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Romulus casino subject of EUP meetings

BY RICK SMITH

In an effort to clear up confusion among Sault Tribe members surrounding the possible development of a casino in Romulus, Mich., Chairman Joe McCoy, developer Mike Sawruk and tribal board representatives met with members in a series of meetings in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Newberry from March 2 to March 11. The meetings were scheduled in areas as requested by board representatives.

The first issue causing bewilderment among members appears to have been generated by the wording used in a referendum to repeal Resolution 2010-249 — Pursuit of Settlement of a Land Claim With Respect to Property in the Romulus, Michigan, Metropolitan Area. According to officials, the question on the referendum concerned approval of a partnership with certain individuals to pursue development of a casino, not the act of development. Many tribal officials and members were apprehensive about the possibility of entering into an earlier partnership because of some of the individuals involved.

The second matter focused on hurdles, risks and rewards for the tribe in acquiring Congressional approval of a state of Michigan-Sault Tribe land exchange to settle the Charlotte Beach land issue and moving forward to develop a casino in Romulus.

Mike Sawruk, who was born



Photo by Rick Smith

ONE-ON-ONE FACE TIME — Four elders took advantage of one of the Romulus casino development community meetings in Sault Ste. Marie to gain a better understanding of the situation from the perspective of tribal leaders and the project's key investor. Pictured above are (L-R) Frank Shannon, Grace Gravelle, Sandy Reining, Chairman Joe McCoy, tribal legislative analyst Mike McCoy, Unit I Representative Bernard Bouschor, developer Mike Sawruk, Unit I Representative Debra Ann Pine and Leslie Ruditis. Meetings covering the subject were also convened in St. Ignace and Newberry.

and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, partnered with Sault Tribe and has essentially agreed to spearhead the Romulus casino project. Sawruk is a successful consultant and developer with experience in developing other tribal casino projects in northern Michigan and a few other states. He is president of Sawruk Management, Inc., based in Winter Park, Fla.

Chairman McCoy described how the partnership with Sawruk benefits the tribe in the March edition of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*, "There is no financial risk to the tribe or our members under our agreement with Mr. Sawruk. He is responsible for securing all necessary political and legal approvals and for arranging financing. He

is also putting up all of the upfront costs. All of them."

McCoy added that Sawruk will absorb all financial risks in return for a significant profit if he succeeds in clearing the way for the casino. "And if he succeeds and our land claim is approved in Washington, the tribe will have complete and total control over the casino that we would develop in Romulus with Mr. Sawruk as our partner. That's how he will make his profit, and it will obviously be a benefit to the tribe, too."

The main incentive for establishing a casino in Romulus, according to McCoy and other tribal representatives, is that revenue from the five Kewadin casinos is not keeping pace with growing demand for members'

services, such as health, housing and education programs. A tribal casino in Romulus would be a second chance for the tribe to put more muscle into its revenue stream.

Sawruk views the U.S. Congress as where most of the work needs to be done. "About 90 percent of what we have to do at this point involves educating Congress on the (Charlotte Beach) deal."

He said Congressional approval could take anywhere from a few months to a few years.

According to official reports, the Romulus casino development meetings were well received overall. At the March 2 meeting at Nokomis-Mishomis Place, representatives explained

and discussed the proposal individually with about 45 elders. The main concern expressed by the constituency was to be kept informed — whether good news or bad — about events through official channels rather than by outside parties. Fewer people attended a March 9 meeting at the same site allowing for more one-on-one discussion of the project. The same sentiment was raised by a few vocal folks at a meeting at the Kewadin Casino in the Sault later in the day on March 9, who left feeling satisfied with information they learned about the development and how it will benefit members. The issue of keeping members informed was again raised in Newberry on March 10. Some folks indicated they have been receiving incorrect information through other sources and want accurate information from tribal officials.

About 40 people who attended the March 11 meeting in St. Ignace raised questions on how the Romulus development may impact other projects and had many questions about the agreement between Mr. Sawruk and the tribe. Again, the presentation was well received overall and answered many questions.

After hearing what officials had to say about the casino development project at one of the meetings in Sault Ste. Marie, one elder expressed the belief that work to establish the casino should start as soon as possible. "The sooner the better, I think," she said.

Tribal leaders meet with HHS over annual budgets

FROM NIHB

The 13th annual National HHS Tribal Budget and Policy Consultation recently brought tribal leaders from across the nation to Washington, D.C. from March 2-4. Over the three days, officials from various HHS operating divisions — including Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Health Resources and Services Administration — provided comments, and received recommendations from tribal representatives on issues pertaining to Indian health.

Secretary Sebelius also took the time to address the meeting formally. She expressed the Administration's sincere desire to improve Indian health saying, "We are committed to having the department do everything it can to address on-going challenges."

The focal point for the meet-

ing was the National Tribal Budget Workgroup's IHS budget recommendations for fiscal year 2013. In a presentation to HHS leadership, Chairmen Gary Hayes (Ute Mountain Ute Tribe), Ned Norris Jr. (Tohono O'odham Nation) and Vice President Rex Lee Jim (Navajo Nation) presented the national tribal budget priorities, such as a 10-year plan to fully fund IHS and a \$1.431 billion increase in "must-have" spending for fiscal year 2013. They also presented HHS officials with the top 10 health priorities as ranked by tribal leaders nationally with behavioral health identified as the top priority.

In addition to these requests, the tribal representatives also presented Secretary Sebelius with a letter signed by numerous tribal leaders regarding the proposed eliminations within the fiscal year 2012 IHS budget.

At a total savings of less than \$6 million, the fiscal year 2012 IHS Congressional budget justification recommends the

elimination of the following grants for health promotion and disease prevention, healthy youth (National Congress of American Indians), chronic care (Institute for Healthcare Improvement), elders long health care, childrens' and womens' health, urban domestic violence/sexual assault, the National Indian Health Board Cooperative Agreement and the National Native American EMS Association.

As the letter states, "As tribal leaders, we were surprised that the fiscal year 2012 Congressional justification proposed these cuts, especially considering that we had just met and developed our fiscal year 2013 budget recommendations with the agency and these proposed eliminations were not discussed."

Tribal leaders expressed much concern over the cuts and it is hoped this issue will be settled in a way deemed satisfactory by all those involved.

Additionally, NIHB chairper-



Photo courtesy of U.S. HHS

Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson (Left) shakes hands and exchanges greetings with U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius at the 13th annual National HHS Tribal Budget and Policy Consultation in Washington, D.C., from March 2 to March 4.

son Cathy Abramson, testified on cross-cutting issues associated with the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, such as improved consultation with

tribes and a uniform definition of "Indian." The written recommendations are available on the NIHB website at www.nihb.org/tribal_resources/tribal_resources.php.

ACFS seeks public comments on the Child Care Assistance Program

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) operates the Child Care Development Program, more commonly known as CCDF or child care assistance, in all seven counties of the Sault Tribe service area. This program is funded by a grant from the Office of Child Care,

an office of the federal government's Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families.

In 2011, ACFS intends to apply for continued funding to operate the CCDF program and is seeking public comment on the current program plan. This is our opportunity to make

changes to the way the CCDF program operates and we would like to hear from current and previous parents and child care providers who are licensed by CCDF or receive CCDF funds. ACFS will be accepting public comments from May 1, 2011, through May 27, 2011.

A copy of the proposed

CCDF program plan will be available from May 1 to May 27, 2011, at the ACFS office at 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; direct local calls to 632-5250 or toll free at 1 (800) 726-0093, or send email messages to msmith1@saulttribe.net.

Newspaper deadlines

Below is the Win Awenen Nisitotung production schedule for the rest of 2011. If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Dale-Burton at (906) 632-6398, ext. 26073, or e-mail jdburton@saulttribe.net.

DEADLINE DATE (Tuesdays)	PUBLISH DATE (Fridays)
April 26	May 6
May 31	June 10
June 28	July 8
July 26	Aug. 5
Aug. 23	Sept. 2
Sept. 27	Oct. 7
Oct. 25	Nov. 4
Nov. 29	Dec. 9

Community Announcements ...

Nominate seventh graders for outdoor learning experience

The Sault Tribe Education Department seeks American Indian students in seventh grade to participate in an exciting project in early June.

If you know of seventh grade students at the middle schools in Sault Ste. Marie or St. Ignace who love science, enjoy camping and prefer hands-on experiences to classroom lessons, then nominate them by Friday, April 8.

Submit nominations to Angeline Bouley, Sault Tribe Education director, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, call 635-4944 or email abouley@saulttribe.net.

Little Mermaid comes to DreamMakers Theater

On May 7-8, the Academy of Performing Arts will present *The Little Mermaid*.

Dates: Saturday, May 7 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 8 at 2 p.m.

Place: DreamMaker's Theatre, Sault Kewadin Casino

Tickets: Adults \$15, children (12 and under) \$6, available at Kewadin Box Office 1 (800) KEWADIN or 635-4917, and at the door.

For more information, call (906) 253-2180.

There is no cost to participate in the project. Transportation, lodging and meals will be provided. The event takes place June 6-10 at the University of Michigan biostation on Douglas Lake in Pellston, Mich.

Girls' conference in Sault Ste. Marie

The Girls Becoming Strong 'Nish Women Conference is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Walker Cisler Center of Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

This is a free event, open to any young woman covering topics of healthy relationships, self-acceptance, Native tradition

and cultural heritage and life skills.

For more information, call Sault Tribe Community Health Services at 632-5209.

(Please see ad on page 15 of this issue!)

Truancy reduction workshop offered

Are you a parent frustrated over constant struggles with your child's school attendance, a community member concerned about rising truancy rates among tribal youth, a school employee who would like more resources to offer families who need help overcoming chronic tardiness and absences?

Call Education Director

Angeline Bouley at 635-4944 to sign up for a series of free online workshops about truancy reduction.

Sign up deadline is April 29.

It's a hoedown!

The Elks in Sault Ste. Marie is hosting a hoedown on Saturday, May 14, beginning at 6 p.m. with cocktails, dinner, music and dancing, silent auction, and prizes for best costume, best line dancing and best couples two-step.

Tickets are \$15 per person, available at the Elk's Lodge and Edward Jones in Sault Ste. Marie.

A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Diane Pepler Resource Center.

Sault Tribe employment openings



Clinical social worker (2), full time/regular – open until filled

Community health technician (Hessel), full time/regular – open until filled

Family nurse practitioner/physician assistant (2), part time/on call and (1) full time/regular – open until filled

Homeownership specialist, full time/regular – open until filled

Pro shop worker II, full time/regular – open until filled

Staff physician, full time/regular – open until filled

Youth program group leader, part time/seasonal – open until filled

Please reply to the Sault Employment Office, 2186 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (906) 635-7032 or toll free (866) 635-7032, STEmployment@saulttribe.net or the St. Ignace Employment Office, 3015 Mackinaw Trail, St. Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-4176 or STEmployment@saulttribe.net

Drug Take Back Program April 30

On April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, Health Division and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public an opportunity to dispose of old, unwanted and unused prescription pills.

By properly disposing of the unwanted and unused prescription pills it prevents:

- The possibility of theft from your home.
- The possibility of abuse.
- Someone in your home accidentally taking dangerous

medications.

— The introduction of drugs into sewer and water systems, which poses a potential problem to our environment.

This service is **FREE and ANONYMOUS**, no questions asked. Please bring your medications for disposal to the following sites:

- Sault Tribal Health Center, 2864 Ashmun, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
- St. Ignace health center, 1140 N State Street, Suite

2805, St. Ignace, Mich.

— Manistique Tribal Community Center, 5698 W. Hwy-2, Manistique, Mich.

For more information, please contact:

Robert Marchand, chief of police, Sault Tribe Police Department, 2175 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783, (906) 635-6065.

Bonnie Culfa, RN MSN, health director, Sault Tribe Health Division, 2864 Ashmun, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783, (906) 632-5200.



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Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders, Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at www.IndianTrust.com or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, **and**
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, **or**
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **April 20, 2011**.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by **April 20, 2011**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

EUP students issued netbook technology

By Rick Smith

During last February and March, every student in grades 7 through 12 in schools served by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District received Dell Latitude 2110 netbooks, which are small, light-weight laptop computers. All of the students are free to keep the netbooks until just before graduation from their respective high schools.

The netbooks came courtesy of a three-year, \$3.17 million grant to the school district through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in support of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The purpose of the project is to increase the use of broadband technology. Funding is specifically geared for areas such as the eastern Upper Peninsula where residents are underserved when it comes to broadband technology. The grant requires a 28 percent match of the federal funds from the district and the schools.

In addition to supplying the netbooks, the grant also covers training for students, teachers and community members in a variety of subjects related to broadband technology for educational purposes and community enhancement opportunities.

Students were briefed on safety and expectations of responsibility in caring for the equipment and demonstrating respect for themselves and others in the course of using it online. Staff from the school district office advised that having the netbooks is a privilege and not a right. Signs of irresponsible or unsafe behavior



Photos by Rick Smith

Above, Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District staff members Suzy Belonga (standing, left) and Barb Light, project director, in the first round of presentations to students before distributing netbooks to them in the Strahl Theater at Sault Area High School on March 8. Below, Sault Area High School senior Olivia Messer expresses her feeling at receiving her Dell Latitude 2110 netbook from Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District instructional technologist Suzy Belonga.



White House releases summary of December tribal conference

FOLLOW UP CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE IN MARCH 2011

By Rick Smith

The Obama administration recently released a synopsis of the U.S. government's understanding of Indian Country issues brought forth during the White House Tribal Nations Conference on Dec. 16, 2010.

Titled, *Working with Tribal Nations to Build a Brighter Future*, the 20-page summary contains an executive summation followed by five sections on issues raised by tribal leaders from across the country in breakout sessions at the conference. The sections underscore the White House perception on the nation-to-nation relationship between tribes and the federal government, education, health care, community service, economic development, housing infrastructure, tribal land, cultural protection, natural resources, energy, public safety and homeland security. The publication concludes with a brief statement of the overall intent on the part of the White House in conducting the ongoing conferences.

A statement from the president on the cover notes the spirit of his administration in holding tribal conferences, "We know that, ultimately,



this is not just a matter of legislation, not just a matter of policy. It's a matter of whether we're going to live up to our basic values. It's a matter of upholding an ideal that has always defined who we are as Americans. E pluribus Unum. Out of many, one. That's why we're here. That's what we're called to do. And I'm confident that if we keep up our efforts, that if we continue to work together, that we will live up to the simple motto and we will achieve a brighter future for the First Americans and for all Americans."

According to the executive summary, the president empha-

sizes that the primary concern for all Americans is improving the economy and creating jobs, and his administration is collaborating with tribal leaders to reach that end. Some of the methods mentioned in reaching the goals include investment in the Indian Reservation Roads Program, new loans for reservation broadband internet and breaking down bureaucratic barriers to tribal development of clean energy. He also asserts support of legislation to clarify that the Secretary of the Interior has the capability to take land into trust for all federally recognized tribes, countering the Supreme Court decision in

Carcieri v. Salazar.

Many other subjects are acknowledged in the executive summary as well.

Obama indicates in the conclusion of the report that while major accomplishments have been achieved in the past year and progress continues with Indian Country issues, much more remains to be done. He reaffirms his commitment to continue working with Indian Country in order to achieve a better future for American Indians, which would improve the future for the United States as a whole.

The publication can be

Member pleads guilty to abusive sexual assault

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Christopher Frazier, 39, of Escanaba, Mich., pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12, and one count of attempted aggravated sexual abuse of a minor under the age of 12, United States Attorney Donald A. Davis announced on March 10.

According to the news

could result in measures such as restrictions of access to online sites.

Staff members from the school district, Barb Light, project director, and Suzy Belonga, instructional technologist, spoke with students during assemblies at the schools covering technical and other aspects of the project.

"Use them well, but take care of business," Light told students at Sault Area High School on March 8, referring to student academics and other responsibilities.

Light and Belonga also stressed the importance of becoming familiar with broadband use as it appears destined to play roles in more and more facets in life. A video presentation demonstrated future applications in even the most mundane events such as buying clothes. One example shown on video predicted department store dressing rooms may become a thing of the past. Full length mirrors equipped with touch screen broadband technology will easily and quickly show customers how they would look in available clothing styles, sizes and colors. Other examples included amazing work and leisure applications.

"Those are just a few of the things trickling down," said Light. She also pointed out future employment possibilities to consider in the development, maintenance and use of broadband and other technologies.

Questions about the program may be directed to Barb Light at the school district's offices at 632-3373.

downloaded in its entirety from the White House blog at www.whitehouse.gov, enter a search for Working with Tribal Nations for a Brighter Future, open the corresponding blog entry and click on the link Synopsis of the 2010 White House Tribal Nations Conference.

A follow up meeting to the December conference took place in Washington, D.C., on March 3 between tribal leaders and representatives from federal agencies to focus on concerns, goals and objectives that surfaced during the five breakout sessions at the December conference.

announcement, Frazier admitted to sexually assaulting and attempting to sexually assault two children who, at the time, were under the age of 12.

Aggravated sexual abuse is punishable by up to life imprisonment and other penalties.

Frazier's sentence will be imposed by U.S. District Court Judge R. Allen Edgar at a later date to be announced.

Tribal members vote to repeal settlements

Unofficial results announced

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Tribe Election Committee has announced unofficial results for two referenda sent to eligible Sault Tribe members earlier this month. All completed ballots returned to the tribe by March 25 were counted that night in a public meeting held at the Big Bear Arena.

Resolution 2011-09 approved the final settlement of a six-year legal battle, which the tribe lost in Circuit Court. The voters decided, by a vote of 1,842 to approve to 2,568 to not approve Resolution 2011-09.

The other referendum sought to repeal Resolution 2010-292,

which approved a settlement payout of \$18,000 to former Sault Tribe Police Chief Fred Paquin, who is now serving time in federal prison after admitting he misused federal funds awarded to the tribal Police Department between 2002 and 2008. The voters decided, by a vote of 2,163 to approve to 2,233 to not approve of Resolution 2010-249.

Those seeking to contest the results of the vote counts had to submit their challenge to the Election Committee by 5 p.m. on March 28, and results were not available at press time. Results will be certified and deemed official at the next board of directors' meeting or within seven days of all challenges being resolved.

For this election, 14,417 ballots were sent to tribal members with 4,509 of voters — 31.3 percent of registered voters



— returning their referenda ballots.

The referenda, which will cost the tribe about \$40,000 to complete, sought to reverse actions by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors that resulted from two separate Circuit Court cases involving the tribe. The outcomes of these court cases cannot — under federal, state or tribal laws — be undone by a vote of tribal members because the tribe has signed binding settlement agreements which

will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional legal bills and other costs. Despite the election results, no formal action can be taken.

Tribal Chairman Joe McCoy said tribal leaders are going to examine reforms that will protect the members' right to referendum while ensuring the tribe is able to do business in an efficient manner.

"We must always, as tribal members, have the right and ability to use the referendum to challenge decisions that can be changed," he said. "But people who have their own political agendas should not be able to waste scarce tribal resources on referenda that are irrelevant and waste tribal funds. This money could be used for many other tribal services that could directly impact our members. Using the referendum process like this is simply wasteful and an abuse

of our rights."

The tribe's seven-county service area is divided into five election units encompassing Mackinac, Chippewa, Luce, Delta, Alger, Schoolcraft and Marquette counties. The right of referendum is provided for in the tribe's Constitution and is implemented by Chapter 12 of the Tribal Code. According to the code, an ordinance or resolution enacted by the board of directors can be submitted to a popular referendum by a petition signed by 100 eligible voters of the tribe.

According to the Tribal Code, at least 30 percent of the eligible voters must cast a ballot to make the results binding. If less than 30 percent of ballots are cast, the election is null and void.

The resolutions and Tribal Code are available online at www.saulttribe.com.

Survey shows American Indian business growth

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A recent survey showed while native-owned business increased 17.7 percent in the last 5 years, the number of jobs decreased 3.6 percent, and revenue increased 28 percent.

As part of the U.S. Census Bureau's economic census, a survey of business owners is conducted every five years. In the latest survey in 2007, data was collected from more than 2.3 million businesses, the results of which were released to the public on March 15.

According to the survey, there was an increase of 17.7 percent from 2002 of American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned businesses, for a total of 236,967. In general, U.S. businesses increased by 17.9 percent between 2002-2007.

Although the number of businesses owned has grown

between the two groups, that increase has failed to equal more jobs, according to the survey.

Most of the businesses were owner-operated with no employees, while the remaining 23,700 businesses had about 184,400 paid employees, a drop of 3.6 percent from 2002 figures.

At the same time, American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned businesses brought in more than \$34 billion in receipts in 2007; an increase of 28 percent from 2002.

The survey did not include tribally-owned businesses or businesses owned by Alaska Native corporations. For a fuller picture of how those businesses contribute to tribal economies, officials said it is important to look to other information sources in addition

to the survey. Because tribal businesses are government owned, they are not part of the business owners survey, according to Census Bureau Deputy Director Thomas Mesenbourg Jr.

The same day the survey figures were released, tribal leaders gathered in Las Vegas for an economic summit organized by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. Tribes were urged to look beyond gaming and tobacco sales to create more revenue for their economies.

During a teleconference held by the U.S. Census Bureau to release the survey results, Christina Daulton with the National Congress of American Indians said that after the survey was conducted, the unemployment rate for American

Indians increased nationally nearly 8 percentage points, up to more than 15 percent from the first half of 2007 through to the first half of 2010. According to Daulton, that jump is 1.6 times greater than the increase for the white population.

Under the survey criteria, American Indian and Alaska Native owners were included in

the report if they held a stake of 51 percent or larger in their business.

Separate reports highlighting survey results for other minority- and veteran-owned businesses will also be issued this year, according to the Census Bureau.

For more information about survey results, visit www.census.gov.

Some big victims of domestic violence are the little ones

The devastating effects of domestic violence on women are well documented. Domestic violence affects every race, religion, economic status, educational background and age. More than half of battered women stay with their batterer because they do not feel they can support themselves and their children.

According to the U.S. national statistics on domestic violence, a woman is battered at least once every 15 seconds. Research also indicates that between 3.3 and 10 million children are exposed to domestic violence in the United States every year.

Far less is known about the impact on children who witness a parent or caregiver being subjected to violence.

Children who have witnessed the abuse of one parent by another parent are traumatized, whether they are physically threatened, hear it from another

room or see the results of the abuse.

Children who are exposed to violence in the home may suffer lasting effects. They may feel confusion, fear of abandonment, or helplessness. They may feel guilty for not being able to stop the abuse or even anger at the victim for not protecting herself. They may have constant feelings of not being safe and not having any personal control. They may even feel a loss of trust in adults. They may learn that violence and abuse are normal behaviors. Girls in violent homes may believe all men are abusive and all women are abused. Boys and girls grow up to believe that they can be victims or abusers.

Getting out of an abusive or violent relationship isn't easy, especially when children are involved. Maybe you're still hoping that things will change. Maybe you're afraid of

what your partner will do if he discovers you're trying to leave. Whatever your reasons, you probably feel helpless. Don't be trapped by confusion, guilt, or self-blame. The only thing that matters is you and your children's safety.

If you would like more information on the effects that domestic violence has on children, you or someone you know is in a violent relationship and you need assistance, please contact the Advocacy Resource Center. The staff is dedicated to providing a wide variety of services to all victims of crime, with a special focus on women and children who are in abusive relationships.

If you are in an abusive relationship, remember you are not alone, you are not to blame, you can get help. Call the Advocacy Resource Center at 632-1808, or toll free at (877) 639-7820, 24-hour pager (906) 278-0033.

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Introducing www.healthysaulttribe.com

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Healthysaulttribe.com is a new website that reaches out to those who Google first, ask questions later. The website for all Sault Tribe members is stuffed full of sound information on healthful living tailored especially to the tribal community. The site is interactive with an "Ask the Experts" section and a search function.

The user-friendly website packs a lot of information into some clever design to keep everything within easy reach. Getting back to the homepage is as easy as clicking on Healthy Sault Tribe at the top.

Funded by the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, the focus is on prevention, healthful lifestyles and behaviors, featuring coming events, challenges, activities, classes, nutrition and traditional knowledge.

"Families need to know how to get healthy and live healthy," said Community Health Program Director Marilyn Hillman. "This site provides information on some target areas of prevention: diabetes, smoking and obesity."

The main sections are diabetes, nutrition, physical activity and tobacco. Some topics are traditional foods, recipes, gardening and canning — subjects that tribal members from all over can use.

For example, a member with diabetes can get help understanding the disease, setting and reaching goals for control, eating healthy and getting physical activity.

Another section all members will find useful is the FAQ section. Members can submit a question and the experts will answer it in a forum everyone can share. It uses the tribe's health professionals to answer questions in a thorough and accurate manner, something important to Health Division Director Bonnie Culfa.

"We want to ensure information the membership finds on our website is accurate and complete," Culfa said.

The masthead is a photo of JKL Bahweting students walking to school together. "They embody our community," said Hillman.

Over the years, Sault Tribe Health has grown to offer comprehensive services—

medical, dental and behavioral health, pharmacy, community health and special programs like diabetes and nutrition. But health administration noticed a definite "disconnect" with the younger generation. Culfa realized why. If tribal health wanted to connect with the younger generation, it had to use a new communication style.

"We could capture that younger group who get their information through the web before other media by offering a website for the tech-savvy generation," said Culfa. "Those over 50 don't have that background. They'll read a reference book or call before looking into other sources. Younger people text, network, Google — it's a different communication pattern and we needed to branch out in that direction to reach them."

Culfa said each section is written by tribal health staff. Key staff in each area will be trained to keep the website updated. But the team couldn't create the website by themselves. They engaged the help of Kewadin Public Relations Director Michelle Bouschor, who assessed their needs and referred them to Martin Waymire, a public relations firm out of Lansing that often works with the Sault Tribe.

Hillman said they wanted all the depictions to be real Sault Tribe members. She recruited newspaper staff writer Brenda Austin to help scour the newspaper files and archives for appropriate images.

There were eight to 10 tribal health staff and three to four Martin Waymire staff at work on the website. They developed the site and its content, and ensured it was accurate and readable for young and old alike. Between the team and all its helpers, the one-and-a-half year project has come to completion and went live April 1.

Culfa and Hillman think that once the youth start looking at the site, they will apprise their grandparents of what they read, thus pulling both generations into a healthier community.

"We want to get the conversation going at home," Culfa said.



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Above, Community Health Program Director and Health Division Director Marilyn Hillman and Bonnie Culfa (L-R) review the home page of www.healthysaulttribe.com, seen below. Culfa is holding a flier that posted throughout the tribe to promote the website, with something for everyone of all ages.



Down Payment Assistance Program starts April 4

Program funds are available to lower the cost of buying a home.

The Down Payment Assistance Program is designed to assist Sault Tribe members in becoming owners of structurally sound homes.

The funds come from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Develop-

ment and are restricted to low-income tribal members.

Eligible applicants could receive up to \$9,500 to apply toward down payments and closing costs. Each participating applicant will need to contribute \$500 of their own money to receive the maximum grant of \$9,500, or 20 percent of the homes purchase price.

The program is open to Sault Tribe members who reside in the tribe's service area which covers Chippewa, Luce,

Mackinac, Alger, Schoolcraft, Delta and Marquette counties.

The program is open to members who have total incomes at or below 80 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size.

Participants must obtain a mortgage with a local lender.

The Housing Authority will assist applicants in demonstrating that they have stable income and the ability and willingness to meet financial obligations.

The program funds are avail-

able 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 an application to a bank or lender for a mortgage loan, assist with inspection concerns and aid in the real estate process.

Borrowers are required to participate in the home buyer education sessions designed to assist the home buyer in understanding and fulfilling the responsibility of home ownership.

This year's application period is from April 4 through May 13.

If you have any questions, please call Dana Piippo, home-ownership specialist, at 495-1450 or toll free at (800) 794-4072.

Manistique alliance implements plan

BY KERRY L. OTT
COORDINATOR

In October 2009, the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health project brought national walkability expert, Dan Burden, to conduct a walking assessment and workshop for Manistique. The basic goal of the alliance is to increase access to physical activity and healthy nutrition for all who live in or visit Manistique.

Burden's recommendations for our community, many of which related to improving sidewalks and other non-motorized transportation infrastructure, included safe crossings to our waterfront and possible bike lanes.

After many months of work and discussions with community groups and city administration, the alliance secured the passage of a Complete Streets resolution from the Manistique City Council in September 2010. "Compete Streets" are those that are designed for all users of all abilities and ages, not just motorized vehicles. Manistique was only the eighth community in the state of Michigan to pass a Complete Streets resolution and only the second in the Upper Peninsula. The city has mini-grant funds, along with the \$1,000 won by Team Manistique from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

during the 2010 Let's Get Moving-Community Challenge, slated to be used to possibly improve some pedestrian crossings in the community or to enhance street signs.

The alliance is currently granting \$5,000 to the city to develop a non-motorized transportation plan. Having a clear vision and plan in place will help assure consistency with future infrastructure projects and that Complete Streets practices are being included. The plan will also assist with applying for grants for further infrastructure projects.

Another alliance work group has been working with the city and Manistique Area Schools in developing a Safe Routes to School project and grant application. The application will be submitted in June 2011, and if funded will pay for sidewalks on key routes to school, possible infrastructure improvements at Manistique Area Schools, crossings, signs and pedestrian and bicycle safety education for grades K through 8.

When Burden was in our community, he talked a lot about place-making being important for every aspect of Manistique's well-being and future growth. Creating place can be as big as starting a ferry service on Lake Michigan or

as small as having decorative, consistent street and other signage throughout our town.

Perhaps the most visible work of the Manistique alliance to date is related to both creating place and increasing access to healthful foods — the Manistique Farmers' Market. We planned to have one preview or "test" Farmers' Market in 2010, but it was greeted with such enthusiasm by farmers and patrons that we set five more markets through September. A full season of Farmers' Markets is scheduled for 2011 on Wednesdays, June 1–Sept. 28, from 4–6 p.m. at Little Bear West Arena.

Ultimately, making Manistique an even better place to live and work will come from each of us stepping forward and doing little things that make a big difference. Working together will make us stronger in every way. Here are some ideas on how you can help:

— Would you serve on a work group for Safe Routes to School, Complete Streets or the Farmers' Market? (These groups don't just meet, they work!)

— Can you help keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow? This is a wonderful opportunity for neighbor to help neighbor and help the community at the

same time.

— If you live on a corner, will you make sure the sidewalks are clear to the street?

— Would you prune your hedges and trees so as not to be a sidewalk hazard?

— Would you consider volunteering to help with the Farmers' Market for a few weeks in the summer?

— Will you make a commitment to your own health and to your community to walk more, drive less, and shop at the Farmers' Market?

— Would you like to learn about starting a walking school bus program in your neighborhood?

If you want even more involvement, the alliance work groups meet on the third Friday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the Manistique City Hall. Call or email me for more information at 341-9561 or kott@saulttribe.net.

Creating a walkable and bikeable community and creating place is good for the health of our citizens and for the economic health of Manistique. These things will help make

people want to stop and visit our community. Place, along with easy access for walkers, bicyclists and other non-motorized transportation users, is most likely what will bring new businesses and new residents to our community as well. Manistique is already a nice place to be, but in this tough economic environment, whatever we can do to enhance the health of our families, and the economy of our city will make us a stronger, growing, vibrant community that people want to visit time and again, and a place businesses and their employees want to call home.

There is of course still a lot of work to do, but I do hope that you can see that the Manistique Strategic Alliance for Health is working diligently to make sure this is one plan that doesn't end up on the shelf. A quote from anthropologist, Margaret Mead is a good reminder for each of us in this project, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Doctor begins practice with Munising health services

BY HEALTH SERVICES STAFF

Located at the Grand Island Chippewa Community Center at 622 W. Superior Street in Munising, Dr. Colin Irish, D.O., is open for business and accepting tribal members, tribal member spouses and Sault Tribe employees in need of health care services. The tribal health services are located in the renovated "old" Lincoln School facility on M-28 in Munising. Appointments are available on most days and walk-ins can often be accommodated. (When accessing tribal health services, please enter the facility from the Superior Street entrance.)

In addition to family practice medicine, Irish is trained and proficient in osteopathic manipulation and acupuncture. Oftentimes, physical injuries or other conditions do not respond well to conventional medicine causing patients to search for solutions to difficult conditions. A precursor to chiropractic medicine, osteopathy was the original manual manipulation science. For those people who suffer from back ailments and spinal concerns, osteopathic manipulation can be helpful. If you are currently receiving chiropractic care, chances are good that you could receive those same services through our clinic. Also, acupuncture is a very old form of medicine that can be beneficial.

Asked why he chose to study acupuncture, Irish said, "Sometimes regular medicine



Dr. Colin Irish

doesn't work. For those times, it is nice to have another mode of treatment to offer patients."

Irish completed his bachelor's degree at Central Michigan University, his Doctor of Osteopathy degree at Des Moines University, his post-doctoral studies at Michigan State University and took training in acupuncture at UCLA. He currently is board certified in family practice and osteopathic manipulations and board eligible in acupuncture.

In an effort to keep our tribal members as healthy as possible while preventing some serious health conditions and to ensure that all aspects of well-being are addressed, tribal members are encouraged to have a physical examination at least once a year, which may include recommended immunizations and other health screenings.

In addition to the medical, osteopathic and acupuncture

services offered by Irish, the Grand Island Chippewa Community Center Tribal Health Services also offers traditional medicine services with traditional healers, Community Health nursing and technician services, registered dietician services, behavioral health and addiction counseling services, tobacco cessation and counseling services and general health education services.

All health services, except some specialty referrals, are offered at no cost for tribal members. For more information about these valuable health care benefits for tribal members, tribal spouses and tribal employees, contact the Grand Island Chippewa Community Center Tribal Health Services at 387-4721 or (800) 236-4705.

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- Income eligibility requirements.

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More Indian Country communications support

BY RICK SMITH

The latest in a series of actions in recent times taken by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to advance communications facilities for American Indian communities came last March when the agency adopted numerous new measures.

Essentially, the initiatives help strengthen and expand broadband, wireless telephone and radio communications in Indian Country.

In addition to renewing its focus on previous initiatives, the commission adopted a notice of inquiry that seeks comment on many issues

related to building communications facilities for tribes. It also adopted a notice of proposed rule making in expanding ability for efficient access to mobile wireless services to enable more choices in communicating, sharing information and reliable access to favored news sources. According to the agency, a further notice of proposed rule making will further expand radio broadcast opportunities for tribal entities to serve tribal communities.

Broadband issues the agency seeks to explore include a new Native Nations Broadband Fund, national broadband plan recommendations, exist-



ing models for best practices, a uniform definition of tribal lands, eligible telecommunications carrier designations, public safety opportunities and

challenges, best practices for cultural preservation and protection, satellite-based obstacles and costs, needs and challenges of people with disabilities and ways to strengthen the government-to-government dialogue between the agency and Indian nations.

Wireless telephone questions the commission would like to resolve deal with expanding licensing opportunities, bargaining with existing licensees for access in underserved areas in addition to an assortment of licensing and building innovations and proposals.

Last year, the FCC adopted a tribal priority giving prece-

dence to entities of federally recognized tribes in building needed radio services for their populations on tribal lands. Recognizing that many of the country's indigenous nations do not possess lands, the agency issued an order allowing waivers for non-landed tribes to take advantage of the tribal priority to establish radio services for their communities. In addition, it also adopted an alternative standard for tribes with small or irregularly shaped lands to use the priority provision to bring radio to their people.

Furthermore, the FCC modified its procedures for determining priority for new or relocated broadcast radio services. The agency believes the modification will help ensure a fair distribution of service to small rural communities along with urban areas. The commission also seeks comment on other rules regarding tribal priority as a qualification for commercial FM channel allotment and the tribal bidding credit.

Mongene accepts post for tribal housing

Sault Tribe member Mariea Mongene was promoted to assistant housing director effective as of Feb. 28.

Mongene has worked for Sault Tribe since 1991 in different capacities and accepted a position with the tribe's Housing Department in 1994. She has a variety of work experience accumulated from working in different positions in the department, most recently as a resident services manager for the past seven years.

The new assistant housing



Mariea Mongene recently accepted her new position as assistant housing director

director was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie and holds a degree in secretarial science from Bay Mills Community College and degrees in corrections and criminal justice from Lake Superior State University.

Mongene will be working out of the Housing Department's offices in Kincheloe, Mich. She'll have major responsibilities in strategic planning with a new focus on seeking funding opportunities and expanding services in addition to working directly

with all departmental functions and hopes to enhance services to residents.

Joni Talentino, Sault Tribe Housing Department director, welcomes Mongene into her new post, "I am pleased that Mariea has accepted this position, her leadership skills and knowledge of the housing program will be beneficial in the proactive approach the housing administration will take in enhancing and expanding housing services over the years."

Anderson joins STAY western region staff

Hello, I am Jessie Anderson, the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project administrative assistant for counties of the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

I was born and raised in Perkins, Mich., and have been an active Sault Tribe member since a very young age. My interests include horseback riding, camping with my husband and dogs, riding four-wheelers and spending time with my extended family and friends.

Along with being active in the tribe, I have also been an active member in youth oppor-



Jessie Anderson

tunities through 4-H since I was 5 years old. In 4-H, I was

taught the understanding of how groups of dedicated individuals can come together and reach remarkable boundaries. It is this information that I intend to bring to the table at the STAY Project.

I try to stay as active within our community as possible. I am very interested and determined in helping the STAY Project reach out and save our youth.

I am located in Escanaba, Mich., and I primarily work with youth in the age range of 10 to 18 years old. You will see me working with

youth in Alger County, Delta County, Marquette County and Schoolcraft County.

If you would like to discuss how the STAY Project can help your community, please feel free to stop in at my office or reach me on my office phone during the business hours of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Contact me a Jessie Anderson, email janderson@saulttribe.net, phone (906) 789-3192, fax (906) 789-3879, office address 1226 Wigob, Escanaba, MI 49829.

Tribal member Tiffany Menard comes home

Sault Tribe member Tiffany Menard has been named as the new manager of the tribe's Child Care Center. Menard is no stranger to the tribe's organization or community. She was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie until her family moved to Escanaba. She is the daughter of Rose Menard and Bob McKerchie and granddaughter of Hector and Dorothy Menard and Cub and Mary Joyce McKerchie.

She received her associate's in child care services and bachelor's in preschool and family life services from Northern Michigan University and her master's degree in special education from the University of Utah.

Menard first worked for the tribe as a JTPA student worker while attending Escanaba High School and an NMU student. She has many years of professional and informal experience



Child Care Center Manager Tiffany Menard with friend Gavin Averill from the center's infant room.

working with youth and their families.

Menard helped to initially develop the tribe's Early Head Start Program, serving as the first Early Head Start manager in 1998, when the tribe received its first Early Head Start grant. She has also taught at the tribe's Early Head Start Center.

Since leaving the tribe, Menard has lived in Montana, Utah and Colorado, working mainly with northern Cheyenne, Crow, Navajo and Ute children and families. Just prior to accepting her new position, she was teaching in a self-contained behavioral classroom at the Cortez Middle School in

Colorado.

"I am glad to be home working for my people once again and look forward to reestablishing myself as part of our community, though in all honesty I don't feel like I ever left home thanks to today's technology," said Menard. "The only thing I was really homesick for was our Great Lakes, as my perfect place to live would have a mountain in my backyard and Lake Superior in the front. I am excited for the challenges that lay ahead in making an already excellent program even better.

"We would also like to say chi miigwech to Sheila Bobay-Singh for doing such a wonderful job as our Child Care Center manager," said Menard. "We wish her and her family the best of luck in their new adventures in Indiana. She will truly be missed by the staff and children with whom she worked."

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Organizations bring new online financial education to American Indian students

By Rick Smith

The National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) and the American Indian College Fund developed four handbooks in a series titled, *Developing Your Vision While Attending College* especially for American Indian students considering enrolling or presently enrolled in colleges. The handbook series is available for viewing or downloading online at www.collegefund.org; select the "students and alumni" button, and under "resources," click on "handbooks and guides."

Book one, *Making the Decision to Attend College*, is geared for those who are contemplating the pursuit of a higher education, whether still in high school or as a returning student.

The book covers topics such as developing goals and making

the decision to attend college, academic preparation, dealing with career uncertainties, overcoming obstacles and others.

Paying for a College Education is the title of the second book. It covers a variety of scholarships and grants and how to find them in addition to avoiding scholarship scams. It further covers options such as federal Pell grants, work-study programs, tribal assistance and military options.

The third book, *Managing Your Money*, gives tips on financial survival for college students and introduces them to becoming financially organized, bank accounts, spending plans, benefits of good credit and other subjects.

Choosing Your Path, the final book in the series, examines and coaches on the transitional stages of college of either transferring from a two-year school



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to a four-year school, choosing graduate school or preparing to take a position in your career. Other topics related to leaving one's alma mater are covered as well.

"American Indians are at a disadvantage financially when planning for college due to high levels of poverty and unemployment on Indian reservations, making it even more important that Native peoples plan their resources carefully.

"We are thrilled to have the support of the National Endowment for Financial Education, with whom we collaborated to develop these important tools that can help Natives successfully navigate the road to getting into college from a financial standpoint.

"Wise financial planning is integral to getting into and staying in college to ensure students' academic and career success," said American Indian College Fund President and chief executive officer Richard

B. Williams.

Brent Neiser, senior director at the National Endowment for Financial Education, added, "Planning and preparation can lead to community success in achieving goals. This holds true in terms of an individual's finances too. Having knowledge of the fundamental concepts of money management, paired with tribal values and higher education are tremendously beneficial in both community and individual settings."

For more information about the American Indian College Fund, visit www.collegefund.org.

More about the National Endowment for Financial Education is available at www.nefe.org.

New audiologist in Sault Ste. Marie

George Zenker, Sault Tribe's new audiologist based in Sault Ste. Marie, has 13 years experience working as an audiologist. He received his doctor of clinical audiology (AuD) degree from Central Michigan University and worked in multiple areas of audiology including physician, hospital and private practice settings. Dr. Zenker has experience in electrophysiology (measuring electrical signals) and videonystagmography (balance testing), but he is particularly interested in science-based hearing aid applications.

He enjoys family life with his wife and three children.

Audiology services are available every Thursday at the Sault Tribe Health Center.



Dr. George Zenker

Patient care is provided either by referral or through direct appointments, which can be made by calling Sault Tribe Health Center scheduling office at (906) 632-5230.

Women's spring fast set

The 2011 women's spring fast is set at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island for May 6-7. All women are welcome.

We see and feel the effects of global warming more and more each year — birds and fish dying by the thousands, the devastation in Japan — we must step up and do all we can to help.

We urge all women to consider participating in this year's fast. Through fasting for creation we also are blessed, miigwech for your participation.

Participants will meet at the culture camp on Friday, May 6, try to be there by 7 p.m.

Please let us know if you are attending. We should be finished by 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 7.

Bring tobacco, sweat clothes (no metal), towel, dress or skirt for fasting wear, sleeping bag, tarp (if wet weather), food for the feast following the fast, your own dishes and eating utensils and snacks for Friday evening.

It would be appropriate to bring gifts for the conductor of the fast, the cook and fire keepers.

If you have any questions, call Laura Collins at 632-0236 or Peggy Hemenway at 632-0220. The camp phone number is 635-5604.

Dental team visits JKL PSA

By Brenda Austin

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — On March 9, JKL Bahweting Anishnabe PSA hosted a mobile dentist Smile Program that provided dental services to 35 kids.

Mobile dentist Dr. Pat Mack and Dental Hygienist Debbie Giannone set up a dental office for the day in a conference room at the school bringing their dental equipment with them; including compressors, chairs, portable x-ray machines, sterilizers, high and low volume suction, air water syringe and focused lights.

The team provided dental exams, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants and when needed fillings, stainless steel crowns and simple extractions.

School Nurse Lisa Corbiere said the program provides a flexible service for parents while providing dental care for kids in a non-threatening way. "Many kids are afraid of the dentist until they get here and see there is nothing to be afraid of," she said.

According to Corbiere, Smile Program flyers are sent home every fall explaining the program. Parents have an application to complete and those with insurance can bill directly to their insurance carrier. Children not covered by insurance can apply for grant assistance. According to the program's website, no child is turned away



Photo by Brenda Austin

Joe Davie, 11, a fifth grader in Ms. Stec's class at JKL, received a dental exam during a visit from the mobile dentist Smile Program.

because of financial need.

Corbiere said when the program first visited the school three years ago, only four students were registered to receive treatment. Since that time, parents have become more aware of the program with more participation each year.

Co-founders of the Smile Programs, Margo Woll, D.D.S. and Marcy Borofsky, D.D.S., said that tooth decay is the most

common chronic and infectious disease among children. Poor oral health, according to Woll and Borofsky also causes other health issues including poor nutrition, slow growth in toddlers and an increase in bacteria in the blood and respiratory systems.

For more information about the mobile dentist Smile Program, visit www.mobiledentists.com.

STAY conferences scheduled for April

The Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project will host *Empowering Lives – Empowering Communities* conferences this month with keynote speakers Jay Banks, Tina Meier, Terry Wise and Rupert Boneham, whom you may recognize from the hit TV show *Survivor*.

The STAY Project invites the community, professionals and youth to participate in its two-day conference but space is limited. Registration for this conference is free. Please join us in learning how we

can empower our own lives to greater empower our communities.

Dates and locations of the two-day conferences are April 26-27 in Sault Ste. Marie at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center and April 28-29 in Marquette at Holiday Inn of Marquette.

The conferences host a variety of local and national speakers who have prepared workshops on suicide prevention, bullying, risk and protective factors, traditional Native American tenets and healthy

lifestyles.

The STAY Project of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Education Department seeks ways to reduce suicides in our service area. This is no easy task, but with your support and participation, the STAY Project hopes to learn new ways to reach out to our youth and empower the lives and efforts of our community, professionals and youth.

To register for the conferences, call (906) 635-8629 or email stayproject@saulttribe.net.

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Graduate tribal governing program opens

By RICK SMITH

The University of Minnesota Duluth begins the Master of Tribal Administration and Governance (MTAG) program this fall. The two-year program is hailed as the first of its kind and is designed to prepare American Indian graduate students for tribal leadership and management roles through coursework based in ethics.

The program was developed at the request of tribes who also helped shape the program to fill perceived needs of Indian Country. According to the university, the 35 tribes of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes officially support the program as do tribal governments of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Iowa.

The university's board of regents approved the program last February that focuses on issues related to reservations

as well as intergovernmental relationships between tribes, states and federal entities. The curriculum covers subjects such as tribal sovereignty, budgets, finance and accounting, tribal management, federal Indian law and leadership.

Among those invited to study under the program are tribal administrators, leaders and professionals or those who may want to pursue careers in those fields. According to the university, the program is based on the formal and informal roles such people serve in support of their tribes and "traditional language and culture is an important thread throughout the program."

Classes will include online instruction and meetings every three weeks on Fridays and Saturdays to accommodate students who live outside of the Duluth area. The program requires students to develop on-



Professor Tadd Johnson of the University of Minnesota Department of Indian Studies and the Master of Tribal Administration and Governance program director.

reservation projects as part of their study.

Professor Tadd Johnson, chair of the UMD Department

of American Indian Studies and program director, indicated the class schedule is a low-residency schedule designed to allow members of American Indian tribes from throughout the Midwest to attend.

The university hopes to recruit at least 25 students by the start of the program in August. Those interested in the new program should contact Johnson at (218) 726-6878 or via email at taddjohn@d.umn.edu. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2011, but late applications will be accepted through June 15, 2011.

"We spent a long time putting this together with the tribes and we'd love some people from Michigan to take advantage it," said Johnson.

Johnson is an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Bois Forte Band, and graduate of the University

of Minnesota Law School. In addition to his professorship, he is co-producer and co-host of the PBS program *Native Report* and has served in various tribal capacities as an administrator, attorney, judge and has taught numerous courses on federal Indian law and American Indian history. He also served as counsel and staff director to the United States House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources in the Office of Indian Affairs and the Subcommittee on Native American Affairs from 1990 to 1995. He was appointed by President Clinton to chair the National Indian Gaming Commission during that administration. In addition, he served as a faculty member of the National Judicial College and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

YouthGo.gov: outdoor fun, jobs, internships

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A new website for youth will serve as a one-stop shop for information on job and internship opportunities, upcoming outdoor events, educational resources and more.

YouthGo.gov is designed to help young people get out, get

involved, and get a job when it comes to the great outdoors.

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar said, "Young people are the next generation of conservationists and we must empower them to take a leadership role in shaping their future."

The new website – www.YouthGO.gov – is part of an Interior-wide effort to engage young people in recreation and conservation efforts and to increase employment and career opportunities.

After establishing a Youth in the Great Outdoors office, Interior hired more than 21,000 youth in 2010 – an increase of 45 percent over the previous year. The website features links to a wide variety

of internships and seasonal and permanent job opportunities within Interior, ranging from working concessions in a National Park to building trails on public lands.

The website, spearheaded by the National Conservation Training Center of the Fish and Wildlife Service, will also serve as a means for federal partners, educators, and community organizations to showcase their events and employ-

ment opportunities.

Youth can also share their stories – and find ways to interact with federal agencies and partners directly.

Youth employment, education and engagement is a top priority of President Obama's America's Great Outdoors initiative to establish a recreation and conservation ethic for the 21st century based on the priorities of American communities.

Tribal Elder gets surprise 84th birthday party



Joyce Merriam of Naubinway was honored with a surprise birthday party to celebrate her 84th birthday on Feb. 15. Daughter Barb Woody planned the surprise. There were 13 ladies to help celebrate with her. While there she received several phone calls of good birthday wishes.

Joyce has two other daughters, Louise Harris and Leona Skonberg, two sons Lyle and Merle Merriam. Joyce has 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She enjoys reading and going for coffee with the girls. Many more happy birthdays Joyce from Karen and the girls.

April is...

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Please join the
Advocacy Resource Center
as we walk to
Raise Awareness on Sexual Assault
issues in our community.

When: Wednesday, April 20th
Where: Sault Tribe Admin Bldg
American Café
Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

There will be a social gathering
and lunch following the walk.

IT'S TIME ... TO GET INVOLVED
Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention

Sault Tribe 2011 memorial and tributary scholarships deadline arriving soon

The deadline this year falls on June 1, 2011, and submissions for scholarships must include cover letters stating which scholarships applicants desire, higher education applications for the 2011-12 school year, W-9 taxpayer identification form for the 2011-12 school year, copy of Sault Tribe identification card and a 300-500 word essay answer to the question, "How will accomplishing my educational goals allow me to give back to my tribe?"

Mail all items to ATTN: Scholarships, Sault Tribe Higher Education Program, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or email as pdf documents to HigherEducation@saulttribe.net or fax to (906) 635-7785.

It is recommended you save documentation of date, time and content of paperwork sent to the Higher Education Program.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Bernard Bouschor

Honorary Scholarships, 10 at \$1,000 each for any field of study, any undergraduate degree at any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

John P. Carr Scholarship, one at \$1,000 for a permanent resident of Unit V in any field of study, any undergraduate degree at any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

Don Corp Scholarship, one at \$1,000. Must be pursuing undergraduate degree in history, historical preservation, museum studies or other history-related field at any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

Pamela Cable Gershon Scholarship, one at \$150. Must be a 2011 graduating high school senior with a minimum 2.50 GPA and reside within the tribe's seven-county service area. Must be accepted into a two or four-year college or university in any field of study.

Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship, one at \$1,000.

Must be at least one-quarter Indian blood quantum (verified by Tribal Enrollment Department), enrolled in a Michigan public college or university in a teacher education program and be at least a college junior. Full-time status. Must have minimum 3.00 GPA cumulative (submit transcript).

Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship, one at \$1,000. Must be at least one-quarter Indian blood quantum (verified by Tribal Enrollment Department) in any field of study at any accredited college or university. Must be at least a college junior. Full-time status. Must have minimum 3.00 GPA cumulative (submit transcript).

Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship, one at \$1,000. Must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree in social work, social services or related human services field of study. Any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

Vic Matson, Sr. Tributary

Scholarship, one at \$1,000. Must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree in fisheries or natural resources management or related field of study at any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship, one at \$1,000. Must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree in tribal law, law enforcement, legal studies, political science or public administration at any accredited college or university in the United States. Must be at least a college sophomore. Full-time status. Must be in good academic standing (submit transcript).

June Curran Porcaro

Scholarship, one at \$1,000. Must have been homeless, displaced or in the foster care system during your lifetime or pursuing a degree in the human services field with a career goal to work with such individuals. Must demonstrate financial need.

Special Needs Scholarship, four at \$1,000, two awards for age 18 and older and two awards for students under age 18. Must have a documented physical or emotional disability (submit letters from physicians, mental health providers or special education professionals). Must indicate what educational purpose for which the scholarship will be used and an itemized list of expected costs.

News from our tribal health services

BY BONNIE CULFA
HEALTH DIRECTOR
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Spring is here and with that come the thoughts of rebirth and new things. With that said, I am very excited to share with you a couple of new things coming to the Health Division that will help encourage all of us to become healthier. First, we will be offering a new website, www.healthysaulttribe.com, that will be a great place to check out information at your convenience to help learn how to live healthier and prevent disease.

There, one will find information on physical activity, events and challenges, traditional foods, recipes, nutrition,

diabetes, tobacco and an "ask the expert" section for question and answers.

We are venturing into another means of communication for our tech savvy generation of tribal members who obtain information online rather than from a newspaper article or telephone call. The site will be up and running on April 1, so check it out. (This is not an April fool's joke).

We also are sponsoring a couple of conferences in Community Health. On May 7, is "Girls Becoming Strong 'Nish Women" conference which is a one day event for girls 13-17 to learn self acceptance, healthy relationships, cultural heritage and empowering

them for bright futures.

The other conference is "Taking Action for Healthy Communities" as part of our Strategic Alliance for Health (SAH) grant. This conference May 15-17 is to promote healthy communities looking at policy, systems and environmental changes that can be adopted to support healthy lifestyle choices. This is being held on Mackinac Island and has many renowned experts presenting on making our communities more livable and healthier. For more information on either of these conferences call the Community Health Services at (906) 632-5209.

Enjoy the spring weather, Baamaapii, Bonnie

Education Department introduces new question for scholarship essay contests

The question posed to college students that must be answered as they pursue the many Sault Tribe scholarships in 2011 is "How will accomplishing my goals allow me to give back to my tribe?"

"The new question puts the focus on how an educated member can help the tribe rather than the previous question, which asked students about their goals in general," said Education Director Angeline Bouley-Matson. "It is very important to reinforce to our college students that education pursued for individual benefit is wonderful, but viewing education as part of a larger picture calls attention to a collective benefit for the tribe. It is along the lines of the quote made famously by President John F. Kennedy, 'Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.'"

The tribe offers 23 scholarships every year, most are for \$1,000. Each scholarship has different eligibility criteria, but all have the same deadline of June 1, 2011.

For exact requirements and

to download applications and flyers, visit www.saulttribe.com. For any questions, contact Brandi MacArthur at (906) 635-7784, toll-free at 1 (855) 635-7784 or by email at bmacarthur@saulttribe.net.

Cloverland extends deadline for teen days applications

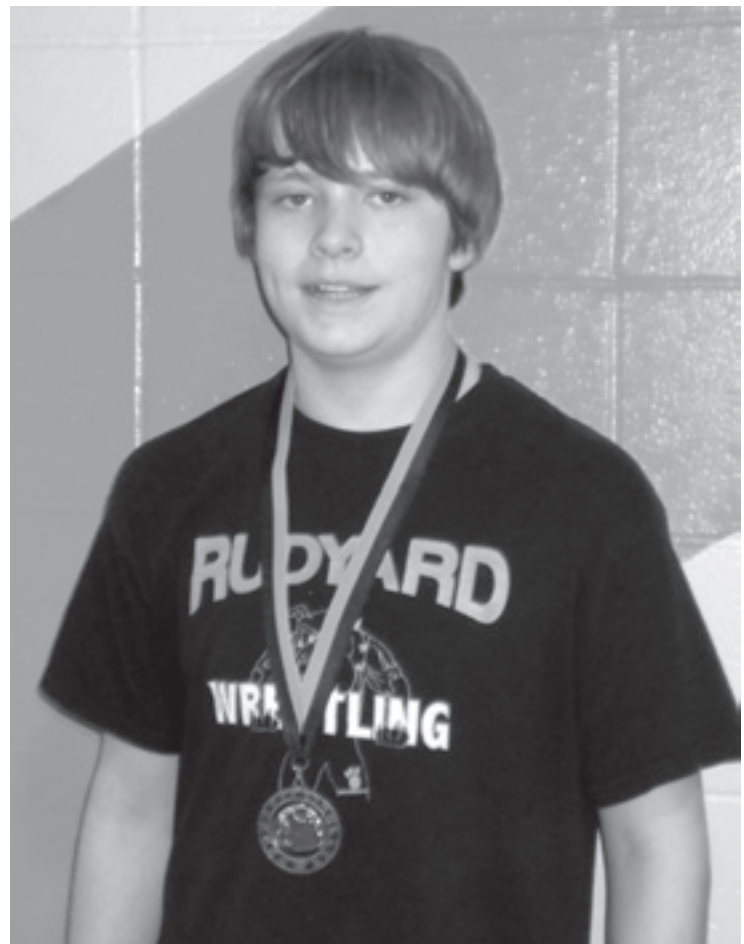
Cloverland Electric Cooperative seeks high school students aged 16-17 to participate in Michigan Electric Teen Days, April 27-29. Participants will join other students for a three-day adventure at the Kettunen Center near Cadillac and learn about co-op operations, career opportunities and electricity.

Activities include a utility pole climb, visits to TV 9&10, an energy control center and many safety and energy efficiency demonstrations. Cloverland will sponsor up to

five students for Teen Days with travel, meals and lodging.

If you're a high school sophomore or junior who will be 16-17 by June and your home or cabin is served by Cloverland, you are eligible to apply. Applications are online at www.cloverland.com. The application deadline has been extended to April 13.

Students attending Teen Days will automatically be considered for an all-expense paid trip to the National Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 11-16.



Wrestler Jace Jenerou, 12, who wrestles for the Rudyard Youth Wrestling Club, had an excellent season with a record of 21-1, with 17 consecutive pins for the season. Jace has a first place in the regionals and headed to the state championship in Battle Creek on March 25.

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Please be responsible if you must part from your pet.

Some cautionary advice

Dear editor:

In light of the case involving a West Virginia man accused of holding a woman hostage while he tortured and killed at least 29 dogs he obtained through classified ads, I urge readers to never advertise animals “free to a good home” or place them without proper adoption fees (AP story*).

Many cruel people obtain animals through ads and sell them to laboratories, use them in dogfights or rituals, or worse. Such people often specialize in deception, so simply meeting prospective adopters isn’t enough to ensure that your animal will be in safe hands. A Wisconsin man named Barry Herbeck, who was convicted of torturing and killing animals he obtained through “free to a good home” ads, confessed to

taking his kids with him when answering the ads so that people would be comfortable turning animals over to him.

If you must part with your animals, please, do the humane and responsible thing and take them to a reputable, open-admission animal shelter. There they will be safe, cared for, loved and will have a chance at finding a new home.

To learn more, visit www.peta.org.

Sincerely,
— Daphna Nachminovitch
 Vice president, Cruelty Investigations Department
 People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)
 Norfolk, Va.

(* Editor’s note: This news story was confirmed — dailymail.com/policebrfs/201103101047 is one example).

LSSU offers “edventure” camps beginning in July

Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie offers fun and educational summer camps for kids to enjoy.

The camps begin in July, get brochures and register online at www.lssu.edu/summercamps.

One example of the many offerings is a week-long acting camp for students in grades 9 to 12 that starts July 17. Throughout the week, campers will be offered an intensive opportunity to develop acting talents while broadening their understanding and ability across a diverse range of acting contexts and approaches—from improvisation and scene study to monologues and character development.

Furthermore, campers will engage in the art of playwriting, creating scripts that will be performed and directed by campers as part of a culminating final performance at the LSSU Arts Center.

This camp is an ideal experience for those looking to explore, challenge, and improve their acting skills and technique, as well as those considering a future in the performing arts.

The cost is \$625 to live on campus, \$250 commute to campus.

Other camps engage students in subjects such as aquatic ecology and fisheries science, biomedical science, criminal

justice, dance, environmental science, field ecology, fire science, outdoor adventures, photography, web technologies, engineering and robotics.

The aquatic ecology and fisheries science camp, as another example, begins on July 10 and shows high school students about the critters that lurk in Michigan’s waters. The students learn skills in capturing, identifying and comparing the animal communities, from insects to fish, that live in the local streams, rivers and lakes.

The students will gain experience using basic aquatic ecology research techniques and equipment, including nets, traps, seines and water quality meters in addition to learning the basics of fishery science with faculty from the LSSU Aquatic Research Laboratory.

One more example, the outdoor adventure camp is for students in grades 6 to 8 and is limited to 12 participants. This camp includes a day of sailing aboard the Inland Seas, a 77-foot, two-masted schooner, on July 22. The schooner’s capacity is 32 hardy souls and the extra vacancies are on a first-come, first-served basis.

To learn more about the camps, to register or learn more about other opportunities at the university, visit the LSSU website.

MIEA taking applications for academic rewards

Attention students with excellent grades or perfect attendance — School-aged Sault Tribe members are eligible for the Student Incentive Program for the first two marking periods in the 2010-11 school year. The program rewards students for getting all A grades, perfect attendance or both.

Students must be in grades 4-12 to be rewarded for excellent grades and enrolled in grades K-12 for perfect attendance. Students may receive \$25 for grade excellence and \$25 for

perfect attendance for each marking period for a maximum total of \$100 for the eligible marking periods.

If the number of applications exceeds the funding available, a lottery will be used.

The program is sponsored by the Michigan Indian Elders Association, please follow all directions on the applications and mail so that they are received by the 5 p.m., April 11 deadline to Sheligh Jackson, c/o MIEA, 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Michigan Indian Elders Association 2010/2011 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(voluntary):		All A’s Number of marking periods	Perfect Attendance 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.

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: Sheligh Jackson, in-care of., Michigan Indian Elders Association, 7070 E Broadway, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858.

All information Must Be Received by 5:00 p.m. on April 11, 2011 to be eligible for the program.

Teen Court seeks teen staff Become an officer of the Sault Tribe Teen Court, learn about the law, how it works and if it’s a career for you

Want to have a voice and make a positive impact in your tribal community? Do you want to make a difference in the lives of troubled youth? Then Teen Court may be for you!

Teen Court is a real sentencing court for first time juvenile offenders, who are referred to as the respondent. The respondent (defendant) is represented and prosecuted by teen attorneys and goes before a jury of teen peers who decide how the respondent will be held accountable for their actions.

The jury is presented with evidence relevant to disposition (sentencing), deliberates and renders a binding sentence for the offender. Dispositions may include community service, papers, jury duty, findings

Teen Court is seeking the assistance of the tribe’s youth with the design of the new Teen Court logo. The winning design will receive a \$50 value prize to be determined and the winning design will become the official logo for the Teen Court and incorporated into the Teen Court manual and policies as well as used on the uniforms participants wear during all Teen Court hearings.

employment and curfews.

Teen Court members will be trained in and have the opportunity to participate as each of the different roles in actual cases — prosecutor, defense attorney, bailiff, clerk, and jury member.

The Teen Court will be accepting applications starting May 1 for the summer sessions, which will start June 28 and run for eight weeks. For applications, please contact the Probation Department of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court at 635-7742. Applications can also be downloaded from the Sault Tribe website, www.saulttribe.com, under the Judicial tab.

“No matter how far down the wrong road you’ve gone, turn around.” — Anonymous

A year after health care reform the discourse of termination returns in the battle of ideas



By MARK TRAHANT

Just over a year ago President Barack Obama signed the health care reform bill into law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. That measure, of course, also includes the permanent authorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

So what has happened since the president signed the bill into law on March 23, 2010? That

question cannot be answered. Not yet. Part of the answer is working its way through the court system with legal challenges. And other parts of the answer are stuck in a political debate even as federal agencies continue to write rules for its implementation.

The administration has lived up to the spirit and the intent of the health care reform law. A new report by the National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Health Board and the National Council of Urban Indian Health says it this way: "... the President's budget was a true commitment to the successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act. The FY12 budget shows increased funding for IHS, Administration on Aging, and Health Resources

and Services Administration."

Indeed the president asked Congress for a 14 percent increase for programs such as the always underfunded Contract Health Services, alcohol and substance abuse, facility construction and to implement the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

In any other year that all would be great news. But the rub is that Congress, not the president, appropriates money. And that process is left hanging by the deep divide in Congress about the very nature and role of the federal government.

The new law, for example, sets out a funding formula for IHS, tribal contracted or tribal organization health care facilities based on what is spent for health insurance for federal employees. The "need" is at least 55 percent of that benchmark, but even with recent gains the spending-level remains at about 46 percent. At best allies of tribes in Congress are talking about protecting the Indian health system -- not securing additional money. It's going to be a tough sell on Capitol Hill to get even modest funding.

It's important to remember that most of the money that will be required for health care comes from the entitlement portion of the budget. That

is Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance.

This is money on automatic pilot. If a person is eligible, the money is supposed to be there without an annual appropriation. But the money for the Indian health system requires Congress to act in the affirmative. It has to agree to spend the money. That difference is why there's always a shortage of money and a failure to reach the 55 percent federal employee benchmark.

We in Indian Country understand health care as a federal government obligation. We know the history -- and have been painful witnesses to the shortage of funds. I bring this up because there's another narrative surfacing; one that parallels the language used decades ago to justify termination of federal services.

First, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul called for the elimination of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and a drastic reduction in Indian health spending. Then last week Fox's John Stoessel said: "Why is there a Bureau of Indian Affairs? There is no Bureau of Puerto Rican Affairs or Black Affairs or Irish Affairs. And no group in America has been more helped by the government than the American Indians, because we have the treaties, we stole their land. But

200 years later, no group does worse."

Rand and Stoessel might as well have attributed their ideas to Sen. Arthur Watkins. A generation ago the Republican from Utah was the congressional champion of termination. He promised to "free the Indians" from all those special restrictions against private property (the same ones Stoessel talked about on Fox). "This is not a novel development, but a natural outgrowth of our relationship with the Indians," Watkins wrote in 1957. "...After all, the matter of freeing the Indian from wardship status is not rightfully a subject to debate in academic fashion, with facts marshalled here and there to be maneuvered and countermaneuvered in a vast battle of words and ideas."

By every measure termination was a disaster as a public policy. It was legal theft and a failure so great that even a casual reference should be outside that battle of words and ideas.

Mark Trahant is a writer, speaker and Twitter poet. He is a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and lives in Fort Hall, Idaho. Trahant's recent book, The Last Great Battle of the Indian Wars, is the story of Sen. Henry Jackson and Forrest Gerard.

Feds seek child care disaster, emergency planning readiness

State, tribal and territorial grantees across the country are receiving help from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop comprehensive emergency preparedness and response plans specific for child care. The guidance was prepared by HHS' Administration for Children and Families, in partnership with the National Commission on Children and Disasters and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Nearly 12 million young children are in child care each week. In the event of a major disaster it is critical to ensure children in child care centers and family child care homes are safe and secure and reunited with their parents. In addition, after a disaster, re-opening and rebuilding child care is a key element to recovery efforts and restoring the economic health of communities.

"This administration is committed to reforms that ensure that children are healthy and safe when they are in child care," said David A. Hansell, HHS acting assistant secretary for children and families. "This new guidance is a step in that direction by helping to ensure child care programs are prepared for emergencies and disasters and assisting states to provide the appropriate support to help families rebuild their lives in the aftermath of a disaster."

A recent report, released October 2010, by the National Commission on Children and Disasters (NCCD) recommended that states develop state-wide child care disaster plans in coordination with state and local emergency managers, public health officials, state child care regulatory agencies and

child care resource and referral agencies.

"Child care is an essential service that must be provided during and immediately after a disaster," said Mark Shriver, Chairperson of the National Commission on Children and Disasters. "This guidance is a critical resource to help states plan and respond effectively to the child care needs of families. I commend our partners at ACF and FEMA for making child care disaster planning a top priority," Shriver said.

The Office of Child Care's guidance provides a framework that outlines five key areas that states should consider when developing and updating plans: Planning for continuation of services to CCDF families, coordinating with emergency management agencies and key partners, regulatory requirements and technical assistance for child care providers, provision of temporary child care services after a disaster and rebuilding child care after a disaster.

"Children are a part of every community, but too often in the past they've been left out of emergency planning or thought of only after the initial plan has been written," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "This guidance highlights the progress being accomplished to ensure that the unique needs of children are not only considered, but fully integrated into all of our emergency planning and coordination efforts."

To see emergency preparedness guidance, visit www.acf.hhs.gov.

For more information on the National Commission on Children and Disasters visit www.childrenanddisasters.acf.hhs.gov/.

IT'S TIME ... TO GET INVOLVED

Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention

Many individuals have a misconception of who or what is a rapist. The typical offender is not wearing a mask or lurking in dark corners. The offender is rarely a stranger and is often someone the victim knows and trusts, such as a family member, acquaintance, friend and even an intimate partner. More than half of all sexual assault incidents have been reported to happen within one mile of victims' homes or in victims' homes.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, a person is sexually assaulted every two minutes. It is the most under reported crime and predominately affects women and children. Men experience sexual assault, but the percentage is significantly smaller. Men are also least likely to report the crime of a sexual assault.

Sexual assault is a violation of human rights and is a crime not only against individuals, but also their communities. Prevention and elimination of sexual assault is the responsibility of the whole community.

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, please contact the Advocacy Resource Center. Whatever your reactions or fears may be, support and help are available for you. Our staff can assist you, regardless of whether you decide to report the assault to the police.

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Sexual Assault
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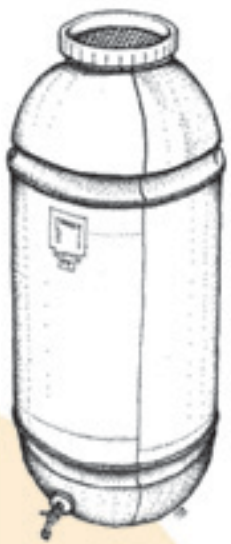


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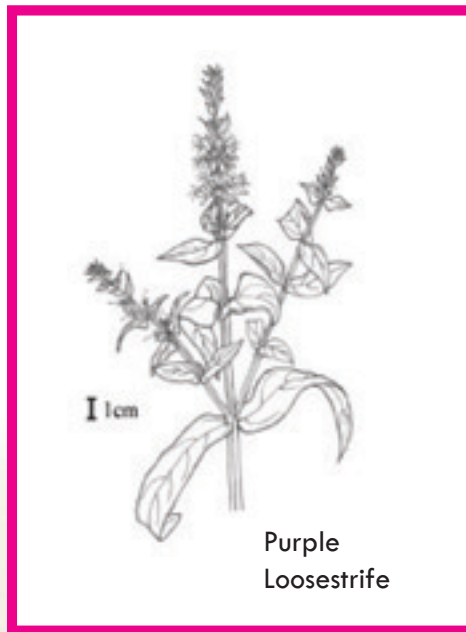
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Agenda & Activities

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| <p>10:00 Opening ceremony
EnviroScape Game
Groundwater Model Game
Potting Purple Loosestrife</p> <p>10:30 Habitat Game
Make Your Own Mini-Rainbarrel</p> <p>11-11:45 Joe Reilly - Bringing the Love Tour</p> <p>12:00 Lunch - Chili and Frybread for purchase,
Garbage-Free event!
EnviroScape Game
Groundwater Model Game</p> <p>12:30 Vermicomposting - Separate the worms!
Habitat Game
Make Your Own Mini-Rainbarrel</p> <p>1:00 Joe Reilly - Songwriting Workshop
EnviroScape
Groundwater Model</p> <p>1:30 Habitat Game
Make Your Own Mini-Rainbarrel</p> | <p>2:00 EnviroScape Game
Groundwater Model</p> <p>2:30-3:15 Joe Reilly Bringing the Love Tour</p> <p>3:30 Habitat Game
Make Your Own Mini-Rainbarrel</p> <p>4:00 Closing Ceremony</p> |
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ALL DAY ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION BOOTHS

- 🌿 Food gathering and edible wild plants.
- 🌿 Make and take a reuseable cloth shopping bag.
- 🌿 Black ash basketry demonstration and EAB info.
- 🌿 Electronic waste – recycle it on June 2-3!
- 🌿 Household Hazardous Waste collection day.
- 🌿 Indoor air quality and asthma: mold, radon, etc.
- 🌿 Cloverland Electric – handouts and giveaways
- 🌿 Bayliss Public Library.
- 🌿 Historical Society.

More Activities Being Planned!

Food!
Games!
Booths!
Displays!
Activities!
Family Fun!
Entertainment!

ANA Bawating language immersion camps

FROM SAULT TRIBE CULTURE DEPARTMENT STAFF

Sault Tribe was awarded one of 40 language preservation grants out of 376 applications received for fiscal year 2009 Administration for Native Americans funding. The tribe was awarded a \$437,970 three-year grant to fund a language immersion camp project. The grant will support four immersion camps each year for a total of 12 camps to increase the language skills of 30 students. Our first-year goal is to increase the number of students who can speak conversational Anishinaabemowin.

Sault Tribe continues to recognize the importance of language preservation. There are ongoing language classes at various sites throughout the service area. Classes are scheduled weekly in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Newberry, Munising and Hessel by Orient Corbiere and Leonard Kimewon. Theresa Lewis conducts language instruction for the Early Childhood

Education Program in Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace. Together, the instructors deliver Anishinaabemowin for all age groups in the Sault Tribe.

Our first immersion camp was on Feb. 17-20 at the Mary Murray Cultural Camp on Sugar Island. Additional fluent Ojibwe language instructors were hired who serve as language mentors at the camp. Many students prepared for this event



by studying phrases offered in the several Sault Tribe language classes. The students learned and used everyday phrases in the language, such as “gziibiigzhen kizhep” (wash yourself in the morning) and “miinwaa niibna gziibiignigan nakaazan” (and use a lot of soap).

Language Instructor Theresa Lewis said, “I enjoy hearing the language spoken more in



the community by children, students, and especially nookmisag and mishomisag nishin.”

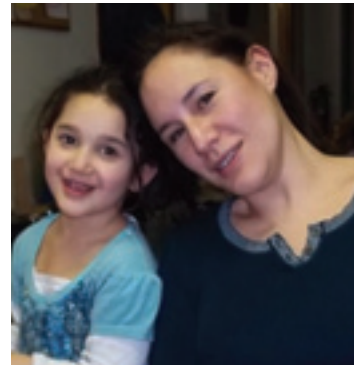
Everyday cooking phrases were spoken and often heard over the weekend such as “gziinjiin jigwaa jiibaakweyin” (wash your hands before you cook), “miinwaa maanda pizwin biiskan” (and put this apron on) and “maage nsaakbidoon gzaapkizgan” (or turn on the stove). Everyone participated in various activities from peeling potatoes to setting up and cleaning after meals using the language.

“The teachers were great — patient, skillful, positive and told stories,” said student Susan Askwith. “The stories were both general and stories that used familiar daily activities and items.”

This cultural camp was associated with bboon (winter) season. For our first camp, we offered leatherwork with



the focus on moccasin and mitten making. The language instructors shared their expertise in leather craftwork and instructed us in making our leather craft works. We learned more language while crafting with various tools and objects, such as “zaa egizigan” (leather), “moozhiwaagan” (scissors), “naagdobiyan nizhigan” (trace pattern), “zhaabinigan” (needle), “jiitedehaabiinhs” (sinew), “aandagowaaswin” (thimble), “biitoogwaajigan” (lining), and “magoos” or “bagonegan” (awl or hole puncher).



“I loved learning more of the language — I have improved. I loved working with the leather because it’s something I’ve been wanting to learn,” student Alicia Gervais said. “I also loved receiving guidance, advice and teaching from the wonderful people who attended camp. I can’t forget the laughter.”

Our next camp is set for April



28-May 1 with our activity centered on beadwork and leatherwork. Classes for this year will be on June 23-26; August 18-21 and November 17-20.

For more information, or to receive an application, please call (906) 635-6050.



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FEATURED TOPICS:

- ◆ *Healthy relationships*
- ◆ *Self acceptance*
- ◆ *Native traditions and cultural heritage*
- ◆ *Life skills; managing money, job hunting, preparing for college, etc.*

March a busy month for tribe's culture camp

BY ADRIENNE SHIPMAN, COORDINATOR

March has been a busy month for the Mary Murray Culture Camp Program. We had two camps this month and in the middle of the sugar bush season.

Craft camp took place March 11 and 12 with 12 participants teaching and learning new skills. Many of the teenagers worked on appliqué beadwork and caught on quick. The younger participants enjoyed making bone and brass bead chokers, while one "old pro" worked on peyote stitch.

The kids worked diligently and there was a lot of concentrated effort mixed with singing and laughter. Randy, our maintenance technician, took advan-

tage of the beautiful weather to tap more trees in preparation of sugaring.

On March 18 and 19 we had JKL Bahweting immersion weekend with the focus on sugar bush and storytelling with 22 participants joining us to celebrate our traditions. As always, we had our talking circle, dinner and a movie Friday night. Story time began with Native language instructor Leonard Kimewan sharing Anishinaabemowin and then a talking circle with camp assistant Lori Gambardella, who shared a story from a book by Basil Johnson that explained how the Anishinaabeg discovered maple syrup and maple sugar quite by accident.

The kids were challenged to

create their own story around a circle with each participant adding a sentence and then everyone in the circle worked together to develop a story that had a lesson to impart. The group went for a walk along the nature trail and with the help of elders Mick Frechette and Kimewan, practiced tree identification and tasted maple sap. Mick showed them the old way of tapping trees and then everyone was able to experience how to tap a tree and helped to collect sap from the trees that were already tapped.

The weather was beautiful and added to a splendid day filled with lots of traditional teachings, new skills and experiences and above all – teamwork.



Above, Chickie Shipman makes a choker at the Sault Tribe Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island while learning about craft work at one of the camp's sessions. Below, Mickey Frechette shows youngsters how to work with birch bark when making crafts for many different practical or decorative uses. At bottom, a container is put to use to collect maple sap. The camp hosts an assortment of learning sessions for young and not so young to learn traditional and contemporary skills.

Sault Ste. Marie hopsice tournament champs



Photo by Diane Maleport

CHAMPS — Bantam B Don Dee Lanes team members are (front row, L-R) Max Menerey, Joe Clark, (middle row, L-R) Danny MacInnis, Tanner Dobrowolski, (Back row, L-R) Assistant Coach Dan MacInnis, James Rosebrock, Nick Chevellot, Brandon Porcaro, Bryce Sanderson, Drake Reamer, Kyle Bricco, Tanner Dobrowolski and Head Coach Jeff Thocker. Bantam Division champs, the Don Dee team was the winners of this year's Skating for a Reason Hockey Tournament.

Don Dee was the champion of the fourth annual Skating for a Reason Hockey Tournament March 4-6 at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

On March 4, winning goalie and MVP of the game Max Menerey shut out Petoskey 3-0. Kyle Bricco had two goals and

Brandon Porcaro had one.

In the second game, Munising beat Don Dee 5-2. Hunter Dobrowolski had two goals, Joe Clark was in net, and Hunter Dobrowolski was MVP of the game.

In the third game, Don Dee tied Alpena 1-1. MVP of the

game Danny MacInnis had a goal and Max Menerey was in net for the tie.

In semi-finals play, Don Dee took the Soo Co-op 2-1. Tanner Dobrowolski and Kyle Bricco each had a goal and Max Menerey was in net for the win. Brandon Porcaro was named MVP of the game.

For the championship, Don Dee Lanes took Alpena 3-2. Hunter Dobrowolski, Danny MacInnis and James Rosebrock each had a goal and Max Menerey was in net for the win. The whole team was named MVP for the game. The Don Dee team had only 11 players to Alpena's 19 and the Sault team battled for 7 periods to win the game.

The Don Dee team is coached by Jeff Thocker and Dan MacInnis.

Adding to the victory, at the March 15 hockey banquet, Don Dee Lanes was announced winner of the Bantam Division, Thocker the Soo Michigan Hockey Coach of the Year while Macinnis was named Assistant Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to Airman Skilton



Congratulations to Airman Jeremiah Skilton on his graduation from Lackland Air Force Base. Airman Skilton completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and skills. Air Force Airman Jeremiah Skilton is a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and graduated from Pellston High School in 2010 and is the son of Melissa and Mic Wirgau of Cheboygan and Russel Skilton of Levering.



Births ...



ALYSSA FERRO

Alyssa Lynn Ferro was born on March 7, 2010, to Eric and Kris Ferro.

Alyssa is the granddaughter of Jim and Jane Karacson of Marquette, Mich.

Happy first birthday from Grandma Janie.



ISAIAH GOETZ

Isaiah Christopher Goetz was born on Jan. 13, 2011, to Chris Goetz and Nichol Strong.

He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19.75 inches in length.

Grandparents are Melanie (nee Nolan) Leask of Sault Ste. Marie, the late Rick Goetz of Hessel, Alison Simmons of Kincheloe, and John and Donna Strong of Dafter, and Jay and Phyllis Loonsfoot of Marquette.



ELIAANA DEBRA JOHNSON

Christopher and Jordan (McCary) Johnson announce the birth of their daughter Eliaana Debra Johnson, the namesake of her great-grandmother, Debra Shirley Barth, was brought into this world on Sept. 14, 2010, on the 10th anniversary of her namesake's death. She was born at 4:42 p.m. at Munson Hospital weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Christy (Justin) Green and Franklyn Lee McCary Jr. Great grandparents are Franklyn and Suzanne McCary Sr., and great-great grandmother Maxine Redfield on the mother's side, and grandmother Michelle Johnson on the father's side.

Her sibling is Caleb Johnson. Present for birth was father Christopher Ryan Johnson, Christy Green (grandmother) and Suzanne McCary (great-grandmother). Christopher, Jordan and Elianna are from Traverse City, Mich.



BRAYDEN LEE GREEN

Brayden Lee Green was brought into this world at Munson Hospital on Jan. 11, 2011, at 3:45 a.m., weighing 4 pounds, 11 ounces and 19 inches in length, almost five weeks early, but born strong and never in ICU.

The proud parents are Justin Cody Green and Christy Marie (Leask) Green of Frankfort, Mich. Maternal grandparent is the late Debra (Leask) Barth. Paternal grandparents are Barbara (Rich) Woodruff and Chuck (Mary) Green. Paternal great-grandparents are Harold and Opal Green and Garold Myers (Marlynn Hughes).

His siblings are Jordan (Chris) Johnson, Rachel McCary and Kaidyn Green. Present for the birth was father Justin Green.

Happy sweet 16 to Rachel Marie McCary



April 18, 1995 — I remember the day your father and I brought you home, how small and wonderful you were. Going from 5 pounds 8.3 ounces to 5 foot, 9 inches is a huge difference. I hope your day is wonderful and may all your dreams and wishes come true, angel.

Love, Mom, Dad, Justin, Kaidyn, Brayden, Taylor, Madyson and Grandma Sue and Grandpa.

Johnson-McCary Wedding



Christopher Ryan Johnson and Jordan Paige McCary of Traverse City, Mich., were joined in wedlock on Nov. 20, 2010, by Justice of the Peace Cydney Fritz. Maid of honor was Megan Dixon and flower girl was Eliaana Debra Johnson. Father Franklyn Lee McCary Jr. and Christy (Justin) Green gave her away with Franklyn walking her down the aisle. Family

including, but not to forget anyone, Suzanne and Franklyn McCary Sr., all sibling on Jordan's side, Rachel, Kaidyn, Taylor and Madyson, and her step-father Justin Cody Green, plus numerous friends and family, too many to mention. This was a small ceremony conducted in Traverse City, Mich., followed by a small reception at the newlywed's home.

Native American volunteerism: the heart of who we are

I want to start this story I'm about to tell you in a way a bit different than most. We, as Native Americans, are all about our culture, our past, in storytelling because it really defines our future, not only with each other, but with Mother Earth and our lifelong struggle to not only protect her, but also protect ourselves in the same breath.

From time to time, a brave individual, or group of individuals, comes along, doing things with the environment or families that is so profound that for someone like me to sit on the sidelines, and say or do nothing would, well, be tantamount to just wrong.

The person I'm referring to is my father, Robert Fredrick Forry, and the group I'm referring to is the Schoolcraft County Snowmobile Association. My father, who is now in his late 60s, is a retired ironworker with Local 25 based out of Detroit. He was a Marine who served his country, a father, a husband to Cheryl Christine, and after 40 some odd years of marriage is now the vice president of one of the hardest working, all volunteer, selfless group of people I have had the privilege to get to know these past couple of years — the "Sno-busters."

My grandma Vera was Native, as is my father, and the line continues with my older brother and younger sister. Where this story has such an impact on our tribal history, is that through our club and its endeavors, our family not only represents the Chippewa Tribe, but my father, in his leadership and perseverance, has taken every precaution to not only maintain our sport in snowmobiling but seeks to improve and protect, and through our agenda, help safeguard our county and its vast environmental resources.

Example: When we redo



Robert Forry receives award from past president of SCSA "Doc" Wilson (L-R).

bridges in relation to our trails, he and the club, with their diverse backgrounds, seek to provide zero impact construction on the surrounding areas. With the club, we have sought to improve relations with such entities as DNRE, federal forestry, Michigan Snowmobile Association and city council. We now have senators, engineers, doctors and trades people, with a vast and diverse group of knowledge from many backgrounds. Basically, our motto is, "Can't we all just get along?"

I wanted to compose this article for one main reason. Though my father was not always the best dad, nor did he always make the right decisions, we all try to do the best we can with what we are given. I want the tribe to know how proud a Native son can be. Although he is considered an elder now, I want you all to know, what this club does in the name of conscience for our land, for our future, and with my father's contribution, Schoolcraft County, is still being looked after by Native hands, our stewardship over a

small part of our lands is being watched, as it has always been by people like my father, Robert Forry.

Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters of the tribe,
— **Jeffrey M. Forry**,
Schoolcraft County
Find us on Facebook at Schoolcraft County Snowmobile Association or visit SCSAsnow.org.

"There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

Walking On ...

SHEILA M. CAUSLEY

Sheila M. Causley, 56, of Kincheloe, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011, at her home. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on April 15, 1954, to the late Edward and Donna (Collins) Causley.

Sheila graduated from Trenton High School. Later she attended LSSU and graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Sheila enjoyed baking, cooking, reading, and listening to all types of music. She also enjoyed her many cats.

Sheila is survived by her brother, Robert (Renee) Causley of Brownstown, Mich., and her sister, Cheryl (Jim) Grahek of Trenton, Mich.; nieces, Kerstyn Kreps, Allison Grahek and Meghan Grahek; and a great nephew, Presley Grahek.

Sheila was preceded in death by her parents. Memorial services were held on Feb. 25, 2011, at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagizhik Building (Cultural Center). Arrangements were handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home.

Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

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Kids say 'butt out' to tobacco advertising

FROM SAULT TRIBE COMMUNITY HEALTH

On March 23, kids across the country told the tobacco industry they don't want to be targets of tobacco advertising and they told elected officials they want more protection from tobacco marketing. The 16th annual Kick Butts Day took place March 23.

Coordinated by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, Kick Butts Day is a

national day of activism that empowers youth to speak up and take action against commercial tobacco use at more than 1,000 events from coast to coast.

Commercial tobacco use continues to be the number one cause of preventable death in Michigan, killing over 14,000 Michigan residents each year. Over 18,000 Michigan kids become smokers each year, and 300,000 kids alive today

in Michigan will ultimately die from smoking cigarettes.

There are new and emerging tobacco and non-tobacco nicotine products available on the market today. The tobacco industry markets these products as an alternative to smoking cigarettes, and portrays the products as less harmful than smoking cigarettes. However, there is no evidence indicating these new products are any safer. Quitting tobacco use is the best thing that people can do to improve their health and the health of their family.

"The most challenging aspect of these new products is their appeal to young people. The packaging, advertising, and flavors of these products are a lot like candy," said Lauren Eveleigh, Sault Tribe Community Health Educator. "Kids can begin a lifetime of addiction to nicotine with these



products, and be at risk for all of the health issues associated with commercial tobacco use. Kick Butts Day is a great time to raise awareness among parents and kids that these products are not a safe alternative to smoking cigarettes."

"Kids are a powerful part of the solution to reducing youth tobacco use," said Matthew L. Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. "For Kick Butts Day 2011, kids are sending two

important messages: they want the tobacco industry to stop targeting them with advertising and they want elected leaders at all levels to do more to protect them from tobacco."

The Washington, D.C.-based Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids is one of the largest non-governmental education and advocacy initiatives ever undertaken to decrease youth tobacco use in the United States. Tobacco-Free Kids strives to build a healthier future for our children by reducing commercial tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke.

For more information about Kick Butts Day, visit www.kickbuttsday.org.

For help in quitting commercial tobacco use, call your local Tribal Health Center or call the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at (800) 784-8669.

Walking On ...



WAYNE T. KOSECKI

Wayne T. Kosecki passed away on March 6, 2011. He was born on Nov. 12, 1959.

Wayne is survived by his son Josh, a daughter Amy, a grandson Nathan, a special friend Bob, his mother Elaine, his sisters Lynn, Marylou and Joni and his brothers John, Dan and Kevin. Wayne also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great nephews.

Wayne was preceded in death by his father John and two sisters, Carol and Tammy.

Wayne relocated from the Bay City area to the Houghton Lake area in 1996. He enjoyed lake living, especially taking pontoon rides with his friends. Wayne spent most of his time in this area as a manager of the Elbow Lake Bar where he had many devoted friends. He received a plaque congratulating him on his record-breaking collection of money for the Special Olympics. He would challenge his customers to shoot pool (something he loved to do and was always very good at) and the loser would donate \$20 to the Special Olympics.

Wayne also loved sitting by bonfires, laughing and telling stories. He always made everyone laugh. Wayne was a good man to his family and friends. Many times, he went without to help others. Wayne's friends stood by him during his last four years when he was disabled. His many friends made sure he knew he was loved until the day he passed on. May God reward him.

We will all miss him very much, but will walk again with him someday! Be at peace, Wayne! Your dog Boots will really miss you!

Song of Farewell

*This Day in New Jerusalem
May the angels welcome you to
Paradise,*

*May the Martyrs greet you
on your way,*

*May you see the face of the
Lord this day,
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

ARDELLA LOU MCLEOD

Ardella Lou "Mary" "Punky" (nee Bicknell) McLeod Passed away at her home on March 10, 2011. She was born on Aug. 15, 1944, in St. Ignace, Mich.

Mary's favorite things to do were see her great-grandchildren smile, gamble a little and play cards with her friends. She will be loved forever and dearly missed.

She is survived by her son Fredrick P. (Cheryl) McLeod Jr.; six grandchildren, Jammie Parmentier (Pat Romeri), Brian (Jennifer) McLeod, Susan (Craig) Grambeau, Keona (Reggie) Laaksonen, Kevin Parmentier (Christina Timchuck) and Salina McLeod (Shawn Brown); 13 great grandchildren, Noah McDonald, Adam Jones, Darren Jones, Christopher Esson, Jorden McLeod, Hannah Parmentier, Preston Parmentier, Lilyannah Brown, Cedric Brown, Josie Brown, Abigail Grambeau, Kaylee Laaksonen and Randon McLeod; five sisters, Charlotte Hoeben, Beverly Bicknell, Juday (Glen) Hare, Phyliss (Dave) Anderson and Maxine (Joe) Cote; four brothers, Jerry Bicknell, Paul Bicknell, Jim (Sue) McLeod and Bill (Beth) McLeod; and many cousins, nieces and nephews whom she loved so much. She is also survived by her close friends, Dolly Nogalo, Patty Deluco, Joy Lewis and Graz and Rene Shipman.

Mary was widowed by her late husband, Fredrick P. McLeod Sr. She is joining her son, Murdock McLeod, in the clouds of Heaven. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Midge (Bicknell) Snodgrass, Lana (Bicknell) Bland and Janice Bicknell; brothers, Charles Bicknell, Randy Bicknell and John Bicknell; and lifelong friend, Dinky McKelvie.

Visitation was at the Niigaanaagiiizhik Ceremonial Building March 13-14, ending with a funeral service with Fr. Ted Brodeur officiating.

Entombment at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens will take place following the services. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Building healthy active Michigan communities goal of conference

Taking Action For Healthy Communities, scheduled from May 15-17 at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island, calls for joining together to build healthy, active Michigan communities. Public health personnel, city managers, health educators, registered dietitians, city engineers, school personnel, housing managers, city planners and community members are all welcome.

The conference is sponsored by Sault Tribe's Strategic Alliance for Health,

CDC Healthy Communities Project and co-sponsored by Michigan Department Community Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

The conference opens at 4 p.m. May 15. May 16 and 17 will be spent in presentations, plenary sessions and break out sessions to talk about health-related community concerns such as policy change, safe routes to school, school and community health, community gardening, smoke-free housing and tobacco policies, planning

and coalition building.

For a conference brochure and registration form, visit www.healthysaulttribe.com to download a copy, or contact Colleen Commons at Community Health, 632-5210 or cccommons@saulttribe.net.

Master canning and preserving workshops offered this summer

FROM TRADITIONAL FOODS STAFF

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

As part of the Sault Tribe Traditional Foods Grant Project, a master canning and preserving workshop, an MSU Extension program, is offered for May 3, 4 and 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Sault Ste. Marie at the USDA commodity distribution site, and June 14, 15 and 16, 2-

8 p.m. at the Manistique Tribal Center.

These are three-day workshops, learning safe and healthy techniques canning (pressure canning and boiling water bath), freezing and drying food.

There is no charge for the workshops.

If you are interested in registering, please call Connie Watson at (906) 632-5211.



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dryers, metal shelving, car body
parts, metal fencing, construc-
tion steel/tin. MUST BE CLEAN.



Iskigamizigegiizis Mazina'igan

Aaniin Abinoojiinyag miinawaa Weniijaanisijig!
Hey kids and parents!

Amy McCoy indizhi-wiinigoo.
My given name is Amy McCoy

Miskwaanakwadookwe dash indizhinikaaz.
But my name is Miskwaanakwadookwe.

Aamoo indigoo gaye omaa Bawating.
They also call me Bumblebee here at the rapids.

Oshkagoojin wa'aw giizis!
It is a new month!

Mii azhigwa ji-iskigamizigeng.
Now is the time to boil sap.

Mii iw wenji-izhinikaazod "Iskigamizigegiizis" noongom a'aw giizis omaa Bawating.
That's why it's called the Sap Boiling Moon now here in Sault Ste. Marie.

Mii ezhi-ozhitooyaang zhiwaamzigan. Indiskamizigemin.
That's how we make syrup. We boil the sap.

Aapiji minwaagamig zhiwaamzigan!
The syrup really tastes good!

Minopogwad ziinzibaakwad igaye!
The sugar tastes good too!

Nashke, yo'ow!
See, this!

Ojibwemowin Pronunciation Key

Short vowels (are said short, or quick)

- /a/ = "uh" like u in up
- /i/ = "ih" like i in sit
- /o/ = "oh" like o in wrote

Long Vowels (must say twice as long, or just longer)

- /aa/ = "ah" like a in father
- /ii/ = "ee" like ee in keep
- /oo/ = "oo" like o in nope also "ou" in soup
- /e/ = "eh" like eh in get

As you read a word, look for syllables with (Consonant+Vowel) or (Consonant+Vowel+Consonant) combinations.

For example:

word	meaning	pronunciation
Babaa	About, around, here and there	Ba + baa (Buh + Bah)



Iskigamizigan Ikidowinan da-aabajitooyin imaa iskigamiziganing

(Sugarbush words for you to use at sugarbush)

- biskitenaagan, -an..... folded birch bark basket
- ziinzibaakwadwaaboo maple sap
- zhiwaagamizigan..... syrup
- gizhiigaa run hard(as sap in spring)
- ishkwaagaa..... be the last run of sap
- mooshkinebii..... be full of liquid
- onde(magad)..... boil
- zhiwaagamide(magad).... thicken into syrup
- ziigigamide..... boil over
- dakamide(magad)..... boil in a certain place
- giizhigamide..... finish boiling
- naseyaawangwe granulate sugar
- ombigamizige..... sugars off
- zhiiwagamizige..... makes syrup
- .zhiiga'iganike..... makes sugar cakes
- ziiga'ige..... molds sugar cakes



Enaandegin Colors

In Ojibwe, color can be expressed in several different ways.

- Miskwaa.....It is red
- Okosimaaninaande.....It is pumpkin colored
- OzaawaaIt is yellow/brown/orange
- zhawashkwaandeIt is green/blue
- ashkiibagong-inaandeIt is new leaf colored
- miinaandeIt is blueberry colored
- zhoominaande.....It is grape colored
- akiiwaande.....It is Earth colored
- makadewaa.....It is black
- waabishkaa.....It is white
- oginiiwaandeIt is wild rose colored



Enaandegin ~ Colors

Use colored pencils to fill in the box with the matching color:

- zhawashkwaande
- miskwaa
- ozaawaa
- akiiwaande
- okosimaaninaande
- miinaande
- makadewa
- zhoominaande
- waabishkaa

New conservation committees and chairpersons appointed

SAULT STE. MARIE — At its March 10 meeting, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors appointed Sault Tribe members to two new nine-person conservation committees. Both committees held their first meeting March 21 to elect officers and set a meeting schedule.

Appointed to the Great Lakes Conservation Committee were large boat fishers Paul Barbeaux, Albert LaBlance and Jim Preseau and small boat fisher Charles Matson to two-year terms expiring March 2013, and large boat fishers

David King, Ralph Wilcox and Joel Peterson and small boat fishers Jason Grondin and Jeremy Loebach to four-year terms expiring March 2015.

Jason Grondin was appointed as chairman by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors.

For the time being, the Great Lakes Conservation Committee will meet the third Monday of each month beginning at 6 p.m.

Appointed to the Inland Conservation Committee were Cecil Pavlat Sr., Jennifer Dale-Burton, Gary Derwin and

Clarence Hudak to two-year terms expiring March 2013, and Robert Derusha, Henry Grondin, Robin Clark, Billy Perry and Chip MacArthur to four-year terms expiring March 2015.

Cecil Pavlat was appointed as chairman by the board.

For the time being, the Inland Conservation Committee will meet the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 6 p.m.

Terms were staggered on this first set of appointments to ensure continuity.

ATTENTION Migratory bird regulations public meeting April 19

FROM THE INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

Every year the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department and the Inland Conservation Committee develop and propose migratory bird regulations to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It is important that we gather input from interested members

so our regulations can be a good fit for our hunters. We will be holding a public input session on April 19 at 6 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino.

We encourage all interested members to please attend. Anyone with further question can call the Inland Fish and Wildlife Dept at 632-6132.

2011 Specially regulated fishing regulations announced

WALLEYE

The 2011 specially regulated walleye season in walleye lake systems are as follows:

— Upper Peninsula: April 1-May 14

— Lower Peninsula: March 15-April 23

— Bays de Noc tributaries: March 15-May 15,

— Harvest is prohibited in the Bays de Noc tributaries March 1-March 14.

STEELHEAD

The 2011 specially regulated steelhead season in restricted streams (listed in Chapter 21, section 21.910) are as follows:

Hook and line:

— Upper Peninsula: April 1-April 24

— Lower Peninsula: March 15-April 24

Spear:

— April 1-April 15

The specially regulated walleye and steelhead season will be conducted in the same manner as it was in 2010. Sault Tribe members will be

required to possess a valid 2011 harvesting license. There will be no charge associated with individual specially regulated walleye harvest permits.

Licensed Sault Tribe fishermen may call the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and apply for fishing periods on a given lake or stream. Permits will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Permits will be issued no more than five days in advance of the permitted 24-hour fishing period.

For a permit on Monday, members must call before 12 p.m. on the previous Friday. For weekend permits, members must call before 12 p.m. on Thursday. Sault Tribe members will be able to pick permits up in person or they can be faxed to the location of the member's choice.

Harvest reports must be filed no more than 72 hours after the permitted 24-hour fishing period.

DOI seeks input on improving regs

BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) seeks public comment on how to make the department's regulations less burdensome and more effective. The DOI established a page on its website, www.doi.gov, along with an email in-box, so the public can submit suggestions to the department on an ongoing basis.

The move comes as a result of Executive Order 13563, *Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review*, issued on Jan. 18 by President Barack Obama.

Obama noted in the order, "our regulatory system must protect public health, welfare, safety, and our environment while promoting economic growth, innovation, competitiveness, and job creation."

The directive allows for public comment to help form

the mandatory development of a DOI preliminary regulatory review plan due within 120 days of after issuance of the executive order. The aim of the preliminary plan is to provide a process for the review of regulations and learning, which could be streamlined while maintaining objectives.

Specifically, the department is looking for suggestions on protecting the environment and endangered animals, honoring trust obligations, managing public lands, care of water sources and clean energy development.

In addition, the department asks how it can best serve Americans by regulatory reviews, if regulations of other agencies conflict or duplicate DOI regulations and if they are written clearly and concisely. The agency also asks for ways to encourage public participation in streamlining and

strengthening its operations.

Among the chief guiding principles found in the executive order that federal agencies must follow in drafting their regulations are considerations for costs and benefits to society, support by best available science, access for public participation and the use of plain language.

The department's regulations are online at www.doi.gov/open/regsreview and comments may be submitted by email at RegsReview@ios.doi.gov or by mail to Regulatory Review, Office of the Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Mail Stop 7328, Washington, DC 20240

While the DOI indicates all comments will be reviewed, no one should expect any return correspondence.

2011 Sault Tribe harvesting license application

Please fill out the following application indicating all harvest tags that you would like in addition to your 2011 Harvest License. The Harvest License authorizes you to participate in activities pursuant to Chapters 21 and 23 of the Tribal Code only. Great Lakes activities require separate permits pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Tribal Code.

In 2011, the cost for each member will be 15 dollars. Please note, there will no longer be a mailing fee assessed in addition to the 15 dollar administration fee. You must pay with a check or a money order payable to Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. If you have questions, please contact the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department (906.632.6132) or Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (906.635.6065). Youth (under 16) and Elders (over 60) are not required to pay fees

First Name Middle Name Last Name
 Address City State Zipcode
 File Number (Red # on Tribal ID) Phone Number
 STS # Date of Birth Sex email address

Application Harvest Tags

Deer
 Spring Turkey
 Fall Turkey
 pine marten, bobcat, river otter, and fisher harvest tags**

*Bear and Elk Applications will be available on the Sault Tribe website and the newspaper in the May 2011.

***walleye and steelhead permits for the specially regulated seasons will be available by contact Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, see website for details (www.saulttribe.com).

****For all other permits pursuant to chapter 21 and 23 of the Tribal Code, you must contact the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (i.e. State Firewood and State Maple Sap).

Please mail completed applications to:

PO Box 925
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Nuclear energy disasters needless tragedies

KATHIE BROSEMER
SAULT TRIBE ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
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This April 26 will be the 25th anniversary of the explosion at the Chernobyl reactor station in the Ukraine. It was, and I hope still is, the worst nuclear disaster in the world. Reactor number four exploded and caught fire after several systems failed during a routine test, and sent highly radioactive material over the surrounding area and into the atmosphere, where it circled the globe.

About 336,000 people were resettled, a large number of them children. Land was contaminated in Belarus, Ukraine, Russia and Poland. An exclusion zone 30 kilometers wide remains to this day — no one was allowed to return.

Official reports of deaths number very few, however, it is widely accepted that those reports by Russian authorities and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), are downplaying to a ridiculous degree the impacts of this tragedy.

Last year a new book was published by the New York Academy of Sciences, by scientists in Ukraine who witnessed the effects of the radiation on the people of Ukraine. Originally published in 2007 in Russian, the English translation is stark in its analysis.

Chernobyl: Consequences of the Catastrophe for People and the Environment presents an analysis of scientific literature and concludes that medical records between 1986, the year of the accident, and 2004, reflect 985,000 deaths as a result of the radioactivity released. The authors suggest that most of the deaths were in Russia, Belarus and Ukraine, but others were spread through the many other countries the radiation from Chernobyl struck. The literature analysis draws on over 1,000 published titles and over 5,000 Internet and printed publications

discussing the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster. The authors contend that those publications and papers were written by leading eastern European authorities and have largely been downplayed or ignored by the IAEA. The worst conclusion, however, is that the health impacts of radiation exposure will continue to increase as time goes by.

As I write this, the world waits to see whether the disaster unfolding at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear generating station will reach the scale of the tragedy 25 years ago. Four of the 10 reactors at this site were crippled after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami cut power to their cooling systems. Hundreds of workers have received heavy doses of radiation, some have surely received doses sufficient to cause death from radiation sickness, as 31 of the emergency workers at Chernobyl did.

The question hangs in the air: if the Japanese, with their engineering prowess, resourcefulness and restraint, can't build a safe nuclear reactor, then can anyone? The accident at Chernobyl was blamed on old technology and a culture of disregard for safety, neither of which applies to Japanese engineering.

Days pass with little news. The Japanese nuclear industry is well known for hiding the true information about nuclear accidents, the rest of us can only wait and hope. The only safe distance from an uncontrolled nuclear explosion is 93 million miles. In the face of such overwhelming technical disaster half a world away, we feel helpless to take action. However, there is much we can do.

It will take public pressure to get governments to stop building nuclear plants. Nuclear generation is too expensive and has too much liability for the private sector to invest in it, so around the world governments do so. But in the face of another catastrophic failure that has everyone thinking again, China,

Switzerland and Germany have announced moratoria on construction of new nuclear facilities. Germany decided to permanently shut down the oldest 10 of its 17 operating nuclear generating stations. The opposition party in Quebec promised if elected, to shut down that province's one nuclear station. However, Ontario is proceeding as I write this, with environmental assessment hearings, discussing up to four new nuclear generating stations at the troubled Darlington site on Lake Ontario. Only public pressure will get them to stop. Write a short polite letter to an elected official today!

What can you do?

Quebec will be able to close the Gentilly station without adding new power sources, by working hard at energy efficiency, something we all can join them in. What can you do? Choose one or more from the list below. Most of these will end up saving you money, too.

- If you have a second

“beverage” refrigerator, unplug it and recycle it. These are usually older inefficient energy hogs.

- If you use a dryer for your laundry, make this the spring you put up a clothesline. You'll save a dollar or more per dryer load!

- Switch to compact fluorescent lights in fixtures where you can.

- Put electronics such as your TV on a switched power bar, and when you turn the TV off, switch off the bar too. The phantom load your electronics use even when turned off can be significant.

- Put in some attic insulation.

- Caulk your windows and door frames.

- Put a motion sensor on your porch light and don't leave the lights on.

- When you decide to buy a new appliance, look for the EnergyStar label and get a very efficient model.

- Get a programmable thermostat and set your home's tem-

perature lower during the night when sleeping and during the day if everyone is gone at work or school.

- Clean or change your furnace air filter on a regular basis.

- Set your water heater to 120° F or below. This will also help prevent scalds.

- Wash your laundry in cold water whenever possible. For most families, this will be all washloads, and can save you a lot of money!

Honoring Mother Earth Festival

See us at the Honoring Mother Earth Festival on May 7 to learn more about these things. We'll have hands-on activities, demonstrations and games to play, and if our hopes and prayers have been answered, the Fukushima Daiichi reactors will be well on their way to cleaned up by then. See our ad in this paper (page 14) for details of the festival.

And if you pray, keep praying for Japan, please. G'tchi miigwech.

Corps releases Asian Carp barrier report

CINCINNATI, Ohio – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released a research report on the operation of the electric dispersal barrier system in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. The electric barrier system is a key measure preventing the migration of two species of Asian carp, Silver and Bighead.

All information available to the Corps indicates that the barrier system is working as designed.

The Corps has undertaken numerous studies to determine and refine the optimal operating parameters of the electric barriers to ensure it is effective at containing Asian carp.

Research summarized in the report indicates the current barrier operating parameters are effective for fish as small as 5.4 inches in length.

The research suggests that slightly higher operating parameters than those currently in use may be necessary to immobilize all very small Asian carp, as

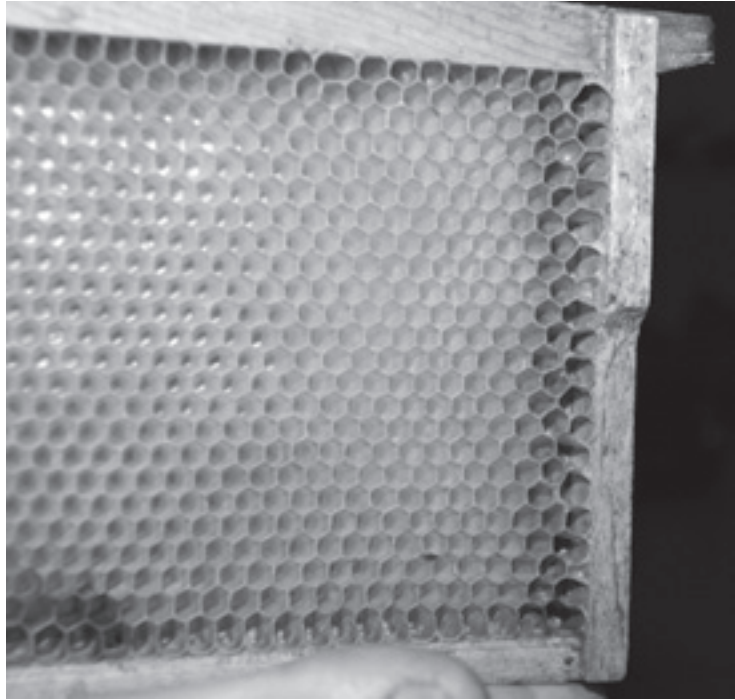
small as 1.7 to 3.2 inches in length.

The entire report is available at www.lrc.usace.army.mil.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, very small Asian carp are not in range of the electric barriers at this time. Additional systematic surveys by the USFWS and other cooperating partners are ongoing and planned to monitor for the presence of very small Asian carp.

According to the USFWS, the absence of an established adult population in the lock pools nearest the fish barriers, and the unsuitable habitat near the barrier, indicate it is highly unlikely that very small Asian carp are present in either of these pools. The closest potentially spawning population of Asian carp, which is necessary to produce the very small fish of the size tested in this research, is estimated to be 25 miles and three locks downstream of the electric barriers in the Marseilles Pool.

Honey 101: U.P. beekeeper holds workshop



This old comb held workers, drones and honey.

BEE-WITCHED — Beekeeper Richard Morrison presented an introduction to beekeeping March 5 at the Bruce Township Hall. The 20 participants had various reason for attending, such as honey production for food or profit, pollinating fruit orchards, honey for mead production, and even just helping bees.

Honey bees all over the world are suffering from bee colony collapse disorder in which entire hives just disappear, due to a combination of mite infestation and pollution.

Honey bees are the world's most valuable agricultural pollinators for crops and seeds. There are a number of honey operations across the eastern U.P.

— Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton



Richard Morrison on the wherefores and whys of bees.

Dandelion weed control can endanger honey bees

A yellow carpet of dandelions where your lawn used to be is a good sign of a dandelion problem out of control. The best time to do something about it was last fall, when dandelion seeds were germinating. Spring herbicide treatments tend to be less effective, especially if you let the plants flower and go to seed.

There is a certain satisfaction in watching the dandelions curl up and die, however, so many homeowners apply herbicides in spring. The problem is that the same chemicals that zap dandelions and other broad-leaf weeds may damage foraging honey bees.

Concentrated flowering of dandelions in spring attracts honey bees by the hundreds. Because the numbers of bees

in colonies is at their lowest in spring, beekeepers can least afford large losses then. Though herbicides are less likely to damage bees than an application of insecticide, it takes very little effort to avoid even that risk.

The simplest way to protect bees and other pollinating insects is to mow the lawn before applying the herbicide to remove most of the flowers. Another strategy is to apply lawn chemicals when bees are not flying — either on cool days, with temperatures below 55° F, or in the evening, after bees have gone to their hives for the night. Treating the lawn in the evening gives the chemical time to do its job and begin to break down before bees are

active again.

Why worry about a few bees? Though some other insects are also pollinators, honey bees are responsible for pollinating most of Michigan's fruit crops, as well as seed production in vegetable crops and alfalfa.

According to Zachary Huang, associate professor of entomology at Michigan State University, "Michigan's fruit and vegetable industry produces over \$2 billion per year and nearly 50 percent of that value is due entirely to honey bee pollination. This is more than 100 times the value of honey alone, which was \$7.4 million in 2008."

— From Chippewa County MSU Extension



Dandelions are one of the first flowers to blossom and, therefore, important to honey bees. But efforts to eradicate them may also eradicate the honey bee, the world's most important pollinator.

Another edible mushroom



Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton

FORAGER'S FARE — Also known as bear's head tooth fungus, here is lion's mane in various stages of growth. Quite edible, it tastes like cauliflower and butter. It is found in this area mostly in the autumn on fallen beech and has no poisonous look-a-likes.



The spiny water flea is barely one centimeter in length

Spiny water flea outcompeting fish for zooplankton food

FROM THE USGS

ANN ARBOR — An invasive species, the spiny water flea, is likely a primary driver of changes in Lake Huron's food web over the past decade, according to a new U.S. Geological Survey study.

The USGS research suggests that consumption of prey by invertebrates is outweighing consumption by fish in Lake Huron, and one invertebrate in particular — the invasive *Bythotrephes*, or spiny water flea — is likely a primary driver of changes in the food web. This predator ate 78 percent of all zooplankton prey consumed at the study sites, said Dr. David B. Bunnell, USGS scientist and lead author of the report.

"These findings shine a spotlight on the role of the invasive spiny water flea as a

key predator on zooplankton in Lake Huron," Bunnell said. "Our study suggests that a better understanding of the role of invertebrates, and the spiny water flea in particular, is essential to fully comprehend the food web changes we've seen in Lake Huron since 2002."

Zooplankton feed the prey fish that support key recreational and commercial fish species in Lake Huron. Bunnell and his colleagues estimated densities of zooplankton prey and their fish and invertebrate predators in Lake Huron between May and October 2007, using models to determine which predators were having the greatest impact on zooplankton dynamics.

"Lake Huron has undergone dramatic changes at multiple levels of the food web since the early 2000s," Bunnell said.

"Some changes have been quite visible, such as the collapse of alewife and Chinook salmon, whereas other changes have received less attention."

BYTHOTREPES QUICK FACTS FROM THE GREAT LAKES INFORMATION NETWORK

Classification: Predatory crustacean zooplankton in the Cercopagidae family

Origin: Eurasia

First validated occurrence in the Great Lakes basin: Lake Huron, 1984

Means of introduction: Ballast water from ocean going vessels

One of country's hottest stars coming to Kewadin Casinos

Grammy nominated Josh Turner performing Aug. 4

Named by *People* magazine as one of country's hottest stars, Grammy nominated Josh Turner will perform in Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater on Aug. 4. Tickets for the show went on sale March 7.

Turner has celebrated back-to-back multi-week No. 1 radio singles and back-to-back platinum and gold albums: *Long Black Train* (platinum), *Your Man* (certified double platinum) and *Everything Is Fine* (gold). His first single, *Why Don't We Just Dance*, from the latest project, *Haywire* (also released as a deluxe edition), celebrated four-weeks at No. 1, won the American Country Award for Single of the Year Male and was the most played song on country radio in 2010 according to Mediabase. *All Over Me*, the second single from *Haywire*, recently became Turner's fourth No. 1 hit.

Turner, one of the youngest members of the distinguished Grand Ole Opry, is also the youngest member to be inducted into Nashville's Walk of Fame. With his passion to support music and the arts, he launched the Josh Turner Fund that awarded its second scholarship recipient in 2010.

Hit singles include *Would You Go With Me*, *Your Man*, *Why Don't We Just Dance*, *Firecracker*, *Me and God* and *Long Black Train*.

Tickets are \$49.50 and can be purchased at the casino's box office by calling (800) KEWADIN or online at www.kewadin.com.



Country star Dierks Bentley comes to Sault

Country's own Dierks Bentley, nominated for 2011 Academy of Country Music Awards Album of the Year *Up On The Ridge*, will be performing at Kewadin on May 1, 2011. Tickets went on sale March 21 and are \$56.

Bentley, an American country music artist, broke into the country music scene in 2003 when he released his self-titled debut album. Both it and its follow-up, 2005's *Modern Day Drifter*, are certified platinum in the United States. A third album, 2006's *Long Trip Alone*, is certified gold. It was followed in mid 2008 by a greatest hits package. His fourth album, *Feel That Fire*, was released in February 2009.

His studio albums have accounted for 14 singles on



the country singles charts, of which seven have reached No. 1: his debut single, *What Was I Thinkin'*, as well as *Come a Little Closer*, *Settle for a Slowdown*, *Every Mile a Memory*, *Free and Easy (Down the Road I Go)*, *Feel That Fire*,

and *Sideways*. Four more of his singles have reached the top five on the country charts as well.

Up On The Ridge, Bentley's most recent album, is nominated for Album of the Year. His most artistically daring project yet — the all-acoustic *Up On The Ridge* — is a powerful, beautiful album steeped in the bluegrass and roots music that moved Bentley to be a country musician in the first place.

This, his fifth album, is a document of an artist who's using some well-earned freedom to write in a fresh vein and cook up collaborations with the musicians who fascinate and amaze him most in the world.

Dozens of talents contributed in some way to the project. Besides the five co-

written by Bentley himself, the songs come from such varied sources as Bob Dylan, Buddy and Julie Miller, U2 and Kris Kristofferson. The monumental Kristofferson is here as a guest vocalist as well, on his own song, along with a slate of today's best traditional country singers, including Alison Krauss, Vince Gill, Jamey Johnson, Miranda Lambert, Sonya Isaacs and Chris Stapleton of the Steeldrivers. And then there are the players, recruited from the top echelons of bluegrass and acoustic music. Among them are Chris Thile and the Punch Brothers, the Del McCoury Band, the legendary Sam Bush, dobro player Rob Ickes, guitarist Bryan Sutton, fiddler Stuart Duncan and mandolinist Ronnie McCoury.

"This record's not a departure for me at all," says Bentley. "It's really just going back and reclaiming something I feel like I do have some ownership of, which is the acoustic music scene in Nashville."

Since 2004, Bentley has won many awards including the 2004 CMT Music Awards Breakthrough Video of the Year, Academy of Country Music Top New Artist, 2005 Country Music Association Awards Horizon Award, 2009 CMT Music Awards CMT Performance of the Year — *Country Boy* and been nominated for many more.

Tickets for the show can be purchased on line at www.kewadin.com or by calling (800) KEWADIN.



Kewadin's Bar and Beverage Department raised \$1,384 for the United Way from a 50/50 during the big game event in February. "Our team decided we wanted to put the money we raised towards something in our community," said Mary Enos, bar and beverage manager. "They decided the United Way was a great community organization that funds multiple services and would be a perfect recipient."



KEWADIN ST. IGNACE TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH — Dee Causley has worked in the Housekeeping Department since we opened the new facility. She is a great asset to our team. Dee gives up her days off and helps wherever needed. Thank you, Dee, for your hard work and dedication. You are a real asset to the team and Kewadin Casino, congratulations!

SAULT KEWADIN TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH — Kewadin is proud to announce Wanda Marble as the Team Member of the Month for March. Wanda works at the hotel and is our reservation coordinator. She goes above and beyond our expectations every day. Congratulations, Wanda!



We need to come together and work as one



DARWIN "JOE" MCCOY
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii!

I was honored to welcome the 17th annual language conference to the Sault last week! It was great to see so many people here supporting our Anishinaabe language.

Our language is important. It is who we are, it is our past and we need to work together to make it our future. We need to spread the knowledge and importance of understanding our language so we can always remember who we are and to be sure our culture is passed down to our future generations.

This past month we held the town meetings to discuss the Romulus casino development. I was very glad to see how many people came to learn about this exciting investment. I had a great time speaking with our elders and members and am excited to plan more meetings in

our service area in the coming months. I know this is important to you. Look for times and locations of these meetings in coming issues of the paper.

I am saddened to announce that our general counsel, Tom Dorwin, has accepted a position with the Department of Justice. Tom was a great asset to our tribe and I will genuinely miss his guidance and knowledge. We wish him the best of luck on his new endeavors.

Great news — our casinos are performing well thanks to our management and staff. I am pleased to see that our bottom line performance for 2010 exceeded casino projections and surpassed the results of the past four years dating back to 2006.

We continue to meet with representatives from Indian Energy on our partnership. The market for clean energy is fast paced, undefined, and the opportunities we have in this area are massive. We are just in the beginning stages of learning the possibilities we have and it is very exciting. I look forward to keeping you updated on any new progress with this company.

Members voted on two referenda issues this month. Resolution 2011-09, which approved the final settlement of a six-year legal battle, which the tribe lost in Circuit Court, and Resolution 2010-292, which approved a settlement payout of \$18,000 to former Sault Tribe Police Chief Fred Paquin. Both

of these referendums came back not approved by voters.

The referenda, which cost the tribe about \$40,000 to complete, sought to reverse actions by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors that resulted from two separate Circuit Court cases involving the tribe. The outcomes of those court cases cannot — under federal, state or tribal laws — be undone by a vote of tribal members because the tribe has signed binding settlement agreements which will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional legal bills and other costs.

These resolutions saved us hundreds of thousands of dollars by settling two cases the tribe had already lost or most likely would have lost. Every attorney we consulted, from our staff lawyers to our contract lawyers, advised us to settle because our chances of succeeding on appeal or in further litigation were slim to none in both cases.

While settling the cases was disappointing for some of us, the board took actions that were in the best interest of the tribe by cutting our losses and protecting our limited resources. I have been asked repeatedly why certain people would want to put two more referenda to a vote of Sault Tribe members knowing full well our difficult decisions to settle, and knowing the court cases cannot be reopened by a vote of tribal members. We must respect our right to use the referendum

process to challenge decisions made by our elected leaders. But at the same time, it is wasteful of tribal resources and an abuse of the referendum process to spend \$40,000 on referendum elections that can't change the responsible and cost-saving actions the board took to preserve the tribe's assets.

Please look for information soon on reforms to the referendum process that will protect the members' right to referendum while ensuring the tribe is able to do business in an efficient manner.

The board passed a resolution this month to support our Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Tribal Suicide Prevention Plan. Our youth is important and they are our future. We applaud the STAY program and their commitment to our youth.

I am also excited to announce the board passed a resolution in support of the Weatherization Program plan. The purpose of the Weatherization Program is to provide energy conservation improvements targeting features of owner-occupied homes that require repair or replacement to make the home more energy efficient. This program provides assistance to Sault Tribe households to improve their quality of life. Please contact the housing authority for more information on this program.

Next week, the board and I will be attending a MAST con-

ference. MAST, the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, represents the 35 sovereign tribal nations of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan. Altogether, MAST represents nearly 134,000 American Indian people.

MAST's mission is to "advance, protect, preserve and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty and cultural way of life of the sovereign nations of the Midwest throughout the 21st century." The organization coordinates important public policy issues and initiatives at the state, regional and federal levels, promotes unity and cooperation among member tribes and advocates for member tribes.

Meeting with this group is always a great opportunity for us to learn what challenges other tribes face and how they resolve them and to work together on issues facing Indian Country.

We have so many good things happening right now. As I have mentioned before, we need to move forward collectively as a tribe — to seek new investments and to stabilize our finances. In order to do this, "WE" need to come together and work as one. As always, please contact my office toll free at (800) 793-0660 or locally at 635-6050 with any concerns.

Sincerely,
Darwin "Joe" McCoy
Tribal Chairman

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Weekly Poker

St. Ignace -

Wednesdays & Saturdays

\$15,000 Keno Tournament

Kewadin St. Ignace

April 29-May 1, 2011

\$8,000 Spin to Win Tournament

Kewadin Hessel

April 29-May 1, 2011

\$30,000 Roll'em High Craps Tournament

Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie

May 13-15, 2011

Slots of Fun Tournaments

2-7 p.m.

Mondays - Hessel & Christmas

Tuesdays - Manistique

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Selected Sundays

Kewadin Manistique and Christmas

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Cinderella

Thursday, April 14

7 p.m.

Sault Ste. Marie

Michigan



Tracy Lawrence

Thursday, April 21

7 p.m.

Sault Ste. Marie

Michigan

KEWADIN'S LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

Shows begin at 9 p.m.

Sault Ste. Marie

St. Ignace

April 1-2: The Darwin Project

April 1-2: Paul Perry

Thursday Night Comedy

Wednesday Night Comedy

April 7: Tim Joyce

April 6: Tim Joyce

with Cindy Cornelsen

with Cindy Cornelsen

Manistique

April 1: Karaoke • April 2: Jamie Hider

Visit kewadin.com for complete schedule of performers.

SWEET TASTE OF CASH

Saturday, April 30, 2011

All Kewadin Sites

From 2-10 p.m. earn 50 points on your Northern Rewards Club card and receive a milk chocolate bar on a stick. Eat your way to the stick to reveal a cash prize up to \$100 each.

Have a sweet tooth ... get another one for every 200 points before 10 p.m.

**Kewadin Hessel hours vary*

APRIL BEER OF THE MONTH

Enjoy the sweet taste of

Leinenkugel

Summer Shandy

On special at all Kewadin bars and lounges throughout the month of April!

PLAYERS DAY SUNDAY

All Kewadin Sites

Earn 25 points on your Northern Rewards Club card during regular club hours* to receive \$5 in Kewadin Credits and be entered into random cash drawings from 4-8 p.m.

TWO FOR TUESDAY

All Kewadin Sites

Earn 25 points on your Northern Rewards Club card to get \$5 in Kewadin Credits.

Earn an additional 25 points and earn another \$5 in Kewadin Credits during regular Club hours.*

LADIES NIGHT FRIDAYS

All Kewadin Sites

All women (19 and older) will receive one roll of Kewadin Gold Tokens and be entered into random hourly drawings from 5-10 p.m. for \$20!

\$1 beer for everyone from 4-10 p.m.

Simply register at the Northern Rewards Club.*

MANISTIQUE PARTY PIT

Second & Fourth Mondays of the Month

**Please note that Club hours vary by site.*

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Going forward: sharing our knowledge, gifts



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

While the snow is still upon the frozen ground, I am taking this opportunity to share a story with you. I shared this a few years ago and it is worth repeating. This speaks to every one of us, because we all struggle — every day.

One evening, a wise elder told his grandson a story about the inner struggle taking place in Man's soul.

"You see, my child, this inner conflict, the struggle, is between two wolves inside us all. One wolf is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, vanity, self-pity, guilt, offense, inferiority, lies and arrogance. The other wolf is pleasure, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kind-heartedness, generosity, empathy, truth, mercy and faith."

The grandson thought for a moment and asked his grandfather, "And which wolf wins?" The elder smiled and answered simply, "The one you feed."

Our tribe has been through quite a few hard changes and hard knocks in the last several years. There has been change of leadership in the last eight years and I'm sure it will continue. One thing about change is that it remains constant. How we all deal with it is vital to the survival of our growth and development. Unfortunately, trust has been broken within our organization, within our board of directors and within our very tribal communities with the many unfortunate events that plagued our tribe. While it certainly isn't easy, I believe we will get through this as long as we feed the right wolf. While our tribe is far from perfect nor are we able to serve everyone, we have so much more than many tribes across the nation.

TRIBAL SUICIDE PREVENTION PLAN

At our last board meeting, we approved the Tribal Suicide Prevention Plan. I had the pleasure of being part of this prevention plan committee. Thank you to all of the following who worked hard to put this plan together: Tony Abramson Jr., Lisa Burnside, John Causley, Mark Clymer, Rich Conboy, Kelly Constantino, Dee Eggert, Liz Eggert, Angie Ellis, Raquel Fernandez-Earns, Dawn Griffin, Tony Grondin, Mary Jenerou, Sara Johnston-Sorenson, Jill King, Matthew Landreville, Dan Miller, Jen Olmstead, Sue Stiver-Paulsen, Laura Porterfield, Leslie



SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS WORKING FOR ALL OUR NATIVE PEOPLES IN D.C.—

Left, (L to R) Cathy Abramson visits Sault Tribe member and ANA Impact evaluator Liz Carr, ANA Commissioner Lillian Sparks and Sault Tribe member and ANA Senior Project Consultant Lori King at ANA offices in Washington, D.C. Below, (L to R) Abramson visits Principal Under Secretary for VA Health Robert Jesse, VA Indian Affairs Director Stephanie Birdwell and Director of the VA Office of Rural Health and Sault Tribe member Mary Beth Skupien.

Ruditis and our fearless leader, Barb Smutek. A lot of blood, sweat and tears went into this plan and these people need to be commended for the months of hard work that was put into this plan.

The Suicide Prevention Plan's mission statement is "to increase the suicide prevention efforts for the members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and their households within the tribe's service area by educating youth, professionals and the community to recognize signs and symptoms associated with suicide and to provide access to resources in a culturally respectful manner."

In 2008, Angeline Bouley successfully wrote and received a five-year grant titled *Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project*. This funding allowed our tribe to develop our Tribal Suicide Prevention Plan. I am extremely excited that we have this. By having a board-approved plan, we are way ahead of many tribes across the nation. Just recently it was announced at the HHS budget consultation meeting in Washington, D.C., that the president's 2012 budget for SAMHSA included a brand new \$50 million line item for behavioral health and an emphasis on suicide prevention. Ms. Pam Hyde, director for SAMHSA, informed us that this funding is to go directly to tribes, bypassing states, as that is what the tribal leaders have been consistently been saying.

As a matter of fact, behavioral health-suicide prevention is the 2012 No. 1 priority across Indian Country. While I know it isn't over until it's over, I believe that tribes will receive desperately needed funding in this area. This will be a great victory for Indian Country and will help our tribe provide better behavioral health services in this area.

SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sault Tribe members Lori King and Liz Carr are New West Technology employees who work with the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). Liz is an



impact evaluator. She visits Native communities after their ANA projects have ended to evaluate what they accomplished with their ANA funds. She then helps write the Congressional report submitted annually to Congress stating how ANA funds were spent. Lori oversees the impact evaluators and supervises program specialists who manage ANA grantees (our tribe is one of them — our language program is ANA-funded.) She also brings reviewers in from across Indian Country to read and score ANA applications for funding.

Liz and Lori work closely with Ms. Lillian Sparks, ANA commissioner. She was appointed to this position by President Obama. It was great to see these ladies at work while I was working in their offices on the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Tribal Consultation Workgroup. Ms. Sparks spoke highly of them. I am so proud of them! By the way, the ACF Tribal Consultation Workgroup's task is done! We now have another consultation policy that was developed by tribal leaders for our tribal nations! We are pretty pleased with the product!

I was also able to spend time with our very own Mary Beth Skupien who has

now taken a very important position with the Veterans Administration. She tells me how blessed she is to work with our veterans and knows that her dad (a veteran himself) is always with her in spirit as she serves these honorable men.

HONORING MARINE LAKTOA CAPTAIN

We are so blessed to have a cultural center where we may hold special ceremonies, life celebrations which include funerals and births, feasts, language classes, to name a few. Just recently, I attended a ceremony and feast to honor Ms. Lakota Captain who will leave soon to protect our country as a Marine! This was very special and many family and community members attended. While we are not blood related, I am one of Lakota's many aunties who have watched out for her over the years. Her mom and dad have done an excellent job raising her with traditional values. I will continue to pray for her safety while she serves to protect our country. Please join me in doing so.

OUR WAY OF LIFE

As I write, it is maple sugaring time! My husband and I have joined the sugar bush headed by Roger and Bernadette Azevedo, Sam and Tina Gardner and Mickey Bouschor. I absolutely love

spending time learning another one of our traditional ways to provide healthful food for our families. I'm very proud of this family, as they are making sure they pass down these ways to their children and grandchildren.

These are a few examples of our community's way of life that I always carry with me when I am out in "the battlefield" fighting for our treaty rights, our sovereignty and our just funding and resources (remember we already prepaid for these.) I appreciate the many words of encouragement and support I receive from our members, especially our elders, as I represent our tribe with the state and federal government.

While I may appear alone when I am in Washington, D.C., I know the spirits of my ancestors, the visions of our people, the backing of my constituents and our future generations are with me and give me great strength to speak and act with conviction.

It's not one individual who makes this tribe, it's all of us working together and sharing our knowledge and gifts.

I work for you and I try to do the best that I can. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (906) 322-3823 or cabramson@saulttribe.net.

Vice chairwoman speaks about Greektown



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

This past week, I received a call from a tribal member who lives out of the area. The call was about Greektown and our lack of communication and acknowledgment of the devastating loss. I thought about this call many times as I'm sure his feelings are shared with many of you. I will share his advice at the end of this report.

He was concerned and upset that we, as a governing body, lack comments or lack responsibility as to what happen within our bankruptcy in Detroit. I want to let all of you know, since the start of the Greektown casino, many of us supported

the idea — we embraced a revenue stream that was unlike any other that a tribe was involved in and it was very promising and exciting for future generations.

We had many obstacles from the start; they began when having to enter with Greektown businessmen. Fast forwarding to when I became a member of the board, we were approximately \$600 million in debt in Greektown and the future of our business was hard then. We attempted to cut, monitor and refinance, nothing helped. When the previous administrator and the entire governing body made the very upsetting decision to file bankruptcy, we all thought that this was our opportunity to get it in order — it wasn't.

We were misguided, robbed and taken advantage of from the start of that as well, but at the end of the day, we as a body DID NOT secure that investment and in the end, it's the past 11 years worth of business decisions made that got us here and we all must take responsibility for that. I guess the reason I had to write this is, this tribal member is very upset and for good reason. I speak to many

of you and the loss still stings very badly and I'm sorry and not at all okay with the outcome.

I wrote an article about Greektown right after it happened and most of my communications lack anymore talk about it because it's over and my focus HAS to be on the future, but I wanted to let all of you know, I take my part of the responsibility for the loss and please know that my feelings toward the entire issue come up every day. I'm always reminded and it is very unsettling.

The man's advice was, "Learn, watch and make this the footpath YOU (I have only ME that I can control) use as you attempt to move in the future." I wanted to share this with you and please know that I will always do that.

We recently held office hours in Newberry and I want to personally thank those of you who attended. It began with a great lunch with the elder group's monthly meeting and the entire day was good! Miigwech! I will be absent from the Naubinway monthly meeting due to traveling to our annual MAST meeting

in Washington, D.C. I look forward to this time as I learn many things and I'm able to work with other tribes in the nation to get our voice heard with the federal government. I will give a full report in the next paper.

We are in the process of hearing proposals and strategies on moving forward with our Charlotte Beach land claims settlement. We have been in the communities holding meetings with Mike Sawruk, the businessman who is attempting to assist. He has been open to meeting personally with our membership and that's a very different and good avenue that we have taken. I'm watching and taking the advice given, though, so there is no free-for-all and no back room deals with pursuing the settlement. I've requested, as have others, that we have periodical informational meetings in all the units so all can be informed as we move through this.

I will be holding office hours this month at the Newberry Tribal Center on April 15, 1 to 3 p.m., the Hessel Tribal Center on April 18, 9 a.m. to noon, and in Naubinway at the snowmobile museum on April 27, 3

p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Those of you who are not close to these areas, please call and we can make arrangements to meet if you have concerns or would like to discuss our tribe.

In closing, I would like to let you know that developing and strengthening our tribe is my main focus, we have very limited resources at this time (and many cuts are being talked about at the federal level) but planning is essential for us. The board held a strategic planning session and has begun to set plans and priorities for the future. We spoke about working toward reorganizing, creating better policies and wage grid for team members, communications (we are working towards a new website), empowering the membership (holding additional workshops for input), code compliance, committees, constitutional changes, CEO separation and many others. Holding these meetings monthly as been requested, so please watch our workshop agendas for the date and times.

As always, please contact me via email or phone 484-2954.

Baamaapii minwaa kaawabmin, Lana Causley, vice chairwoman

DNR attempting to control our treaty rights



TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

I am in the spring mode as things begin to warm up, but I am cautiously guarded, knowing that a early spring storm is always possible in the U.P.

Many things have been going on with the latest referendum being completed. I do not know what can be done on the Fred Paquin payout and the 7+2 settlement and payout. The monies were paid and cannot be reclaimed. I do believe we need a rule in place that prohibits payments of this sort within the 30-day possible referendum period. Otherwise the referendum process and right of the membership can be circumvented or at the very least, rendered powerless. I will work with the rest of the board members on getting this rule in place.

Another item that has been in the spotlight is the land claims settlement (Romulus) resolution that effectively made an agreement with Mike Sawruk as a

developer, (if he can help get the Charlotte Beach land claim settled) for a potential casino in the Romulus area. This has been a goal of the tribe since I have been on the board, but the present political and fiscal condition of Washington, D.C., makes the possibility of this happening extremely unlikely. This agreement does not include Ted Gatzarous. Mr. Sawruk has assured the board that he will be spending his money in his attempts to successfully complete this task. I have asked for an update as to Mr. Sawruk's progress and as I get that, I will get the information out to the membership.

The fishing fiasco continues in the Bays de Noc area with two of the commercially-licensed fishermen being tried in Delta County court. I see this as a direct threat to our tribal sovereignty, treaty rights and our consent decrees that are in place to prevent such situations. As I have stated from the beginning with these fishing cases, this is an attempt by the MDNRE and state of Michigan to effectively control our enforcement of our tribal fishing rights. We cannot allow this to happen. The board has directed that an official effort be made to stop this attempted incursion by the state to assert jurisdiction over our treaty fishing rights. The tribe continues to explore economic development possibilities of which I am spending a great deal of my time involved on. Hopefully, we

will have good news in the near future on our efforts.

Now with the glamorous items out of the way, I would like to remind the membership that this it is at this time that the board must be extremely

active on the national scene in our attempts to lessen the prevalent mindset in Washington, D.C., which is that of cutting programs and funding. I am strongly urging each of you to contact your U.S. representa-

tive and senator and tell them to not balance the budget or reduce the deficit on the back of treaty and trust responsibilities that the United States government has in relationship to the tribes.

In meetings with tribal elders and federal reps



DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Ahniin kina gwaya, mino gezheb! (Good morning)

I realize it's probably not morning for you reading this but it is morning for me while I write and I just wanted to share one more new phrase with you.

We had our last board meeting in Manistique, Mich. It was nice to visit with the people from that area. The previous two weeks, I was in Newberry, Mich., once for introducing

Mike Sawruk and once to attend the elder unit meeting. I was invited by Miss Fannie Aslin and her sister Lola, so I joined my fellow board members Catherine Hollowell and Lana Causley for a visit. I believe it's important for us to get around to other board members' areas and listen to their people's concerns. It helps us make informed decisions when it comes time to vote on issues. Again, gitchi miigwech, ladies, for the gracious hospitality.

In my last unit report, I said we had an opportunity to fix our election code. From what I understand to be true, we have approximately three months or less to get the new improvements in place in order to meet the one-year moratorium mark that forbids us from changing election law. Our Election Committee is working diligently and we will have them in a workshop next week to go over the changes.

I will be traveling to Washington, D.C., this week

for four days in order to meet with senators and congressmen to tell them what our needs are and what we would like preserved so that we don't get cuts to our federal money in health, USDA, ACFS, education and housing. This is my first trip on behalf of the tribe and I look forward to learning the ropes. Director Abramson and I are interested in bringing random tribal members with us on these trips in order to show members what really happens in these types of situations. At our last legislative meeting we had ACFS staff with us who later told us they were surprised and that is was nice to see their tribal leaders in action.

In closing, I want to say . . . I really wish Spring would get here! Not sure where you live but we are still dealing with cold, cold weather.

Baamaapii kwaabmin!
Debra-Ann Pine
Unit One
(906) 440-1334

Call 1-800-251-6597 to update your address!

Sault Ste. Marie

Anishinaabemowin classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., at the Niigaanagizhik 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 (906) 635-6050 for more information.

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

The drum is the heartbeat of the Anishinaabe people.

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

For more information, call 635-6050.

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

No registration is necessary. Please bring your own 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, 6-8 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 (888) 711-7356.

Unit III constituents meet 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 (906) 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 third Friday of each month at 11 a.m. at Zellar's Village Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Anishinaabemowin classes, Tuesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.

Call Orien Corbiere at 635-6050 or the Newberry Tribal Health Center at 293-8181 for more information.

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 the 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 meeting for all tribal members, 6 p.m. at the tribal center on the second Thursday of each month.

For more information, call Joan Anderson at 387-2802.

Anishinaabemowin classes, Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., at the tribal center.

For more information, call 635-6050.

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 second and fourth 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 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. To view approved resolutions, please visit www.saulttribe.com and go to the board down-loads 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 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 websites 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 and 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 every day.

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

If you have any questions, please call Jill King 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 632-5204, 632-0236 or 632-0220.

Sault Tribe arts and crafts exhibitions and sales are scheduled for second Thursdays-Saturdays until October, then it is weekly, 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 hand-crafted gifts for all occasions.

Participating vendors must be members of a Sault Tribe member's household.

For further information, call Rachel McKechnie at 632-0530 extension 53573.

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.

Get your tribal flag!

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, \$.60 for the 3x5 flags.

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