that we should have had a plan in place for an increase in wages for our casino workers as well, but our provid-

ers deserved an answer and so the vote was taken. The plan that was brought back to us did show that while we might be below the wages for the same jobs in other parts of the country we are well above in other areas. I feel that medical is the main service we do for our members. If we cannot hire providers then services will be cut back.

The storm I mentioned is that people want to send out a referendum to rescind this wage increase.

Two things could come from that 1) If voted to rescind, we will not fill our vacancies and possibly providers will leave. 2) It will cost money to send this referendum out, money that could be spent on medical services.

Because it is election time more and more nasty emails are going out. Please check and see if the statements are true or not before you buy into some of the stories. Many falsehoods are being sent out.

God Bless all of you, please share a blessing with someone.

Fight nice — Shirley Petosky, Unit 5 Rep., 387-2101, [shirleypetosky@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleypetosky@yahoo.com)

## Board cell phone quick directory

Chairman McCoy, 440-5152  
Representative Abramson, 322-3823  
Representative McKelvie, 440-3932  
Representative Eitrem, 322-3821  
Representative Bouschor, 440-4407  
Representative Hoffman, 322-3801  
Representative Causley, 322-3818

Representative LaPoint, 440-7741  
Representative Rickley, 440-5149  
Representative Massaway, 322-3802  
Representative Chase, 322-3819  
Representative Miller, 322-3827  
Representative Petosky, 322-3803



# Vote 'yes' to approve constitutional amendment



**JOSEPH EITREM, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Tribal members, I am placing the following information in my report to clearly illustrate the separation of chairman and CEO constitutional amendment that you will be voting upon shortly:

The upcoming constitutional amendment to separate the chairman and CEO positions has been portrayed within e-mail postings, blogs and other communication media as a controversial issue. The reality is that the amendment's intent is to move the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians productively forward and detach the day-to-day operations of the tribe from politics.

Currently the tribe's Constitution states:  
**ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**  
*Section 1. The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the board of directors, perform all duties consistent with the office as chief executive officer of the tribe, and exercise any other lawful authority delegated the chairperson by the*

*board of directors. The chairperson shall vote only in case of a tie unless otherwise provided by the tribe's constitution and bylaws.*

The amended version removes the section "perform all duties consistent with the office as chief executive officer of the tribe" from the tribe's Constitution. If one reads through the entire Constitution, they will find:

— The term CEO is solely in the above-mentioned sentence.

— The duties of the CEO are not listed.

— The chairman is considered a member of the board of directors.

— Employees cannot serve as a member of the board and an employee simultaneously.

The amendment allows for the tribe to hire a tribal administrator (aka CEO) to run the day-to-day activities of the tribal government. This is not a new type of structure for most governments. In fact, most municipal, city and tribal governments operate under a similar format. This is commonly referred to as a "council-manager" form of government.

Under the council-manager form of government, the elected governing body (commonly called board of directors) is responsible for the legislative function of the tribe such as establishing policy, passing ordinances, voting appropriations and developing an overall vision for the tribe. The elected body hires a professional manager to oversee the administrative operations, implement its policies, and advise it. The tribal manager/tribal administrator

position can be seen as similar to that of corporate chief executive officer (CEO) in providing professional management to the board of directors.

The tribe's administrative functions will be overseen by a tribal administrator who works directly under, and receives policy direction from, the tribal council. The administrator, in turn, oversees each major tribal program and division through various division heads and program managers working within each area. The tribe's organizational structure and management system will provide for strict separation of policy-making and management functions, and also provides for clear lines of authority within the organization.

The purpose of the tribal administrator is to ensure that tribal operations are effectively meeting the needs of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and to provide direction for the overall daily tribal administrative duties. Whoever is hired for the posted position will be responsible for the daily management and administration of tribal departments, as well as administration and technical services. The tribal administrator will answer directly to the tribal board, of which the chairman is a member.

This type of structural change enables the tribe move progressively forward by:

— Adhering to and expanding upon the constitutional amendment related to conflicts of interest associated with serving as a member of the board and an employee simultaneously,

— Providing for a system of accountability by holding the tribal administrator accountable for their performance within the tribe,

— Removing elected officials from the "day-to-day" management of the tribe.

— Assuring that tribal operations continue to perform regardless of political turnover related to tribal elections.

These types of change can be achieved by enabling the constitutional amendment to pass by voting 'YES.'

There have been rumors asserting that the tribal administrator (CEO) is slated to be the former chairperson of the tribe, as well as a variety of others. I can state for the record that these are merely rumors to stop individuals from casting a vote in favor of this constitutional change.

The tribal administrator (CEO) shall be a "key" employment position and thus be subject to approval of a positive majority of the tribal board of directors. This hiring process ensures that the membership has a mechanism to halt any such hiring if improprieties are alleged to occur by means of their constitutional right of referendum.

There have also been rumors that the tribal board will become more intrusive in the "day-to-day" operations of the tribe. This allegation is opposite to what this amendment will enable. The process actually pulls elected officials out of the "day-to-day" operations by effectively taking an elected official out of their current role as employee supervisor.

The board can only take an official action within a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the board of directors. There is no authority vested within the board to supervise or micromanage departments on a daily basis. The sole source of this type of behavior has been asserted over time strictly pertaining to the chairman's role as CEO. If this change becomes effective, that built in assertion is effectively negated.

The majority of the tribal board has advocated for this change to the tribe's Constitution. In fact, the current chairman and many previous board members (as well as a former chairman) once advocated for this change. Board members are placing a priority on maintaining their independence from the administration and are increasingly advocating that the chairman and CEO roles be separated to promote a balance of power. The main advantage of having the roles separated is that the administrator can focus on running government operations, while the chairman can focus on leading the board, as well as on monitoring corporate governance and membership issues.

The opportunity to make this change lies before you, I urge you to consider casting your vote in favor of the change to enable our tribe to move forward, and to ensure that the "mistakes of the past" are never repeated.

**PLEASE CONSIDER VOTING YES TO APPROVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

Joe Eitrem

## Critical issues in healthcare addressed



**CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

### TRIBAL BOARD APPROVES HEALTH'S MARKET-BASED COMPENSATION PLAN

The tribe was challenged by the fact that we had built four new health facilities and were unable to recruit or retain healthcare providers. Access to healthcare was seriously jeopardized by the inability to staff these new centers. One common reason we could not recruit and retain direct care providers was because our salaries were no longer competitive with the market. Compounding the problem is there is a growing nationwide shortage of healthcare providers.

In an effort to continue pro-

viding healthcare services to our tribal members, the board of directors approved a market-based compensation plan. This adopted plan established pay schedules that are competitive to other similar market-based health professional positions. We will better be able to pay professionals what they are getting at other facilities in our region so that we can fairly recruit and keep who we have. The new compensation plan also includes a performance-based incentive to support highly productive providers. The performance-based incentive focuses on patient satisfaction, clinical outcomes and productivity measures. These promote quality care and services in all important aspects of healthcare services.

The workgroup that was established to address this compensation and incentive plan understands that many other professional and support staff are needed to make clinics operational and efficient. It was always discussed that would help establish a model that could be used for all other health professional and support positions.

This was started for direct care providers such as doctors, nurses, dentists and optom-

etrists who are needed to build practices and to keep facilities operational. Having providers is essential for us to have a clinic or a service. Without them you wouldn't have a service. Again, the tribe has committed to building major medical buildings and is now addressing staffing issues to adequately meet the health needs of our tribal members.

This plan took about a year and a half to put together. The approved plan has caused some controversy with some individuals accusing the board of only increasing the salaries of the higher paid employees. For several years now, we have known that our HR wage grids are outdated and need an absolute overhaul. After years of the same, the Health Division took the initiative to deal with this recurring problem and worked hard, with the support of the board of directors, to find a solution. Although, **THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE!**

Primarily, the wage grids must be indexed to like positions throughout the tribal organization and within our local communities. This must be done so that we can fairly compete within the job market. The Health Division was the first to

address this issue. However, it is my desire that this model, which is commonly utilized throughout the industry for fair market value, could be developed for all the other service programs, governmental employees and enterprises. For example, our MIS Department is experiencing recruitment and retention issues similar to the healthcare providers. These internal services are essential to the operations of all program and enterprises. It is critical that we act on these intensifying issues.

### UPDATE ON CDC MEETING

In my last unit report, I informed you that I was given the honor to testify before the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in regards to tribal issues and concerns. I was one of several tribal leaders from across Indian country to give input. We focused attention on the CDC's new reorganization to put tribal programs in an office called "State and Local Support." Several days after testimony was provided, the CDC announced that it intended to change the name of their office to "Office on State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support." This will be a victory for Indian Country once the proposal becomes an actual change. By

## BUT WE MUST NOT STOP THERE!

doing so, CDC will more appropriately and honorably reflect the stature of tribes as sovereign nations. We tribal leaders must continue to give our input at all levels of government. We can make a difference!

### VOTE TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT IN THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION!

Throughout the last several years, our tribe's Constitution and By Laws have been a principal issue for our tribe. This includes differing interpretations and major changes that have been proposed. Soon, we will be having a secretarial election to remove "chief executive officer" from the Constitution. I, as well as the vast majority of board members, support this action. As I stated in my last unit report, it means that we are staying consistent with the membership's prior decision to keep the tribal employee duties separate from board of director duties because of the many conflicts it creates. Please vote to approve this change.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any program service, board of director decision-making, or would simply like to talk, please contact me. My cell phone number is (906) 322-3823. My e-mail address is cabramson@saulttribe.net.

# Tribes give input on state issues, legislation



DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

Several members of the board of directors, including myself and Tom Miller, traveled

down to Lansing Feb. 24-25, for the United Tribes of Michigan meeting. This gives our board members the opportunity to meet with state legislators and other tribal leaders from Michigan. Some of the agenda items and speakers were:

— Virgil Bernero, mayor of Lansing

— State Rep. Meekhof: Asian carp issue/protecting waters of the Great Lakes

— Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver update

— Gaming issues: Tribal lottery proposal/proposed state gaming expansion

— Climate, health and resource impacts from Michigan's coal fired power

plants-Robin Clark, environmental Specialist, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

— Michigan off-shore wind energy—challenges and opportunities: Jamie Scripps, Dept. of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth

Proposed legislation has been drafted and will be given to the Michigan legislature for consideration. The tribes in attendance stated that they wanted to review the draft first and make suggested changes and give input prior to it being sent to the legislature. They want to review the pros and cons of the wind energy proposal, which would allow wind powered turbines to be permanently or temporarily attached to the bottom lands of the Great Lakes. They also want to identify problems that can occur to the Great Lakes bottomlands, waters, fish and wildlife or to tribal commercial fisheries in the proposed designated site areas.

POWWOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to assist in some way for our next "Gathering of the Clans Powwow," to be held the second weekend in June, please call 341-6993.

We will be starting our powwow committee planning meetings back up soon and the committee is always looking for more community participation.

We really appreciate all of the volunteers' hard work and dedication.

Still looking for items to be donated for the auction. If you would like to donate, please drop the items off at the ACFS window.

SECRETARIAL ELECTION

You will soon receive a ballot asking you to approve or disapprove removing the chief executive officer (CEO) from our tribes Constitution. Please vote **YES** to separate the chairman and CEO positions. The CEO will be responsible for

running the day to day operations of the tribal government and divisions, without being micro managed by the tribal board or chairman. I SUPPORT removing the CEO from our constitution and I am voting to APPROVE- I HOPE THAT YOU DO TOO!

2010 CENSUS

Please make sure to participate and be counted in the 2010 Census. Make sure to answer all the questions especially number 9. Make sure to check off: "American Indian or Alaska Native" and then fill in the blanks with "Sault Tribe."

Every year more than \$300 billion in federal and state funds are allocated to tribes and states and communities based on census data collected. And, by participating, this could help our tribe and local decision makers with future planning.

Please contact me at 341-6783 or 1-888-667-3809

Miigwech,  
Denise Chase

## Aid still needed for storm-hit tribal communities

A succession of blizzards have ravaged several tribal communities across Indian Country and they are in great need of donated goods (e.g., non-perishable food, water, shovels) and financial assistance in order to purchase medical supplies, propane for heating homes, and gasoline for emergency vehicles.

The National Congress of American Indians is asking that you contact tribal personnel directly to find out specific needs and share your resources with them. Please be aware that there may be other tribes in need and if you have additional information, please contact NCAI and we will send out an update.

If you have any questions, please contact Ahniwake Rose at NCAI, (202) 466-7767 or arose@ncai.org.

Contributions to a federally recognized tribal government are treated the same as a contribution to a state government under 7871 for purposes of charitable contributions deductibility; as, the contribution will be used exclusively for "public purposes" which in this instance is disaster relief for the ice storm of January 2010.

Navajo Nation, Department of Emergency Management, c/o 2010 Snowfall Operation, PO Box 620, St. Michaels, AZ 86511. Contact: Navajo Nation, Johnny Johnson, emergency operations, center incident commander, (928) 871-7848.

The Navajo Nation requests that all donations come in the form of gift cards that will be used to purchase all needs for community members and tribal responders from local vendors. They are also requesting 50,000 sandbags.

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, 2010 Disaster Account, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Chairman's Office, Attn: Ice Storm Emergency Fund, PO Box 590, 2001 Main Street (Tribal Offices), Eagle Butte, SD 57625 Online donations: <https://secure.piryx.com/donate/0oFFsK8c/Cheyenne-River-Sioux-Tribe>. Contact: Cheyenne River, Robin Le Beau, chairman's assistant: (610) 568-2101. Medical items needed include: glucose strips, first aid kits, children's aspirin/pain reliever and cough syrup.

Oglala Sioux Tribe, Attn: Dean Patton, Treasurer, P.O. Box 2070, Pine Ridge, SD 57770. Contact: Oglala Sioux, Loretta Afraid of Bear, public relations, (605) 867-5074

Rosebud Sioux Tribe, c/o Emergency Preparedness Program, P.O. Box 910 Rosebud, SD 57570. Contact: Bill Giroux, emergency manager, (605) 747-2559. Items needed include: non-perishable goods, heaters and candles.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Chairman Charles Murphy, PO Box D, Fort Yates, ND 58538, Contact: Pete Red Tomahawk, tribal emergency coordinator, (701) 854-8500.

## SNRC seeks interns

The Sequoyah National Research Center (SNRC) seeks three tribally-affiliated student interns for summer 2010 from June 1 to July 31. Interns will work at least 25 hours per week in the center doing basic archival and research work under the direction of center staff.

The SNRC at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock houses papers and special collections of tribal individuals

and organizations, the world's largest archival collection of newspapers and other periodicals, and the Dr. J. W. Wiggins Collection of Native American Art.

Students interested in applying should send applications or inquiries by e-mail to Daniel F. Littlefield at [dflittlefiel@ualr.edu](mailto:dflittlefiel@ualr.edu) or Robert E. Sanderson at [resanderson@ualr.edu](mailto:resanderson@ualr.edu).

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## Sault Ste. Marie

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

These Ojibwe language classes begin with potluck dinners and you are invited to bring your favorite dish to share.

Instructor demonstrates different stories and language sheets are provided to those in attendance for vocabulary recognition.

It's a great time to eat, visit and enjoy our culture.

Everyone is welcome.

Call 635-6050 for more information.

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

The drum is the heartbeat of the Anishinaabe people.

Hear different songs and styles of singing. It's a great time for the family participation in singing and dancing or just listening.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Anishinaabemowin language class, Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m., at 531 Ashmun Street.

No registration is necessary. Please bring your brown bag lunch.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Unit I Elderly Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center, 2076 Shunk Road.

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

## St. Ignace

Anishinaabemowin language classes, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., at the McCann Center.

Participants will enjoy a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a language lesson at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Unit III Elderly Committee meets on the second Friday of each month after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

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

Unit III constituents meetings on the fourth Monday of each month, 6 p.m., at the McCann Center.

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

## Hessel

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

For more information, call 635-6050.

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the third Monday of each month after the noon meal at the tribal center.

Call (888) 711-7356.

## Newberry

Elderly Advisory Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the fourth Friday of each month at 11 at Zellar's Village Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Manistique

Unit IV Elderly Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Naubinway

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Naubinway Pavilion. For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Escanaba

Unit IV Elderly Committee meets on third Thursday of each month on the second floor of the Willow Creek Professional Building, 3500 Ludington Street. Catered meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by meeting.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Munising

Unit V Elderly Committee meets at the tribal center at 4 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

Dinners on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Unit V constituents meet, 6 p.m. at the tribal center on the second Thursday of each month.

For more information, call Shirley Petosky at (906) 387-2101.

## Marquette

Unit V Elderly Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Notices

General meetings of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors typically take place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Open forums for members start about 5 p.m. and meetings start around 6 p.m. All Sault Ste. Marie meetings will be held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, other locations are to be announced.

Special meetings typically take place on the second and last Tuesdays of each month. Special meetings may be called from time to time by the chairperson or by majority vote of the board of directors. Locations, dates and times for meetings are subject to change. In

the event a special meeting is called that is open to the public, an official announcement will be released.

General meetings, special meetings and workshops are open to the public unless otherwise noted as closed. For meeting agendas, draft resolutions, and approved resolutions please visit [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) and go to the board downloads section.

Meeting schedules are published in the Sault Tribe newspaper annually prior to the start of yearly meeting cycles. Schedule information can be acquired anytime at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) with a search for "board schedule" or by calling (906) 635-6050.

Foster homes provided by Sault Tribe members are needed for our young.

Make a difference in the life of a child, consider being a foster parent.

Call Anishinaabek Community and Family Services at 495-1232 or (800) 347-7137.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities needs your help.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Parent Advisory Committee.

The committee is instrumental in developing programs for our children throughout the seven-county service area, creating policy and representing their communities to determine where spending will be most beneficial to the greatest number of our youngsters.

The committee is comprised of volunteers from throughout our tribe's service area and meets once a month on the third Wednesday.

We encourage all relatives of children or anyone interested in their welfare to join us.

All meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.

For more information, please call Youth Education and Activities at (906) 635-7010.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities in Sault Ste. Marie offers many fun and educational services to youth from kindergarten age to high school seniors.

Computer lab, Monday through Friday, 3:30-6:30 p.m., and on Saturday, 11-4 p.m.

Computers are available for use in a relaxed atmosphere with opportunities for socializing and other fun.

Free tutoring is available daily for everyone. Young folks can learn how to animate objects, customize Web sites and other exciting media projects every Monday.

On Tuesdays, we can conduct science experiments concentrating in school core subject areas such as chemistry and physics.

We dabble in art on Wednesdays, creating all sorts of masterpieces.

On Thursdays, the local tribal youth council works on developing projects for our

community and gets some play in as well.

We have parties on Fridays, we show off our moves in Dance Dance Revolution tournaments.

Board game lovers of all ages can enjoy a peaceful afternoon dueling in a fierce game of Scrabble or other games every Saturday.

Come visit for a good time and to meet new people or old friends. Free drinks and snacks are everyday.

We're waiting for you at 2428 Shunk Road next to the enrollment office.

If you have any questions, please call Rachel Mandelstamm at 440-4494.

Book your party at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

We're equipped to accommodate skating parties, group parties and birthday parties and we rent our hospitality room, basketball and volleyball courts.

Call (906) 635-7465.

DeMawating Development Property Sales and Rentals offers three and four bedroom duplexes for rent. Low move in costs only \$200 for Sault Tribe and Kewadin team members.

First three months of payroll deducted rent will be increased to cover cleaning and pet fees, if applicable. Rent must be deducted from pay to receive the low move-in cost benefit.

Attention American Indians: lease to purchase three bedroom 1.5 bath duplexes available if qualified.

DeMawating is within one of the Sault Tribe's tax agreement areas and an equal opportunity company.

You do not need to be American Indian to rent a home.

For information on any of our properties, please contact the DeMawating office at 42 Wood Lake, Kincheloe (906) 495-2800.

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program available for appointments in Sault Ste. Marie, Kinross, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique, Marquette and Munising health centers.

Bring semaa for an offering to appointments with healers. Traditional healing is holistic. Women on their moon cycle should make appointments before or after their cycles.

For information, call Ted Holappa (906) 632-5204, Laura Collins (906) 632-0236 or Peggy Hemenway (906) 632-0220.

Sault Tribe arts and crafts exhibitions and sales are scheduled for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Bawating Art Gallery at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

The events feature handcrafted gifts for all occasions.

Participating vendors must be Sault Tribe members.

For reservations or further information, call Elaine Young-

Clement at (906) 635-6050 or 322-3961.

Sault Tribe extends an open voter registration policy to all members. Once members register to vote, it is permanent unless members change residency into or out of election units where living when originally registered.

Sawyer Village in Gwinn, Mich., is a Sault Tribe housing enterprise. Housing units consist of three and four bedroom townhouse apartments, duplexes and single homes.

Rentals range from \$350 to \$725 per month. The units include ranges, refrigerators, basements, garages, washer and dryer hook-ups and most of them have a dishwasher.

Flooring options are hardwood or carpeting. Most pets are accepted and we have month to month leases.

Eagle Ridge Apartments, located in Marquette, consists of two buildings with eight two-bedroom apartments in each building. These apartments include all utilities and are \$575 per month with one-year leases.

We have eight experienced team members who manage Sawyer Village and Eagle Ridge.

Come make one of our houses your home. Call (906) 346-3919 to set up an appointment today.

Children must have at least one biological parent who is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians before they can be enrolled as full, bonifide members.

Simply submit a copy of the child's courthouse birth certificate or state copy, social security number and current mailing address. You may mail or fax this information to the enrollment office, or drop it off in person. Please allow two to three weeks for children's tribal cards to arrive in the mail.

Sault Tribe flags are available for purchase by calling 632-6398 or toll free (800) 793-0660.

Desk flags (3x5 inches) are \$3, banners (18x24 inches) are \$30, parade flags (3x5 feet) are \$50, pole flags (4x6 or 5x8 feet) are \$75 and \$100.

Add six percent sales tax and \$4.50 for shipping of first item plus \$1 for each additional item.

Northern Hospitality in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., is a Sault Tribe enterprise at 827 Ashmun Street offering high quality furniture and floor covering goods and services in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Stop by or inquire by calling 635-4800.

General mailing address and phone numbers for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians: 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, Phone 635-6050 or toll free at (800) 793-0660, fax (906) 635-4969.

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