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### More ancestral remains found on Mackinac

**BY BRENDA AUSTIN**  
Sault Tribe Repatriation Specialist Cecil Pavlat said he wasn't surprised to hear that additional remains had been found on Mackinac Island recently during digging to lay a water line on Main Street under Frank Shama's gift shop. The remains were unearthed March 28.

The bones and bone fragments found at the site are believed to be those of Native American's and once the water line project was completed the remains were re-interred back into the same spot they were found. Pavlat said a small ceremony was held at the site and that the entire process of laying the water line and re-interring the remains took less than a week.

Last fall human remains were unearthed during the excavation of the former McNally Cottage. In December the earth containing the remains and bone fragments was hauled in truckloads to the local cemetery where beginning this month work will commence to form the six-foot-high pile of dirt into a turtle burial mound 100-feet long by 50-feet wide. Once the turtle mound is completed Pavlat said a layer of topsoil would be added and grass or myrtle planted to help with erosion of the soil containing the remains.

Pavlat said there has been some thought about planting an ash tree in the middle of the mound and building four spirit-houses to place, in the cardinal

directions, around the tree. "We don't know how many individuals are in the soil, their gender or ages," he said. "The spirit houses represent the family – mother, son, father and daughter."

An on-going project with the University of Michigan may see 84 complete sets of culturally unidentifiable human remains and associated funerary objects released to the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation Alliance (MACPRA) under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990. The three MACPRA tribes anticipating the university's collections to be release into their care are the Sault Tribe, Bay Mills Indian Community and the Little

Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Geographically, the three tribes are located the closest to where the remains were found. Pavlat said some of the remains have been dated back as far as 70 BC.

This will be the first time under the Act the university will be releasing culturally unidentifiable remains back into tribal possession.

Pavlat said the remains came from Bois Blanc Island in the 1960s and were dug up by an archeologist and his team. Since Bois Blanc Island is almost entirely privately owned he said the tribes don't feel comfortable re-interring the remains there. Pavlat said the three tribes are considering placing the remains

on Mackinac Island, possibly adding them to the turtle mound already under construction.

The University of Michigan, pursuant to the Act, is waiting for written confirmation from the 13 tribes who initially expressed interest and or claim historic presence in regards to these remains. A mutual determination regarding which tribes will be taking possession of the remains has been made. Pavlat said at this point the letters are a formality and once all 13 tribes have responded to the university's request the remains will be transferred into MACPRAs possession. Once that happens the three tribes taking possession will determine the actual site on Mackinac Island for the re-interment.

### Tribal fishers to get new Lake Michigan dock

**BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON**  
Sault Tribe's commercial fishers will have access to two million pounds of northern Lake Michigan fish thanks to the purchase of the Frazier dock near Epoufette, Mich., in the U.P. The tribe is purchasing it in partnership with Bay Mills Indian Community, each paying \$90,000 for the nine-acre parcel with dock.

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorized the purchase at its April 10 meeting, citing lack of access for launching or docking on northern Lake Michigan, easing fishing pressures elsewhere and reasonable purchase price made possible by sharing with sister-tribe Bay Mills Indian Community.

"Purchase of the Frazier property is a start toward self-sufficiency and security in providing tribal fishers access to the fish stocks, in this case in northern Lake Michigan. Otherwise, there is no access point between St. Ignace and Naubinway," said Inter Tribal Fisheries and

Assessment Program Director Tom Gorenflo.

Indian tribes in northern Michigan are always in need of access to the Great Lakes fishing grounds, especially small boat fishers. According to Director Keith Massaway, Unit III in St. Ignace, area fishers were forced to launch from a gravel shore.

According to the resolution, prepared by Sault Tribe Attorney Aaron Schlehuder, "Expansive fish stocks in northern Lake Michigan between St. Ignace and Manistique are largely inaccessible to Sault Tribe fishers, particularly small boat licensed fishers, due to a near lack of boat launch access and docking."

Because of that lack, fishers have concentrated their efforts elsewhere. So, according to Schlehuder, it makes sense that spreading out the access sites will spread out effort — especially good if tribal fishers can start harvesting some of the two million pounds in northern Lake Michigan that have gone unharvested for some time.

The purchase is an opportunity to gain tribally-owned access. "Our fishery is heavily dependent on the use of state-owned access sites and docks," he said. "The state is under no legal obligation to let the tribes use those sites for 'commercial' purposes. And the state could reduce the

number of tribal boats allowed, or prohibit tribal use altogether. Tribes need to secure access facilities."

The tribe will make the \$90,000 purchase with funds from the Fishermen's Trust Fund. Normally these funds are earmarked for the Fish

Marketing Project, a concern that caused two 'no' votes. One board member wanted to hear from presently sitting Great Lakes Conservation Committee members that they concurred with the expenditure, although all board members agreed that the fishers need the access site.

### Islanders, biologists save bald eagle

DRUMMOND ISLAND, Mich. — On April 17, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Inland Fish and Wildlife Department (IFWD) responded to a report of an injured bald eagle on Drummond Island. This report came from James Bailey, a resident of the island, president of the Drummond Island Sportsmen's Club and a Sault Tribe member. He was called by the workers at the Drummond Island Quarry after they noticed the bird had not moved from the same location for sev-

eral weeks. The crew tried nursing the eagle back to health but soon realized it was more than they could reasonably handle. Bailey contacted IFWD, the Sault Animal Hospital and a rehabilitation center near Traverse City, Mich. IFWD staffers Rusty Aikens and Brad Silet traveled down to Drummond Island as soon as possible to capture the bird to bring it back up to the Sault Animal Hospital for care. The eagle was captured without anymore harm done to it and transported safely to the Sault.



Photo from IFWD  
Left to right, Sault Tribe IFWD employees Rusty Aikens and Brad Silet with the bald eagle they helped rescue on Drummond Island.

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# St. Ignace museum hosts special celebration

On Memorial Day weekend in St. Ignace, the sounds of drumming, friendship, music and dance and cultural demonstrations will fill the grounds of the Museum of Ojibwa Culture during the Native American Festival scheduled for May 26. The dedication of the committee, volunteers and supporters will bring alive this important historical and cultural event. The building hous-

ing the Museum of Ojibwa was built in 1837 and we are celebrating its 175th year with several events spread over the summer of 2012.

Native American Festival activities will include the men's drum group Little Thunder, Grandmother Moon Singers (women's hand drum group), head female dancer Francie Wyers, head male dancer Gene

Biron, hoop dancer Rita DeVoy and a head male youth dancer to be announced.

Workshops will include brain tanning with Perry Neuman, black ash basket weaving with Marge Bekins and Sue St. Onge: building dreamcatchers with Tom and Sally Paquin, quillwork demonstration by Bruce Bannatyne, firekeeping lessons and demonstration by Diana Irish and Ojibwe games.

We will also have food vendors and American Indian craft vendors. This festival is a family-friendly opportunity to celebrate the rich history, living culture and the revitalization of ancient traditions.

On Sunday, May 27, there

will be a mass on the museum grounds led by Brother John Haskill in the Ojibwe language. He will use a chalice believed to be Father Marquette's. There will also be drumming, dancing and presentations about Father Marquette and his connection

to St. Ignace and the American Indians living in the area.

All activities will be held at the Museum of Ojibwe Culture at 500 N. State Street in St. Ignace, Mich.

For information, call Shirley Sorrels at (906) 643-9161.

## The 31st annual Sault Tribe powwow seeks help

The Powwow Committee has been in the planning stages for a few months now and has identified a need for volunteers. The 2012 powwow will take place on July 5, 6, 7 and 8 from early morning to late evening. There are several different volunteer opportunities available for you or

for your entire family!

Please consider giving back to your tribal community by helping us out. For detailed volunteer opportunities please call Linda Grossett at ext. 26041.

Chi miigwech, the Powwow Committee

## Chi Mukwa Summer Recreation Program begins on June 11

Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center is offering its annual Summer Recreation Program for both tribal members and others during the 2012 summer vacation for children ages 5-10. The program is a 10-week program that will run from June 11 through Aug. 17.

The program offers morning, afternoon or full-day sessions. Morning hours are 8 a.m.-12

p.m.; afternoon hours are 1-5 p.m. and full-day sessions are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The program offers organized sports and games, arts and crafts, field trips every other week, ice skating and water activities.

For questions or to schedule an appointment to register please call 635-4777 or send email to summerrec@saulttribe.net.

## GLJHL adds Sault team, Firehawks seek players and community support

Dear editor,

The Great Lakes Junior Hockey League has added a hometown team with home grown players to your area. The Soo Firehawks owned and operated by Doug and Paula Goudreau, long standing members and supporters of youth hockey throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula, will be giving the area's ice hockey players an opportunity to experience the junior side of this great game. The action packed excitement created at each game at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center will be explosive because your local talent will be entertaining you and the city of Sault Ste. Marie.

The Great Lakes Junior Hockey League was and still is designed to give extra development and access to players of junior hockey so they also receive and enjoy the benefits of the game offered in different areas of our state. Our mission, which we know is shared by your community, is to help all players grow into contributing citizens as they participate in team activities and are offered the opportunity to be seen and scouted by collegiate and pro organizations that will

be in attendance at the team's special events. With the Great Lakes Junior Hockey League and your help the Firehawk organization and coaching staff, under the direction of Head Coach Joe Esson, are excited to bring their energy, passion and desire for our youth to participate in this new and exciting level of hockey to your community which has always played such an important role in hockey history and tradition.

We are not asking you to reach into your checkbook, wallets or piggybanks, we are not asking you to give away products or meals, what we are asking you to do is support this team with your enthusiasm and attendance and if you desire to help as a volunteer or in a financial role, you will be graciously welcomed.

We, the Great Lakes Junior Hockey League are excited about the opportunity to provide this level of hockey and our support to your community.

We welcome the Soo Firehawks and the City of Sault Ste. Marie to our family of teams.

See you at the rink!

— Gerry Lullove, president

## CBP testing measure to decrease border delay

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich. — Starting April 20, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Field Operations began a pilot project to bring vehicles to the inspection booths more quickly.

"We are always trying to improve the flow of legitimate traffic while enforcing the laws of the United States," said Assistant Port Director Patrick Wilson.

The Sault Ste. Marie port of entry has a unique design that separates commercial traffic from car traffic, creating an upper and lower plaza. The focus of this project will be on the upper plaza only and will not affect the flow of traffic on the lower plaza.

Stop signs were placed in all three upper lanes on Friday, April 20. The stop signs shorten the "pull up" distance to the booth. This allows vehicles to queue up quicker. The stop signs were placed near Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) readers where the traveling public can display their Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative RFID-enabled document to pre-populate the officer's computer screens.

CBP is testing the theory that they can process more travelers each hour by reducing the amount of time it takes each vehicle to get to the inspecting officer. "If we can save a couple of seconds of inspection time per vehicle, the time savings should



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reduce each traveler's wait," said Wilson.

This pilot project will incorporate a two-stop sign process. Upon entering the upper plaza, vehicles will be required to stop at the first (existing) stop sign. As the vehicle ahead clears, travelers will move to the next (new) stop sign and present their ID to the RFID reader. Once the vehicle at the inspection booth clears, travelers will proceed to the inspection booth.

Vehicles with trailers or campers are asked to use the lower plaza lanes so as not to impede the functionality of installed equipment. LED signage will be adjusted to notify motorists of this change.

CBP Officers will be directing traffic periodically during this project to help educate travelers on this new process.

## SAULT TRIBE COMMITTEE OPENINGS

**Enrollment Committee,** two vacant seats. **Great Lakes Conservation Committee,** one vacant seat for small boat captain, helper or subsistence license holder. Interested tribal members should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from tribal members to Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Please contact Tara at (906) 635-6050 or tbenoit@saulttribe.net with any questions.



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# Michigan House of Representatives 107th District

## Sault educator announces his candidacy for state House

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Area Middle School teacher and cross-country and track coach Jim Martin announced his candidacy April 15 for Michigan's House of Representatives 107<sup>th</sup> District. Running on the Democratic ticket, Martin said he would fight to decrease tax inequalities, restore cuts to education and work to bring good jobs back to Michigan.

Martin has been a teacher for 25 years and has received numerous awards, including the William A. Poppink Sault Area Schools Distinguished Teacher Award, was voted the Upper Peninsula Cross-Country Coach of the Year three times, elected twice as the vice-president of the Upper Peninsula Cross-County Coaches Association and is a volunteer coach for Chippewa County's Little League and youth soccer programs.

Martin said he has a balanced approach to government and has the experience, energy and know how to be your representative. "I am ready to work with you and anyone else — yes, even Republicans — to make changes that will benefit northern Michigan," he said.

Martin said it's important to retrain Michigan residents and have continuing education opportunities available in local public schools and colleges. "This is vitally important," he said, "if we are going to see true job creation and keep our children and grandchildren here in northern Michigan."

Buying local is also important Martin said. "We must support local small businesses. This becomes much more difficult when paychecks shrink, tax bills increase and vital services are cut," he said. "Our small businesses are the



true engine of Northern Michigan's economy."

Martin said, "We cannot lose sight of the fact that improving and expanding the economy in the 107<sup>th</sup> District will take a cooperative effort. We must get state and local governments, public schools, colleges and the business community working together. And who is better prepared to get all of these groups to work collectively towards a common goal than a coach?"

Martin and his wife Julie (Thoresen) of almost 20 years have three children, Thomas, 11, and six-year old twins Olivia and Elizabeth.

"With your help we can make great things happen again for the U.P. and northern Michigan. I'm Jim Martin, I'm running for Michigan families and this is the starting line," he said.

Martin can be contacted by calling (906) 632-8222 or 440-5301, or by email at [threegreatones@charter.net](mailto:threegreatones@charter.net). You can also visit his website at [www.martin4staterep.com](http://www.martin4staterep.com)

## Representative Frank Foster running for re-election to House

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

State Representative Frank Foster, 107<sup>th</sup> District, is running for re-election this year. He is very happy with his first term, he said, and wants to continue the state's positive trends. "There are a lot of positive things happening in the state, for the first time in a long time," he said. "We're all in this together and we can continue to be positive."

One of biggest highlights of Foster's first term is a balanced budget. "The highest priority, a fundamental responsibility, is a balanced budget — on time, so we all know what our own budgets are," said the freshman rep, who majored in finance at Grand Valley College. When Foster was elected, the state faced a deficit and now there is a surplus. He wants to continue this trend, he said.

Also on the Pellston Republican's list of concerns are the state's natural resources. Foster says he wants to safeguard our most precious resources, water, public land access and forests, to name a few. There is a wide range of recreational opportunities in our region, he said. Capping state-owned land, and taking care to safeguard the environment while fracking, are just two measures toward that goal. And, he said, making sure there is a tribal voice at the table.

Foster is of the opinion that energy has to be a mixed bag, but "don't subsidize one to compete with another," he said, referring to the large amount of public money spent on ethanol production. "I support the jobs but not necessarily the concept and use of taxpayer dollars." Because of that, he does not approve of the Kinross wood ethanol plant, nor construction of a refinery before its environmental impact is assessed.

Throughout his first term, Foster feels he has worked successfully with tribes.



He is a "big proponent" of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. The more people that want to go to college, the better, he said. He's not look to increase anyone's tuition, but the state made a commitment, and now it must be honored.

He also supports the commercial fishery, tribal and otherwise. Keeping our water clean and free of further invasive species like the Asian Carp is critical to our lives, our culture and economy.

Although he doesn't know much about Kewadin Lansing, he can talk about his own life. He grew up in northern Michigan and the U.P. with casinos as a part of life. Casinos sponsored hockey teams and rinks he played on, and have been generally good for the community. If Lansing wants to have a casino, he supports it.

Foster wants his chance to continue what he helped start — a positive Michigan. "Unemployment dropped 3 percent; we beat national rate this year. We need to keep young people here, educate and employ them."

For more information, find Frank Foster on Facebook.

## City of Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero visits Sault Tribe



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Mayor of Lansing, Virg Bernero, visited the Sault Tribe in St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie April 10, touring the Mackinac Straits tribal health facilities, and casino before coming up to the Sault to see Kewadin Sault and JKL Bahweting School, among other tribal facilities. He said he was very impressed as he addresses a crowd at that night's Board of Directors meeting.

## Forget spring cleaning; scrub down your budget instead

BY DAWN L. TERRELL

Spring is officially here. That means it's time for spring cleaning!

People everywhere are shedding the effects of fall and winter. But what about dusting off your long-term financial plan? Spring is the perfect time to "spring" into action when it comes to planning your financial future. And if you already have a plan, this is a great opportunity to take another look.

According to a 2011 survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute, more than half of workers report they've put away less than \$25,000 in total savings and investments; a whopping 29 percent have less than \$1,000 saved for the future.

If you haven't started already, now is the time to begin saving for your retirement — no matter what your age. If retirement is near, you'll want to jump into the fast lane right away. If you're younger and retirement seems a lifetime away, it's still in your best interest to begin saving now, as compound interest will work to your advantage. Experts agree that saving when you're young will make a world of difference when the time comes to draw on your retirement savings.

Don't take our word for it. You can check out the numbers yourself. A great place to start figuring out how much you will need for retirement is to learn how much you could expect from Social Security. You can do that in minutes with Social Security's online Retirement Estimator. Try it out at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator).

We encourage saving for retirement, but there are reasons to save for every stage of life. A great place to go for help is [www.mymoney.gov](http://www.mymoney.gov), the U.S. government's website dedicated to teaching Americans the basics about financial education. Whether you are planning to buy a home, balancing your checkbook, or investing in your 401(k) plan, the resources on [www.mymoney.gov](http://www.mymoney.gov) can help you.

Another excellent resource is the Ballpark E\$timator at [www.choosetosave.org/ballpark](http://www.choosetosave.org/ballpark). This online tool takes complicated issues, like projected Social Security benefits and earnings assumptions on savings, and turns them into easy-to-understand language and numbers.

Dawn L. Terrell is the Social Security Operations Supervisor in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

# Student volunteers recognized at LSSU United Way luncheon

Five students from Sault Area High School, Malcolm High School and Pickford High School received awards at the United Way luncheon at LSSU April 17 during National Volunteer Week for each donating over 2,000 hours over the course of their four years in high school.

According to a United Way press release, the students were recognized for serving a minimum of 400 hours for the Michigan Student Service Award and then varying hours for the Presidential Service Award.

These young people are Allison McKechnie, 17, Tessa Opalka, 17, Sam Devaprasad, 17, from Sault High; Dakota Beck, 18, from Malcolm High School;

and James DeGreif, 17, from Pickford High School.

Opalka, a Sault Tribe member, volunteers at a number of organizations with wide ranging interests.

“Some of the organizations I volunteer for include the Christopher Columbus Hall, Mason’s Child Identification Program, Relay for Life, Girls on the Run, Kids Against Hunger, Lincoln Elementary School, Habitat for Humanity, United Way of the EUP, Child and Family Services, Hospice of



**Tessa Opalka**

the EUP, the Salvation Army, UNICEF, STARS Dance Theater and the Shrine Circus,” Opalka said in the release.

The 17-year-old has a number of reasons for volunteering and gets a lot of satisfaction out of it.

“Through volunteering and community service, I am able to help those less fortunate than myself and show appreciation for my community. I realize that I am very fortunate to live the life I do; thus, I feel it is my responsibility to help out when I can. Not only is it fulfilling knowing I can make a difference in my community, but volunteering also leaves me with memories and friendships to last a lifetime.”



Photo by Tom Pink/LSSU

**OUTSTANDING NATIVE GRADUATE** – Daniel Stinehart, a senior graduating in fine arts studies at Lake Superior State University, was chosen as LSSU’s Outstanding Native American Graduate. The award is presented annually during ceremonies at the Native American Center on campus. Stinehart is pictured here holding a plaque that commemorates his award with people who helped him along the way including, left to right, Stephanie Sabatine, director of the Native American Center; Professor Gary Balfantz, Stinehart’s advisor; Heidi Witucki, director of Upward Bound at LSSU; Bill Morrison, one of Stinehart’s former art teachers and a mentor; and Tony McLain, president of LSSU.

# Malcolm High School starts Prom Closet program

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Allison Campbell, Native American advisor at Malcolm High School, recently had a student come to her and ask for help in obtaining a prom dress, shoes and jewelry. The young lady had been asked to attend the high school’s prom but lacked the financial means to go.

Tux rentals generally start at \$84 and can easily reach \$200 with shoes and accessories and prom dresses range from \$100 to \$600, sometimes more. Then there is the cost of jewelry, shoes,

alterations, hair and the prom fee.

So Campbell sent out an email to friends and associates asking for help and donations. The response, she said, was immediate and astonishing. That one email asking for help spread like wild fire with people offering their services to style hair or make alterations, by donating or loaning gowns and by making financial contributions.

The effort blossomed so quickly that an account was established at Central Savings Bank named the Malcolm High School Prom

Fund. Campbell said the fund is also available to any Sault area student who needs help. “Sault High made some comments that they had students who wanted to go to their prom but couldn’t afford tux rentals or the \$25 admission fee,” Campbell said.

Flyers have been posted in the hallways at Sault Area High School about the new program. A sign-up sheet is located in the counselor’s office and is confidential. The student lists their name, contact information and what they would like help with – whether it

be a tux rental, dress, shoes, purse or jewelry – and that information is then passed on to Campbell. The fund can also help with the \$25 prom fee.

So far Campbell said she has nine gowns hanging in the Prom Closet with another half dozen on the way and is up over \$300 in the prom fund with contributions continuing to come in. Goodwill has also stepped in and offered their services by allowing Campbell to authorize students to receive free dresses from their inventory.

Students at Malcolm High School who need help visit Campbell in her office and add their names to the growing list. “It’s last minute for this year’s prom,” she said, “but each year the donations will grow and the number of students we can help will increase.”

This year’s prom is set for the evening of May 5.

If you would like to donate to the Prom Closet, gently used items are being accepted. There is a need for men’s and women’s dress shoes, jewelry, purses, formal dresses, including bridesmaids dresses and financial contributions. Campbell said there is a need for larger-sized gowns. If you have a service to offer such as hairstyling or are good at making alterations, Campbell would be

very happy to speak with you.

If you would like to lend a gown for this year’s prom but would like it back, Campbell said she would be happy to have it dry-cleaned and returned to you.

To help the young men, Campbell said an account has been established with Tux Deluxe to rent tuxedos to authorized students using money from the prom fund.

“The community has been really supportive and that is really great to see,” Campbell said.

With this spring’s prom quickly approaching, Campbell hopes students will remember the Prom Closet when wondering what to do with their gently used gowns and accessories.

If you have items you would like to donate, they can be dropped off at Malcolm High School located at 460 W. Spruce Street just down the street from War Memorial Hospital. Their hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Allison Campbell can also be reached by calling 635-6638, ext. 5124, or by email at [acampbell@eup.k12.mi.us](mailto:acampbell@eup.k12.mi.us).

Financial contributions are also being accepted at Central Savings Bank to the Malcolm High School Prom Fund.



Allison Campbell, Native American advisor at Malcolm High School, with some of the donated gowns. If you have items you would like to donate, they can be dropped off at Malcolm High School located at 460 W. Spruce Street just down the street from War Memorial Hospital. Their hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Allison Campbell can also be reached by calling 635-6638, ext. 5124, or by email at [acampbell@eup.k12.mi.us](mailto:acampbell@eup.k12.mi.us).

## Spring Into Action!

### Register for classes at Bay Mills Community College

Visit BMCC campus today to sign up for Summer and Fall semester classes on-campus

Or hop Online to sign up for an online class go to [www. BMCC.edu](http://www.BMCC.edu)

Bay Mills Community College

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# Teen conference explored modern hazards, advantages

By Rick Smith

About 70 teens from four schools around the eastern Upper Peninsula recently took the opportunity to learn how to handle dangerous traps prevalent in modern daily life and get pointers on dressing for success.

The Living Our Lives While Laughing Out Loud Conference took place at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie on April 11. The Sault Tribe Anishinabek Community and Family Services Advocacy Resource Center hosted the event.

After registering, the students were treated to a continental breakfast before observing an invocation and a drum song followed by a story about self-confidence in following one's own path as told by Beatrice Jackson of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence.

The students divided into groups, taking turns listening to four speakers on the subjects of teen dating violence, "sexting" and social media, suicide prevention and proper apparel for certain occasions in daily life. After the groups heard each speaker, they would convene break out sessions to discuss the topics before taking breaks and rotating to hear the next speakers' presentations.

Trooper Ailene Bitnar of the Michigan State Police conducted the presentations on sexting and social media; Kathy Weber and Nicole Majack of the Diane Peppler Resource Center in Sault Ste. Marie worked with the



Photo by Rick Smith

Teens from schools around the eastern Upper Peninsula congregated at Kewadin Casino and Convention Center on April 11 for the Living Our Lives While Laughing Out Loud Conference. Above left, arrivals register before receiving agendas and tote bags to carry handouts and other material. Above right, Ailene Bitnar of the Michigan State Police conducts a seminar on the legalities and safe use of the Internet and social media. Below, Tara Kelgar of Phat Closet in Sault Ste. Marie conducts a class on the subtleties of apparel along with shopping for clothes on a budget.

students in enlightening them about teen dating violence and prevention; Tony Abramson Jr. and Laura Potterfield of the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project presented information on suicide awareness and prevention while Tara Kelgar of the Phat Closet in Sault Ste. Marie gave guidance on dressing appropriately for success while feeling good about one's self and shopping for clothes on a budget.

After all the students rotated through hearing all the speakers, the conference concluded with a giveaway of items contributed by Kewadin Casinos, Pizza Hut, Wicked 6s, Phat Closet, Head to Toe Salon, Wendy's Hamburgers, Dragon's Eye Tattoo, Total Outlook Salon and the Second

Childhood and Adults Too consignment shop.

Hali McKelvie of the Advocacy Resource Center coordinated the conference with the assistance of fellow staff members Bridget Akre and Justin Derhamer. Akre and Derhamer also served as chaperones and registration officials along with Samantha Wyers and Amanda Gil of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court.

*If you e-filed your federal taxes, you can get refund information 72 hours after the IRS acknowledges receipt of your return. If you filed a paper return, information will be available within three to four weeks. To learn more, visit the FAQ at USA.gov.*



## TOURNAMENTS

**\$8,000 Spin to Win**  
Kewadin Christmas  
May 18-20, 2012

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June 1-3, 2012

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Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie  
June 8-10, 2012

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## WEEKLY SLOTS OF FUN

January - December 2012  
Every Monday - Christmas & Hessel  
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Top scores at each location will share in the \$15,000 Grand Prize Pool in December.

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\*Please note that Club hours vary by site.



# Manistique Farmers' Market result of joint effort between Sault Tribe and a town hall

The idea to start a farmers' market in Manistique was nothing more than a discussion point at a 2009 planning meeting for the Sault Tribe Manistique Strategic Alliance for Health (SAH) Coalition. That idea grew to a plan for one test market in 2010 (which grew to five additional markets that year), to 18 markets in 2011, and now plans for 25 markets in 2012. The Manistique Farmers' Market is a shining example of the great things that can happen when American Indian tribes and local communities partner together to create healthier environments for all residents.

"The Manistique Farmer's Market has been very well received and well attended," said Manistique City Manager, Sheila Aldrich. "The City of Manistique is pleased with the opportunity to work with the Sault Tribe SAH project in the development of this farmers' market which increases access to nutritious foods and business opportunities for all of our area residents."

Bonnie Culfa, the Health Division director for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians said, "The Manistique Farmers Market is an example of a successful collaboration between our tribe and the community of Manistique. The Strategic Alliance for Health



**The Manistique Farmers' Market is a shining example of the great things that can happen when American Indian tribes and local communities partner together to create healthier environments for all residents.**

grant awarded to the Sault Tribe Health Division's Community Health Program was the impetus for the tribe to partner and help set up and work side by side with the Manistique coalition members to improve the health and access to locally grown food. This is a successful 'farm to table' healthy lifestyle choice now available in this community."

The Manistique SAH assisted the city in writing for the USDA-Farmers' Market Promotion Program grant, which the city was awarded late in 2011. The \$62,000 grant will promote and help create a sustainable market system in 2012 and 2013 to help ensure that the Manistique Farmers' Market will continue for

many years to come.

Some highlights from the 2011 Manistique Farmers' Market include:

- Average 230 shoppers per week.
- 360 shoppers on Aug. 10, 2011.
- 4,143 people shopped at the market over 18 weeks.
- 20 different farmers/vendors participated in the markets.
- 16 farmers from Schoolcraft

County; four from Delta County.

- 56 different fruits and vegetables for sale during the season.
- Other food and farm items available were starter plants, eggs, chicken, beef, honey, maple syrup, baked goods, jams, ground flours and cut flowers.

• Placed second nationally in the category for "boutique size" markets in the America's Favorite Farmers' Market Contest.

• 14 of 21 farmers reported an estimated gross sales amount of \$43,000 in 18 weeks. This is about \$2,400 every week that was spent locally with local farmers, which kept much of that money circulating back into the local Manistique economy. With seven farmers not reporting, the number is likely much higher.

Some highlights for the 2012 season include:

- 20 10x10 easy-up canopies for the farmers and 25 light pole banners.
- Market manager to oversee the project
- Portable tables for the farmers, storage for market equipment.

• Radio and newspaper advertising.

• Expanded season, Wednesdays, May 23 through June 20, 5-6 p.m. and Wednesdays, June 27 through Oct. 31, 4-6 p.m.

• Training for market volunteers and classes for farmers.

• Website management.

• Membership in the Michigan Farmers' Market Association.

• Will continue to accept Senior and WIC Project FRESH coupons, increasing access to nutritious foods for these population groups.

The Manistique Farmers' Market started as and remains a food and farm market only, which has been very popular with market patrons. Anyone who would like more information about the Manistique Farmers' Market or about the Sault Tribe Manistique SAH project, please contact the community coordinator, Kerry Ott, at (906) 341-9561 or kott@saulttribe.net. Current information about the market can always be found at [ManistiqueFarmersMarket.com](http://ManistiqueFarmersMarket.com).

## LSSU hosts campus rally for Out of the Darkness Walk

Friends, family, students, and community members joined together for an emotional gathering at Lake Superior State University on Saturday, April 7, for the first Out of the Darkness suicide prevention campus walk.

The Out of the Darkness Walk is a fundraising walk supporting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Funds will support research, education, advocacy, suicide prevention initiatives, and programs to support those impacted by suicide.

After a moving speech by Michelle Lewis, whose son,

Gordon Dolley, died by suicide in 2010 at the age of 15, the procession of 80 walkers and volunteers began. The route started on campus, traveled downtown and ended back on campus, was meant to bring awareness to the community. Walkers were reminded of harsh statistics and quotes of hope written on the sidewalk.

Many organizations came together to help bring awareness, among those there included LSSU Counseling Center, STAY Project, Weber and Devers, Psychology Club, Hiawatha

Behavioral Health, Chippewa County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Speak Up, and the Gay-Lesbian-Straight Alliance.

When participants reached the end of the route, there was a ceremonial balloon release, in which participants were able to write statistics or messages to their loved ones. Overall, \$2,400 was raised at this event for the prevention of suicide.

For more information about suicide prevention efforts on campus, please visit [www.facebook.com/groups/speakuplssu](http://www.facebook.com/groups/speakuplssu).

## ARC grants offer help and hope to victims of violence

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) and the Lodge of Bravery domestic violence shelter rely on federal funding for the services they offer and have recently submitted applications for two continuation grants though the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families and the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

ARC and shelter Director Lori Jump said the Family Violence Prevention and Services Grant is one their program has been receiving for a number of years. She said about 70 percent of the \$23,000 awarded under that grant goes towards supporting the Lodge of Bravery by providing emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence by intimate partners. The remaining 30 percent is spent on support and

prevention services. The lodge has a 90-day limit for emergency shelter assistance, sometimes adjusting that if clients need additional help.

The lodge has relocated to a building the tribe purchased and is in the process of undergoing renovations. Jump said she hopes the lodge will be available for clients to use by sometime this summer.

Jump recently submitted the grant application for the second round for the three-year OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Grant for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and dating violence and stalking. Jump said this grant is for \$300,000 over the next three years.

The transitional housing grant allows victims to move from emergency shelter into affordable housing they will eventually be able to sustain on their own. The

grant pays for the first 18 months rent, allowing clients time to find a job, day care, transportation and get their finances figured out. Jump said, "We were really excited to receive the original grant and hope to get this grant a second time. The cost of having your own home or apartment can be a huge barrier."

Transitional housing clients meet with their advocates monthly when they come in to pick up their rent checks and Jump said a few of the programs participants have been successful in establishing themselves and have been able to move off of the program.

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# Rescue team seeks help from military veterans

BY RICK SMITH

When news of the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake that devastated Haiti began hitting the airwaves, newspapers and the Internet, Jake Wood, a military veteran, came to the realization that he might be able to render some up-close and personal help to the people of the stricken Caribbean country. Seeing it would take time for established international disaster aid relief organizations to even arrive on the scene, Wood knew the training and experience he picked up during a stint in the U.S. Marine Corps would be valuable in getting immediate help to the folks suffering in the chaos and confusion in the aftermath of the quake.

"After going to Katrina five years ago, I saw how bad the establishment was at responding rapidly, and so when I saw this hit Haiti, I knew that the status quo was going to be this lumbering response. And I said, 'Well, why can't I fix that, I'm so much

more skilled now than before I was in the Marines or went to Katrina.'"

Wood also knew some of his friends on Facebook, military veterans with their own special skills and experiences, might be interested in joining him on such an expedition. He logged on to his Facebook account and posted a notice of his intentions, "I'm going to Haiti, who's in?" Almost immediately, a few of his buddies from across the country agreed to join him on his mission. It wasn't long before a cadre that included a component of medical professionals embarked on their mission.

Of course, everyone on the team had concerns about the uncertainty of the safety of the situation in such a broken-down area where everything from having enough drinking water to their physical security was in question. "There's always going to be unknowns," said Wood. "You can't wait for the perfect situation



to unfold because then you're never going to act, and action is the only way to move forward."

The team took a calculated risk resulting in saving the lives of hundreds of people who were critically injured and wouldn't live long without immediate medical attention. "They might have survived maybe 24 hours, but certainly not 72," Wood noted.

Thus was born Team Rubicon.

Team Rubicon has grown from a small, improvised group of gutsy and skilled veterans and medical professionals into a national non-profit organization uniting military veterans with medical professionals to rapidly deploy emergency response teams into areas stricken by devastating disasters. Since it was started, Team Rubicon has helped thousands in the United States and

other countries. It "bridges the gap" reaching disaster victims outside the range and scope of traditional aid organizations doing everything from removing debris to saving lives. Team Rubicon is now defined as a group of military veterans and medical professionals committed to changing veteran reintegration and disaster response along with the "nation" of supporters who make the missions possible.

Volunteer military veterans, medical professionals and firefighters come from across the United States and the organization is divided into three general regions, the west coast, Midwest and east coast, plus an area designated as Region VII, in the heart of the infamous Tornado Alley.

Team Rubicon welcomes military veteran volunteers, especially those with training and experience in communications, command and control, logistics and medical backgrounds. According to the organizations

website, [www.teamrubiconusa.org](http://www.teamrubiconusa.org), hundreds of U.S. military veterans, many returning home after fighting 10 years of war, find a renewed sense of purpose for their skills and experiences through Team Rubicon.

In addition, the organization seeks volunteer assistance from doctors, nurses and other medical professionals along with firefighters.

Aside from its primary mission, Team Rubicon conducts ongoing community service projects, fundraisers, and outreach to potential supporters and donors. A few examples where Team Rubicon can use the help of people with special skills and experience include those versed in organizing events, fundraising, training, graphic design, photography, video editing and administration.

One can apply to join Team Rubicon or learn more about the organization online by visiting [www.teamrubiconusa.org](http://www.teamrubiconusa.org).

# Construction starting on road around Sault casino

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A little road with a big local impact will soon be receiving a much-needed facelift. The Ring Road that circles around the Sault Kewadin Casino with both access points on Shunk Road will be closed beginning May 4 and is scheduled to be completed on June 8. Construction will be stopped and vehicles will be allowed on the road during Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28.

The road will be repaved and drainage upgraded with additional power and telephone lines installed. The stairs leading up to the RV campground behind the casino will be demolished and replaced with a scenically paved

footpath.

Other improvements include the addition of two crosswalks with flashing caution lights on Shunk Road leading from the Midjim convenience store and gas station to the tribe's Child Care Center and from the corner of Ice Circle Road that goes to Chi Mukwa Recreation Center to the sidewalk in front of the casino's main hotel entrance and valet parking area.

Sault Tribe Planning and Development specialist Jeff Holt said the four-week time frame for the construction is critical because they are working around the casino's entertainment scheduling, administrative and tour schedules and will be making

special accommodations for buses.

Foot traffic may also be diverted from one entrance to the other during different phases of the construction process. Holt said one main entrance would remain open at all times in addition to all emergency exits.

Valet parking will remain operational and additional parking across the street and behind the casino will also be available. Although traffic will not have access to the Ring Road during construction, there will be temporary access for vehicles using designated alternate routes.

The project is funded by the BIA and will cost about \$500,000. Payne and Dolan,

headquartered in Waukesha, Wisconsin, were awarded the contract for the work.

Holt said long-range plans include completing a sidewalk on Ice Circle Road between Shunk Road and Chi Mukwa Recreation Center.

A busy summer for construction activities, Holt said there would be continued maintenance at the Odenaang housing site in collaboration with the Housing Authority to repair areas around storm sewers and make sidewalk and street corner repairs where they are needed.

Holt said there are also some road improvements that need done on the Sault Tribe reservation site, most notably on

Shawano Road. "Our roads program is going to aggressively schedule repairs and replacements to roads on the tribe's housing sites, reservations and trust property. We are working on funding this project as soon as possible and are hoping to begin working on plans to repave and add new curbs and gutters to Shawano Road either later this year or next year." He said the project would be very similar to the construction done on Saulteur Road last summer and would take six weeks to complete.

# Find help online with STAY or TWLOHA

BY FELYSSIA MCALLISTER,  
WIA EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

The Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project is a good resource not only for the adults of children who are at risk of suicide and self-injury, but also for kids and teens who are at risk. STAY gives the information needed so children, young adults, and adults know what to know if someone they know is at risk.

The project is a federally funded program that helps children, teens and adults about awareness of bullying and suicide prevention. The STAY Project is a local program that isn't by any means like a therapy group. STAY gives plenty of information about the signs of potential suicide tendencies and how someone can help if someone they know is suicidal or is being bullied.

STAY's website, at [www.stayproject.org](http://www.stayproject.org), has three sections for three different age groups. Youth for younger children,

Young Adults for teens and persons in their early twenties, and Adult for parents of children who are going through difficulties. In each section there is different information for each group. STAY is a good website to use if you have any questions about suicide and the warning signs a suicidal person may show. STAY gives resourceful and knowledgeable information that can help anyone who is struggling with suicide and depression.

Adults should be aware of why their children are doing these things and ask them questions, but not be abrasive or scold their children because it'll make them close up and potentially make them hurt themselves more.

The website features a self-harm FAQ in each section. Self-harm is becoming a more known thing as time progresses. Self-harm can be in many forms; cutting, punching, biting, hair pulling, picking at the skin and even

some more brutal and extreme forms of self-harm.

Self-harm can be a cry out for help and a sign that one may be suicidal, but that isn't always the case. Talking to your child or even your friend about it lets them know that you care even if they seem like they don't want help.

To Write Love On Her Arms (twloha.com) is an organization that helps people just like STAY does. TWLOHA helps with suicide, addiction, depression, and self-mutilation. TWLOHA is known worldwide for its message and the help it brings people who are struggling.

Depression and other mental illnesses can be factors to why people become suicidal or even self-harm. Being different in any way can trigger kids to also be hurtful and bully others. Statistics show that 121 million people worldwide suffer from depression and that two-thirds of those suf-

fering never seek treatment to get better.

There is help out there, and if you or someone you know is suffering from depression or suicidal thoughts or tendencies, call the Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800) 273-8255. Also visit [www.stayproject.org](http://www.stayproject.org) and [www.twloha.com](http://www.twloha.com).

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# THE ELDER TIMES

## Everything you wanted to know about the Sault Tribe Elders Transportation Program

**Department:** Elders Services Division

**Program:** Elders Transportation Program

**Services:** Non-emergency medical transportation and medicine delivery (Sault city limits only). Provision of transportation to assist elders who, for a variety of factors, have difficulty using conventional means of transportation to reach medical healthcare services or require such assistance for reasons of personal security or protection.

**Where does the transportation take me?**

Marquette General Hospital, Iron Mountain VA Hospital, Munson Medical Centers in Traverse City or Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

**How do I use the program?**

Call Elders Services Division at 635-4971 or toll free at (888) 711-7356 and ask for transportation. Request the appropriate fee schedule. Call as far in advance as possible to reserve your transportation. You will need to provide the following information for your reservation:

1. Date, time and place of your medical appointment
2. Physician's name, address and phone number

**Things to remember when using the program.**

- Seatbelts must be worn at all times.
- Elders Services Division uses U.S. General Services Administration automobiles, so there is no



Photo by Sheryl Hammock

**Sharon Barnett being transported by Wayne King to Petoskey for a doctors appointment using the Elders Transportation Program.**

smoking permitted in these cars.

**Who are the drivers in my area?**

There are two drivers in the outlying area. There are two drivers in the Sault and they can transport patients in all areas.

**For what kind of appointments may I use the**

**transportation?**

- All medical appointments: Physical/specialist, outpatient surgery, therapy.
- Appointments, cardiac rehabilitation, physical therapy, oncology, radiation therapy, chemotherapy.
- Other appointments: Optical, dental, radiology, lab, nursing (foot care), Traditional Medicine, clinic services (i.e. pain, mental health), nursing home and assisted living facilities transportation.

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4. Out of town — 2-hour destinations, \$20 round trip.

If you pay your driver the same day, please make sure that you receive a receipt. Otherwise, transports are billed at the end of every month and payment can be made by personal check or money order to Sault Tribe Elders Services Division.

## Grant helps Malcolm High School repair greenhouse

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Malcolm High School has a greenhouse, sort of. The frame is up and they have the covering to go over the frame. Shortly after a local educator donated the greenhouse to the school last summer, it was vandalized.

To help the school purchase

what they needed to fix the greenhouse so they could begin using it, the Sault Ste. Marie Intramural School District applied for a small grant last fall through Youth Service American and Sodexo Foundation. The school was awarded one of 77 grants to support youth-led ser-

vice projects.

Special Education Teacher and Coordinated School Health Liaison, Keith Frosland, who is in charge of the greenhouse project, said the \$500 grant would be used to purchase the wiring needed to tie the covering down over the structure and also the

bracing and end covers. Frosland said the funding would complete the greenhouse with the exception of some shelving and the fan and louvers needed to circulate air inside the building.

In addition to growing tomatoes and eating them in the school cafeteria, Frosland said he would like to have students plant flowers such as geraniums and marigolds to give to elders residing in long term care facilities. Some teachers at the school have taken the initiative to start seedlings at their homes and have started a compost pile inside the greenhouse frame. "Our students are really good at working with their hands and it's beneficial to have them working on projects like this," Frosland said. "We want to make this a community project and invite local elementary students to see the greenhouse once it's operational."

The greenhouse will be used as a teaching tool for biology and chemistry classes and also

to teach students skills and knowledge to promote healthy behaviors.

Frosland said he is hoping area businesses will donate end of season plants and flowers that haven't sold to the greenhouse. He would also like to see community members become involved and asks that if you are a handyperson or would like to offer your help with this project, they need shelving for plants or the wood to build them, pots, potting soil, flowers and vegetables — and the most costly part of the project — the fan and louvers, which Frosland has estimated will cost about \$500.

He is hoping the entire project will come together soon so students can start using the greenhouse before the end of the school year.

If you would like to help or make a donation, call Malcolm High School at (906) 635-6638 and ask for Principal Heidi Homeister.



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Special education teacher and coordinated school health liaison, Keith Frosland, in front of the greenhouse frame at Malcolm High School.





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## Progressive Reforms: Our First 100 Days

Within the first 100 days of office, I pledge to work your Tribal Board Representatives to meet with Members in all Units and outside of the UP to draft and publish a realistic plan for our future. I will apply my new knowledge and skills in Leadership to establish a plan for our Tribal Path Forward. Here are some highlights:

- ♥ Identify Operational Cost Savings to Restore Annual Elder Check Amount
- ▲ Indentify & Deploy Upper Management , Chair & Board Cost Savings Immediately
- ◆ Develop Strategy to Negotiate 2013 Gaming Compact to Extend Tax Agreement Areas  
(Including qualification for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver based on Membership not 1/4 blood)
- ♣ Draft a Revenue Sharing Plan & Schedule a Membership Vote to Secure the Plan
- ♥ Develop new methods for regularly gathering Tribal Member & Team Member Input
- ▲ Identify Constitutional Amendments Members feel are Imperative to Pass Now
- ◆ Build on Members' diverse & vast experiences to draft an economic diversification plan
- ♣ Draft and Codify a Tribal Ethics Code eliminating Conflicts of Interest Once and For All
- ♥ Enact Tribal Labor Law with Civil Judgments
- ▲ Codify Indian Preference in Hiring and Contracting Including a T.E.R.O.
- ◆ Reforms to require a Special Election to Fill Tribal Chairperson & Board Vacancies

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**81%** of the Members polled opposed denying you a Vote to fill the Chair seat with more than a year left in the term!

To the Editor,  
Since former Sault Tribe Chairman Joe McCoy resigned last week, there has been a lot of speculation as to why he quit. I am more interested in moving forward and ensuring the people of the Sault Tribe are not denied our right to decide who will fill our most important election position. We are the people and the voters. The decision is ours to make not a select few of six.

Fair warning to those on the ST Board who would deny the members our most basic right, not only will your vote be recorded and remembered at election time, but Sault Tribe voters will exercise our Constitutional Right of Referendum and overturn the decision of anyone you appoint by hand pielding them to be Chairperson.

Finally, for those of you who think you are clever by "motioning" an appointment rather than by resolution: in the eyes of the law, both are subject to referendum by gathering just 100 signatures. Some balk about the costs of an election. This is not a legitimate argument; however, if your actions provoke a referendum, the Tribe will incur the costs anyway.

Tribal Board members are urged to do the right thing. How can it be bad to let "we the people" make this decision? Quit stalling, amend the code, and hold a special election already!

Linda (Eitrem) Rogers  
Sault Ste. Marie

THE EVENING NEWS  
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4 Tuesday, May 24, 2011

## ATTENTION: Sault Tribe Employment Team Members DON'T BE FOOLED

Holding employment meetings during an election is disingenuous & insulting!

Immediately following the 2008 Election, 155 team members (95% Tribal) lost their jobs after the Tribal Board suspended the appeals policy and due process rights. Average raises

for the last three years just - 1% while the Chair received a \$20,000 raise after I left office. The employer 401K match eliminated. Health insurance premiums sky-rocketed! Employee incentives and appreciation events a distance memory.

While I was Chair, employment team members had NO health insurance premium increases; those under \$30K got 6% raises; we matched 401K contributions; and we appreciated and rewarded all with the Team Member Incentive.

Playing with team members' livelihood risks unionization. We should not use sovereignty as a shield to treat team members badly. Elect me Chair and I will stabilize labor issues and will fight to restore the benefits you lost.

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- ◆ Tribal Chairperson / CEO & Vice Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- ◆ Acting Executive Director & Deputy Executive Director Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- ◆ 5+ Years of University Administrative experience at Michigan State, Lake State, and Northern Michigan Universities.
- ◆ 100% of work history spent serving our people!

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Not Required But It Helps

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- ◆ Master's degree in Education Specialist Coursework completed;
- ◆ Master's degree in Education Administration completed;
- ◆ Master's degree in Public Administration (1991)

**GIVING BACK:**

More Posted on Aaron's Website

Joseph K. Lumsden School Board, Community Action Vice-Chair, Habitat for Humanity, Tribal Housing Board, Sault Community Care Clinic, Sault Native Retention Task Force, Lansing Indian Center Board, Native of Marquette Incorporated Board, United Tribes of Michigan, & Michigan Political Leadership Program.

## CAMPAIGN SUPPORT & PLEDGE

Campaigns Cost Money. About \$10,000 per mailing. I don't have access to the Tribal Newspaper or website & scheduling of so-called 'Tribal Chair informational meetings.' Your help is needed to level the playing field to counter the planned anonymous mailers and calls.

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# Sault Tribe primary election set May 24

On April 25, the Sault Tribe Election Committee released the official list of candidates in the 2012 elections for tribal chairman and representatives for the board of directors. Officers to be elected this year include:

- Tribal chairman
- Unit I – three members
- Unit II – one member
- Unit III – one member
- Unit IV – one member

Incumbent board members seeking reelection are Cathy Abramson and Bernard Bouschor in Unit I, Lana Causley in Unit II, Patrick Rickley in Unit III, and Tom Miller in Unit IV. One vacant seat in Unit I will also be filled.

Based on the tribe's election ordinance, a primary election will be held in Unit I and Unit III, with the top six candidates

from Unit I and the top two candidates from Unit III moving to the general election. Primary election count day is May 24, with ballots mailed to eligible voters May 2.

Following the primary, general election ballots will be mailed to voters on June 6, with the official vote count on June 28.

The following candidates for the 2012 primary election are

listed in alphabetical order with incumbents in *italics*.

Chairman – *Joe Eitrem*, Aaron Payment

Unit I – *Cathy Abramson*, *Bernard Bouschor*, Nichole Causley, Betty Freiheit, DJ Hoffman, David Houghton, Dennis McKelvie, Russell McKerchie Jr., Jennifer McLeod, Christine McPherson, Shirley Van Alstine.

Unit II – William Baker, *Lana Causley*.

Unit III – James Everson, Wanda Garries, Linda Marshall, *Patrick Rickley*, Bridgett Sorenson.

Unit IV – *Tom Miller*, Darcy Morrow.

All board members serve four-year terms. The next tribal board elections will be held in 2014.

## — Primary candidate profiles —

The following were submitted by primary candidates for the Sault Tribe 2012 election. Each candidate is allowed up to 400 words. In this issue, profiles will run in reverse alphabetical order, beginning with Unit IV. — Editor



### DARCY MORROW, Unit IV

I am running for a Unit IV board seat. I will be your full-time board member. I was born and raised in Manistique. I am married with one son and three step-children. We live in Manistique and enjoy the outdoors. I am a member of both the Gathering of the Clans Powwow and the children's Christmas party committees for Manistique and Escanaba.

I worked for the Sault Tribe from 1987 to 2008. I started out in tribal social services as a student worker. In 1994, I worked as a CHT in Manistique. In 1999, I was hired to do marketing for both the Manistique and Christmas casinos. In 2000, I was hired as assistant casino manager for Christmas casino. In 2004, I was hired as assistant casino manager at Kewadin Shores. Then in 2007, I competed for and was hired as general manager. I oversaw the development and construction of both the Christmas and Kewadin Shores casino facilities.

I have applied, interviewed, competed and earned every position I have held. Having worked for different programs and casinos over 21 years combined, I worked my way up by being honest, dependable, hard working, responsible and dedicated. I have the experience, knowledge and advantage to be an asset for Unit IV tribal members.

I was one of over 150 members who lost their job after termination policies were suspended following the 2008 tribal chair election. I was unjustly terminated based on unsubstantiated hearsay. I was afforded no due process rights. The unemployment judge awarded me full unemployment pay because the tribe had no grounds for termination.

I have lived and worked in three of the five tribal units. This gives me an advantage to understand tribal member needs. I will push to bring back community centers in Escanaba and

Marquette. I will work with all board members and the chairperson to ensure all members have a voice within our tribe. I support bringing back elder recreation funding and reestablishing the Funeral Fund to the original amount of \$3,000 with no income guidelines. I will fight to ensure Unit IV members receive our share of services and programs.

I am focused on 'better jobs, better pay, better treatment' for all members and services expansion. Earning your vote involves advocating for you by being a full-time board member. I need and would appreciate your vote.

Thank you,  
Darcy (nee Chase) Morrow



### TOM MILLER, Unit IV

Dear Unit IV members,

I am once again seeking your support in my re-election bid to serve as your Unit IV representative on the Sault Tribe Board of Directors. I bring eight years of board experience to a time when the tribe is at a major crossroads as to the direction it is to take. It is imperative that the board have qualified and experienced board members who can evaluate and choose properly on these crucial decisions. I feel that the years of experience along with the education that I have acquired over the years, enable me to properly represent the tribe, both in the local unit area, in Lansing and nationally. I have also worked extremely hard and dedicated much time over the past four years in bringing two major economic projects, New Boston and Lansing, to the board and now to the membership. These projects, if successful, will be an answer to the tribe's need for increased revenues. These added revenue sources will allow us once again to raise the level of elder payments and services to the tribal members. As a tribal elder, I have the ability to look at problems from a slightly different view than those who do not have the experience of years. I have and will continue to always do what is best for the tribe. I carry no personal agenda other than to help the tribe provide its members with the best services possible. I believe that the future of the tribe

is that of educating its people to allow them to be in control of their future and experience more opportunities for growth. I am very involved in the educational portion of board responsibilities. We need to increase the number of tribal members who are in college, while at the same time not losing sight of the need to have young people career prepped and ready to enter the work force. I bring a set of skills to the board that allows me to contribute in a meaningful and productive manner. I have worked hard my entire life and will continue to do so as your Unit IV representative. I am asking that you afford me the opportunity to continue to work on your behalf for the next four years. These may be the most crucial years in tribal history.

Tom Miller,  
Unit IV Representative  
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millertg1@hotmail.com



### BRIDGETT SORENSON, Unit III

I was born and raised in St. Ignace. I graduated from LaSalle High School and went on to earn an associate in business management from NCMC and a bachelor's in business administration from LSSU. I currently work for Kewadin Shores Casino as an administrative assistant and have been with the tribe for almost 10 years. I was a chairman's intern in the EDC and then worked as an employment representative for Human Resources for three years. As a parent of two boys I am very involved in the community and have served on the Sault Tribe Head Start Parent Committee and Policy Council. I currently serve as secretary on the St. Ignace Hockey Association Board, have facilitated blood drives for the Red Cross for the past five years and serve on the tribe's United Way Workplace Committee.

Tribal programs helped me through college and education is important to me. I would like to see more culture and language taught in grades K-12. I will continue to look for and implement new funding sources. I will establish a scholarship for Unit III out of my board salary.

One of my focused areas will

be on improving and establishing services for our elders. Elders should not have to decide whether to buy food or pay taxes, insurance or utilities. I will support a better burial plan, increasing the elder dividend check, providing services such as a transportation, for not just doctor appointments but also paying bills and grocery shopping; a program for helping with taxes, insurance and utility costs and finding funding for a senior/assisted living center. A portion of my board salary will be used for a new or established elder program or fund.

We have a beautiful health center with limited doctors and professionals on staff. Members have to wait too long to get appointments for both medical and mental health. If we get more staff and still cannot better serve our community, then we may need to extend our hours or establish an agreement with Mackinac Straits. The entire membership should have access to free or affordable health care and prescription coverage.

Fishermen deserve to be paid more for their fish and there should be loans available for purchasing equipment.

The 401K contribution and Blue Cross should be re-instated and the Constitution updated.

Please elect me as your full-time Unit III director with weekly office hours!



### PAT RICKLEY, Unit III

Aanii, my name is Pat Rickley. I am running for the Unit III seat on the tribal board of directors and I am currently serving in that capacity. I was born and raised in St. Ignace on Rickley Ridge. I left the area for four years to proudly serve in the United States Army, achieving the rank of Sergeant. Currently, I am employed at the Mackinac Bridge and recently received a special tribute signed by Gov. Snyder, Sen. Casperson, Sen. Walker, and state representatives Frank Foster, Steve Lindberg, Matt Huukii and Ed McBroom, all from the Upper Peninsula, for being a positive-minded, friendly, congenial individual at the bridge and a positive figure for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Sen.

Casperson proclaimed me to be the "Ambassador to the Upper Peninsula."

I have formed a good rapport with state officials and department heads, and have become a recognizable tribal face with other tribes in Michigan and Midwest states. I was humbled by your overwhelming show of support in 2004 and am humbled and thankful for your overwhelming show of support so far in this upcoming election process.

My vow to you is that I will continue to be fiscally responsible and make the best decisions on issues that pertain to our tribe. Together we can make the difference.

I am a man of goodwill, thoughtful and obliging. I sponsor kids in sports, dance or just help to alleviate or defray the cost to assist parents so kids may participate. I donate to the area food pantry and Hope Chest, and help others when needed.

A good leader must be a great servant. I would greatly appreciate your support and vote. I am experienced, dependable and honest. Vote for experience. Vote for Pat Rickley, the responsible choice!

Sincerely,  
Pat Rickley



### LINDA MARSHALL, Unit III

Hello, I am Linda Marshall a lifelong resident of Unit III. I was born in Cheboygan, Michigan to Edwardine M. (nee Martin) and Lewis W. Spencley. I am the eldest of nine children and have lived in Moran Township for the majority of my life. I grew up on Martin Lake Road and attended Gros Cap School and was graduated from LaSalle High School. On Feb. 4, 1967 I married Richard D. Marshall and together we raised four sons, Richard D. Marshall Jr., Michael J. Marshall, Christopher (Iffer) M. Marshall and Jason D. Marshall, each of whom possess a strong work ethic. The Sault Tribe at Kewadin St. Ignace has employed me since 2002 as the manager of the Horseshoe Bay Restaurant.

I've developed strong interpersonal skills to enable me to

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integrate with my colleagues and customers and develop valuable friendships. I am an enthusiastic professional, responsible person with proven leadership abilities in working as a part of a team, handling multiple tasks with great adaptability and all skill necessary to manage a business including budgeting. I am hard working and very determined. I enjoy keeping myself busy and put extra effort in my tasks. After 48 years in the work force (20 in the trenches and 28 in management) I am confident I have the necessary qualifications to undertake a task of such importance. I am not afraid to speak out for what I believe is right. As a tribal elder, I am willing to work for the needs of the people believing tribal youth and elders are of primary importance. It is of the utmost importance for our tribe to move forward by learning from past mistakes and successes by focusing on our Seven Grandfathers. I believe that saying what you mean and meaning what you say are essential to building trust in communication with tribal membership and their leaders.

My past experiences include being on the Moran Township School Board, St. Ignace Parish Council, St. Ignace Recreation Board, youth ministry teacher for 28 years and teacher's aid for more than 10 years.

I would appreciate your support in the coming election. I will be honest and forthright and will not make promises I cannot keep and will make myself available to the tribal membership. My

main goal is to educate our youth and ensure that our elders have the care and respect they have earned.

At my age, I would like to be able to serve my tribe and am able to devote full-time to this very important position. At my age, I feel it is time to give back some of what I have gained for the benefit of my tribe.



**WANDA GARRIES UNIT III**

Hello, my name is Wanda Garries (Spring Woman) and I am running for Unit III on the tribal board of directors.

Let me introduce myself. I am the daughter of Jerry and Brenda Garries from St. Ignace, Mich. My grandparents are Charlie and Jean Garries and William and Leona Johnson. My grandfather, Charlie Garries, was the sheriff of St. Ignace and a business owner with my grandmother. My grandfather, William Johnson, was also a business owner with my grandmother and a local plumber for St. Ignace and Mackinac Island.

My family has been a part of St. Ignace for many years and has been very well liked and respected.

I was born in Battle Creek, Mich. I have a twin brother who is a former Marine and resides in Battle Creek. My youngest brother also resides in Battle Creek, working for Duncan Aviation. My sister and her husband own the Birchwood Motel in St. Ignace and I have a daughter and grandson who live in Florida.

I am running for tribal board of directors because I want to see us as native people succeed and I want to be a voice for the members of Unit III.

Experience: 20 yrs residential property mgt/mortgage industry, phases of construction and rehabilitation, acquisitions, take-over of new assets, collections, accounts receivable and payable, payroll, budgets, marketing, experience in managing others, attends elder meetings and volunteers at gatherings as much as possible, studied for Michigan real estate licensing, Selective Service Board member and member of Parent Coalition-EUP.

Accomplishments: Asst. manager of year. Certified Graystar mgt training award. Top 25 percent performer Amico mgt. Awarded best Resident Retention Award-Amico Mgt. Awarded HR certificate of appreciation-Amico Mgt. Employee of Month and top goal achiever-HSBC Bank, top performance trip, cash winner and goal achiever-HSBC Bank, nominated for \$25,000 top performer award-HSBC Bank.

Goals: Faster turnaround time in hiring qualified employees, fight for tribal unity and honest government body, seeing old casino used to benefit tribe,

better program assistance to our elders, expand tribal school for more children to attend, shorter wait time to be eligible for health insurance, provide information to tribal members in timely manner, supports more interaction with members by the board representatives, competitive pay for our tribal employees and supports Lansing casino.

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**JAMES EVERSON, Unit III**

My name is James Everson and I am a candidate for the position of board of directors for Unit III. I am a lifelong resident of St. Ignace, having grown up here with my seven siblings. I am the son of Howard and Charlotte Everson of St. Ignace. I graduated from St. Ignace LaSalle High School and attended Lake Superior State University for one year. My wife, Kyle, and I have been married for 33 years and together we have two sons.

My past public service experience is six years serving on the Downtown Development

Authority and six years serving on the Harbor Authority for the City of St. Ignace. I was also a volunteer firefighter and officer for the Fire Department, City of St. Ignace, for 21 years. I am self-employed and have owned my own businesses for the last 36 years. Originally starting in the upholstery business, I opened a furniture store in St. Ignace in 1976 and subsequently have expanded to an additional furniture store in Newberry, Mich. During my time as a small-business owner I have had extensive experience in making sound economic choices in uncertain economic times.

With my past business and public service experience, I am the best candidate for the board of directors position for Unit III.

Very important decisions will need to be made that will require sound political and business experience to protect the future of our tribe. I am not afraid to make important decisions.

My main goals as your director are to make sure we maintain financial accountability of government and business budgets. I will also be a leader in seeking out any federal and state grant programs, which could assist the tribe financially. My major concerns are that our programs and benefits such as housing, food concessions, elder funding, health, optical, dental and conservation programs are managed appropriately to ensure the maximum benefit is achieved for you, the members.

I have the time and I will work — See "Profiles," page 12

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*Aanii,*

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Joe Eitrem. I am the current chairman of the Sault Tribe and I am seeking election. I have served on the board of directors since 2004 and was appointed chairman in August 2011. My family is from Sugar Island and I believe in hard work and fairness.

My first priority after being appointed last August was to bring the board together — to work together to keep our tribe moving forward in a positive way. We began a review of our wage grid and conducted a compensation analysis. We have paid off bonds, finalized Greektown casino, and been through the Carcier Settlement, a huge win for tribes everywhere.

I am very proud to say that we are beginning to secure a casino in Lansing that will bring us a badly needed revenue stream. We are working on a proposal right now to provide medical insurance for all tribal members regardless of where they live.

We need to diversify our businesses, secure federal SBA 8(a) status and protect our resources and our sovereignty. We need to keep our tribe moving forward — and I promise you — I will do this if elected as your chairman.

*Miigwech,  
Joe Eitrem*

**With your help, I have provided and I will continue to provide the tribe with responsible leadership. I have a lifetime of business experience and I firmly believe in restoring our tribe to an era of community harmony and financial stability. I would be very honored to continue to serve the membership as chairman of the tribe.**

— Joe Eitrem

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hard for you well into the future if you will allow me the opportunity. My promise to the members of Unit III is to represent you in the manner that benefits you the most, and be an advocate for everyone I represent.

Thank you for your time and your support and please contact me anytime at (906) 643-7480, James Everson, 20 First Street, St. Ignace or at sootreverson@gmail.com.



**LANA CAUSLEY, UNIT II**

As a lifelong resident of this unit, I cannot remember a time in my life where I was not actively involved in trying to make our tribal territory a better place to live — immersing myself in community youth and elders activities, ensuring our traditional ways are passed on, working to increase services and meet the needs of our tribal communities and implementing policy for better employment conditions.

I have dedicated my entire adolescent and adult life to understanding the issues and concerns of our families, our region and our tribal nation. I have listened and understand how difficult it is to live outside the area of your roots. I know you want your families back home taken care of and it will remain my priority.

I have been blessed with grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts and cousins who taught me to be a voice for our Indian families, our tribal nation—and most importantly, our traditional ways. These strong tribal roots, a lifetime of commitment, along with a thorough institutional knowledge of the challenges we face as a tribal nation—this is what I bring to the table.

Many people make promises. I offer proven results and a voting record demonstrating the courage to make tough decisions when called for. We are emerging from a long period of turmoil and I understand firsthand the perils of business decisions made in a hyper political climate. I will remain committed to, and will fight for protecting the best interests of our tribe, so poor decisions are not repeated.

The challenges we face are many and pose an ongoing threat to our sovereign nation. I will continue to stand tall and speak with a strong voice for our people at the state and national level, in issues related to our treaty rights, housing, education, health, gaming and the environment.

I will continue to dedicate myself to financial accountability, sustainable economic development, debt reduction and defending the sovereign rights of our tribal nation. I will continue “fighting the fight.”

We may not always take the easiest path, but with hard work and dedication, we can and will reach our goals by focusing on the future and respecting and ensuring our cultural ways remain a cornerstone of our tribal nation.

I would be honored and humbled at the opportunity to continue representing the interests of

our membership and my people in Unit II.

Baamaapii, gchi miigwech.  
Lana Causley



**BILL BAKER, Unit II**

My name is Bill Baker, I am a resident of Naubinway. I am a candidate for the board of directors, Unit II. I have been actively involved in the Naubinway elders group, attended board meetings regularly for the past five years, participated in powwows in Hessel, Newberry and Rexton, and attended the Indian Educational Conference as representative for past three years.

My experience and achievements: I began as a driver for a trucking company at 22, owned the company at 28; maintained three offices: Duluth, Port Huron and Saginaw; employed more than 100, provided profit-sharing, health insurance and a voice in the company; sat on the board of directors for London's Farm Dairy, which owned several companies in southeastern Michigan with revenues of \$45-50 million a year. Ten years ago, the entire operation was sold to United Dairies, an ongoing business that operates in most U.S. states.

I am past chairman of the board of directors, Refrigerated Freight, which was owned by London's Farm Dairy and operated Aurelia Trucking Co. I eventually wound up owning both Refrigerated Freight and Aurelia trucking; we had operation in 35 states when I sold the companies.

I am a past board member of National Fisheries Institute, Washington D.C.; Mid-West Federated Fisheries consul, Chicago, Ill.; Michigan Fish Producers, Muskegon, Mich.; American Trucking Associations Inc., Washington D.C.; Michigan Trucking Association, Lansing, Mich.; Wisconsin Trucking Association, Madison, Wis.; and presently, Masonic Temple Board: National Honor Society.

Graduated from University of Toledo with a bachelor's of education in community leadership, 3.9 GPA, magna cum laude and dean's list.

I owned independent businesses working with noted authors such as Juan Williams, author and commentator for Fox News; author and defender of citizens rights Ralph Nader; Dr. Cornel West of Princeton University; Erin Gruel, Teacher of the Year and author of *Freedom Writers*; Frank Lutz, author of *Words that Work, It's not What You Say But What They Hear* and commentator on Fox News; other members of the Republican Party at conventions and state conferences.

I believe my background in a number of diverse businesses through the years is an excellent example of my ability to work toward identifying sources of revenue suited to tribal investment, implementing the posi-

tion of CEO, defining the tribal Constitution for relevancy and consistency, working toward earning the tribe's respect as a board representative, and researching new approaches to job training for our tribal youth.

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**SHIRLEY VAN ALSTINE, UNIT I**

I am Shirley Van Alstine, a resident of Sault Ste. Marie and descendant of family members steeped in tribal and community tradition. I was raised in DeTour Village, I am a graduate of DeTour Area High School, and hold an associate's degree from Lake Superior State University. Throughout my lifetime I have worked hard to overcome the financial struggles faced by my relatives and myself. I believe our tribe needs strong leadership to move forward and build a more fiscally responsible board thereby providing financial security for our current members and for the future generations.

I am retired, from the federal government, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and have time to serve our tribal community and will apply my work ethics, determination and commitment to succeed as an effective tribal board member — one who will listen to the members and uphold the tribal constitutional rights of members.

During my tenure with the federal government, I gained extensive working knowledge in the field of real estate services (fee to trust land acquisitions, leasing, and granting of rights-of-way across Indian lands). I served as the director of the White Earth Land Settlement Act Project Office — providing management oversight and supervision of the financial compensation to present day heirs at law for the land which was fraudulently taken from original Indian owners. The last five years of my career with the BIA, I served as the deputy superintendent of the Minnesota agency. I provided the daily management oversight of the agency which offered program services to six federally recognized Chippewa bands which make up the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. I served on the secretarial election board in which the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe was amending their tribal Constitution to prohibit convicted felons from seeking tribal board of directors positions. I gained knowledge of the Minnesota Chippewa Election Ordinance by interacting with various members and council regarding specific issues stemming from petitions for referendums on actions taken by the tribal board of directors, and the proposed removal from office of council members on the Leech Lake Reservation.

I served on several committees in various capacities (member, secretary/treasurer and chairperson) with the responsibility for setting policies and making decisions affecting the operations of a realty branch and a BIA agency

serving six federally recognized tribes.

I support economic development expansion and diversification, constitutional change (separation of powers), continued treaty rights protection, prompt replenishment of the Self-Sufficiency Fund, and the reduction of salaries for board members and chairman during this economic down trend.



**CHRISTINE MCPHERSON, UNIT I**

First, I wish to recognize the present and past leadership of the tribe. If not for their wisdom and efforts we would not be here as a people or a tribe. Although we may not always be in agreement, they deserve our respect and gratitude. Miigwech.

I am Christine McPherson. I hope you give me the honor of representing you, the members of Unit I, as one of your board members. I will not take your trust lightly. I will conduct my business on the board in a way that will show honor and respect for you and the office. To that end, I ask for your support and vote.

If a government is to be credible, it must have positive leadership. We need leadership as being based in service to our members and employees. We need to engage at all governmental levels to participate in decision making at tribal, national, state and local levels.

If government is to be credible, it must be open. I will support efforts to give membership a greater voice, increase the transparency of decision making and improve communication.

If government is to be credible, it must keep its promises. We have made a promise to our

elders through the elders' payment program. It is time we review the structure of the Elders Fund and adjust to create new growth and future sustainability.

If a government is to be credible it must have a soul. I will support improved membership services starting with increased access to quality child care throughout the service area, meaningful scholarships to our youth in colleges and trade schools and re-establishing the funeral assistance program.

If a government is to be credible, it must have the resources to fulfill its promises. I will support efforts to increase and diversify our financial base. I will support our profitable businesses, focus on struggling businesses, and redirect resources where businesses cannot demonstrate viability. We need a plan for taking advantage of our business strengths and we must diversify into new industries and markets.

If a government is to be credible, it must have credible leadership. I hold a bachelor's degree in social services, master's degree in business administration and an economic finance professional certificate. I am an Anne E. Casey Fellow. I worked for Sault Tribe for 28 years, culminating in 21 years as director of Anishnabek Community and Family Services and interim health director.

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**JENNIFER LYNN MCLEOD,  
UNIT I**

Born Jennifer Lynn McLeod, my parents Laurence and Carleen McLeod raised me in a rural setting, on a dirt road, where my favorite pass times were hunting and fishing, or helping my dad fix cars. The oldest of seven siblings, I graduated from high school, started college and at 19 years of age I was the executive director of Oakland County American Indians, Inc. (a social service agency operating under a CETA grant). I learned to manage state programs, help people find jobs, food, clothing, housing and health care.

I am the mother of two sons. When they were young, I successfully opened my own graphics communications company, and learned about gross/net profits, marketing, accounting, purchasing and many other business related activities. A health scare resulted in closing my business to spend more time with my children. I then worked in the private business sector, briefly for our tribe,

and also as a subcontractor on a Department of Defense project. I moved to the Upper Peninsula 14 years ago, and began working at the Hannahville Indian School. The students were amazing and, at their request, I went back to college, earning my bachelor's degree in elementary education and graduating summa cum laude, with a 4.0 GPA. I have been educating tribal students ever since, teaching about our culture and our language in addition to reading, writing and arithmetic. I have one more class to complete my master's degree. I am eagle clan, and enjoy a traditional way of life. My husband Denny and I live on Sugar Island where we share our love of the "Anishnaabe way" with our five children and nine grandchildren.

I am a strong, determined woman. I think independently and am influenced by what I believe is right, not by last names. No offense intended, but my father taught me to never allow anyone else to do my thinking for me, and I have learned that he was correct, even when decisions are difficult, I maintain my objectivity and do the right thing.

My work ethic goes beyond 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. As a business owner, a teacher and a mother I understand the "whatever it takes" requirement. I am dedicated to doing my best. A promise that I will make to you as your representative on the board of directors is that I will put people first and give you my best work. Miigwetch.



**RUSSELL MCKERCHIE,  
UNIT I**

My Name is Russell Joseph Mckerchie, I am the eldest son of Russell E. Mckerchie and Bonnie T. (nee McCoy) Mckerchie-Spring. I was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie. Most of my early years were spent on Sugar Island. My grandfathers taught me how to do just about everything. I think that is why my family says I'm a "Jack of all trades, master of none!"

I grew up on Maple Street around a lot of tribal families. The reason I mention it is they also raised me! This is just how it was. I have to say it was probably one of the most balanced upbringings someone could have. I'm working on bringing up my six beautiful children and two granddaughters the same way.

I have been working for the Sault Tribe for most of my career. I started as a leaflet technical advisor (handed out flyers at the locks, ha, ha). The first time was to get the word out to vote and pass our right to open the casino. The second time was to hand out

flyers to get customers to come down to the casino. I like to think I was there since its conception. I turned 18 and joined the workforce as a security guard. I held a variety of positions from security, slots, construction and finally a spot opened up in the Entertainment Department. The rest, as they say, is history! I love my job! I love the employees!

It will be a big change if the people vote me in! I do believe together we can make a change, have a strong voice together and make sure we work as one! We need to start leading by example, show we are working together for the betterment of our tribe as one. That way, if we do, they will follow.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to message me on my Facebook page, email or phone (906) 440-5679 or [Russellmckerchie@gmail.com](mailto:Russellmckerchie@gmail.com).

- Members/employee rights.
- Constitutional amendments.
- More direct and open with membership.

- Socially responsible. We need to address the fact that our tribe is just that — our tribe — in a whole.

- Government of the people, for the people, by the people.

Thank you and make your vote count!

**DENNIS MCKELVIE, UNIT I**

Dear respected tribal members, please allow me to introduce myself: I am Dennis "Denny" McKelvie, a 61-year-



**Dennis McKelvie**

old elder and a Unit I candidate for the Sault Tribe Board of Directors. My wife of 42 years, Anne (Lahtie), and I live on Sugar Island. We have two children and four grandchildren.

I graduated from Sault High School in June 1969 and entered the U.S. Army. I served 24 years, earning a Bronze Star and Purple Heart in Vietnam. After retiring as first sergeant, I moved my family home to Sugar Island.

I began working full time for the U.S. Postal Service while attending Lake Superior State College studying political science and government. Continuing to work full time with the USPS until elected as a Unit I board representative, I resigned my USPS position to give my full attention and energy to the tribe. I've had the honor and privilege to serve as your tribal board member for eight years.

During my tenure on the board, there were many difficult, tough decisions to be made. Each time a decision was made, I, as a leader, asked how will this affect

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# Jennifer McLeod

## ... Focusing on Our Future!

Aaniin! In the upcoming election, you will be asked to vote on individuals that you believe will do the best job for our people. Candidates will list their education and experiences, tell you about their accomplishments, and then ask you to vote for them. It appears simple... but there is so much more to consider. As a voting member of our tribe I have looked for leaders that exhibit something more important than time spent in college (although education is important); something that goes beyond experience (although experience is valuable as well); I have looked for that person who demonstrates a quality that naturally makes people seek them out... a quality called *Wisdom*."

**Wisdom**

Wisdom is: "The ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting; insight. Common sense; good judgment." The well-known writer Henry David Thoreau says "It is a characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things" *Our tribe needs leadership that exhibits all of these descriptions of wisdom.*

I believe that more "Wisdom" in our Leadership will result in that greatness that we all want for our tribe. *Wisdom* will see that it is the **people** of our Tribe that truly matters. *Wisdom* knows that service to others creates hope, faith, and a promise for the future... *Wisdom* is a quality that I look for in our Leaders because it will prevent them from doing desperate things.

*OURS is a Great Tribe, destined for Great Things that reaches from the hearts of our ancestors to the hearts of our unborn children.*

**Leadership**

It is time for change. It is time to release the anger of the past, and focus clearly on our future... A future filled with hope and prosperity for all of our tribal members. The path to this future will require leadership that has the courage to face the obstacles that would keep us from success, *and the wisdom to know what is right for our Tribe*. It will require leadership that understands the needs of our people, and has the *wisdom* to guide our tribal government selflessly...

*I know that I am such a leader.*

**Tradition**

I am an Eagle Clan woman, firmly rooted in the culture and traditions of our Anishnaabe people. I am a peacemaker, and a warrior; A mother, a grandmother, and a professional Teacher. Helping tribal people find jobs, healthcare, housing, and start businesses spans more than 30 years of my life. For the last 13 years I have been trusted with the education of our precious children - helping them to see that they are beautiful, smart and have a future... *a bright future.*

**People Say**

"She has the wisdom to see things clearly from all sides, that combined with the convictions to stand by and follow her heart is uncommon to find in a single human being." *G. Sweeny, Coleman, MI.*

*Find out for yourself why Jennifer McLeod is the woman you want sitting at the Board of Directors table working for you and the Future of our Tribe.*

**Contacting me is easy!**

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- website <https://sites.google.com/site/jennifermcleod2012/>
- give me a call (906) 440-9151
- or when you see me around just say, "Hey Jen! Let's have a talk."



**Unit 1**

**From Profiles, Page 13.** — us as a tribal nation and not just a few tribal members? Would this decision move us forward, or hold us back? It is not easy to make such decisions knowing there will always be someone who is not going to agree with you, but a leader must be willing and ready to accept this. I have, as your past tribal board member, and will continue to as your future unit representative.

I will work diligently to end spending tribal dollars on business ventures with little to no return. So far, Indian Energy has spent \$900,000 of \$2.5 million handed over, with zero return to date. This project was pushed forward even though the two Indian Energy representatives clearly stated during an open meeting this is a very high risk business venture, and we (tribal members) would not see any return for 8-10 years. They also clearly stated Sault Tribe would have zero control on how tribal dollars are spent. Is this good business sense? Does it make sound financial sense we get ourselves out of debt, and then expand our businesses and services, or continue on as we are doing, putting money in everyone else's pocket but our tribal coffers?

I respectfully ask for your support during this election year. Thank you.

had six winners at our school, including two this year. Each student has an estimated educational value of \$500,000, if they decide to pursue a doctoral degree. I am very proud of all our Native students at our high school. I am a strong advocate for higher education, and believe that we should increase college funding. I have taught Native American literature for the past 19 years, and also Ojibwe language for the past three years. I helped start our Ojibwe language program back in 1993, which was one of the first in Michigan. I was also on the first school board of the Bahweting Anishinabe School, helping write the charter school application. I have many accomplishments that I am proud of as an educational leader. I believe we need to use our Anishinabe language and culture in all our decisions. If I am elected as your representative, I will use my knowledge of traditional ways and language in every decision I make.



**DJ HOFFMAN, UNIT I**

Hello, my name is DJ Hoffman. I am the son of Lauri Henry (nee McCoy), and Donald "Joe" Hoffman, both tribal members. My grandfather, Ken McCoy, was a past member of the board and my grandmother, Helen (nee Gurnoe) McCoy, was a direct descendent on the Durant Roll. Both were born and raised on Sugar Island. Herman and Arbutus Kempf (Biron), tribal member, were my grandparents on my father's side. I have one sister, Kristi Henry, and one brother, Bob. My wife, Tan-A, and I are blessed to be the parents of two sons, Thalen and Keenan Hoffman. I am fortunate to have a very large family, many of whom are noted for their contributions to the tribe.

My mother raised us to know and be proud of who we are, to be true to ourselves, give to others within our abilities, appreciate the richness of our heritage and to strive to give back to our community. Through her self-determination, I was encouraged to follow the path to college where I graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in human resources and Lake Superior State University with a degree in business. I have continued my education by completing over 39 credits for my master's degree from NMU's MPA program (off campus program discontinued) and 24 credits towards my MBA from CMU.

I am an outspoken advocate for economic development and diversification, education, health-care, culture, and accountability. In addition, I understand that our tribe's most valuable assets are our children and elders.

Our elders are the foundation of our tribe, and our children are our future.

Please use one of your three votes on a candidate who promotes positive, active change. An experienced candidate with a proven track record of working to ensure that the tribe prospers, focusing on improving the lives of the membership through active involvement, not mere political promises.

True leadership is not reflected in the actions taken while people are looking; it lies within the action taken when they are not.

Please cast your vote for me, DJ Hoffman.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 635-6945, toll free at (888) 4-DJHOFF, by sending email to djwhoffman@hotmail.com, or visit me online by stopping in at www.membership-first.com.

Sincerely,  
DJ Hoffman



**BETTY FREIHEIT, UNIT I**

My name is Betty Freiheit. I was raised in the community. My parents were Bernard and Loretta Krull. I am one of 11 of their 13 children still living. Married 46 years, two children and six grandchildren. I am a recently retired correction officer from the State

of Michigan.

I am a tribal elder who has fought for tribal members rights for the past many years.

I was alone in gaining the gas and cigarette tax deduction for tribal members personally. Previously, the taxes were wrongfully being placed in the general fund and not going directly to the tribal members.

I was the first and only lay-advocate in the Sault Tribal Court system to date!

I sat on the tribes Constitutional Convention Committee.

Fought for tribal members constitutional rights in the Sault Tribe Appellate Court system and won the decision on behalf of tribal members.

I believe I have protected the rights of tribal members during the past three tribal administrations.

I exposed corruption and abuse in nearly every department of the casino.

I was one of a hundred tribal members who testified in front of the State of Michigan Gaming Authority in Detroit opposing the Greektown Casino. How much would the tribe have saved had we been successful?

In 2004, I informed the entire Sault Tribe Board of Directors, on several occasions, that per our tribal Constitution, legal counsel Steve Morello was NOT qualified to be in that position. Only after I provided the board of directors with documentation from the Bureau of Indian Affairs did the board take action. What did that cost our tribe?

I will work to bring honesty and character to the tribe and to ensure the tribe buys equipment to drill our own wells and septic systems. Build our own

funeral and crematory facility. Build a certified training facility to educate tribal members and teach them the necessary skills to compete for jobs anywhere in the world.

Last, but not least, I would like to inform the membership that I will not be sending out campaign literature due to the fact that I chose to use the money that I would have spent on signs, stamps, etc., and gave it to a homeless family. That was the more practical thing for me to do! However, I would appreciate your support in this election.

Thank you.  
Betty F. Freiheit



**NICHOLE CASULEY, UNIT I**

Elect Nichole Casuley, Unit I Candidate. Strengthening sovereignty, self-determination and self-sufficiency.

If elected I will donate 30 percent of my board salary to programs and services: 10 percent elders (examples: water bills, transportation, conversation, gardens, etc.) and 10 percent youth (examples: sponsor poverty stricken children's recreational activities, hockey, basketball, running, etc.).

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**DAVID HOUGHTON, UNIT I**

My name is David Houghton and I am a candidate for Unit I. My roots of my Anishinabe heritage go deep. I am a strong believer in our traditional cultural ways that make us a distinct people. I am married with four children, and have been a teacher for the past 23 years. I was also the first Native American advisor to work at the Sault Ste. Marie high school, following in the footsteps of Rosie Gaskin. I have had several accomplishments throughout my career as a Native American advocate. When I first started working at Sault High in 1992 the Native dropout rate was 28 percent, when I left the position three years ago, the dropout for Natives was 4 percent. In 2002, we had the highest number of Native graduates with 76 students, also the valedictorian that year. We have had four Native valedictorians during my time as Native advocate. I started the Native American Science and Math Bowl Team at Sault High in 1999, which competed in Colorado for several years. Our team won first place twice and second place twice. They competed against over 40 teams of Native students nationwide. I have also been an ambassador for the Gates Millennium Scholarship, which gives full scholarships to students up to a PhD level. I was selected to be a reader for three years, one of only 24 people in the country. We have

**EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP, REPRESENTING ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS**



*With Your Support, I Will:*

- ◆ Push Forward new and innovative approaches to moving OUR Tribe progressively forward.
- ◆ Stress Accountability and Fiscal Responsibility with OUR Tribe.
- ◆ Advocate for ALL Tribal Members regardless of the popularity of the cause.
- ◆ Stress and Push Diversification and Economic Development to ensure a viable future for this Generation and Future Generations.
- ◆ Fight and Defend Our Tribal Treaty Rights and Sovereignty.
- ◆ Advocate for a continued separation of powers: Constitutional Amendments to allow for Term Limits, Special Initiatives, Elected Judges.
- ◆ Ensure that that all adopted ordinances, resolutions and policies adhere to the Tribal Constitution.

**EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP**

- Tribal Board Member 2006-10
- Extensive Inter-governmental Relations
- Proficient in Parliamentary Procedure
- Sault Area School Board Member
- Conservation Committee Member
- Health Committee Member
- Youth Council Advisor
- High Education Committee Member
- JKL Fiduciary Committee Member
- Gaming Authority
- Gaming Commissioner
- Tax Commissioner
- Culture Committee Member
- Tribal Community Member

**EDUCATION**

- Bachelor's Degree — Business
- Bachelor's Degree — Human Resources
- MPA — 39 Credits Completed
- MBA — 24 Credits Completed
- Licensed Realtor
- Executive Management Certificate
- Certified Parliamentarian

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I will strengthen employee equality, shorten wage gap between lowest paid employee and highest paid employee, increase jobs by developing an economic business portfolio that capitalizes on the global market needs of today while supporting those needs with our trained, educated and skilled workers; developing employee database, putting people to work in their areas of expertise and enjoyment.

I will strengthen education opportunities, continue to fight for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver program.

I will protect constitutional rights, modify, with support, current tribal codes that conflict with constitutional rights, separate judicial branch from legislative branch allowing for impartial decisions by judges.

I will promote and preserve programs and services, evaluate and modify current programs for effectiveness, efficiency and excellence, ensure programs are meeting needs of membership.

I will preserve our culture and heritage, continue to look at ways to reach out to membership.

I will perpetuate our bimadzwin, continue to include our values as a distinct nation into all faucets of our tribe.

My qualifications for the job are lifelong resident of Sault Ste. Marie; Unit I tribal Housing Authority resident, B.S. political science public administration from LSSU; round table discussion at 43rd annual Meeting Michigan Conference of Political Scientists; Native American Sovereignty; Sault Tribe Housing

commissioner (2010 - 2011); Sault Tribe Head Start Policy Council parent representative (2002 - 2004); LSSU Native American Student Organization president, secretary and powwow coordinator (2006 - 2008) and LSSU United Nations Simulated Conference diplomat (2011).



**BERNARD BOUSCHOR,  
UNIT I**

My name is Bernard Bouschor. I am a candidate for Unit 1 and I ask for your continued support.

It takes solid leadership, knowledge of our tribe and vision to put us back on track as a positive, growing force in the state and country. I believe, with your help and the help of the others on the board, we can do this.

I have lived in this community my entire life, working for our tribal community for four decades as a volunteer, employee, director and chairman. I am married, raised four children and have nine grandchildren. I have 40 years of hands-on experience in our tribe's history, a lifetime of building our community to what we have today.

The past four years our board made tough decisions on how to

maintain services and decrease tribal deficit. When I was elected as a director in 2008, the prior administration had depleted its cash reserves of \$70 million, sold off assets for cash and was facing a financial disaster. Together with the current chairman and board we worked out a plan to eliminate the deficit and we were successful.

We need to continue to get our tribe back on track to preserve the growth and successes that occurred over the past 35 years. I have a proven track record that brought positive changes for the benefit of our tribe. With the help of our past leaders, board and employees, we were able to bring us out of poverty and develop into one of the largest, aggressive and most respected tribal organizations in the country.

We need to bring forward a board with gaming and business experience so we do not lose the one business that can sustain essential membership services. I have that experience. Unlike any other candidate, I have the background in business, casino and tribal management the board of directors needs right now. We must work together using our expertise and bring our tribe back — back to business!

I pledge to you I will work for the advancement of our tribe, along with the board of directors and chairman. We need to stop the political attacks that have done nothing but tear our community apart. Now is the time we need to come together for the benefit of all members.

Thank you for your time and your vote. Please contact me at

(906) 440-4710 or at [www.bouschor.com](http://www.bouschor.com) for more information. Miigwech.

Bernard Bouschor  
Unit I Candidate  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors



**CATHY ABRAMSON, UNIT I**

I was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie. My parents are Ken and Helen (nee Gurnoe) McCoy. My grandparents were Paul and Frances (Roy) (nee Perry) McCoy and Eva Gurnoe and my great grandparents were Neal and Sophie McCoy and Maria (Netamop) Joseph. I am proud to say my roots are deep in Sugar Island.

Sugar Island was the center of my universe. Like most Anishinaabe, I grew up where families would gather at one another's homes to play cards and wait till dark so the men could go set their nets or spear fish (exercise their rights). Fun times were when adults played the fiddle and guitar and sang and danced. Our families went sucker clubbing every spring so our parents could provide us with wonderful smoked fish. We picked enough blueberries to keep for months. My grandmother lived with us

and we grew up listening to our elders speaking our language. We were blessed with plenty of fresh fish and venison, wild game and berries, medicinal plants, cold clean water and cool fresh air. We were fortunate to have loving parents and relatives who took good care of us.

I grew up in the midst of our culture and traditions and the beginnings of our tribal politics. My father, elected to the board in the early days, taught me the value of serving in our government and about the riches we had in our culture and traditions. My mother taught me the importance of taking care of families and our elders. My sister, Bonnie McKerchie Spring, a strong, hard-working woman helped develop our government and casino, inspired me to prepare for future leadership. They all taught me to love and respect myself and others.

I've been happily married to Tony Abramson for 33 years. We have three children, Lisa, Laura and Tony Jr., and seven grandchildren.

This is who I am and what I'm all about! Being Anishinaabe is the life I know and love. I'm proud of it! I love our people, our land and our way of life. This is how I was raised and how I raised my children and how they are raising theirs. Keeping our culture and traditions alive, preserving our environment and fighting for our treaty rights while striving for self-sufficiency is what drives me to work hard for our tribal families. This serves as the foundation for all of my actions.

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# ✓ VOTE BOUSCHOR

**PROVEN - DEDICATED - STABLE - LEADERSHIP**

I pledge to continue to work for the positive advancement of the tribe and membership. Four years ago when elected to the board, we were facing a financial collapse, depletion of the elder fund, and cutting of membership services. Since then we have....

- ✓ IDENTIFIED REVENUE SOURCES TO REPLENISH THE ELDER SELF SUFFICIENCY FUND
- ✓ ACHIEVED FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE TRIBE
- ✓ NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING INDIAN ENERGY (ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES), OTHER CASINO AND HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT (AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT) WHICH PROVIDE REVENUE SOURCES AND MEMBERSHIP JOB OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND COUNTRY

We need board members with the business, social and leadership experience to continue building upon our successes. I have that experience and history to show it.

I stand on record of over 40 years of stable leadership and wisdom needed to face the challenges of a constantly changing world. My goal has always been for the positive advancement of the tribe and membership.

I respectfully ask for your vote in May so we can continue working together for a better future of our tribe for generations yet to come.

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# Dianna Allen becomes new Chi Mukwa program administrator

Dianna Allen recently accepted the position as administrator for the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center Summer Recreation Program.

Born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Allen graduated from Sault Area High School in 2002 and attended Lake Superior State University from 2002 to 2008. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in sports and recreation management. Afterwards she began work-



ing as the assistant sports information director at Lake State in charge of Division I hockey and Division II men's and women's tennis.

She began working with the Sault Tribe in 2006 with the Chi Mukwa After School Program starting as a youth group assistant and soon moved into the youth group leader role. During the past few years, Allen assumed certain responsibilities of a youth program administrator and, last

April, was given the opportunity to apply for and become the full-time Summer Recreation Program administrator.

In her free time, she enjoys coaching and playing softball and volleyball, camping, traveling and spending time with friends and family.

The Summer Recreation Program is offered to any tribal member or community member. The program is available for children aged 5 to 10. To enroll

children, call 635-4777 or email summerrec@saulttribe.net.

Parents or guardians have their choice of full day (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), morning (8 a.m. to noon) or afternoon (1-5 p.m.) sessions. Children will participate in games, arts and crafts, water fun activities, field trips and ice-skating. This program is offered from June 11 until Aug. 17. Payment plan and family discounts are available.

Spots are still available. Don't wait to register, call today.

## BIRTHS



KIMBER CADREAU

Kimber Reese Cadreau joined her big sister Brooklyn and proud parents Erik and Kelly Cadreau on March 12, 2012. She was a big and healthy baby at 8 pounds, 12 ounces. Congratulations from grandpa Roger Cadreau.



ALEX M. HOUGHTON

Welcome to Alex Michael Houghton, born on Feb. 20,

2012, to Page and Christopher Houghton of the Sault. He was born one month early and weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 inches in length.

Grandparents are Darian Causley and Janet Roy of the Sault, Ed and Beverly Lothrop of Bay Mills, and Dave and Maureen Houghton of Kinross. Great-grandparents are Anne Causley of the Sault and Jim and Leona Willis of Kinross.



OWEN NEIL PERRY

Owen Neil Perry was born on Dec. 5, 2011, at Bell Memorial Hospital at 8:29 p.m. He weighed 7.5 pounds and was 21.5 inches in length.

Proud parents are Heather and Neil Perry of Munising. Grandparents are Cheri and Doug Lare, Pete and Karin Perry and Ken McNally, all of Munising.

## Rickley recognized for military achievement

By Rick Smith

Sault Tribe member Laura M. Rickley, private second class in the United States Army, received a Commanding General Award and certificate of achievement from the United States Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence during training graduation ceremonies on Feb. 23 at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

The award was presented to her for "distinguishing herself as the most outstanding soldier of cycle 01-12, Delta Company, 3d Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, 3d Chemical Brigade. Her leadership ability, physical fitness, warrior spirit and overall knowledge of military subjects are commended as uniquely outstanding. Private Rickley's performance in all phases of train-



ing reflects distinct credit upon her, Fort Leonard Wood and the United States Army."

According to the center's pub-

lic information office, outstanding soldiers of training cycles are the top graduates of their classes. Rickley was recognized as an outstanding soldier of a cycle among a class of 200 trainees.

The certificate was signed by the center's commanding officer, Major General Mark W. Yenter, U.S. Army.

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence is an integrated, multi-mission training facility for developing the leadership and skills of the Army's soldiers and advancing in an array of combat support capabilities.

Rickley is a 2007 graduate of LaSalle High School in St. Ignace. She is the daughter of Russel and Veronica Rickley of St. Ignace and has three sisters, Katie, Missy and Marcie.

## WALKING ON

JOSEPH 'SNAPPER' BAZINAW

Joseph "Snapper" Bazinaw, 78, of Mackinac Island, died on March 5, 2012, at Mackinac Straits Health System following a lingering illness.

He was born on Mackinac Island May 6, 1934, to Alexander and Catherine (nee Chapman) Bazinaw, one of 11 children. He lived on Mackinac Island all of his life except for a time when he served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

Mr. Bazinaw worked at Mackinac Island State Park until his retirement. He was a Teamster. He also painted for Jim Francis Painting at one time,

and worked for Arnold Line. He was a member of the Mackinac Island American Legion post, Ste. Anne's Church, and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by one brother, Ronald "Cushion" Bazinaw of Cape Creek, Ariz.; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, James "Beaver" Bazinaw, Anthony Carl Bazinaw, Clarence Bazinaw, John "Butch" Bazinaw, and George E. Bazinaw; and four sisters, Delia Perault, Lorraine Camp, Emma Bazinaw and Theresa Bazinaw.

Friends called at Dodson Funeral Home on March 7 and on Mackinac Island on March 8 at Ste. Anne's Church. Mass of Christian Burial was at the church with Fr. Jim Williams

officiating. Burial will be in early May at Ste. Anne's Cemetery on Mackinac Island with military rites by the Mackinac Island American Legion.

Bobby and Brett Horn, Paul Wandrie, Dean Gillespie, Loren Cowell and Gabe Cowell will serve as pallbearers.

Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace assisted the family with arrangements.

ROGER CHARLES MANITOWABI

Roger Charles Manitowabi passed away surrounded by his family on March 14, 2012, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, Mich. Roger was born to Bernard and Myra (nee Green) Manitowabi in Sault Ste. Marie on Jan. 30, 1967.

Roger loved to fish, canoe, camp and visit with his friends and family. He especially loved to watch his children grow.

He is survived by his daughters, Olivia, Sophie and Natalie

and his life-long partner, Jessica McCullough; brothers, Herman Joseph of Kincheloe, Raymond and Bernard of Sault Ste. Marie, Louis of Duluth, Minn.; sisters, Mary Green (Rick Steinhaus) of Sault Ste. Marie, Angela Bouley of Rapid River, Luanne Manitowabi of Escanaba, Virginia Manitowabi of Sault Ste. Marie, Lisa Manitowabi of Oshkosh, Wisc., and many nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Kenneth; and a sister, Roberta.

Funeral arrangements were made by Crawford Funeral Home. Condolences can be sent to crawfordfuneral@chartermi.net.

CHARI GREENWOOD

Chari Lynn Goudreau Greenwood, 55, of Sterling Heights, passed away Feb. 11, 2012, at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak from complications from diabetes.

She was born Feb. 12, 1956, in Detroit to James and Ruby Goudreau and was graduated from LaSalle High School in St. Ignace.

She married Chris Greenwood of Sterling Heights Nov. 17, 2007.

She worked for Michigan Bell, now known as AT&T, for more than 30 years before retiring in January of 2011. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She is survived by her husband, Chris; three brothers and their families, Joel and Vicki Goudreau of Garden City, Dennis and Evelyn Goudreau of Livonia, and Jon and Robin Goudreau of St. Ignace; eight nieces and nephews and a great-niece.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

— See "Walking On," pg. 17

## Kristen Russo promoted to Gift Shop manager



Kewadin Shores Casino would like to congratulate Kristen Russo on her promotion to Eagle Feather Gift Shop manager. She has been greeting our clientele with her cheerful demeanor and pleasant smile in the Eagle Feather Gift Shop since July 2009. We are very pleased to welcome her to the management team!

### Honoring Mother Earth Fair

- 🐾 **When: June 2**
- 🐾 **Where: The Sault Tribe Environmental Department, 206 Greenough St., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.**
- 🐾 **Food, entertainment, information booths, kids games, prizes and more!**
- 🐾 **For more info: [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com)**
- 🐾 **Find Sault Tribe Environmental on Facebook!**





— From “Walking On,” pg. 16.

Services were held Feb. 15, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Fraser with the Reverend Bradley Smith presiding. Burial will be in Gros Cap Cemetery in the spring.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association.

DONALD KERRIDGE

Donald “Tuffy” Kerridge, 80, of Fennville, Mich., died Jan. 16, 2012, at his home. Born Sept. 16, 1931, in Garnet, Mich., he was the son of Chester and Julia (nee Snyder) Kerridge. Donald married his wife of 61 years, Luella Revord Kerridge on Nov. 18, 1950, in Newberry, Mich. He was a truck driver retiring from Haworth in Holland. Donald lived in the Fennville area for the past 46 years, and was a member of St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Douglas, Mich.



He was predeceased by his daughter, Karen Schultz, in 1995, and four brothers.

Surviving are his wife, Luella of Fennville; children, Donald and Deborah Kerridge of Saugatuck, Greg Kerridge of Fennville, Rose and Kenneth Giles of Saugatuck, Carole Smart of Newberry, son-in-law Christopher Schultz of Fennville; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brother, Chet and Doris Kerridge of Barton City, Mich.; sister, Marge Weger of Garnet, and sister-in-law Ethel Kerridge of Garnet.

Visitation was on Jan. 18 at the Chappell Funeral Home Fennville and St. Peter’s Catholic Church, Douglas. Mass was conducted by Fr. James Sheridan OSA officiating. Burial will be in the Fennville Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Red Cross, or St. Peter’s Catholic Church. An online registry book is available at [www.chappellfuneralhome.com](http://www.chappellfuneralhome.com)

KIM BLANCHARD

Kim “KGB” Blanchard, 56, of Lapeer, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on April 21, 2012. He was born and raised in Harbor Beach, Mich.,



son of the late Eirnel and Marie Blanchard.

Kim graduated from Harbor Beach Community Schools class of 1978 and went on to earn a bachelor’s degree from Central Michigan University. He enjoyed everything that the outdoors had to offer. He loved golfing, hunting, fishing, bird watching and especially his time spent in the Upper Peninsula. He was also an avid sports fan who loved NASCAR and the Beatles. Kim was a member of the Lapeer Area Elks, American Legion Post 269 in Haslett, Lapeer Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He leaves behind his “Doll Face,” Lisa Mendoza; brothers Terry Blanchard of Harbor Beach, Joe Blanchard of Gould City, Kelly Blanchard of Houghton Lake, Jay (Jody) Blanchard of Harbor Beach; sister, Mari Blanchard of Germany; brother-in-law, John Mausolf of Harbor Beach; several nieces and nephews. Also very dear to his heart were Kimberly (Jerry) Helsel, Katie Plummer, Jasmine Helsel and Mitchell Schott.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, David Blanchard; sister, Juli Mausolf; and sister-in-law, Nancy Blanchard.

Funeral services were conducted on April 25 at the Lynch and Sons Funeral Home Capstick Chapel in Lapeer. Memorial donations to the Lapeer Fraternal Order of Eagles are greatly appreciated.

MELVIN R. BODWIN

Melvin R. “Oscar” Bodwin, 68, of Carp Lake, formerly of Mackinac Island, passed away at home Feb. 28, 2012, surrounded by his family.

He was born June 1, 1943, in McMillan, to Melvin and Mary Sophia (nee Bodwin) Anderson.

He was reared on Mackinac Island by his mother and stepfather, Mary “Monnie” and John Fisher. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 35 years of service in 2001, and moved from Wyandotte to Carp Lake. He was a member of the UAW, loved to golf, fish, and visit the casino, and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He married Geraldine Preston in Taylor June 4, 1994.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; three sons and their

families, John and Ann Bodwin of Garden City, Donald Bodwin of Chippewa Falls, Wis., Michael Bodwin of Petoskey; five step-children and their families, Denise Stroud of Lambertville, Robert and Sue Whittecar of Inkster, Kevin and Angie Whittecar of Warren, Gary and Debbie Whittecar of Riverview, Mike and Amy Whittecar of Wyandotte; one brother and his family, John and Barb Fisher of Mackinac Island; two sisters, Wilma Green and Margaret Flemming, both of Mackinaw City; 27 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Melvin Bodwin Jr. and Tony Fisher, and a sister, Barbara Lynn Fisher.

Visitation and services took place March 3 at Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace with Fr. Jim Williams officiating. Burial will be on Mackinac Island at Ste. Anne’s Cemetery in the spring.

BETTY WINTERS

Betty Winters, 89, of St. Ignace, passed away peacefully on April 4, 2012, at Evergreen Living Center in St. Ignace.



She was born Nov. 22, 1922, in St. Ignace to Charles “Paddy” and

Clara (nee Bouchour) Brown. She was born Elizabeth Brown, but used “Betty” all of her life.

She spent her life in St. Ignace and attended Ursuline Academy. She was a life member of VFW Auxiliary in St. Ignace, and St. Anne’s Altar Society and a member of St. Ignace Loyola Catholic Church. She was a telephone operator with Michigan Bell, retiring when the change-over in St. Ignace came in the 1970s. She was also a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She married Jack Winters May 15, 1944.

She is survived by two daughters and their families, Sandra and Jack Derusha of Newberry, Theresa and Clint Jeffreys of St. Ignace; three sisters-in-law, Gert Litzner of St. Ignace, Mary Gruler of Petoskey and Helen Brown of Florida; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on May 27, 1995;

a sister, Viva; four brothers, Forrest, Vern, Floyd and Gerald; a son, Johnny, who died at age 10 in 1957, and an infant daughter, Ann Marie, who died in 1959 at age six months.

Mass of Christian burial was Monday, April 9, at 11 a.m. at St. Ignace Loyola Catholic Church with Father Pawel Mecwel officiating. Visitation took place at the church from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Burial will be in St. Ignace Cemetery. Pallbearers were Keith St. Antoine, Shane Jeffries, Cody Jeffries, Terry Derusha, Piere Derusha, Kris Derusha and David Derusha.

Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

RICHARD WILLIAM BIRON

*In loving memory of Richard William Biron, April 1, 1950 – March 8, 2012, a son, a father, a brother, a grandfather and a great grandfather.*



Richard, more commonly known as “Dick,” was

a Vietnam veteran who served our country in the United States Marine Corp from Feb. 2, 1969, to Feb. 23, 1972. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

After arriving home from Vietnam, Richard could be found under the hood of a car, enjoying a good concert, or cheering at the racetrack. In life, Richard was a friend to many and accepted people, however flawed, into his circle wherever he went.



People will remember his simile, his laugh, his guitar and good-natured character. In death, Richard was surrounded by family who stood vigil to ensure his comfortable passing and safe journey back to the Creator.

Richard is survived by his son, Todd Biron, and daughter-in-law, Holly; three grandchildren, KC, Brandon and Brianna; and one great granddaughter, Faith. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Ken Biron of Sugar Island, Mich., Nancy Charlier of Mendon, Mich., Steve Biron of Gobles, Mich., Gene Biron of Hessel, Mich., Bernard Biron of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and

Joseph Biron of Athens, Mich.; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

All who knew Richard will miss him immensely.

The funeral Service was Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

*The Serenity Prayer*

God, give us grace to accept with serenity  
The things that cannot be changed,  
Courage to change the things  
Which should be changed,  
And the Wisdom to distinguish  
The one from the other.  
Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting hardship as a pathway  
to peace,  
Taking, as Jesus did,  
This sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that you will make all  
things right,  
If I surrender to your will,  
So that I may be reasonably  
happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with you  
forever in the next.

*A Hopi prayer by Mary E. Frye*

Do not stand at my grave and weep.  
I am not there. I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning’s hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet white doves in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand a my grave and cry;  
I am not there, I did not die.

*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Richard William Biron, wish to express our sincere thanks for the support and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

MARY WILLIS

Mary “Gullie” Margaret (nee Andrews) Willis, 75, of Pittsburgh, Pa., formerly of Hessel, Mich., passed away on Feb. 15, 2012, after a long battle with lung disease.

Gullie was born to Cecelia and John Andrews in Hessel on April — See “Walking On,” pg. 18

Re-Elect to Unit 1

# Cathy (McCoy) Abramson

LEADERSHIP REPRESENTING ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS

*Many people have put their lives into developing our tribe — as an organization and as a community. Because of everyone’s efforts, we have come a long way. While we all see our world just a little bit differently, there is a common thread that we must keep — and that is respect. I respect those elected and community leaders who have served before us and who serve us now. They and their families have sacrificed so much to serve our people. Positive community involvement is imperative for our tribe’s continue success. We as tribal leaders need to set the example. I work hard to be that example. These are trying times, but with faith and hard work, we will continue to accomplish great things for our people. Müigwech for your continued support.*

*Yours in the best interest of our tribe,*

*Cathy M. Abramson*

**Please call me at my home number 810-433-1184 if you have any questions or would like to assist with our campaign!**

## EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP

- ➔ Tribal Board Member
- ➔ Sault Tribe Head Start Policy Council – Board Liaison
- ➔ Sault Tribe Healthy Traditions Advisory Council
- ➔ Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant/Strategic Alliance for Health Leadership Team
- ➔ Gaming Commission
- ➔ National Indian Health Board Chairperson
- ➔ Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee-Bemidji Area Rep
- ➔ Secretary of Health & Human Services Tribal Advisory Committee-Bemidji Area Representative
- ➔ Bachelors of Science Degree, Business Administration

Paid for by Committee to Re-Elect Cathy Abramson.

# Higher Education accepting applications for 2012-13

The Sault Tribe Higher Education Department is now accepting applications for the upcoming 2012-2013 academic year. Interested students are required to submit the annual application packet that contains a checklist, an application, W-9 form and a reminder that students are required to submit a copy of their current tribal card.

In addition to the packet, students are required to submit a 300-500 word scholarship essay on the following topic: "Being a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians means to me..." Please include a cover letter on the essay that includes specifically which scholarship(s) you would like to apply for. Students need to submit only one essay for multiple scholarships as long as each scholarship is individually listed on the cover letter. The deadline for scholarships is JUNE 1, 2012. All regular mail applications must be post marked by this date in order to be considered eligible.

The Sault Tribe Higher Education Department also offers a grant program. This requires the student to be attending a either a 2- or 4-year Michigan state-supported public college or university. This program is based on unmet financial need as determined by your college's financial aid office. Interested students must complete their applica-

tion packet by JULY 1, 2012. Students who completed a packet for scholarships will not need to submit a second packet for this program.

The last program offered by Sault Tribe Higher Education is the Self-Sufficiency Incentive Award which is money for the Fall 2012 semester. Students must have a completed 2012-2013 application packet in order to be considered eligible. Their grades reports must be either a transcript printed by the college or printed directly from the college website. It must include the student's full name, college name, FALL 2012 term, number of credit hours per course, and the their final grade. These five key pieces of information must be on the original report and may not be handwritten or typed in. Grade reports must be submitted between Dec. 1, 2012, and Jan. 31, 2013, in order to be considered eligible.

Students or parents who have any questions may contact Brandi MacArthur or view our Fact and Question section on the Sault Tribe website ([www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com)). To view the Education section of our website, please view the membership tab and click Education, then you can select Higher Education. Once you are in the Higher Education section, off to the left is the download folder where our forms are available. Also, you may view our

articles for upcoming scholarships, internships, and other opportunities offered by sources other than the Sault Tribe. Our Sault Tribe Higher Education Facebook page is another great way to stay up-to-date with the latest opportunities.

The application packets are available on our website [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) or you may contact Brandi MacArthur at (906) 635-6050, extension 26312, to have a copy mailed to your home address or you may email Brandi at [bmacarthur@saulttribe.net](mailto:bmacarthur@saulttribe.net) if you would like a copy emailed to you. If your tribal card is expired, you need to contact Sault Tribe Enrollment at 632-8552 or toll free at (800) 251-6597 to have it renewed.

**Tribal scholarships**  
Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship: 10 at \$1,000 each. Any field of study. Any undergraduate degree. Any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

John P. Carr Scholarship: one at \$1000. Must be a permanent resident of Unit V. Any field of study. Any undergraduate degree. 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. Any accredited college or

university. Full-time status.

Pamela Cable Gershon Scholarship: one at \$150. Must be a 2012 graduating high school senior with a minimum 2.50 GPA. Must reside within the tribe's seven-county service area. Must be accepted into a two or four-year college or university. 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). Must be enrolled in a Michigan public college or university in a teacher education program. Must 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). Any field of study. 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. 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. 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 be 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; two awards for under 18.) Must have a documented physical or emotional disability (submit letter from physician, mental health provider, or special education professional). Must indicate what educational purpose the scholarship will be utilized for and an itemized list of expected costs.

—From "Walking On," pg. 17  
30, 1936. She was the fourth child of five children. Gullie was raised in Hessel and attended high school in Cedarville.

After high school she married Denver Thomas and they made their home in Ohio. After Denver died, she married Gilbert Willis and raised her family. She and Gilbert were married for 24 years. Following his death, she moved back to Hessel. Gullie was a proud ancestral member of The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians where she was actively involved in the elders program as well as the language classes. She was also a member of and cared for by Life Pittsburgh for the last years of her life where she enjoyed participating in activities and socializing with her many friends, proudly sharing her native heritage and experiences.

Anyone who had the privilege of meeting Gullie understands that she was a magnet for people and there was never anywhere she went where she did not run into friends she knew. A quick trip to the store could turn into hours. Over the years, her family and friends have all collected fond memories made up of funny stories, the occasional frustration, and heartwarming gestures, but most of all, they knew a woman who always put family first and loved them without waiver; and for Gullie, family was far reaching. The pride she had for each and every one of her children, grandchildren and great grand-

children is something that will be felt for generations.

Gullie is survived by her children, John "Jack" (Kim) Andrews of Grove City, Ohio; Denver "Beebs" Thomas of Tampa, Fla.; Cecelia "Punkin" Willis of Imperial, Pa.; Wanda (Mark, deceased) Willis-Price of Tampa, Fla.; and Gilberta "Cricket" Williams of Tampa; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She is further survived by three brothers, John (Bev) Andrews, Joe Andrews, and George (Gail) Andrews. She will also be missed by many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Gullie was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Denver Thomas; second husband, Gilbert Willis; brother, Jim Andrews; and son-in-law, Mark Price.

Visitation will take place April 27-28 at the Hessel Tribal Center and a burial mass will be celebrated on April 28 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel with Brother John Hascall as celebrant. Interment is at Old Missions Indian Cemetery next to the church in Hessel. Pall bearers are Perry Causley of Lansing, Mich., Ray (Davey) Andrews of Manassas, Va., Joe Andrews Jr. of Wadsworth, Ohio, Dan Andrews of Bristow, Va., John Andrews Jr. of Wadsworth and Doug Andrews of Manassas.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford, Mich., served the family.

#### DAVID D. MCCORMICK

David Douglas "Doug" or "Mac" McCormick, 97, passed away on March 3, 2012, at Tendercare in Traverse City.

He is survived by his

sons, David McCormick, of Washington Island, Wisc., and Brian (Colleen) McCormick, of Traverse City; his three granddaughters, Caitlin McCormick, of Canton, Erin McCormick, of Traverse City and Kristin McCormick, of Canton; his sister, Grace Wisniski of Manistee; and loving companion, Ann Martin, of Traverse City.

Doug was born March 29, 1914, to James and Mary (nee Wachter) McCormick on Poverty Island, where his father was a lighthouse keeper. The family also lived at the South Fox Island Lighthouse for six years until transferring to the Grand Traverse Lighthouse in Northport, where they lived until his father's retirement from the U.S. Lighthouse Service in 1938.

Doug was one of 12 children that included Willie John (died in infancy), Violet, James, Justine, Joseph, Margaret, John, Doug (himself), Leon, Elizabeth, Janet and Grace.

Doug graduated from Northport High School, where he served as senior class president. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1935 as a surfman at Whitefish Point. He married Marie Stover of Washington Island, Wis., in 1937.

Prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, Doug was assigned to the attack transport USS Hunter Liggett that was stationed in the North Atlantic. With the outbreak of hostilities, his ship loaded troops in New York and sailed

to Wellington, New Zealand, where they conducted amphibious landing training with U.S. Marines. Proceeding to the Solomon Islands, Doug landed on Guadalcanal on Aug. 7, 1942, where he was one of 27 Coast Guard personnel that remained on Guadalcanal with the 1st Marine Division in the 1942-43 campaign. He also served in the African Campaign and the European Theater, participating in four major battles. Later in the war, Doug commanded a "sub-chaser" based in New Orleans.

After World War II, Doug was assigned to Coast Guard stations in the Great Lakes region, including a return to Washington Island, where he served until his transfer to the Philippines in 1952. While in the Philippines, his wife, Marie, passed away on Washington Island. He returned home immediately and was reassigned to the Coast Guard station in Sturgeon Bay, Wisc. While in Sturgeon Bay, he met and married Pearl Boudwin (Steinmetz).

In 1955, Doug was made group commander in Sturgeon Bay and was responsible for 18 light stations in both Michigan and Wisconsin. He went on to assignments at the Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Va., and the Coast Guard station in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., where he retired in 1965. He and Pearl then moved to Burlington, Vt., where Doug worked as a ferry boat captain on Lake Champlain for the next 10 years. Returning to Sturgeon Bay, he captained charter fishing boats on Lake Michigan.

Doug moved to Traverse City after Pearl passed away in 1981. Never one to sit idle, he was one

of a handful of people who, in 1985, turned their attention to the poor state of the Grand Traverse Lighthouse. He became actively involved in the restoration of the lighthouse, donating much of his time and energy. He was a member of the first board of directors that met in February 1986. It was during this work that he met Ann Martin, who was also a volunteer in the restoration efforts. Doug was able to come full circle by once again living at Grand Traverse Lighthouse, where he was the caretaker through 2002.

Doug continued to be a supportive patron of the Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum throughout his lifetime. Now a fully restored museum, the "McCormick Room," his mother's beloved Mason Hamlin pump organ and his father's portrait reside in the museum as testament to him and his family's legacy.

Doug was a member of the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, the Knights of Columbus and a tribal elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Visitation was held on March 7 with a rosary at Martinson Funeral Home in Suttons Bay. Services were held March 8. Interment will be in Washington Island, Wisc., at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum, P.O. Box 43, Northport, MI 49670. Contributions will be used to establish a scholarship fund in Doug's name. This scholarship will be presented annually to a Northport High School graduate.

Martinson Funeral Home assisted the family.



# Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority

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## Down Payment Assistance Program

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- \*Must be a Sault Tribe Member
  - \*Be at least 18 years old
  - \*Be a first-time homebuyer
  - \*Be within the income guidelines
- \*Must be able to contribute \$500.00 of own money
- \*Qualify for a mortgage at a lender of your choice
- \*Must live in the seven county service area: Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft, & Marquette



**Application Period May 14, 2012 through June 30, 2012**

**You could receive up to \$9500.00 for a down payment / closing costs**

**Contact Dana Piippo or Annie Thibert at 906.495.1450 or  
dpiippo@saulttribe.net, athibert@saulttribe.net**

# Tribe's environmentalists visiting elders subcommittees to discuss wetland strategy and water quality issues

Newly hired environmental research associate Tesha Zimmerman and environmental specialist Crystal Bole are visiting elders subcommittees around the area to discuss the wetland strategy and water quality issues. Thus far, they have attended the Sault (March 7), Hessel (March 19), Marquette (April 5), Manistique (April 11), St. Ignace (April 13), Escanaba (April 19) and Newberry (April 20) meetings. Coming visits will include Munising (May 7), Naubinway (May 30) and a return to the

Sault (June 6).

The visits are geared towards obtaining a general idea of what tribal members want for the wetlands on tribal lands, both now and in the future, and what waters are areas of importance, particularly in terms of water quality. This information will be used in the development of the tribe's wetland strategy and in the water monitoring plan.

Zimmerman, who is responsible for writing the wetland strategy, stresses that the focus on wetlands is only in the begin-

ning stages. The tribe has completed restoration and mitigation work previously, largely through the Keldon plot, but monitoring and assessment of the quality and extent of the tribe's wetlands has not been conducted since the early 1990s.

The wetland strategy will provide basic information on wetlands, a preliminary assessment of tribal holdings and various options for workplans, all of which will be subject to board approval in October.

If you feel particularly strong

about wetlands, she would be glad to hear your thoughts and opinions (tzimmerman@saulttribe.net).

Meanwhile, Bole's work on water quality begins this summer with sampling along streams in the Sault area. Eventually, she will test waters throughout the seven counties and her priorities will be formed by the elders' responses. Bole will be sampling waters on trust lands only, so if you know of an issue on or near any waters that run through trust land, you should

contact her (cbole@saulttribe.net). The phone number for the Environmental Department is (906) 632-5575.

Both Zimmerman and Bole would like to thank the elders for their cooperation. The results of the surveys have been quite helpful and, hopefully, having cake made the process less painful. Sheryl Hammock of the Elders Services Division also deserves special mention for coordinating the visits and carpooling with the Environmental Department members.

# Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code: Hunting and Inland Fishing update from the Inland Conservation Committee

When thinking of May, a few things come straight to mind: mushrooms, leeks and trout. In honor of mushrooms and leeks, below are highlights of our regulations. These snapshots do not replace our regulations, but are shared as a reminder that we regulate our own harvest as a sovereign nation. Our full regulations are available online and at tribal Law Enforcement offices.

Gathering requires tribal identification and harvesting licenses. You may be required to get a specific permit through Law Enforcement if gathering on state or federal land (i.e. maple syrup, firewood, conifer bough). If gathering on state land only, your tribal ID is sufficient documentation for gathering.

When? Anytime, depending on the species. Harvest licenses

expire on March 31 of each year — please make time to do your harvest reports and renew your license before it's too late to gather a specific species.

Where? On tribal lands, tribal member-owned lands, state and federal lands open to the public in accordance with state or federal law for gathering, National Forest lands in accordance with Chapter 23 of the Tribal Code,

non-tribal member-owned lands with written permission of the landowners or CFA land with landowner permission.

Reporting: Whether or not you need a specific gathering permit, reporting general information on what types of species you gather is helpful as the tribe works to responsibly manage our resources and our impacts on the non-human beings within the

ceded territory.

The next Inland Conservation Committee meeting is scheduled for May 7 at 4 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. All tribal members are invited to attend and contribute to the responsible management of our inland natural resources and respectful continuation of our harvesting traditions.

# Everything you wanted to know about Sault Tribe's trout regs

Collected below is all the trout language from throughout Chapter 21 for readers' convenience:

## 21.908 special restrictions for trout on specified stream segments

(1) No tribal member shall fish in the following categories of streams without complying with the restrictions set forth in this Section.

(2) In category 5 streams:

(a) Possession of brown trout, brook trout and Atlantic salmon is prohibited from October 1 through the last Friday in April. All other trout and salmon species may be possessed all year.

(b) Artificial flies only.

(c) The minimum size limits:

(i) For brook trout and salmon (coho, chinook and pink), 10 inches.

(ii) For brown trout, rainbow trout (steelhead), splake and Atlantic salmon, 15 inches.

(iii) For lake trout, 24 inches.

(d) Retention of more than two fish per species per day is prohibited for lake trout, rainbow trout, splake, brook trout, brown trout and salmon (all varieties).

(e) Category 5 stream segments.

Crawford County: Manistee River — from M-72 downstream to CCC bridge; North Branch AuSable River — from Sheep Ranch downstream to confluence with Mainstream; South Branch AuSable River — from Lower High Banks downstream to confluence with Mainstream.

Kalkaska County: Manistee River — from M-72 downstream to CCC Bridge.

Lake County: 21-39 Little Manistee River — from Spencer's Bridge (T19N, R13W, Sec.5) downstream to Johnson's Bridge (T20N, R14W, Sec.24).

(3) In category 6 streams:

(a) Possession of brown trout, brook trout, and Atlantic salmon is prohibited from October 1 through the last Friday in April. All other trout and salmon species may be possessed all year.

(b) Artificial lures only.

(c) Minimum size limits:

(i) For brook trout, splake and salmon (coho, chinook and

pink), 10 inches.

(ii) For brown trout and rainbow trout (steelhead), 12 inches.

(iii) For Atlantic salmon, 15 inches.

(iv) For lake trout, 24 inches.

(d) Retention of more than two fish per species per day is prohibited for lake trout, rainbow trout, splake, brook trout, brown trout, and salmon (all varieties).

(e) Category 6 stream segments.

Delta County: Escanaba River — from Boney Falls Dam downstream to mouth of Sliver Creek (T40N, R23W, Sec. 11).

(4) In category 7 streams:

(a) Possession of lake trout, rainbow trout, splake, brook trout, brown trout or salmon (any variety) while on or along category 7 stream segments and/or possession of any lake trout, rainbow trout, splake, brook trout, brown trout, or salmon (any variety) harvested from category 7 stream segments is prohibited.

(b) Artificial flies only.

(c) Catch and release only. 21-40

(d) Category 7 stream segments.

Crawford County:

AuSable Mainstream — from Burtons Landing to Wakeley Bridge; South Branch AuSable River — from Chase Bridge downstream to Lower High Banks.

Lake County: Pere Marquette River — from M-37 downstream to Gleason's Landing (T17N, R13W, Sec. 18).

(5) No tribal member shall possess live, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food or scented materials on any of the stream segments or banks of the stream segments described in this section.

(6) No tribal member shall use spears or bows to harvest steelhead in the Little Manistee River from the mouth of the Little Manistee River at its confluence with Manistee Lake upstream to 300 feet downstream from the Little Manistee River Weir.

## 21.909 Special restrictions for trout ponds.

(1) No tribal member shall fish in trout ponds (type "D" lakes) without complying with the restrictions set forth in this section.

(a) Possession of brown trout, brook trout, lake trout, rainbow trout (steelhead), coho, chinook, pink and Atlantic salmon is prohibited from October 1 through the last

Friday in April.

(b) Artificial lures only.

(c) No tribal member may use a spear to harvest any type of fish on lakes listed in this Section.

(d) No tribal member may possess live, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food or scented materials on any of the lakes or banks of the lakes described in this section.

(e) Minimum size limits:

(i) For brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout (steelhead), splake, lake trout and Atlantic salmon, 15 inches. 21-41

(ii) For coho, chinook and pink salmon, 10 inches.

(f) Retention of more than one fish species per day is prohibited for lake trout, rainbow trout, splake, brook trout, brown trout, and salmon (all varieties).

(2) Trout ponds (type "D" lakes) subject to this section are:


(a) In the Upper Peninsula:

Luce County: Deer Lake, Moon Lake and Sid Lake.

Marquette County: Keyhole Lake (East), S. Kidney Lake, Pauls Lake (North), Pauls Lake (South), Rockingchair Lake (North), Rockingchair Lake (South) and Strawberry Lake.

Schoolcraft County: Dutch

See "Restrictions," pg. 21



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Fred Lake, Ned's Lake, and Twilight Lake.

(b) In the lower Peninsula: Cheboygan County: Twin Lake #1.

Grand Traverse County: Sand Lake #2.

21.910 Special restrictions for protected streams.

(1) The following steelhead (rainbow) restrictions apply to the protected stream segments listed below. No tribal member shall fish in such stream segments without complying with the restrictions set forth in this section.

(a) Tribal members may harvest steelhead with hook and line in the stream segments listed in this Section except during the following closed seasons:

(i) In Upper Peninsula stream segments April 1 to the last Saturday in April.

(ii) In lower Peninsula stream segments March 15 to the last Saturday in April.

(iii) No tribal member may fish for steelhead with a spear in the stream segments listed in this subsection except from April 1 through April 15.

21-42 (b) No tribal member may fish for steelhead with a spear in the stream segments listed in this Section unless in possession of a Protected Streams Spawning Permit.

(c) No tribal member shall retain steelhead less than 16 inches in length, except that steelhead less than 16 inches that are speared must be retained as a part of the daily bag limit without penalty to the fisher.

(d) Protected Streams Spawning Permits will specify a bag limit (not to exceed three fish), field possession limit (twice the bag limit), time period for which the permit is valid and stream segment for which the permit is valid. Tribal members fishing under such permits must comply with the bag limits, possession limits, time periods and locations set forth in the permit.

(2) Protected stream segments:

(a) In the Upper Peninsula:

Alger County: Sucker River: mainstem of the Sucker River and its tributaries upstream of Seney Road Bridge.

Chippewa County: North Branch of the Pine River: North Branch of the Pine River and tributaries upstream of the Highway 40 bridge.

Mainstream of the Pine River and its tributaries upstream of the confluence with the North Branch of the Pine River.

Mackinac and Chippewa County: Black River: Black River mainstream and tributaries upstream of the confluence of Peters Creek.

North Branch of the Pine River: North Branch of the Pine River and tributaries upstream of the Highway 40 bridge.

Mainstream of the Pine River and its tributaries upstream of the confluence with the North Branch of the Pine River.

21-43 North Branch of the Carp River: North Branch of Carp

River and its tributaries. South Branch of the Carp River. South Branch of the Carp River and its tributaries.

(b) In the Lower Peninsula: Antrim County: Jordan River: The mainstream Jordan River and all tributaries above Graves Crossing.

Benzie County: Dair Creek: Dair Creek and its tributaries.

Little Betsie: Little Betsie River and its tributaries in the Betsie River watershed.

Platte River: The mainstream of the Platte River from the upper State-owned hatchery weir downstream to Platte Lake.

Cheboygan County: Pigeon River-The mainstream Pigeon River and its tributaries upstream of Webb Road.

Sturgeon River: The mainstem Sturgeon River upstream of Afton Rd (aka Webb Road or Wolverine Road near Wolverine) and the West Branch of the Sturgeon River and its tributaries. Lake County: Baldwin River: Baldwin River and all tributaries upstream of M-37 in the Pere Marquette Watershed.

Little Manistee River: Little Manistee River mainstream from Spencer's Bridge upstream, including all tributaries.

Manistee County: Bear Creek: Above County Road 600, Bear Creek mainstream and tributaries in the Manistee River watershed.

21-44 Dair Creek: Dair Creek and its tributaries.

Little Betsie River: Little Betsie River and its tributaries in the Betsie River watershed.

Muskegon County: Cedar Creek: Cedar Creek and its tributaries upstream from River Road.

Bigelow Creek: Bigelow Creek and its tributaries in the Muskegon River watershed.

Skeel Creek: Skeel Creek and its tributaries.

North Branch of the White River: North Branch of the White River above Arthur Road in the White River watershed.

Newaygo County: Cedar Creek: Cedar Creek and its tributaries upstream from River Road.

Bigelow Creek: Bigelow Creek and its tributaries in the Muskegon River watershed.

Baldwin River: Baldwin River and all tributaries upstream of M-37 in the Pere Marquette Watershed.

Pere Marquette Watershed: All tributaries upstream of M-37 in the Pere Marquette Watershed.

Oceana County:

Skeel Creek: Skeel Creek and its tributaries.

North Branch of the White River: North Branch of the White River above Arthur Road in the White River watershed.

Otsego County:

Pigeon River: The mainstem Pigeon River and its tributaries upstream of Webb Road.

21-45 Sturgeon River: The mainstem Sturgeon River upstream of Afton Road (aka Webb Road or Wolverine Road near Wolverine).

West Branch of the Sturgeon River: West Branch of the Sturgeon River and its tributaries.

Presque Isle County:

Little Ocqueoc River: Little

Ocqueoc River and its tributaries. Silver Creek: Silver Creek and its tributaries in the Ocqueoc River watershed.

**21.914 General seasons.**

(1) No tribal member shall fish for a species of fish except during a designated open season for that species, subject to the limitations in Sections 21.906 through 21.912.

(6) Open season for salmon and trout is all year except as otherwise provided in Sections 21.908 through 21.912

**21.915 Size limits.**

(1) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 21.908 through 21.912, no tribal member may retain fish that do not meet the applicable size limits in this section.

(2) For trout and salmon, seven inch minimum.

**21.916 Daily catch limits.**

No tribal member may harvest fish in excess of the applicable daily catch limits in Sections 21.908 through 21.912 and this section, whichever is less.

(1) For lake trout, rainbow trout, splake, brook trout and brown trout, five per species per day in lakes with a maximum of 10 in combination.

(2) For brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout in streams a maximum of 10 in any combination, no more than five of which may be over 16 inches long.

## Bear and elk applications being accepted by IFWD

Bear and elk applications are now being accepted by the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department (IFWD).

Applications must be received in the IFWD office by 5 p.m. on May 31. The lottery will be held at the June Conservation Committee meeting.

The cost of each application is \$4 and must be paid with a check or money order. A single check or money order can be used to cover both bear and elk applications; however, they cannot be combined with checks for

other harvest licenses.

For members 16 and under or 60 and older, there is no charge. Please choose a bear management unit you wish to hunt in.

Elk lottery winners will be contacted by the IFWD shortly after the lottery. Bear lottery winners will be mailed a permit shortly after the lottery.

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**AARON PAYMENT,  
CHAIRMAN**

Aaniin, Anishinaabe negee (Hello, Indian friend),

Are you better off than you were four years ago? Elders' checks cut by over \$1,000 a year. Scholarships down from 700 to 100 students. Funeral assistance funds slashed. A majority of our board (not all) and chair have gotten so far astray from our original tribal purpose. Other than the chair's \$100,000 pay, who is benefitting from their membership? Are you?

Our chairperson not sharing in these cuts is not good leadership. If elected, I will cut the chair's pay in half.

My online poll (enter survey for a chance to win \$500; [www.surveymonkey.com/s/STSurvey2012](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/STSurvey2012)) shows that 81 percent of you opposed filling the chair vacancy without a vote with more than a year left in the term. You were denied your right to vote for our top position! Ninety-one percent (91 percent) disagreed with cutting our elders' checks; 85 percent opposed scholarship cuts; 77 percent agree with cutting the chair's pay in half; 98 percent want better communica-

tion from your tribal government; 95 percent want to be involved in large decisions; 92 percent want a referendum on key issues; 80 percent would like meetings near them reinstated.

I am running for your chairperson because we need a skilled leader who is progressive — experienced in both executive management and governance — and energetic with fresh ideas to look for new ways to involve you in tribal decision making. I have a lot to offer to evolve our government, stabilize and expand services and diversify our economic portfolio.

I admit to allowing myself to get distracted by litigation and criminal investigations. Never again. I have never stolen from you, paid out severances to my friends, nor walked away from my responsibility as your chairperson. If you elect me, I will make you proud to be a member once again. My best years are ahead of me — so are our tribe's. Please let me dedicate myself to getting us back on the right path for our future and that of future generations.

Finally, negative and anonymous campaigning like the pink post cards denigrate us all and is illegal. My opponents have already posted anti-Payment signs. You can hold the opposition accountable by casting your vote for me.

I would greatly appreciate your vote; I would be honored to be your chairperson.

Chi miigwech negee (Big thanks friend),  
Aaron A. Payment, MPA  
(Bii-waaga-jiig)



**JOE EITREM,  
CHAIRMAN**

Hello,

My name is Joe Eitrem. I am the current chairman of the Sault Tribe and I am seeking election for this position. My family is from Sugar Island. My wife Dorothy and I have been married 50 years.

I have served on the board of directors since 2004 and was appointed as chairman in August 2011. I believe in hard work and fairness.

I am running for the chairman position because I believe with my 40 years business experience and my knowledge of the tribe and tribe's businesses, I can make a difference in our member's lives.

One way to do this is to increase revenues to provide for additional programs and services such as increased annual elder checks from the Self-Sufficiency Fund, more higher education opportunities, increased health care choices and trade schools, just to name a few. We need to consider tribal members living outside our seven-county service area. Their concerns need to be addressed, but we need a revenue

source to do this.

Our proposed Lansing casino can provide a revenue stream to make these hopes become a reality. However, we need to look at diversifying our businesses, secure SBA 8(a) status, and protect our resources and sovereignty.

I want to move our tribe forward where stability and working together becomes our everyday norm rather than chaos and confrontation.

My first priority after being appointed chairman was to bring the board together to work together to keep our tribe moving forward in a positive way. I feel this has happened and has allowed us to work through many important issues such as a wage grid and market-based compensation analysis, bond payoffs, our last contract settlement for Greektown Casino, the Carcieri Settlement — a huge win for our tribe and more.

There is still a lot of work to do in order to put our tribe in a financially stable position, and a lot of unfinished matters, such as our Lansing project, that I want to see become a reality. I am excited to seek another four years in this office and I want to continue to be a part of improving our tribe for you, our members.

I am proud to serve you as chairman and hope that you will award me the opportunity to continue to serve you.

If you have any questions, contact (906) 632-8567 or email [josephreitrem@yahoo.com](mailto:josephreitrem@yahoo.com).

Respectfully,  
Joe Eitrem

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Applications can be picked up at the WIA office, 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie or by calling Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767. Deadline for applying is June 1. Agencies or businesses interested in hiring students for the summer, please contact the WIA office for information.

# City approves Shunk Road playground revamp

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

When Nikki Dowd's husband Bill died unexpectedly three years ago, she wanted to do something for the community in his memory. Something that was important to both of them that they discussed prior to his death. The Bill Dowd Memorial Playground Committee was established and to date has received about \$108,000 in donations to replace old playground equipment in a small city-owned park on Shunk Road, not far from the Sault Kewadin Casino.

Dowd worked with Parks and Recreation Director Dan Wyers to choose a playground company, Superior Play, to supply the new equipment from the bids they received for the project.

Appearing March 19 before the Sault Ste. Marie city commission, Dowd said the commission approved the \$98,000 bid from Superior Play LLC and the Bill Dowd Memorial Committee was given the go-ahead for the improvements to the park on Shunk Road.

The playground's design is one-of-a-kind and was developed with the city's historical waterfront in mind. The play area includes a miniature replica of the S/S Valley Camp — a museum ship on the St. Marys River — and a climbing structure representing the Tower of History. One of the more original aspects of the new playground will be the blue mulch made



**A diagram by playground company Superior Play of the new equipment that will be installed at the Shunk Road park on June 16.**

from recycled tires that will help protect children from falls while visually representing a small body of water.

Although plans for the renovations are gaining momentum, Dowd said they are looking for the donation of a shuttle to transport volunteers on the day of the build. They also need canopy tents, tables and chairs for volunteers to use.

The park will close about the third week of May until it reopens in June, to give the city time to remove old playground equipment and Dowd's company, Extreme Excavating, and another local excavation company, Fox Excavating, time to prepare the area for the new equipment, all done on a volunteer basis.

Dowd's dream and the Bill Dowd Memorial Committee's goal will all take shape the day

of the build on June 16. Superior Play will be on site that day for guidance, but Dowd said volunteers would do all the actual installation and construction of the playground, similar to Project Playground. She said, "Those that are the most construction minded will be putting up the playground equipment, there will be a lot of volunteer opportunities that day." A table will also be set up for donations to be made prior to and on the day of the build for future equipment to be placed next year in memory of community members' loved ones.

Fundraising efforts have been ongoing for the past three years; from the first time Dowd approached the city commission in 2009 about upgrading the existing playground. Since that time the Memorial Committee

has received \$69,329 in 2-percent funding from the Sault Tribe and another \$9,200 in private donations. Dowd said the city also donated \$29,000 in Seal funding for the project.

She said that even though the park is owned by the city, the committee has set aside \$5,000 to help with future maintenance of the playground.

A parent, community member and volunteer herself, Dowd said

this is something she wanted to do for the community in memory of her late husband Bill Dowd.

If you are interested in donating the use of a shuttle to transport volunteers on the day of the build or have five canopy tents and 10 tables or 60 chairs you can donate, or would like more information about volunteering, call Nikki Dowd at (906) 440-3478 or by email at [nikkigervasio@yahoo.com](mailto:nikkigervasio@yahoo.com).



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# Lansing Mayor Bernaro addressed tribal board



**JOSEPH EITREM,  
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN**

This month we were thrilled to receive a visit from Lansing Mayor Virg Bernaro and some of his top associates. Mayor Bernaro came to our board meeting on April 10 and addressed

the board and membership. I cannot thank him enough for taking the time to visit with the board, talk with our members and see first hand our businesses and lands.

By the time you receive this paper, we will know the results of the referendum regarding Kewadin Lansing. I'll say again what I've said many times – we need the revenue source that this Lansing project will bring to us. We need to reinstate membership services that have been cut, to grow membership services in and outside of our service areas, to pay off our debt, and to grow our surplus. I sure hope we can move forward with Kewadin Lansing!

It has come to my attention that The Violence Against Women 2011 Reauthorization

Act (VAWA) (S. 1925) is in danger.

The Senate is close to floor consideration of S. 1925, but a small group of senators has voiced opposition to the tribal provisions in Title IX. Specifically, Senator Kyl (R-Arizona) is engaged in an ongoing effort to strip the tribal provisions before permitting the bill to move forward.

We need your help immediately to prevent this from happening. Changes to this Act will directly affect our women and children. This legislation will give the tribe the authority to prosecute non-Native perpetrators of domestic violence when it occurs on tribal land.

Please call the following members of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and urge

them to support S.1925

John Barrasso, vice chairman (Wyoming), (866) 235-9553

John McCain, member (Arizona), (202) 224-2235

John Hoeven, member (North Dakota), (202) 224-2551

Mike Johanns, member (Nebraska), (202) 224-4224

Michael Crapo, member (Idaho), (202) 224-6142

Lisa Murkowski, member (Alaska), (877) 829-6030

When you call, ask to speak with the staff person working on the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization.

In early April, the board and I had a meeting with Congressman Dan Benishek. During our meeting, we talked about the closing of Cheboygan Memorial Hospital and if we could help keep it open. We know this is an

important service for our members in the area and would like to see if we can help. We look forward to Congressman Benishek's responses and suggestions.

In the coming months, we have our elections coming up for six board of directors and the chairman position. I look forward to a fair and positive election campaign season. I hope you were able to attend one of the candidate forums that were held at the end of April. It is important to be knowledgeable on who or what you are voting for.

If you have any questions or would like to set up an appointment with me, please contact my office at 635-6050 or toll free at (888) 942-2766.

Respectfully,  
Chairman Joe Eitrem

## Looking back in our past at last four decades



**BERNARD BOUSCHOR,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Our tribe has a long history and I am proud to have been part of that history over the past 40 years. At our board meetings, we ask, "What did leadership back then want?" Or, "Why was that

decision made and what are the implications if we changed it?" I am glad to be able to provide input on these questions.

In 1965, I attended a community meeting at St. Mary School with BIA officials, Original Band of Sault Ste. Marie of Chippewa members and tribal leadership to review our land claims plan for distribution. Fast forward to the mid-1990s when I was chairman, we planned to seek legislation to settle the claim and were finally successful in 1997 when the tribe's Land Claim Settlement Act was approved. The leadership set aside this funding for the benefit of tribal elders and the opportunity to seek future economic development projects.

As a young man, I participated with tribal leader-

ship and elders in drafting our Constitution. I am thankful for this opportunity as it allowed me to be part of seeing what our past leaders and elders wanted for our tribe and gave me a unique perspective and opportunity to try and carry out their vision for us all.

When I was recruited by Chairman Lumsden, I was a student at LSSC. I prepared the tribe's financial statement, bank reconciliation and reported to two church foundations on expenditure, goals and objectives to assist the Original Bands of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to complete the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) requirements.

In the mid-70s, we completed the IRA process and,

with members' approval of the Constitution, held our first tribal council election of chairman and directors. We partnered with U-M School of Public Health to do a comprehensive assessment of the tribe. The needs of our community were clearly identified and we proceeded to follow the plan, seeking funding from BIA, IHS and HUD.

We needed land to rebuild our community. We bought 3,250 acres, created a Housing Authority to access federal funding for housing and purchased housing. Today, we have 1,000 housing units. I was the Housing Authority's first chairman.

In 1974, we had no health services, so we sought funding from IHS and our first contract was for \$40,000. The tribe lobbied

Congress for funding, and added its own dollars to expand services to our membership. I served on various health boards as chairman, member and with IHS on a national resource allocation committee. These efforts have benefited our tribe tremendously. Health is our largest membership service.

The need for jobs was apparent from the start, we needed to build a strong economy, and were leaders in the casino development which is at the center of our tribe and has changed our tribal communities forever.

Over the past 40 years, I have seen the tribe grow and flourish. I am proud to have been part of that vision and leadership and look forward to continuation of this path for our future.

## Acts look to improve health care services for tribes



**CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I**

The Affordable Care Act and Indian Health Care Improvement Act represent new opportunities to improve health care service for our people. With this in mind, I attended the National Tribal Health Reform Training, along with other tribal leaders and health directors from across the nation. This training was sponsored by the National Indian Health Outreach and Education.

The goal of the NIHOE is 1) to provide the basic education

about the ACA and IHCA and 2) to provide outreach to each person in our tribal communities – our fellow tribal members, tribal health directors and tribal leaders.

Some of the benefits of the ACA that we heard about include:

1. For individual American Indians and Alaska Natives who sign up for insurance the Health Exchanges, they will have no cost-sharing requirements when they receive services provided by IHS, tribal or urban Indian Programs, or through Contract Health Service referrals.
2. In 2014, ALL individuals up to 133 percent of federal poverty level will be eligible for Medicaid. This is very important because many American Indians and Alaska Natives will be eligible for Medicaid for the first time.
3. For tribal employers, the access to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program provides a new option to provide insurance to tribal employees.

The Affordable Care Act (also referred to as "Obamacare") is very complex, and many things have not been implemented yet. Some people say, "Why even bother when the Supreme Court is just going to strike it down?" Because there is so much work and education to be done, we need to keep moving forward. We do not know what the next election will bring nor do we know the final Supreme Court decision.

Strategy sessions were held in each region. I recommended that our tribes' health directors and tribal leaders meet by states. We have our United Tribes of Michigan meetings. Phyllis Davis, a tribal leader from Gun Lake, and I, will be requesting a United Tribes meeting that will focus strictly on the ACA and IHCA. At this time, we will be bringing in "the experts" to help educate those in attendance. After that we will focus on educating our tribal members.

Our discussions regarding ACA must begin. I brought

back a lot of the material distributed and gave it to our Communications Dept. There is also a website, [www.tribalhealthcare.org](http://www.tribalhealthcare.org). The materials developed in connection with this meeting will be posted there.

I am definitely not an expert on the ACA and after attending this training, I find that I am certainly not alone. I don't expect anyone to grasp all of this, but I

do believe that with the information available, we will be able to develop a good educational campaign to assist our tribal members when the changes occur. With the this implementation, our tribes will benefit greatly.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [cabramson@saulttribe.net](mailto:cabramson@saulttribe.net) or (906) 322-3823. I look forward to hearing from you!

### Please vote to approve



**DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I**

Mino Gezheb (It's a good morning)

Since this is election time, I will keep this short.

You will be receiving or have received a referendum ballot on the Lansing casino. Please vote to approve. We need this potential revenue stream for our increasing membership needs.

It's been a nice two years. I count myself fortunate to have been able to serve with this particular group of people. It's a well rounded mix of people who fostered the growth and protection of our tribe. We have gotten our tribe past some very destructive situations and I am proud of these currently seated leaders.

Sincerely, Debra-Ann Pine  
440-1334  
[debrapine@yahoo.com](mailto:debrapine@yahoo.com)

**The next deadline for submissions to the paper is  
May 25 at noon.**

# No resolution in separation of CEO, chair duties



**DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I**

## First things first...

I apologize for my absence in the last issue of the tribal paper. Friday deadlines changed to Mondays a short time ago. I was indeed made aware of the change; but for whatever reason Friday was what stuck in my head. I would not have thought missing one issue would be remarkable, but I was delighted to have a flurry of phone calls asking, "Where is your unit report?" I even had one little elder lady, for whom I hold great respect and admiration, threaten, "Do I have to get my cast iron frying pan after ya?" So needless to say... Monday deadlines are now stuck in my head! Who would have thought I had readership?

## Duties of the chair

I have continued to debate the

issue of the separation of CEO duties from the chair without any resolution one way or the other. There has been little progress other than a recent idea to authorize the current chairman to execute those duties until the outcome of the election has been determined. I noted I would not lend support to such a resolution. It is not consistent with the vote of 77 percent of the members who voted to separate the duties of the chair and CEO. I am also averse to the temporary nature of the idea. I asked why we would do that. One answer was, "Because it depends on who the next chairman is!" Really?

Do we actually have board members who are content with enacting situational law? Yes, we do; which is exactly why I have been advocating for a strict policy for replacing vacated board seats. Take the opinions and personalities out of the mix. We cannot put any faith in situational laws. It should never depend on "who" it is. If it is a good law, it applies to everyone. The board does not get to choose to whom a law does or does not apply! By its very definition, that is not law!

The board should make every effort to do things right the first time. The petty personality conflicts do not serve this tribe. I despise situational laws and band-aid fixes. There has been

a history of both on the board. When you apply band-aids and leave them for long periods, the wound festers and eventually you must rip off the adhesive bandage to address the infection. It hurts like heck, requires more invasive measures and leaves a nasty scar. You deserve better and I will continue to bring this up until such time as there is finally implementation, one way or another, of the Constitutional Amendment. That meaning, I can only direct discussion on the board, not the outcome.

## Lansing casino

I have a couple of issues with the way this project has been marketed. Both in the meetings and on the website, employee wage parity is being touted as a reason to vote yes. Here is the wording from the site. "Wage parity for all Kewadin Casinos. In the resolution the board of directors passed allowing the tribe to move forward on the Lansing project, the board required parity in wages for all Kewadin employees if the Lansing casino opens. What does this mean? It means wages for all Kewadin jobs will be comparable. Wages for job positions at all Kewadin Casinos in the U.P and Lansing will be similar."

The problem I have is that while the resolution states that it is the "intent" of the board to provide parity in wages, it is not

required. I am constantly answering this question for members and I cannot just say, "Yeah, sure, you're going to get the same wages as any employees hired for the proposed Lansing casino... even if they are unionized."

It has been pointed out to me several times in the last two years on the board, there is no value in intent. And my grandmother used to say, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." There are good reasons to have a new revenue stream, and Lansing may be part of the answer to that problem. However, I respect truth in advertising and I believe the members will respect and have greater appreciation for the whole truth. We intend to provide parity in wages, but there is no language in the resolution that requires it. Moreover, if the intent was to require it, it should have been written that way. Instead, I believe the word "intent" leaves this board, or the board after this, or the board after that, an out. Say what you mean, and mean what you say.

## Election time is here

It's that time again... Sault Tribe election season. With this will come innuendo, supposition, mudslinging and outright lies. I hope for a campaign that allows voters to choose their candidates based on what they bring to the table. I would love to see people stand on their merits rather than

the faults or personal differences with others. Voters... If you have questions, ask! Candidates... If you are asked questions and do not have the answers, make an effort to get the correct information rather than just winging it or repeating rumors. There is value in being humble enough to admit, "I don't know. But I will find out and report back to you."

To all the voters: In my opinion, voting for a board member is like hiring a bus driver. Make sure whomever you choose is going to take you where YOU want to go! Board members are no more than tribal members sitting around the table charting a course to the destination of your choice. We should be servants to the citizens' needs and wishes. Support those who will work toward things you believe in and then hold their feet to the fire once elected.

## In closing

I am grateful to all of you who have taken the time to call and write me with your concerns and ideas. You keep me grounded and well focused on what is important to members everywhere. If you have questions or concerns, have an idea or require help navigating the service system, please contact me. You can reach me at (906) 440-9762 or at djmalloy@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully submitted,  
DJ Malloy

# Lansing casino project is not another Greektown!



**LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT II**

The Lansing project remains the topic people are most concerned with, fearing another Greektown. I assure you now it is

NOT. Because of the calls I get, I know many are still scared. We held over 40 meetings to inform the membership and hopefully you were able to get answers from your representatives and the chairman, who worked diligently to address all the questions and concerns.

I want to address once again why I voted "no" on the project and why I support the referendum vote for the project. As you all know, I lived the Greektown heartbreak and it stings all the time. We were in debt almost \$700 million when I was elected and I still remember the day I saw the actual financial report — it was a sickening feeling I will always have. So, contemplating another casino in the city had

me on full radar, skeptical and on guard.

But this project has evolved into a full business endeavor that will benefit the tribe for years to come. Right up to the last vote I had questions that needed answers and provisions that I wanted to see in the agreement; some where included, some not. In the end, we have a worthy business plan. The developer will make a ton of money and, yes, we have to pay back all the funds to construct — but only when the casino is open and operating. If we do NOT open, we won't have to pay back anything. One of the most important facts that cannot be stressed enough is that we will be the SOLE OWNERS and operators of this casino.

We all know that the tribe cannot sustain the members' needs with our five existing casinos. Growing us into a stable, transparent business asset is the goal for Lansing and it comes with many hours of discussing the past mistakes and securing agreements that will protect us. I'm looking forward to the referendum results and this will set the direction for our people.

We are making headway on the CEO position. We also have been discussing the last draft of the Constitution. I have asked members in my unit for direction. Please contact your reps on what direction you want to see for our Constitution.

We continue to work through Human Resources issues. Our

wage grid study is complete and all lower level positions have been increased by at least the eight percent that we budgeted for. This project took many hours of discussions and study, as we had to implement this the right way in order to keep within our means, this WAS NOT another raise without planning. We will continue working on making our grids comparable.

As always, I will attend our three elders meetings in the unit for our reports. Contact me if you would like to meet.

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# Mackinac County volunteers fill critical need

Whether they serve soup, stuff envelopes, or collect pop bottles for their deposits, volunteers in Mackinac County play a vital role in helping people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

April was National Volunteer Month, a time when the agencies that serve people with fragile housing situations reflect on the often unsung, but nevertheless invaluable work, of their dedicated volunteers.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of nonprofit human service agencies," said Connie Litzner, Director of the Hope Chest, St. Ignace. "These organizations typically run on a pretty modest budget, so whenever volunteers are available to assist, they are very

much appreciated and a valuable asset."

"Organizations are always looking for more volunteers," said Lori Pier, Director of HOME of Mackinac County. If you are not sure where or how you can help, please call 2-1-1 and ask for the names of the local agencies that serve the homeless.

The volunteers themselves say the work is rewarding. For instance, Wanda Styes has been helping out at the Hope Chest for three years for about 6 to 8 hours a week besides working at her full-time job. Styes is involved with sorting and organizing the clothing. "They needed help so I was glad that I could give back to my community. It is a very rewarding experience. I also like

being able to work at my own pace," she said.

Another volunteer from the Hope Chest is Barb Wilkins who has been involved with the organization for two years. Barb works about 6 to 10 hours a week and helps with fundraising events and working at the register of the store. "At college, we were encouraged to give back to our communities. I also appreciate the fact that it is a Christian organization that helps a lot of people in the community," she said.

Volunteer activities do more than provide services and money; they also help spread awareness about the Campaign to End Homelessness. About 100,000 Michigan residents were homeless in 2010, according to the

most recently available figures from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Most of them were families — children or the adult family members of those children. The Campaign to End Homelessness has succeeded in stopping the growth of homelessness and helping tens of thousands of individuals and families stabilize their housing situations.

Campaign leaders say volunteers can help in a wide variety of ways, depending on their interests and abilities:

— Some continue to volunteer for Project Homeless Connect events. Project Homeless Connect events bring a wide range of resources to a single location and, in many cases, help

individuals avoid or end homelessness. Mackinac County will be having their event on Aug. 29 at the Hope Chest. Since 2009, 7,402 volunteers have been involved with Project Homeless Connect events.

— Some prefer to work directly with people needing services, such as by mentoring or working at a soup kitchen.

— Others may assist in an office by answering phones or by filing papers.

— Others may want to help with fundraising. That can include such things as organizing "Casual Fridays," where people donate to an organization in order to dress down at work at the end of the week and contribute to a

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# Tribal trust accounting and management lawsuits settled for \$1 billion by 41 tribes

## FROM THE USDOJ

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Eric Holder and Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar recently announced the settlement of lawsuits filed by 41 federally-recognized tribes against the United States, in which the tribes alleged that the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Treasury had mismanaged monetary assets and natural resources held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the tribes. The announcement followed a 22-month-long negotiation between the tribes and the United States that has culminated in settlements between the government and tribes totaling more than \$1 billion.

These settlements resolve claims dating back more than 100 years and will bring to an end protracted litigation that has burdened both the plaintiffs and the United States. Ending these long-running disputes about the United States' management of trust funds and non-monetary trust resources will allow the United States and the tribes to move beyond the distrust exacerbated by years of litigation. These settlement agreements represent a significant milestone in the improvement of the United States' relationship with Indian tribes.

"These settlements fairly and honorably resolve historical grievances over the accounting and management of tribal trust funds, trust lands and other non-

monetary trust resources that, for far too long, have been a source of conflict between Indian tribes and the United States," said Attorney General Holder. "Our commitment to tribes is the cornerstone of the Department of Justice's policies and initiatives in Indian Country, and these settlements will enable the tribal community to pursue the goals and objectives they deem to be appropriate while marking another step in our shared future built upon mutual respect and strong bonds of trust between tribal governments and the United States."

Secretary Salazar said the settlements reflect President Obama's continuing commitment to ensuring empowerment and reconciliation for American Indians. "It strengthens the government-to-government relationship with tribal nations, helps restore a positive working relationship with Indian Country leaders and empowers American Indian communities," he said. "I want to commend Attorney General Holder, our Interior Solicitor Hilary Tompkins and other key officials who were involved in the long negotiations leading to these historic agreements. I look forward to working with tribal leaders to further strengthen our government-to-government relationship based on mutual respect and a shared concern for the proper management of tribal trust assets and funds."

The Department of the Interior

manages almost 56 million acres of trust lands for federally-recognized tribes and more than 100,000 leases on those lands for various uses, including housing, timber harvesting, farming, grazing, oil and gas extraction, business leasing, rights-of-way and easements. Interior also manages about 2,500 tribal trust accounts for more than 250 tribes.

Starting in the fall of 2009, lawyers for many of the tribes with litigation pending against the United States wrote to President Obama and asked the administration to engage in expedited settlement discussions with their clients. In April 2010, Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli, Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division Ignacia Moreno, Interior Department Solicitor Hilary Tompkins and Treasury Department General Counsel George Madison met with attorneys for the tribes, and the parties embarked on a settlement process that the tribes termed the "Settlement Proposal to Obama Administration," or "SPOA," which led in part to the announcement.

In addition to the SPOA process, the Departments of Justice, Interior and Treasury have been engaging in other settlement processes involving other litigating tribes. Those processes have been both positive and productive, resulting in the past settlement of other tribal trust accounting

and management cases and the processes will continue for other ongoing cases. The United States is committed to resolving the trust accounting and trust management claims of the tribes in a manner that is fair, honorable and reasonable to the tribes and the United States.

Under the negotiated settlement agreements, litigation will end regarding the Department of the Interior's accounting and management of the tribes' trust accounts, trust lands and other natural resources. With monies from the congressionally-appropriated Judgment Fund, which is used to pay settlements or final judgments against the government, the United States will compensate the tribes for their breach of trust claims, and the tribes will waive, release and dismiss their claims with prejudice. The parties have agreed to information sharing procedures that will strengthen the management of trust assets and improve communications between tribes and the Department of the Interior. The settlement agreements also include dispute resolution provisions to reduce the likelihood of future litigation.

The sum total of the settlements with the 41 tribes is approximately \$1.023 billion.

The 41 tribes are: Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Blackfeet Tribe, Bois

Forte Band of Chippewa Indians, Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of Colusa Rancheria, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Reservation, Hualapai Tribe, Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians of Arizona, Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Indians, Makah Tribe of the Makah Reservation, Mescalero Apache Nation, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Nez Perce Tribe, Nooksack Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Passamaquoddy Tribe of Maine, Pawnee Nation, Pueblo of Zia, Quechan Indian Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation, Rincon Luiseño Band of Indians, Round Valley Tribes, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Santee Sioux Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, Spirit Lake Dakota Nation, Spokane Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of the Fort Yates Reservation, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians, Tohono O'odham Nation, Tulalip Tribe, Tule River Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and Ute Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation.

# Surgeon general report: End youth tobacco use

The United States surgeon general recently released a new report and called on the nation to make the next generation commercial tobacco-free. According to the report, *Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults*, far too many youth and young adults are using commercial tobacco. Today more than 600,000 middle school students and three million high school students smoke cigarettes.

According to recent data from the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth, 16.7 percent of high school students in Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties have smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days, while 9.7 percent have used smokeless tobacco products. In these counties, the average age of first tobacco use is 12.7 years old. The statistics for American Indian youth in those counties are even higher, with 24.3 percent having smoked cigarettes and 11.1 percent having used smokeless tobacco in the past 30 days, with the average age of first use being 11.8 years old.

"These statistics and the fact that youth often begin using commercial tobacco at a very young age highlight the importance of teaching our youth about the dangers of these products starting early in life," said Lauren Kross, Sault Tribe Community Health educator.

Each day more than 1,200 people die due to smoking. For every one of those deaths, at least two new youths or young adults become regular smokers. And 90 percent of these replacement smokers smoke their first cigarette before they turn age 18. The new report shows that the younger a person is when they start using commercial tobacco products, the more likely they are to get addicted and the



**U.S. Surgeon General Regina Benjamin speaks at a news conference to release a new report titled "Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults - A Report of the Surgeon General" March 8, 2012 in Washington, D.C.**

more heavily addicted they will become. Nicotine addiction will cause about three out of four teens to smoke into adulthood, even if they intend to quit after a few years.

"The evidence in the surgeon general's new report clearly demonstrates the need for intensified efforts to prevent our young people from using commercial tobacco," said Donna Norkoli, Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project coordinator. "We know what works, comprehensive efforts that include mass media campaigns, smoke-free environments, higher cigarette prices, evidence-based school programs and sustained community-wide efforts. We must redouble our efforts to protect the young people in the eastern

Upper Peninsula."

The surgeon general's report finds that tobacco marketing is a key factor in causing young people to start using tobacco, and nicotine addiction keeps them using it. More than \$1 million an hour is spent on marketing tobacco products in this country – and 99 percent of all new smokers come from youth and young adult populations who are enticed to smoke by this marketing. Tobacco companies say their marketing only promotes brand choices among adult smokers –but regardless of intent, it encourages underage youth to smoke. The more young people are exposed to tobacco advertising and promotional activities, the more likely they are to smoke.

The World Health Organization selected "tobacco industry interference" as the theme for this year's World No Tobacco Day, which takes place on May 31, 2012. Each year, on May 31, the World Health Organization celebrates World No Tobacco Day, highlighting the health risks associated with commercial tobacco use and the efforts to reduce commercial tobacco use and exposure. World No Tobacco Day 2012 will focus on educating policy-makers and the general public about the tobacco industry's harmful tactics, including marketing to youth and efforts to undermine public health's tobacco control efforts.

The Sault Tribe Community Health Program in collaboration with the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition and the Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant project will continue to work with local schools and community organizations to plan and implement strategies to reduce commercial tobacco use among youth and young adults throughout the Upper Peninsula.

For more information, please contact Sault Tribe Community Health Services at (906) 632-5210 or visit [www.healthyup-communities.com](http://www.healthyup-communities.com). For more information on the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth, please contact Lisa Jo Gagliardi, Regional Coordinated School Health coordinator for the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District (906) 632-3373 or [lgagliardi@eup.k13.mi.us](mailto:lgagliardi@eup.k13.mi.us). To view the 2012 surgeon general's report, executive summary and an easy-to-read guide on tobacco use and young people, visit [www.surgeon-general.gov](http://www.surgeon-general.gov).

## April is National Volunteer Month

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good cause.

— Youths or youth groups can collect bottles and cans in their neighborhood and donate the proceeds to their local agencies.

— The Campaign to End Homelessness is a statewide effort to ensure safe and stable housing for all state residents, one individual and one family at a time. The Campaign emphasizes cooperation and collaboration by more than 600 partner agencies and by the workers and volunteers at those organizations. The Campaign focuses on preventing homelessness or, when that's not possible, quickly finding housing solutions, while addressing the issues that led to the individual's housing crisis.

— For more information about the Campaign to End Homelessness, please visit [www.thecampaigntoendhomelessness.org](http://www.thecampaigntoendhomelessness.org).

# Online Ojibwe talking dictionary activated

By RICK SMITH

The Ojibwe People's Dictionary is a recently established ground breaking educational website offering a new way to study Anishinaabemowin, the original language of the Ojibwe. The site was brought online on April 2 after years of development by faculty and students of the University of Minnesota Department of American Indian Studies and curators at the Minnesota Historical Society. It can be explored, examined and searched using either the English or Ojibwe languages at [www.ojibwe.lib.umn.edu](http://www.ojibwe.lib.umn.edu).

One of the highlights on the site is the talking dictionary featuring the voices of Ojibwe elders who were digitally recorded for many years under a research grant from the Endangered Languages Program of the National Science Foundation.

Old and new photographs and illustrations are part of the dictionary and help the site function in a "broader Ojibwe cultural context" by incorporating



collections from the Minnesota Historical Society, according to the website. In other words, it allows for a better understanding into the heritage and modern circumstances of the Anishinaabe way of life.

The elders voices heard on the site were digitally recorded over a period of many years by professor John Nichols of the University of Minnesota. Originally, his goal was to expand a 1995 work which he co-authored, *A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe*. Nichols first conceived of the idea of a talking dictionary and shared the concept with a colleague and a curator of the Minnesota Historical Society, and together they gradually

further developed the possibilities of the Ojibwe People's Dictionary.

Funding and further collaboration followed which involved more scholars, museum professionals, Ojibwe speakers, students and computer programmers for the project. Grants through the Minnesota Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment helped to fund the work to bring the free, public website online.

Planning to put all the components of the site together began in September 2010 and involved students and faculty from the university along with staff from the historical society and the university's libraries. An advisory council of Ojibwe speakers was also convened to provide

guidance on all aspects of the content.

The goals of the project were to create a searchable, talking Ojibwe-English and English-Ojibwe dictionary with vocalization provided by Ojibwe elders. In addition, it would provide a portal into the Ojibwe collections of the Minnesota Historical Society as well as allowing members of Ojibwe communities to have better access to the collection's cultural objects; provide detailed entries with still photos, audio, videos and excerpts from historical documents; and serve as an expanded resource for those interested in learning or engaged in learning the Ojibwe language as well as instructors in the language.

Remaining is the question of whether the Ojibwe People's Dictionary would be of use to Anishinaabe people outside of the Minnesota area because of differences in dialect. "If people have found Baraga's dictionary or the 1995 *Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe* useful, then they will probably find the Ojibwe People's Dictionary useful," said Nichols. "Even if the details of the pronunciation are different, many of the words will be similar and will remind people of the Michigan form of the word."

He added, "If people have found the Richard Rhodes dictionary most useful, then the Ojibwe People's Dictionary probably wouldn't be too helpful."

Nichols said visitors to the site may expect some difficulties or limitations until mid-summer as the current version of the Ojibwe People's Dictionary is a trial version and doesn't have as much vocabulary as it will contain when finished, plus technical work on the site is still in progress.

## NCAI soups up online communications tools

By RICK SMITH

In a major move to improve accessibility and services to its constituency, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is in the process of revamping its online communications capabilities. The organization says the improvements will bring more resources and tools for effective advocacy of Indian Country.

Visitors to [NCAI.org](http://NCAI.org) in the past know the historically slow pace of news and updates on the site as well as the limited amount of information offered. However, NCAI aims to change all that by expanding, improving and updating the site's navigation, content

and capabilities as well as making use of other online facilities such as well-established and popular social media and video sites.

Further, the site will be better organized so that information on issues, initiatives and campaigns can be found easily and quickly along with documents authored by NCAI. It will also contain a directory of federally recognized and state-recognized tribal nations, intertribal associations, national American Indian organizations and other data.

"The launch of the new [NCAI.org](http://NCAI.org) is just the start of a new era for NCAI's work online," the organization notes on its website.



"In the coming months, we'll be launching our new event and membership registration systems,

increase our online educational opportunities with more webinars, expand our *About Tribes* section, expand access to our archives, and continue our efforts to tell the story of NCAI's work through new media."

It further stated that as their online efforts evolve, the organization "will continue to bring together people at our events, impact policy through our advocacy work and provide the tools and resources our members need to advance and protect tribal sovereignty."

The reboot in the NCAI communications measures is funded in part by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which has a long-

standing, supportive relationship with NCAI.

NCAI was founded in 1944 in Denver, Colo., in response to policies and practices of the United States to eradicate American Indian cultures. It remains as an established, democratic, intertribal political organization charged with protecting and enhancing American Indian sovereignty and customs, promote understanding of the treaty-bound rights and roles of tribes in the American way of government and generally improving the lot in life of American Indians across the country.

Watch for developments at [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org).

## Advocacy Resource Center gives thanks for conference help

The Advocacy Resource Center staff would like to give special thanks to the following businesses, which donated to the LOL Teen Conference. Each donated a gift certificate that the center used in their giveaway raffle during closing ceremonies.

The donors were Pizza Hut, Wendy's, Wicked 6's, Head to Toe Salon, Total Outlook, Second Childhood and Adults Too, Dragon's Eye Tattoo, Phat Closet and Kewadin Casinos

Along with gift certificates, the center received assistance from various organizations and we are very grateful for the time everyone donated to the conference. We would like to thank Tara Kelgar of Phat Closet, Laura Potterfield and Tony Abramson Jr. of Sault Tribe Alive Youth Project, Kathy Weber and Nicole Majack of the

Diane Peppler Resource Center, Trooper Ailene Bitnar of the Michigan State Police, Ojibwe Charter School, Malcolm High School, Rudyard High School, Sault Tribe youth council; Jill Lawson, Melissa Evans, Levi Eby and Dawn Griffin of Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities; Cecil Pavlat and Josh Homminga of the Sault Tribe Cultural Department, Beatrice Jackson of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, Amanda Gil and Sam Wyers of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court, Kwadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center.

Without each of their contributions, the LOL Teen Conference would not have been a success. The ARC sincerely thanks each and every one of you!

— Hali McKelvie

## DOL releases tribal consultation proposal

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Labor on April 18 published in the Federal Register a proposed tribal consultation policy, which encompasses the agency's programs impacting tribal communities. A comment period will end June 18.

"The development of the Labor Department's tribal consultation policy honors the relationship between the Native American community and the U.S. government, thanks to the president's leadership calling for ongoing engagement with

tribal nations and communities," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.

On Nov. 9, 2009, President Obama cited Executive Order 13175, which was issued by President Clinton, tasking executive branch departments and agencies with engaging tribal nations to formalize federal programs that impact tribal communities.

Following the president's charge, the Department of Labor began devising a plan. A series of consultative listening ses-

sions, including meetings with representatives of the Native American community, the department's Native American Employment and Training Council, and the National Congress of American Indians, preceded the finalization of the proposed policy.

After the comment period concludes, the department will evaluate comments for prospective changes to the policy. To view the proposal and submit comments, visit [www.federalregister.gov/a/2012-09372](http://www.federalregister.gov/a/2012-09372).

## Get ready for 5th annual fun run/walk

The fifth annual Fitness Is Life Fun Run/Walk will be held May 12 at JKL Bahweting School, 1301 Marquette Ave., Sault Ste. Marie. The event features a 5K Run, 5K Walk, Youth One Mile and a Tot Trot. Contact Lori Jodoin at (906)

635-5055, ext. 121, or [ljodoin@jkl.school.org](mailto:ljdoin@jkl.school.org).

The run/walk event is always a great time and there is no cost to participate. All are welcome. Registrations will be accepted up to 8:15 on race day, however, pre-registration is appreciated.



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# Feds begin tribal consultations to come to terms on improving education in Indian Country

By RICK SMITH

In another step following a trail blazed by President Obama's Executive Order 13592, Improving American Indian and Alaska Native Educational Opportunities and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities, signed in December of 2011, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Education recently scheduled four tribal consultation sessions across the country to build a draft agreement on expanding and improving educational opportunities and academic achievement in Indian Country.

The draft memorandum of understanding will establish a

partnership between the feds and Indian Country to implement the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education on bridging gaps in academic achievement and options between Indian students and others.

Tribal consultation sessions are set for Lincoln, Calif., on May 18; Flagstaff, Ariz., on May 24; Bloomington, Minn., on May 31; and Nashville, Tenn., on June 5.

In an announcement, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar described the consultations as "critical in developing the most effective framework to raise the bar for Indian Country education."

In addition, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said, "The strength of tribes and our nation's future prosperity are inextricably tied, and together we can dramatically improve the lives of our Native students. These consultations will be invaluable and will continue our efforts to listen to, and learn from, the tribal leaders who know these communities best."

The announcement further indicated that the Department of Education could draw on its substantial expertise and resources to work with the Department of the Interior in advancing the state of academic excellence and resources in Indian Country.

The White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education addresses the issues and obstacles to American Indian academic excellence in both mainstream scholastics and culturally specific methods of passing traditional knowledge and skills. Measures are sought to enhance achievement in academics preparing students for higher education and gainful careers while reducing dropout rates and preserving native languages, customs and histories.

The feds propose to use strategies to reach the goals with a number of measures including building tribal educational agencies, bolstering teacher training

and recruitment, pilot projects and reforms, greater accountability and expanded partnerships and networks.

The initiative aims to improve the educational opportunities and success for all American Indian students from start to degree acquisitions whether attending schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Education or public schools, including tribal colleges and universities.

The announcement indicated the coming tribal consultations will build upon recent roundtable discussions between federal officials, tribal leaders and Indian educators on the best approaches to reaching the goals.

# NACF taking applications for 2013 artist fellowships

By RICK SMITH

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation is currently soliciting applications for its 2013 artist fellowships until June 21 from American Indian artists. The foundation defines eligible Natives as those who are members of federally and state recognized tribes of the United States. The awards are \$20,000.

Application are sought from American Indian artists who demonstrate excellence, have had a significant impact in their specific arts, earned the respect of col-

leagues and have been recognized in their fields.

The foundation's first grants in 2010-11 amounted to \$394,000 in awards ranging from \$6,000 to \$20,000 to 26 individuals and organizations, awards last year increased to \$510,000 in grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000 to 28 artists and entities.

Awards will be made in 2013 for those eligible who are involved in visual arts, making films, music, dance, literature or traditional arts. All applicants must be current and "evolving" in

their work.

The foundation defines traditional arts as forms of visual arts such as pottery, carving, basket weaving, textile weaving, jewelry construction or creating regalia.

Prior to this year, the foundation required applicants to be nominated for the fellowships. Nominations are not required this year.

All applications must be sent online and those interested may register to start the application process at [www.nacf.us/user/register](http://www.nacf.us/user/register). Anyone with any ques-

tions may call the Native Arts and Cultures Artists Fellowship Program director, Reuben Roqueni, at (360) 718-7057 or send email messages to [reuben@nativeartsandcultures.org](mailto:reuben@nativeartsandcultures.org).

The foundation is a non-profit philanthropic organization founded in 2007 devoted to strengthening and fostering the vitality of American Indian arts based in Vancouver, Wash. The organiza-

tion conducts business through its president, board of directors and staff who are distinguished members of federally recognized American Indian tribes from across the country.

Those interested in receiving newsletters from the foundation can send an email to [info@nativeartsandcultures.org](mailto:info@nativeartsandcultures.org) and type "Newsletter sign up" on the subject line.

# Month of the Young Child advocates smoke-free air



Key messages of a recent smoke-free multi unit housing media campaign organized by the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project and the Chippewa County Health Department are "Your Family Deserves a Smoke-Free Home" and "Live Smoke-Free."

## For Change Elect Bill Baker for Unit II

### Experience and Education

- § Four generations of Naubinway family residents, previously from Mackinac and Garden Islands
- § Book Marketing Co. for internationally known authors
- § Owner of Aurelia Trucking Company and other transportation Companies in Michigan for 40 years.
- § Bachelor's degree in Education from The University of Toledo with a Major in Public Affairs and Community Service
- § Master of Liberal Studies from The University of Toledo, with graduation expected in 2012.
- Affiliations and Honors:**
- § Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Lifetime member
- § National Indian Education Association member
- § National Congress of American Indians Association
- § Michigan Indian Elders Association
- Land of Echoes Elders
- § McMillian Lodge # 400 F&AM
- Mason of the year 2011
- § National Deans List
- § President's List
- § Kappa Delta Pi, an International Honor Society in Education
- § Golden Key National Honor Society



### Platform

- 1 Separation of powers.
- 2 Update the tribal constitution.
- 3 Tax free zone for all of Unit 2 .
- 4 Develop heritage program.
- 5 Establish health care cooperatives.
- 6 Develop educational opportunities.
- 7 Train tribal members in trades.
- 8 Establish an advisory committee of Unit 2 area representatives for communication and information purposes.
- 9 Listen to all tribal members where ever they may live.
- 10 Assist in establishing useful competitive businesses.
- 11 Participate in educational cooperatives with local colleges and trades.
- 12 Standardize employment requirements.
- 13 Raise the level of respect for the Board of Directors.

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This ad is endorsed by candidate William Forrest Baker

# PAT RICKLEY

Already doing what others say they will!

I humbly ask for your support in the upcoming elections for the

'Unit III Director'  
of the  
Sault Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians



I am a no nonsense, common sense leader, already board tested & membership approved.

A vote for me is a vote for you!

**LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Pat Rickley

# LEANN RIMES

**JUNE 21**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**DREAMMAKERS**  
**THEATER**

## ENTERTAINMENT

### MAY

**Sylvia Browne**

20th | 7 p.m. | Sunday | \$52.50 | On Sale Now

### Foreigner

27th | 7 p.m. | Sunday | \$49.50 | On Sale Now

### JUNE

**Vicki Lawrence**

15th | 7 p.m. | Saturday | \$32.50 | Sale Date TBA

**LeAnn Rimes**

21st | 7 p.m. | Thursday | \$48.50 | On Sale Now

### JULY

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