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

## AARON PAYMENT IS CHAIRMAN

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Aaron Payment was elected Sault Tribe chairman in this year's general election. After losing the last chairman's race four years ago to Joe McCoy, who resigned May 2012, Payment ran against Joe Eitrem, Unit 1 rep appointed to fill out the term.

Also winning were Cathy Abramson in Unit 1 along with Dennis McKelvie and Jennifer McLeod, Lana Causley in Unit 2, Bridgett Sorenson in Unit 4 and Darcy Marrow in Unit 4. McLeod, Sorenson and Marrow are all newcomers. All representatives will serve 4-year terms.

After taking their oaths July 9, board members spoke of positive change and working together for the betterment of the tribe.

They felt humbled and grateful for the voters' selection, and for their families' support. Payment said he has developed a plan for his first 100 days in office. He is interested in increasing communications technology so that more tribal members can have access, identifying constitutional amendments that need passage right now, such as separation of powers, as well as development of an ethics code and tribal labor law.

Payment's victory was decisive with over 56 percent of the vote. Abramson was the top



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

**MEET SAULT TRIBE'S NEWLY ELECTED LEADERS** — July 9 Installation Ceremony were Sault Tribe Unit 1 Director Dennis McKelvie, Tribal Chairman Aaron Payment, Unit 4 Director Darcy Marrow, Unit 1 Directors Cathy Abramson and Jennifer McLeod, Unit 2 Director Lana Causley and Unit 3 Director Bridgett Sorenson. See the installation at [www.youtube.com/saulttribeguide](http://www.youtube.com/saulttribeguide).

vote getter in Unit 1 with 2,004 out of 8,157 votes, or 25 percent. McKelvie was next in line with 1,589 followed closely by McLeod with 1,576. Causley won handily in Unit 2 with 60 percent

of the vote. Newcomers Sorenson in Unit 3 and Morrow in Unit 4 each edged out their incumbent opponents with 54 percent of the vote.

Of note is the Unit 4 mother-

daughter team of Denise Chase and her daughter Darcy Morrow, as well as the overall board composition of 10 women and three men.

The election count was con-

ducted June 28 with results certified July 3. The installation ceremony was held July 9 and the first meeting of the new board on July 10.

Election of officers at the July 10 board meeting yielded Vice Chairperson Denise Chase, Secretary Cathy Abramson and Treasurer Dennis McKelvie.

Board meetings can be viewed on the tribe's website under Board of Directors section under "Government." The viewing lasts two weeks, until replacement by the next board meeting. (<http://www.saulttribe.com/government/board-of-directors/29-government/board-of-directors/1261-board-meeting-video>)

**ELECTION RESULTS**  
(Winners are in bold.)

Chairman: **Aaron Payment, 4150**, Joe Eitrem, 3224

Unit 1: **Cathy Abramson, 2004**, Dennis McKelvie, 1589, Jennifer McLeod, 1576, DJ Hoffman, 1534, Christine McPherson, 1433, Bernard Bouschor, 1311

Unit 2: **Lana Causley, 593**, William Baker, 399

Unit 3: **Bridgett Sorenson, 878**, Patrick Rickley, 739

Unit 4: **Darcy Morrow, 475**, Tom Miller, 411

14,674 ballots were mailed out for the general election.

## Housing celebrates more Odenaang units



As representatives of the Sault Tribe Housing Authority, Housing Commission and Construction Company look on, representatives of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors (below) cut the ribbon in an open house exhibition on June 6 for new elders triplex apartment buildings in addition to a new house available through the Homeownership Program. The staff of the Housing Authority deemed the event quite successful and wishes to express gratitude to over 100 members who came to view the properties. At left is one of the three new smoke-free triplex rentals for elders now available on the Odenaang housing site through the Sault Tribe Housing Authority. Three of the nine individual apartments are handicap accessible and all of them have two bedrooms and one bathroom. The apartments come with standard appliances including a washer and dryer. More information can be gathered by calling the Housing Authority at 495-1450 or toll free at (800) 794-4072.



Photos by Rick Smith

From left, Sarah Schmalz, Unit 1 directors Cathy Abramson and Debra Ann Pine, Mariea Mongene, Cathy Menard, Arlon Goforth, Dana Piippo, Carol Strauser, Joni Talentino and Heather Alstrom.

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## Learn museum collection

The Michigan Museums Association (MMA) is hosting its collections care workshop, *The ABCs of Collections Management*, at the Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The workshop, one of several MMA workshops held annually



**MOTHER LODE** — Mike Burton and Tom Matera found 40 lbs. of young Chicken of the Wood fungi, almost all of which was edible. It was delicious sautéed and deep fried with the rest frozen for later.

throughout Michigan, is geared to staff and volunteers who are responsible for the acquisition, storage, maintenance and display of collections. This workshop will apply to collections staff at every type of cultural organization — including art, history, science, military and maritime and youth museums, as well as aquariums, zoos, botanical gardens, arboreta, historic sites and science and technology centers.

One of the most important responsibilities of a museum is taking care of its collections. This workshop will cover everything from the basic definition of a collecting institution to the creation of collections management policies to the storage and maintenance requirements of collections objects. The format is informal and participants are asked to actively engage with each other to learn and share.

Mackinac State Historic Park Registrar Brian Jaeschke and Museum of Cultural and Natural History Collections Manager Angela Riedel will teach the workshop.

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# MDOT announces Wounded Veterans Internship Program

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is introducing a new program focused on helping wounded military veterans transition into the civilian workforce. The Wounded Veterans Internship Program offers wounded veterans paid internships at MDOT facilities throughout the state and is federally funded by the Federal Highway Association (FHWA). The FHWA is MDOT's partner in the program, along with veteran service organizations in Michigan.

"This program will help fill a vital need, providing opportunities to our men and women in uniform who put their lives on

the line for all of us and suffered physically or psychologically in the process," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Gov. Snyder has made it a priority to help the estimated 30 percent of Michigan's veterans who are unemployed. We at MDOT are proud to share in that mission."

Bruce Freimark, who coordinates the program for MDOT, said the goal is to match veterans who have service-connected disabilities with paid internships at MDOT facilities located close to where they are living or receiving rehabilitation services. Placement depends on the returning veteran's knowledge, skills and

abilities. Possible fields include aeronautics, engineering, finance, maintenance, planning, project management and research.

Michigan is one of the first state transportation departments to offer the internship program. Michigan residents who are honorably discharged veterans with physical or psychological wounds are eligible. While intended to primarily serve veterans of U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the program is not limited to veterans of those operations.

More information is available on the MDOT website at [www.michigan.gov/woundedvetintern](http://www.michigan.gov/woundedvetintern).

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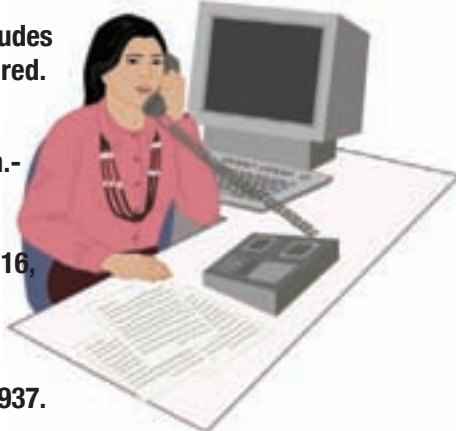
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- Munising Tribal Center, Tuesday, Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Sault Ste. Marie, Training Department at the Kewadin Casino complex, Thursday, Aug. 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Manistique Tribal Center, Tuesday, Aug. 24, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Call Anita McKerchie or Beverly MacLaren at the Sault Tribe Training Department at 635-4937.



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# Preparedness conference set

## Empowering Our Community Aug. 22-23

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The first Empowering Our Community (EOC) with Preparedness Conference is being held at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie Aug. 22 and 23.

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Office are hosting the conference. Tribal employees can attend for free; otherwise the cost is \$50 per person. Emergency Preparedness manager for the Sault Tribe, Matt Carpentier, said there are a limited number of scholarships available to help people attend who otherwise might not be able to afford the conference fee.

The conference is made possible under a grant from the Department of Homeland Security and is expected to become an annual event.

Keynote speaker for the conference is Cody Lundin, a survival and primitive skills expert, TV personality and author of three books. Other distinguished speakers include CEO of Personal Recovery Concepts Ann Coss, FEMA Director of Region 5/6 Emergency Management Bill Pook and Assistant Principal of Swartz Creek High School David Simancek who is the creator of the Power of 100, an anti-bullying program being used by schools throughout the country.

Carpentier said the conference organizers are working hard to make it an event that everyone will enjoy and remember. "The name 'Empowering Our Community' came from the idea that you may be prepared for an emergency but if your neighbor



Survival expert, author and media personality Cody Lundin is the event's keynote speaker.

is not prepared – are you really? As a community we need to come together and build that preparedness level," he said. "We are giving you the control and the tools you need and what we want you to do is use those tools and build up the community from the bottom."

Carpentier said he hopes the community and tribal employees will attend and also expects to see community leaders, emergency responders, Neighborhood Watch volunteers, public health personnel, representatives from the Red Cross and community emergency response teams, government officials and local businesses.

Registration deadline is Aug. 10. There is no fee to set up an exhibit; however, if exhibitors plan to attend the speaking portion of the conference the \$50 registration fee applies. Fees may be paid at the time of registration or mailed to: Sault Tribe

Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, 2175 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Checks should be made out to Sault Tribe Law Enforcement/Emergency Management. Credit cards are not accepted.

For out-of-town participants, a block of rooms has been reserved at Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center. When registering for a room, mention that you are attending the conference and use code 9FK9C3 to receive the conference rate.

There will be a pre-conference meet and greet with a cash bar and early registration on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 21, from 6-8 p.m. Those who register early will receive an extra ticket for door prizes.

The first day of the conference includes speakers Ann Coss and Bill Pook, exhibits and an evening softball fundraiser. The final day includes speakers David Simancek in the morning with keynote speaker Cody Lundin closing out the afternoon. There will be demonstrations by the tribe's K-9 team, Ryan Luben and his dog, Lux; the jaws of life and an Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot by bomb tech personnel.

Attire for the conference is business casual. If you have questions or to register, call Matt Carpentier or Lona Stewart at (906) 635-6065.

"Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy," said Carpentier. "If there is one thing I would like to see people take home with them from the conference, it is my hope they will sit down with their family and talk about emergency preparedness and make plans for home emergencies."



Photo by Connie Watson

"HOE DOWN"—Hessel's Morgan McQuiston uses her hoe to work up the soil in a raised garden bed at the Hessel Tribal Center. The Youth Education and Activities Program, Housing Authority and the Traditional Foods grant program planted two raised beds and an in-ground garden at the Hessel Tribal Center. A variety of garden workshops are scheduled in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Hessel throughout the summer and fall. For a schedule of events and garden activities in your area visit [www.healthysaulttribe.com](http://www.healthysaulttribe.com), or contact Connie Watson at [cwatson@saulttribe.net](mailto:cwatson@saulttribe.net) or (906) 632-5211.

# 2012 Junior Police Academy set for Aug. 6-10 in Moran

The Sault Tribe Police Department will host the 12th annual Junior Police Academy Aug. 6-10 at Boedne Bay, Moran, Mich. The academy gives youth in our communities a taste of what law enforcement life is like while offering fun and educational activities.

"The academy is a program we started in 2000 with the goal of giving our local children a look into what a career in the law enforcement field would be," Sault Tribe Chief of Police Bob Marchand said. Marchand said that with the rise of police and criminal investigative programs on TV, youth are curious to see what really takes place. "This camp shows them what they could do, what really happens, and shows them that they could have a career in the field if they work hard, stay in school, and stay out of trouble," he said.

Registration for the academy begins in early July.

The program is funded by past fundraising efforts, revenues from renting out Boedne Bay to other entities and tribal dollars. "We have been fortunate enough to provide the academy at no charge to participants in past years," said Marchand.

To keep this tradition, the group hosts fundraising events throughout the year. Last month, Sault Tribe police hosted their second annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser on June 23 at Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course in Sault Ste. Marie. All proceeds went to the Sault Tribe Junior Police Academy.

"We have been privileged in past years to have demonstrations and presentations from a wide variety of agencies, including the U.S. Coast Guard, State Police Bomb Squad, Emergency Medical Services and Fire personnel, K-9 units, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and outdoor preparedness training," Marchand said.

At the camp, kids wake up every morning to physical train-

ing, swim every day (weather permitting) and end most nights with a campfire. "It's a fun experience for youth and our officers alike," Marchand said.

The Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department has 23 sworn police officer positions, with a main office in Sault Ste. Marie and satellite offices in Kincheloe, St. Ignace and Manistique.

Tribal Law Enforcement officials serve the communities of Sault Ste. Marie, Kincheloe, Hessel, St. Ignace, Newberry, Manistique, Wetmore, Escanaba and Marquette. Conservation Enforcement is conducted in Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan and interior waters and lands in the 1836 Treaty area. Contact Sault Tribe Police Department at 635-6065 for more information.

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# Gwaiak Miicon Program grads



Photo by Brenda Austin

Gwaiak Miicon Program graduates Matthew McKelvie, left, and Christopher Person.

Matthew McKelvie was accepted into the Gwaiak Miicon Program on March 17, 2011. Matt's real transformation began in February when he served a one-day sanction in jail for non-compliance with his treatment plan. At that point Matt began to let go of some of his old thinking and started working the 12 Steps. Matt started visiting a local adult assisted living community playing games and occasionally taking an elder on an outing. Matt also volunteered at the Mary Murray Camp cutting wood for various events. Matt's relationships with his family and particularly his children have greatly improved. Today he demonstrates both understanding and empathy with his children, gifts he has received as the result of

working a program of recovery.

Sault Tribe Specialty Court coordinator Pat McKelvie said, "When Christopher Person was originally arrested, he was an unemployed college dropout about to be evicted from his primary residence. Chris was accepted into the Gwaiak Miicon Program on July 19, 2011. Chris spent 47 weeks working on himself and his relationships. Chris returned to college in January of 2012, completing the semester with a 3.5 GPA. Chris is enrolled in summer classes taking 12 credits. Chris and his partner are living together and are awaiting their daughter's birth in October. Today Chris is a shining example of what a person can become given the opportunity."



Photo by Brenda Austin

A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony was held the evening of June 20 for the Bill Dowd Memorial Park, which is located at the corner of Shunk Road and 10th Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Local dignitaries, representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the city, playground committee and the community were on hand for the event. The park is the culmination of over three years of efforts by the Bill Dowd Memorial Playground Committee, lead by Nikki Dowd. The project raised more than \$9,000 for the park and secured additional money from two big donors: the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians with \$69,000 in 2 percent funding and the city's Seal Fund with another \$29,000. In total, about \$108,000 in donations were secured to renovate the playground. The playground's design is one of a kind and was developed with the city's historical waterfront in mind. The play area includes a miniature replica of the Valley Camp – a museum ship on the St. Mary's River – and a climbing structure representing the Tower of History. One of the more original aspects of the new playground is the blue mulch made from recycled tires that will help protect children from falls while visually representing a small body of water.

## No adults in kids' fishing pond in Sault Ste. Marie

By ROBERT MARCHAND, POLICE CHIEF, STPD

In the past there has been some confusion surrounding the area designated as the kids' fishing pond at Rotary Park Island in Sault Ste. Marie. There have been some issues pertaining to whether adults could fish in this area with their subsistence license as it falls within the St. Marys River system.

Below are sections from the CORA code and the city ordinance pertaining to the kids' fishing pond. This is an area where all kids have the opportunity to fish or to learn to fish and I would hope that adults would adhere to the regulation governing this area.

"Section XIX Subsistence Fishing

(n) In the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Kids' Fishing Pond at Rotary Park Island, all fishing activity shall be in accordance with those regulations imposed by the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the State of Michigan."

Below is the city ordinance for the Rotary Park kids' fishing pond.

"Sec. 16-18 Rotary Park Maximum age limitation for fishing

(a) The area of water bounded on the northeast by Rotary Park Island and its causeway and bounded on the southwest by Portage Ave./Riverside Drive shall be known as the city chil-

dren's fishing pond.

(b) No person seventeen (17) years of age or older shall be allowed to engage in the act of fishing in the city children's fishing pond except as provided in subsection (c) below.

(c) A mentally retarded person or resident of a home for the aged who has been issued a permit pursuant to MCL 324.43525 shall be allowed to fish in the city children's fishing pond. It shall be a rebuttable presumption of this section that a person age seventeen (17) years or over has not been issued a permit under MCL 324.43515.

(d) Fishing is defined by MCL 324.43503 or any amendatory statute relating to this section."

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Thank you again,  
 Darcy Chase Morrow,  
 Unit 4 Tribal Board Representative

# Alliance funds plans for pedestrian routes

By Rick Smith

The City of Sault Ste. Marie Planning Commission recently approved a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan for the Sault which was developed with the help of funding from the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project. Developed by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission, the plans were funded with a \$5,000 grant from the alliance with a matching \$5,000 by the City of Sault Ste.

Marie. The funding provided by the alliance originated with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

The plans layout a variety of paths, trails, lanes, sidewalk and crosswalk installations to accommodate pedestrian traffic as well as some non-motorized personal vehicles such as bicycles, skates and wheelchairs.

According to the executive summary accompanying the plans, the City of Sault Ste. Marie is developing community features that promote the health and well

being of residents and visitors and is compatible with the environment. In addition, the city plans on incorporating highlights of local history to go along with the improved recreational opportunities. It is hoped the facilities will encourage more healthful and useful activities by providing more connections between trails, sidewalks and bike routes, safer crosswalks and bike parking.

The summary further indicates that as the recommendations in the plans are implemented, physi-

cal and cultural changes will likely result in more people opting to use walking or biking as preferred transportation to work and many other local trips. Such changes in transportation choices could lead to a healthier community with better environmental quality and a more efficient and sustainable transportation system.

“Sault Tribe’s Strategic Alliance for Health Project has been supporting infrastructure for all modes of travel. The approval of the Non-Motorized

Transportation Plan will provide the infrastructure blueprint for building a healthier Sault Ste. Marie community,” said Lisa Myers, coordinator for the alliance.

As of press time, the plans are scheduled to go before the Sault Ste. Marie City Commissioners for approval on July 16.

Those interested may be able to learn about the commission’s decision by checking with local media.

# Hessel rental cabin opens

By Rick Smith

Folks who might want some relief from the hustle and bustle in their lives by taking a stay in a nice, clean place in a quiet rural setting should check in with Kewadin Casinos about a new rental cabin now available to visitors in the Hessel area.

Tel Fox, manager of the Kewadin Casino in Hessel, said the cabin accommodates up to eight people staying overnight. A loft has two twin beds and one double bed. A double bed occupies the downstairs bedroom and the cabin also holds a handy hide-a-bed sofa. In addition, bathroom facilities are downstairs. Other amenities include living room furniture, baseboard heat and a fireplace. The cabin’s kitchen has all the equipment most folks might want including a stove, refrigerator, coffee maker, microwave oven, toaster, utensils and dining table.

The cabin is handicap accessible and features a deck on the side entrance as well as a deck with a seating area at the front entrance. The cabin offers plenty of parking and a picnic area with a fire pit.

Kewadin Casinos is running an introductory special rate of \$95 plus tax based on double occu-

pancy and additional guests are extra. The offer includes \$10 in Kewadin credits for every guest over 19 years of age.

“Our team members are proud to have this available for our gaming customers and visitors to the Hessel area,” said Fox. “It has a nice country setting! It is located straight across from the Sault Tribe housing and only a short distance from the casino. Behind the building is our Kewadin Camp Ground that has 40 sites.”

Fox expressed gratitude to all involved with the cabin project for bringing it to fruition. Among those involved were the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, Kewadin Casinos COO Tony Goetz, Sault Tribe Construction staff, Hessel Casino Shift Manager Tony LaPlante, maintenance staff member Tim Huffman, Divina Izzard of the Housekeeping staff, Ed LaPointe and his crew, and other dedicated members of the Kewadin Casinos team, including Carol Eavou, vice-president of hotel operations in Sault Ste. Marie.

Call 484-2903 or toll free at (800) KEWADIN to learn more or make reservations.



Exterior view of the new rental cabin in Hessel available through Kewadin Casinos.

## TOURNAMENTS

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**\$15,000 Poker Blast**  
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Kewadin St. Ignace  
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Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie  
August 24-26, 2012

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Kewadin St. Ignace

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Every Monday - Christmas & Hessel  
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*Due to recent updated changes in our tournament machines it is necessary to run the Slots of Fun promotion in two parts for the remainder of 2012.*

We will pay out \$7,500 to the top 25 participants with the highest scores from the old slot machines (January to June).

We will pay out the remaining \$7,500 to the top 25 scores from participants playing on the new Slots of Fun tournament machines (July to December).



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Kewadin Hessel

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# WAN wins another GNA

Win Awenen Nisitotung was selected as a recipient of a 2012 Good News Award in the straight



The 2012 Good News Award came with a certificate recognizing the author of the winning story.

news in the non-daily category for *Tapawingo Farms Aims to Help Disadvantaged Youth* by Rick Smith, which was published in the Oct. 7, 2011, edition of the paper. This is the second Good News Award won by the newspaper. The first award was received in 2010 for the feature story *Playing For Change: Working for World Peace*, also authored by Smith.

The Sault Tribe's paper was one of 26 winners this year from a field of 64 entries from Upper Peninsula radio stations, newspapers, online publications and TV stations. Another 18 received certificates of merit during a luncheon and awards ceremony on May 31 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette.

The Good News Awards honor

regional works of excellence in broadcasting, print and on the web that affirm the dignity of people, recognize and uphold universally-recognized human values, and uplift and nourish the human spirit. They are sponsored by the religious leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran, Presbyterian, United Methodist, Catholic and Episcopal churches in the Upper Peninsula region.



**Phyllis Kimewon Williams** was hired recently as an Ojibwe language instructor in the Sault Tribe Culture Department. She said she has seen that people in Michigan hunger for their traditional language but is concerned that it may be "in the 11th hour." She believes that teaching it to our children is critical to its survival.

**Shelby Russo-Smith** is the Sault Tribe Culture Department summer librarian – it took her four weeks to enter about 1,000 books into a computer filing system. Shelby is a Sault Tribe member and a 2011 graduate of Sault Area High School. She said she has learned more about her culture in her time working for the tribe.

# Halabrin helps raise funds for cancer research

The Sault Tribe Health Center Radiology Department is proud to announce that employee Virginia Halabrin RT(R)(M) participated in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Chicago, Ill., this June. This was made possible through a donation from Kewadin Casinos.

Halabrin walked 26 miles in two days in support of breast cancer survivors and awareness. Over 2,800 participants from 39 states as well as Canada took part in Avon Walk Chicago, including 356 men and 340 breast cancer survivors. Together

the Avon Walk Chicago raised \$6.3 million to advance access to care and finding a cure for breast cancer.

During the Avon Walk Chicago, which is a noncompetitive event, women and men had a choice of walking a marathon (26.2 miles) or a marathon and a half (39.3 miles) over the weekend. The event kicked off June 2 with an early morning Opening Ceremony at Soldier Field, after which walkers began their journey, traveling through Chicago and concluding at the Avon Walk "Wellness Village" at Horner



Virginia Halabrin, above, walked 26 miles to help raise funds for breast cancer research.

Park. The Wellness Village featured two-person pink sleeping tents, hot showers, prepared meals, entertainment, volunteer medical services, along with leisure activities such as relaxing yoga to stretch out the muscles and a spa zone with mini-back-and-foot-massages. On June 3, walkers completed another 13.1 miles together, ending back at Soldier Field, where thousands of family and friends greeted them and shared in a celebratory and moving Closing Ceremony, including the awarding of new grants.

To participate in the Avon Walk Chicago, each walker raised a minimum of \$1,800 in donations. The Avon Foundation for Women [a 501(c)(3) public charity] manages the funds raised, which it awards to local, regional and national breast cancer organizations to support five areas of the breast cancer cause, including awareness and education, screening and diagnosis,

access to treatment, support services, and scientific research.

Since its launch in 2003, the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer series has raised more than \$435 million through the dedication of more than 165,000 participating women and men from across the country, including thousands of Avon associates and representatives. The Avon Walk Chicago is the fourth event of the 2012 10th birthday season, and registration is still open for women and men to take part in the remaining 2012 Avon Walks in Rocky Mountains, Colo. (June 23-24), San Francisco (July 7-8), Santa Barbara (Sept. 22-23), New York City (Oct. 20-21), and Charlotte, N.C. (Oct. 27-28).

For more information on the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer or to learn how to contribute donations to the cause, visit [www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org) or call 888-541-WALK. To learn more about the Avon Foundation for Women visit [www.avonfoundation.org](http://www.avonfoundation.org).

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**Fred Feleppa's Wife and Children are Proud Members of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.**

Prosecutor Feleppa is married to the former Sandy Wilkins. Sandy and their children, Emma, 10, and Josh, 7, are members and involved with the Sault Tribe. Fred Feleppa is proud of his children's Chippewa Indian heritage.



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# Manistique: now “Community for a Lifetime”

The Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) and Commission on Services to the Aging have designated Manistique as a “Community for a Lifetime” (CFL), in recognition of its efforts to become a more aging friendly community.

Established in 2007, the CFL is part of a nationwide movement to respond to the needs of a rapidly aging population. Since the program began, it has become apparent that when communities make modifications for the greater living ease of its older citizens, all community members benefit. Housing and mobility options, access to services, parks

and culture, and opportunities for participation in community events, all contribute to making CFL communities good places to be raised, prosper and grow old.

“Progressive communities, such as Manistique, understand the true value of retaining and attracting younger persons, families and older adults by promoting desirable community assets across the entire lifespan,” said Kari Sederburg, Director of the OSA. “The same curb cut that allows an older person with a cane to more easily cross the street, for example, also benefits safe passage of a child in a stroller. We wholeheartedly congratulate

Manistique for its continued work in helping improve the lives of its older residents.”

To qualify for CFL recognition, a community conducts a self assessment or initiates an improvement that meets the program’s aging friendly goals. Manistique assessed itself on many issues, including walkability, access to health care, transportation, safety and security, housing, supportive community systems, business accessibility, enrichment and community caring.

Strengths identified in Manistique include putting a “Complete Streets” resolution

in place, improving signage to facilitate walkability, establishing a comprehensive community CFL action plan and taking steps to generate resources to make community improvements.

For more information about Manistique CFL, contact Kerry Ott, Sault Tribe, Manistique

Strategic Alliance for Health at (906) 341-9561 or via email at [kott@saulttribe.net](mailto:kott@saulttribe.net). General information about the “Community for a Lifetime” program may be found at [www.michigan.gov/miseniors](http://www.michigan.gov/miseniors) or by contacting OSA at (517) 373-8230.

## Leaders meet in Toronto, Ontario



Photo by Amy McCoy Sayers

Batchewana First Nation Chief Dean Sayers headed a contingent of First Nations leaders to meet with Prince Charles during a June visit to Canada to remind the prince of the Crown’s responsibilities toward the treaties it made with Indian nations. Chief Sayers presented Prince Charles with a miniature birch canoe as a symbol of their relationship.

## Emergency alert system in place in tribe’s service area

### DEVELOPING HOME EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS ENCOURAGED

#### FROM SAULT TRIBE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Beginning this month, ten 30-foot towers located throughout the Sault Tribe’s service area will provide emergency alert notifications to community residents with sirens and emergency lights for the hearing impaired. The new communication tool is being installed and coordinated by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Emergency Management.

“The objective of these systems is to provide for outdoor alerting in our remote communities for the purpose of enabling residents of those communities to receive emergency messages regarding hazardous weather including thunderstorms, winter storms and tornados,” said Sault Tribe Emergency Manager Matt Carpentier.

The towers will be strategically located to allow for power and effective warning siren distribution and light visualization throughout the seven-county service area in Chippewa, Mackinac, Alger, Schoolcraft, Delta, Marquette and Luce counties.

They will also provide emergency alert notifications to outside communities, benefitting every county, township and city within the radius of the emergency alert system.

“These towers will project sound for one mile in 360 degrees

providing over all coverage. The lights will also provide 360 degrees of coverage,” said Carpentier.

The tribe’s emergency alert notifications will connect with the NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) All Hazards, a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Tenants living in Sault Tribe Housing Authority rental homes will receive emergency weather radios as part of the project. Training will be given regarding radio usage, storage and care. A schedule of these trainings will be announced in the coming weeks.

Complete installation of these systems is projected to be completed throughout the summer and finalized by the end of July 2012.

“In the end, we hope this project will ensure the safety, and well-being of our community including Sault Tribe members and their families,” said

Carpentier. “This can only be accomplished if the systems are utilized by residents and additional preparedness actions are taken.”

Carpentier encouraged every resident to develop a basic emergency kit for their home and a family emergency care plan that will provide some basic structure in the event of a disaster, major incident or hazardous weather.

Sault Tribe Emergency Management will be coordinating additional trainings to ensure the preparedness, safety and self-sufficiency of the community. For more information, contact the office at 635-6065 or visit [www.stemergencymanagement.blogspot.com](http://www.stemergencymanagement.blogspot.com) or Sault Tribe Emergency Management on Facebook.

*Installation of the Outdoor Emergency Alert Systems is part of the Sault Tribe Remote Community Alert Systems Program 2010 (Grant number NA10NWS4680018), funded through the U. S. Department of Commerce, National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

## FOCUS ON THE FUTURE



### Chi Miigwech Unit 2,

for having the confidence in me to continue to lead our Tribe and our Tribal Members. I am truly humbled and grateful for your support throughout the years and will continue to work very hard to move our Nation forward.

**Miigwech manaaji’ineg!**  
*(Thank you, as I respect you all!)*  
— Lana Causley, Unit 2 Director



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# THE ELDER TIMES



**Join us on a two-day Frankenmuth and Soaring Eagle bus trip! Call today!**

The Hessel Elders Subcommittee is sponsoring a two-day bus trip to Frankenmuth, Mich., and the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant, Mich., on Sept., 19-20. The trip includes transportation by bus, lunch and show at Zehnder's, Frankenmuth city tour, lodging at Soaring Eagle, tour of Ziiibiwing Cultural Center, lunch with Saginaw Chippewa tribal elders and other fun activities. The bus will depart

Hessel on Sept. 19, overnight at the Soaring Eagle in Mt. Pleasant and return to Hessel on Sept. 20.

The price is \$117 each for Unit 2 Hessel tribal elders, their spouses and spouses of deceased Hessel tribal elders, and \$188 each for everyone else.

Price based on double occupancy for lodging.

For questions or additional information, contact Betty Huffman, 484-2894, or Shirley Braun, 484-3186.

## Nokomis Mishomis Place



**MEET KARLA MCLEOD** — I was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and enjoy the Upper Peninsula's weather. I have been married to Mike McLeod for 23 years. We live in Kincheloe with our five children, Lance 22, Jordan 20, Michaela, 17, Paige, 14, and Noah, 12. We have a Shetland sheep dog named "Scottie." I enjoy spending time with husband, my children and my church family. I have had a few different jobs but I enjoy working

with elders and children, so I believe I will fit right in at Elder Care Services.



**MEET JOE HARPER** — I was born in the Sault. I moved away for about 12 years, and have been back in the Sault since 1993. I have two boys, Joesph, 34, who is living in North Dakota, and Joesph Preston Harley Harper, 17, who lives in Kinross. I love to ride motorcycles, hunt and fish. You will find me riding my bike during the summer months.



**MEET NEW STAFFER JOSH GORDON** — Josh has lived in Sault Ste. Marie all his life, graduating from Sault High in 2008 and LSSU in 2010. Josh's mom, Carrie Sayles, works at Enrollment, and his dad, Ron Gordon, owns Perscription Oxygen in the Sault. Josh has one brother, Jesse, who lives in the Sault. Josh is engaged to be married to Chelsea Sauro on Aug. 24, 2013. Chelsea works at Chippewa Animal Clinic. Josh has four dogs and likes to golf in his spare time.



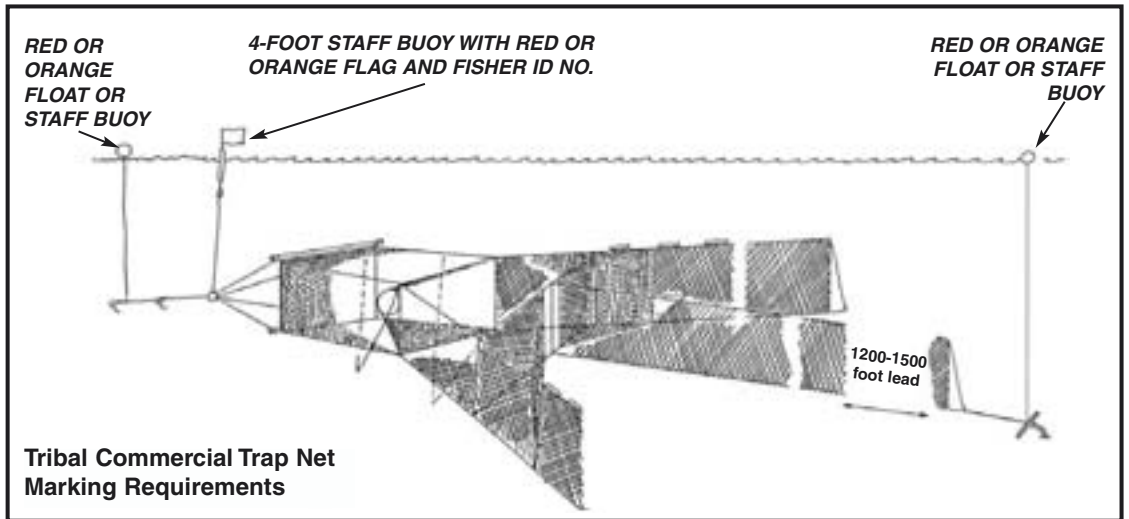
**SUMMER PETS** — Sault Elder Care has been taking care of the Sault Tribe Head Start class' goldfish for the summer. The elders have really been enjoying them. As you can see, Ken Lively is helping in the care of them.



**MIIGWECH** — The elders asked Josh Homminga from the Sault Tribe Cultural Department to come and reface our dream catcher. Josh is taking advantage of a sunny day to get started. The Sault Tribe Unit 1 elders would like to thank Josh.

## NOTICE TO BOATERS

### COMMERCIAL TRAP NETS in northern Lakes Michigan & Huron



See <[www.1836cora.org](http://www.1836cora.org)> under net marking for maps and other information.

- Vessel Operators should NAVIGATE AWAY from all markers and REMAIN 1,500 FEET AWAY from any staff buoy or jug markers.
- Please EXERCISE CAUTION while boating in these areas. Visibility will be limited during low-light or bad weather conditions.
- WARNING: Tampering with these or any other legally set nets is a violation of State and Federal law.

<i>For more information contact:</i>	<i>Report unmarked nets:</i>
<b>CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE AUTHORITY</b> 179 W. Three Mile, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783 906-632-0043	<b>LOCAL, STATE or TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS</b> or Michigan DNR RAP Hotline 1-800-292-7800





**From Kewadin Casinos**  
**DUCK LAKE FIRE ASSISTANCE** — At left, Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Tribe emergency response team put together donations last month for the firefighters and evacuees of the Duck Lake forest fire, including 15 cases of 18-pack Gatorade, suckers, T-shirts, wash rags, duct tape, anti-itch cream, Benedryl, dental floss, individual hand sanitizer, decks of cards, 10 cases of water, toothpicks and lawn chairs.



**From Kewadin Casinos**  
 Kewadin Casinos donated \$5,000 this June toward St. Ignace area summer events sponsored by the events committee. Visit [www.stignace.com](http://www.stignace.com) for details.

# JKL School Jingtamok

JKL School students, staff and families celebrated the end of the school year with their own powwow. Top, two dancers in their regalia make a fine showing. Below, the school's drum led by teacher Chris Gordon.



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## Sault Tribe Head Start & Early Head Start Now Accepting Applications For The 2012-2013 School Year



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 Members of a Federally Recognized Tribe  
 Income Eligibility Requirements

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 Members of a Federally Recognized Tribe  
 Income Eligibility Requirements

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# Voter registration at health clinics advocated



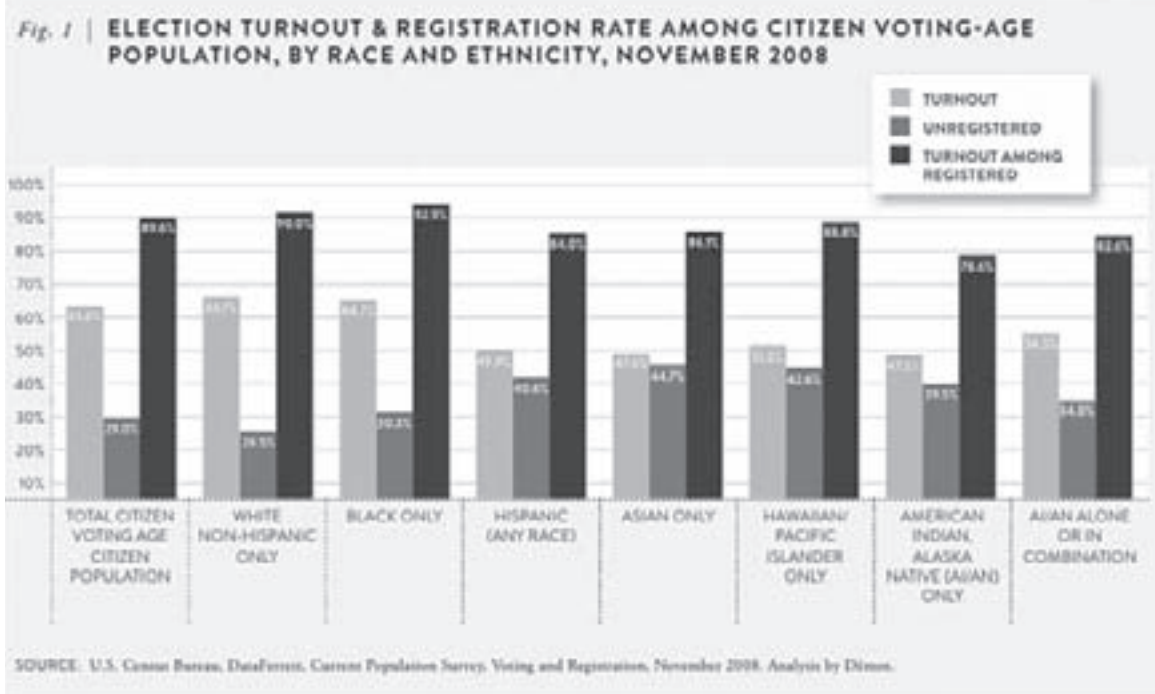
By MARK TRAHANT

Voting should be easy, almost routine. If it's election day ... we should vote. It's that simple because it's the very foundation of democracy. It is only when "we" have a say in what happens next, in our future, that governance meets the basic test of a democracy.

But, too often, that's not the case for American Indians and Alaska Natives. This week the National Congress of American Indians called the problem of access to voting a "civic emergency" requiring an immediate fix.

"Native people have remained one of the most disenfranchised group of voters in the United States. Today as a result, only two out of every five eligible American Indian and Alaska Native voters are not registered to vote, in 2008 over 1 million eligible Native voters were unregistered," said Jefferson Keel, president of NCAI, the nation's oldest and most representative tribal advocacy organization.

Keel said that starting this week, "we all must be unified by



**American Indians and Alaska Natives have the lowest voter participation rate by race and ethnicity, according to a new study by Tova Wang, a senior democracy fellow at Demos. The report was released this week by the National Congress of American Indians with proposals to boost participation by Native American citizens.**

one mission — we must mobilize like never before — register tens of thousands of people, and turn out the largest Native vote in history."

One way that can happen is to increase the velocity of voter registration by going to places where Native Americans already gather. One such magnet is the local clinic. A new report from Demos explains why the Indian health clinic is ideal: "Appropriate IHS facilities should be designated as official voter registration agencies along the same lines as state based public assistance agencies are now designated under the

National Voter Registration Act."

This basic idea has worked in other places where low-income voters register at public assistance agencies. Demos found that when the law was implemented tens of thousands of new voters were added in North Carolina, Virginia, Missouri, Ohio and Illinois. "In Illinois, the number of public agency registration applications is now at levels 18 times the rate before re-implementation" of that voting registration law. That's exactly the kind of boost that would be needed to register a million American Indian and Alaska Native voters. This process would

also be cost-effective voter registration, the Congressional Budget Office estimates the total cost at less than \$500,000 over a four-year period.

"The Native community in the United States is increasingly making its voice heard in state and national elections," the Demos report said. "Unfortunately, most of our history has been one of state mistreatment and exclusion of indigenous peoples. There are still problems and tensions ... Making voter registration easier and more accessible through designation of Indian Health Service facilities as voter registration

agencies will not solve all the problems that are causing low rates of participation among American Indians and Alaska Natives or fully address the ongoing mistrust. Nonetheless, it would be an important step that would have a significant positive impact on the voting rights of thousands of Americans."

The good thing about this plan is that it builds on the successful voter efforts that are already out there, such as Native Votes. The impact of Native voting has already impacted elections in Alaska, Montana and beyond. But that success has been limited by a smaller voter pool than what could be. Imagine if the numbers were increased by 1 million.

This next election at the local, state and federal level, is all about austerity and the nature of government.

NCAI has already called for the biggest turn out of Indian Country voters in history — and that's exactly right because there's no better time for American Indians and Alaska Native voters to have a say. Especially when that means tens of thousands of new voters. Then, given the chance, those voters will make elections routine.

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

## American Indian votes can influence elections

By PRUDENCE ANGUILM

With 2012 being a big year for elections, tribal and national, I thought it would be interesting to explore the concept of the "Native Vote." Rock the Vote is an organization that has spent 21 years reminding people to vote. Rock the Vote has a new campaign this year called "Native Vote 2012," reminding the Native community to get out and vote. You may wonder why Rock the Vote's new campaign is targeting

the Native vote, well, the reason is because Native Americans have one of the lowest election poll turn outs. In fact statistics show that in 2008, one in three Native Americans who were eligible to vote did not. This counts for over 1 million votes that went unused; votes that may or may not swing an election vote.

Rock the Vote, Native Vote 2012 is campaigning in Native communities to accomplish several goals. These goals are to pro-

mote voter registration, to have local high schools make registering to vote a part of the graduating class, to remind those who are eligible to vote to do so, and to remind every voter that their vote does count. So you may wonder — why is this campaign so important? The reason is because Michigan is one of 18 states that is considered to be a key Native vote state; Michigan has a Native population of 1.3 percent that is eligible to vote.

I find it upsetting that the Native vote is so low, especially when states like New Mexico

did not allow Natives to vote until 1962. Within four years the Native vote is going to grow by 500,000 new eligible voters. Native people need to get out and vote in tribal and national elections. It is upsetting to find out that one of the reasons many Natives vote in tribal elections, but not in national elections, is because they feel that the tribal government is their government. However, Native votes are just as important in a national election as a tribal one. A perfect example of this is the 2008 presidential campaign, McCain vs. Obama. After

President Obama spoke to the Crow Nation, his rating jumped up to 91 percent. Just as the tribal government is a part of your life, so is the United States government. Who else but the Native people can say that they have influence over two governments? So why not get out there and let your voice be heard with your vote.

Prudence Anguilm is a senior majoring in communication at Lake Superior State University. She is currently working in an internship with the Sault Tribe Communications Department.

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## Communications major joins staff of Win Awenen Nisitotung for summer

FROM PRUDENCE ANGUILM

I am a fellow Sault Tribe member who is lucky enough to have the privilege of spending the summer learning about the tribal newspaper from the Communication Department. I currently am a senior majoring in Communication at Lake Superior State University. During my free time, I enjoy going to concerts, music, reading, baking a variety of different desserts, just about anything that gets you up and doing something. I hate when I have too much free time on my hands. My favorite book



Prudence Anguilm

is Middlesex by Michigan author Jeffrey Eugenides. I have three tattoos and I plan on getting a few more later on.

I first approached Brandi in the Education department about possible summer internships that would involve my major. Luckily, Jennifer Dale-Burton offered me the opportunity to experience communication via the tribal newspaper. It is very exciting to see and learn about everything that goes into the newspaper. It is great to be able to experience my major in one of the many career paths it can lead.

Want to find a fun and free way to help feed the hungry of the world? You can do that while sharpening your vocabulary at [www.freerice.org](http://www.freerice.org). You will be asked vocabulary questions on the site and every time you answer correctly, the site donates grains of rice to the World Food Program. Questions vary in difficulty, it may seem too easy at first but gets quite challenging.

# Bayliss Public Library premieres movie filmed in the EUP

By Rick Smith

A story about an unlikely, modern day knight errant from California on a murky quest to bring justice to a perpetrator of bygone wrongs in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan finds the main characters trying to come to terms with personal demons and ghosts in the award-winning Osiris Entertainment production of *The Twenty*.

The movie was filmed in the summer of 2006 and has been making the rounds at international and domestic film festivals since its completion in 2010. It picked up an award for best cinematography at the Kent Film Festival in Connecticut. It is also made the official selection list at many of the others.

The protagonist in the story is Carty Fox. Viewers are introduced to him at the beginning of the movie after a brief series of flashes of his daily life. The opening dialogue pretty much sets the stage of what's going on in his life, he and his wife are laying in bed, she is awake, he appears to be slumbering with his back to her.

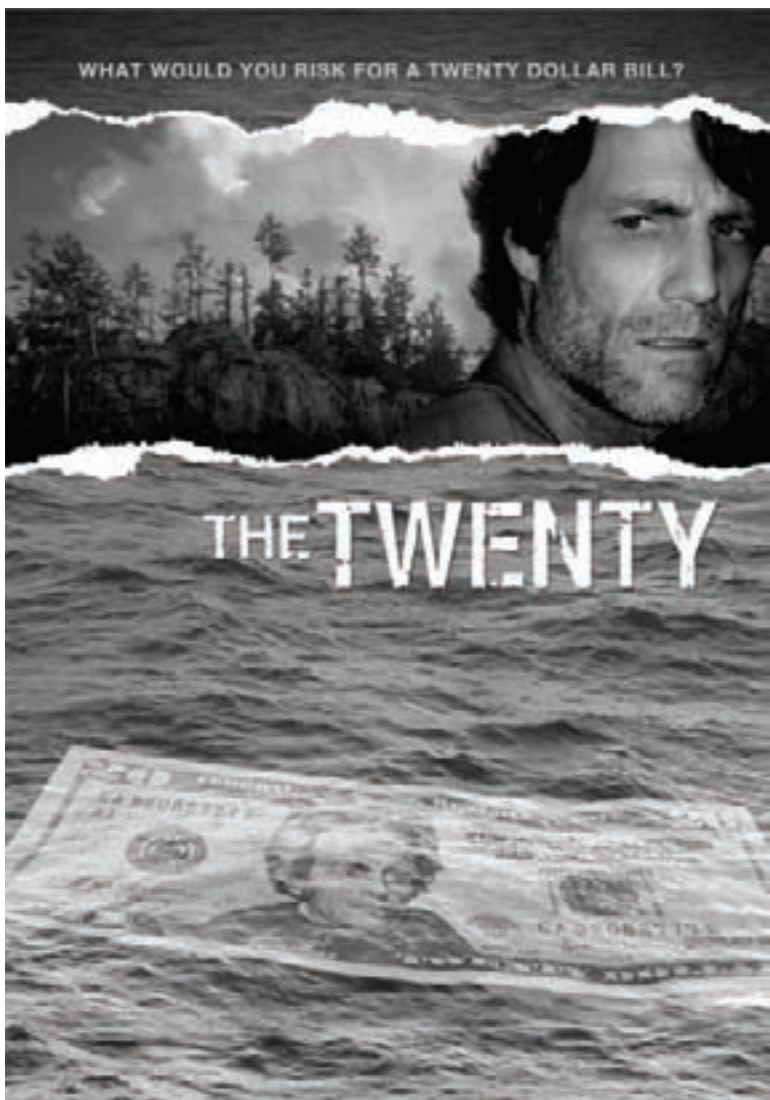
"Carty," she says in a soft, conversational tone. "Carty, are you awake?"

"I am now," he responds, "what is it?"

"I, um, you know all the times you blacked out and you said you couldn't remember?"

"Mm-hmm."

"Well, I keep wondering what you were doing, what you did and



**Special encore showing at Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie on July 24, 6:30 p.m.**

why you couldn't remember . . . and . . . I keep wondering if you were cheating on me."

"Mm-hmm."

"Did you?"

"Not that I remember."

Yes, indeed, he's working on some personal "issues." Into this shaky situation comes a U.S. twenty-dollar bill with a brief but

detailed accusation of a heinous nature written on the back of it. Intrigued, our hero opts to make a cross-country booze cruise to learn what he can about the story behind the accusation. One could rightly deduce at this point that this beautiful, sometimes gritty and rather cerebral work of art is not family fare.

According to Walk The Path Productions, the production company of writer/actor/producer Chopper Bernet, who portrays the main character, most of the filming for the movie was done in Sault Ste. Marie while some scenes were filmed on Neebish Island and a few other parts were done in Topanga, Calif. The movie does a superb job of capturing some of the beauty of the St. Marys River.

The movie carries a message, a stoic sort of philosophy on living one's life that could be easily missed if one is not paying much attention as the story unfolds. Without spoiling the film for anyone, here's a big clue — give particularly close attention and consideration to all references to water, whether spoken, written or visual, especially regarding the characteristics of water.

*The Twenty* features a couple of well-known figures in the entertainment industry. Most notably, perhaps, Laraine Newman, formerly of *Saturday Night Live*, and Clancy Brown, who folks may remember from a number of films including *The Shawshank Redemption* and

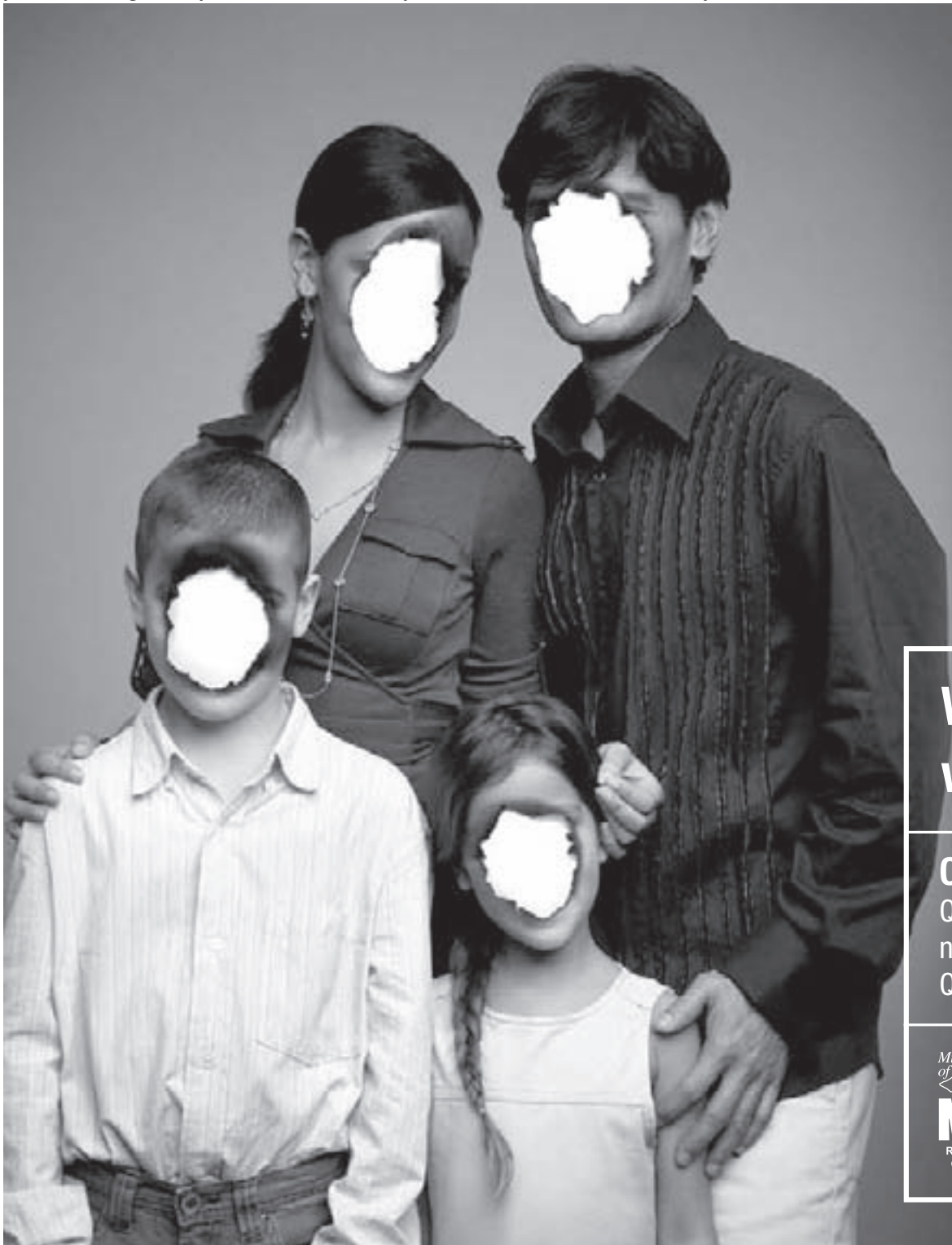
*Dead Man Walking*. A roster of 53 locals from the Sault area took roles in the film as extras. While the appearance of some fell to the cutting room floor, others are seen in the final production. Names in the credits strongly suggest some members of Sault Tribe portrayed eastern Upper Peninsula denizens in the production. This writer observed the appearance of at least one acquaintance in the film.

The movie was shown in Sault Ste. Marie at the Bayliss Public Library on June 5 and the library set an encore showing for July 24 at 6:30 p.m.

**An immunization note for elders**

*Things that wear down as we get older include vaccinations. Dr. Andrew Kroger of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says many older people don't realize this, "Adult immunizations are an excellent way to prevent many diseases that can be deadly. Vaccines aren't just for kids. Some of the protection you got from childhood vaccines may have worn off."*

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# Tribes collecting millions from federal Nez Perce vs. Salazar settlement

*Lawsuits brought by American Indian tribes over mismanagement of lands and funds*

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Attorney Bruce Greene has represented the Sault Tribe since 1975 on a wide range of issues. He owns a law firm in Boulder, Colo., and works under contract for the tribe. Greene was also one of the original lawyers to establish the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) in 1970.

According to NARF's website, it is a nonprofit law firm working to assert and defend the rights of tribes, organizations and individuals nationwide with a focus on preserving tribal existence; protection of tribal natural resources; promotion of Native American human rights and accountability of governments to Native Americans. It also works to develop and promote Indian law and to educate the public about Indian rights, laws and issues.

Greene said he received a call from a NARF attorney about three years ago asking if the Sault Tribe would be interested in intervening in a litigation that was ongoing with the U.S. Justice Department over the settlement of a number of lawsuits brought by individual tribes over the mismanagement of tribal lands and funds. It was a very short window — three days — for the tribe to initiate its own lawsuit or intervene in the current lawsuit once a federal judge determined the existing lawsuits would not be heard as a class action.

"Because the more than 40 tribes involved in the lawsuits were raising the same or similar issues, the lawsuits would be heard at approximately the same time and by the same federal judge, but each suit would raise the individual facts associated with the particular tribe's claim," Greene said.

The lawsuit is known as Nez Perce vs. Salazar. It is expected the more than 40 tribes involved are slated to collect over \$1 billion. The settlement was announced this spring by the U.S. Justice Department and the Interior Department, which manages about 2,500 tribal trust accounts and more than 100,000 tribal leases.

Yes, the Sault Tribe received a small settlement. But first, the back story as to why the lawsuits



Attorney Bruce Greene

were filed: Remember the Cobell v. Salazar Indian Trust Settlement class action litigation that was originally filed on June 10, 1996 and was just given final approval June 20 of last year? Cobell v. Salazar is a class-action lawsuit brought by Native American representatives against two departments of the U.S. government. The plaintiffs claimed the U.S. government incorrectly accounted for the income from Indian trust assets, which belonged to individual Native Americans but were managed by the Department of the Interior.

In the winter of 2009, a \$3.4 billion settlement was announced. President Obama signed legislation authorizing government funding of a final version of the \$3.4 billion settlement in December 2010, 14 years after the original lawsuit was filed.

According to Greene, as the Cobell litigation was being resolved, tribes realized they had claims too, as well as individual Native Americans, because the U.S. was holding trust funds for the benefit of tribes. The tribes wanted to know if the funds were being properly invested and if the U.S. government knew exactly what and where those funds were. So, following in the footsteps of Cobell, a number of tribes — with the Nez Perce being the lead tribe — filed claims against Secretary of the Interior Salazar for an accounting of those funds.

At this point, the 40-plus tribes wanted to certify a class action. The judge denied the request but allowed tribes the three-day period to file their own lawsuit or intervene in the Nez Perce litigation in their own name. If they

filed within the three days they automatically became a plaintiff to the lawsuit. That's where Greene stepped in for the Sault Tribe. He contacted then-chairman, Joe McCoy, who said to go ahead and intervene in the lawsuit.

"The first question for the Sault Tribe was what sort of claim might they have," said Greene. "It turned out that really the only claim the tribe had was the Indian Claims Commission Judgment funds, which had been appropriated but not paid out because there was a great deal of disagreement amongst the tribes that were eligible to participate about how the funds were to be divided."

Greene said it was those funds that were arguably not properly managed during the time they were held by the U.S., which gave rise to the claim to damages by the Sault Tribe. "We tried to

determine what sort of claim we would have if we went to trial, that is what we could prove by way of failure to manage the funds held by the U.S. and then we tried to compare that to what the U.S. was offering us," he said. "We were a small player in this rather big production. Some tribes have claims in the millions of dollars. The settlement amount was \$215,000, and the way we judged if that was an adequate settlement was by consulting with our expert witnesses to determine what they would testify to at trial."

Other tribes with large land bases had lost hundreds of millions of dollars in royalties for oil, gas, grazing and timber rights on tribal lands due to the mismanagement of their accounts, according to Greene.

NARF attorneys represented all the tribes during the litigation. "We were offered significantly

more than our experts thought we could prove at trial, so it was an easy recommendation to the tribe that this seemed like a good opportunity to settle under favorable terms," Greene said. "It was a fortuitous opportunity for the tribe and I think the settlement was very favorable — a good result for a minimal amount of effort. NARF was not charging for their time so we didn't burn up a lot of the tribe's legal time on this."

Greene said that NARF has asked the tribes they represented in the litigation for a donation of about 10 percent of the judgment amount each tribe received.

It is expected that the tribe will receive the \$215,000 judgment this year. Sault Tribe General Counsel John Wernet said it would be up to the tribe's board of directors to determine the most appropriate use of the funds when they are received.

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# Senate hears concerns on taxing tribal benefits

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe members who receive tribal benefits such as elders' dividends, housing assistance, traditional burial ceremonies and other services may eventually have to pay federal taxes on such accommodations unless it can be prevented by American Indian leaders who are working with Congress and the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on the issue.

Actions taken by the IRS in recent years raised concerns among American Indian tribal leaders and organizations that the agency is preparing to impose taxes that would adversely impact tribal self-sufficiency programs and membership benefits. The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs conducted an oversight hearing on the issue of new tax burdens on tribal self-determination on June 14 in Washington, D.C.

Six panelists representing American Indian tribal interests and the IRS appeared before the committee. The IRS indicated it has been meeting with tribes to determine what is taxable under its General Welfare Doctrine. According to the IRS, the doctrine states that payments made under social benefit programs for promotion of general welfare

are excluded as taxable income. But the tribal representatives indicated the IRS seems to be increasing efforts to tax tribal assistance to members. According to John Yellowbird Steele, president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge, S.D., the IRS wants tribes to put a monetary value on aid to its members, such as help with home repairs and so on, so that recipients of the aid can be taxed on the help. Steele told the committee that if an individual or family couldn't afford the repairs in the first place, it's most likely they won't be able to pay taxes on such benefits.

Lynn Malerba, chief of the Mohegan Tribe, spoke on behalf of the United South and Eastern Tribes. Among many other points made in her testimony, Malerba said, "The problems being addressed in the tribal-federal consultation on the general welfare exclusion are multi-dimensional. The existing general welfare framework in recent years has been interpreted extremely narrowly by the IRS in its tribal audits. For instance, tribal program benefits are deemed non-taxable only when 'need' is based upon financial need established pursuant to income-based criteria. This new requirement of means-testing offends tribal leaders'

efforts to work for the common good of all, based upon tribally-determined needs that may also be culturally established or to implement programmatic commitments the federal government has failed to fulfill."

She further indicated that the IRS has challenged the benefits provided by tribal cultural leaders who participate in activities that transmit tribal culture as being taxable compensation for services provided. She called the idea of a requirement for tribal officials to issue tax forms to spiritual leaders for conducting traditional ceremonies as not only burdensome but culturally offensive.

William Lomax, president of the Native American Finance Officers Association based in Washington, D.C., requested the committee to take six measures in its oversight role to respect the federal government's trust responsibilities, hard-won treaty rights, long established and reaffirmed federal Indian policies and the current presidential administrations objectives of ensuring fairness in tax policies.

He proposed the following measures: Placing a moratorium on any examinations of tribal general welfare programs until clear and consistent guidance or legislation is enacted;

Ensure sovereignty and federal policy is upheld and supported in the creation of a general welfare doctrine for tribes;

Ensure input from tribal leaders and congressional intent is incorporated into the guidance document;

Ensure tribal leadership has ample opportunity to review any formal or informal guidance prior to implementation and have meaningful input in this and other IRS policy that directly affects tribes,

End the abrupt change in IRS policy to begin taxing trust and settlement distributions to individuals, and

Be prepared to step in with statutory language should the IRS' final guidance fail to uphold the core tenants of federal Indian policy.

Speaking on behalf of the IRS, Christie Jacobs, director of the IRS Office of Indian Tribal Governments, indicated the agency questions how the general welfare exclusion applies to tribes.

"The principle issue for discussion today is the general welfare exclusion. Tribes, like all governments, sponsor social welfare programs designed to support their members. Of principal relevance to the IRS is whether payments made through those social

welfare programs are taxable. To be very clear, whether this exclusion is or is not applied does not limit what benefits or social programs tribes can provide to their members. The question is whether the provision of those benefits is excludable from gross income under the general welfare doctrine."

Christie further indicated the IRS intends to publish written guidance that will address issues raised by tribes and improve internal coordination procedures for increased clarity and consistency in applying the general welfare doctrine. She added that the agency looks forward to working with tribes on this item in the future.

The Committee on Indian Affairs is currently composed of 13 U.S. senators, seven Democrats and six Republicans, and is chaired by Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI). The six panelists appearing before the committee at the hearing were Steele, Malerba, Lomax, Jacobs, Athena Sanchey-Yallup, secretary of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Nation Tribal Council, Toppenish, Wash., and Aaron Klein, deputy assistant secretary for economic policy coordination in the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

## HEARTH Act passed in House, pends in Senate

BY RICK SMITH

The situation is beginning to look like it might get a little brighter for Sault Tribe members who may be interested in participating in the tribe's homeownership program by taking up residence on lands leased from the tribe.

In a unanimous decision, the United States House of Representatives recently passed the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act which, once passed into law, will enable American Indian tribes across the country to accelerate proceedings in leasing tribal property for homes and economic development.

Under current law, only the Navajo Nation is allowed discretion to lease restricted lands with-

out the approval of the Secretary of the Interior as long as leases are executed under tribal regulations previously approved by the Department of the Interior (DOI).

According to a summary of the House bill acquired through the Library of Congress, the HEARTH Act of 2011 extends the discretion to lease restricted lands for business, agricultural, public, religious, educational, recreational or residential purposes without the approval of the Interior as long as such arrangements are conducted under tribal regulations approved by the Interior. In effect, it streamlines the process by eliminating the need for approval of each transaction by the Interior. Historically, obtaining approval from the DOI for individual leases is often slow and cumbersome enough to

discourage financial institutions from becoming involved, making it difficult for members to take advantage of tribal homeownership programs on tribal lands.

Congressional Representative Betty McCollum of Minnesota spelled out the situation to colleagues on the house floor in testimony last May, "Under current law, many Native Americans living on tribal land have to fight government bureaucracy to buy a home. Just like other Americans pursuing the American dream of homeownership, they find a house, get a mortgage approved and make an offer. It's at this point that the dream often turns into a nightmare for tribal members. Before they can close on a house, they have to get approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to lease the

land – and this approval process can take as long as two years. During this extremely long wait, the mortgage approval usually expires and sellers can rarely wait this long. With such a daunting and long process, it's no wonder that tribal members give up and decide to move off the reservation and away from their families and communities, just to own a home."

Passing the HEARTH Act into law, said McCollum, would allow tribal governments to lease the land directly, making the process faster and easier for American Indians to buy homes on tribal lands. McCollum added, "This leasing structure would also encourage community and economic development on tribal lands, and spur renewable energy development in Indian

Country. Tribal governments will be able to control their own land and direct the necessary resources to construct community centers and fill commercial spaces."

The bill also sets forth the required environmental review processes required under tribal leasing regulations that must be in place to gain approval from the DOI. The review process calls for identification and evaluation of any significant effects a proposed lease may have on the environment and sufficient time to allow public comment on those effects.

The HEARTH Act is pending approval from the U.S. Senate before going to the president of the United States to be signed into law.

This Act should not be confused with another act with the same acronym passed in 2009.

## Supreme Court ruling on "Obamacare" affirms Indian Health Care Improvement Act permanence, provisions

BY RICK SMITH

The United States Supreme Court rendered a decision last June 28 in the case of the National Federation of Independent Business et. al. v. Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services. The case involved the constitutionality of key provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed by Congress in 2010. The Affordable Care Act is commonly referred to as "Obamacare," the most contentious provisions in question require most Americans to maintain "minimum essential" health insurance coverage beginning in 2014 and that states must accept

certain terms to receive federal Medicaid expansion funding. The aim of the provisions is to increase the number of Americans with access to health services and decrease the cost of health care.

Included in the Affordable Care Act is the Indian Health Care Improvement Act passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama in March 2010. The Supreme Court essentially upheld the Affordable Care Act, the president's overhaul of health care in the United States.

While it appears the Supreme Court's decision will not end all squabbles over the Affordable Care Act regarding matters such as funding, encroachment on the

sovereignty of states, views of religious institutions and other details, the decision does reaffirm the permanent Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 2010 as it was not a point of the overall contentions in the Affordable Care Act.

According to the U.S. Health and Human Services, some of the many major changes and improvements to health care services in Indian Country include authorization for hospice care, assisted living and long-term care programs along with other health care based in homes and communities. It allows tribes and tribal organizations to buy health benefits coverage for Indian Health

Service (IHS) beneficiaries, authorizes IHS to make arrangements with the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense to share medical facilities and services, updates laws on the ability of Indian health facilities to collect reimbursements from Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, authorizes urban Indian organizations to establish programs to train and employ Indians to provide health care services and directs the IHS to establish comprehensive behavioral health, prevention and treatment programs.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act also mandates

certain funding sources to support health care in Indian Country.

Prior to President Obama signing the Indian Health Care Improvement Act into law in 2010, the provisions of the original and very different original version passed by Congress in 1976 had to be reauthorized at intervals. American Indian tribes and tribal organizations began pushing for an updated and permanent version of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act in 2000, according to Yvette Roubideaux, director of the Indian Health Service.

(Editor's note: Read more on this subject in Cathy Abramson's unit report on page 27.)

# Forum focused on economic diversification

LANSING — The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) hosted its third annual tribal-state economic forum in Lansing on May 17 and 18. The event was attended by about 85 people, including representatives from nine of Michigan's 12 Indian tribes, as well as participants from other tribes from across the United States.

"We are excited to be working with Michigan's Indian tribes to grow more and better jobs and retain our youth and talent in Michigan," said Terri Fitzpatrick, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa and vice president of tribal business development for the MEDC. "The MEDC works with each tribe on an individual basis, respectful of unique interests and proprietary information."

Attendees were exposed to a variety of business development topics ranging from business,



**A speaker addresses attendees at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation third annual tribal-state economic forum in Lansing.**

finance and government contracting to agri-business, aquaculture and alternative energy. Three of Michigan's tribes — the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, and the Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community — shared inspirational project stories with the gathering.

Lisa McComb, executive director of Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc., a Native-certified

community development financial institution, discussed the various entrepreneurial funding and services provided by NSLF, Inc. to the local community. The Northern Shores Loan Fund was formed by the Little Traverse Bay Bands to promote economic and community development.

Dennis Worden, legislative director for the Native American Contractors Association in Washington, D.C., and a member

of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Idaho, encouraged tribes to use their distinct tribal advantages to pursue federal contracting opportunities.

"The federal government is the largest purchaser of goods and services in the world," Worden said.

Kip Richie, Forest County Potawatomi of Wisconsin and chief operation officer for the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, served as the keynote speaker and provided an overview of how his tribe initiated its non-gaming business diversification efforts.

"It did not happen overnight and not everything was a win," Richie said. "But we successfully moved from passive investments to purchasing existing companies and pursuing federal contracting."

"A job on the rez is a job in the region," said Eric Trevan, a member of the Match-E-Be-Nash-

She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi, Gun Lake Tribe, and president and chief executive officer of Anishnabe Development. "I encourage tribal officials to plan for sustainable cooperative economies."

Frank Ettawageshik, Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa, who serves as the Executive Director of the United Tribes of Michigan, said the event and advancement of state-tribal business development collaboration had come a long way.

"We used to sit and talk about what we could do, what we should do. Today we're here talking about what we are doing, and what we have done," Ettawageshik said.

Tribal forum information can be found on the MEDC's website at [michiganadvantage.org/tribal](http://michiganadvantage.org/tribal).

For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, visit the website [MichiganAdvantage.org](http://MichiganAdvantage.org).

## Patrick Miles appointed regional U.S. attorney

GRAND RAPIDS — Grand Rapids attorney Patrick Miles Jr., 44, took the oath of office as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan July 9. Miles was nominated by President Barack Obama on March 29 and was confirmed by the United States Senate on June 29. Miles is the first African American to hold the post of U.S. Attorney for Western Michigan.

U.S. Attorney Miles replaces Donald A. Davis.

Miles began his legal career as an associate at the Grand Rapids-based law firm of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett in 1991 after graduating from

Harvard Law School. He became a partner at the age of 29 and was the first African American partner in Varnum's 110-year history. Miles joined the national law firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC in 2006 as a partner based in the Grand Rapids office. In 2010, Miles ran to represent Michigan's Third District in Congress. He won the Democratic primary, but did not win the November general election.

A Grand Rapids native, Miles graduated from Ottawa Hills High School at the age of 16. After spending a year at Great Lakes Bible College (now known as Great Lakes



**Patrick Miles Jr.**

Christian College), Miles graduated from Aquinas College with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration with an economics major. Miles served as President of the Grand Rapids Bar Association from 2004 to 2005. He also was chairman of the Aquinas College Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2008. Most recently, he was President of the Grand Rapids Black Chamber of Commerce. His local community involvement includes past service as a board member and officer of Advisory Center for Teens, Greater Grand Rapids YMCA, Hope Network, Inner-City Christian Federation,

Spectrum Health Foundation, Spectrum Health Hospitals, and DeVos Children's Hospital Foundation. Miles previously was elected as a Grand Rapids Bar Association Trustee and chaired its Diversity Committee from 1998 to 2002.

The U.S. Attorney is the chief law enforcement officer in the District, responsible for federal criminal prosecutions and civil cases involving the U.S. Government. The Western District of Michigan consists of 49 counties, including the entire Upper Peninsula, as well as 11 federally-recognized Native American Indian tribes.

## Member-owned business serves five U.P. counties

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Ground Source Heating & Refrigeration of Garden, Mich., is co-owned by a brother-sister team, Sault Tribe members Bryan and Aimee Goudreau. They opened their doors for business July 1 with a month's worth of work already scheduled. Bryan said they hope to work hand-in-hand with residents, contractors and businesses of Delta, Alger, Schoolcraft, Mackinaw and Chippewa counties to build lasting relationships and provide the best service at an affordable rate.

Ground Source is a service provider of refrigeration and heating equipment offering maintenance and installation. They also offer sales, installation and maintenance of air conditioning, gas fireplaces, restaurant kitchen equipment, HEPA filtration systems and Bryan is certified and will be specializing in geo-thermal design and installation. They are available 24/7 for emergency service calls with no overtime charges for customers who sign up for their yearly maintenance program.

If you are a business or residential customer planning a construction project, Ground Source can help you from the planning stage through to completion with your kitchen, heating and refrigeration needs.

Bryan and his sister agree they



**Bryan Goudreau**

would like to buy USA-made products as much as possible. They also offer tribal member and elder discounts. Recognizing that residents of the UP live in mostly rural areas, Bryan said in order to help customers living in the more remote areas, Ground Source will charge a rate of .55 cents per mile and \$25 an hour for travel time with their professional rate of \$75 an hour beginning when they are actually on the job.

"I enjoy helping people and offering clean renewable energy products," Bryan said. He hopes to add solar and wind energy products to his inventory next year. "I decided I can take more pride and responsibility in quality service if I can provide it myself. I believe in providing the best service for your money and doing the best I can for what you are going to spend with me."

Bryan is certified as a heavy equipment operator and has an associate's degree in HVAC from Mid Michigan College. He is also EPA certified, ARI certified, holds a Michigan contractors license and is certified in geo-thermal design and installation. Since 1996 he has worked for Michigan companies as a HVAC service technician and as a refrigeration technician.

Bryan and Aimee grew up in the construction and service industry — their father owns

Goudreau & Associates, Inc., offering architectural and engineering design services.

Aimee, who is the president of Ground Source, has been helping Bryan build a business plan and put policies and procedures in place for the new company. She said, "Our business is family owned. We have a shared vision, value and goals with a dedicated team to stand behind our work. We strive hard to achieve the highest quality of customer service and satisfaction."

Bryan, who is the service manager, said his goal is to take care of their customers in a timely manner and as efficiently as they can.

Bryan said that Ground Source would be working with a local bank in Delta County to offer low interest rate loans to help customers finance their energy projects.

To make an appointment or for more information, call Bryan or Aimee at (906) 450-0408, email [groundsourcehtg@gmail.com](mailto:groundsourcehtg@gmail.com).

## Comanche Nation appoints first ambassador to Spain

ALBUQUERQUE — LaDonna Harris (Comanche), President and Founder of Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO), was appointed on May 16 as the first Comanche Nation Ambassador to Spain and Castilla-La Mancha by chairman of the Comanche Nation, Johnny Wauqua.

Harris was appointed following a private traditional Comanche ceremony, when Wauqua presented her with the title and the proclamation. Spain has entered into official agreement with Sia, an Oklahoma-based nonprofit organization



**LaDonna Harris**

affiliated with the Comanche Nation, for the purpose of pres-

ervation of the Spanish Imperial Eagle. In both the Spanish and Comanche culture, eagles have a historical and cultural symbolism and attachment.

The proclamation states that Harris was appointed as ambassador "to honor this landmark in diplomatic relations and to properly facilitate continued good will with the people of Spain."

"I am humbled and honored to represent the Comanche Nation to our brothers and sisters in Spain," said Harris, who also serves on the Comanche Nation Ethno-Ornithological Initiative (SIA) Board of Directors.

# Third annual Sault Area Auto Show delights



Above left, detail of a classic 1967 Mercury Cougar display featuring Matchbox replicas of the model arranged on the top of the air filter of the real thing. Above right, the real thing in all of its gleaming glory. The Cougar was one of the classics competing in the third annual Sault Area Auto Show on June 16 near the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Other than shiny displays of rolling works of engineering and art, the show featured food, beverages, awards and door prizes. Watch for the Sault Area Auto Show next year.



Left, the front end of a mighty fine looking 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle Super Sport 427. Above, the same Chevelle at the angle from which you would most likely view it if you were competing against it in a race.



Left, a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air, made back when even the more humble cars were designed and built with distinctive styling. Right, the handsome rear view of this one splendid ol' '55.



*Photos by Rick Smith*



Above left, a row of classics ready for inspection. The annual show is open to cars, trucks and motorcycles. Above right, a T-bucket alongside a more modern muscle car. Anyone interested in participating or attending the show next year should check in with Cecil at (906) 440-7849 or Brad at 440-7764 for any questions about the virtual swap meet, restoration resource table or any other aspects of the show.

# 31st annual Sault Tribe summer gathering and contest powwow held July 5-8 on reservation



Drummer Craig Moonias with Little Bear Drum from Thunder Bay, Ontario.



Mens fancy dancer.



Womens fancy dancer.



Boys grass dancer.



Girls traditional dancer.



4-year-old Leah Parr had fun blowing bubbles at the kids carnival Friday evening.



Womens traditional dancer.



Womens fancy dancer.



Jayda Ricord, 7, and facepainter Justice Guilbault.



Womens fancy dancer.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Beula Ogemaw Fowler of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, works with her son John in their traders booth.



Local artist Steve Biron was explaining to Lauren Gravelle the best way to drill a hole in an abalone shell. Both are Sault Tribe members.



Anthony Bourne, 8, spun in circles with his bubble wand.



Left to right: Frank Parr, 12, Quinten Jacobson, 13, Brendan Shipman, 13, Devyn McKeever, 13, Alaysia Brewer and Ally Kyllonen, 14.



Girls fancy dancer.



Teen fancy shawl girls lining up for the judges.



The Super Kids hand drum group from Oneida, Wisc. — Kitahna Silas, 5, Floyd Wayne Silas III, 10, Chinodin, 12, Micayla Silas, 7.



Golden age traditional mens dancer.



Boys teen traditional dancer.



Womens traditional dancer.



Youth boys grass dancer.



Aunt Melissa and nephew Anthony Laughlin, 8.



Teen girls traditional dancer.

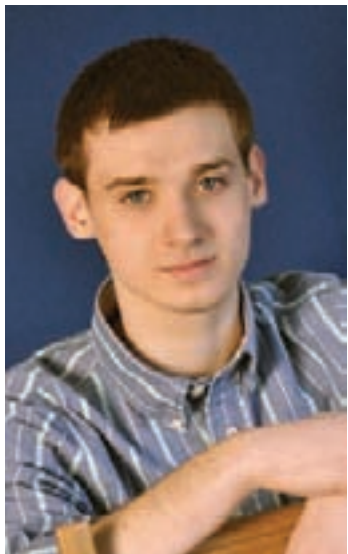


Youth boys grass dancer.





Drew Paquin, Cedarville Title VII Indian Education coordinator.



Jordan Warner



Darci Wilson



Kyle Goetz



Nate VanAlstine



Erin Currie



Barb Smutek receives talking staff from Robin LaTour (L-R).



Cedarville graduates Danial Landreville, Kaytelyn Williams, Reat Stacy Moss and Erin Currie.



Terry LaTour presents participation certificate to James Landreville.



Lisa Burnside hugs TYC participant Morgan McQuiston.



Terry LaTour presents certificate to Josh Savlador. YEA assistant Robin LaTour looks on.

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# Sault Tribe students get bachelor's, excel in engineering



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brown are proud to announce their son, Brant, has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in product design engineering technology from Ferris State University during the May 5, 2012, commencement exercises.

Brant received an Associate of Science degree in computer aided drafting and tool design from Ferris State University in 2010. Brant is a 2008 graduate of Rudyard High School and a 2008 recipient of the Drafting and Design Technology Outstanding Student Award presented by the Sault Area Career Center.

Brant is a Sault Tribe member and would like to thank the tribe for all of the assistance he has received in achieving this goal.

He has accepted a position as an exterior designer with General Motors Corporation and will be working in Warren, Mich.



Baillie Rae McNally, daughter of Dan and Donna McNally of Burrillville, R.I., and granddaughter of the late Raymond and Ruth McNally of Munising, Mich., graduated May 12 from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, Mass., with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering with a concentration in Materials Science.

She completed two projects required for graduation. Her junior project included developing and designing rain barrel prototypes for a green neighborhood. Her senior project involved determining the heat treatment effects on hardness and microstructure of aluminum alloys.

As a starting point guard for the last three years on the WPI women's basketball team, Baillie broke the record for most minutes played in a career (3,185 minutes) and most minutes played in a season (1,048 minutes). She also was named to the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) All-Academic Team, and played on a NEWMAC regular season championship team and an Eastern College Athletic Conference New England Division III championship team.

Baillie was recently awarded a research assistantship and will continue her education at WPI working toward a master's of mechanical engineering degree. She sincerely thanks the tribe for their continued support during the four years she was attending college.

# Yale grad plans to help curb extinction of indigenous languages

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Calvin Hartwig recently earned a Master of Arts in international relations and authored a paper titled,

*Language as an Aspect of Identity and Indigeneity.*

The word "indigeneity" refers to the qualities and concepts found in indigenous societies.



Calvin Hartwig

Now he seeks to build about two years of work experience before pursuing further graduate degrees in linguistics.

"About every two weeks another language dies, most of which are indigenous languages. Most of the time, aspects of the culture and knowledge that's embedded in that language dies with the last speaker," said Hartwig. He aims to help protect and revitalize indigenous languages.

He said linguistics degrees would give him the tools to help him understand languages and revitalization techniques. To that end, once he has achieved those degrees, his goal is to remain in academia as a professor, teaching students, in addition to working with communities and organizations in the field to reinvigorate ancestral tongues. Along with working with students and communities, he would also look at incorporating non-government organizations into his works.

Hartwig was a 2011 recipient of the George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship as well as a 2010 recipient of scholarships from the Michigan Indian Elders Association, American Indian Education Foundation and Michigan Tech Julian Percy Award. He earned a Master of Arts in international relations from Yale University at graduation commencement ceremonies last May.

According to Yale University, he earned an associate degree in humanities and a Bachelor of Science in social sciences with a minor in German from Michigan Technological University in 2010. He also studied at Tampere

University of Technology in Finland and American University in Washington, D.C.

As an undergraduate, Hartwig served as a legislative and public affairs intern at the National Science Foundation where he researched international law and the impacts of scientific research on indigenous peoples. In addition, he wrote his senior thesis comparing indigenous self-determination between two Ojibwe communities along the U.S. and Canadian border and has participated in indigenous rights activism.

In 2011, Hartwig interned with the United Nations Secretariat for the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and studied German at the University of Heidelberg. At Yale, he learned how indigenous peoples can assert their rights at the international level in these times of increasing globalization. In addition, he was co-chair of the Yale Native American Law Students Association and would incorporate what he has learned of a variety of laws and policies as they apply to American Indians and other indigenous peoples.

Hartwig was also involved with the non-violent encampment in protest of the Kennecott Eagle Mine north of Marquette at a site sacred to the Ojibwe, Eagle Rock. The mining operations will desecrate the site in the eyes of the Ojibwe. Hartwig was a fire-keeper and camper during the organized protest in the summer of 2010. The battle continues through other avenues even as the mining operations commenced last September.

Currently, Hartwig has a rudimentary command of Anishinaabemowin and is dedicated to understanding the story of the language along with becoming fluent.

"Many people think they don't have time to learn their ancestral language," said Hartwig. "But you take time for what you think is important." He indicated strengthening the language strengthens the identity and culture, which in turn would help preserve it for coming generations.

Hartwig is a 2006 graduate of Sault Area High School.

# Births –



CIARAN CRAWFORD GILMORE

Adam and Dareth (nee McCoy) Gilmore of Johnstown, Ohio, are the parents of a son, Ciaran Crawford Gilmore, born on March 16, 2012, at 1:13 p.m. in the Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 21 inches in length.

He joins Cael and Brielle at home. Grandparents are Sheri Poirier of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., 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. Great-grandparents are Norris and Kathleen Poirier of Pickford, Mich., and Joyce and the late Art McCoy of Sugar Island.

KEANE PAWLANTA

Keane Matthew Jona Pawlanta was born at 6:02 p.m., May 16, 2012, at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, Mich. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

His parents are Ken and Kathleen (nee Donnelly) Pawlanta. He joins siblings Chase, 14, Kenley, 10, Peter, 8, Lake, 6, and Kaid, 3. His grandparents are Pete and Elaine Donnelly and George and Deb Brugman, all of Brimley, and Gene and Lona Pawlanta of Gaylord. Grandparents are Leon and Joyce First of Brimley and Kenneth Gilbert of Avon Park, Fla.



TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH — Sheila Compton, Kewadin Sault Executive Host, is the Team Member of the Month for June. Stop by the Executive Host office to congratulate her! Thanks for all your hard work, Sheila!



Kaden Germain holds the award plaque for Most Improved Reader in First Grade in Soo Township Schools. The award is made in memory of Mary Kessinger by the Title VII Education Program.

# O-Ke-Wash descendants spread far and wide

BY KEN WENGERT

This photo is of O-Ke-Wash, also known as Sophia Sagataw and Sophia Williams. She's listed on the Durant Roll as well as the 1870 census of Chippewa and Ottawa of Michigan. She's also the common ancestor of the Sagataws of Hannahville; the Hardwicks of Delta County; Macabee descendants of Delta, Chippewa and Mackinac Counties; and Williams descendants of Sault Ste. Marie. Since her descendants are scattered across the country, and include members of the Hannahville, Sault, and Grand Traverse Band tribes, I think the best way to share the photo with my distant relatives is to have it printed in tribal newsletters.

O-ke-wash is my great-great-great-grandmother, and I'm descended from her daughter Sophia Hardwick. I've been researching this family for several years, and my grandmother had given me the original tin-type photo years ago. My grandmother didn't know the name of the boy in the photo, but most likely it's one of O-ke-wash's sons.

A member of the Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa, Sophia "O-ke-wash" was born about 1831, and was married at least twice—first to Joseph Medwesh and later to James Williams. According to her granddaughter, Elizabeth (Hardwick) Stone Paquette, Joseph Medwesh had gone away to fight in the



**Ken Wengert's grandmother gave him the above tintype of her great great grandmother O-Ke-Wash, born in 1831, posing with a boy who is one of her sons.**

Civil War and never returned. By 1868, Sophia was married to James Williams, and according to the 1907 Durant Roll and other census records, they lived in

Stonington, Delta County, where James died on July 30, 1909. In 1920 Sophia was living with her granddaughter, Annie (Macabee) Nadeau in Stonington. Her

date and place of death remain unknown, as does her place of burial.

The Durant Roll lists four living children in 1907:

George Sigwate (or Sagataw) was born around 1854, and married Christine Osawwawneke (although Christine's death record states that her maiden name was Neance). George and Christine farmed in Stonington, Delta County, and had at least nine children: Alex, Lawrence, Emma, Benedict, Martin, Joseph, Annie, Martha and Lucy. The family suffered tragically during the flu epidemic of 1918 when Christine and three children died in the span of two weeks. The Sagataws moved to Hannahville by 1930, and George died in Harris on April 24, 1930. George's son, Benedict, was a veteran of World War I and settled in Harbor Springs.

Sophia Medwesh was born around 1857, and her marriage record states that her father's name was Joseph Medwesh. Sophia married George Hardwick in Escanaba on Dec. 26, 1875. They farmed in Stonington, Delta County, where they raised five sons and three daughters: Moses, Catherine, George, David, John, Ellen, Elizabeth and Joseph. Sophia died in a house fire on May 17, 1912, while trying to rescue her 6-year-old granddaughter, Hazel Boursaw, who also perished in the fire. Her husband died in Nahma Township,

Delta County, on June 23, 1929. Both are buried in Indiantown Cemetery in Delta County.

Mary Medwesh was born around 1862, and she married Moses Macabee in Fayette on Feb. 5, 1883. They farmed in Bay de Noc and Nahma Townships in Delta County, where they raised one son and five daughters: Jennie, Anna, Frank, Mae, Rose and Eva. Mary died on July 8, 1914, and was buried in Indiantown Cemetery in Delta County. Her husband moved to Manistique around 1920, where he died on April 19, 1935.

Norman Williams was born around 1868, and his father was James Williams. Norman married Angeline Beaver in Delta County on July 13, 1891, and they had five children: Mary, Sophia, Norman, Jane and Louise. Norman worked in the woods and the family spent many years in Schoolcraft County. By 1930 he and his wife had settled in Sault Ste. Marie; their daughter Louise was married to Norman Bouley by this time, and was living on Sugar Island. Norman Williams died in 1941 and Angeline died on Feb. 27, 1958, in Sault Ste. Marie. She was buried in Hessel Cemetery in Mackinac County.

If you have information on these families, I'd like to hear from you. I can be contacted by mail to Ken Wengert, 17703 Avy School Rd., Pecatonica, IL 61063; by phone at (815) 298-2703; or by email to [kjw3.66@gmail.com](mailto:kjw3.66@gmail.com).



**GOLDEN MEMORIES** — Sault Tribe employee Randy Menard shared his grandparent's 50th anniversary picture, taken May 9, 1973, with Win Awenen Nisitotung. Pictured in the front row (L-R) are Louis A. Menard and Rose M. Menard; back row (L-R) Joseph M. Menard, Louis H. Menard, Marlene M. Menard (McDermott), John M. Menard and Robert G. Menard.

## Kannan recognized for extraordinary impact on student achievement

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Chole Kannan was recently awarded the Sue Lehmann Award for Excellence in Teaching, which recognizes extraordinary Teach for America second-year teachers in urban and rural public schools. Kannan, who is a resident of Ruleville, Miss., was one of five Teach For America award recipients. A seventh and eighth grade reading and language arts teacher, she is also the department chair at

Ruleville Middle School. Award recipients each received a \$5,000 prize.

A native of Snellville, Ga., Kannan is a 2009 graduate from Brookwood High School and a graduate of the University of Michigan.

According to its website, Teach For America recruits, trains, and supports recent graduates and professionals who commit to teach for two years in under-served schools and who

become lifelong leaders of educational equity. It has more than 9,000 corps members teaching in 43 urban and rural regions throughout the country.

As reported in a Teach For America news release, Kannan focused on the importance of literacy and led her students to remarkable academic growth. She helped build a love of reading within the school community and has created partnerships with local businesses and national

literacy organizations to help fill her classroom with books.

Teach For America Manager of Teacher Leadership Development and Kannan's instructional coach Shannon Wenck, said "She works tirelessly to ensure that all of her students realize their potential and become advocates of their own education."

The annual award was created in honor of longtime Teach For America national board member

Sue Lehmann to recognize the finest in teaching. Teach For America instructional coaches submit nominations for evaluation by regional panels and then a national selection committee where the award recipients are chosen.

According to its website, Teach For America Chloe Kannan is the daughter of Shelley Marie Payment and Ravi Kannan and granddaughter of Merlin and Madeline Payment.

### Neusser goes to White Earth



In November 2011, Michael Neusser, member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, was hired as the Economic Development and Marketing manager for the White Earth Nation of Minnesota. Neusser is assisting White Earth in marketing their social services and business development as well as administration of their websites and social media networks. He will also be volunteering time to White Earth Youth in construction of recreational trails.

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Seandra Lynne Thompson, Nathaniel Reinier Thompson, Donnie Thompson, all of Sault Ste. Marie, and Elizabeth Wellington of Dubuque, Iowa; his sister, Marcy (Joseph) Biron of Athens, Mich.; his brother, Joseph Bart O'Connor of Beckley, W.V.; his sister, Melissa (Chris) Meredith of Jonestown Pa.; and his sisters, Valerie Whitman, Veronna Newman, Venessa Newman, Tia Patterson; and brother, Tristian Newman, all of North Dakota. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunt, uncles and many cousins. Rodney also leaves behind four special cousins, Barb Gregory, Bob Brown, Sam Pins and Sue Pins.

He was preceded in death by all of his grandparents.

Rodney will be sadly missed by the many people whose lives he touched so deeply.

Visitation was on July 6 at Community of Christ Church, followed by services with Elder Kent Kramer officiating. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

**ANDREW GRANT SHEBER**

Andrew Grant Sheber, 15, of St. Ignace, died unexpectedly June 27, 2012, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 2, 1996, in Petoskey, to Daniel and Kerry (Grogan) Sheber.

Andrew had just finished his freshman year at LaSalle High School. He excelled in football and was a friend to all. Andrew was known for his big smile. He sincerely loved football and had earned many medals and certificates. He volunteered at the Mackinac County Animal Shelter and spent his vacation time caring for the animals while doing chores at the shelter. He worked at McDonald's restaurant for the past year and was loved by everyone. He was an excellent shooter and gun handler and deer hunting with his father was his passion.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and an active member of the United Methodist Church in St. Ignace.

Andrew is survived by his parents, Dan and Kerry Sheber of St. Ignace; two nieces, Autumn and Summer; many aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Edward and Bernadette Jean (nee Soelter) Sheber, and William and Joan Grogan.

Friends called at the St. Ignace United Methodist Church. Services followed officiated by Pastor Erik Alsgaard. Burial was in St. Ignatius Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the family, with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home.

**ROBERT S. WILLIS**

Robert, born on Oct. 16, 1955, passed away on June 10, 2012, from non-Hopkins lymphoma.

Surviving are his brothers and sisters, Suzanne (Willis) Strom

(late Gary), Clyde (Dawn) Willis, Cheryl (Willis) Payton (late James), Sheila (Harvey) Bartlett and Martin (Suzanne) Willis.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Mr. Richard M. Willis and Mary E. (Betty) Povey, and his brothers, Richard V. Willis and Randolph L. Willis.

Robert loved to go fishing and hunting with his father on Neebish Island. They hunted mostly on their grandparents' (Clyde and Mildred Willis') farm. They went to Neebish every chance they could, lots of fond memories and pictures.

A visit to Sid Parr was never a question. The fiddle, guitar and harmonica were played. Robert loved the Beatles and played his guitar while listening to their music.

After his parents were buried at the Presbyterian Cemetery on the island, Bob could never bring himself to go back to the island.

Robert will be greatly missed by family, his dear friends and many relatives. He will be buried near his parents and grandparents on Neebish Island.

**ARLENE RODUNCE**

Arlene Merriam Kanzig Rodunce began her path on May 29, 1924, and ended her path on March 29, 2012.

Arlene lived life with a passion — a Native American woman before her time. She loved to ride her 1942 Indian motorbike with her husband, Ed Kanzig. Together they owned Lay Rite Tile and Linoleum in Linwood, Mich. Arlene was one of the first five women to be one of the Rosie the Riveters, installing the windows on the bomber planes in World War II. After the war, Arlene became a registered nurse and worked at Bay City Hospital in Michigan and eventually became a teacher of nursing. Along the way, Arlene got her pilot's license and flew a Cessna in her 50s. Arlene also taught office management, insurance billing and accounting. In her later years, Arlene taught genealogy in numerous Mormon temples. Arlene loved her missions and callings with the LDS church.

Arlene is survived by her brother, Glenn Merriam; her sisters, Lorraine West and Joyce Merriam; four children, Jan Marie Kanzig, Edward Henry Kanzig, Jackie Jean Brennon and Scott Crampton; 27 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Arlene was preceded in death by five children, Chris Kanzig, Kevin Kanzig, Darlene

**In loving memory of Michael A. McClusky, Nov. 11, 1956 – July 14, 1991.**

Those we love, don't go away. They walk beside us every day unseen, unheard, but always near.

Still loved, still missed and very, very dear.

— Love,  
Mom, brothers and sister

Hott, Pamela Crampton and Pat Doering; and her parents, Fredrick J. Merriam and Leona Marie Vallier.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank the Good Samaritan Society and the LDS Church in Prescott Valley, Ariz., for all their love, care and support.

**SHEENA LEE BOUSCHOR**

Sheena Lee Bouschor, 25, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on June 28, 2012, at her home.

Sheena, known by her family and friends as "Sheep," was born on March 22, 1987, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. She graduated from Sault Area High School with the class of 2005. She later attended Lake Superior State University. She was employed at the Big Bear Arena where she worked in many positions. Most recently, she worked in the summer recreation program where she was promoted to youth program leader. She enjoyed working with children each day. She was very athletic, playing many different sports over the years, which included softball and basketball. Hockey was the sport she most excelled at. Sheena began playing at 10 years old in the Soo Michigan Hockey Association. She also played all across Ontario and United States at a high level, playing several years with the Soo, Ontario, Wildcats (OWHA). She was selected and attended the USA Development Select 15 and 16 Festivals in Rochester, N.Y. Marquette Iron Rangers U-19 (MWEHL) was the last organization Sheena played for. Many college hockey programs scouted Sheena and showed interest in her. Yale University hockey program was the most prestigious of the many universities that pursued her. Most recently, Sheena enjoyed being part of the Hospice Hockey Tournaments in Sault Ste. Marie. She also enjoyed being with her family and friends, listening to music, and spending time on the beach at family cabins in Bay Mills and Brimley. She loved spending time with her dog, named "Sheep," who was just like a kid to her. Sheena was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Sheena's beautiful smile and personality will always be close to our hearts.

Sheena is survived by her mother, April (Jason) Bouschor of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and father, Thomas (Karen) Farnquist Jr., both of Sault Ste. Marie,

Mich.; her brothers, Trevor and Trenton McRorie of Sault Ste. Marie; her grandparents, Shirley Farnquist, Darlene Bouschor, and Thomas (Chris Sams) Farnquist Sr., all of Sault Ste. Marie; a great-grandfather, Charlie Krull of Sault Ste. Marie; and a great-grandmother, Jean Menerey, of Sault Ste. Marie. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and special friend, Allen McKerchie. She is also survived by extended family, Tom and Brenda Cook and Carol Farrish.

Sheena was preceded in death by her grandfather, of whom she was very fond, Raymond (Mick) Bouschor.

A funeral service was held July 2 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Brother John Hascall officiating. Burial was at Mission Hill Cemetery. A memorial will be set up in the near future with Soo Michigan Hockey Association in Sheena's name.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Sheena Bouschor Family to help with funeral expenses.

**ROGER WAYNE "BIG DUFF" DUFFINEY, 64, of Cheboygan, passed away June 30, 2012, in Cheboygan.**

He was born May 26, 1948, in Cheboygan to George and Marion (Fortune) Duffiney.

Roger was an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians, he was also an auto mechanic and also drove tow truck in Cheboygan for many years. Big Duff enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He and Shelly were married on July 11, 1992, in Cheboygan.

Mr. Duffiney is survived by his wife, Shelly; three children, Cindy Marie (Jeff) Doss, of Alanson, Roger Oliver Duffiney, of Cheboygan, and Jason James (Alli) Lovelly of North Dakota; eight grandchildren, Jeffy, Gabe, McKayla, Joey, Zephryn, Chauncey, Hannah and Devin; half-brother, Eddie (Katie) Kasprzak of New York; two sisters, Nancy (Ken) Fader, of Lachine, and Carol Duffiney, of Cheboygan; sister-in-law, Barb Duffiney, of Cheboygan; first wife, Pamela Carter, of Cheboygan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Marion; and a brother, George.

Beck Funeral Home will announce his memorial service when the date is set. Online condolences may be addressed to [www.beckfuneralhome.org](http://www.beckfuneralhome.org).

**ARTHUR CHARLES CAIRNS**

Arthur C. (Chuck) Cairns, was born at Payment on Sugar Island on May 28, 1936, to Jean and Arthur Cairns. He died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family on May 16, 2012.

Chuck was very loyal to



and beloved by his family and friends. His help, advice, courage, wisdom and grace will be missed and remembered. He had a great effect on his nephews and nieces and grandchildren.

Chuck graduated Loretto High School, several Gas Company schools, a diesel mechanic school and held minor degrees from schools of hard knocks.

Chuck loved music and was an accomplished guitar and banjo player. He had made his home in Ventura, Calif., for the past 50 years.

The third of five children, he was predeceased by his parents, brothers, John and Francis, and sister, Eleanor.

Chuck is survived by his daughter, Noreen, son-in-law, Allan and granddaughter Nicole; his son, David, and family; his brother, Gary, and sisters-in-law Ella, of Grass Valley, Calif., and Wilma, of Sugar Island, Mich.

**"I Can Feel Again"**

Every time I find myself, I don't know the person who was me

I get lost in time, trying to make the younger man free; Every time I get somewhere, I know that this isn't the place to be

A blindness appears in the old man, thinking a younger man is he.

Every time I dream of youth, I believe in my heart I am young again

When I awake in the morning, I am reminded of what gives me pain

Every time I only want sunshine, I realize I can't grow without rain

That this thinking of being young will only drive me further insane.

Bring to me the radiance that once was so prevalent in my eyes

Guide to me the reality to not believe again in those old lies;

Say to me something that will show to me a happy surprise

That I don't need to feel the blues at how quickly time flies.

Loveliness in a beautiful day doesn't mean that we have to grow old

It is in you and me no matter how our lives will unfold;

That charm we have when we listen to the story that has been told

The richness we find can't be bought with any silver or gold.

Youth, I love you with all the power that is in my heart

I cherish you always though in me you have to depart;

I know that within every day there is a brand new start That in every artist is the fresh beginnings of new art.

I'm waiting for the sound of what made me happy inside

The days of humility when I did not know any pride;

I'm hoping to find that Friend who once was my guide

So that I can feel again the childlike tears I have cried.

— *Written by David Houghton on May 15, 2010*

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## Best egg on English muffin

FROM THE KITCHEN OF BOB FLOWERS

Now, everyone knows I'm as curious as they come. I have to try everything, try to improve everything, at least in my culinary world. So I searched for the proper technique. After several poor attempts, I read about this thing called a coddled egg, which is another name for a poached egg. This method produced a wonderful egg that was yummy and texturally superior, and so I share it with you, along with the other ingredients that make this egg on English muffin recipe work.

Ingredients:

- 1 large egg per person
- Enough water to fill sauce pan 5 inches deep
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 English muffin per person
- Meat to fit muffin, such as breakfast sausage, Canadian bacon, ham or bacon
- 2 slices Muenster, Monterey Jack, American, Swiss cheese or Velveeta slice
- Ground pepper
- Coat the bottom of a small

sauce pan with cooking oil and add water to fill between 3 to 5 inches deep. Add salt and bring to a boil. While the water is heating, toast the English muffins, then spread with butter. Start the meat over medium heat in your favorite frying pan, I use my cast iron pans for this. When the water comes to a boil, reduce the heat until the water becomes still. Gently break the raw egg into the hot water. Place the cheese onto the English muffin and then the cooked meat. Test the egg by gently poking the egg white at its thickest part with a slotted spoon. When the egg white is firm but still tender, remove the egg with the slotted spoon and allow it to drain. Place on top of the meat and serve.

As you use this method, you will become an expert at telling when the egg is cooked perfectly to your taste.

Of course, if you can make hollandaise sauce, then omit the cheese, place ham on the English muffin, the egg and sauce as Eggs Benedict.

## I Would Appreciate Your VOTE on AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>

*"Committed to efficiently and effectively leading Mackinac County Sheriff's Department to a high degree of professionalism, improve the working environment and improve the department to better serve and protect Mackinac County residents and visitors."*



## IVAN WILDE

**Experienced  
Committed  
Successful**

I was born in St. Ignace and I'm a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. My mother, Addie (Savard) Wilde was born and raised here, as was her family. My father was Ivan E. Wilde, who came to St. Ignace for employment opportunities. He met my mother and the rest is history.

### — OVER 40 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE & SUCCESS —

**1970:** Oceana County Sheriff's Department reserve officer. Promoted to Vice Commander.  
**1973:** Oceana County Deputy. Police Academy graduate. Promoted to Detective Sergeant. Decorated for Bravery and Investigative Excellence.  
**1981:** Western Michigan University Police Department Officer. Studied Criminal Justice at WMU.  
**1982:** Part-time Hart Police Department in Oceana County. Business developments resulting

in three successful businesses.  
**1983:** Muskegon County Friend of the Court Investigator and Warrant Officer. Deputized by Muskegon County Sheriff's Dept.  
**1986:** Muskegon County Sheriff Department Deputy, promoted to Detective.  
**1999:** Purchased the Straits View Motel in Moran Township.  
**2003:** Kinross District Police Department Chief of Police.  
**2004:** Part-time Mackinac County Sheriff's Deputy.

**IMPORTANT: The Sheriff's election WILL BE DECIDED in the PRIMARY ELECTION on AUG. 7. So don't forget to vote!**



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Paid for by the committee to elect Ivan Wilde Mackinac County Sheriff.

## Fr. Brodeur goes to Mackinac

Several priests will be serving different parishes come July 3 with the clergy changes announced by Bishop Alexander K. Sample of the Catholic Diocese of Marquette.

Father Darryl Pepin, 60, will leave his 14-year pastorate of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Ironwood to become the pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bark River and St. Joseph Mission in Foster City. Born in Escanaba, Fr. Pepin was ordained a priest on June 9, 1978, by Bishop Mark F. Schmitt at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette. He has served parishes in Marquette, Manistique, Gulliver, Escanaba, Big Bay, Trenary, AuTrain and Iron Mountain, before coming to Ironwood in 1998. He was also the vocations director for the diocese for five years.

Father Robb Jurkovich, 35, will be the new pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Ironwood after spending the last six years in Menominee. He is leaving as pastor of Resurrection Parish and parochial administrator of Holy Spirit Parish, but also served at Holy Redeemer Parish in the past. Before that, Fr. Jurkovich was the associate pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Escanaba and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Wells. Born in Marquette, he was ordained to the priesthood on June 11, 2004, by Bishop James H. Garland at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette.

Succeeding Fr. Jurkovich in Menominee will be Father Mark McQuesten, 62, who has been appointed pastor of Resurrection Parish and Holy Spirit Parish. Fr. McQuesten has served as pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Bark River for the last five years and of St. Joseph Mission in Foster City for the last three years. In the past, he served parishes in Marquette, Ironwood, Rudyard, Trout Lake, Barbeau, Norway and Vulcan. He was also the Catholic Chaplain at the Kinross Correctional Facilities in the eastern U.P. Born in Detroit, Fr. McQuesten was ordained a priest on May 1, 1987, by Bishop Mark F. Schmitt at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette.



**Father Augustine Jacob (R) has succeeded Father Theodore Brodeur (L) as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Brimley and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission in Bay Mills. Father Theodore Brodeur will serve as associate pastor of the parishes of St. Anne on Mackinac Island and St. Ignatius Loyola in St. Ignace.**

Father Benjamin Hasse, 33, will return to the diocese after a year's study at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois to obtain a licentiate in Sacred Theology. He has been appointed pastor of St. Sebastian Parish in Bessemer, Immaculate Conception Parish in Wakefield and St. Catherine Mission in Marenisco. Fr. Hasse, who grew up in Kingsford, was ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 2009, by Bishop Alexander K. Sample at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette. His first priestly assignment was as associate pastor of St. Michael Parish in Marquette.

Father Joy Adimakkeel has been relieved of his positions as pastor of the faith communities in Bessemer, Wakefield and Marenisco and will transfer to the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas.

Father Theodore Brodeur will be leaving his positions as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Brimley and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission in Bay Mills to serve as associate pastor of the parishes of St. Anne on Mackinac Island and St. Ignatius Loyola in St. Ignace. Father James Williams will return to senior priest status after serving as associate pastor at St. Anne's on Mackinac Island for the last year.

Fr. Brodeur, 72, is a native



of Detroit who was ordained a priest on June 4, 1966, by Bishop Thomas L. Noa at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette. In the past, he has served parishes in Menominee, Negaunee, Escanaba, Ironwood, Grand Marais, Germfask, Goetzville, Hessel, Sault Ste. Marie and Sugar Island.

Succeeding Fr. Brodeur as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Brimley and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission in Bay Mills will be Father Augustine Jacob. Fr. Jacob, 43, spent the last year as associate pastor of St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish in Iron Mountain and St. Rose Parish in Channing. After his ordination to the priesthood on Dec. 26, 1995, he served as associate vicar and vicar at various parishes in India, as well as assistant manager and then manager of the Amal Jyothi College of Engineering.

Father Daniel Malone, 44, will become the parochial administrator of St. Rose Parish in Channing while he continues to serve as Chaplain of the Holy Cross Monastery in Iron Mountain. Father Malone, a member of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, was ordained a priest on May 19, 2007 and has served as chaplain of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns for just over one year.



**Aaron A. Payment**  
Tribal Chairperson  
"Representing All Members Everywhere"

# Chi McGwitch, Negee-ayuk! \* Join Me on A Positive New Path Forward

Wow! I cannot tell you how humbled and pleased I am to be able to address you once again as your Tribal Chairperson. I have to admit that I am a bit surprised at the outpouring of support demonstrated in the vote outcome! I cannot thank you enough for your confidence in affording me another opportunity to represent you. Chi McGwitch, Negee. With nearly a 1,000 vote margin (12%) it sure seems like a mandate for moving forward in a positive direction. I will do my best and work to remain upbeat, positive and forward thinking.

Let me also begin by congratulating all of the candidates who were recently elected; thank you to those who served; but also to all the candidates who took the time to get involved and run for office to try to improve our Tribe and ensure a better future.

During the Tribal Board and Chairperson swearing in ceremony, I urged the Tribal Board to join me in moving in a positive direction in our governance. Though some in the Tribal Board unit reports have expressed that we have had complete cooperation for the last four years, the truth is that we have been under a very divided government with two distinct camps.

The time has come to abandon this divisive approach and truly come together. I pledge to do this and pled with the Board to do the same including appointing officers who

would be complimentary to my leadership. Again, it seems with the support and votes I just received, that we have a mandate for a new approach and cooperation. I reminded the Board that those on our Board who opposed me during the election, would not be my choice for appointment of officers. In fact, with one exception, those incumbents who opposed me, lost their seats.

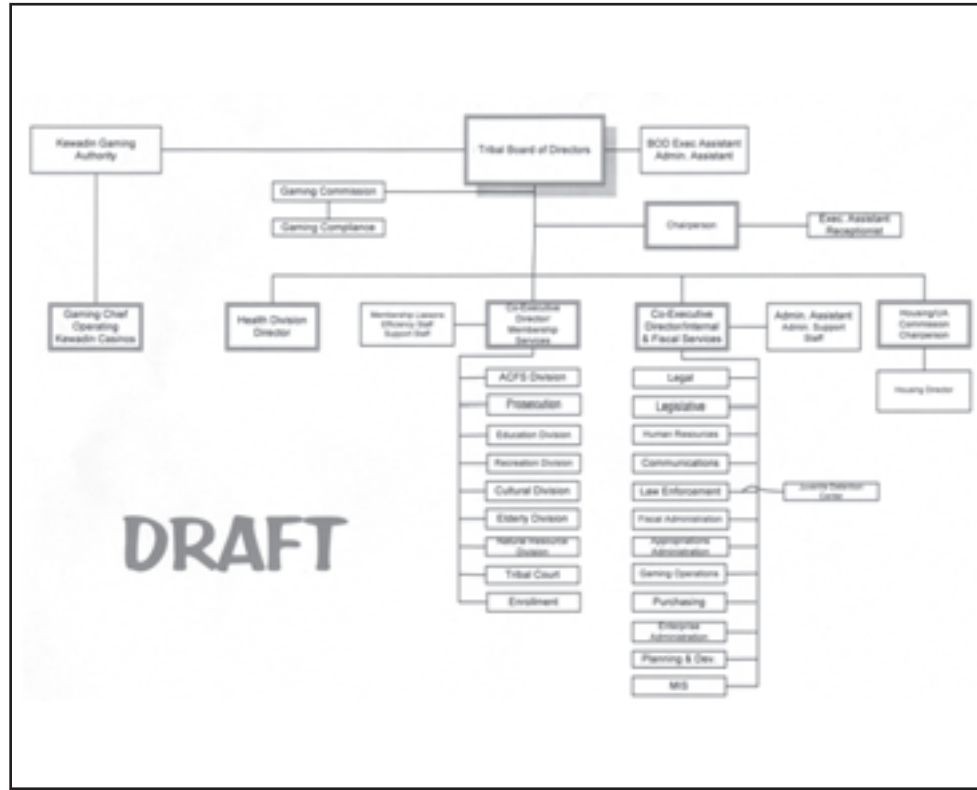
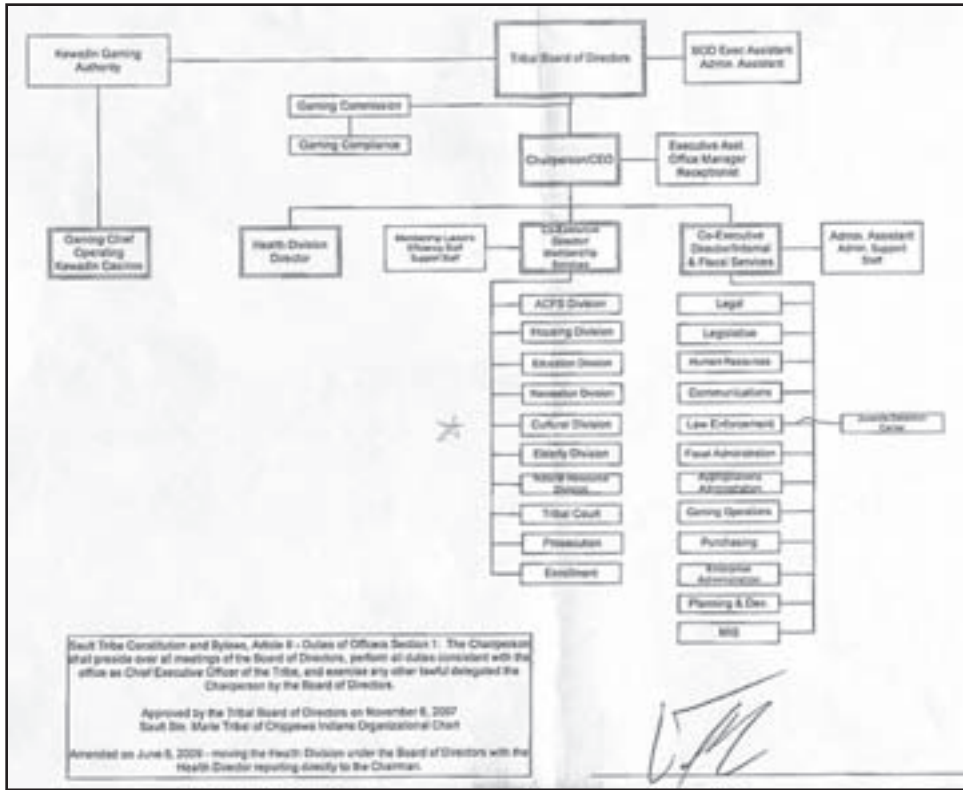
An election is scheduled two years from now. I urge those Board members who remain to work with me to find common ground so we can truly move forward. I offer an olive branch and pledge to find the good in all Board members. This new found expectation for cooperation will undoubtedly be a challenge for some. This is exemplified in the attempt by a few Board members to sneak a resolution onto the July 3rd Tribal Board Meeting agenda to dismantle the authority of the Chairper-

son by taking this position entirely out of the organizational chart [see previous chart and draft chart below]. Fortunately, a majority of the Board of Directors refused this subversive and seditious effort and rejected this idea.

By way of an explanation, Diagram 1 below, shows the current Sault Tribe organizational chart promulgated by the Tribal Board first in November 2007, as amended in June 2009. Diagram 2 represents what a few Board Members try to sneak onto the agenda before the new Board took office. The current organizational structure is very different from the one I first introduced and operated under in that it concentrates powers into two lines of authority and creates a level of dependency on two individuals in operations. Concentrating power in this way is an organization tactic to create an authoritarian and rigid organizational struc-

ture that stifles cooperation, establishes bottle necks for approval and facilitates mini-fiefdoms of power. It is a command structure. This may be sufficient for private business corporations, but hardly appropriate for a Tribe.

The other thing I have observed is that some functions have been taken from select individuals in the organizational chart to deal with conflicts of interest or with personality conflicts. This was done without re-factoring said position and adjusting pay downward. I plan to have a much different approach. I understand a few folks threatened to resign if I were elected and even emptied their offices. While I am a cooperative person and will reach out and extend an olive branch to work though things, if someone has such consternation with just the idea of working with me, I wonder if such a working relationship is even possible.



Moving forward, I have scheduled an orientation session and retreat to assist in acclimating the new Tribal Board and myself to our awesome responsibility. The goals of the orientation/retreat include:

- To facilitate Tribal Board and Chair communication;
- Find common ground on issues;
- Begin discussion on development of a new Tribal Master Strategic plan;

- Orient the Board to the organization of the Tribe;
- Discuss how to more effectively communicate with and represent Tribal citizens;
- Conduct of effective and orderly Tribal meetings;
- Make committee assignments for all Board members and Chair;
- Consider developing a job description for the Board and Chair;
- Discuss appropriate compliance with the Tribal Constitutional Amendment separating

- the Chair and CEO functions;
- Promulgate delegation of authority to the Chairperson position;
- Strategize our current and future economic development projects;
- Dialogue on operational savings in order to restore programs and services that have diminished;
- Establish a positive working relationship among the Board and Chairperson;
- Cooperatively draft an organizational chart that

- insulates the operations of the Tribe from politics and stabilizes the services and governmental operations of the Tribe.
- Identify additional areas for future training and discussions.

I am optimistic about our future. We have struggled for years though some tough situations, economic hard times and significant mis-steps, and conflict. As I mature in age (I will be 47 this summer) I recognize the finite nature of our physical life. As I contemplate what

kind of legacy I would like to leave our future generations, I think about evolving myself personally to focus on what is important and to lead us on our positive Tribal path forward. I invite others to join me in doing the same.

*Chi McGwitch, Negee,*

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# Great Lakes fish contaminants on the decrease



**KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I am sure many members have seen the recent articles that have appeared in the Detroit Free Press on Great Lakes fish consumption.

The writer of the article is Eric Sharp and he does a great disservice to the fishing industry in Michigan. In his first paragraph, he opens with, "The fish in many of Michigan's Great Lakes and inland waters are so laden with PCBs, mercury, dioxins and other chemical toxins that they shouldn't be eaten by children or women of child bearing age. And some fish from some of our waters shouldn't be eaten by anyone of any age."

He moves through the article with sweeping generalizations and finishes with a scare that eating fish causes cancer and that if you choose to eat fish eat it at your own risk but don't let children eat it at all. Then in his informational blurb at the bottom he asks for you to purchase

his fishing book for \$15. A little ironic.

The board discussed this article and wanted to meet with our wildlife biologist to find out the truth. Mr. Eric Clark presented the board with a report: overview of data used by Michigan Division of Environmental Health to set the 2011-2012 fish consumption advisory. This report was written by Mark P. Ebener, Fishery Assessment Program, Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority. It was released May 31, 2012. It is a 15-page report on exactly the same information provided by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) on fish contamination.

This report shows contamination has generally decreased over the years and most fish are safe to

consume on a regular basis from the Great Lakes treaty areas for all adults and children. Although I do agree that fish in some of the waters around Detroit and large cities in lower Michigan and in Lake Erie have larger concentrations of contaminants, it is wrong to say that Great Lakes fish in general are unfit to eat. That is factually incorrect.

Mr. Ebener summarizes at the end of the report that a similar sampling took place on the same contaminants in dairy products, meat and fish, poultry, eggs and animal fats. It does state that freshwater fish (the sampling was taken from all over the country) had the highest concentration of dioxins (1.43 EQI), followed by butter (1.07 EQI), hot dogs (.54 EQI), ocean fish (.47 EQI), pork

(.32 EQI) and milk (.12 EQI). So it shows that all food has dioxins in it and that some foods we consume daily actually accumulate dioxins faster in our systems, but MDCH only issue consumption warnings on fish. I wonder why? If anyone wants the report or wants any more information please contact the tribal natural resource department or myself.

The election is over and the new chairman and board are seated. I congratulate all on their hard fought election campaigns and look forward to working together for the betterment of the tribe. Thank you again for the calls and the e-mails. Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, (906) 643-6981, kmassaway@msn.com.

# Board reps must make full-time commitment



**DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Boozhoo kina gwaya! PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ ALL OF THIS.

The election is over; it's time to get back to work. May I say good luck to the newest board members joining the team. I also have to say Gitchi Miigwech to Pat Rickley, Bernard Bouschor and Tom Miller. I am sad to say that the institutional knowledge that the tribe lost with the departure of these three is immense and it worries me. Without that institutional knowledge, there is a strong possibility of repeating mistakes of losing what was gained on the federal or state level. Institutional knowledge is invaluable to tribes and it leaves us at a disadvantage when dealing with the state and feds, but oh well, the membership voted and we will have to navigate the waters the best that we can. Special thanks to Joe Eitrem for putting himself and his family out there. I know it was particularly difficult on the grandchildren to see their grandfather go through what he went through being ripped up and disrespected. It was good having an elder head up the board. Joe didn't cotton to no shenanigans, he ran a tight ship and his expectations were of respect for each other.

Gitchi miigwech, Ogima Joe! The following is a resolution that I tried to place on the agenda. It was not allowed; however, it will be in workshop and on to the next meeting for consideration. This will be yet another time I have brought up reduction of pay. What I have found and what has become a bone of contention for me since having been seated is the fact that people complain

about part-time board members with full-time pay and, in fact, you have board members who show up for everything and half the board shows up for only the Tuesday meetings. There are varying degrees of all. What is maddening is when staff, who have worked their butts off and expect an audience with the board to show off their good efforts and there are four to six of us sitting there, if that. This was also all right with me until at various times, I and the other board members were thrown under the proverbial bus.

How do you make good decisions when you are absent?

I have heard from previous board members the statement, "I can read, why do I need to be here?" Needless to say, that unnerved me. You have to be there, you just have to. We not only have our Tuesday meetings but we have financials and quarterlies. The tribe is so immense that quarterlies may as well be bi-annuals since we get done with all the divisions in a four month period that you are starting over to meet with them, and due to scheduling, sometimes they were not even able to get into quarterlies to give the board an update on what they are doing, how they are doing and what the plans are for any big issues that arise.

Also, when the review of the agenda occurs, the board members who are not in attendance or who don't participate in committees hold up the show on Tuesday because they didn't really read what was sent to them via email because it is a big information dump, hold up the meeting asking questions they should already know. It's just maddening and time consuming and time wasting. I also have to say, the committees get neglected hence the requirement of serving on at least four. Three happen naturally, Gaming Authority, Gaming Commission, and if you reside in Unit One, JKL Fiduciary. What is one more? One more that you attend and advocate for and I know the list is long.

I wrote in there a 75 percent attendance rate, why? Because I know each area has its issues to overcome like travel for the outlying areas, however, this unit I am in has a population issue that I and the other board members

deal with. The size of the population is enormous and you are dealing with Indian people who, if you don't sit down and talk to, do not feel like they have been communicated with or feel like they know what is going on. It's a cultural thing. Indian people historically have a "sit down and talk" attitude. It is just the way we are. We like and not only like but love to see our leaders. They want to know we are listening.

As for the chairman's pay, these are the reasons I chose to bring the chair's pay in line with the rest of the board. The Constitution, Article II - Duties of Officers, Section 1., reads, "The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the board of directors and exercise any other lawful authority delegated the chairperson by the board of directors. The chairperson shall vote only in case of a tie unless otherwise provided by the tribe's constitution and by-laws."

The people, YOU THE PEOPLE, also stripped the chair position of "CEO" duties with the secretarial election. YOU DID THIS! Let's examine what that means. What it means is this; you said the chair's position has no authority. The power rests with the board, hence the leveling of the pay. The position has NO AUTHORITY unless it is SPECIFICALLY DELEGATED BY THE BOARD. Any decisions have to come back to the board, in which case, the board has to vote on it. We are not dealing with the same situation pre-2008. The board HAS TO DELEGATE LAWFUL AUTHORITY as given to us by YOU!

The position is no different than a board member's position. She/He runs the meetings and we tell them to sign whatever it is we approve. Remember, this was your order.

I believe this resolution is fair and balanced. I have board members who don't want to reduce anything. After two years of serving and knowing what we deal with, I'm fine with that but you are also dealing with a board member, me, who is also willing to drop it all to old school levels. You only get paid for what you show up to and deal with.

I grew up with seeing people who did the job for free and who got us to where we are today. As

long as my bills are paid, I would be willing to do the same. That is how strongly I feel about what it is we do. Our people, our elders worked their butts off to create opportunities for us. I believe the same.

Our job as tribal leaders is to create opportunity for self-sufficiency.

I challenge the other board members to accept this resolution or go to the mat and do it for free.

It's not a ruse or a hidden agenda. It's what I saw growing up. Our leaders did what they needed to do to protect us, to keep us strong and healthy.

I also propose that the savings we have from reducing the chair's pay go directly to Elder Care and Services. If I were going to take care of anybody with our LIMITED RESOURCES IT WOULD BE THE ELDERS.

**RESOLUTION: BOARD AND CHAIR STIPEND**

**WHEREAS, it is the intent of this document to align the board's pay to the amount of work done by each of the Directors; and**

**WHEREAS, the Chairman's salary is brought down to the level of the board's pay and distributed in the same manner as the board's pay; and**

**WHEREAS, the membership has asked that the board be accountable and that the board's pay be in line with the work done by each board member.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby adopts the following TRIBAL BOARD WAGE ORDINANCE for the benefit of the tribe and its members. The following formula SHALL apply for the board and the Chairman's position, rescinding all other previous resolutions pertaining to wages of the board and Chairman.**

**Base Salary shall be \$25,000 per year.**

**Board members and the Chairman can earn up to \$67,000 depending on their participation on the following: Financials, Quarterly Reviews, and Committees.**

**75% rate of attendance for Financials will result in pay of \$15,000**

**75% rate of attendance for**

**Quarterly Reviews will result in pay of \$15,000**

**Required participation of at least three committees will result in pay of \$12,000 and additionally, shall require 75% participation for committees assigned.**

**All board members require attendance and participation of at least one travel conference either a state conference that affects Sault Tribe or a federal conference that affects Sault Tribe during the yearlong cycle.**

**Reporting of the significant issues facing "Indian Country" or Sault Tribe as a result of attending state or national conferences is required.**

**The board secretary shall keep attendance records and distribution of pay shall be based on attendance.**

**It is the board member's and Chairman's responsibility to assist the board secretary in keeping accurate records of attendance.**

**BE IT RESOLVED that Tribal Code Chapter 100: Tribal Board of Directors Stipend resolution is hereby created and the above-enumerated provisions shall be incorporated and numbered appropriately.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, staff is herein empowered to take whatever steps it deems necessary to modify the operation or implementation of any and all benefits that the Directors may receive to meet the ends of this resolution. All benefits that the Directors may avail themselves of shall be modified to further the ends of this resolution.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by the order of this board, that we delegate the Chairman to sign this into law.**

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the organizational chart shall be adopted as attached.**

One last thing.

I predict there will be resolutions introduced that we will be made to vote on that will make the board look bad even though we will be trying to maintain FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRIBE. I predict the Chair will introduce resolutions

See "Pine report," page 26



# Election results clearly call for new direction



**DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I**

Aanii and welcome to a new day in Sault Tribe leadership! Congratulations to Chairman Aaron Payment, Unit 1 representatives Cathy Abramson,

Jennifer McLeod and Dennis McKelvie, Unit 2 representative Lana Causley, Unit 3 representative Bridgette Sorenson, and Unit 4 representative Darcy Morrow. These are your newly elected reps from the 2012 General Election. I am looking forward to working with your new legislators, and a full board of 13 members, to move toward improved membership services and government!

## THE WORK BEGINS

Your votes made it clear that you are looking for a new direction in our tribal government. The commonality in your choices seems to be separation of the courts with elected judges, board accountability, expanded business ventures, better communication

to the membership, streamlined government and improved services. As I turn in this report, July 10 begins our first meeting with the new board. After the election of officers, we must begin anew. I am hoping for good discussion about various ideas on how we are going to accomplish meeting the needs of the membership while moving the tribe forward in operations, business and in services.

One school of thought that I would like to explore would be to restructure upper management. This will require organizational changes and would provide more responsibility and accountability of our Division Directors. These people are experts in their field and we hired them for that exact

reason. However, the org chart for our multimillion dollar budget only has two legs and they are bowed under the weight of the tribe. It is time to do an efficiency study and make sure we are operating as responsibly and resourcefully as possible. To borrow a phrase... we need to "Right Size" the tribe's government.

Other thoughts...A Tribal Code of Ethics for the board, expansion of communication opportunities with the membership (i.e. streaming board meetings, web-based Q&A for the members), designated team members who assist members with navigating the tribal services maze, an independent newspaper that is under the total direction of the editor, and networking services to allow for referrals to both interdepartmental and community based programs. (A girl can dream can't she?)

## LEGISLATION IDEAS

Prior to the election, and as long as 13 months ago, I requested the board to work on several process changes. They included a set policy/code for the way we fill vacated seats on the board, independent elections, hiring a tribal administrator, major organizational chart revision and separation of the courts. Each of these issues will take time to discuss, research and implement, but I am hopeful that there will be enough support to get moving on them as soon as possible.

The most important piece, in my opinion, would be moving the court out from under the pervue of the board, making it a truly independent branch of government. This one act would give the court the power to interpret the Constitution, provide for a system of checks and balance for the board. No longer would the board be able to read into the Constitution and Code and come up with an interpretation that favors any one political agenda or focus. Putting this in place first would ensure the board acts within the parameters of the law at all times. And, in a perfect world, it would provide board member sanctions for failure to comply.

## IN CLOSING

I am grateful for all those who have contacted me with ideas. I am thankful to those who are experts in their field and have shared their education and experience with me to make sure I have what I need to do my job. Moreover, I am humbled by the support that you, the members, have given me. You offer me hope and provide the support I need to bring your voices to the table.

As always, I welcome your input and questions. I can be reached at [dmalloy@saulttribe.net](mailto:dmalloy@saulttribe.net) or at (906) 440-9762.

Respectfully submitted,  
DJ Malloy  
Unit 1 Representative

## Drug abuse taskforce now forming



**LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT II**

I would like to begin this report by saying how grateful I am for all the members of the tribe; we have been presented the official election results for the 2012 General Election. A sincere Chi Miigwech to my family, elders, community and our unit that had the confidence in me to continue to serve the people of our tribe, I am very humbled and honored to a part of our leadership and that confidence from you will be my driving force for a successful tribal nation moving forward.

Congratulations to all the new members of the board and the new tribal chairman, I look forward to serving with you and continuing to move in a direction forward. I would also like to say thank you to tribal members who ran in their respective units and did not place on the board; I have a relationship in some way with all and respect them in their efforts. It's hard work and your desire and drive are commended and I know members appreciate all that is done in the election

process.

Chi Miigwech to Tom Miller, Patrick Rickley and Bernard Boucher for the many years of service and dedication to our tribe. You gentlemen did make a difference in our tribe and I know that many are proud of you; it was an honor to work with you at the board level.

Last but not least, Mr. Joe Eitrem, an elder, mentor and true leader, we worked side by side for eight years and he always showed the best interest for our members and worked very hard for our tribe. Many people love and care about Joe and he will always be a leader to them and me. Chi Miigwech, Joe! There will be a loss at our board level without you there....simply.... thank you for all you have done.

I wrote about our the tribal nation's rising drug issue a few reports ago and explained that I have been working with our health director to address the issues and develop a plan (a drug abuse task force committee, with staff and members participating side by side) that will reduce drug abuse along with efforts to aid the process of recovery. Since that report we have had many tragic events within our own tribe due to drug abuse and the effects of addiction. At this time we have gathered information and material from other tribes that have the same concerns. I have requested a day-long open workshop in which our Law Enforcement, Health Division (behavioral health), Anishnaabek Community and Family Services, Education (STAY: Sault Tribe Alive Youth), Housing, Tribal Court and our Cultural Division will present on

our resources. And, most importantly, the plans moving forward to start the "Drug Abuse Task Force Committee" and ACTION plans to reduce increasing drug abuse.

We need input from the members on what is needed in their communities, easier access to the resources we have available and better safeguards in our communities and places of employment. It will not be popular but it's time for a zero tolerance with the abuse of prescription drugs in our workplace and on our tribal land! If we truly want to help those in need we need to make it our top priority. It's time for our entire tribe, its board and all its departments to "STEP UP" and get the resources to those who are in need in a timely manner and not accept anything less. Many team members work hard for this — that's why we need to talk about it and get it right.

This workshop will be open to the membership and I have requested that the date, time and location be posted on our website and a group email go out to all on our mailing lists. It's time! I speak to many members about these issues, talk to those on the board who represent you — we need all the input, education, the experiences of many families affected so that we can get this right. Please attend and have input as to the needs in your communities.

Director Hollowell and I are planning to schedule unit meetings in all areas. We will post the dates on the tribe's website, [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com), so you may attend. I will be in attendance at area elders monthly meetings. Please call if you have anything you would like to discuss and if you want to meet.

Hope to see all of you at our upcoming unit powwows.

Baamaapii Lana Causley,  
(906) 484-2954.

**From "Pine report," pg. 25** that will have the tone of "Look!! I'm trying to do good for you but it's the bad, bad, bad, board that will not let you have what I propose!" THIS IS WHAT I PREDICT HAPPENING. Please know this and please understand that if we had it, you would get it. I don't appreciate being made to look bad when I vote to do the right thing for the longevity of the tribe. I VOTE TO

## Moving forward



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

A sincere congratulations to our new chairman, Aaron Payment! As Aaron assumes the chief leadership role within the tribe, I am confident that he will find our tribal nation on relatively sound financial footing, and well positioned to move forward in a good way. I am also confident he will find a governing board and a tribal workforce ready and willing to work cooperatively toward forging solutions to some of our more challenging issues.

Chi Miigwech to Joe Eitrem on his tenure as chairman. It was an honor to serve with you, Joe, and I appreciate the respect you showed to each and every mem-

**MAKE SURE THE TRIBE HAS LONG TERM ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY.** Please remember this. My concern is that promises were made that we just can't afford until we get Lansing going. Lansing could take years in court and we don't know what else we will be facing, such as the state passing into law the ability to open eight new privately owned casinos.

In closing, I would like to

ber of this tribe. You are a class act and I wish you and your family the very best.

And, a big congratulations to Director Lana Causley, who carried the election by a resounding 60 percent of the Unit 2 vote. Clearly, the people continue to have confidence in your leadership because you do indeed listen to their hopes, dreams and needs; and work tirelessly to serve our people. I'm honored to serve along side you.

Welcome to our new board members Darcy Morrow, Jennifer McLeod and Bridgett Sorenson. And congratulations to returning board reps Cathy Abramson and Denny McKelvie. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

Since forever in time, we Anishinaabe have come home to the 'Gathering Place' at this time of year, so that we can celebrate and honor the gifts of the Creator. And my prayers are dedicated to all our relations that we may find peace and enjoy the honor that the Creator has given to each individual and all living things.

Miigwech Gakina Awiya  
Catherine Hollowell  
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thank the powwow committee for their efforts this year. The weather was perfect powwow weather and the powwow was bigger than it was last year with number of vendors and audience. Again, Gitchi Miigwech!! Nice work!

Baamaapii koowaabmin kina gwaya!  
Sincerely,  
Debra-Ann Pine  
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# Recent election guides us in a new direction



**CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Congratulations to our newly elected Chairperson Aaron Payment! Also, congratulations to Bridget Sorenson, Darcy Chase Morrow, Denny McKelvie, Jennifer McLeod and Lana Causley for winning their bids to be seated on our board. I will work tirelessly with our tribal chairperson and board to continue to strengthen our orga-

nization, our businesses, our community and our people.

I would like to take this time to say Chi Miigwech to Joe Eitrem, who served out the term as our chairman. Chairman Joe, you are a statesman and a real class act! Chi Miigwech to Bernard Bouschor, Tom Miller and Pat Rickley. I am proud to have served with you all. Your institutional knowledge of our tribal organization and history is invaluable to our people and I do hope that you continue to remain actively involved in our community.

One of my elders just recently reminded me that I am now the senior member of the tribal board and that others will be looking to me for leadership. That is a responsibility that I take very seriously. I will do my best in helping to guide and mentor our newly elected leadership. Actually, I would like to take that a step further and commit to mentoring more of our

younger people and help prepare them for leadership roles in our tribe. Whenever possible, for the next four years, I would like to bring tribal members around with me and “show them the ropes.” There is so much work that needs to be done in order to protect our tribe’s best interests. We need to continue to develop our people for the future of our tribe.

When it comes to elections, there is both excitement and disappointment. As long as we know that we have done the best job that we can, that is all that we can do. The rest is up to our membership to decide. However, I truly believe and know that Creator has plans for us all. If we listen to Him, He will lead us on the path He has chosen for us. He is with us all the way. With the recent election, we are all now on a new journey, a new chapter in our lives. Please keep us in your prayers as we unite and move forward.

On a wonderful, positive note, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act by upholding the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”). From the perspective of the tribes, the Affordable Care Act, which includes the IHCA, is an important advancement in federal health policy for our people.

It includes:

- Authorities for new and expanded programs for mental and behavioral health treatment and prevention;
- Expanded authorities for long-term care services, including home health care, assisted living and community-based care;
- New authorities for development of health professional shortage demonstration programs;
- Expanded authorities for funding of patient travel costs;
- New authorities for demonstration projects for innovative

health care facility construction;

- New authorities for the provision of dialysis services;
- Improvements in the Contract Health Services program, which pays for referrals;
- New authorities for facilitation of care for Indian veterans; and
- New authorities for urban Indian health programs.

Speaking as its board chairperson, the National Indian Health Board will continue to work with tribes and tribal organizations to ensure that the IHCA and the ACA are implemented, protected and strengthened so tribal communities can address the health challenges that affect American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to hearing from you. My cell is (906) 322-3823. My e-mail address is cabramson@saultribe.net. I am on facebook under Cathy Abramson.

# Communities competing for cash in health challenge

By Rick Smith

Residents of Sault Ste. Marie, Manistique, Munising, St. Ignace, Newberry and Kinross are competing for cash prizes to go toward local improvements to facilitate health and fitness among the residents. Folks can still participate even as the competition goes into its final week.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan offers a grand prize of \$2,250 to the community that logs the highest “wellness miles” average per person over the course of the 2012 Let’s Get Moving Community Challenge. The challenge kicked off on June 2 and runs through July 27. In addition to the grand prize, awards of \$1,750 go to second place, \$1,250 for third, \$1,000 for fourth, \$750 for fifth and \$600 for sixth.

Funding from the prizes goes to community improvements such as park fixtures, walking paths and bicycling facilities.

Folks interested in participating on their community’s team may register online at [www.walking-works.com](http://www.walking-works.com).

There are no age limits or other constraints prohibiting anyone from the aforementioned communities from participating. Registration can be done any time during the challenge and participation lasts.

Anyone needing help registering from the Sault area may call Julie Trotter of the Chippewa County Health Department at 635-1556 or via email [jtrotter@chippewahd.com](mailto:jtrotter@chippewahd.com) or Lisa Myers of Sault Tribe Community Health at 632-5255 or email [lmyers@saultribe.net](mailto:lmyers@saultribe.net); residents of the Kinross and Newberry areas may contact Donna Norkoli at 635-8844 or [dnorkoli@saultribe.net](mailto:dnorkoli@saultribe.net); people in the St. Ignace area should contact Julie Lipnitz of the LMAS District Health Department at 643-1100 or [jlipnitz@lmasdhd.org](mailto:jlipnitz@lmasdhd.org); around Manistique, Kerry Ott of Sault Tribe Community Health at 341-9561 or email at [kott@saultribe.net](mailto:kott@saultribe.net); and in Munising, Evi Lindquist of Sault Tribe Community Health at 387-47 or [elindquist@saultribe.net](mailto:elindquist@saultribe.net).



**Julie Trotter of the Chippewa County Health Department looks on as Lisa Myers of Sault Tribe Community Health takes questions from folks during a kick-off registration event at Avery Square in Sault Ste. Marie on June 1 for the 2012 Let’s Get Moving Community Challenge. The challenge encourages residents in the areas of six Upper Peninsula towns to engage in physical activity and other healthful measures while helping their communities vie for cash prizes ranging from \$600 to \$2,250 from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan for local improvements to facilitate physical activity. The competition runs until July 27 and folks interested in participating may register at any time during the competition.**

# Sault Lunch Loop dedicated, Commuter Cup winners recognized

By Rick Smith

Officials from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Chippewa County and the City of Sault Ste. Marie congregated at Avery Square in the Sault on May 3 to dedicate the new downtown Lunch Loop walking circuit with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The circuit, a Building Healthy Community Coalition initiative, was launched last year to facilitate convenient round-the-clock opportunities for folks who live and work in the downtown area to increase physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle.

The loop became more visible recently with the addition of signs along the route. The suggested start is at the front of Avery Square where a sign indicates the starting point of the nearly mile-long route and displays a likeness of the “Just Shoe It” markers that guide walkers along the route.

A ceremony was also conducted at the dedication to present the Commuter Cup Challenge awards

to teams from organizations that participated in the third annual Walk and Roll to Work, School or Play Day on April 20. The event encourages folks in the area to take measures to walk or ride a bicycle for at least a portion of their usual daily commutes to work or school. It is conducted to promote the adoption of the alternative, non-motorized forms of transportation as a method of increasing physical activity and promoting walkable communities.

“Even though the weather did not cooperate, approximately 220 community members participated in the Commuter Cup Challenge,” said Lisa Myers, project coordinator for the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health.

The 2012 Commuter Cup Challenge trophy winners by class:

- Mini worksite (two to five employees), EUP Planning and Development Commission with 100 percent participation, four participants out of four employees.
- Small worksite (six to 18



Photo by Ellen Benoit

**Lisa Myers of the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project, left, presents Alicia Askwith, team captain of the City of Sault Ste. Marie participants, with the Walk and Roll Challenge Cup trophy.**

employees), Bayliss Public Library with 100 percent participation, 11 participants out of 11 employees.

• Medium worksite (19 to 50 employees), City of Sault Ste. Marie with 53 percent participa-

tion, 6 departments participating; 10 out of 19.

• Large worksite (50 employees or more), Sault area schools with 22.5 percent participation, 64 employees out of 284.

• Honorable mention goes to

War Memorial Hospital for the largest number of employees participating, 92.

Other participants in the challenge were the Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank, The Evening News, Sault Tribe Community Health, Lake Superior State University, JKL Bahweting Public School Academy and the Chippewa County Health Department.

The next Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health community event will be the Let’s Get Moving Challenge, a six-community challenge in which the participating communities earn wellness miles for exercise, healthful eating and other health-promoting behavior as they compete for prize money. The Let’s Get Moving Challenge is scheduled to take place from June 2 to July 27, 2012. Folks may participate at any time during the competition. Winners will be announced later, look for the list in the August edition of this newspaper.

# Spotlight: Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program

The Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program is a program designed to help people quit smoking or chewing commercial tobacco products. The program includes one-on-one visits with a staff member (community health educator, nurse, or technician) who is trained in methods to help patients stop using tobacco. The program includes an initial visit and follow-up visits to create an individual quit plan and provide the right tools and support needed to successfully quit using commercial tobacco products. Visits include planning and problem solving, managing habits, stress, and triggers, support and access to tobacco cessation medications.

One client of the Nicotine Dependence Program recently shared his experience and hopes to influence others to take action as well. His reasons to quit smoking were similar to many who have undertaken the same journey – to breathe better, feel healthier and have more energy. From the very start, he developed a very firm mind set that to start smoking again “wasn’t an

option.” His plan also included nicotine gum, a form of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), which helped him manage the physical cravings that came along with quitting.

“My quit date was April 1, 2011. The cravings have not gone completely away, but I just keep it in my mind that I don’t want to go back to smoking,” he said. “Once I quit, I found that I had more energy, my sense of smell was better, and my triglycerides and bad cholesterol went down. I walk a lot now; I walked the Mackinac Bridge on Memorial Day and it seemed easier! I just keep reminding myself smoking is bad for your health – I just try to change my thoughts and stick to it.”

He feels that the Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program provided support in managing the challenges he faced in his efforts to quit smoking.

The Nicotine Dependence Program is available through Community Health Services at all Sault Tribe Health Center locations including Hessel, Newberry, Manistique, Munising, Sault Ste.



Meet the Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program team — (Back Row, L-R) Newberry CHN Lisa Simmons, Hessel CHN Tami Duncan, Sault Ste. Marie Health Education Supervisor Colleen Commons, Sault Ste. Marie CHT Tom Sauro, (Front Row, L-R) St. Ignace CHT Sissi Ouellette, Sault Ste. Marie Community Health Educator Lauren Kross and Hessel CHT Teresa Jedele, CHT. (Missing from photo: Evi Lindquist, Community Health Educator in Munising/Manistique).

Marie and St. Ignace. Sault Tribe members, employees and other patients who utilize Sault Tribe Health Services are eligible to participate in the program.

For more information on eligibility, program details, or other questions, call (906) 632-5210, your local Salt Tribe Health Center, or visit [http://healthy-](http://healthy-saulttribe.com/tobacco/contacts)

saulttribe.com/tobacco/contacts. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment.

There is no perfect time to quit — why not now?

## Zhanda Eta established to give and receive support

BY SHIRLEY KOWALKE, CHT

For over a year we have had a small group that meets the second Tuesday of each month. We meet from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Health Center.

Our group focuses on changes in our lives. Changes happen almost every day. Whether they are expected or unexpected, controlled or uncontrollable, we somehow have to cope with these changes.

What changes are you facing today that you find yourself in need of support, hope and motivation? Are you trying to quit smoking or lose weight, dealing

with a medical issue, the loss of a loved one or maybe the pressures of a new job? The list goes on and on.

In this group we hope to share our personal stories to inspire and motivate others. What is said at this group stays in the group and is respected by all others. We are very proud that our group has been given the Anishinaabe name, “Zhanda Eta,” which means that we are just here to give and receive support, guidance, encouragement and friendship.

Our group focuses on support and encouragement: “I’m

just here to gain inspiration and motivation to accept change. I’m just here to listen, to be someone’s sounding board and to offer a shoulder to lean on.” Every day can be a challenge for us. So, it’s good to know that we are not alone, that there are others like us that need to be “zhanda eta.”

Here are a few comments from our group:

Barb: “Come join us! We meet the second Tuesday of each month from 1 to 2 at the Newberry Tribal Center.”

From Char: A big smile.

From Tim a.k.a. Waylon

Jennings: “I like the focus group because of the great people I have met there. We discuss various topics. It’s a good stress reliever and gets you out and moving. Topics can be personal, but go no further than the meeting. We are a group that discusses change, individual outlets and more, plus a little humor.”

Lisa: “We meet, we talk and share. At times we challenge each other but always with acceptance and encouragement.”

Shirley: “My family is going through a very hard time right now and our group gives me a lot of support. They not only lis-

ten but help me keep my sense of humor. I have found that even on my worst days a little humor helps me get through.”

Zhanda Eta meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. Please come and join us. Please feel free to bring someone with you but remember, “We will only be a stranger to you once.”

Call (906) 293-8181 for more information and ask for Lisa Simmons CHN or Shirley Kowalke CHT.

Miigwech,  
Zhanda Eta

## Catholic Social Services acquires KeenAgers home in Wakefield

### 42-BED FACILITY SERVES THOSE WHO NEED A HAND UP

MARQUETTE — Catholic Social Services (CSS) of the Upper Peninsula recently announced signing an agreement to acquire KeenAgers home in Wakefield, Mich., according to a release. The late Reverend Wilbert Staudenmaier, a Catholic priest of the Diocese of Green Bay, established KeenAgers on the site of the Divine Infant Hospital in 1979. Father Staudenmaier wanted to offer low-cost services to those needing licensed assisted living or

independent living options.

James Staudenmaier, nephew of the late priest and president of the KeenAgers Board of Directors, said in the release the board is pleased and gratified that CSS will be continuing the vision and ministry that Father Staudenmaier began. “For nearly 33 years, KeenAgers has provided adult foster care, assisted living and independent living for hundreds of residents, as well as employment opportunities to the community at large. Through the

dedication of the staff, the residents have enjoyed a safe, secure home,” Staudenmaier said in the release.

“KeenAgers has established a reputation of providing for a diverse population. Many former U.P. residents have returned and taken up residency. KeenAgers has always felt blessed and measured its success on the small town values and work ethic of the Wakefield community and surrounding area. We have no doubt that the facility will con-

tinue to fill a needed resource and flourish under Catholic Social Services,” Staudenmaier added.

KeenAgers is currently home to 33 residents, including persons with developmental disabilities, those needing assisted living, and low-cost independent living for seniors, according to the release.

Bishop Alexander K. Sample said in the release, “Many people have asked me to bring Catholic Social Services back to this area. I am pleased that we will serve

in such a much-needed capacity. We hope that this will be a new beginning for CSS and its service to the poor and poor in spirit.”

Catholic Social Services of the Upper Peninsula is a non-profit agency whose mission is to nurture and stabilize families in the Upper Peninsula.

Services offered include adoption and foster care licensing and placement, outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment and pornography addiction services.

## Recycling your compact fluorescent light with ease

BY NICK DEPLONTY

Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) contain a tiny amount of mercury. Take care to wrap bulbs in a plastic bag and store them safely until ready to drop off for recycling. But don’t let that stop you from using them – they prevent much more mercury from entering our environment just by requiring less electricity from coal, one of the biggest sources of mercury to the Great Lakes.

In regards to CFL recycling, it

seems that the big retailers such as Menards, Lowes, Home Depot, Ace Hardware and True Value, are the most popular places to recycle CFLs.

Places to drop off CFLs:

— Parker Ace Hardware, 819 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 632-0224

— Chippewa County-Northern Transitions, 1401 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 632-0525

— Home Depot, 530 Great

Northern Road, Sault, Ont., (705) 254-1150

— Cloverland Dafter Office, 2916 State Highway 28, Dafter, (906) 635-6800

— Pickford Building Center, State Highway 29 Pickford, (517) 337-0422

— Waste Management, 711 Spruce Street, Sault Ste. Marie, (800) 293-2988

— Cedarville Ace Hardware, 75 State Highway 134 Cedarville, (906) 484-3339

— St. Ignace True Value

Hardware, 300 S. State St., St Ignace, MI (517) 337-0422

— CD Recycling Central, 401 Euclid Ave, Sault, Ont., (909) 591-6510

There are plenty of mail-in services also, if dropping at these other places is not convenient. Here is a list of some that I stumbled upon on the Internet, [www.epa.gov/cfl/cflrecycling.html#agencies](http://www.epa.gov/cfl/cflrecycling.html#agencies).

Nick Deplonty is Sault Tribe Environment Department’s WIA student.



# Historic film and paintings document fishing rights controversy screening at Nokomis Learning Center

## “A Difference of Rights” now available on DVD

Should old treaties grant Native Americans special rights other citizens do not have? Did an 1836 treaty really say state fishing regulations do not apply to Indians today? Would unregulated commercial gill net fishing deplete fish stocks for sports fishing?

In 1971, Michigan Department of Natural Resources officers ticketed Albert (Big Abe) LeBlanc, an Indian from the Bay Mills Community in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, for fishing without a state commercial fishing license. The District Court in Sault Ste. Marie convicted him, but when he won on appeal, he set a precedent that Michigan Indians do not need a Michigan license and are not subject to state regulation.

Sports fishermen and organizations like the Michigan United Conservation Clubs reacted in outrage. The state appealed the court decision. The issue dragged on through the decade.

A historic film documenting tribal fishing rights in the ’70s was shown Wednesday, July 18, and then discussed by its producer, Bill Blanchard, at the Nokomis Learning Center in Okemos.

When the film originally screened in 1980, Lansing State Journal film critic Mike Hughes, under the headline, “Gill net film not bad catch,” wrote, “As a piece of moviemaking it is remarkably good, a handsome film. The photography is crisp, sometimes gorgeous.”



Film producer Bill Blanchard, also a painter, is showing his paintings of tribal leaders involved in the fight for fishing rights. Above, Joe Lumsden.

Shot mostly in northern Michigan, the film shows how gill nets differ from other commercial fishing gear, how the government plants fish, protects against the lamprey eel and measures fish populations.

Tom Washington, who was then president of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and later became president of the American Rifle Association, called the film “the most comprehensive coverage of the issue.”

Bill Blanchard was a young

film production teacher at Lansing Community College and a recent graduate of the University of Southern California cinema program. Though he was not a sportsman or an active tribal member, he was familiar with the locations. His mother grew up in the Sault, and her great-grandmother was a full-blooded Chippewa.

Blanchard occasionally drove through Bay Mills where he saw fishing boats docked and nets drying on shore. This was before any Indian casinos. The reser-

vation looked poor and rather depressing, though there was a charming cemetery with wooden spirit houses over the graves and a quaint little Catholic church on the bay.

The fishing controversy seemed an interesting issue for his students to use as an investigative film exercise. With help from the college and the Michigan Humanities Council, his student crew began traveling around Michigan interviewing key people. Tom Washington and Attorney General Frank Kelley and DNR Fishery Director John Scott insisted the state should manage all fishing for the good of the resource. Their position sounded convincing to Blanchard. Then Big Abe and his brother Arthur LeBlanc and Sault Tribe Chairman Joseph Lumsden countered each argument with surprising logic and evidence, and Blanchard felt they sounded right, too.

By 1980 the students had organized the footage into a 60-minute film. When Blanchard asked the students for a title, they suggested “A Difference of Rights.”

There is no longer a fishing controversy. The state appealed to the United States Supreme Court, but that court refused to hear the case. Indian fishermen continue their ancestral tradition. The state continues to regulate sport fishing.

Every Michigan public broadcasting station aired the film in 1980. Many groups in Wisconsin

screened it during a similar controversy in that state. And at least one instructor at Lake Superior State College made it required viewing for his classes in Native American history. Then the controversy ended and the film was forgotten.

After retiring from LCC, Blanchard converted the original 16mm film to DVD, and now, for the first time since the 1980s, the voices of many no longer living will be heard again. The film documents that short period of controversy and traces the long history of relations between Native Americans and non-Indians.

Along with the film screening, the Nokomis Center is presenting an exhibition of Blanchard’s paintings, “Faces from ‘A Difference of Rights’” through July 26.

Blanchard said the portraits commemorate the people he met during those months of filming. “I find their faces as interesting and timeless as the issues they raised,” he said.

The Nokomis Center, at 5151 Marsh Road in Okemos, has regular public hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays.

To purchase a copy of the DVD, send a \$20 check or money order payable to Bill Blanchard and send to: Bill Blanchard, 2011 Cumberland Rd., Lansing, MI 48906-3771. Be sure to include your mailing address.

# Rain gardens: add beauty, water less, slow erosion

BY CRYSTAL BOLE

A rain garden is a shallow constructed depression in which you plant native plants and grasses, not just a lawn, but deep-rooted native vegetation. The whole reason to have a rain garden is to try and capture some of the rainwater run off (storm water run off), before it washes all the way down the watershed.

Rain gardens slow down the rush of water from hard surfaces, like sidewalks, driveways and roofs. Rain gardens hold the water for a short period of time, allowing it to infiltrate slowly into the ground, cleansing the water of the numerous chemicals

it has picked up from hard surfaces and lawns.

Hard surfaces force water to rush into larger waterways causing erosion and mass amounts of pollution to enter waterways at once, rain gardens help absorb water back into the ground instead of into waterways that are already overloaded.

A rain garden can be thought of as a personal water quality system because it filters the runoff from your roof and lawn and recharges the groundwater. Rain gardens also help hold moisture, so that less watering is needed for your yard. Rain gardens are also a great way to add some

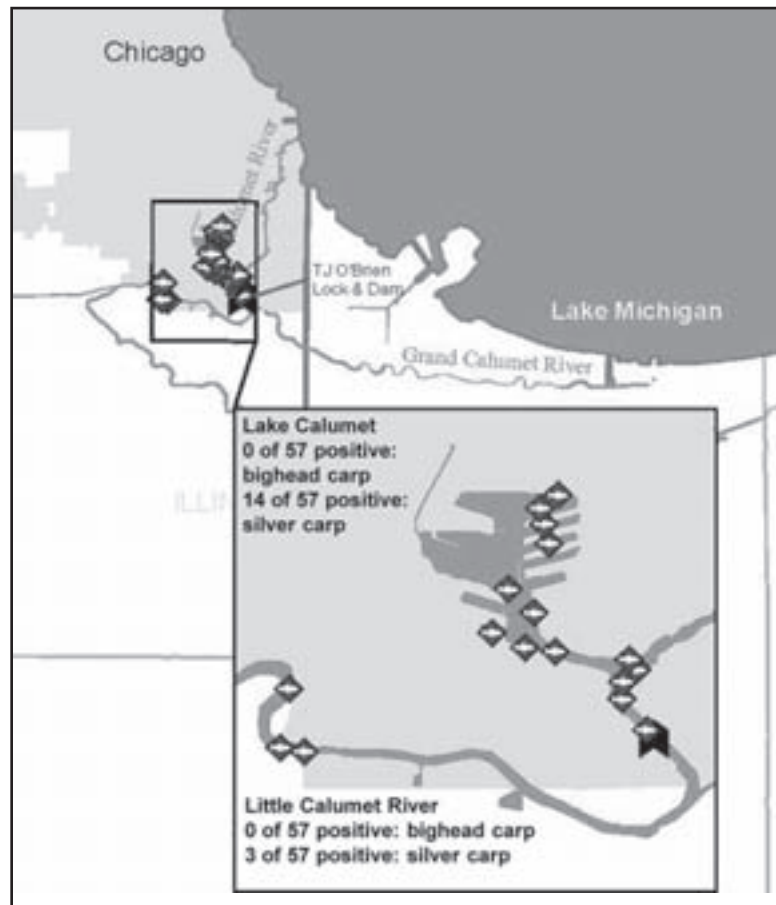
beauty and color to your ordinarily green lawn.

Your rain garden should be positioned in your yard on a natural slope where water would tend to go, or even underneath a downspout from your home, driveway or sump pump — anywhere that you can capture water before it reaches the sewer system.

You want to place your rain garden at least 10 feet away from your home preferably in a sunny area, at least partially sunny. (Do not place over a septic field.) Select native plants, those that naturally grow in your area and that can survive without any extra care. You will want to choose flowers and grasses that will grow well in both wet and dry areas. You will want to dig your garden about 4-8 inches deep, using the soil to build a berm around it. Contact your local authority that marks underground utilities before you start digging. Add some compost and mulch to help keep the moisture in and the weeds out, about 2-3 inches, plant your plants about one foot apart and you have a rain garden. For the first couple weeks you want to water if needed as the plants are still acclimating but soon after your rain garden should thrive on its own! Good Luck!



## Lake Calumet and Little Calumet River test positive for Asian carp eDNA



USACE map

**ARE ASIAN CARP IN GREAT LAKES?** — Asian Carp environmental DNA (eDNA) results were positive in 17 different sites from Lake Calumet and Little Calumet River samples collected May 22. The monitoring results can only tell researchers that Asian carp (in this case, silver carp) genetic material is present — whether it comes from a live fish or dead, ballast water, storm sewers or fish eating birds. According to the US Army Corps of Engineers, the eDNA is an “early warning system” to step up efforts such as netting or poisons.

# Wetlands survey results in

BY TESHA ZIMMERMAN

In the May issue of Win Awenen Nisitotung, the Environmental Department reported that two of its employees were traveling to monthly elder meetings to distribute a wetlands survey and discuss water quality. The results of that wetlands survey are now in.

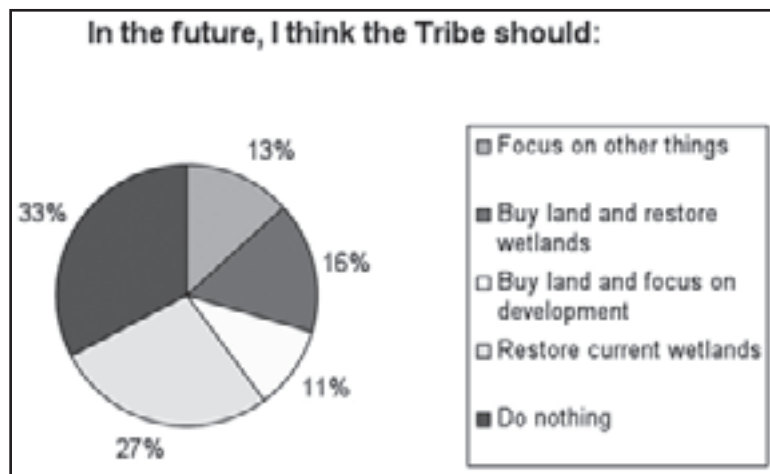
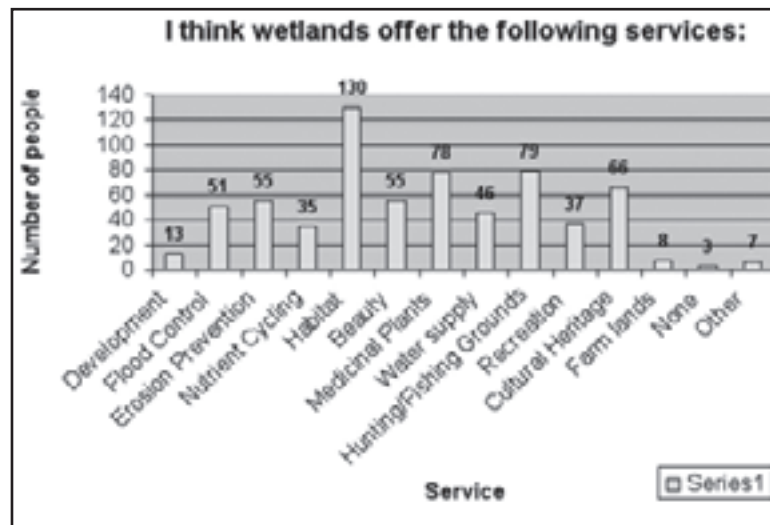
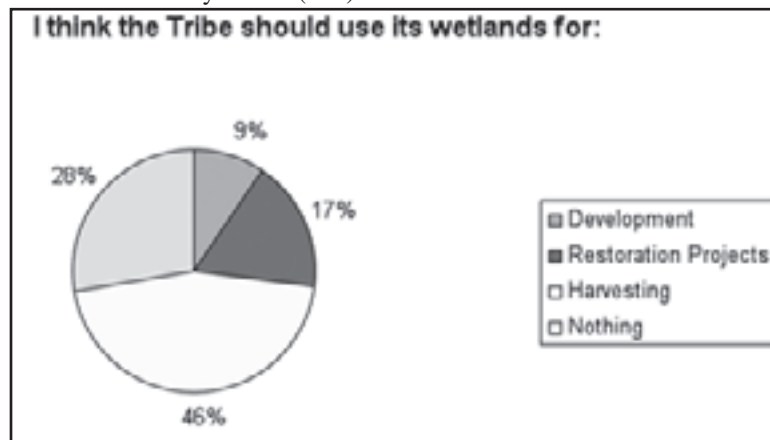
Surveys were completed by 162 attendees at the elder meetings. These respondents broke down as follows: 27 surveys from Escanaba, 24 from Sault Ste. Marie, 21 from St. Ignace, 18 from Munising, 17 from Hessel, 17 from Naubinway, 16 from Manistique, 15 from Marquette and seven from Newberry. The survey had three questions, all multiple-choice. Respondents could circle as many as they liked, though some surveys did not have all the questions answered.

A few caveats about these results. First, the survey was informal in nature. It did not follow rigorous sampling methods (e.g., random selection, representative sample sets). Secondly, because there was no stress on ensuring representative sample sets, the respondents are almost all elders. This was the intent of traveling to elder meetings, but the survey was generated to gather information on the general attitude towards the tribe's wetlands as well. For that reason, the survey will now be available for other tribal members to share their input.

The Environmental Department will be attending the Sault powwow, Frogfest and the Sugar Island Powwow. Interested tribal members can contribute their thoughts and take the survey

at those locations. Alternatively, the Environmental Department can be reached anytime at (906)

632-5575, and for questions on the Wetland Strategy, ask for Tesha.



Photos by Brenda Austin

Nathan Freitas (above), Tesha Zimmerman, Tammy Tremblay, Kathie Brosemer, Crystal Bole and Joe McKerchie, from the tribe's Environmental Department, and Ken Garlinghouse from Sault Tribe Housing Authority, recently planted 2,000 trees (white spruce, serviceberry, highbush cranberry, ninebark, bur oak and red maple) at the tribe's Odenaang housing site to act as windbreaks. They will be planting another 2,000 in September. The Environmental Department would like to thank the Housing Dept. (Joanne and Kenny), Chief Bob Marchand from Law Enforcement, Frank's Place, Dreamcatcher's Restaurant, LSSU's Dr. Merkel and Sault Tribe Traditional Food's Connie Watson for their donations and help. The windbreaks will help reduce winds and erosion, create habitat for wildlife and add aesthetic value. The trees were purchased from the Chippewa/East Mackinac Conservation District.

# Tribes monitor local air quality

BY HAYLEY MOEN,  
ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT  
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Air pollution is a growing and constant threat to not only the environment but also human health. Air pollutants are made up of particulate matter, which are small solid or liquid particles and gases, which include carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and volatile organic compounds.

While some pollutants are produced by Earth's natural processes (volcanoes, forest fires), the majority of pollutants are generated by human activity. Pollutants are classified by whether they travel or stay in place. Mobile sources, such as the various forms of transportation, contribute to air emission through the combustion and evaporation of fuel which releases volatile organic compounds, nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide into the air. Stationary sources, such as power plants and manufacturing facilities, emit pollutants through the combustion of fuels or losses of pollutants through the various stages of the manufacturing processes.

All these forms of pollution release toxic components causing both health and environmental effects. Air pollutants predominantly affect the respiratory system, because particulate matter and gaseous pollutants interfere with the ability of the lungs to exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide leading to respiratory diseases and heart and circulatory system complications. Other health effects of toxic pollutants include cancer, and immune system, neurological, reproductive and developmental problems. Pollutant damage to ecosystems includes acid rain, the greenhouse effect, depletion of the upper atmospheric ozone layer, smog (including ground level ozone) and decreased visibility.

Of major concern in many parts of the tribal service area is smog and ozone formation. Smog is formed when oxides of nitrogen and volatile organic compounds produced by fossil fuel combustion react in the presence of sunlight to produce other toxic chemicals, known as secondary pollutants. Ozone is the main contributor to smog and can damage agriculture and forests and cause human health impacts. Ozone also contributes to global warming as it prevents the escape of solar radiation reflected by the planet.

These issues became a concern of the Chippewa County community in the 1990s, which led to the installation of the ambient air monitoring station at Lake Superior State University. The equipment was purchased through a grant funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency through the Clean Air Act. The purpose of the station was to provide the public and the governments with information about the area's air quality. Under the Clean Air Act, the station monitors for ozone, particulate matter, haze and weather data such as wind speed, other wind

data, outdoor temperature and barometric pressure. This information provides the public with air quality information through hourly updates on ambient air data that can be found at the following sites:

[http://trexwww.ucc.nau.edu/cgi-bin/daily\\_summary.pl?cams=901](http://trexwww.ucc.nau.edu/cgi-bin/daily_summary.pl?cams=901)

<http://deqmiar.org/monitoringdata.cfm?site=4130>

Additionally, the data gathered is entered into the Air Quality System Database and used by the government to make designations on the national ambient air quality standards. From the data, each pollutant measured at the station is identified as attainment and nonattainment based on whether or not they exceed secondary and primary emissions standards. The contract outlines the involvement of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Environmental Services Department (ITCMI ESD), the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Bay Mills Indian Community, who then work alongside the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Originally, neither of the tribes' environmental departments had enough capacity to perform monitoring operations and the collaboration effort with the ITCMI ESD involved primarily the reporting of ITCMI ESD to interested groups. However, in recent years, both tribes have further developed environmental departments, increasing their ability to contribute to the air monitoring efforts. The ITCMI ESD hopes to further the tribe's involvement by dividing duties between the tribes and increasing their capacity to contribute.

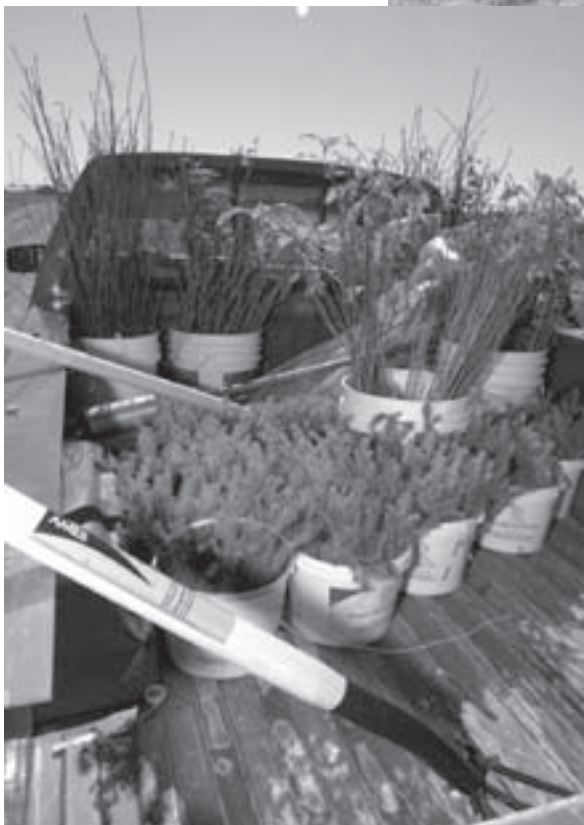
The Sault Tribe's involvement this summer involves a college intern participating in the maintenance of the ambient air quality monitoring station and analysis of station data. Intern Hayley Moen, is funded by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals. She will be working with ITCMI to help operate the air monitoring station at LSSU, and relaying the information to the tribal community.

Moen will also collaborate with the EPA on the New Source Review to identify emission levels of small pollution sources within the reservation boundaries. She will monitor each source for carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, fluorides and sulfur compounds and verify that they are within the limits of pollutant emissions designated by the EPA.

Possible sources include small operations not previously regulated, such as gas stations, printers, construction companies, restaurants, auto repair shops and other facilities and businesses.

Moen will relay what she learns from both the New Source Review and the ambient air monitoring station to the tribal community through powwow booths, newspaper articles and an outreach event at the end of the summer with the overall goal of informing the community about the air we are breathing.

## Odenaang trees planted





Aaron Payment makes remarks after taking the oath of office.



Community members join Bawating Drum in the Sault Tribe honor song.



THREE GENERATIONS — Unit 1 Director Denise Chase, daughter and fellow director Darcy Marrow along with the next generation.



Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton  
Sault Tribe's July 9 ceremony installed Sault Tribe Chairman Aaron Payment, Sault Tribe Unit 1 Directors Cathy Abramson, Dennis McKelvie and Jennifer McLeod, Unit 2 Director Lana Causley, Unit 3 Director Bridgett Sorenson and Unit 4 Director Darcy Marrow. Three drums came out to participate in the ceremony. The event was held in the Sault Kewadin Grand Ballroom, packed with tribal members from all over the EUP and beyond. At left, Unit II Director Lana Causley swears her oath of office. The election count took place in the same room the week before. Below, Joy Lewis unexpectedly throws herself with excitement when Aaron Payment's victory was announced. Below, at bottom, retired Unit 5 Director Vic Matson Sr. and current Unit V Director Joan Carr Anderson attend the installation ceremony.



THE NEXT GENERATION — Unit 1 Director Cathy Abramson and her granddaughters.



Photo by Nathan Wright



MEETING OF THE MINDS — Unit 2 Rep Catherine Hollowell and freshmen Unit 1 Director Jennifer McLeod.



Denny McKelvie chatting before the ceremony.



# ENTERTAINMENT

DreamMakers Theater  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI



## RONNIE DUNN

Friday, August 3 at 7 p.m.  
DreamMakers Theater

### AUGUST

**Ronnie Dunn**

3rd | 7 p.m. | Friday | \$58.50 | On Sale Now

**Michigan Paranormal Conference**

10th & 11th | Friday & Saturday

\$65.00-\$85.00 | On Sale Now

**Chris Young**

30th | 7 p.m. | Thursday | \$49.50 | On Sale Now

### SEPTEMBER

**David Frizzell & Jett Williams**

21st | 7 p.m. | Friday | \$18.75 | On Sale Now

### OCTOBER

**Travis Tritt**

13th | 7 p.m. | Saturday | \$48.50 | On Sale Now

**The Band Perry**

25th | 7 p.m. | Thursday | \$58.50 | On Sale Now

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