

# Win Awenen Nisitotung

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

## Members called to action to support VAWA

Members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are asked to phone or fax U.S. congressional leaders.

Final legislation is being drafted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women and Children Act. Unfortunately, the proposed legislation may exclude Indian women and children from obtaining important assistance and protections.

**Background:** Violence against women and children on tribal lands is rampant. Non-Indians commit 88 percent of all violent crimes against Native women, according to a congressional finding, and 39 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women will be subjected to domestic violence in their lifetimes — in addition to 34 percent that will be raped in their lifetimes. It is important that the Violence

Against Women and Children Act be reauthorized.

For legislation to become law, proposed bills must pass a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives and in the U.S. Senate. In most cases, the House and Senate have slightly different versions of the same bill. The bills then go to a “compromise committee” that crafts a single version of the legislation, which is voted upon again by members of the House and Senate. If this final version is passed, it goes to the president for signature and becomes law.

**The issue:** The House and the Senate have passed versions of the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women and Children Act that are slightly different from each other. Although both bills are designed to protect women and children from brutality and thwart violent perpetra-

tors, the House version contains a jurisdictional loophole: Tribal law has no enforcement authority to intervene if the perpetrator is a non-Indian and states have no authority to intervene because the victim is Indian.

The federal government, having exclusive jurisdiction, has inadequate resources to intervene on the vast majority of reported cases.

The Senate version of the bill includes jurisdictional language that will include protections for Indian women and children abused on tribal lands.

**Action requested:** Currently, reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act is being crafted by a compromise committee in the federal legislative process. It is imperative that the compromise bill include a “jurisdictional fix” that protects Indian

women and children on tribal lands. If members wish to assist, please contact the following individuals:

The Honorable John A. Boehner, house speaker, Phone (202) 225-0600, Fax 225-5117;

The Honorable Eric Cantor, House majority leader, Phone (202) 225-4000, Fax 225-0011;

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, House minority leader, Phone (202) 225-0100, Fax 225-8259;

The Honorable Steny Hoyer, House minority whip, Phone (202) 225-4131, Fax 225-4300;

The Honorable Harry Reid, Senate majority leader, Phone (202) 224-3542, Fax 224-7327;

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate minority leader, Phone (202) 224-2541, Fax 224-2499;

The Honorable Richard Durbin, Democratic whip, Phone

(202) 224-2152, Fax 228-0400; and The Honorable Jon Kyl, Republican whip, Phone (202) 224-4521, Fax 224-2207.

**Suggested script:** I am calling (or writing) about reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. The House and Senate recently passed legislation to reauthorize this Act. The Senate version includes measures that protect Indian women and children. The House version does not.

My comments are as follows:

- The Violence Against Women Act must include a jurisdictional fix, allowing for the protection of women and children on tribal lands.

- When crafting the compromise legislation, use language that contains an effective jurisdictional fix, such as what is found in the Senate version.

Thank you.

## PRIMARY RESULTS

The Sault Tribe Election Committee has announced unofficial primary results for this year's tribal board election. The primary election narrowed the ballot to six candidates running for representative in Unit I and two candidates running for Unit III.

Unit I results were (winners in bold) **incumbent Cathy Abramson (1,298)**, **incumbent Bernard Bouschor (1,066)**, **Dennis McKelvie (933)**, **DJ Hoffman (885)**, **Christine McPherson (689)**, **Jennifer McLeod (633)**, Shirley Van Alstine (632), Russell McKerchie Jr. (559), Nichole Causley (459), Betty Freiheit (357) and David Houghton (421).

There are three open seats in this unit.

McLeod and Van Alstine had initially garnered 631 votes each until a May 30 hand recount found two more votes for McLeod, one more for Van Alstine, breaking the tie by one vote.

Unit III results were **incumbent Patrick Rickley (471)**, **Bridgett Sorenson (380)**, James Everson (283), Linda Marshall

(181) and Wanda Garries (94). There is one open seat in this unit.

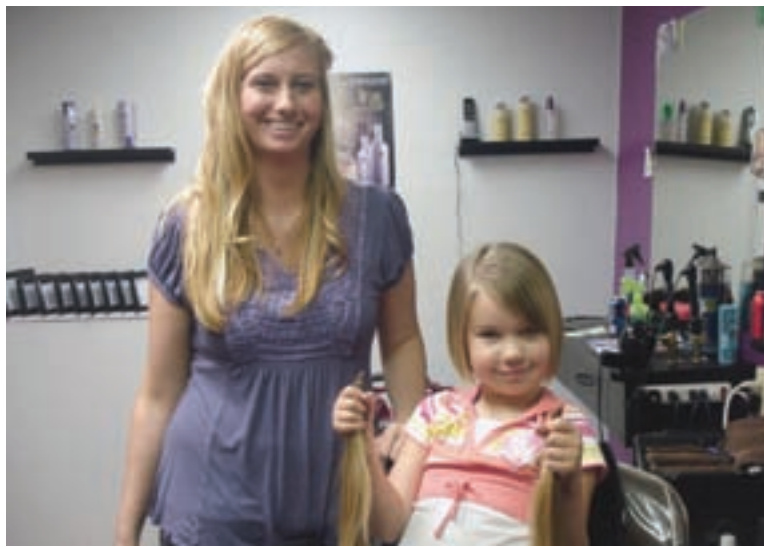
Any contest regarding the vote count for the primary election had to be received by May 29.

At press time, results were not certified. Results are deemed official at the next board of directors meeting following the election or within seven days of all contests being resolved. Following the primary election, general election ballots will be mailed to voters on June 6, with the official vote count on June 28.

In addition to candidates listed above, the following candidates will be on the general election ballot and did not need a primary vote.

Moving straight to the general election ballot were incumbent Joe Eitrem and Aaron Payment running for chairperson; William Baker and incumbent Lana Causley running for one seat in Unit III; and incumbent Tom Miller and Darcy Morrow running for one seat in Unit IV.

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



**LOVELY LOCKS —** Samantha Grossett donates her hair to Locks of Love with the help of hairdresser Emily Brown from Color Me Beautiful Too. Samantha is the daughter of Linda Grossett.

## Sault Tribe Drug Court launches “Clean Ride”

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Recycling is a hot topic. From “green” hybrid trucks to eco-friendly building solutions, green has gained new meaning and momentum. When the Sault Tribe Drug Court team met a few weeks back and discussed a client's lack of transportation, a bicycle-recycling program was launched – the Clean Ride Program. A green program with a “clean” component, Clean Ride provides recycled bicycles for program participants who are now alcohol and drug free.

From idea to implementation took one week and the first bike was checked out and on the streets. Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry said bikes came from Law Enforcement bicycles that had been in its salvage shed and a donation from a drug court team member.

Fabry said the committee wrote a policy and developed a contract for their clients to sign when checking the bikes out for a week at a time. “I’ve never seen anything come together so quickly!” she said.

Drug Court client Matt McKelvie, who is scheduled to graduate from the Drug Court program mid-June, cleaned and repaired the bikes as part



Photo by Brenda Austin

**Matt McKelvie, Officer Mike Pins and Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry (L-R) check out the bikes McKelvie recycled for drug court graduates.**

of his community service. Law Enforcement had six bikes in its shed it donated and from those six, McKelvie was able to build four complete bikes.

“A lot of the tires were bad but I was able to salvage some inner tubes and patched up a few and replaced some of the kickstands. I wanted to get more involved in the community and plan to continue working on the bikes to help the Drug Court with their program,” McKelvie said. “It has been very helpful to me; I’m an alcoholic and drinking has been a

problem in my life. I’m trying to go down the proper path – I have been sober for 465 days today.”

Fabry said the participants she has spoke with said they have checked the bikes out for recreational use to ride with their children. “We are happy for that,” she said.

STLE Officer Mike Pins has been credited with naming the program and said, “It was a compendium of resources — it was the team’s idea. The program will help those who lack transportation through court programs.”

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# “VA for Vets” hiring fair coming to Michigan

## Detroit to host VA small business conference, hiring fair; help for veterans who own businesses, seek jobs

The National Veterans Small Business Conference, the government’s premier event for veteran-owned small businesses, is coming to Detroit’s Cobo Center June 25-29, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced.

The VA also announced that a “VA for Vets” Hiring Fair will be held during the conference for veterans looking for careers in the public and private sectors. The conference is expected to attract thousands of veterans, business owners and federal employees.

“For veterans looking for jobs and veteran-owned small businesses in our area, Detroit is relatively close when you are talking

about a national small business conference and hiring fair,” said Brad Nelson, spokesman for the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Mich. “Last year, this conference was held in New Orleans.”

“VA is committed to bringing more veteran-owned businesses into the public-private partnership,” said VA Chief of Staff John Gingrich. “In addition to the National Veterans Small Business Conference, our Detroit Hiring Fair will provide Veterans with on-the-spot job opportunities and interviews, while also offering career search classes and one-on-one counseling.”

Last year’s National Veteran Small Business Conference and Expo in New Orleans drew almost 5,000 attendees, and more than 6,000 participants are expected this year.

The Detroit Hiring Fair builds upon VA’s success Jan. 18 in Washington at which a partnership of federal agencies and private industry attracted over 4,100 veterans and resulted in over 2,600 on-the-spot interviews and more than 500 tentative job offers.

“These events are part of Secretary Shinseki’s ongoing efforts to help veterans find employment in both the pub-

lic and private sectors,” said Gingrich. “As the President said in this year’s State of the Union address, veterans are crucial to our economy, and we need to find them jobs.”

This year’s conference will include an open house that gives veterans the chance to learn the wide range of resources available to help them with their own businesses. Also available will be the VetGovPartner online platform, which enables networking, viewing the business profiles of all participants, and identifying business opportunities with more than 400 government procurement decision makers in attendance.

Known historically as the world’s capital for the transportation industry, the Detroit metro area is reinventing itself with six booming industries: medical research, defense, entertainment, green tech, urban farming, and aeronautics. About 330,000 veterans are served by the city’s VA medical center, and more than 704,000 veterans live in Michigan.

VA invites all interested persons and businesses to attend. More information is available at [www.nationalveteransconference.com](http://www.nationalveteransconference.com) and [www.vaforvets.va.gov/detroit](http://www.vaforvets.va.gov/detroit).

# Michigan Indian Family Olympics set for July 27

The 25th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics will take place Friday, July 27, on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., at the Bennett Track and Field. Registration and check-in will start at 7 a.m. This year opening ceremonies start at approximately 9 a.m. The registration fee is \$7 per person (ages 5-54 only).

For this year’s event, teams can pre-register online at [www.sagchip.org/fitness/mifo](http://www.sagchip.org/fitness/mifo). Team leaders are strongly encouraged to pre-register their teams via the website. This will allow organizers to get the information they need to create wristbands for the

participants. On event day, packets with wristbands will be available to distribute. Registration will open on Monday, June 4, and close on Wednesday, July 25.

See the website for registration forms and schedules.

This year’s Olympics will host a two-person team alternate shot golf competition starting Thursday, July 26, and continuing on the day of the Olympics. There will be tee times for allotted age groups. Each tribe will be allowed a maximum of three teams per age category; however, due to the limited amount of space on the course there are only 18 team slots open for each age

group. A flyer and a registration page will be posted on the website.

The first 650 registered participants will receive a hard, plastic BPA-free water bottle. Participant T-shirts are not provided and organizers encourage teams to come in their own team shirts that represent their tribe. Those wearing tribal T-shirts are asked to email the T-shirt color to MIFO event coordinator Jaden Harman [jharman@sagchip.org](mailto:jharman@sagchip.org). (Note, event staff T-shirts will bright pink so they can be easily identified.)

Other tribes will be asked to lead and operate one of the

events or areas. The assistance and volunteerism in years past has been tremendous. Each tribe has excelled in coordinating their specific position and it has made for a very smooth event. Tribes’ assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please contact me as soon as possible to let me know if any specific areas are of interest to you.

As in years past, we encourage tribes to bring their tribal banner or flag for opening ceremonies and to display throughout the day. Organizers have a limited number of tents that may be used to help provide shade and teams are encouraged to bring their own

tents for themselves and their communities.

Lunch will be served around 11:45. Teams are encouraged to bring their own snacks and to stay hydrated throughout the day.

“Each year we hope to make this an enjoyable experience where many memories can be made once again, said Harman. “We look forward to your participation in this wonderful event to promote health, fun and fitness throughout the Native American communities in the state of Michigan!”

For more information, please call Harman at (989) 775-4694 or email [jharman@sagchip.org](mailto:jharman@sagchip.org).

# Rudyard all classes reunion set for 2012

## In support of scholarships for Rudyard High School

Rudyard Area Community Foundation has set the date for the next Rudyard all class reunion as Friday, July 27. Activities will start at 2 p.m. with an open house and tours of RHS until 6 p.m. A hardy hors devours buffet will be held at the Rudyard Community Center 5:45-7 p.m. followed by the formal welcome and opening remarks at 7:15 p.m. The evening will continue with music, visiting and sharing memories.

The registration fee for the All Classes Reunion is \$30 per person attending with the registration needing to be submitted by the July 15 deadline. This fee will cover the mailings, buffet and other expenses. ALL remaining funds from the events will be designated to the Rudyard Area Community Foundation Alumni

Scholarship fund. With the donations from the previous All Class Reunions, eight \$500 scholarships have been awarded to recent RHS graduates.

Information and registration forms are available at the Community Foundation link on the Rudyard Area Schools website at [www.rudyard.eup.k12.mi.us/rudyardas/site/default.asp](http://www.rudyard.eup.k12.mi.us/rudyardas/site/default.asp) under the header “Programs & Services.” Recently over 2,300 letters were mailed to Rudyard High School graduates inviting them to the 2012 All Class Reunion. If you do not receive an invitation, have any alumni address corrections, address additions or have questions, contact Margaret LaPonsie online at [mlaponsie@centurytel.net](mailto:mlaponsie@centurytel.net) or (906) 478-5591.

### Foster parents needed

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services is in dire need of tribal foster homes in our seven-county service area.

Please contact ACFS offices if you are interested in becoming a foster parent, (906) 632-5250 or 495-1232.

### Sault safety and health fair slated for July

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority will host a health and safety fair on July 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie.

The event will include features brought by the Sault Fire Department, Sault Tribe Police Department, Sault Tribe Alive Youth, Anishnabek Community and Family Services, Sault Tribe Cultural Department, Sault Tribe Community Health, snacks, drinks, games, prizes and much more.

For more information, call the Sault Tribe Housing Authority at 495-1450.

### Powwow raffle tickets

Drawing set for July 8, 1 p.m. at the Sault powwow grounds. You could win \$300 for first prize, a two-night stay and dinner for two at Kewadin Casino for second prize, a ribbon shirt for third prize, a porcelain American Indian doll for fourth prize or a \$25 Midjim gas card and Sault Tribe T-shirt for fifth prize.

Tickets are \$1 each, need not be present to win. Sponsored by Sault Tribe Unit I elders. License STR-010-12.

### Help needed for 2012 Sault Tribe powwow

The Sault Tribe Powwow Committee needs volunteers. The 2012 powwow in Sault Ste. Marie is set for July 5-8. Several volunteer opportunities are available for you or for your entire family.

Please consider helping your tribal community. For detailed volunteer opportunities, please call Linda Grossett at 635-6050, extension 26041.

Chi miigwech,  
— Powwow Committee

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\* Thursday, due to the holiday.

For more information, please call Communications at (906) 632-6398, ask for Jennifer or Sherrie or email [jdburton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdburton@saulttribe.net) or [slucas@saulttribe.net](mailto:slucas@saulttribe.net).

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# Housing Authority receives \$600,000 HUD grant

By Rick Smith

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians was one of 76 American Indian communities recently awarded a total of more than \$56 million in housing grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Washington, D.C. According to HUD, the Sault Tribe grant amounted to \$600,000.

The funding comes through the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program to improve housing conditions, promote community development and to spur local economies with construction and jobs, according to HUD. Tribes compete for funding through the program annually to acquire financing for a wide variety of projects in support of families with low or moderate incomes.

Recipients may use the grants for projects ranging from buying land for new housing projects to building supporting infrastructure such as roads and water facilities, construction of community centers and supporting businesses such as shopping centers, manufacturing plants, restaurants and gas stations. Other allowed purposes for the funding include economic development and job growth by establishing commercial, industrial and agricultural projects.

According to HUD, Sault

Tribe will use its \$600,000 grant for a water and sewer line expansion at the Odenaang housing site on the outskirts of Sault Ste. Marie. The tribe currently owns and operates the wells, water supply and sanitation system but the system does not contain any storage or high volume pumping capability. A separate filtration system is also needed along with pressure system to flush out the pipes for maintenance and fire fighting. The grant will be used to build a sewer line extension from the City of Sault Ste. Marie water and sewer system to supply the Odenaang site and link with the city sewer system to eliminate the need for wells and the current polishing pond sewer filtration system.

“Connecting the Odenaang community with city water and sewer has been a long-term goal of the tribe,” said Joni Talentino, Sault Tribe Housing Authority director. “Providing healthy, safe communities for tribal members is priority; city water and sewer will improve water quality and provide on-site fire hydrants. The Housing Authority has been successful in securing \$1.8 million of the necessary \$2.2 million to construct water and sewer infrastructure and is awaiting notification of the remaining \$400,000. We are very pleased to partner with the City of Sault Ste. Marie on this exciting project.”

# Sault Tribe trails to get improvements

By Brenda Austin

Planning and Development specialist Jeff Holt is working with transportation planner Wendy Hoffman, the Sault Tribe Health Center and the tribe's culture camp making plans to construct and improve existing walking trails around both facilities.

The tribe's culture camp has had an existing walking trail through the woods on Sugar Island for years. However, there are some washouts and wet areas that the mulch and sub base couldn't handle that are slated for improvements this summer.

Additionally, the tribe's health center is drawing up plans to construct a nature trail. The health center's trail will be built in phases, as their neighbors — the

Intertribal Council of Michigan, a local church and Wal-Mart have all expressed interest in having the trail extend onto their properties.

Holt said phase one will be on the tribe's property, the 20 acres surrounding the health center and extending out to Three Mile Road. Sault Tribe Roads and Transportation Department will fund the project, including a preliminary design for the project. Holt said Sault Tribe Construction will be constructing the trail once the plans are finalized. Sault Tribe Environmental Program will also have some oversight on the development of the trail.

Holt said, “We will make it as walk friendly as we can while sticking to a natural theme. The

trail will be going around mature trees to avoid cutting them down and cedar is an option for keeping the bugs under control and culverts will be used for drainage.”

According to Holt, phase one of the trail will be about a half mile in length.

Health Center staff has been working with Holt and the Culture Department will be putting signage on the trail. With an eye to expansion and the next phase of development, Holt said the first phase should be completed by this fall.

There is the possibility that next year the trail could be expanded to include the other agencies that have requested to be a part of it.

# Three Kewadin eateries going smoke free

Three Kewadin Casino restaurants will go smoke-free starting June 15 under a resolution recently approved by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors.

Smoke-free dining will be offered at Dream Catchers Restaurant at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, Horseshoe Bay Restaurant at Kewadin Casino St. Ignace and Mariner's Cove Restaurant at Kewadin Manistique. These three restaurants serve in excess of 500,000 annually.

“We know commercial tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease, and the Sault Tribe and Kewadin Casinos will be taking steps now and in the future to create healthier environments for our employees and our guests,” said Kewadin Casinos COO Tony Goetz.

The Community Transformation Grant (CTG) project staff and Leadership Team commended Kewadin Casinos management and the Sault Ste.

Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors for their action.

“This is an important step to reduce exposure to second hand smoke for employees and patrons of the non smoking restaurants,” CTG project coordinator Donna Norkoli said.

The CTGs support the planning and implementation of state and community projects proven to reduce chronic diseases, such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer.

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors approved another resolution to improve the health of tribal members, employees and business customers by expanding the tribe's commercial tobacco cessation program and services. Tribal employees who do not qualify for Health Division services under the tribe's current eligibility policy will be able to receive tobacco cessation services through the tribe's Community Health employee wellness clinics.

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# Massive forest fire ravages swath of Luce County

By Rick Smith

A mid-May lightning strike is suspected of sparking a huge forest fire in Luce County dubbed the Duck Lake Fire. The blaze is burning in a wide north-south swath between Newberry, Mich., and the shore of Lake Superior. By the end of May, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the size of the fire was in excess of 21,000 acres, it destroyed 138 buildings and was about 75 percent contained at press time.

The DNR indicated a total of 237 personnel are assisting in fire suppression efforts, including 56 souls in airborne operations. Involved parties and equipment include four DNR conservation officers and a sergeant on duty around the clock, volunteer fire departments from Bay Mills, Germfask Township, Hendricks Township, Burt Township, Whitefish Township, Superior Township, Village of Newberry and Kinross Township; 18 DNR fire engines, 10 volunteer fire department engines, one volunteer fire department water tanker, three Wisconsin DNR engines, 10 Michigan DNR and two Wisconsin DNR bulldozers, one U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service helicopter, two Minnesota DNR air tankers, four Michigan National Guard aircraft and ground support and a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community hand crew.



Map of the Duck Lake fire as of May 30. Homes, cabins, garages, out-building and sheds have been confirmed destroyed by the fire, with some 138 properties inventoried for damage, according to the MDNR. The Rainbow Lodge at the mouth of the Two Hearted River has been destroyed but tribal fishery access on Little Lake harbor was not impacted by the fire. (Photo courtesy Michigan DNR.)

Other cooperating agencies include the Michigan State Police, Luce County Sheriff's Department, American Red Cross, Luce County Emergency Management, Chippewa County

Sheriff Department and the Salvation Army. An evacuation order and road closures remains in effect for the area from Pike Lake east to



Photo of Duck Lake Fire along the shoreline of Lake Superior.

County Road 500 and north to Little Lake Harbor. County Road 414 east from the intersection with County Road 410 and County Road 500 from M-123 north to Little Lake Harbor.

Jane TenEyck, executive director of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, indicated the tribal fishery access on Little Lake was not impacted by the fire because such activity is currently prevented by shallow water conditions there that existed prior to the fire.

In the meantime, a smaller wildfire also burned in Schoolcraft County, west of Luce County, in the Seney National Wildlife Refuge. Lightning is also suspected in igniting that fire and was initially reported on May 21. By the end of May, the Pine Creek North Fire burned an area of more than 5 square miles and was officially reported as 95 percent contained.

officials said.

Governor Rick Snyder declared a state of disaster in Luce and Schoolcraft counties on May 25. The declaration allows authorities to evacuate residents and establishes a fireworks ban in those counties in addition to an outdoor burning ban in a total of 49 northern Michigan counties.

The DNR strongly encourages everyone to avoid any open burning and use of fireworks during this time of extremely high fire-danger to minimize the possible ignition of more wildfires. The agency encourages visiting [www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires](http://www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires) for prevention tips and information on permissible activity under the outdoor burning ban.

More information on the situation surrounding the Duck Lake Fire can be found online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr), Facebook or Twitter.

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Paid for by the committee to elect Joe Eitrem.

Please feel free to contact me at (906) 632-8567 or email me at [josepheitrem@yahoo.com](mailto:josepheitrem@yahoo.com)

# Tribal homes for foster families available on 9 reservation sites

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Anishnabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) and the Sault Tribe Housing Authority (STHA) collaborated eight years ago on a Foster Home Project to provide affordable housing on the tribe's reservations for foster care families and to help keep our Native children within their own communities.

Recently the number of homes offered by the program has increased to include one home in Sault Ste. Marie, Hessel, St. Ignace, Manistique, Escanaba, Marquette, Newberry and Wetmore. Two homes are available in Kincheloe.

The need for tribal foster families remains high with a large number of tribal children being placed in non-tribal homes, sometimes outside of their own communities.

In order to participate in the Foster Home Program you must be able to meet the program's eligibility requirements. Those are:

- Participants selected for this program must be eligible for rental housing services as outlined in the STHA Admission and Selection Policy.
- ACFS will license eligible participants to become and remain foster care providers during their tenancy.
- Participants will sign a special lease agreement specific to this program.
- A maximum \$50 monthly rental fee is charged to participants when providing foster care for ACFS. The \$50 rental fee is applicable only during the time the family is licensed and providing foster care.

Housing Authority Director Joni Talentino said, "We have the flexibility within the Native American Housing

Assistance and Self Determination Act to develop housing programs or opportunities to meet the needs of our membership. When we recognized this was a need we developed this program." Talentino said those wishing to apply for the program must have a housing need and fill out an income-based rental application allowing their name to be added to the waiting list.

Talentino said the program is an excellent example of the partnership that ACFS and STHA have formed, allowing both agencies to help tribal member families and children in foster care – helping to keep children in our communities and giving them easier access to reunification with their families.

"Up until a year ago the program was only offered in Kincheloe and Manistique," Talentino said. "It was recently changed to offer one home in each housing community and two in Kincheloe."

At this time only one of the available homes is being used.

ACFS Child Placement Program Director Melissa VanLuven said she hopes the program will spark the interest of families already living on the tribe's housing sites that have considered getting licensed for foster care. "When a child comes into foster care, we have to look at the options we have available at that time and sometimes they are limited. The more options we have for foster homes the better. This is a really good program, it would be great to have a foster family in each of our housing sites," she said.

If you would like more information about the Foster Home Project or about becoming a licensed foster care home, call ACFS at 632-5250.

## 2012 Sault Tribe Powwows

Remaining powwows for the 2012 summer.

July 5-8 — 31st Annual Sault Tribe Competition Powwow and Summer Gathering. Spiritual gathering, July 5-6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Waabeno lodge on the powwow grounds. Grand entries on July 7 at 1 and 7 p.m. and on July 8 at 1 p.m. For more information call Jackie Minton at 203-4977 or Josh Homminga at 635-6050. For trader information call Sherri Wallis at 635-6050.

July 21- 22 — 16th Annual Sugar Island Traditional Powwow. Spiritual gathering, Friday, July 20; powwow, July 21-22. Grand entries, Saturday, 1 and 7 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m. Campers and vendors welcome. Save the date and reserve your space. For more information call Mick Frechette at 440-8918 or Elaine Young-Clement 440-6801.

Aug. 17-19 — 20th Annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow, Friday night spiritual gathering and open drum. Saturday grand entry at 1 and 7 p.m. Potluck feast at 5 p.m. Sunday grand entry at 1 p.m. Contact information: Lana Causley at lcausley@saulttribe.net; Catherine Hollowell at

chollowell@saulttribe.net; John Causley at jcausley1@saulttribe.net; Cal Burnside at burnside501@hotmail.com and Lisa Burnside at lburnside@saulttribe.net.

Aug. 25-26 — Rendezvous at the Straits St. Ignace Powwow, New France Discovery Center at the Father Marquette National Memorial, St. Ignace. Open to the public. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for elders and students; children under 12 are free. For more information, call the St. Ignace Events Committee at 643-8717 or Darryl Brown at 984-2083.

Aug. 4 — 9th Annual Youth Empowerment Powwow in Rexton. For more information call Dee Eggert at 635-7010, Lisa Burnside at 484-2298 or Patty Teeples at 341-3362.

Sept. 8 — 6th Annual Honoring the Waters Newberry Powwow at the Newberry Tribal Center. For more information contact Lois Bryant or Shirley Kowalke at 293-8181.

\* The area code for the entire Upper Peninsula is 906.

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**Did You Vote in the Primary?** Less than 1/2 of all registered voters did! Please don't give up! I realize many Members are election-weary, but, elections give "us" the opportunity to set the direction for our future. Following the Chair's race in 2008, I was humbled and reminded of the value of following through with all of the issues given voice by all candidates. If elected, I pledge to work with all Board Members to propel issues raised in the primary and amplify your voice so the "will of the people" is heard loud and clear!

**Thank you!** Following the 2008 election, I did not get to thank you for your support and vote over the years. Only the Creator knows what is in store for us. I take my role in our Tribe very seriously and very personally. Not a day goes by that I don't think about the needs of our Members - especially our Elders and Children.

**Bill Dowd Memorial Playground Build Event**

**Saturday - June 16th**

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1972 Shunk Rd. Playground Build Event  
Photos of me and my cousin Lou Lou helping the adults install our playground.

When they benefit, we all benefit and have a greater peace of mind.

**We have work to do.**

To the left is a photo of when leaders like Rosemary Gaskin pushed to get funding for our Mar-Shunk neighborhood playground. Recently, my cousin Billy Dowd's widow ~ Nikki ~ showed great leadership to improve our playground and neighborhood.

This spirit of giving back, to make our Tribal community better, honors our past and lives on in these kinds of efforts. This pushes me to do better.

*Thank you Nikki!*

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Henry Bouley, Sr

**I am Inspired & I Believe:** that we can achieve so much more. I've dedicated my life to our people. Since the 2008 election, I worked as the executive for another tribe; coordinated an intertribal sovereignty & governance training conference; facilitated grassroots efforts to register tribal voters that led to over 1,000 new voters; earned two additional master's degrees; and completed my doctorate coursework in Leadership. *I have the drive, energy, experience, enthusiasm and desire to lead our Tribe into the future.*

**Proud to be Indian & a Sault Tribe Member:** I have been my whole life. Thank you for your support. I would appreciate your vote to restore our Tribal Spirit and Pride! If elected, I pledge to focus on our positive tribal path forward!



Harold "Cub" McKerchie inspired me to run for Chair in the 1st place. R.I.P Cubby!

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# GET OUT THE VOTE! GET INVOLVED!

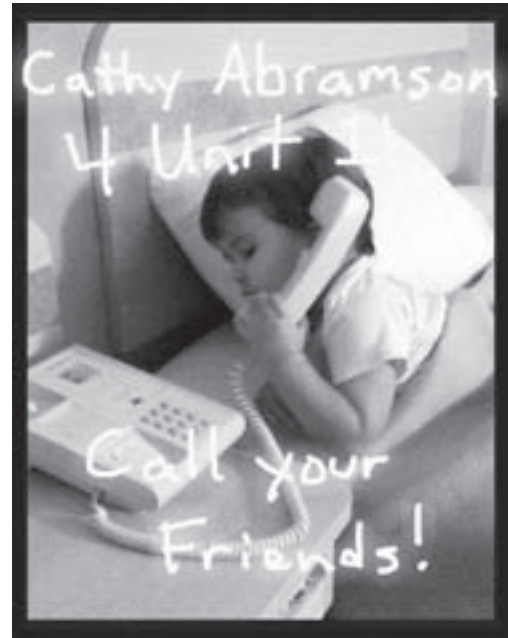
*“Who we become as a tribal nation tomorrow, is a direct result of the investment we make in the lives of our children today!”* — Robert McRorie



“Moments after writing this quote, there was one name that instantly came to mind. One of the great influences in the early stages of my life as well as later in my career, Cathy Abramson has upheld an outstanding life long dedication to me as well as all other children within our Tribal nation.” — Robert McRorie



## We Support CATHY ABRAMSON!



It is wonderful to have such a great woman running for the tribal board, who is always willing to help and has always helped when needed. Vote for Cathy Abramson!

— Nikki Fish & James Franklin  
(and Khloe and Karter)



She is smart, educated and cares about the past, present and future of our tribe that is why my family & I support Cathy Abramson.

— Stephanie Sears Mayne

I've known Cathy for quite a few years now. I always thought she was an awesome role model for us young adults. I was on the Tribal Youth Council back when I was in high school. She taught me a lot of tribal things I didn't know then. She is definitely a great role model for our young and older tribal members. I support her as our tribal representative!

— Melissa Kozeyah with her sons  
Cade and Marcus



Cathy Abramson has always been a woman that I know to have a code of personal integrity, courage in the times of difficult decision-making, and a commitment to our Tribal Nation to serve with compassion, wisdom and respect. It is an honor to endorse her in this election for a Unit One Tribal Board seat. — Private First Class Lakota Catherine Jean Captain



I've had the pleasure of knowing Cathy Abramson and her family for over 20 years. She is and has always been a

very positive role model not only in the Native American community, but for all Sault Ste. Marie residents. She is a very passionate woman, one who will fight the good fight, who will stand up for what she believes, and work hard for the Native American people. Her leadership and sense of duty has always been something I greatly admire. She certainly has my vote.”

— Dan Moore

Every 4 years I make sure I get out to vote for Cathy Abramson. Why? Growing up Cathy was always looking out for our Tribal Youth programs and always wanted us to have a bright future. I respect and appreciate her efforts, and I see nothing has changed. She is the same caring and positive tribal leader and I am proud she represents Unit 1. — Jimmy McLeod

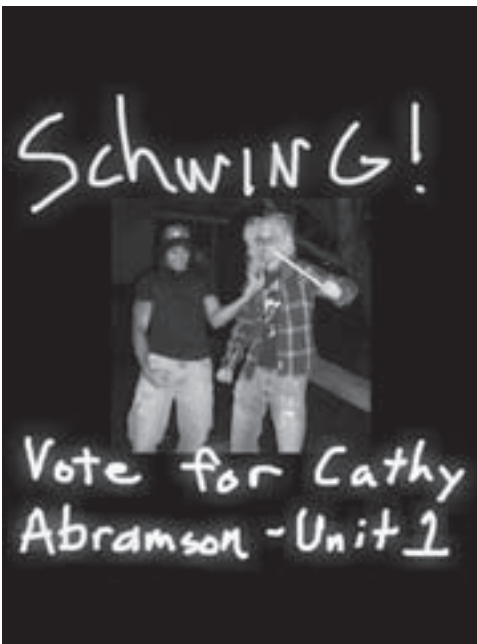
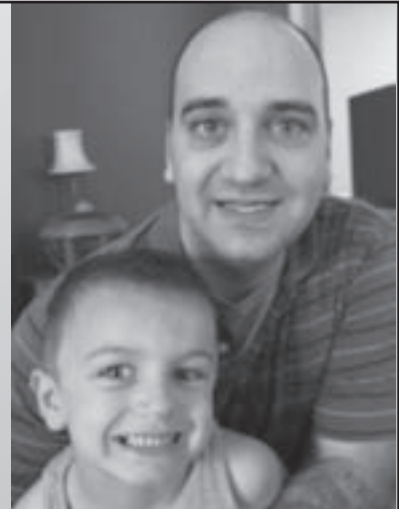


I have grown up always having Cathy in my life. I have cooked with her at feasts, helped her with election mailings, even gone fishing —and she caught more fish than me! What I like most about Cathy is that she is easy to talk to. I always feel like a part of her family and she is like a little mom to me. This is my first election that I get to vote in. I'M VOTING FOR CATHY ABRAMSON! — Hunter Captain, Senior, Kinross, MI

My mother, Cathy Abramson, has dedicated her life to serving our people. Her experience and leadership are remarkable as she has represented Sault Tribe on a variety of national levels, including being nominated chairperson of the National Indian Health Board, an honor to receive. Cathy represents strong positive leadership. She loves our tribe, and would fight forever for our membership. Cathy embodies what a Tribal Leader should be, and I highly recommend we keep her leadership and experience with us going forward. Vote for Cathy Abramson, Unit 1 Board of Directors!  
— Tony Abramson Jr., Election Campaign Manager

As a tribal youth, I always supported Cathy and I still do. Why? Because she has always supported us. Why fix something that isn't broken?

— Ernie Menard with his son Tristan



**THIS ELECTION IS NOT ABOUT ME, IT'S ABOUT YOU AND THE FUTURE OF OUR TRIBE. GET INVOLVED!**  
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Other families that support Cathy include: McKerchie, McCoy, Menard, Gurnoe, Hoffman, Leask, Nolan, Pine, Boulley, Payment, Bouschor, McKechnie, Gravelle, Causley, McKelvie, Smart, Shannon, Lee, Cadreau, Spring, LaFaver, Dietz, Snider, Killip, LaPlaunt, Corbiere, Vowel, Krull, Marble, Gaskin, Goetz, Gardners, Cooks, Mastaw, Allard, Eitrem, Ailing and Fish.

*I cannot thank you enough for your support over the years. I have been blessed and honored to represent you. My passion for the betterment of our Tribe has always remained strong and will continue to be for years to come. I love our people, YOU are my people. I take great pride in saying that, and I look forward to fighting for our future, keeping our traditions alive, and always being there for my Tribe. Chi-Megwetch!* — Cathy Abramson

# Tribe, county law enforcement work together

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

When law enforcement agencies work cooperatively together and form trusting relationships, the entire community benefits. The unique relationship between the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office and Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) is a textbook example of tribal and county law enforcement agencies working together and sharing resources, according to Sheriff Bobby Savoie and STLE Chief of Police Bob Marchand.

The two agencies have worked closely together for over 10 years under a cross-deputization agreement signed by both departments. "The sheriff is in charge of the safety and security of everyone in Chippewa County, including tribal members," Marchand said. "Tribal members don't just reside on the reservation. For STLE to have the cross-deputization agreement with the Sheriff's Department allows us to provide seamless coverage throughout the whole county."

Savoie said Chippewa County is the second largest county east of the Mississippi when it comes to mileage — from Paradise to Drummond Island, officers have over 1,600 miles to cover. According to Savoie, since 9/11 there are 2,200 fewer police officers in the state of Michigan. Combining forces allows both departments to increase the coverage of the vast area the officers

patrol.

Savoie said the agreement allows his deputies to have full police powers on trust land and STLE officers are fully deputized in Chippewa County. His deputies don't take advantage of jurisdictional differences, Savoie said, but if there is an emergency the Sheriff's Department responds without hesitancy. "STLE is not going to run radar on I-75 or M-129, but if there is a danger to anybody in the community we have the ability to stop them from hurting other people," Marchand said. "We are there to provide assistance if needed. To have a sheriff who acknowledges that we can work together and have complete faith in each other's officers standards is essential to maintaining these agreements."

The two departments share resources and equipment, train officers together and back each other up at no additional cost to either department. "We have had a wonderful working relationship all these years with the Sault Tribe and I can't think of a single issue or dispute with anyone," Savoie said. "In the winter when the roads are slippery we might get 15 to 20 accidents an hour. We don't have to ask — the chief is dispatching his cars out there and they get in line and we all take the calls as needed. We have an excellent partnership with the tribe and I think the citizens should be aware of that."



Photo by Brenda Austin

**Sault Tribe Chief of Police Bob Marchand and Chippewa County Sheriff Robert Savoie (L-R) have something in common — their community. The two agencies have worked closely together for over a decade under a cross-deputization agreement. The partnership works both ways — the agencies share resources and equipment, train officers together and back each other up at no extra cost to the other.**

He added, "If you need help right now, whoever is closest is able to provide that security for our citizens under the cross deputization agreement."

Savoie is a native of Chippewa County and has been employed by the Sheriff's Department for 34 years, serving 16 years as the under sheriff and the last two as sheriff. He has worked in several divisions within the department, including road patrol, corrections and marine. Savoie is also a

founding member of SANE.

"He is still out doing road patrols," Marchand said. "In my eyes that says volumes about what character the sheriff has. He is still out there working — his deputies aren't doing anything that he doesn't or won't do. They are tribal officers when they come onto trust land and we are deputy sheriffs when we are off of trust land. It makes things a lot easier — for a community to be successful you need partnerships and

agreements."

Savoie said he has had many calls over the years from sheriffs in other states asking about their cross-deputization agreements with local tribes. "They are testing these agreements everywhere in the nation and we have had it in place with the Bay Mills Indian Community since the '70s and the Sault Tribe for over 10 years. Apparently it isn't being done that way throughout the rest of the country," he said.



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## Correction


Regarding the May issue's front page story, "Tribal fishers to get new Lake Michigan dock," the access site was still under negotiation, according to Bay Mills Chairman Kurt Perron.

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Four years ago the Tribe was facing financial collapse. Today, the financial situation of the tribe has improved, the millions in deficit was eliminated, we're expanding into new business ventures and the Tribe is back on the right track! I pledge to keep our tribes financial stability as a priority for generations yet to come.

The tribal board members and chairman are working together in a positive and respectful manner to solve issues. The negative political atmosphere of attack, divide and conquer does nothing for our Tribe. If we are to move forward as a Nation and continue building upon our accomplishment as we have in the past, we need leaders that can work with each other rather than the chaos of constant negative politics. Leadership must have a positive attitude and cooperative approach to move our tribe forward.

I have that experience and my success as a leader can be measured by the past accomplishments of the Sault Tribe. Since the first time I walked into the garage at Greenough (first Tribal building) I have dedicated my life to the advancement of Sault Tribe and the Members.

Through the years we've had incredible accomplishments and overcame monumental obstacles. As your former Chairman for 17 years we went from a small band of Native Americans with one Tribal office to an expansive organization with thousands of employees and made direct positive impact upon thousands of Tribal Members.

Casinos, housing, health, social services and other opportunities didn't just fall in our laps. We had to work hard for what we have today but it's still not enough! We must keep building upon our successes so that we can continue building up Tribal Services to match the needs of a growing Membership.

But we can't achieve that if we don't have strong experienced leadership with knowledge and a history of success to prove themselves. Others candidates will make promises, I stand on my history and background that spans 40 years of positive advancement of Sault Tribe. Please vote for me and we will continue making positive advancements for Sault Tribe.

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- 2008 to present Tribal Board Director of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
  - 1988 - 2004 Elected to Tribal Chairman of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
  - 1987 - Appointed as Tribal Chairman by the Board of Directors
  - 1976 - 1987 - Elected as Tribal Board Director of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
  - 2004 - LSSU College of Business and Economics distinguished alumni award
  - 2002 - Detroit/Windsor Casino Management Association's (CMA) 2002 "Visionary Award"
  - 2002 - SBC Ameritech Native American Excellence Award for Economic Development
  - 1993 - Indian Health Service Director's Award for Excellence
  - 1993 - Citizen of the Year Award, Veterans Foreign War Post 3676
  - 1992 - 1994 - Chairman of the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs
  - 1992 - Special Recognition Award, Housing and Urban Development, Office of Indian Programs
  - 1992 - Tribal Chairman Award, National Tribal/Indian Health Services
  - 1988 - 1990 - Governor's Entrepreneurial and Small Business Commission - Member
  - 1989 - 1991 - Appointed as Member, Vice- Chairman of Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs



I pledge to continue to work for the positive advancement of the Tribe and it's Membership!





# Peace officer memorial service held in St. Ignace

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

A long procession of Upper Peninsula law enforcement vehicles formed at Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace May 16 and paraded through the downtown area with lights flashing to LaSalle High School where a ceremony hosted by Mackinac County law enforcement agencies was held to honor fallen officers of the U.P. and border agencies of Wisconsin and Canada.

A different community is chosen each year to host the Peace Officers Memorial Service and this was the second time in 17 years that the Eastern U.P. has hosted the event. The military style ceremony honored officers who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty and their families and also paid tribute to all peace officers.

Sault Tribe Chief of Police Bob Marchand represented the Sault Tribe two years ago at the ceremony in Manistique and said it was a great honor to be a part of this year's event and see U.P. law enforcement agencies come together during Police Week in

honor of fallen officers and their families.

The service memorialized 72 members of the law enforcement community – state, local, county, conservation and corrections officers – with ties to the U.P. who perished in the line of duty. An hour long ceremony was held during a student assembly at the school and included bagpiper Jay Martin, Michigan State Police Chaplain Emergency Support Team, keynote speaker Judge Amy Krause, a roll call of fallen officers by Deputy Matt Bowlby, the laying of a wreath by family members of a fallen officer and taps played by Cedarville High School graduate Jacob Strait along with a rifle salute by the Michigan State Police Emergency Support Team.

A traveling plaque is presented each year to the hosting agency, and this year the plaque was presented to Mackinac County Law Enforcement by Schoolcraft County Law Enforcement. Manistique Public Safety Director Ken Golat and Schoolcraft County Sheriff Grant Harris presented the plaque to St. Ignace Police Chief



By Brenda Austin

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Mark Wilk, Mackinac County Sheriff Scott Strait, Sault Tribe Chief of Police Bob Marchand and Mackinac Island Chief of Police Jim Marks. The plaque will be on display in the St. Ignace Police Department for the next

few months before taking up temporary residence with county, state and tribal police agencies throughout Mackinac County.

Commander Travis Toth attended the ceremony with 19 officers from Lake Superior State University (LSSU) who are participating in a seven-week police academy at LSSU – the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). Toth said it was amazing to be there and to be invited to take part in the ceremony. “Anytime you can see this many police vehicles and everybody coming together for a good cause and be with a group of people you look up to and who are your mentors – it’s really great to be a part of that.” Toth said the group from LSSU graduated on

April 28 and started the academy two days later. The officers attending the MCOLES academy will be graduating June 21 and will be certifiable to be police officers in the state of Michigan in any position except with the Michigan State Police and the Detroit Police Department.

Blue ribbons were handed out at the door prior to the memorial service as part of National Police Week. Each May, the Concerns of Police Officers organization, or C.O.P.S., distributes over a million blue ribbons to law enforcement agencies and the public encouraging their display on vehicle antennas to show respect for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and in honor of officers serving their communities.

# Lansing casino approved

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – Members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians voted to approve a proposed Lansing casino project in a referendum to seek federal approval to open a casino in downtown Lansing.

Sault Tribe members approved by a vote of 3,947 to 2,311 via mail ballots counted on the evening of May 3 by the tribe’s Election Committee.

Sault Tribe Chairman Joe Eitrem thanked all tribal members who participated in the election and expressed gratitude to members who voted for approval. “If we succeed in opening a casino in Lansing, it will provide a new source of funds desperately

needed to fully fund and restore membership programs that have been cut, to replenish our Self-Sufficiency Fund, to pay down our debt and to bring more services to members,” Eitrem said.

The ballots were mailed to all registered tribal voters on April 12 and had to be returned by May 3. The election cost roughly \$30,000.

The election was called for by a referendum petition signed by 106 tribal members. The ballot asked tribal members to approve or not approve Resolution 2012-11 passed by the tribe’s board of directors to seek to build and open a new casino in Lansing.

The casino has already

received all necessary approvals from Lansing, including from Mayor Virg Bernero and the city council. Next steps in the project are to conclude the tribe’s purchase of the land where the casino will be built adjacent to the Lansing Center and to submit an application to the U.S. Department of the Interior to take the land into trust for gaming.

## Robert Savoie

### Chippewa County Sheriff



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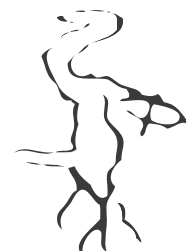
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# NACA reports on impact of 8(a) business program

By RICK SMITH

The Native American Contractors Association (NACA) based in Washington, D.C., recently released A Report on the Economic, Social and Cultural Impacts of the Native 8(a) Program. NACA is a national American Indian advocacy organization representing tribal corporations across the country. It aims to protect the self-sufficiency of the nation's indigenous populations, which is enhanced by participation in programs under the Small Business Act, Section 8(a) program. According to the organization, American Indian businesses that have membership in NACA represent and provide benefits for nearly 700,000 tribal members across the country.

According to the United States Small Business Administration (SBA), section 8(a) of the Small Business Act is a development program to help small and disadvantaged businesses compete in commerce and to gain access to federal and private procurement markets. It provides support through mentoring, counseling, training, financial assistance, bonding as well as assistance in matters of procurement, management and technical aspects.

In brief, the report on the NACA study indicated the association found that tribal companies are structured and operated to address economic conditions among some of the poorest people identified in Census data and Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act and accompanying regulation

allow those companies to become certified to participate in federal procurement with customized provisions to meet their individual challenges. In fiscal year 2011, American Indian 8(a) contractors sold \$6.8 billion worth of goods and services to the federal government and represented 1.3 percent of all federal procurement, 40 percent of all Section 8(a) contracting and 6.7 percent of all small business contracting.

The report indicated that surveys from about half of the membership represented about half of the amount of total Native 8(a) contracting in 2010 and employed 56,076 people along with distributing \$111.5 million; of that \$111.5 million, \$65.9 million was distributed as owners' dividends, \$15.3 million went to scholarships, \$24 million funded direct community expenditures and \$6.4 million was donated to groups other than American Indians.

"These distributions help address economic, social, environmental and cultural needs that are vitally important to the strengthening of Native communities," the report noted. "Together with a wide array of corporate educational opportunities up and down the career ladder, these investments help Native communities attract, retain and grow human capital—the talents, skills and capabilities necessary to improve Native quality of life."

The report also noted that whenever a tribal citizen achieves economic independence, the advantages and benefits apply not

only to tribal communities and associated families, but to taxpayers as well.

"The Native 8(a) program has offered the Cherokee Nation the opportunity to start small businesses and grow them," Ross Swimmer, former chief of the Cherokee Nation testified in the report. "It is one of the best solutions for solving poverty in Indian Country, giving Indian people an opportunity to work for a living instead of a handout."

W. Ron Allen, chairman of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe based in Sequim, Wash., noted, "The SBA 8(a) program has opened up a whole new business sector for our tribe, creating new employment opportunities for our Native citizens and revenue sources for our tribal programs including health care, education and community support services."

Charles Singletary, the chief executive officer of Comanche Nation Construction LLC in Lawton, Okla., commented on opportunities offered by the program, "The SBA 8(a) Business Development Program allows an opportunity to provide a diversified revenue stream to mitigate the risks to the casinos; it provides employment opportunities for tribal members with solid government contracting businesses; and it establishes a business reputation for the tribe that will allow for additional acquisition opportunities."

The U.S. Small Business Administration also offers business programs for elders, military

veterans and youth. One may learn more about the agency's programs

and other details online at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

## Tribal flag posted at University of Wisconsin

By RICK SMITH

When Sault Tribe member Melissa Sunstrom recently walked in the graduation commencement procession at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, she was proud to see the colors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians prominently on display to represent the modern day evolution of part of her ancestry. In addition, it was a tribute to the tribe for the financial support she received during her passage to acquiring a Bachelor of Arts cum laude in history and English with a minor in education.

Sunstrom was a recipient of the Sault Tribe Don Corp Scholarship in the 2008-09 school year. She also received funding from the tribe through the Higher Education Incentive Program from 2006 to 2009.

She said officials asked about any state, tribal or national affiliation she had that she would like to be represented at the ceremony when she applied for graduation at the university. "I informed them of my tribe's name and they took care of everything else," said Sunstrom. "They held the flag along with the American, state and other tribal flags while walking down the aisle to the stage. They displayed the flag on the wall of flags outside the Kress Center where the ceremony was held."



Melissa Sunstrom

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay provost officer indicated the Sault Tribe flag will now be displayed twice a year at every commencement along with 90 other flags representing domestic and foreign governments to represent alumni of the university. The flags have accumulated over time since the start of what has become a tradition.

Sunstrom was one of 700 graduates who crossed the stage during the ceremony out of a class of 900 eligible to receive degrees in May and August. She intends on embarking on a career in education, teaching either middle school or high school in either English, history or both.

"It has been my dream since kindergarten to become a teacher," she added, "and I have finally fulfilled that dream!"

Sunstrom, 24, hails from Marinette, Wisc., and is the granddaughter of Sault Tribe member Shirley Sunstrom and the daughter of Jeff and Denise Sunstrom.

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# Drummond Island pastor and volunteer coach Justin Bupp builds youth wrestling team

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

When Justin Bupp and his family moved to Drummond Island a few years ago to accept the role of pastor for the Drummond Island Baptist Church, he was surprised to find the local school didn't have a wrestling team. A wrestler himself as a youth and a volunteer coach as an adult, Bupp knew the value of having a good wrestling program; he believes that in addition to providing physical activity, being part of a team sport builds character and discipline.

Bupp was determined to bring the sport to local kids and is now the coach of the Drummond Island Youth Wrestling team for ages four through eighth grade. The Drummond Island program is a member of the UP Youth Wrestling Program and is run on a strictly volunteer basis. In addition to his pastoral and coaching duties, Bupp also on occasion offers his counseling services to youth at DeTour High School.

The elementary school on the island, where practices are held, is a small school with 53 kids in grades K-6. Seventh and eighth graders who wish to join the team have to take a ferry from the junior high in DeTour. Bupp said he is trying to put a program in place at the junior high and high school for the older students, but hopes those wishing to be a part of the team will make the trip next season to the island for practices. Bupp said he would be holding a clinic in December for DeTour students prior to the beginning of their season.

In order to determine community interest in building a team, Bupp held a three-week clinic last year to introduce youth and their parents to wrestling. "There has never been wrestling in the



Photos by Shannon McCloskey

Above, Drummond Island wrestler Alex Richwine. Below, Drummond Island wrestler and Sault Tribe member Gus Fairchild tries his luck on the mat.



DeTour area school district," he said. "I explained the fundamentals of the sport and taught the kids a few basic moves to get them interested. We held a banquet at the end of the three-weeks and they got to wrestle each other in a live match." This year was their first official season.

Of the 53 kids enrolled at the school, 33 started the year in the wrestling program and they

finished the season with 24 still on the mats – eight of them are Sault Tribe members. Three girls finished the season with the team and Bupp said after losing her first two matches, one talented young lady never got beat again.

Wrestling is a very structured sport and Bupp said that in addition to its other advantages it also helps build self-esteem and confidence. "We had some kids

at the beginning of the year who were extremely shy and reserved; we got to watch those kids develop throughout the season and become confident in themselves. Wrestling is a sport that when you walk out onto the mat it's you against your opponent — we try and teach all the kids they need to believe in themselves," he said.

Schoolwork is a priority and comes first or students are not allowed to wrestle and Bupp said he reinforces that during each practice.

Practice is held two nights a week with wrestling matches held all day on Saturdays. "There aren't many other activities for the students in our area during the winter months that brings forth the amount of physical activity that the sport of wrestling does," Bupp said. "Many parents are excited about the program for that reason alone. They have told me that their children would be home playing video games if it weren't for the team."

Bupp said the team has been focusing on fundraising activities and at their banquet raised a little

over \$5,900 towards the purchase of two mats. He said the team desperately needs a new practice mat and that with two mats would be able to host their own tournament, allowing the team to fund themselves. "The revenue that comes in from a tournament will be enough to support our kids and get them the things they need throughout the year," he said. "Having two mats will allow us to be self sufficient in the years to come."

According to Bupp, the team applied for 2 percent funding from the tribe to help with the purchase and on May 23 was presented with a check for \$8,000. He said the team is very thankful for the tribe's help.

"The joyful thing about wrestling is that every child gets to participate," he said. "Every one of them that comes out and practices has the opportunity to go to every tournament where they will have a match and generally they get three matches per Saturday as a minimum. You don't have anyone sitting on the bench, everyone gets to participate and that's a wonderful thing."

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# Late Sault man in Smithsonian Native Olympians exhibit

BY RICK SMITH

The venerable Smithsonian Institution recently opened the *Best in the World: Native Athletes in the Olympics* exhibit on May 25 at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. The exhibition features a late Sault Ste. Marie Ojibwe hockey legend and is scheduled to run through Sept. 3, 2012.

According to the Smithsonian, Clarence "Taffy" Abel, for whom the Lake Superior State University Taffy Abel Arena is named, is among other American Indian Olympic notables who have provided some of the most dramatic moments in the history of the games. The exhibition focuses on American Indians in the 1912 games in Stockholm in observance of reaching its centennial year in history in 2012. The exhibition showcases such American Indian Olympic luminaries such as Jim Thorpe (Sac and Fox) who won both the pentathlon and the decathlon, which remains a feat not accom-



plished by anyone else; Native Hawaiian Duke Kahanamoku who won the 100 meter freestyle; Andrew Sockalexis (Penobscot) who placed fourth in the marathon and Lewis Tewanima (Hopi) who won the silver medal and set an American record for the 10,000 meters, which stood until

50 years later when another American Indian Olympian, Billy Mills (Oglala Lakota) won the gold in 1964.

According to the National Hockey League (NHL), Abel won a silver medal with the U.S. Olympic hockey team as a defenseman in the 1924 Olympic games. He was one of the first U.S.-born American players to appear in an NHL game. He was recruited into the New York Rangers in 1926 as a free agent and helped win the coveted Stanley Cup championship in 1928 against the Boston Bruins. He continued playing for the Rangers in 110 regular-season games and 17 play-off games for three seasons until his rights were sold to Chicago.

Abel was born in Sault Ste. Marie on May 28, 1900. During his time with the NHL, Abel stood 6-foot 1-inch and weighed 225 pounds. He died on Aug. 1, 1964, and was inducted into the United States Hockey Hall of Fame as part of the inaugural induction class in 1973.

# National tobacco education campaign launched

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently launched a national commercial tobacco education campaign called *Tips From Former Smokers*. This campaign features a variety of people, many of whom started smoking in their early teens, who are suffering from tobacco-related illnesses. By showing people whose lives have been tremendously impacted by the damage caused by smoking, CDC hopes to encourage smokers to quit and young people not to start and to strongly discourage smoking around children.

People who smoke cigarettes or other tobacco, like little cigars or hookah, are at very high risk of developing serious medical conditions. "Smoking dramatically increases your risk for heart disease, stroke, many kinds of cancer and other illnesses," said Dr. Tim McAfee, director of CDC's Office on Smoking and Health. "In fact, for every person who dies from smoking, another 20 suffer from one or more serious smoking-related illnesses."

McAfee added, "Many young smokers believe that smoking will 'just' kill them a few years earlier than they would normally die, and they don't care if they die at 70 instead of 80. But the reality is that smoking is the number-one cause of early death in middle age and one of the biggest causes of early disability. These ads will help people who smoke — and young people considering smoking — understand the immediate impact of smoking in a new

way."

One of the former smokers featured in the campaign, Shawn, 51, of Washington State, was 14 when he started smoking to make friends and fit in at a new school. Shawn was in his mid-40s and still smoking when his chronic cough, colds, and laryngitis turned out to be throat cancer. "I had 38 radiation treatments and even quit smoking, but my doctors were not able to save my larynx. Now I have a hole in my throat to breathe and use an implant to talk."

As someone who enjoyed singing and playing the guitar, Shawn said, "The loss of my voice was heartbreaking."

"Running a hard-hitting campaign like this one is important," McAfee said, "because the smokers we talked to said these ads will help motivate them to make a quit attempt and to stay on track as they struggle to remain quit. And nonsmokers told us these ads will encourage them to talk to their loved ones who smoke and encourage them to quit."

The ads began running nationally for 12 weeks starting on March 19 and include television, radio, billboard, magazine, newspaper, theater, and online placements. All of the people featured in the campaign hope their stories will help inspire smokers to take steps to quit smoking.

For more information about the campaign and resources for quitting smoking, visit [www.cdc.gov/quitting/tips](http://www.cdc.gov/quitting/tips), call (800) QUIT-NOW, or visit [www.smokefree.gov](http://www.smokefree.gov).

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For more information on resources available locally, including the Sault Tribe Nicotine

Dependence Program, please call Sault Tribe Community Health Services at 632-5210 or call your local Sault Tribe Health Center.

More information and tips for quitting are also available at [www.healthysaulttribe.com/tobacco](http://www.healthysaulttribe.com/tobacco).

## STAY contest winner announced

The Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project recently held a video and writing contest on suicide prevention. Youth and young

adults were instructed to write an essay or make a video about how suicide has affected them.

Prizes were donated by local community members and businesses. STAY would like to thank Leslie Ruditis, St. Isaac Jogues, Sovereign Entertainment and Jason Smith Insurance for their donations.

The winner of the writing contest was Emily Clow. Winners of the video contest were Hannah Vallier, Robert McRorie and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Youth Council. The winning videos can be viewed on our Youtube page [www.youtube.com/staliveyouth](http://www.youtube.com/staliveyouth).

For more information about the STAY Project contact us at [stayproject@saulttribe.net](mailto:stayproject@saulttribe.net) or call 635-8629.

**DON'T DO IT**  
By EMILY CLOW

Why should you NOT commit suicide? Well, there are plenty of reasons if you just look around —



EMILY CLOW

your friends, your family, music, the sunset. Even the simplest things in the world are reasons to stick around and wade it out. Whatever you're going through may be tough, but it could always be worse, you could be gone, and then what? So here are my reasons for you to not take your life from us.

"Think of all the beauty left in and around you, and be happy," Anne Frank once said this; I'm not sure when or why but it can be used anywhere at any time. It is just one of the reasons to not commit suicide, let alone think about it. I personally think what Anne means is that although things look bad now they will get better. You just need to wait for that moment when your life can change for the better and everything will be okay.

Things are going to be hard before they get better, but we need those hard things; otherwise, we wouldn't know the difference between the good ones. As Dolly Parton once said, "If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain." Taking yourself out of this world won't take problems away; it will just create more problems for the ones who love you. If you want to see the rain-

bow, stick around and wait for the "bads" in life to fade away.

Your friends, your family, and the people who see you every day; think about what it would be like for them to have to look around the room and see you aren't there. The things they never got to tell you or the things you never got to tell them. Life would be different for them, and for the worse. What if that guy/girl was going to tell you how much they really care about you? Then what? "Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday." I'm not sure exactly who said this, but I think it means whatever you worried about yesterday is over and it's a new day, and you need to live day by day and not worry about the future.

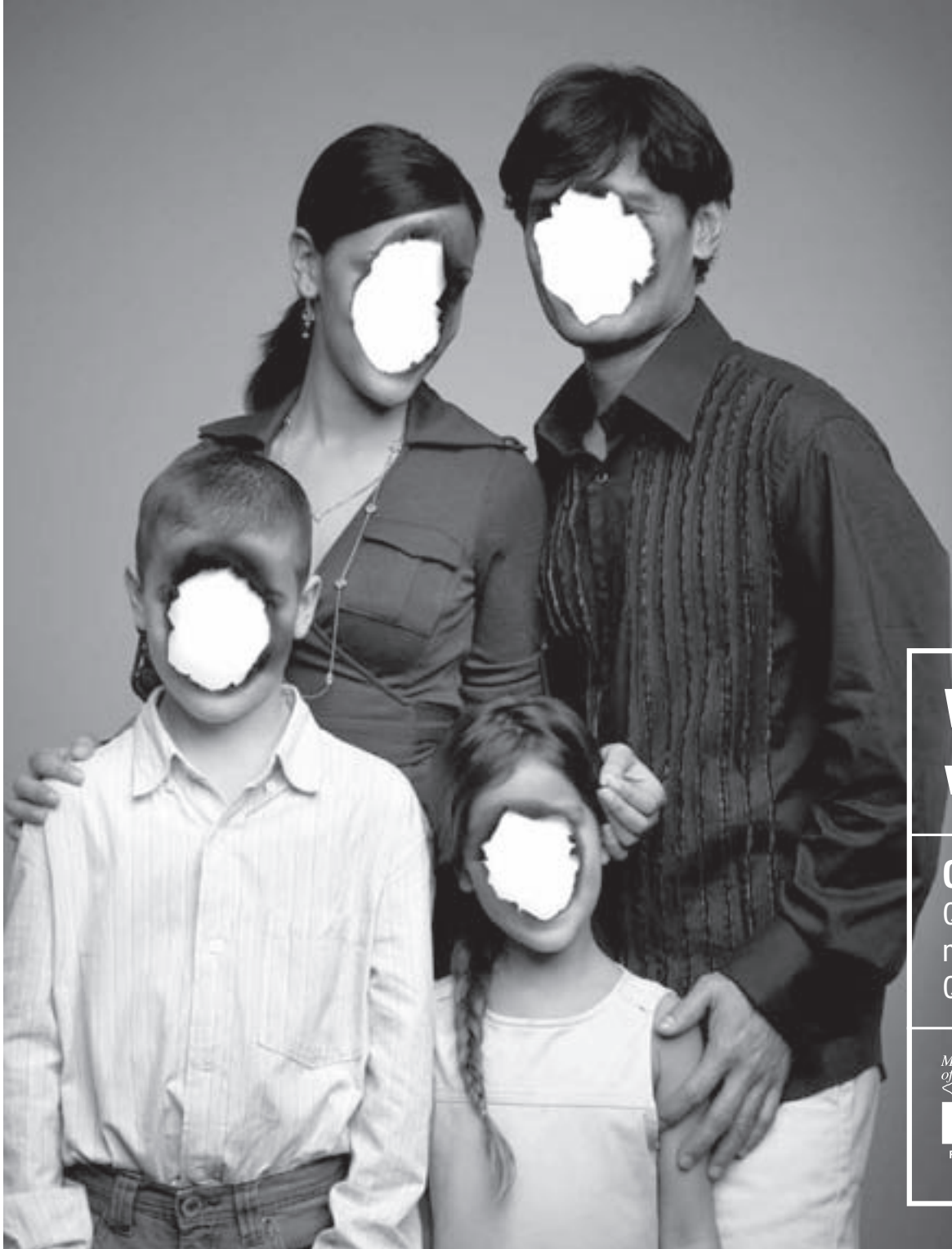
The final reason I have for you not to commit suicide, because I ask you not to. Whatever is going on in life will get better; you just need to give it time. Live your life the way you want to and not listen to what others think of you or say about you. The butterfly effect — just one person could change the way life goes for everyone else. Don't be the one person to change everything for the ones you love, at least not like that.

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# JKL School collects donations for animal shelter

JKL Bahweting second graders participated in a service learning project that raised over \$700 in donations and supplies for the Chippewa County Animal Shelter. The project gave students the opportunity to learn by doing, while supporting their community. Pupils from the classrooms of Christina Duhoski, Laurie Jarvie and Kara VanderMeer hosted a family movie night to generate funds, purchased supplies at a local store and donated them to the animal shelter. The real life project also taught them about identifying needs and budgeting.



JKL second graders getting ready to board the bus to deliver their donations and visit the animal shelter.



Students visit with Blade, who is up for adoption. Below, students sell drinks and snacks to raise money to purchase supplies for the shelter.



Photos by  
Christina Duhoski



Family movie night was a smashing success.

## Canada shrugs at U.N. report on First Nations' poor conditions

LONDON, Ontario — The Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) is once again disappointed by Canada's response to the recent report from the United Nations (U.N.) by the special rapporteur on the right to food, according to an AIAI press release.

The U.N. report finds that despite being one of the richest developed countries in the world, many people in Canada suffer from poverty, inequality and hunger. The situation is especially dire for indigenous peoples. The AIAI agrees with the findings of the report and has long lobbied the government to take action.

Rather than accept the truth of the report and take action, the government of Canada attempts to discredit the United Nations and the envoy's report while continuing to do nothing about the issue.

Official responses included that the report was a waste of U.N. money to investigate developed countries like Canada, the U.N. special rapporteur was an ill-informed academic and that there was no hunger issue for indigenous populations since they hunt every day.

The AIAI questions whether the health minister is the ill-informed one and whether the peoples of her northern communities would share her same viewpoint. The minister also does an extreme disservice to all indigenous peoples when she lumps them into the same group. Indigenous peoples are diverse across Turtle Island and to make a statement that they all hunt is simply inaccurate and a slap in the face.

The AIAI is often baffled by the inaction of Canada but is surprised little anymore with its smoke and mirrors approach. Rather than doing anything about the findings, the government of Canada will do everything in its power to do nothing and hope that this report will blow over soon.

"Wouldn't it be novel if Canada actually accepted criticism for once and made real change?" asked Grand Chief Denise Stonefish.

The AIAI is mandated as a political territorial organization to defend and enhance the indigenous and treaty rights of its eight-member first nations. Visit them online at [www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca).

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# Sault 2012 Native high school grads honored, others recognized for outstanding support actions



Sault Area High School Principal John Sherry presents Tessa Opalka with the school's Outstanding Native American Graduate Award. Opalka also took top honors as a scareer technical education student of the Sault Area Career Center.

**By Rick Smith**  
Graduating seniors enrolled in federally recognized American Indian tribes at Sault Area High School and Malcolm High School were recognized in annual Title VII Indian Education Program awards ceremonies on May 15 and May 16 respectively. Outstanding academics and community support shared in the spotlight.

According to the Sault area Indian Education Parent Committee, 62 Sault Tribe members graduate in the schools' class of 2012 along with four students representing Mississauga First Nation, Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Bay Mills Indian Community.

Sault Tribe member and Gates Millenium Scholar Tessa Opalka received honors as the Outstanding Native American Graduate of Sault Area High School and Outstanding Native American Career Technical Education Student of the Sault Area Career Center. Opalka involved herself in the school's extracurricular activities through Business Professionals of America, the Sault Health Adolescent Care Center, Working On Wellness, Student Executive Committee and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend Michigan State University Honors College to major in business as well as applying at that school's Eli Broad College of Business.

Another Sault Tribe member, Ashley Albone, was awarded the Outstanding Native Art Student of Sault Area High School. Her extracurricular activities were participation in softball and volleyball. She plans to study radiation therapy at Lake Superior State University.

Anthony Hallai received the Most Dedicated Native American Art Student of Sault Area High School.

Jerome Gervais and Tessa Opalka received Gates Millenium scholarships.

Malcolm High School recognized Matthew Clow as its Outstanding Native American Graduate. He plans include joining the United States Army.

Joshua Stewart received the Steve LeSatz Award for Most Improved in Attendance, Academics and Citizenship. He participated in snowboarding, basketball and football. His plans involve joining the Ironworkers Union.

Dakota Beck and Tynecia Sistrunk received Hearthsides Helping Hands Awards from Anna Hill, a resident of the Hearthsides Assisted Living Facility in Sault Ste. Marie, and Wendy Ward, the facility's activities director.

Those who work with area students were also recognized. Awards for Outstanding Teacher of Native American Students went to Lynn Swartzlander in the elementary school category and Becky Dale in the secondary school category. The Sault Tribe Alive Youth Program got the nod for Outstanding Community Service to Native Students and Chris Gordon received the award for Outstanding Community Leader to Native Students.



Matthew Clow receives the Malcolm High School Outstanding Native American Graduate Award from the school's advisor for Native students, Allison Campbell.



Joshua Stewart receives the Malcolm High School Steve LeSatz Award for Most Improved in Attendance, Academics and Citizenship from English teacher Amanda Fritz.



Dakota Beck receives one of two Hearthsides Helping Hands Award from a grateful resident of the Sault assisted living facility, Anna Hill, with Wendy Ward, activities director of the facility.



Tynecia Sistrunk receives a Hearthsides Helping Hands Award from Anna Hill with Wendy Ward.



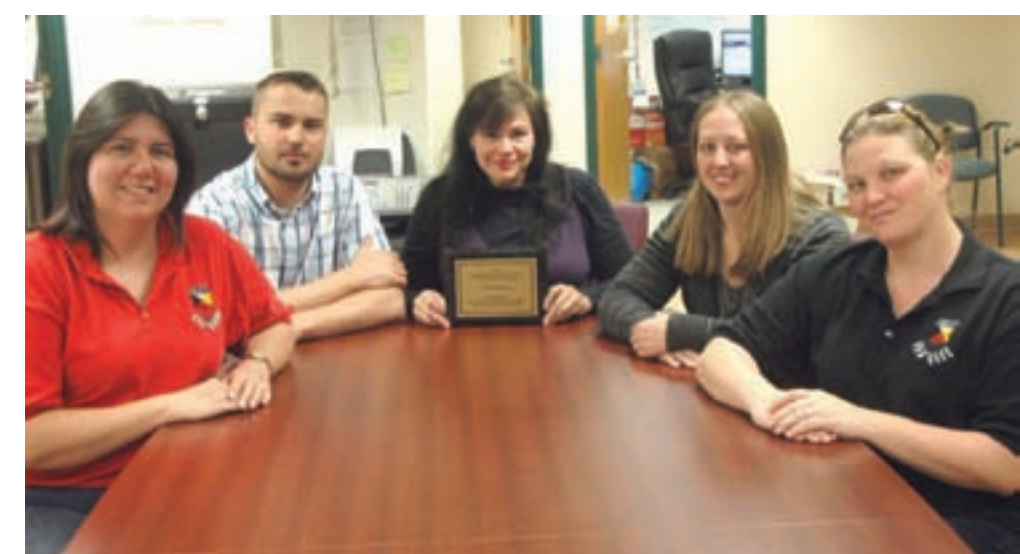
Escanaba Schools Title VII Parent Committee selected graduating seniors and Sault Tribe members Amber Gill (above), Nicholas Roberts and Hailey Dimock (below, L-R) as the 2012 scholarship winners, awarding each student a \$250 scholarship. (Submitted by Gail Rice, Escanaba Area Public Schools Title VII Indian Education coordinator)



Photos by Rick Smith



Sault Tribe member Kelsey Jane McFarland (left) graduated from Freeland High School, Freeland, Mich. on May 31, 2012. While attending Freeland High School she was a member of the track, basketball and volleyball team. Kelsey completed the nursing program at Saginaw Career Center, Saginaw, Mich., and plans to attend Delta College in the fall. She is the daughter of Thomas McFarland and Patricia Bellant McFarland, the granddaughter of Robert Bellant of Bay City, Mich., Kenneth Miner of Freeland and the late Patrick McFarland. She is the great granddaughter of the late Euclid and Arbutus (nee Davenport) Bellant of Cheboygan, Mich.



Left, Chris Gordon of the JKL Bahweting Anishnabe Public School Academy faculty received the 2012 award for Outstanding Community Leader of Native Students presented at the Title VII Indian Education Program awards ceremony at Sault Area High School on May 15. He has taught Anishnabe language and culture for 13 years and recently accepted a new job title as language/culture coordinator/teacher. He included traditional drumming and singing 12 years ago and leads the school's drum, the Ogimaa-minisinoon drum. The drum fields many requests from the community to perform at a wide variety of both tribal and mainstream events and functions. Gordon completed his Ph.D. in education, curriculum and instruction in 2009. He is married to Janet, with whom they are expecting baby Tia soon. Above, the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project received the 2012 award for Outstanding Community Service to Native Students. Here with the plaque acknowledging the honor, members of the STAY team, left to right, Barb Smutek, Tony Abramson Jr., Angeline Bouley, Laura Porterfield and Jessie Anderson. The program works to prevent suicide among the tribe's young people. Smutek recently left the STAY team to accept a position with MSU Extension.



Above, some of the 12 graduating seniors of the Class of 2012 with American Indian tribal affiliation assembled before the 2012 awards ceremony at Malcolm High School on May 16.

## Congrats to ALL Our Grads!



Opalka accepts the honor for Outstanding Native American Career Technical Education Student of the Sault Area Career Center from JoAnne Lussler, director of the career center.



Some of the 50 graduating seniors of the Class of 2012 with American Indian tribal affiliation assembled before the awards ceremony at Sault Area High School on May 15.



Sault Tribe member Patrick John Sterling, 12, got two turkeys with one shot on April 21, 2012.



Sault Tribe member Travis R. Johnson of Rudyard, Mich., graduated this May from Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich., with a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice and a minor in psychology. He plans to secure a job with U.S. Marshal Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation or loss prevention. He is the son of Paul and Esther Thompson.



Jeffrey Grondin, son of Brian Grondin and Jennifer Garner, recently graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in communication from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. A member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society, Jeffrey will move to Jeollanamdo Province in South Korea to teach in August. Jeffrey is the grandson of Marlene Grondin and the late Louis Grondin of St. Ignace, Mary Walker of Washington D.C. and Gentry Garner of Gonzalez, Texas.



It is with great joy I share that my daughter, Sault Tribe member Shannon Mulloy, has graduated from Stanford University this June with a degree in communications. She won the prestigious "Beagle Award" and will travel this summer to research the effects of eco-tourism and social media marketing on the native cultures of the Pacific Northwest. Shannon will continue her studies at Stanford next year, pursuing a graduate degree in sociology. Congratulations, Shannon!  
— Missy Mulloy



**CIARAN GILMORE**  
Adam and Dareth (McCoy) Gilmore of Johnstown, Ohio, are the parents of a son, Ciaran Crawford Gilmore, born on March 16, 2012, in the Ohio State University Medical Center of Columbus, Ohio. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches in length. He joins Cael and Brielle at home. Grandparents are Sheri Poirier of Sault Ste. Marie, Joe and Sharon McCoy of Sault Ste. Marie, and the late Kenneth and Betty Gilmore of Mansfield, Ohio, and Phyllis and the late Ivan Aukerman of Greenville, Ohio.



**WILLIAM RUTHRUFF**  
William Evan Ruthruff was born to Victoria and Jonathan Ruthruff of Hessel April 23, 2012, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. He was born at 7:35 a.m., weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces and mea-

suring 19.5 inches in length. He joins a sister, Courtney, at home. Grandparents are Margaret and Ronald Ruthruff of Lansing and the late Mary and William Albert of Hessel.

**BROOKE THERRIEN**

Brooke Alexandra Therrien was born on April 25, 2012, in St. Charles, Ill. Proud parents are Andrea and Joshua (formerly of Mackinac Island). Brooke weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 18 inches in length.

# Myottes to observe 50th on June 16

The family of Robert and Joyce Myotte are honored to announce their parents' 50th anniversary celebration. An open house will be held at 2911 White Creek Rd., Marlette, Mich., on Saturday, June 16, 2-6 p.m. Family, friends, and former students are welcome.

The couple was married on June 16, 1962, in Wiarton, Ontario, Canada, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church by Rev. George Miller and Rev. C.E. Fischer. The couple has one

daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Darryl Leveille of Marlette, and one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Melinda Myotte of Frankfort, Ill. Their grandchildren are Ryan Leveille, Eric Leveille, Nathan Myotte and Elizabeth Myotte.

Robert graduated with a B.S. degree from Northern Michigan University and spent his industrial arts teaching career at Marlette Community High School. Joyce graduated

as a R.N. from Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing, Toronto, Ont. She spent some of her nursing career at Wellesley Hospital, Sault War Memorial Hospital, St. Lukes Hospital in Marquette and retired from Marlette Regional Hospital. Robert is the son of the late Alphonsis Myotte Pringle and Joseph Myotte of Sault Ste Marie, Mich. Joyce is the daughter of the late Annie and Hector McCoag of Wiarton, Ontario.



**MARIAH HARRIS**  
Mariah Janae Harris was born to Trenton Harris Sr. and Danyelle Clement, both of Kincheloe, on April 10, 2012, at 9:54 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20 inches in length. She joins her big brother, Terrence, at home.

Proud grandparents are Landan Clement and Helen Bouschor of the Sault and Diana Burgman-George of Mackinac Island. Great grandparents are Peggy Clement and Jean Gabow, both from the Sault.

## Miigwech

The Menard family would like to express a sincere thank you to the Sault Tribe and everyone that assisted us during our time of grief with the loss of John Menard. We appreciated all the food, gifts, cards and flowers that we received to use and display during his funeral.

Chi miigwech,  
The Menard family



**JERRY V. DINNAN**

Jerry V. Dinnan, 81, of Port Charlotte, Fla. passed away April 21, 2012. He was born Jan. 14, 1931 in Flint, Mich. and moved to Florida in 1971 from Flint. Mr. Dinnan was a retired painter.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Evelyn; daughters, Patricia Hensley of Venice, Fla., Teresa Knight of Clio, Mich., and Carolyn Dinnan of North Port, Fla.; sons, Gary of Port Charlotte, Fla., and John of Punta Gorda, Fla.; sister, Thelma Fuson of Columbiaville, Mich. and Lakeland, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

Mr. Dinnan was preceded in death by his son, Jerry L. Graveside services will be held at a later date in Michigan.



who survives. Also surviving are his son, Brooks Bouwkamp of Benton Harbor, Mich.; two sisters, Dove (Dick) Woodrick of Galien and Leona Christine Kay of Sault Ste. Marie and also nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was a brother, Edwin Kay; a sister, Carol Kay; and parents, John and Grace (nee Cada) Kay.

A traditional ceremony of celebration was officiated by pipe keeper Clarence Syrette at Hoven Funeral Home in Buchanan on April 11, where friends and family shared Lorne's life experiences. A traditional pipe ceremony was conducted on April 13 before sending Lorne on his final journey and a four-day fire was kept at the home of sister Dove and Dick Woodrick along with a feast following the ceremony.

Lorne was a proud Anishnaabe man who walked the red road and will always be remembered as a loving and dedicated husband, father, brother, uncle and friend.

**FRANCIS ANDRESS**

Francis "Pat" Andress, 79, of St. Ignace and Mackinac Island, passed away May 5, 2012, at home, surrounded by his family after a lingering bout with cancer. He was born on Mackinac Island Feb. 28, 1933, to Joseph and Ruby (nee Perault) Andress.



He attended the Indian

Dormitory School on Mackinac Island and also Holy Childhood in Harbor Springs. He worked since he was 14, leaving school after his father died. He was a dray driver for Carriage Tours, and a taxi driver. He worked for the State of Michigan as a carriage driver, often driving the governor of Michigan. He worked for Joseph P. Frances Construction on Mackinac Island. He then moved to Mackinaw City, where he and his wife worked for Downings Restaurant for several years, and moved to St. Ignace, where he worked for the City of St. Ignace for five years. For the past 16 years, he had been a ticket seller for Star Line Mackinac Island Ferry on North State Street.

He married Mary Cadotte March 2, 1957, on Mackinac Island.

He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, joining the U.S. Army and also serving a short stint with the Marine Corps. He was an active member of the Mackinac Island American Legion and a top seller of Poppies for Veterans. He was an elder with the Sault Tribe Chippewa Indians. He was also a longtime member of Ste. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island.

He is survived by two sons and their families, Francis "Pat" and Betty Jean Andress Jr. of St. Ignace and James Andress Sr. of St. Ignace; five daughters and their families, Marie Hutchins, Rose Kerr and Tom Moody,

Deborah and Allen Campbell, all of St. Ignace, Wanda and Richard Miller of North Carolina, Francine Andress of St. Ignace; two brothers and their families, Carl and Cora Andress of Hessel, and Donald "Duck" Andress of Mackinac Island; a sister, Mary Siders of St. Ignace; 13 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

His wife died Aug. 22, 2005. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Leslie "Butch," and a sister, Barbara Chambers.

Visitation took place at the Dodson Funeral Home and Ste. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island followed by a May 19 Mass of Christian Burial with Father Jim Williams officiating. Military services were held at the church after Mass with Commander Paul Wandrie officiating. He was laid to rest at Ste. Anne's Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

Pallbearers were his grandchildren, Anthony Kerr, Jerry and Jr. Robach, William Foster, Jr., Jennifer Foster, and Ruby Foster. James Hutchins was an honorary pallbearer.

**GENEVRA PALMER**

Genevra Rose Palmer, age 75, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away on May 22, 2012 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital. She was born on February 17, 1937. Remember her smile, her laugh, the brightness of her eyes. Remember

her genuine compassion for those who were her friends.

I will remember that she was happiest when surrounded by nature and nature's critters. I will remember that we would sit by the rivers-edge enjoying the view and our moments together.

I will remember that her passion was growing flowers, most of them were planted with the intent of enticing birds and butterflies to come visiting, nothing would delight her more than to see a "new" bird at the feeder or a hummingbird tasting one of her planted blossoms.

I will remember that she was curious and inquisitive, questions came fast when she encountered something unfamiliar.

I will remember that her heartfelt beliefs guided her daily living and she was positive that at the end of her worldly journey she would arrive at a joyous place her worldly journey is now over and I truly believe she is where she wants to be. I will miss her. Husband William.

Genevra is survived by seven children, 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. There will be no funeral. A memorial service followed by a scattering of her cremated remains is planned for a later date according to her wishes.



**Experienced - Dedicated - Trusted**



**Jennifer McLeod**  
*... Put a Teacher on the Team!*

Aaniin! As a professional Teacher, I understand clearly the need to focus on the future, to be a role model, to work hard and to never give up. We serve our communities with the utmost dedication and compassion. We never take for granted the sacred trust placed in us. As your elected representative to our Tribe's Board of Directors, I will bring those same qualities to the table as we work together to bring success, and prosperity to our membership. Our people have been telling me of their wants and needs from the tribe, and they have also told me what they are looking for in their Leaders:

**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 agree that "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 also 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**

I am told that 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**

Members have said they want someone who understands our Traditions. 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. 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!**
- Email [jennifer.mcleod.2012@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.mcleod.2012@gmail.com)
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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**



**JOHN MILTON MENARD**

John Milton Menard, of Sugar Island, Mich., died on May 23, 2012, at his home. He was born on June 24, 1931, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

John enjoyed playing cribbage, watching the Red Wings and most other sports. He enjoyed the challenge of repairing almost anything. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and

the American Legion. John served in the United States Navy as an Electronics Tech. He served from 1948 until 1953 (his enlistment was extended as a result of the Truman years) having sailed through the Suez and Panama Canals, and spent many months aboard the USS Stormes.

He is survived by his sister, Marlene Marie (nee Menard) McDermott of Philadelphia, Pa.; brothers Robert Gerald (Joan) Menard of N. Fort Meyers, Fla., and Joseph (Rose) Menard of Sugar Island. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis A. and Rose May Myotte Menard and brother, Louis Hector Menard.

Visitation was held May 29 in the Mary Room at St. Mary's ProCathedral Church in Sault Ste. Marie. A Mass of Christian



Burial at St. Mary's was celebrated May 29 by Brother John Hascall. He was laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Sault Ste. Marie.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

**DONALD B. MILLER**

Donald B. Miller, 77, of Garden Corners, Cooks, Mich., died on May 10, 2012, at Christian Park Health Care Center in Escanaba, Mich. He was born on Feb. 24, 1935, in Cooks, the son of Joseph and Henrietta (Cadreau) Miller. Don attended school in Cooks and later moved to Milwaukee where he met and married Ruth I. Beckman on Sept. 10, 1960.

Don was employed for many years as a union carpenter/millwright and laborer in Milwaukee and Racine, Wis., before returning to Cooks in 1976, when he and his wife purchased the Garden Bay Motel at Garden Corners. Don continued to work in the carpenter/millwright union trade locally. He also owned and operated Lance Construction Co. for years before ending his career as an independent truck operator. He and his wife owned and operated the motel until 2005 when the business was sold and they retired.



Don was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed attending tribal elder luncheons and events, visiting casinos and playing poker. In his earlier years, he was an avid pool and dartball player. He also enjoyed bowling, playing cards and slow pitch softball.

Don is survived by his wife, Ruth, of Garden Corners; his children, Scott (Melanie) Verbrugge of Grosse Pointe, Mich., Sherry (Bryan Landis) Boudreau of Cooks, Renea (Rich) Ranguette of Janesville, Wis., Brian (LuAnn) Miller of Cheboygan, Mich., and Melanie (Brady) Brock of Thompson, Mich.; his grandchildren, Paige Verbrugge, Jennifer Ansell, Michael, Dustin and Trevor Lovell, Christopher, Krystal and Hillary Miller, Alesha and Nicole Brock; his great-grandchildren, Jaelyn and Aleyah Pierce; his sister, Audrey Keller of Port Washington, Wis.; sisters-in-law Martha Miller of Cooks and Elaine Miller of Hedgesville, W.V.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters Viola Neadow and Margaret Cantrall; and his brothers, Edward Miller, Louis Miller, Arthur Miller, Alvin Miller and George Miller.

A graveside service was held May 20, 2012, at the New Garden Cemetery in Garden Township with Gordon Fox officiating.

HAROLD MCKERCHIE SR.

Harold Joseph "Cub" McKerchie Sr. of Sugar Island, Mich., passed away on May 4, 2012, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Cub was born on Aug. 10, 1928, the son of Mary Jane McKerchie of Sugar Island and Pete



Belleau of Garden, Ontario, and was raised on Sugar Island by Tauno and Alice Ruona.

He married his wife of 63 years, Mary Joyce McKerchie, nee Niemitalo, on Oct. 22, 1949. Cub was a Sault Tribe elder and lifetime Amvets member. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, woodworking, gambling, traveling with the Sault Tribe elders and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Cub was enlisted in the United States Navy from 1946 to 1949 as a corpsman and served overseas in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After the Navy, he was a mechanic and started working for the Chippewa County Road Commission in 1960 and retired after 31 years of employment.

Cub and Mary were foster parents for many years and Cub had such charisma about him. He made so many friends over the years and was so easygoing. Those who knew him will miss his unique sense of humor and his stories of his travels. In his later years, he enjoyed bird watching at his home on

Sugar Island with his best friend, Papoose, sitting on his lap.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his sons Harold "Bud" (Linda) of Mobile, Ala., Robert "Bob" (Carolyn), Ronald (Bonnie), of Sault Ste. Marie; his daughters Jane (Robert) TenEyck, Joan (Gary) Hill, Julie (Dooder) Kinney and former daughter-in-law, Anita McKerchie, all of Sault Ste. Marie; and his 36 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren. Also surviving Cub are his brothers, Lloyd (Sara) Ruona of Penhook, Va., Keith (Yvonne) Ruona of Brunswick, Maine; his sisters, June Belleau of Garden River, Ontario, Rita McKerchie and Karen (James) Bumstead of Sault Ste. Marie, Sharon (John) Mustonen of Sugar Island; sister-in-law, Jackie McKerchie, of Atlanta, Mich., and brother-in-law, Robert Niemitalo, of Casleton, NY.

He is preceded in death by both sets of his parents and his brothers, Merlin McKerchie of Sugar Island and Jack McKerchie of Atlanta, Mich.

Services were held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with visitation, followed by a service at St. Isaac Jogues with Brother John Hascall as celebrant. Burial immediately followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery on Sugar Island.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Sault Tribe Unit I elders or St. Isaac Jogues Church.

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# VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION AND VISION

## Christine (Moody) McPherson

**PLATFORM****Governmental**

- Increase participation on local, state, or federal task forces and committees to represent and give voice to issues facing our Anishnabek people.
- Seek new alliances in government and diversify our economic, environmental, and community well being.
- Communication: Be accountable for communication with membership
- Assess existing and new businesses for key financial objectives that will ensure growth and sustainability.
- Support positive leadership and skill development for all team members: improve customer service, individual professional and community goals

**Elders**

- Elder Payments: Review Elder Fund structure and more actively include Elders in its management.

**Member Services**

- Reinstate the Funeral Assistance Fund for all tribal members regardless of income.
- Quality child care and educational programs in all of our Service Areas.

- Provide adequate services for the most needy of our population with their basic needs.
- Health
- Social Services
- Jobs, Economic security

**EXPERIENCE**

- ✓ Bay Mills Indian Health Center, Assistant Health and Human Services Director
- ✓ Casey Family Programs, Managing Di-

- rector, Indian Child Welfare Programs
- ✓ Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- ✓ Anishnabek Community and Family Services, Division Director
- ✓ Health Services, Interim Director
- ✓ Superior Health Alliance, Chief Executive Officer
- ✓ Binogii Child Placement Agency, Executive Director
- ✓ Tribal Social Services, Child Welfare Representative

**EDUCATION**

- ◆ Economic Development Finance Professional Certificate, National Development Council 1999
- ◆ Executive Program in Managed Care, Certificate, University of Missouri, 1997
- ◆ Fellow, Annie E. Casey Program, Residency Leadership Program, 1995
- ◆ Master in Business Administration, Lake Superior State University, 1994
- ◆ Bachelor of Science (Social Services), Ferris State College (High Distinction) 1980
- ◆ Associate in Applied Arts (Social Services Technician), Ferris State College (High Distinction) 1980



Christine McPherson approves this ad.

# Kewadin Sault's Team Member of the Year

Kewadin Casino banquet server Aaron Bedore was selected as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie.

Bedore was chosen by peers and will receive a personal plaque, \$200, entertainment tickets, dinner and a hotel stay. His name will be added to a permanent plaque that hangs in the casino.

In 2003, Bedore started out at the casino in the banquets department. He also works in the employee Upper Deck restaurant and Trail Deli.

"I want to make both team members and clients feel good about themselves and put a smile on everyone's face," said



Front and center, Kewadin Casino's Sault Ste. Marie Team Member of the Year, Aaron Bedore with, left to right, Tony Goetz, casino C00; Janice Frye, food and beverage director; Barb Willis, banquets director; and Rachel McKechnie, executive assistant.

Bedore, who was "completely blown away" when he realized he receiving the award. "To be an outstanding employee, you really need to have a good attitude and always be willing to help others," he added.

The banquet server's co-workers and supervisors can't say enough good about him. "In all the years I have had the pleasure

of working with Aaron, I have never once seen him in a bad or negative frame of mind," said Janice Frye, food and beverage director. "His enthusiasm is infectious and I am so grateful that he is a member of my team in food and beverage."

Bedore lives in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and will marry Kristen Pilarski on July 7.

## May Team Member of the Month



Congratulations to Norbert Groulx, DC Kitchen, Kewadin Sault's team member of the month! Groulx said he was very much surprised to receive this award. Lead cook in the kitchen, Groulx has worked for Kewadin since 1995. He and his wife, Annette, have four children.

## Michigan Paranormal Conference coming in August

The fearless, lovely, and charming women of "Ghost Hunters," Kris Williams and Amy Bruni, will headline this year's Michigan Paranormal Conference at Kewadin Casinos Aug. 10-11. Fifteen speakers are scheduled for the event along with gallery reading and twilight walking tours.

"We are very excited to partner with Kewadin again for the third annual conference," said Tim Ellis, president of the Upper Peninsula Paranormal Research Society. "We listened to our past attendees and put together a really exciting line up this year that will be amazing."

World adventures and lead investigators of the Syfy series,

"Destination Truth," Joshua Gates and Rex Williams, will present Mysteries and Creatures.

"Our conference is one of the first locations to have these two speak," said Ellis.

And, back by popular demand are Dustin Pari and Barry Fitzgerald of "Ghost Hunters" and "Ghost Hunters International."

Other speakers include "Haunted Chicago" author Ursula Bielski, "Bloodstains" author Jeff Mudgett, "Paranormal Challenge" and Darkness Radio host Dave Schrader, Fire in the Sky-UFO Abductee Travis Walton, "Haunted Collector" hosts John and Chris Zaffis, "Haunted Mackinac" author Todd Clements,

author and TV host Jeff Belanger, author Rosemary Ellen Guiley and author and lead cryptozoologist Loren Coleman.

Convention tickets are \$65, convention tickets including a special VIP dinner with speakers and guests is \$85. Additional tickets can be purchased during the conference — \$25 for gallery readings with Lisa J. Smith and Tim Shaw and \$10 for twilight walking tours with Jim Couling. Convention tickets include a special conference only vendor area where attendees can speak one-on-one with presenters and exhibitors.

For more information on the conference, visit miparacon.com, kewadin.com or upprs.org.

# Vote for Change - Elect: Bill Baker

## Unit II Board of Directors Sault Ste. Marie Tribe

<http://www.voteforchangebillbaker.com/>

**This election is about quality and professional representation of the members!**

Look to the Future:

- ◆ The Board of Directors must lead as well as govern!
- ◆ Separation of powers by modifying the present constitution or implementing the new constitution.
- ◆ The elders have lost benefits that need to be returned and upgraded.
- ◆ The Sault Ste Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians can and should diversify enterprises.

Examples:

- ✦ Perhaps bottled water, we have artisan wells all over our area.
- ✦ Energy producing businesses are very promising.
- ✦ Grants are available, especially for minority owned enterprises.
- ✦ It is time to expand our use of natural resources in the treaty area, wind, water, and wood to generate electric power.

- ◆ I believe in training and educating workers for jobs and businesses.
- ◆ In addition to training and educating workers we already have many tribal members with valuable skills and education. I believe we need to utilize members with education and skills to benefit, mentor and uplift the tribe.
- ◆ Communication is imperative among all tribal groups. I propose that Unit 2 have an advisory committee that meets monthly to update our fellow Unit 2 members of our activities and special unit concerns.

**"If the legends fall silent, who will teach the children of our ways," by Chief Dan George**

Things I learned on the election path:

**I have revisited the seven grandfathers.**

Nbwaakaawin — Wisdom — Use good sense. Zaagidwin — Love — Practice absolute kindness. Minadendmowin — Respect — Act without harm. Aakdewin — Bravery — Use courage to choose. Debwewin — Truth — Be faithful to reality. Dbaadendizwin — Humility — Treat all life equally. Gwekwaadziwin — Honesty — Tell the truth.

The grandfathers gave us the lessons we would need to be an honorable and proud people. Let us remember what they taught us and become a community again. Look forward to the next seven generations, and the path becomes clear.

The time is long past due for us to pull together as a team. With the right dedicated leaders we can accomplish any goal.

"Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." — Albert Einstein

This is all I have to say,  
Bill Baker Elder



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This ad is approved by William Forrest Baker

# JKL Bahweting School participating in educational assessment initiative through MDE program

By BRENDA AUSTIN

A group of nine teachers at JKL have been meeting weekly for the past year to facilitate team development, plan professional development for school staff and engage in seminars with other schools around the state that are also participating in the Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators (FAME) initiative through the Michigan Department of Education Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (MDE OEAA).

Kimberly Young, an assessment specialist with the MDE, met with the FAME team April 27 to facilitate a group training and said that JKL has volunteered to start on a multiple year journey thinking about instructional prac-

tices and specifically on formative assessment practices.

According to Anishinaabe language and culture coordinator, Chris Gordon, formative assessment is a tool to help teachers better engage students and help them become aware of their own learning. "Formative assessment practices allow us to help students recognize their part in their learning and helps us more easily know where they are in that process. An example of a tool we use in this process would be asking students for a thumbs up or down about their understanding of a concept. That very quick process tells us if all the students are on the same page or need additional help," he said.

Director of curriculum and

instruction, Carolyn Dale, is the JKL FAME and cognitive coach. Dale said she was on the state website and filled out an application for the initiative and the school was accepted. "I sent an email out and a group of teachers volunteered to learn more about formative assessment and take part in the weekly meetings. I knew that formative assessment was a weakness for the school and that we needed to start working on that part of our instruction," she said.

Kindergarten teacher Jennifer Veum said, "Before we started this process I had daily learning goals listed on the board and I would talk about them at the beginning of the day. Now we go over the learning targets first thing in the morning, but we also go through them throughout the day. I ask the kids how do I know you met your learning target today and they need to reverberate back to me. I also do a lot of thumbs up and thumbs down and that gives me a quick way of knowing what kids I need to help a little more and what kids understand it."

Young said one of the powerful things about team learning is the teachers get a chance to practice what they are learning so it's job embedded as opposed to other types of professional development. "Here they are supported by their colleagues and coach Carolyn to

try these out to see what works and what doesn't work and celebrate the things that are positive and work through things that they need some help with," Young said. "The power of working collaboratively around this idea of formative assessment is the key," she said.

According to Young, forma-

tive assessment is assessment *for* learning as opposed to summative assessment, which is an assessment *of* learning. "We know that assessment is a key piece to finding out what kids know and it helps us bridge our instruction and our curriculum," she said. "The intentionality of the process is what I think is often lacking."

## McLeod among 33 honored as AICF Student of the Year

By RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Daraka McLeod was recently selected as one of the 33 students enrolled in as many tribal colleges nationwide to be recognized as an American Indian College Fund Student of the Year for 2011-12. The scholarship recipients were selected on the basis of their academic success, financial need, community involvement and commitment shown to their tribal communities. The annual awards present each of the winners with a \$1,000 scholarship.

McLeod is a freshman at Bay Mills Community College entering her sophomore year in the next academic year. She was raised in Bay Mills and intends on becoming a teacher in special



education. The American Indian College Fund provides over 6,000 scholarships and other student support for American Indians. In addition, it acts as one source of capital for tribal colleges nationwide, most of which are on or near reservations. Further, it renders financial support for cultural and language preservation courses and activities, fellowships to develop faculty for tribal colleges, funding for early childhood development programs at tribal colleges and fosters American Indian student leadership programs. The fund disbursed nearly \$5 million in scholarships to more than 3,500 American Indian students along with financial support for the nation's 33 accredited tribal colleges and universities.



By Brenda Austin

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Carolyn Dale (left) is the JKL FAME and cognitive coach. The FAME teacher group (above) meets once a week.

*Vote* **LANA CAUSLEY**

*Focused on the Future*

- ◆ **A Leader of Action for Tribal Members**
- ◆ **Knowledge, Experience and Commitment in our Tribal Government**
- ◆ **Miigwech for Your Confidence in my Leadership.**

**I look forward to Your Continued Support in the General Election.**

*Miigwech,  
Lana Causley  
– Sault Tribe Vice-Chair & Unit 2 Representative*

**Respecting our Traditions**

**FOCUS ON THE FUTURE**

This ad is approved by Lana Causley

# THE ELDER TIMES

## The path to owning your own business

BY ELAINE CLEMENT

If you have ever wanted to start your own business but didn't know where to start, you could begin by looking in your back yard.

What are your hobbies? What skills currently draw people to ask for your help? More importantly, for what do you have a passion?

Sometimes we think of starting a business as a large company with many employees and massive amounts of debt. While this could be true for some types of business, it doesn't have to be true for service based businesses. A service based business does not sell a "product" you feel, touch or hold.

The service industry consists of the labor or skill you provide for your customer. Examples of service-based businesses are home child care, cleaning services, builders/construction and tree services.

Some advantages of starting service based businesses are lower start-up costs (in most cases), they often don't require specialized education, little or no inventory, typically have lower overhead costs, often can be started and run at home and require few employees initially.

It takes sound business practices and hard work to thrive in the service industry. However, it is often one of the easiest types of business to start and operate. A service-based business, under the right circumstances, can make money for the owner much more quickly than many other retail or manufacturing businesses.

If you have a skill, talent or passion for a service and have wondered about turning those into a business, contact your tribal business consultant to assist you in taking the first step towards owning a business. Elaine Clement can be reached at (906) 440-6801 or [clemente@gvsu.edu](mailto:clemente@gvsu.edu).

*Elaine Clement is the MI-SBTDC Upper Peninsula tribal business consultant.*

## Elders raising dough

**Phyllis Colegrove, chairman of the Unit III Elders Committee, with frybread dough for their February fundraiser. Between the frybread sale, silent auction, bake sale, raffle and soup luncheon, the elders raised \$950 for their trips.**



## Sault Tribe helps members become computer literate

By Rick Smith

You've been contemplating learning about computing and the cyber world, but when you hear someone mention phrases such as rebooting a computer, does it conjure up intimidating images of dark, high-tech wizardry that could only be accomplished by dedicated geniuses who have served years as apprentices to ageless, wise and all-knowing masters of electronic sorcery? If so, fear not! Sault Tribe Human Resources gladly provides a safe and friendly passage to what may seem like the strange and mysterious world of computers and the Internet. And travelers are bound to be surprised at how easy it is to work with computers and to communicate on the Internet. It's free to all Sault Tribe members and begins with absolute basics about computers and eventually leads to the exciting exploration of the World Wide Web.

The classes have been an ongoing offering in Sault Ste. Marie for quite some time and a class specifically for elders began last September. "We have been holding a Computer Basics for Elders class each month and have consistently had a few elders attending," said Beverly MacLaren, a training instructor for Human Resources.

"They really seem to enjoy the class as they gain confidence in their abilities and increase communication with their families from the skills they learn," she said. "One of the ladies follows her grandson's hockey on the computer — he plays



**Instructor Beverly MacLaren gives some guidance about navigating websites to Sault Tribe elders, left to right, Jessie Senogles, Dorothy Wagner and Beverly Marble.**

in Scotland — and she wanted to get more comfortable with using the computer so she doesn't miss his games. Another lady just wanted to learn how to use email to talk with out of town relatives and share photos. I really look forward to these classes and I know they do too."

MacLaren said those taking the courses even get "homework" to help reinforce freshly learned knowledge and skills. Usually, the students either have computers at home or have access to computers through relatives, friends or libraries.

All of the classes take place at the Human Resources Computer Laboratory at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie. The classes for the elders just happen to end about the same time as the gathering starts for the elders' meals next door at the elders' center in the Nokomis-

## "Walking for Good Life" Walking Club

The Walking for Good Life Walking Club is sponsored by Sault Tribe Community Health.

Do you want to lose weight? Do you want to get more physical activity?

Are you worried about exercising alone?

Do you have chronic health problems?

Do you want to be part of a fun club?

If you answered 'yes' to any of those questions, the Walking for Good Life Club is for you!

When: Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Where: Meet at the Hessel Tribal Center

Time: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

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To receive further information about the Lifeline and Tribal Link Up programs, call Verizon Wireless at 800-924-0585 or go to [verizonwireless.com/lifeline](http://verizonwireless.com/lifeline). Lifeline is only available in limited areas where Verizon Wireless has been designated to offer these programs. Requirements vary by state.



# Raptor bander releases goshawk at Whitefish Point

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Kurt Dorman of Harrodsburg Kentucky is a raptor bander. Each spring migration several banders spend over a month at Whitefish Point trapping, banding then releasing all types of hawks, falcons and owls, according to Dorman. And they do it all on their own time and dime.

"Most all of us are volunteers," Dorman said. "Other than the supplied bands from the USGS Bird Band Lab (BBL), all other equipment is privately designed, built and used at our own expense. Because of our love of raptors, raptor conservation and the importance of the federal banding research program, we tirelessly prepare each season and use our vacations just for the chance to participate."

Dorman said it's very difficult to get a banding permit. It requires specific detailed plans of research and study, experience and usefulness to the BBL to acquire.

Dorman said he is a sub-permit raptor bander under HM Jones who holds the master grade permit he bands under. He has been banding raptors for over 14 years and said once a bird is trapped it is fitted with a unique serial numbered band and has different data collected depending on the species. The data is then submitted to the BBL for final recording.

A Recovery Report should be



Photos by Brenda Austin

**Above left, Kurt Dorman of Harrodsburg, Ky., is a raptor bander who visits Whitefish Point each spring to band and release all types of hawks, falcons and owls. The goshawk he is holding was trapped and banded at Whitefish Point and released during the big birding weekend at the end of April at the Whitefish Point Bird Observatory. The banders brought some trapped birds to the point so visitors could get a closer look or take photos of the birds being released. Above right, the goshawk just prior to his release.**

filed with the BBL when a raptor is found or trapped that has been banded. The BBL has an 800 number listed online and there is also an Internet URL listed on each band. Dorman said the data from the reports helps biologists understand migratory habits and longevity, among other information to help better manage differ-

ent species. Anyone who recovers a raptor and submits a Recovery Report receives a certificate thanking them and identifying information about the raptor they found, such as age, banding location and date. Dorman said the banding process helps identify trends that can result in a species being listed as threatened or

endangered and also with recovery efforts.

Dorman develops and makes most of his own equipment used for trapping and banding. "I have been working on Jones' project developing portable powered infrared camera and monitor rigs specifically used for seeing at night to trap and band owls," he

said.

He said that because the last weekend in April was the big birding weekend at the Whitefish Point Bird Observatory (WPBO), the banders brought some trapped birds to the Point so visitors could get a closer look or take photos of the birds being released. The majority of the birds are released within minutes after trapping to resume their migration northward.

Dorman said he became interested in birds of prey at a very young age and became a falconer in the early '90s. He has cooperated with Raptor Rehabilitators in the training and release of rehabilitated birds and has presided as president of the Indiana Falconers Association for more than 12 years and is now their vice president. He assisted in the complete rewrite of Indiana's newly adopted falconry regulations. Through contact with a close friend, Mike Jones, who has been a licensed bander since the early '60s, Dorman has trained for the past 12 years on trapping and banding hawks in the spring migration at WPBO and during the fall migration in southern Wisconsin along the shore of Lake Michigan.

For more detailed information on the federal bird-banding program, visit [www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL](http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL).

For more information about the WPBO, go to [www.wpbo.org](http://www.wpbo.org) or call (906) 492-3596.

## DNR seeking information in Mackinac County wolf poaching

The Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are seeking information regarding a recent wolf poaching case in Mackinac County.

A dead wolf was found the last week of April near the west side of Engadine in Mackinac County. Examination of the wolf revealed it died from a gunshot wound.

A reward is available for

information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the subject or subjects involved. Anyone with information is asked to call the Report All Poaching Hotline at (800) 292-7800, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or to contact their nearest DNR office or conservation officer. It is possible to leave information anonymously while remaining eligible for a reward.

Wolves are a protected,

nongame species in Michigan. Wolves may only be legally killed while in the act of preying upon livestock or dogs, under a depredation permit from the DNR Wildlife Division, or in the defense of human safety.

"Now that wolves have been removed from the endangered species list and are under state management, there are effective means in place to deal with wolves that are causing

property damage or that are perceived safety threats," said Lt. Skip Hagy of the DNR's Law Enforcement Division in Newberry. "Killing wolves illegally is not the answer as it only undermines the process of effective wolf management. The DNR will continue to investigate and prosecute any wolf poaching cases."

The penalty for illegally killing a wolf is up to 90 days in

jail, fines of up to \$1,000, or both, plus restitution of \$1,500. Convicted poachers also lose hunting privileges for at least four years. Additional penalties may apply under federal law.

For more information on Michigan's wolf population, greater detail about the laws governing legal take of depredating wolves, and to see the state's Wolf Management Plan, visit [www.michigan.gov/wolves](http://www.michigan.gov/wolves).

## Dragonflies reduce mosquito populations

FROM MSU EXTENSION

Lakefront property owners will soon be enjoying quiet summer days on the lake. But what just went zooming by? Perhaps it was a winged predator on the prowl — a dragonfly. Along with insectivorous birds and bats, dragonflies of varying shapes, colors and sizes patrol the shoreline. These masters of the aquatic insect world voraciously prey upon mosquitoes and other insects. To help dragonflies reduce the population of pesky mosquitos, it helps to understand what they need to be successful.

Dragonflies spend their life-cycles in and near aquatic environments, and are most abundant in standing waters such as lakes, ponds and wetlands. The young larval dragonfly spends its life in shallow water and, like the adult, preys on smaller organisms that also call the near-shore environment home.

Depending on bottom type and wave intensity, near shore areas may support emergent aquatic plants. Bulrush is just one example of an emergent

aquatic plant. The roots of bulrushes are interconnected and stabilize the lake bottom, reducing sediment movement, scouring and turbidity caused by wind and boat-induced wave action. Lakefront property owners who preserve and protect near-shore plant communities allow young larval dragonflies to site feed more successfully in clear, calm waters.

Emergent plants also provide resting and hiding places for adult dragonflies as they feed and mate. After mating, adult females may deposit eggs directly into quiet waters or onto exposed sediments. Upon hatching, the larva burrows into stable sediments or plant stems. As it grows, it will molt (shed its exoskeleton) several times, becoming free-roaming and predacious. Most species remain in the aquatic stage from one to three years and transform directly from larva to adult. Unlike butterflies, there is no middle (pupa)

stage.

The most vulnerable point in the dragonfly's lifecycle is the transformation from aquatic larva to adult. The larva crawls out of the water

onto a vertical surface or plant stem and slowly emerges from its exoskeleton. It may take up to an hour for the

wings to unfold, dry out and be ready for flight. Predation by birds, spiders and ants is common. Dense emergent plant communities in the near-shore area can provide cover during this critical time.

Dragonflies are just one example of the many insects, amphibians, reptiles, fish, birds and mammals that benefit from natural shorelines and aquatic plant communities. Lakefront property owners can benefit lake ecology, create dragonfly habitat and reduce mosquito populations by preserving and protecting their near-shore plant communities.



## Be aware of turtles crossing roads

Dear editor,

Turtles are especially active during this time of year, and many find themselves in danger when they try to cross roads. Because of their extremely slow metabolism, turtles who are hit by vehicles can suffer for days or even weeks before dying.

PETA rescue workers routinely find turtles who are still alive and suffering immensely even though their shells have been crushed. If you see a turtle-or any animal-in the road, please check on him or her, even if the animal appears to be dead.

Small turtles should be gently grasped between the front and back legs and quickly carried across the road in the direction the animal was heading (turtles will turn back into traffic if you don't oblige). Large or snapping turtles can be gently coaxed into an animal carrier or onto a sturdy, flat surface and moved across the road. If you see a turtle who has been hit by a car, rush him or her to a veterinarian or an animal shelter.

Stopping to check on an animal only takes a moment, but it can mean the difference between life and death. Please visit [www.PETA.org](http://www.PETA.org) for more information.

Sincerely,

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# Spirit Day amazing experience for tribal employees



**KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

The Sault Tribe employees enjoyed a day to get recharged by nurturing their individual spirits through positive traditional teachings. On May 10, employees could attend a speaker and then individual teachings on the Sault Ste. Marie powwow grounds. I attended and

it was a wonderful experience. We brought lawn chairs and listened to DJ Vanas speak of how our spirit can be weighed down by everyday life and how traditional ways can help alleviate some of those burdens and to give us energy and strength to have a positive outlook and feelings every day. He spoke for nearly three hours and held the attention of over 400 people. We then had lunch and returned to the powwow grounds to receive teachings from the tribe's Cultural Department in the four directions. A very powerful day for everyone. I would like to thank Jackie Minton, Joanne Carr, Tara Benoit and our Cultural Department for putting on this event.

The board of directors has moved forward and passed two separate smoke-free resolutions. The first makes our clinics into smoke free campuses. That means no smoking anywhere in the facil-

ity or on the property. This is a step that nearly all of the health care systems nationwide have already adopted. The St. Ignace clinic has had this policy in effect since it moved into the new facility with the Mackinac Straits Health Care Systems. This reinforced the tribe's desire to keep our people smoke free and to promote a healthy environment. The second resolution is to go smoke free in our main restaurants in our casinos. The resolution makes the St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie and Manistique restaurants smoke free. People who wish to still smoke and eat can do so in the deli and bar areas. Smoking is still available in any other area of the casino but the main restaurants.

In the last Audit Committee meeting, the committee worked through and passed the Anderson Tackman and Company audit results. The audit was very thorough and extremely positive.

Auditors gave the tribe good grades on cash handling procedures, procurement, accounting, and debt service. We are in compliance with our gaming rules and policies put in place by the National Indian Gaming Commission. These audit results were then passed on to the full board of directors and it was approved. The Audit Committee also had a separate detailed audit done on the credit cards the tribe has for the many different departments and found no substantial problems or risks. The Audit Committee did send out some requests for certain departments to tighten some procedures and to have all the policies become more uniform.

Sometimes we forget how big and important the tribe is to our local community and the economic infrastructure. Here are some numbers that are truly staggering to

me. The tribe has 1,937 employees this month. In the first quarter (three months) of 2012, the tribe had a payroll of \$12.6 million. Those are direct dollars that are put right back into our communities and local economies. That broke down into three areas, \$6.1 million for the tribe's government employees, \$5.9 million for the casino employees and the rest for our varied enterprise employees. The Accounting Department processed over 11,795 checks in the first quarter. I hope those figures help show that we are an important cog in the wheel and it takes time and precision to keep it running smoothly.

Thank you as always for the emails and phone calls. I wish all the candidates good luck in the coming general elections.

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

## Using rain barrels for a free source of garden water

What can we do to get our beautiful yards and gardens the water they need without having a huge water bill? Rain barrels are a great way to utilize the rain water that comes naturally.

Rain barrels sit underneath the downspouts of your gutter and collect and store rain water for your landscaping. They provide both environmental and money-saving benefits, and adding one will make your home a greener space. Rain water stored in barrels cannot be used for drinking; but, water collection

in a rain barrel can be used to rinse cars or any other type of household cleaning, as well as watering your garden. Because rain barrels cost nothing once purchased, they can save on your summer water bill. Even the smallest amount of rain can contribute a great deal of water to your barrel as it is coming of a surface area the size of your home, just a few hours of rain will fill your barrel. A full barrel could last the whole summer.

Did you know that rain water is healthier for your plants?

There are many beneficial microorganisms in the soils that help your plants. These microorganisms improve the soils ability to support life and help your plants get the nutrients they need. Tap water contains chlorine that reduces the population of these helpful microbes.

The water collected in rain barrels also helps by collecting rain that would otherwise run off your roof and contribute to storm water run-off and erosion, both of which contribute to the pollution of waterways like riv-

ers, streams and ponds. Rain barrels are a way of being prepared in an emergency, providing a back-up source of water in the event of a drought or other disaster.

Rain barrels are available through many sources online with prices ranging from \$40 to \$350. Just type "rain barrels" in your favorite search engine. They come in different sizes, colors and with different capabilities. You can have the typical barrel-looking type, but they also come in shapes of large rocks, or

woodpiles to disguise the barrel. There are even rain barrels with planters on top! Most hardware stores and larger warehouse stores have them available.

The Sault Tribe Environmental Department has rain barrels for sale and we can provide the materials and directions for you to make one at home, as seen at the demonstration at the Tribes Honoring Mother Earth Fair on June 2. Call us or stop by at anytime at 632-5575, 206 Greenough St. in Sault Ste. Marie.

# VOTE RICKLEY FOR UNIT III



## Aanii, All,

I would like to thank everyone for his or her vote of confidence in me in the primary election. That overwhelming show of support is humbling.

With that, my pledge to you is that I will continue to work hard for the betterment of our Tribe and our membership.

Contrary to what you may have read or heard, the Board of Directors is not trying do anything underhanded or pull the wool over anyone's eyes. We all actually work well together. Those purporting these untruths are the real underminers of our tribe.

I will continue to make my decisions on issues after careful scrutiny and not be swayed by pressure from others. I am a Veteran, a man of goodwill. I am a diverse individual with experience doing many jobs so I can understand and appreciate what our employees may be experiencing, thus allowing me to make better decisions on how to resolve the issues.

Thank you. I humbly ask that if you did not vote for me in the primary, please lend me your support in the general election. I am a no-nonsense, common sense leader. I will continue to fight to protect our sovereignty, expand the growth of our tribal businesses and lobby for better healthcare for our people.

*Thank you!*  
*Patrick Rickley*

**ENDORSEMENTS:** Jim Everson, Unit 3 Elder Chairwoman Phyllis Colegrove, Unit 3 Elder Committee member Eugene Massey, Unit 3 Director Keith Massaway, State Senator Tom Casperson, State Senator Howard Walker and many others.

Patrick Rickley approves this ad.

**A vote for me is a vote for you! I am your true tribal choice. Serving you with pride and integrity.**

# Chase reports on Unit IV issues and 2 percent distribution



**DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT IV**

On behalf of the powwow planning committee members (Shirley Shampine, Tom Shampine Sr., Viola Neadow, Tim Derwin, Remy Floreck, Tina Floreck, Darcy Morrow and Betty Neadow) we would like to invite you to our

sixth annual Gathering of the Clans Powwow, June 9-10, behind the Manistique Tribal Center on East US-2, Manistique, Mich. Grand entries Saturday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Feast Saturday, 5 p.m. (Please bring a dish to pass). Grand entry Sunday, noon. If you would like to be a vendor, volunteer, donate an item for the auction or for more information, call Viola Neadow at 341-6993 or toll free at (800) 347-7137.

**Distribution of 2 percent funding:** Under the current agreement with the state of Michigan for gaming revenue sharing, 2 percent of the tribe's gaming revenue is set aside and made available to local units of government as determined by the Sault Tribe. There are two distribution cycles, one in the spring and one in the fall. Myself and Tom Miller have reviewed

the 2 percent funding applications submitted and the requests to be funded this round are projects for Title VII programs at eight of the local schools — Manistique, Bay de Noc, Rapid River, Gladstone, Ishpeming, Gwinn, Escanaba and Negaunee — community meeting space, tutoring space, cultural teachings and baseball for youth. The 2 percent project requests we review are awarded funding based on a number of factors.

**Family Fun Night:** I attended a Family Fun Night activity in March for parenting awareness month. The activity was put on by Anishnabek Community and Family Services, YEA and nutritionist staff. The volunteers did a great job, the kids and parents in attendance had a variety of activities to do — face painting, game walk, craft table, team-building

games, gift bags, door prizes, nutritional information and community resources available to them. Megwetch to the staff and volunteers who provided this family activity.

**Referendum petition:** A referendum petition was turned in on the proposed Lansing casino project. There were 106 valid signatures on the petition. This is a huge opportunity for our tribe. The permanent Lansing casino annual revenue estimated at \$278 million will be used to restore membership programs that were cut, pay down the tribal debt and increase more programs and services to members regardless of where they live. I would like to see a percent set aside of the revenue from the Lansing casino to start a treaty rights defense self-sufficiency fund. On May 3, the referendum vote

took place and the results were 14,677 ballots mailed out, 6,316 ballots received; 3,947 approved going forward and 2,311 disapproved. The Lansing project would be a great source of revenue that could provide significant income to the tribe and opportunity for more of our members. We can move forward and purchase the first parcel of land and submit our application to the U.S. Department of the Interior to place the land into trust.

The Cooling Assistance Program for electric services opens up on June 1. Call your local ACFS office for more information and for program guidelines.

Congratulations to all of the college and high school graduates!

If you need to contact me call 341-6783.

Thank you,  
Denise Chase

## Tribal revenue is a resource that is meant to be used



**DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I**

I hope all is well with every-

one. The election season is proceeding forward, but I can definitely say, election fatigue is setting in and I will be happy when the race is completed.

I feel I need to answer my fellow board member Director Malloy from her last unit report.

In response to my fellow board member, yes, my intention is to make sure we have wage parity between us and Lansing. IF I am fortunate to be seated when Lansing gets going, it WILL BE MY GOAL to have wage parity. I want our tribal employees to have the best of the benefits and the best possible wages. I truly want

that for my people. Our employees are the engine that keeps this ship sailing.

Here is another thing everybody forgets: Our money is a tribal resource. Our resources get spent either on the front end (employment, benefits) or on the back end (membership services). Either way — IT GETS SPENT! How it gets spent and distributed is really the battle come election time.

If asked, I prefer pushing the money toward the front end, making sure our people are adequately compensated with benefits so they are not living at poverty level.

Their effort is what benefits the rest of the membership population and allows us to provide membership services. It also lends itself to a stronger and healthier community if people are given jobs and not handouts.

No matter what, IT GETS SPENT! Our debt, our buildings, our employees, our membership services, OUR money gets spent on all of the above. The goal really should be to strike a balance; save for the rough times, spend wisely and smartly, plan for the future and grow our businesses.

The biggest thing to remember is that there is a limited amount

of money coming in and we have been very consistent with the same amount that is coming. This is important to remember because when people are in the election process, promises will be made and, from this position where I sit, I know there is no possible way to make those promises come true — not without a significant revenue source. Hence, Lansing, but the reality is that Lansing may not get going as quickly as we would like. So, with that said, we still need to live within our means.

Gitchi miigwech kina gwaya!  
Sincerely,  
Debra-Ann Pine, 440-1334

# SORENSEN for UNIT 3

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ME IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND I HUMBLY ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THE GENERAL ELECTION WITH REASONS TO VOTE FOR BRIDGETT SORENSON AS THE UNIT 3 DIRECTOR FOR THE SAULT TRIBE.**

- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration
- Associate's Degree in Business Management
- Worked for the tribe for the past 10 years (EDC, Government and Casino)
- Volunteered for Sault Tribe Head Start Parent Committee and Policy Council

## If elected, I will:

- Be a full-time board member
- Hold weekly office hours
- Establish a Unit 3 scholarship with my BOD salary
- Contribute to an Elder Program or Fund with my BOD salary
- Volunteer in my community
- Support a better funeral assistance program
- Support increased elder payments
- Support re-instating the employer 401k contribution and match
- Support the separation of powers
- Support updating the tribal constitution
- Support helping our tribal fishermen
- Support better employment opportunities
- Support better wages for front line employees
- Support better access to health care for all
- Support K-12 language and cultural programs
- Support educational opportunities and trades
- Support new business diversification
- Honest even if it is not the answer you want to hear
- Respect my tribe, my family and my constituents
- Lead and not follow



**PLEASE ALLOW ME TO LEAD THIS UNIT INTO A BETTER FUTURE**

➤ **Endorsed by Jim Everson, Wanda Garries, Linda Marshall and Bridgett Sorenson (Bridgett91@yahoo.com)**

# Chairman: Tribe passes audit with flying colors



**JOSEPH EITREM,  
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN**

I'd like to start out this month by thanking you — all of the

members who voted in the recent referendum on our plans to seek federal approval for a casino in Lansing. Whether you voted "yes" or "no," you exercised your right to participate in the tribe's democratic process. This vote affirmed the board of directors' decision to pursue this opportunity which could bring us funds to restore membership programs that have been cut, to replenish our Self-Sufficiency Fund, to pay down our debt and to bring more services to members.

The next steps in the project are to conclude the tribe's purchase of the land where the casino will be built adjacent to the Lansing Center and to submit an applica-

tion to the U.S. Department of the Interior to take the land into trust for gaming. We will keep everyone updated on the progress of this project through meetings, our blog ([www.kewadinlansing.wordpress.com](http://www.kewadinlansing.wordpress.com)), Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/saulttribe](http://www.facebook.com/saulttribe)) and website ([www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com)).

This summer, I hope you are able to enjoy at least one of our many powwows held throughout our service area! For a complete listing and details, visit our website ([www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com)) and the cultural page. Here's a brief listing:

- Gathering of the Clans Powwow, June 9-10, Manistique Tribal Community Center.
- Sault Tribe Powwow and

Summer Gathering, July 4-8 at the Sault powwow grounds.

- Sugar Island Traditional Powwow, July 21-22.
  - Youth Empowerment Powwow, Aug. 4 in Rexton.
  - 20th Annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow, Aug. 17-19.
  - Rendezvous at the Straits St. Ignace Powwow, Aug. 25 – 26 at the New France Discovery Center at the Father Marquette National Memorial, St. Ignace.
  - Honoring the Waters Newberry Powwow, Sept. 8, Newberry Tribal Community Center
- I know I've said this before, but I am very proud of what we,

as a board, have accomplished over the past few years. This was reiterated again this month by our external audit. Our auditing firm, Anderson-Tackman, said that they were extremely impressed and couldn't say enough about the positive changes we've made over the past three years to improve our financial picture. Many people helped us accomplish this task. It is not only beneficial for us now, but for our future.

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,  
Joe Eitrem, Tribal Chairman

# Congratulations to our tribal graduates, awardees



**CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I**

Congratulations to Bernard Bouschor, Dennis McKelvie, D.J. Hoffman and Christine McPherson who, along with myself, made the

top six candidates for the general election for our board of directors. At this time, Shirley VanAlstine and Jennifer McLeod are tied for the sixth spot and a recount will be held to find out who gets on the ballot. I can't tell you how important it is that you exercise your right to vote! Your vote can and will make a difference! Please contact your family and fellow tribal members and make sure that they vote! The general election ballots will be mailed out on June 6 and will need to be returned by June 28. The ballots will be counted on that day.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012! The beginning of summer brings the graduation celebrations! Unlike years ago, many of our tribal students are graduating from

high school and excelling at that! Many are making plans to attend college. I have been very busy attending graduation ceremonies, end of the year recognition programs and graduation parties!

This year, two of our tribal members won the Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship award. Congratulations to Tessa Opalka and Jerome Gervais from Sault High. The scholarship pays for their entire higher education at the school of their choice! They join about seven other tribal members who have received this award. Thank you to Mr. David Houghton, who made sure that all their paperwork and letters of recommendation were sent in to be considered!

Congratulations to Danny Stinehart for receiving the LSSU's

Native American Student Recognition Award! He is quite the artist and you can check out his work on the LSSU's website.

I attended the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting School's Festival of Arts evening presentation. We have so many young talented artists in our tribe. Many excel in the areas of singing, dancing, painting, drumming and drawing, to name a few.

If you have a student in your family that should be recognized, please submit a photo and article to our tribal newspaper so they may be properly recognized!

I would like to take this time to say thank you to our veterans and to those now serving to protect our country. During our Memorial Day weekend, I attended a mass

and feast in honor of our veterans and for those who have walked on. Brother John Hascall, Micky Frechette and Leslie Ruditus are making sure that we carry on this tradition that was started by Freddie Gardner. Every Memorial Day weekend, we have hiked to the Gem Island Cemetery on Sugar Island to pay our respects to our ancestors who were buried there. Due to the unpredictable weather, this service was held at the St. Isaac Jogues Church and a food plate was offered up to our loved ones.

Enjoy your summer! If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [cabramson@sault-tribe.net](mailto:cabramson@sault-tribe.net) or at 322-3823.

Thank you for your continued support and guidance.  
Cathy Abramson

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## RE-ELECT

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**TOM**

# MILLER

**UNIT 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*31 Years of Experience in Tribal Government and Education*

***I have accomplished many of the goals that I have set and if re-elected, I will continue to work on:***

**✓ Protecting Tribal Sovereignty and working to secure the future of our Tribe.**

**✓ Working to diversify and stabilize the tribal economy, including expanding economic diversification opportunities within the Tribe, including Unit 4**

**✓ Increase Tribal jobs and salaries to avoid another generation of working poor.**

**✓ Survey Tribal members for their opinions.**

**✓ Work to increase overall services to Tribal members.**

**HONOR OUR ELDERS:**

**✓ Increasing the annual Elder check amounts to previous amounts.**

**✓ Improving Elders' services (i.e. medical, housing, support personnel, transportation).**

**✓ Ensuring that our Elders' voices are a regular part of the Board of Directors**

**INCREASING SERVICES FOR YOUTH/EDUCATION:**

**✓ Create new and effective after-school activities and programs for youth.**

**✓ Promote and support the importance of education and lifelong learning.**

**✓ Grant employee release time for education.**

**✓ Support continuing education.**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT (906) 644-3334, OR VIA E-MAIL AT: [millertg1@hotmail.com](mailto:millertg1@hotmail.com)**



# Anishinaabe tribes stand together as a nation



**LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

I would like to start out by saying miigwech to all who voted in the Lansing project referendum, we had a record number of votes this time and it's the highest number since the 1970s with 63 percent voting to approve.

For those of you who did not

support this project, please know that we are working diligently to make sure we are protected and that our contracts are fair and the sole purpose of opening this casino is to increase revenue and exercise our sovereign rights on trust land. It will be our land and the sole owners and operators. I will be at the table every step of the way to make sure we are in a position that will benefit our tribe and not go down the same path we have in the past.

Each sovereign tribal nation has the right and the obligation to provide for the economic well being of its people and to pursue legitimate economical development projects; with that comment, there are tribes in the state that are backing the words to proactively work together and support each others' economic development.

In this past month's financials, our plan is on track and the following is a picture of our projected outcome. If we remain on track, we estimate a surplus of \$391,533 with the expected revenue. The northern casino at \$17 million, business income is at \$1.3 million with our total tribal support spending of \$18,370,370. I have a detailed list of the total amounts to each cost center if anyone would like to know more. I have posted this in the past. We have a tribal operations budget of about \$207 million, this included ALL grants and revenue to our budget. Total debt for our tribe is \$39 million

from the casinos, \$4.7 million from the businesses and \$5.9 million for the Munising and Manistique health centers. We will remain paying the 12 percent on the two loans from the Land Claims Fund (\$10 million for the St. Ignace casino and the \$10 million on the Greektown). We have a seven-year debt reduction plan and have been staying the course and bringing that down. Remember, at one point we were over \$800 million in debt. We have come a very long way and I will remain on course without spending what we do not have, remain with our debt reduction plan and continue

to work toward ways to increase revenue for our tribe.

I would like to say congratulations to all our seniors and kindergarten students in our area, we call them the little "chicken soup group." I had the opportunity to attend our student recognition and will be attending our areas graduations, it's a special day for you and your families and I hope that you enjoy the times. I will be in attendance at our elder meeting and hope to see you there, if you would like to meet, please contact me.

Baamaapii, Lana Causley, Vice Chairwoman, 484-2954, lcausley@saulttribe.net.

## Walking on ...

**JAMES MCKERCHIE**

James McKerchie, 71, of Charleston, Tenn., formerly of Mt. Morris, Mich., passed away April 28, 2012 at his home in Charleston. Cremation has already taken place. A memorial mass took place May 12 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mt. Morris, Rev. Father Tom Nenneau officiating.

Surviving are wife Joyce

of Charleston; seven children and three step-children; 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; mother, Jean McKerchie; brother, Bob McKerchie and wife Rosalie; sisters, Judy Gilkes and husband Ed, and Neva Rosa; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy.

## Thanking our veterans



**PATRICK RICKLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Aannii all.

This is not a report. It is just a heartfelt thank you to all of our men and women who serve or have served this great country we call home, the United States of America.

Many have paid the ultimate sacrifice, all gave some and some gave all! There's a saying that goes, "Two people offered to die for you, Jesus Christ and the American soldier. One died for your soul and the other for your freedom!"

When you see a veteran, thank them for serving every day, not

just the designated days from our government. They serve every day, and maybe say a prayer for the families who have lost loved ones. A moment of silence please — again, thank you.

Baamaapii,  
Pat Rickley,  
440-5149

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*Vote* **Darcy (Chase)**

# MORROW

**Unit 4 - Tribal Board of Directors**

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**\* HONESTY \* INTEGRITY \* HARD WORKING \* CARING**

This ad is approved by Darcy Morrow

**I will represent the needs of all Members in Unit 4. I will focus on "better jobs, better pay and better treatment" of our employment team members and services expansion. Earning your vote involves advocating for you by being a Full Time Board Member. I pledge to be available to represent your interests and assist you with accessing services.**

**Please give me the opportunity to represent your needs. I graciously ask for your vote.**

### TRIBAL ELDERS

- ◆ Support increasing Elder checks annually;
- ◆ Support restoring Elder recreation funds;
- ◆ Expand elder meals;
- ◆ Expansion of Elder housing units;
- ◆ Coordinate Services for Disabled Tribal Members;
- ◆ Establish an Elder Utility Subsidy;
- ◆ Support Constructing an Elder Community Center in each unit (long term goal).

### HEALTH CARE

- ◆ Increase the number of Health Care team members to shorten appointment wait times;
- ◆ Support expanding clinic hours to include evening and weekends;
- ◆ Increase Health Services for all of Unit 4;
- ◆ Expand Physician access;
- ◆ 24-hour Urgent Care access;
- ◆ Bring back Escanaba and Marquette Community Centers;
- ◆ Support Prevention Services.

### EDUCATION

- ◆ More funding for higher education, vocational technical and on the job training;
- ◆ Push to make Indian Tuition Waiver available to all our members;
- ◆ Support High School Retention and Graduation Incentives;
- ◆ Student loan forgiveness through a tribal work recruitment initiative;
- ◆ Bring back youth sports and student sponsorship funding.

### SOCIAL SERVICES

- ◆ Push to loosen Eligibility and Need Based Services;
- ◆ Expand Home Improvement and Energy Assistance Programs;
- ◆ Restore the Tribal Funeral Assistance Fund to the original \$3,000 with no income guidelines;
- ◆ Expand on services to help juvenile delinquency, drugs and alcohol, and other challenges facing our Tribal youth. They are our future.
- ◆ Restore Emergency Needs Funding;
- ◆ Expand Travel Reimbursement for Emergency and Medical transportation Needs. Expedite payment.

### & MUCH MORE

- ◆ Create a Tribal Treaty Rights Legal Defense Fund to fight and protect our treaty rights;
- ◆ Better Jobs, Better Pay, and Better Treatment for All Team Members;
- ◆ Diversify Business Development to increase Tribal Revenue for Programs and Services;
- ◆ Substantial Members Preference in Contracting;
- ◆ Tribal Member Credit Union (long term);
- ◆ Business development support for Members (applying for grants, low or no interest loans, writing a business plan, etc.).

Contact information and to volunteer:

Email: [darcymorrowforunit4@yahoo.com](mailto:darcymorrowforunit4@yahoo.com)

Phone: 906-298-1888

Facebook: "Darcy Chase Morrow"

# Tribal strategic plan: a blueprint for the future



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

We've all heard the saying, "plan the work, then work the plan" as a model of success. And if the primary election results are any indication, it looks like we can expect 2012-2014 term of tribal government to reflect a well-seasoned board of directors, prepared and ready to tackle what, in my opinion, is our biggest challenge: a comprehensive strategic plan for our tribal future.

I think it's fair to say that the last two-year period (2010-2012) required considerable time and effort in closing out (and cleaning up) the damages from a disappointing era in our tribal history. Some very distasteful and politically difficult decisions had to be made. But we're still standing. We've demonstrated our resiliency. We've "cleared the decks" if you will, and it appears the majority of voters have confidence in the decisions made and directions taken by their elected representatives.

And, we've also taken actions that will benefit us in the future, such as a commitment to debt reduction that has seen our overall tribal debt reduced from \$70 million to \$39 million; some excellent business practices,

such as an active and "hands on" Internal Audit Committee and Tax and Appropriation Committee; implementation of a first-phase standardized employee wage grid; future growth plans that include an expanded education campus for our JKL tribal school; infrastructure and construction development that includes new elders' townhouses and home ownership units in our Odenaang community and pursuing future streams of revenue.

It is my hope that during the next two years, the governing board can map out a comprehensive strategic plan — a blueprint for the future — focused on the cultural, social, environmental and economic prosperity of our tribal nation. A plan that respects our seven generation mandate and one that is durable enough to outlast the changing faces of elected government. A plan that will provide context for all future decisions and initiatives (big and small) that we may undertake. This effort will require seasoned leadership, stakeholder buy in, as well as (and most importantly) input from every tribal citizen.

I think everyone recognizes how difficult it is to reach out and connect with each and every member of our great nation, especially as Chairman Joe recently mentioned—the "silent majority." Therefore, in order for any strategic planning of this magnitude to be meaningful and legitimately reflect the voice of our citizens, we may very well need to conduct a full blown tribal census.

The input collected will be invaluable for determining "where we are," "where we want to go" and "how we are going to get there." This information can provide a baseline needs assess-

ment so we can effectively allocate resources as well as provide meaningful data for measuring performance across multiple programs and disciplines. Who knows, if we model it on the U.S. Census, we might find this initiative will provide some economic stimulus for our tribal members in the way of training and jobs in order to conduct a comprehensive field census. Thank you for allowing me to share this big picture idea on the cusp of our 2012 general election.

Myself, Director Abramson and Director Bouschor, as well as key staff, recently attended the annual Tribal Self-Governance Conference. Self-governance is a tribally-driven, congressional legislative option, whereby tribal governments are authorized to negotiate annual appropriated funding and assume management and control of programs, services, functions and activities

that were previously managed by the federal government. This is the key opportunity for individual tribes to meet face to face with the federal government on specific legislation that impacts appropriations and prepare for our tribe's annual funding negotiations with the DOI/BIA and HHS/IHS and other federal agencies. The top three priorities of self-governing tribes are full funding of contract support costs, funding of IHS mandatory funds and implementation of the Affordable Care Act (that the Sault Tribe hopes will allow us to expand health services to all our tribal members who live in the state of Michigan).

It was also an opportunity to learn "best practices" around Indian Country — how other tribes are effectively utilizing funds to increase the quality and service level to their tribal citizens. I was especially impressed with the Tuba City Regional

Health Care Corporation, an entity of the Navajo and Hopi nations. With eight units and a vast geographic service area, there were many similarities between our two tribes.

Their "operational best practices" include:

- Multi disciplinary project management teams
- Revenue management team
- Electronic health records
- Mail order pharmacy

Their keys to successes have been cross-functional teams, systems thinking and project planning. This has allowed them to leverage "patient centered clinical and business systems." Food for thought as we examine our own tribal health delivery system.

As always, please contact me with your questions, concerns and comments.

Catherine Hollowell  
Unit2tribal@gmail.com  
(906) 484-6821

## Preserving our way of life



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

The tribe has accomplished much in the last four years, the financial situation of the tribe

has improved and the deficit was eliminated. The tribe has had a small cash surplus in 2011. The priority of tribal board members and chairman is to be financially stable.

The tribal board members and chairman are working together in a positive and respectful manner to solve issues. Leadership must have a positive attitude and approach to move our tribe forward.

With the improvement in our tribe's finances we purchased an ownership interest in Indian Energy. The business focus is energy development projects on tribal land nationwide, partnership with a host tribe with

resources such as wind, sun, gas, etc., and military bases with minority participation requirements. Indian Energy is currently working with Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe as partners in a minority 8(a) company.

The Affordable Health Care Act has provided our tribe an opportunity to establish an Indian (tribal) managed care entity to enroll Natives in Michigan Medicaid and CHIP services. We plan to work closely with the Center for Value Based Insurance Design at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

If we are successful in this effort, health care coverage could be expanded to a larger number of tribal members beyond our tribal territory in U.P. of Michigan. This could generate additional revenue for tribal health care for members and employment opportunities.

With a large membership, our tribe needs to pursue additional business development projects that will generate revenue for our tribe's needs and create job opportunities for our membership. The additional revenue generated would also replenish and add to the tribal elder self-sufficiency services and program that provides funding for elderly assistance payments, medical needs, medical appliances and elderly jobs. In addition, add to the Education Self-Sufficiency Fund for vocational training or scholarship to members nationwide.

Our tribe's Constitution states to preserve and protect our way of life. To accomplish this we need a strong diversified economy that generates excess revenue and offers employment opportunity to members. Our way is to provide tribal funds for services we provide to members.

This is what we need to do as a tribe to preserve and protect our way of life.

Bernard Bouschor  
Tribal Council Unit I  
(906) 440-4710

## Please vote!



**DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR,**  
**UNIT I**

It has only been a few weeks since my last report and not much has happened to report on. Most things noteworthy are covered by our very capable staff in articles within this issue of the paper. So I will take this opportunity to stress the importance of exercising one of our most basic and important rights.

Please vote!

By the time you receive this issue, the ballots will be in the mail for the Sault Tribe general election. No matter whom you support, please vote! It is your right . . . and your vote matters. If you stop to think about it, the average voter turnout in national elections is roughly 50 percent. Of that, the vote is split

between Democrats, Republican, Libertarians, the Green Party, etc. So, if you figure 48 percent vote for the Republican Party and the same for the Democrats and the remaining four percent is split between the other smaller parties, that means that 48 percent of 50 percent of the voters elect the leaders of your government.

Using real numbers looks like this: Let us say (just to keep it in round numbers) that there are 1,000,000 eligible total voters. On average, 50 percent of those people vote, making 500,000 total votes. Of that 500,000, 48 percent (or 240,000 people) cast votes for the winning party. That means that 24 percent of the eligible voters choose the leadership for 100 percent of the nation! Putting the numbers in perspective, makes you realize that 76 percent of the nation lives under the leadership that 24 percent chose. Your vote counts, your vote matters. Please exercise your right to vote, no matter which candidate you support for chairman or your unit.

If you have any questions, comments, ideas or needs, you can contact me as always by phone, email or appointment. You may reach me at 440-9762 or by email at dmalloy@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully - DJ Malloy

## Vote with facts



**JOAN (CARR) ANDERSON,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

I would like to thank all who voted on the referendum. You made your voices heard. I must say I am very happy on the outcome for the Lansing casino project. I feel this is a positive way to move forward. With that said, we still have all our elections coming up. We, as tribal members, have a right to vote on whom we want on our board. So, when making your decision, make sure you have all the information, the right information; not just "he said, she said" rumors. Remember we all have our good points and we are all equal members no matter how others feel. So, when voting use your head to guide you.

When I became a board member, I had no agenda but for all our members. I still feel this way so I try to keep a clear mind when we have some issues. We have had some problems in the past that have been taken care of and still more to come but, as our board moves forward, I feel we can tackle most of them over time, like we say, "Rome was not built in one day," neither were the tribes, this all takes time.

As you know, our board has been busy as usual with meetings, resolutions, 2 percent monies and all those meet-the-candidate meetings, which I feel went rather well. On our 2 percent funding, I hope that my Unit V will be happy with their monies. I tied to make it as fair as I could in my area, I had \$288,292 of wants and the amount I had to spend was \$33,635.25. So, members, I did the best I could. For some, I say, try again in September.

Remember to VOTE on June 7. Your ballots will be sent out for the general election sent back and counted on June 28. I also want to thank everyone who has called and asked questions. I appreciated hearing from all of you.

Sincerely,  
Joan Carr Anderson, Unit V  
Phone: 387-2802

# ENTERTAINMENT

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