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Sault Tribe, city sign historic water agreement

By JOANNE UMBRASAS, HOUSING AUTHORITY

On March 25, Sault Tribe Chairman Aaron Payment and Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson along with City of Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Anthony Bosbous and City Clerk Robin Troyer, signed the long awaited agreement for the city to provide water to the Odenaang subdivision located outside the city limits.

Sault Tribe Housing director Joni Talentino said, "I am proud and excited to be part of the team that is making city water a reality for our Odenaang community.

City water and sewer service at the Odenaang site has long been a goal of Sault Tribe and the Housing Authority. We brought together the perfect combination of staff creativity and engineering expertise to make this project reality."

She added, "I am thankful for the continued support from the Sault Tribe Housing Commission and the Sault Tribe Board of Directors for this project and other housing initiatives."

In 2009, the quest to submit a grant application to USDA-RD to secure funding to provide fire protection to the homes at

Odenaang began. The effort involved UP Engineers and Architects, Eric Waara and the Sault Tribe Housing Authority.

The grant was awarded in 2010 and the project began to move forward. However, in 2011, talks began between the city and the tribe about bringing city water to the subdivision. An amendment to change the project scope was presented to USDA-RD along with the additional costs, and the \$453,000 grant was increased to \$619,000. The project still required an additional \$600,000 in funding.

In early 2012, IHS staff

indicated funds may be available through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA was approached about the project and a \$600,000 grant from the EPA administered by Indian Health Services was awarded to cover the additional funding needed to make this project a reality. This has been an extensive process, which required bringing several jurisdictions together along with multiple funding source requirements.

In 2012, the Sault Tribe Board

of Directors approved the new Odenaang development plan resulting from months of planning meetings, community input both in person and surveys and a very dedicated group of tribal members who represent many areas in the tribal community. The new water source will now allow the Odenaang subdivision to transform into a complete community. The water main project is expected to be put out to bid sometime in May and completed by the end of 2013.

Bill 288 contravenes voters' rights

By JENNIFER DALE-BURTON, EDITOR

At press time, Senate Bill 288 passed out of committee and on to the Senate floor.

Sponsored by State Senator Tom Casperson (R-Escanaba), the bill contravenes Michigan citizens' right to referendum. The bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act so that the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) can designate any species as a game species and adds a small appropriation making it, by law, "referendum proof."

Last year, legislators amended the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act by

making the wolf a game animal, which gave the NRC the right to institute a wolf hunt.

A wolf hunt proposal is now under the NRC's consideration.

Opposition to a wolf hunt successfully gathered a quarter of a million signatures of Michigan registered voters to put the game designation on the ballot. After the state board of canvassers certify the signatures — only 167,000 are needed — the referendum would go on the 2014 ballot and any wolf hunt would be stopped until after the referendum. But, not if SB 288 passes and is signed into law by the governor.

By Michigan law, appropriations bills are immune to referendum, so any time lawmakers want to ensure a bill — any bill, all bills — is immune from referendum, they need only add an appropriation? And, if lawmakers wish, they can just retroactively amend a bill they want to save from an ongoing referendum by adding a small appropriation?

This tactic goes far beyond a stubborn effort to institute a wolf hunt. If Senate Bill 288 becomes law, our rights as Michigan voters and citizens will have been grievously diminished.

See www.saulttribe.com to contact your state reps.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Sault Tribe and the City of Sault Ste. Marie sign an agreement to bring city water to the tribe's Odenaang Housing development. Pictured are (back row L-R) Jeff Holt, Joni Talentino, Joanne Umbrasas, Steve Cannello, Spencer Nebel, Bill Lynn, Pat Shimmens, (front L-R) Cathy Abramson, Aaron Payment, Tony Bosbous.

Tribal leaders grapple with sequestration impact

A critical issue demanding a great deal of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians tribal leaders' attention is the \$1.7 million impact of the federal sequestration on the Sault Tribe.

Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment said the tribe's federal dollars are pre-paid treaty rights funds. "We paid for these critically important services through

21,621 square miles of land cessions in 1836 that allowed the Michigan territory to become a state just a year later," he said. "The general language in American Indian treaties calls for the United States to perpetually provide for our health, education and social welfare."

The Budget Control Act of 2011 called for \$85 billion in

mandatory cuts to go into effect on Jan. 2 if Congress could not agree on a budget. Congress passed the American Taxpayer Relief Act on Jan. 2 that pushed the budget cuts back until March 1, but after that, allowed the sequestration to take place.

Since Congress did not find a remedy for the impact of sequestration, the Sault Tribe is facing a \$1.7 million loss of federal revenues at the same time as a critical \$1.3 million software infrastructure upgrade is needed. The tribe already appropriates 100 percent of the Kewadin Casinos net gaming revenues — about \$17 million

— for services and governmental operations.

Through a combination of operational savings, efficiencies, changes in casino expenses, performance improvements and a better allocation of funds, Payment believes the tribe will withstand the latest challenge. "Efficiencies will be sought and where a function is not justified or cannot sustain itself, changes will need to be made," he said.

At the same time, Payment acknowledges that gaming revenues must improve. "We need to make major changes in the way we operate and drive revenues," Payment said. Kewadin

Chief Operating Officer Anthony Goetz and governmental administrative teams, with oversight from the board of directors, have been working diligently to identify savings and to drive new revenues.

The board has begun a quality improvement review process while Payment has established a Casino Oversight Ad hoc Committee to report regularly to the board on revenues and trends, marketing, advertising, promotions, customer service, team member morale, staffing, performance rewards and an ongoing reflective discussion on improvement.

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SAULT TRIBE MEMBERSHIP LIAISONS

Three membership liaisons, all Sault Tribe members, have been hired to work with the chairperson's office on membership issues and concerns. The job is complex, requiring knowledge of not only the tribe and its practices, but a great deal of administrative experience, the ability to work with data, reporting, and to organize special projects and events. They will also respond to and follow up on membership issues to ensure they are resolved.

UNIT I — Jennifer Tadgerson will cover Unit I and also function as Chairperson Aaron Payment's executive assistant: 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; (906) 635-6050 ext. 26359; cell: 203-4252; email: jtadgerson@saulttribe.net.

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Or call toll free, Sault Tribe administration (800) 793-0660.

Subsistence catch reports due on 10th of each month

By ROBERT MARCHAND

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) would like to remind all tribal members engaged in the Great Lakes subsistence or subsistence gill netting treaty rights that monthly catch reports are due no later than the 10th of each month. These reports are required for all active license holders, regardless of whether you physically engaged in the activity or didn't have any catch to report.

If you are an active license holder, failure to submit these reports each month will result in a ticket being issued. If you choose to fax your reports in, please send them to (906) 635-7707 and call the main office at 635-6065 to confirm we received the fax. Otherwise, they may be dropped off at our main office in the George K. Nolan Judicial Building at 2175 Shunk Road in the Sault (same parking lot as the Midjim store) or you can send the report in the U.S. Mail to P.O. Box 925, Sault, MI 49783.

For inland fishing, hunting and gathering licenses, you must sub-

mit a yearly report, due by Feb. 1 each year.

Regardless of whether you engaged in the activity or caught or killed anything while engaging in the activity, you are required to turn in a report. These reports are available on-line by following these steps: Go to saulttribe.com, select membership services, natural resources and then select downloads. The 2012 harvest reports as well as the 2013 licensing applications are located there. You may also call STLE's main office and request that they be mailed to you.

If you had a license in 2012 and have not submitted the harvest report, you will not be able to obtain your 2013 licenses until this report is received. Please review the application thoroughly to ensure you are providing all documentation required to obtain licenses.

In our increasing efforts to engage our communities in STLE's community policing goals, in addition to the open community forums scheduled

throughout Sault Tribe's service area, we have initiated several communication channels to get your input and feedback on the things we are doing well, things we could improve upon and to provide general information regarding activities and events in which we are involved.

New communication channels include a Facebook page - search Sault Tribe Police; a confidential email for input or anonymous tips regarding crime that may be occurring in your area, send to saulttribe@saulttribe.net; and a Twitter account, tweet to @saulttribepolice.

Learn how USDA rural development loans may help you and your family

Michigan residents in need of a loan to either buy a home or repair their own have found help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. USDA Rural Development can make owning a home affordable for lower income home buyers.

USDA Rural Development is one of the few lenders still offering 100 percent financing on home loans, with no money down and a current low fixed rate for lower income families. Subsidies are available for qualified applicants. Applicants must have acceptable credit to qualify. Loan specialists are available to assist interested residents. A borrower who qualifies for the program has the flexibility to choose from purchasing an existing home, building a traditionally constructed new home, or purchasing a new modular or manufactured home.

Programs are offered nationwide with each state having its own income guidelines.

If you want to send anonymous tips to our confidential email account, simply create a generic email account and send it to the email listed above. If you want to send it from your personal, identifiable email, your name and contact information will be kept anonymous unless you provide written consent to identify you.

STLE wants to thank the community members who have come out to one of our open community forums. At these forums, we are providing a basic overview of what we do as a department.

Most people may think we are simply the police and that

our only job is to provide police services to those members in our jurisdiction. As those who have attended a forum now know, we are much more than that. We provide treaty rights conservation enforcement, regulation, and licensing services for inland fishing and hunting, and Great Lakes commercial and subsistence/subsistence gill netting; emergency management services for Sault Tribe; designated department to register and monitor convicted sex offenders in Sault Tribe's jurisdiction; and we oversee and operate the Sault Tribe Youth Detention Facility in St. Ignace.

USDA Rural Development also provides home repair loans to income eligible homeowners at one percent interest. The loans must be used for vital repairs such as roofs, replacing furnaces, well and septic system repairs or connecting your home to a municipal water and sewer system. It can also be used for making a home accessible for people with disabilities. This program is open to anyone who meets income requirements, owns their home and has acceptable credit history. Grants may also be available to qualified homeowners 62 years and older.

This past year, USDA Rural Development processed 7,226 home loans across Michigan, investing \$706 million in the state. Despite the enormous volume and Michigan's challenging real estate market and existing loans, USDA Rural Development has a low foreclosure rate and a majority of USDA Rural

Development mortgages that do run into difficulty are able to avoid actual foreclosure by working with the agency.

The program is also available at the national level, with guidelines determined by the state. The USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure programs through a national network of state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$181 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

For more information, contact the regional USDA office in your area. Contact the Sault office at (800) 944-8119 and ask for the Sault Ste. Marie office or dial direct at 632-9611, extension 4.

Men's Health and Learning Fair coming to Newberry

In April, the Newberry Tribal Health Center hosted a Women's Renewing Yourself and Renewing Mother Earth Health and Learning Fair. Now we want to give men a chance to renew themselves and learn new things.

The staff at the Newberry Tribal Center will be hosting the first Men's Renewal of Health and Learning Fair on June 14 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Four gentlemen speakers are scheduled for the event speaking on men's health issues, the Seven Grandfathers, communicating with your family and words and wisdom from some of our tribal elders.

Men sometimes forget to take care of themselves just like women do. Other things always seem to come first, family cars need fixing or its hunting or fishing season. We all need to take

care of ourselves so we can take care of our families and all those unexpected things in life that just pop-up. This will be a special day to learn ways to renew yourselves and so much more.

Please call 293-8181 and register to join us for our first Men's Renewal of Health and Learning Fair. Everyone is welcome, tribal members and spouses of members. Please call by June 5 to register. If you do plan to attend, please bring a picture of someone or something that's very special to you. Women will be making picture frames out of birch bark for you to take home and will also prepare a feast for our guests. "The way to a good man's heart is through a good woman's cooking."

Brought to you by the staff at the Newberry Tribal Center and a wonderful group of volunteers.

Survey winners drawn

Participants trying to quit commercial tobacco through the Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program received a survey last month to help identify patient and program needs.

Those who returned a completed survey were entered into a drawing to receive a \$25 BP gas card. Four winners were drawn from the areas of Kincheloe,

Newberry and Kingsford. We would like congratulate them as well as thank everyone for participating and completing the survey.

Anyone interested in quitting the use of commercial tobacco or finding out more information about the program, call (906) 632-5210 or contact your local tribal health center.

ACFS seeks public comment on child care assistance program for guidance on changes

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) operates the Child Care Development Program, commonly called CCDF or child care assistance, in all seven counties of the tribal service area. This program is funded by a grant from the Office of Child Care, a division of the federal government's Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. The program provides child care subsidies to eligible families who work or attend school.

In 2013, ACFS intends to

apply for continued funding to operate the program and seeks public comment on the current program plan. This is our opportunity to make changes to the way the program operates and we would like to hear from current and previous parents and child care providers who are licensed or receive funding by the program. ACFS will be accepting public comments from May 1 through June 30, 2013.

A copy of the proposed program plan will be available at the following locations from May 1

through June 31, 2013:

ACFS - Sault office, 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (800) 726-0093 or 632-5250, msmith1@saulttribe.net.

ACFS - Manistique office, 5698 W. Highway US-2, Manistique, MI 49783, (906) 341-6993.

ACFS - St. Ignace office, 1140 N. State Street, Suite 2805, St. Ignace, MI 49781, (906) 643-8689.

ACFS - Munising office, 622 W. Superior Street, Munising, MI 49862, (906) 387-3906.

Cardiac Day at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium on May 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., stop by for free screenings, cooking demonstrations, educational materials, speakers and prizes. For more information, call Community Health nurse supervisor Jenni O'Dell at 632-5210.

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Please note the distribution date when submitting event information for our community calendar. Submissions can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed. The distribution date is the earliest the newspaper can arrive in the seven-county service area.

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Non-resident Members must choose one of the five election units in order to vote in Tribal Elections. They should consider selecting the unit in which they have the closest ties and indicate below the unit they select. Registration is permanent unless you move in/out of an election unit. This form must be received by the Tribal Election Committee ninety (90) days prior to a general election in order for the registration to be valid. The address to which my ballot should be sent is:

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To verify identity, please include last four numbers of your social security: - - -

I understand that this voter registration card must be completed and received at least 90 days prior to a general election to be eligible to vote in Tribal Elections.

I register to vote in Unit _____ SIGNATURE _____
(Must have signature to be Valid.)

New board meeting schedule

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors issued a new meeting schedule for the remainder of 2013:

- April 2 – Kincheloe
- April 16 – Sault Ste. Marie *
- May 7 – Manistique *
- May 21 – Naubinway
- June 4 – St. Ignace
- June 18 – Escanaba
- July 2 – Sault Ste. Marie
- July 16 – Munising *
- Aug. 6 – Kincheloe
- Aug. 20 – Marquette
- Sept. 3 – Sault Ste. Marie
- Sept. 17 – Munising
- Oct. 1 – Sault Ste. Marie
- Oct. 15 – St. Ignace
- Nov. 5 – Manistique
- Nov. 19 – Hessel
- Dec. 3 – Sault Ste. Marie
- Dec.17 – Sault Ste. Marie

* Meeting date changed
Per the Constitution and Bylaws, Article 1 – Meetings of the Board of Directors, Section 1: . . . provided that at least one meeting per year shall be held in each of the five election units established pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the tribal constitution.

General meetings of the board of directors are on the first and third Tuesdays of the months.

All general meetings start at 6 p.m. All Sault meetings take place at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, other locations as announced.

All special meetings will be announced.

For further information, please call Joanne or Tara at the administration office, (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

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Thanks for helping parenting awareness

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services would like to thank all the programs who took time out of their day to be a part of Family Fun Day.

We would also like to recognize and give a special thanks to our sponsors, without their donations, the Family Fun Day would not be possible.

Thanks to A Cut Above the Rest, Angio's, Barish's, Central Savings Bank, city council, Unit I Director Deb Pine, DonDee Lanes, Rob Shield's, Family Video, Guido's Pizza, Hessel YEA singers, Indo-China Garden, EUPISD, Kewadin Casinos, Leitz Sports Center, M&C Water, Mackinac Island Carriage Tours, McDonalds, Overland Equipment,

Picture This Photography, Pizza Hut, Sault Tribe Housing Authority, Sears, Second Hand Childhood, Soo Co-Op Credit Union, Soo Locks Boat Tours, Sovereign Communications, Starline Mackinac Island Ferry, Taco Bell and the Palace.

Thanks to our community volunteers: Darlene Brown, Danielle Rickley, Jennifer Goudreau, Jocelyn Joseph, Herb Brown, Ben Goudreau, Tonya Howard, Tracey McCluskey, Rich Smith, Judy Buckovich, Jenna Chase, Andrew Hutchinson, Rita Glyptis, Jennifer Gillotte, Erin Brawley and Joan Jorganson.

Thanks also to many employees of Sault Tribe who came together for the planning and

gave a hand during the event so that children and families had a great time together. ACFS thanks each and every one of you!

The Sault event took place on March 19 and had 420 in attendance, the St. Ignace event on March 16 had over 300 in attendance and the Manistique event on March 9 had 61 attend.

Although Parenting Awareness Month has come to a close for another year, ACFS continues to dedicate its focus on strong, healthy families.

If you would like more information about parenting, please call 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.

Employment help for Native military veterans

The State of Michigan asked me to reach out to American Indian veterans seeking either new or better employment.

If you are a tribal veteran seeking assistance, my no cost services include assistance in writing effective resumes, job search and interview skills, sources of job leads (local, state and federal) and referrals to other veterans assistance programs.

For information, contact me at Stephen P. Gillotte, counselor, Workforce Development Agency, Veterans' Services Division, State of Michigan, 1498 O'Dovero Drive, Marquette MI 49855, call (906) 228-3075 extension 405, or email gillottes@michigan.gov.

Also visit www.mitalent.org/veterans and www.facebook.com/miveteransservices.

Youth summer jobs open

The Sault Tribe Workforce Investment Act Department is accepting applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program from April 29 through May 24, 2013.

This is an income-based program for Native American youth aged 14 to 21 who reside in the seven-county service area of Marquette, Alger, Chippewa,

Luce, Mackinaw, Delta and Schoolcraft counties.

Applications can be picked up at the WIA office at 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or by calling Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767.

www.freerice.org

Mastaw family grateful

It is our sincere wish to thank all of the wonderful people who aided during our family's loss of my wife, Cheryl Lynn Mastaw, on March 13.

We would like to thank the first responders, state police, sheriff, border patrol and the EMT teams who showed such compassion in our time of need. The staff members of War Memorial Hospital were angels of mercy as their assistance, quick action and personal support helped to sustain us at a most painful time. We shall always hold them dear to our hearts.


Sault Tribe Chairman Aaron Payment, who orchestrated events along with many other board members, employees at the Hessel Center, as well as in the Sault and St. Ignace. There are

so many names we want to thank and show our very sincere gratitude, as well as the community. We are genuinely overwhelmed at this time for the outpouring of kindness.

It is a blessing to have the experience of spiritual leaders in both Native and non-Native traditions. It has given us a sense of peace, which we believe will help us to maintain and persevere in the most difficult of times.

We, the Mastaw family, with heartfelt sincerity can never thank you enough for all that has been done by you – the community.

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Convicted reservation criminals get sentenced

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Four males ranging in age from 20 to 70 and were arrested, convicted and sentenced for either having possession of illegal firearms on reservations, sexual abuse of a child or possession of child pornography.

Marco Antonio Arteaga, 20, of Wilson, Mich., was sentenced to 24 months in federal prison for possession of a stolen firearm, U.S. Attorney Patrick A. Miles, Jr. recently announced. In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Judge Robert Holmes Bell ordered Arteaga to serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison and to pay a \$100 special assessment. Arteaga pled guilty to the charge last October.

The investigation into Arteaga's activities stemmed from an unrelated assault in which a 12-year-old child had a gun pointed at his head. Through the course of the investigation, it was discovered that the gun used in that incident, as well as other guns, had been stolen from a residence on the Hannahville reservation. One of the stolen firearms was found in Arteaga's house underneath his mattress. Arteaga ultimately admitted to concealing two of the firearms that had been stolen in his residence.

The Hannahville Indian Community Tribal Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team and the

Menominee County Sheriff Department investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul D. Lochner prosecuted the case.

Shawn Marshall Brewer, 23, of St. Ignace, Mich., was sentenced to 48 months in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm, according to U.S. Attorney Patrick A. Miles, Jr. In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Judge Robert Holmes Bell ordered Brewer to serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison and to pay a \$100 special assessment. Brewer had pleaded guilty to the charge last Nov. 8.

Brewer, a convicted felon on parole after a 2009 conviction for unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle, was visited by his parole officer and law enforcement in August of 2011. During this visit, Brewer was found in possession of a sawed-off 16-gauge shotgun, along with 38 knives, swords, a hatchet, a throwing star and 16-gauge shotgun ammunition. The shotgun barrel had been cut down to just over 15 inches in length, and the shoulder stock had been replaced with a homemade pistol grip.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Police, the Michigan State Police, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul D. Lochner prosecuted the case.

Brian Paul Loonsfoot, 31, of

Baraga, Mich., was sentenced to 78 months in federal prison for sexual abuse of a minor. In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Judge Robert Holmes Bell ordered Loonsfoot to serve 10 years of supervised release following his release from prison and to pay a \$100 special assessment. Loonsfoot's sentence to custody will begin after his release from the Wisconsin prison system, where he is serving a sentence for sexual abuse of the same victim. Loonsfoot had pled guilty to the federal charge last November.

The investigation of this case revealed that Loonsfoot, who was 28 years old at the time of the offense, had sexual relations with a 12-year-old girl who was a close friend of his family. These sexual acts occurred in Green Bay, Wisc., and on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community reservation. Loonsfoot was prosecuted by Brown County, Wisconsin authorities for his offenses in Green Bay. In September of 2011, Loonsfoot pleaded guilty to one count of second degree sexual assault of a child under 16. He was sentenced to seven years of confinement by the Brown County Circuit Court in December of 2011.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul D. Lochner prosecuted the case.

Roger Harrison White, 70, of Grand Marais, Mich., was sentenced to 63 months in federal prison for possession of child pornography. In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Judge Robert Holmes Bell ordered White to serve five years of supervised release following his release from prison and to pay a \$300 fine and a \$100 special assessment. White will also be required to register as a sexual offender. White had pled guilty to the charge last October.

The investigation into White's activities stemmed from his brief subscription to a child pornography website in 2008. The investigation ultimately led to a search of White's computer and compact disks. That search revealed that White had downloaded and stored thousands of images as well as videos of child pornography via the internet over a period of several years.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. The U.S. Attorney's Office, county prosecutor's offices, Internet Crimes Against Children task force (ICAC), federal, state, and local law enforcement are working closely together to locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children. The partners in Project Safe Childhood work to educate local communities about the dangers of online child exploita-

tion and to teach children how to protect themselves. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul D. Lochner prosecuted the case.

Anti-smoking campaign set

The Centers for Disease Control launched a new campaign featuring people telling their stories of health conditions caused by smoking tobacco. The announcements will appear from April to June.

Nathan's Story is about a member of the Oglala Sioux. He never smoked but, after working in a casino for 11 years, developed allergies and serious infections that triggered asthma attacks, eventually causing permanent lung damage and he had to leave his job. See his story at www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/stories/nathan.html

About 46 million Americans continue to smoke. American Indians have the highest smoking prevalence as well as smokeless tobacco use when compared to other populations.

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Salazar announces Cobell scholarship fund administrator

Seeks tribal nominations for educational fund board of trustees

WASHINGTON, D.C.

— Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar recently announced that the American Indian College Fund has been selected to administer the student scholarship fund authorized by the Cobell settlement, with a fifth of the annual scholarships to be awarded by the American Indian Graduate Center. Salazar is also seeking nominations for two of the members who will serve on the board of trustees that oversees the educational fund.

Salazar said, "By selecting these qualified organizations and in seeking the best trustees to oversee this educational fund, we are honoring Elouise Cobell and helping to empower Indian Country."

"My mother, Elouise Cobell, cared deeply about the next generation of Native people and she insisted on this scholarship as part of the settlement," said Turk Cobell. "It is a fitting tribute to her courageous work and will be a longstanding and appropriate legacy of her extraordinary perseverance and vision."

The Cobell Settlement

Scholarship Fund will help students across Indian Country receive a higher education, whether "it's through college, graduate school or vocational certifications," said Interior Solicitor Hilary Tompkins. "The fund administrator will play an important role in providing American Indians students with the post-secondary training and education they need to succeed in today's world, whether in the workplace, in the community or in government."

Salazar named the non-profit fund administrator after receiving nominations from the lead plaintiff and evaluating the candidates through a high-level Selection Committee that included Interior policy appointees from Indian Affairs, the Office of the Solicitor and the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget.

On the Selection Committee's recommendation, Salazar chose the American Indian College Fund to be the recipient organization, stipulating that the funds it receives be devoted to scholarships for vocational certifications

and four-year accredited bachelor degree colleges and universities, including tribal colleges that provide these degrees. Salazar also stipulated that 20 percent of annual scholarships be awarded by the American Indian Graduate Center to encourage American Indian college graduates to strive for professional and doctoral degrees.

"We are honored to have been selected to administer the largest scholarship fund ever established on behalf of American Indian students," said Dr. Cheryl Crazy Bull, president and CEO of the American Indian College Fund. "I look forward to working with the American Indian Graduate Center to provide greater opportunities for higher education to the next generation of Indian leaders and professionals."

The American Indian College Fund has extensive experience in providing students the resources to succeed in tribal colleges and tech-

nical and vocational certifications as well as traditional undergraduate and graduate programs. The American Indian Graduate Center in Albuquerque is renowned for its award of scholarships to graduate students.

The secretary and lead plaintiff will each select two members for the board of trustees that will oversee the scholarship fund. As the recipient organization, the American Indian College Fund will select one member. The Claims Resolution Act of 2010 requires the secretary to choose his members after consulting with federally recognized Indian tribes and considering the candidates they nominate.

Tribal nominations for the secretary's trustees must be post-marked or emailed no later than Thursday, April 11, 2013. Please send curriculum vitae, a letter of intent, which indicates a willingness to serve and a 250-word

statement which supports the candidacy to Lizzie Marsters, chief of staff to the deputy secretary, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Room 6118, Washington, D.C. 20240.

The \$3.4 billion Cobell settlement authorized a \$1.9 billion land's "buy-back" program that will purchase small, multiple interests from willing sellers at fair market value. The acquired interests remain in trust or restricted status through transfer to tribal governments, enabling them to use the consolidated parcels for the benefit of their communities. As an incentive to participate in the land consolidation program, a donation will be made to the scholarship fund for each fractional interest purchased by the "buy-back" program. Interior is authorized to set aside up to \$60 million for the scholarship fund from the purchase of these fractional interests.

Legal aid attorney hired by tribal ARC

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Legal aid Attorney Kathleen Maine was hired recently by the Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) to provide legal services for their clients – who are victims of domestic or sexual violence.

Maine said she found the advertisement for the position by doing an Internet search and after being hired for the job moved to Sault Ste. Marie from Saginaw, Mich. "I was so positively impressed with the whole feel of the tribe right from my first day," she said. "The philosophy and everything they do here at the ARC is focused on helping people, even if people have had rough starts you go from there and move forward. I think that is so refreshing."

Maine graduated from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing in 1990 and admitted into the bar in 1993. She had her own practice for a number of years, focusing on child abuse and neglect, with some exposure to the Indian Child Welfare Act through her work. After closing her practice she went to work for a small firm doing personal injury and asbestos litigation and also worked a temporary position with the UAW GM Legal Services.

Maine said she will be representing clients at the ARC



who have been screened first by victim advocates. She will be helping those clients in areas such as divorce, custody and with personal protection orders. "My philosophy in my practice of law has been helping those that are un-empowered and lifting people up – the compassionate side of law," she said. "Being a resource, an advocate and the warrior for someone who is un-empowered to help them feel empowered to have direction over their life is a theme for my whole practice."

Maine said she enjoys what the U.P. has to offer for outdoor sports, such as backpacking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and fishing. "I am very happy – everyone at the ARC has made me feel very welcomed and at home here," she said.

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Chippewa band declares a state of emergency

BY RICK SMITH

The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians declared a state of emergency on March 29, 2013, as part of a number of measures to address the "rising popularity and proliferation" of illegal drugs in its community as well as in the surrounding area.

Chief of Police for the Lac du Flambeau Band, Bob Brandenburg, indicated increased use of synthetic drugs has resulted in increased violence, crime and medical emergencies on the reservation. "We've seen a big spike in burglaries and thefts," he said. "A lot of people who you wouldn't expect to be violent become that way after using these synthetic drugs. Many can't believe they acted the way they did afterwards." Brandenburg noted crimes and related emergencies jumped about 64 percent during 2012. "We are running into a lot of problems with synthetics," added Brandenburg.

Drugs specified in an official announcement involve synthetic cannabinoids (synthetic marijuana), synthetic cathinones (synthetic amphetamines), such as those com-

monly called K2, spice, potpourri, bath salts and plant food, among other illegal drugs.

The band indicates that, in spite of repeated scientific reports to the contrary, many first-time and repeat users of the drugs have the misconception that the synthetics are legal and safe when, in fact, they are neither. Common side effects possible in a single use of synthetic cannabinoids (synthetic marijuana), for example, include hallucinations, panic attacks, anxiety, paranoia, agitation, extreme anger, seizures, tremors, kidney failure, liver failure, increased heart rate, elevated blood pressure, stroke, coma and death. Irreparable and permanent damage can result from using synthetic cannabinoids. Synthetic cathinones and other illegal drugs.

"The tribal council recognizes that Indian Country cannot remain idle," the announcement read in part. It further indicated the council "is committing the necessary tribal resources to rid the reservation and the surrounding community of this catastrophic menace that will not only entail swift prosecution,

but will also include a tribal campaign focused on prevention and a committed tribal effort to provide extensive rehabilitation services."

Lac du Flambeau Band leaders call for every band department to participate in combating the proliferation of the drugs. The council passed a resolution that the band become dedicated to return to ancestral teachings.

Measures outlined in the resolution include amending the tribal code to criminalize synthetic cannabinoids and synthetic cathinones and working with federal, state and local governments to prosecute offenders. It also mandates treatment and rehabilitation for addicts and implementing tenant drug testing in tribal housing. Further, severe penalties for apprehended users or distributors include banishment and disenrollment and forfeiture of per capita payments.

In measures relating to prevention, the resolution calls for a review of current and future grant funding to prevent substance abuse, mobilizing door-to-door campaigns to distribute prevention and education materials along with

the introduction of an education campaign in community schools and youth programs.

Lac du Flambeau Reservation is in rural north central Wisconsin near the Michigan border. The

reservation has a land area of 109 square miles, 260 lakes, 65 miles of streams, lakes and rivers and 24,000 acres of wetlands. The band has a population of about 3,000 according to a 2000 census.

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HUD suspends, reinstates home loan guarantee program

BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently informed American Indian tribes of the suspension of the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program because its budget was exhausted.

NCAI offers youth leadership development

BY RICK SMITH

Youngsters affiliated with American Indian tribes who may have ambitions of taking leading roles in the futures of their tribal communities should see the online programs offered by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) at www.ncai.org.

The organization indicates a healthy respect for the accomplishments, potential and impact of the young people of Indian Country. NCAI endeavors to support young people with several ongoing programs and events.

One program in particular is geared to help groom future Indian Country leaders. The program is NDNSpark, launched late last year specifically to assist young people aged 13 to 24 years to set, track and achieve goals. The primary goals of the program is to promote community service and provide inspiration to lead healthy and productive lives.

Those interested in joining the program can do so by visiting www.ncai.org/native-youth, then open the link named NDNSpark.

On the Native Youth page, one will see information about special events for youth hosted by the NCAI along with a few other links for the NCAI Youth Commission, the National Youth Training Collaborative, internships and fellowships

Anyone who has any questions may contact NCAI legislative associate Terra Branson at tbranson@ncai.org or NCAI fellow Tara Kitcheyan at tkitcheyan@ncai.org.

On March 26, however, President Barack Obama signed a measure into law that continues funding the government through Sept. 26. The measure includes more than \$12 million for the HUD Section 184 program, allowing HUD to resume accepting applications for the program immediately and loan approvals can be expected no later than April 15.

The program offered by HUD specifically for American Indians, allows Natives to enter into loan agreements with small down payments at competitive interest rates while requiring no monthly mortgage insurance.

According to a fact sheet from

the Office of Native American Programs and the Office of Public and Indian Housing, the suspension resulted because demand for assistance through the program exhausted its budget. Sandra B. Henriquez, assistant secretary for Public and Indian Housing, indicated that all HUD programs were operating under a continuing resolution that expired on March 27. She noted a calculation error in the credit subsidy rate was discovered and corrected on Feb. 27, which led to HUD finding that the budget for the program is exhausted. "HUD therefore suspended issuance of firm commitments for the Section 184 program until

Congress provided additional funding," said Henriquez.

A HUD fact sheet makes clear that the program continues to work with over 1,600 homebuyers and lenders with current loan commitments. Further, the measure is not related to the implementation of the Budget Control Act of 2011, commonly called the sequester, but an unfortunate coincidence that the program resources were exhausted at the same time the sequester was implemented.

HUD expected to resume the Section 184 program once Congress passed either a new continuing resolution to cover the rest of the federal fiscal year or a full-

year appropriations bill.

During the suspension, HUD suggested potential homebuyers investigate options with other federal loan guarantee programs offered through the HUD Federal Housing Administration, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

According to Dana Piipo of the Sault Tribe Housing Authority, the program has helped 101 Sault Tribe members and their families to acquire their own homes since 2006 and one member was seeking assistance through the program when the suspension was announced on March 8.

2013 Sault Tribe Inland Application

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In 2013, the cost for each member will be \$15. Please note, there will no longer be a mailing fee assessed. **You must pay with a check or a money order payable to Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.** If you have questions, please contact the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (906.635.6065). Youth (16 and under) and Elders (60 and over) are not required to pay fees. New applicants must provide proof of hunter safety. **All members must complete a harvest report and include a copy of their Tribal card.**

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Motorcycle relay ride begins at Sault Tribe court

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Celebrating May as National Drug Court Month, Michigan will host its second annual Motorcycle Relay for Recovery May 20-21. This event celebrates recovery in Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts, drug courts, DWI courts and veteran's treatment courts statewide. The theme of this year's ride is: I'm not lost yet!

Activities begin Monday morning at 9 a.m. in front of the Sault Tribe courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, the rally's starting point this year. The community is invited to attend and participate, with ceremonies, a Family Preservation Court graduation, traditional drumming and Kurt Jackson from Sportster Motorcycles on site and ready to ride the entire route. There are 12 courts participating in the Michigan event, with the second stop of the journey being the Little Traverse Bay Band tribal court. LTBB Cultural Resource Advisor Anthony Davis and other LTBB riders plan to ride the entire Michigan route, joining riders from the Sault Tribe and local community.

Sault Tribe relay riders, including riders from the tribe's drug court, police department and ACFS, will hand off the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals (MADCP) Relay for Recovery flag to representatives of the LTBB relay team on May 20 at 1 p.m. in Petoskey.

This event is being held in



Court administrator Traci Swan (left), Chippewa Tribal Court Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry (center) and Sault Tribe Specialty Court coordinator Patrick McKelvie holding the MADCP flag that will be carried by riders in the second annual Motorcycle Relay for Recovery May 20-21.

collaboration with the All Rise America! National Motorcycle Relay for Recovery, which consists of drug court graduates, drug court professionals, veterans and other participants who will carry the All Rise Gavel over 3,000 miles in 24 days, stopping at 25

events in 10 states, according to their website. The gavel will be passed to a new group of riders at each stop as a symbol of the impact of drug courts and a reminder that when one person rises out of addiction and finds recovery, we all rise.

The Michigan MADCP recovery flag will be handed off in Traverse City, Holland, Allegan, Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor and will arrive in Detroit the afternoon of May 22. The All Rise America! National Relay will also be making four stops in Michigan.

It is expected that at least 100 motorcycles will be participating locally in this event. So helmet up and join the ride, mark your calendars for a fun filled day in support of a good cause.

For more information about the Michigan MADCP relay visit: www.madcp.dreamhosters.com. For more information about the national event, visit: <http://www.nadcp.org/relay-recovery>.

Replacing vital records

Vital records, like birth and marriage certificates and military service records are often necessary to access a variety of government benefits and services. But sometimes those vital records go missing.

USA.gov has information to help you find copies and replacements of your vital records so you can apply for whatever benefits and services you need.

Birth, marriage and death certificates — these records come from the states. To find a copy, you'll have to contact that state office where the life event occurred. Find the contact information for state and territory offices that can help you.

Passports, military service records, social security cards and other documents may be replaced by contacting the appropriate federal agencies, such as the U.S. State Department, National Archives or your local Social Security office.

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I can pay it back next week.

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How do I break this to my family?

I need help.

Now that you've recognized you may have a gambling problem, the next step is to call the **Michigan Problem Gambling Helpline** at 1-800-270-7117 to speak with a counselor. It's free and confidential. Isn't it time you started beating a gambling problem?

IRS Indian office performance found lacking

BY RICK SMITH

Tribal governments recently learned more about a significant increase in the number of audits by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in Indian Country in the last several years.

Numerous claims and anecdotal accounts from concerned tribal leaders indicate vague regulations result in penalties assessed on tribal programs providing general welfare services that should be

tax exempt.

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration reported on the IRS Abuse Detection and Prevention Team (ADAPT) in January of 2013 and found the team inadequate in objectives and measures.

Further, a lack of standards left investigators uncertain if the ADAPT program provides a good return on expended funds by taxpayers.

The ADAPT program was established in 2004 to stem tax fraud and abuse in Indian Country and operates under the Indian Tribal Governments Office of the IRS.

Inadequacies were determined after an investigation by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, which found dubious effectiveness of the program and found particular concern "for those tribal entities

and individuals who had to spend significant resources of time and money to defend open-ended audits and ill-defined tax policy."

According to the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA), over an eight-year period, four cases were referred to criminal investigation before the establishment of the ADAPT program.

Only four cases were referred for criminal investigation after the establishment of ADAPT, including an increase in staffing after 2009. Of the 908 cases closed from 2008 to 2011 only four or .44 percent of fraud cases were found valid. The numbers cast doubt on the creation and continued necessity for ADAPT.

According to a NAFOA release, "With no increase in criminal investigations and a significant amount of resources expended by the IRS, Indian tribal governments, and taxpayers, the Inspector General, taxpayers,

tribal entities, individual Indians, and Congress should be greatly concerned over the effectiveness and lack of accountability of the ADAPT program."

To view the entire report from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, go to http://library.constant-contact.com/download/get/file/1110193229294-133/20130321_Treasury_IG_Report_Accountability.pdf.

With the mission of *Growing Tribal Economies - Strengthening Tribal Finance*, NAFOA staff describe their organization as an independent, national, non-profit organization promoting excellence in financial management, advocating sound economic and fiscal policy, developing innovative education initiatives, and providing essential information, resources and support to meet the challenges of economic growth and change in Indian Country.

Professional association lauds McKelvie as Drug Court Hero

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Specialty Court coordinator Patrick McKelvie was nominated as a Drug Court Hero by his co-workers during the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals annual meeting held March 12-13 in Lansing and was one of 13 who were later selected to receive the award. Over 600 people attended the annual event.

Court administrator Traci Swan, said, "Pat is irreplaceable and comes with a wealth of knowledge. When we were notified that he had been picked for the award we let his wife in on it and she gave us a picture of him to use. We all had lunch at the MADCP conference recently where he was surprised with a certificate of appreciation."

McKelvie said it was heartwarming to be honored by his peers. "At the deepest level the most important thing to me is the acknowledgement of the team, because an award for one is an award for all," he said. "If our tribe wasn't progressive in its thinking we wouldn't have these specialty courts. On that day I was the face of that, but it's a manifestation of all our hard work. They made me smile, there is so much good that goes on here. When you think of tribal court you think of the punitive

nature of it, nobody wants to think of it as a healing to wellness court or an opportunity to change – but we offer that. I wouldn't be here if that wasn't the case."

After McKelvie was surprised with his award, Swan said that the Honorable Susan L. Dobrich from Cass County approached McKelvie and asked him for his resume and invited him to be on the MADCP board.

Chippewa Tribal Court Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry said, "Anyone who has had the good fortune of working with Pat – whether as a Drug Court team member or participant in the program – already knew he was a hero. He gives each client he works with the opportunity to see a better life and the tools to make changes to reaching their goals. Our tribe is blessed to have him working in our court. We are so thrilled the MADCP has recognized Pat's dedication to our people and selected him as a 2013 Drug Court Hero."

According to Swan, "We wouldn't have the drug court we have today without Pat."

The nominating form received by MADCP from his co-workers read in part: "On any given day he [Pat] can be found standing shoulder to shoulder with the drug court participants pulling out debris from the overgrown creek

running through the reservation, on the phone with the mother of an addict who is looking for advice because she does not know what to do, taking participants through the Back to Basics program he started because of the need in the area, carrying the banner leading the annual Recovery Walk through the reservation (which he organized), advocating to the tribal leadership to preserve a local building as a place dedicated to treating substance abuse, facilitating a men's domestic violence education group (which he started) and as the first one standing to lead the team in a round of applause as a participant announces his or her number of days of sobriety.

"...Pat's greatest strength is his ability to connect with the drug court participants. As a person in recovery himself, he 'gets it,' he's been where the participants have been and he has an excellent b.s. meter. Nobody gets anything past Pat – or if they do, it's not for long! With his innate balance of holding participants accountable, while being their greatest cheerleader and the leader of our Drug Court teams, Pat truly is our drug court hero."

The mission of the MADCP, according to their website, is to provide leadership to drug treatment courts throughout Michigan.

Owaski earns child care credential

BY TIFFANY MENARD

Congratulations to Jessica Owaski, Child Care Center aide on putting in all of the extra effort on earning her child development associate (CDA) credential on March 1, 2013.

Owaski has been employed with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Early Childhood Education programs since January of 2011, starting as a Head Start aide based in the elders building. She transferred to work at the Child Care Center in April of the same year.

She is one of those employees who will come in early and stay late when asked and, since joining the Child Care Center team, she also earned her serve-safe food handlers certification allowing her to work in the kitchen when needed.

Owaski began work on her child development associate credential through classes offered by the Bay Mills Community College through the partnership that Sault Tribe has with the college to offer classes for both tribal employees and members at



Jessica Owaski, child care aide at the Sault Tribe Child Care Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

a significantly reduced rate in the fall of 2011. She completed three classes and had her CDA interview on Feb. 15.

Further, she is continuing with her education by taking advantage of the classes offered on-site from Bay Mills Community College.

Through the partnership, individuals only pay a \$30 registration fee per class and \$10 per credit hour.

Anyone interested in learning what classes are offered on-site through this partnership, please contact the Sault Tribe Education Department.

Owaski truly represents the spirit of the Early Childhood Education Program and the Head Start performance standard guidelines to give parents preference for employment. She has had children in the Child Care Center since 2003.

As the Child Care Center manager, I am very proud of her accomplishment and desire to further her education.

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Feds release action plan for protection of sacred sites

By RICK SMITH

Complying with a December 2012 presidential mandate to develop an action plan to strengthen the protection of sites sacred to American Indians, the U.S. departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Interior and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation recently released an interagency plan for the coordination and collaborative protection of sacred sites.

“The federal family has a special, shared responsibility to respect and foster American Indian and Alaska Native cultural and religious heritage, and this action plan will guide us in that important role,” said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar in an announcement of the measure. “We have dedicated considerable staff and resources to address this important issue and will continue to work with the tribes and their spiritual and religious leaders to carry-out the action plan.”

According to the Department of the Interior, the five-page action plan includes a mission statement that commits the agencies to collaborate on improving protections and tribal access to sacred sites through enhanced and improved coordination, collaboration and consultation with tribes. The plan further specifies collaborative actions of the agencies and the commitment to consultation with Indian tribes in developing and implementing those actions in developing strategies for protecting sacred sites.

The plan calls for the establishment of a standing working committee consisting of designated senior staff from the participating

agencies and experts from the participating agencies as needed.

A core working group, made up of designated senior officials, will be chaired by Department of the Interior.

According to the plan, the Department of the Interior intends to provide a report on the department’s tribal listening sessions on sacred sites. The department conducted several tribal listening sessions across the country to gather tribal and spiritual leaders concerns regarding sacred sites.

The last detail of the plan involves building tribal capacity. The plan indicates the working groups will compile information about building tribal capacity to participate fully in consultation and the identification, evaluation and protection of sacred sites, analyze compiled information, and share with Indian tribes for initial feedback and recommend steps to build tribal capacity.

The plan can be seen in its entirety at www.doi.gov/news/upload/ss-mou-action-plan-march-5-2013.pdf.

A 1996 presidential executive order defines Indian sacred sites as “any specific, discrete, narrowly delineated location on federal land that is identified by an Indian tribe, or Indian individual determined to be an appropriately authoritative representative of an Indian religion, as sacred by virtue of its established religious significance to, or ceremonial use by, an Indian religion; provided that the tribe or appropriately authoritative representative of an Indian religion has informed the agency of the existence of such a site.”

New doctor practicing at St. Ignace facility

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Dr. Timothy Hoffmann was hired recently as a family practice doctor at the tribe’s St. Ignace Health Center.

Looking for a change of scenery and lifestyle, Hoffman found the job posting online and applied. “The location here is very enticing to me, I love being by the water and the four seasons,” he said. Practicing a healthy and active lifestyle, Hoffman runs every morning and also enjoys cross-country skiing, cycling and other endurance activities.

He spent the first 22 years of his career working for a Detroit newspaper before deciding to go to medical school. He attended Wayne State Medical School, graduating there in 1995 at the age of 40. He completed a three-year residency in family practice at the Detroit Medical Center and his first job was in Marshall, Michigan working for a private

practice and another six years in a small outlying clinic. He then worked over eight years for a federally qualified health center helping people without insurance or who were on Medicaid.

Hoffman said he is impassioned about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and preventative medicine. “I am more interested in what makes people healthy as opposed to what makes them sick,” he said. “I am impressed by the facility here and all the different types of services they have for their patients. I am also impressed by how the facility looks and that it is state of the art.”

Hoffman’s wife is enrolled in a two-year physicians assistant program in Kalamazoo and together they have three grown children. He works four-day weeks at the clinic and travels to his home in Marshall on his days off, just over a four-hour drive from St. Ignace.

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Former FCC heads advise team name change

By RICK SMITH

Nearly a dozen former chief figures of the Federal Communication Commission and others signed a letter to Daniel Snyder, owner of the National Football League team known as the Washington Redskins, encouraging Snyder to change the "archaic and racially stereotyped name" of the team. The letter indicated it is technically impermissible by law for the FCC to condone broadcasting of the current name on live television.

The letter read that the Redskins term "is the most derogatory name a Native American can be called. It is an unequivocal radical slur." It pointed out that our nation would not tolerate a team called the Blackskins, Mandingos, Brothers, Yellowskins or any other ethnic minority. The letter further explained the demeaning characterization of the term Redskins comes from the slaughter of millions of American Indians after Europeans arrived in what is now known as the Americas. And how, for three centuries afterwards, government-sanctioned bounties were given for the corpses of Indians until it became too cumbersome to transport whole bodies. Then colonial governors instead distributed bounties for Indian scalps and skins. In turn, "trappers subsequently began using the term 'Redskins' to symbolize the bloody skin and scalps they collected."

For the nation's capital to be represented by a football team whose name and mascot keep alive that spirit of inhumanity, subjugation and genocide toward the indigenous Americans is

especially unseemly, the letter indicated.

Snyder indicated in a 2003 interview with CNN that he would never change the name of the Redskins. "The facts are what it means is tradition. It means winning. It means a great tradition for the franchise. The whole idea of redskin really means, it's war paint. And the redskin was not a redskin in a derogatory way, but really redskin meaning war paint, painted for war, battle. That's why, if you listen to the fight song of the Washington Redskins, it's 'Hail to the Redskins, fight on for old D.C., braves on the warpath.' It's really a tradition of winning."

Whether or not Snyder's views have changed since the interview could not be confirmed by press time.

The mayor of Washington, D.C., as reported in the last edition of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*, is not allowing the Washington Redskins to return to the city without a serious exploration of the team's name. Currently, the team plays out of Landover, Md., and has offices in Ashburn, Va. The National Congress of American Indians issued a statement of support last Jan. 11 for the mayor's measure.

One of the signatories of the letter to Snyder, former FCC Chairman Reed Hundt, speaking during a phone interview, said pressure from Indian Country applied to the White House and the FCC would facilitate the Redskins name change and broader measures correcting similar issues elsewhere.

"First, it would be really helpful if American Indians signed

petitions on the White House website (www.whitehouse.gov) to insist the name be changed. Second, it would be great if American Indians petitioned the FCC and told the coming new chairman that they want the FCC to tell broadcasters not to use the name on the air," said Hundt. "If FOX did not mention the name of the team during the NFL season play, the name would probably be changed before half-time."

Hundt further indicated he has

been receiving plenty of supporting feedback on an opinion-editorial piece he wrote, titled *Dan Snyder should change his team's name*, published in the Washington Post on April 4.

Those who signed the letter to Snyder urging a name change were Hundt, along with former FCC commissioners Jonathan Adelstein and Nicholas Johnston, former FCC general counsels Henry Geller and Erwin Krasnow, former FCC chiefs of staff Dan

Gonzalez and Blair Levin; plus co-founder and executive director of the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, David Honig; senior vice president of the Media Access Project, Gigi Sohn; public advocate, Brent Wilkes; and Rosebud Sioux member, actor, public advocate and possible candidate as an Indian Country ambassador for the U.S. State Department, Sonny Skyhawk.

Husband, wife coach St. Ignace school sports teams

By BRENDA AUSTIN

There's no doubt about it, the past four years have been exciting ones for the St. Ignace Saints girl's basketball team. The Saints have gone to the final four the past four years, winning this year's Class D State Title.

In 2010 the girls were runner up in Class C, in 2011 they were Class C champs and last year in Class C they made it to the semi-finals.

Confused about what Class C and Class D means? The classes are an enrollment level based on the number of kids in the high school. School teams only compete against other teams in their class.

Coach Dorene Ingalls said this is the first time in 15 years the team has been designated Class D and expects to go back to Class C next season, this year they were 10 over limit for Class C and next year she expects to be 10 under the limit for Class D.

Ingalls said the key is to keep the team motivated and playing hard. "We work very hard and the kids know that going in," she

said. "They put a lot of time and effort into it and a lot of sacrifices throughout the year. We try to teach them some life skills along the way and to be grateful for what we have and the little things in life. They are an amazing group of girls and we have been blessed every year with amazing kids and some great teams."

The team will take a hit next season, losing two key players - starter Sarah Cullip and "defensive demon" Brooke Chambers.

Ingalls has been coaching at the high school since 1991 and has been with the Saints for the past 14 years. Her husband, Doug Ingalls, has been coaching varsity boys for 21 years and is also a junior high math and social studies teacher. "Doug had a relatively young team this season but they did a great job," Ingalls said. "They ended up being co-conference champ with Sault Ste. Marie and also were 16/17 overall and won a district championship. They had a good year."

Ingalls said Doug and she co-coach as much as time and practice schedules allow. "For

the most part we are a team," she said. "He is able to stand up in the coaching box for me because I'm paralyzed, so I don't stand up and jump around like I used to. We are a good team - he focuses on getting the plays set up and I focus on rotations and defense and keeping the kids mentally focused and playing at a high level."

Ingalls said next year's nucleus is going to be the senior class. "We have a girl that will be starting for four years next year and her record is pretty impressive - 78/2 through her junior year. She has started every varsity game but one. It's going to be fun to see what these kids are able to do," she said.

A good percentage of each year's players on both the boys and girls Saints teams are members of the Sault Tribe.

In addition to their coaching careers, Doug and Dorene own the Locker Room in downtown St. Ignace, a sports clothing store specializing in screen-printing and embroidery.

Uncle reunites with nephew in planned surprise at school

By BRENDA AUSTIN

On March 7, Kullen Talentino, a 13-year old in the 7th grade at Sault Area Middle School, was called to the office. As he sat waiting to find out why, his family was hiding in a room around the corner waiting to surprise him.

Two things happened within hours of each other last November that affected both young men; a hockey injury left Kullen briefly disoriented, confused and with a fuzzy memory. The morning following the accident, his uncle and best friend left for boot camp at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. Kullen couldn't remember who his uncle Matt was, what was going on the morning after his concussion or why his uncle was leaving. They never really got to say goodbye.

Due to his injury, Talentino was out of school for a month while he recuperated.

So that chilly afternoon in March as Talentino's family gathered, his uncle A1C Matthew Jones was on his way to the school from the Kinross Airport after having just finished training at the 344 Training Squadron.

Talentino and Jones are ten years apart in age and their birthdays are one day apart. "My heart was broken for my brother and [my son] Kullen," said Crystal Talentino. "The day after my brother left, everything started coming back into focus for Kullen and he realized that his uncle was gone and he didn't get to say goodbye because he didn't remember it."

So as Kullen sat waiting, his uncle, with the rest of his family behind him, walked down the hall towards his nephew. A few hugs and tears later, they



A1C Matthew Jones (left) and Kullen Talentino.

were joyfully reunited.

Amidst all the excitement, A1C Jones got down on his knees, took his girlfriend Cassie Wilcox's hands as he reached into his pocket for a ring and asked her to marry him.

After a two-week visit, A1C Jones left for Tucson, Ariz., where he will be stationed for the next six years working in material management. His family said there is a possibility he could be deployed overseas.

All is now well with young Kullen, his memory has fully returned and this time he remembers hugging his uncle goodbye.

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Sault BIA superintendent retires after 36 years

BY RICK SMITH

Gerald Parish, a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community, recently retired from his position as the superintendent of the Michigan Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., after 36 years of service. The Michigan Agency serves tribal governments, organizations and reservations in the states of Michigan and Indiana. According to Parish, the superintendent is the head of the office and reports to the Midwest regional director. Further, the superintendent leads work groups that provide advice on administrative and program matters and assist the states' federally recognized tribes.

After graduating from the Brimley Area Schools in 1966, Parish graduated from Lake Superior State University in 1971 after earning a bachelor's degree in biological science. He accepted a position with the Bay Mills Indian Community as a coordinator for the Johnson-O'Malley Program in 1971 before moving on to work with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan as a child protection specialist in 1975. He shifted to the newly established Bureau of Indian

Affairs Michigan office as a tribal contract specialist in 1977, a position he held before accepting a civil service appointment with the Michigan Agency as the self-determination specialist in 1979. Parish rose through the years in different capacities with the Michigan Agency and was selected as superintendent in July of 2004.

Parish also served on a number of commissions and committees such as the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs, Michigan Ad Hoc Advisory Commission on Indian Education, Michigan State Indian Education Advisory Committee, Michigan State Study Commission on Teacher Accountability, the National Criminal Justice Consultation Committee and the Michigan State Child Care Study Commission.

Reflecting on his career, Parish recalled the Michigan Agency served only five federally recognized tribes when it was established, eventually growing to include the 12 Michigan tribes of today. Office staff numbers dwindled from a high of 29 to the current 10 from a lack of funding and tribes helped to reduce the workload. The number of avail-

able programs dipped slightly and Parish credits the advent of gaming for the many existing programs. "Gaming came at a good time," he said, adding that if gaming had not come about, there would be very few programs.

"I feel fortunate to have lasted this long and see the changes," he said. "There's always been a new challenge, it's been very gratifying."

As he leaves office, he would like to clarify a prevalent erroneous belief about federal funding for tribes. "There is a misconception that funding is based on per capita," he said. Not true, "There is no rhyme nor reason to funding to tribes." Further, he noted, funding is usually at 50 percent or less of program needs.

Parish plans to travel with his wife, Janine, to visit family. After that, he said, "We'll take whatever comes next day-by-day."

Melanie Vanderlooven assumed the duties of acting superintendent for the Michigan Agency on March 25.



Gerald Parish, a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community, recently retired from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Michigan Agency.

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MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. — Ishpi Information Technologies, Inc., (ISHPI) won a \$6.7 million dollar multi-year task to provide the United States Coast Guard with consultation in information systems security and analysis, certification and accreditation, risk management, and information assurance training support for the Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology (C4IT) Service Center in Alexandria, Va. ISHPI's cyber security team developed a comprehensive, enterprise-wide solution addressing the USCG's current and future information assurance and cyber security requirements that will ensure the protection of all USCG systems, information and networks.

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Jones wins *Free Press* auto leadership award

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Jeffrey Jones received word the first of the year that he was chosen as this year's Up and Coming *Detroit Free Press* Automotive Leadership Awards winner.

Jones works for Ford Motor Company as the assistant chief engineer of the China Vehicles division, leading teams in developing all new products for China. His latest vehicle is being launched there this spring and is very similar to the Fusion in the U.S., called the Mondeo. He said they will be launching 15 new cars and SUVs in China by 2015 and upgrading their entire powertrain portfolio with 20 advanced new engines.

"I was extremely honored to receive the recognition and the opportunities provided to me throughout my career," he said. "There are so many talented people that work in this industry, working hard day and night – so it was quite special to be singled out."

Jones began his work with

Ford at the age of 17 when he was accepted for a one-month internship after participating in a science and technology program while still a student at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn. During his undergraduate studies he continued to work part time in Ford's research and innovation laboratory and after graduating worked full time designing forward model multimedia products.

Jones is an honors program graduate from the University of Michigan, with bachelor's degrees in computer engineering and electrical engineering (2001) and a master's degree in engineering management (2004). Jones and his wife, Kristi, attended Harvard Business School together and both graduated with masters in business administration degrees in 2007.

While in grad school at Harvard, Jones helped to recruit in the Native community for the Harvard University Native American Program, which can be found online at: nativeadmissions@hbs.edu.



Jeff Jones

He said his work with Ford boils down to delivering great products that provide a revolutionary experience for the customer; from the time they enter the dealership and pick up their vehicle, through the lifecycle of daily use, then with the service experience. "Consumers need to be delighted every step of the

way," he said. "And delivering a great experience that surprises and delights is essential for retaining our existing customers – after loyal years of use – as well as gaining new customers all around the world."

Working to develop and deliver a revolutionary product, Jones said such a product would deliver a physical, intellectual and emotional experience to make you feel special and satisfied that you have purchased something of great value. "To me the original iPhone was an example of a revolutionary product," he said.

A company he co-founded with a classmate, Jay Rogers, in 2006 received recognition last year from President Obama for innovation and their first product, the Rally Fighter, was also shown on Jay Leno's garage. Jones and Rogers developed Local Motors to help revolutionize the automotive design and manufacturing industry. It uses an internet-driven community of automotive enthusiasts, designers, students and industry

professionals to develop all new vehicles tailored for a specific market, Jones said. Customers participate in the manufacturing process, which he said is unique to the industry and something of which he is very proud of, although he is no longer with Local Motors.

Jones is the son of Kathi Cutler and Jim Jones of Dearborn and the grandson of Robert and Mary Geroux of Heartland. He is also the great-great-grandson of She-bye-aw-way-quay. "My grandfather helped us to always stay culturally aware, even at an early age. Being a tribal member has shaped my beliefs and values, guiding our decisions to also have a tight net around our values as a family – and staying connected – even though we live so far away from the Sault," he said. "With our lakes, grasses and trees, we knew Michigan was the only place to raise a family, alongside our extended tribe." Him and Kristi have two daughters, Evelyn, 3, and Ashley, 2.

Bayliss hosts speaker on regional Indian genealogy

BY RICK SMITH

The Chippewa County Genealogical Society and Bayliss Public Library recently hosted a special presentation on American Indian genealogy specific to the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan and some areas west. Author and professor Theresa Schenck spoke at the library in Sault Ste. Marie on March 21.

According to Susan James, assistant director of the Bayliss Library, Schenck wrote books on American Indian history in the area and over the years has done a lot of research using historical resources in the Steere Room at Bayliss.

Schenck is professor of American Indian Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is the author of several books on the Ojibwe. She is an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Nation of Montana and a descendant of Jean Baptiste Cadotte of Sault Ste. Marie and Michel Cadotte of La Pointe. She has a keen interest in the Indian history of the



Photo by Rick Smith

Professor Theresa Schenck speaking at Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie on March 21.

eastern Upper Peninsula and is related to some Sault Tribe members, namely the Gurnoe clan.

Much of her work centers on the fur trade era and the relations between the Ojibwe and the fur traders. Her first book, *The Voice of the Crane Echoes Afar*, refutes the idea that Ojibwe cul-

ture has been extinguished. Her most recent work, *The Ojibwe Journals of Edmund F. Ely*, describes the conflict between Ojibwe culture and Christianity at Nagaajiwangong on Lake Superior. Other works include a biography of William W. Warren, and the annotated edition of his *History*

of the Ojibwe People. She has a Ph.D. in anthropology from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

The Bayliss Library has some of her books in the Steere Room.

Schenck asserted that genealogy is much more than digging up ancestral names and dates in old records. "It's about finding out about people, making them come alive," she said.

According to Schenck, Indians have potential sources of recorded information that many might not be aware of when undertaking genealogical searches. In addition to combing through the usual sources, such as Census rosters, county records and national archives, those pursuing records of American Indian ancestors should also consider fur trade records stemming from 1775. Those records include licenses, contracts and, from the 19th century, registries compiled by Samuel Abbott, a notary public based in what was then called Michilimackinac, who recorded agreements between fur trade

companies and employees along with other transactions. A caveat about fur trade records – some of the earliest records may have been written in French. Besides libraries, some records may be found online.

Early church records are another source, especially churches that served as cathedrals, or main hubs, for smaller, satellite churches in a given area or diocese. The churches often recorded births, confirmations, marriages and deaths of their Indian congregants.

Then there are treaties and records of annuity payments. In some treaties, for example, the U.S. government is obliged to pay annual annuity payments to designated Indians, and records were kept of those payments and to whom they were paid.

Questions regarding suggestions or specific sources may be directed to Professor Theresa Schenck at (608) 848-0738 or schenck@wisc.edu.

New technology makes Sault Printing clean and green

Sault Printing Company started the New Year by updating their plate making process to a state-of-the-art computer-to-printing plate system and installed a newly released multi-media digital print system. The new system goes right from the computer to printing plate.

Glunz and Jensen introduced the PlateWriter 2500 in February of 2012 as a mid-range computer to plate solution. The PlateWriter applies a patented liquid dot image onto aluminum printing plates, much in the way that an inkjet printer prints onto paper. The imaging fluid is water-based, which has no special requirement for disposal. The PlateWriter 2500 plate making system is among the most energy efficient and environment-friendly plate makers on the market. It uses recirculated heat to dry the plates, doesn't require chemicals and the



Left to right, Harold Coururier of Graphic Equipment; Ron Maleport, president of Sault Printing; head pressman Mike Metrish of Sault Printing; product specialist Steve Swihart of Glunz and Jensen and Mick Maleport, vice president of Sault Printing.

plates are 100 percent recyclable aluminum. The PlateWriter 2500 eliminates the need for darkroom film processing equipment and chemicals allowing Sault Printing to produce environmentally friendly plates in normal daylight operation. Sault Printing Company bought the sixth New

PlateWriter 2500 unit available in the United States!

"Sault Printing has waited years for technology to advance for metal plates," said Ron Maleport, Sault Printing Company president. "We never believed polyester plates were the solution for us and we wanted to

stay with metal plates, but hadn't found an affordable and reliable metal solution to date. Both polyester and metal plate systems were overpriced for a company our size until the Glunz and Jensen 2500 met our budget and performance expectations."

The plate making method that had been in place dated back to the pressroom days of Ron and Mick Maleport's father, Ted, original owner and founder of Sault Printing Company. Ron and Mick both remember the prepress days of exposing and tray developing film in a darkroom environment that later evolved into using a film processor. The method was time consuming and used chemicals.

"Now we can offer environmentally friendly printing services to our customers that are competitively priced and give us a more efficient process than

was previously possible," said Mick Maleport, who serves as vice president and pressroom foreman. "We have been voted best print shop in the EUP and are proud to be able to continue to offer the great service that our customers expect from us. I am sure that this new equipment will help increase the quality and green profile of our products."

Along with the installation of the PlateWriter 2500, Sault Printing also bought a newly released Xante Impressia for digital printing. The Impressia allows Sault Printing Company to offer a variety of short run full color products such as brochures, envelopes, posters, and cards produced from digital files.

Sault Printing Company is excited to share the benefits of these new technologies with their customers.

BPAC Environmental Summit hosted at LSSU

By CRYSTAL BOLE

The Binational Public Advisory Council hosted the 12th annual Environmental Summit at Lake Superior State University on March 16 with this year's theme of *Connecting Science to the Community*. The summit provides the public with the opportunity to come celebrate the St. Marys River, our river.

The summit began at 10:30 a.m. and continued until 3 p.m. Displays of information on conserving and sustaining the area

and improving environmental quality of the river were presented by about 15 local entities including the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Voyageurs Trail Association, Clean North, River of History, Invasive Species Research Institute, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Outdoor Adventure Club, Sault Tribe Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program, Sault High Envirothon Team, Algoma Public Health,

4H, Chippewa Extension, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Environmental Department, Chippewa-East Mackinac Conservation District Binational Public Advisory Council and the Sierra Club. Along with the displays there were hands-on kids' activities, arts and crafts dedicated to learning about the St. Marys River and the environment in which we live in.

In addition to informational booths and displays, the summit

featured four speakers who gave wonderful presentations throughout the day. Matthew Bertrand with the Grand Traverse Conservation District presented lessons learned about messaging with examples from invasive plant management, Michelle Bruneau of the Michigan Department of Community Health presented lessons learned about messaging with examples from safe Great Lakes fish consumption, Katie Williams of the university of

Wisconsin discussed place-based education as a strategy for connecting science and communities, and George Denger, a Lake Superior State University professor of communication, discussed overall viewpoints regarding message framing.

While adults were able to enjoy the talks and take home great information, the kids were able to learn and enjoy the St. Marys River by playing games and telling their best river stories.

What is gray water and how can it be reused?

By CHRYSTAL BOLE

Gray water is all of the water you use in your household, the water you use to wash dishes, take showers, do the laundry, etc., except for the water found in your toilets, which is black water. Although it is not equivalent to drinking water, gray water may be used for watering your yard and plants around your home, thus reducing fresh water waste. With some modifications, you can recycle your grey water, helping our environment, improving the efficiency of your water supply and saving on that pesky summer water bill.

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• Greater quality of surface and ground water
Plant-friendly products.

Plant-friendly, household cleaning products, such as dish soap, shampoo and laundry detergent, are key when reusing your gray water. All products should be biodegradable and non-toxic. In addition, they should be free from salt (sodium) and boron (borax), two common ingredients harmless to people but harmful to plants and soils. Chlorine bleach is also detrimental to plants and can be replaced with hydrogen peroxide bleaches, which are less damaging. Finally, some cleaning products, beauty products and soaps change the pH of water. For instance, most bar soaps make the water very basic, and that effect should be avoided as well.

Salt-free, boron-free and pH neutral laundry detergents include Laundry Oasis, Ecos, Biopac liquid detergent and Vaska.

Laundry soap alternatives that are gray water friendly:

The Wonder Ball — a small ball that contains a special mineral blend, empowering the water

to be the only cleaning agent necessary. You toss it into your washing machine, so that you can use little or no detergent (thus reducing product costs) when washing clothes.

Wonder Laundry Dryer Balls — these decrease the amount of time you spend drying your clothes and the number of wrinkles in your clothes once they are dried. Another money-saver, it even works to remove extra lint from your clothing as it dries. You can purchase a complete laundry system that includes one Wonder Ball and two Wonder Laundry Dryer Balls, so all your laundry needs will be covered.

Soap nuts — Not actually nuts, soap nuts are the fruit of a tree (*Sapindus mukorossi*), found primarily in the Himilayas. After the fruit is dried, all you do is

place a bag right in your wash. With the fruits' great laundry cleaning properties, they are an excellent alternative to traditional laundry detergents and cleaners.

Aubrey Organics' shampoos and conditioners are salt-free, boron-free and pH neutral. Showers dilute products more effecitively than a washing machine, so it is not as critical to have the best products for gray water considerations. Unfortunately, surprisingly many shampoos and conditioners contain carcinogenic chemicals, which negatively affect human health. You can find out what's in your products at the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics on-line database.

Many people are installing systems in their homes to direct the gray water to holding tanks or directly to their garden. You

don't have to start big, as these changes are difficult — and potentially expensive — to make. Try and always keep in mind that all household products that go down the drain will eventually end up in the water we drink. Harmful products will increase the chemicals we receive through our foods, drinks and recreational activities. Start with a little research and maybe change the soap options in your household. Research the pH-tolerance of your plants and identify those that can handle gray-water. Then, the next time you do the dishes using plant-friendly dish soap, you can use a bowl to collect the water and give it to your plants. Every little bit helps, and these are simple changes that we can all do. We can start small and work our way up.

Spring turkey guidelines

Sault Tribe's spring wild turkey season is upon us, from April 15 to June 15. Those who want to hunt turkey this spring must get inland harvest license and turkey harvest tags in advance.

The Inland Fishing and Hunting Department may issue limited number of ceremonial turkey permits.

Hunters can bag two bearded birds for the spring season. Hunter's orange isn't necessary for hunting turkey. A shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun using number four shot or smaller may be used, or a rim fire firearm of

.17 caliber or larger, including all center firearms. Bow and arrow may be used to hunt turkey provided a broad head with a cutting surface of at least 1-inch diameter is used. Crossbows may also be used.

In the spring season, hunting wild turkey with dogs is prohibited.

Once hunters get their turkeys, they must immediately complete harvest tags and affix them to their turkeys and keep them on during transport.

The next season for wild turkey begins Sept. 15.

Ticket to Work program helps folks on disability

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Family Fun Night comes to Sault Ste. Marie



Left, Tony Nertoli, Sault Tribe USDA Food Distribution Program director, serves healthy snacks to attendees at Family Fun Night held March 19 at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie.



Photos by Brenda Austin

Mike McKerchie and his daughter Ella, 6.



This six-year old lad spelled his name for us, let's hope we got it right - Trenton Crengonkrogh - takes delight in the spread of treats and toys waiting for youngsters at the event.



Sault Tribe employee Kerrie Jones with Smokey the Bear.



Cheryl and Dave Bernier with their son Andrew, 5.



Kristi Cleary and Kiara, 7, enjoying fun activities.

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..... as well as Manistique's Tribal Center



Above, Deanna Clifton (center) and Vega (left) as Hello Kitty and Miranda as a chocolate chip cookie. Above right, Emma Smith and her grandmother, Kim Smith.



Waabaanong

Mii azhigwa ziigwang minookami igaye! It's time for spring!

BY AMY MCCOY SAYERS, SPECIAL TO WIN AWENEN NISITOTUNG

Wezaawibinesik, Yellow Thunderbirdwoman, is one of the spirits that watch over the language. The American Goldfinch, Aginjibagwesi, S/he counts the leaves, is one of her helpers. She can help us in our pursuit of the language when we offer her asemaa.



— Wiidookawishin da-minochigeyaan. Help me to do good works.

“Daga wiidookawishin dagikendamaan Anishinaabemowin. Miigwech wiidookawiyen.” You can tell her: “Please help me to know Anishinaabemowin. Thank you for helping me.”

Medicine Wheel teachings Eastern direction for spring Mii azhigwa ziigwang minookami igaye! It's time for spring!

Biindaakoojigeyan, gegoo gidaa-ikid... When you're making an offering, something you could say...

— Daga daapinamok wa'aw asemaa miinawaa miijim Manidoog nemadabiwaad imaa waa-banang. Please accept this tobacco and food, spirits that sit in the east, OR

There are many interdependent spirits all doing their good work so that the season unfolds relationships birthing new life. We help them when we offer our food and tobacco. Asking the spirits for help can be powerful. We can learn a lot about ourselves by observing the interconnected roles in the rest of creation.

Miigwech niij-anishinaabek. Thank you fellow Anishinaabek. Giishpin gegoo waa-gagwejiimiyaa, iibii'amawishin omaa: If there's something you want to ask me, email me here: miskwaa@yahoo.com

Butterflies alight at Chi Mukwa



Photo by Christin McKerchie

Left to right, Taylor Storey, Michaela Sheber, Kayla Price and Hope Anderson practice a show number called *Monarchs* in their senior pointe class at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie for the coming production of *Puff the Magic Dragon* presented by the Academy of Performing Arts. The show is scheduled for May 4-5 at DreamMakers Theater. Purchase tickets online at <http://tickets.kewadin.com>.

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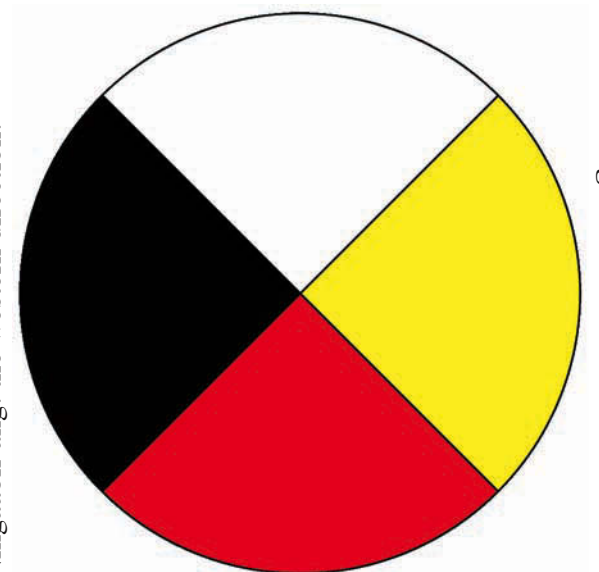
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Giiwedini: the spirit that sits in the North. Giiwediniing: the northern direction.

Ningaabi'an: The spirit that sits in the West. Ningaabi'ang: the western direction.



Waaban: The spirit that sits in the East. Waabaanong: The eastern direction.

Zhaawan: The spirit that sits in the South. Zhaawanong: The southern direction.

PAULINE R. TOMINACK

Pauline Rita Tominack, aged 87, of DeTour Village, Mich., died on March 16, 2013, at the home of her niece on Drummond Island, Mich. She was born on Feb. 6, 1926, in DeTour to Paul Felix and Marion Bella (nee Bell) LaPoint.

She was a lifelong DeTour resident. She married Edwin "Mark" Tominack on July 20, 1949, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Pauline worked in the office at the Drummond Island Dolomite Quarry for nearly 40 years.

Pauline was a member of the Sacred Heart Church and the DeTour Area Snowmobile Club.

She and Mark loved snowmobiling. They owned a cabin on St. Joseph Island, Canada, where they spent much of the winter for nearly 30 years. They also danced together at many area polka festivals. Pauline collected antiques and autographs. She enjoyed tatting and made many beautiful items.

She is survived by her brother, Robert (Patricia) LaPoint of Drummond Island; niece, Marian (Bill) Burton of Drummond Island; nephews, Paul (Laneen) LaPoint of Drummond Island, Alec (Kristen) LaPoint of DeTour, and Rob (Jennifer) LaPoint of Petoskey, Mich.; and son-in-law, James Gloden of Crystal, Mich. Also surviving are Mark's family, Pauline's sisters-in-law, Anna Prevost, Georgene (Roy) Mion, Jackie (Wilbert) Wojnaroski, and Sharon (Larry) Russell; brother-in-law, Ron (Velma) Benson; several nieces and nephews; and great nieces and nephews.

Pauline was preceded in death by her husband, Mark; daughter, Nancy Gloden; grandson, Nathan Loveless; infant sister, Verna LaPoint; and nephew, Charlie LaPoint.

Visitation and services were on March 22 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in DeTour Village with Father Janusz Romanek as celebrant.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in the spring.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford, Mich., served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.reamergalerfuneralhome.com.

FRED E. OLMSTEAD

Fred Edward "Tucko" Olmstead, aged 100, of DeTour Village, Mich., died on March 25, 2013. He was born on March 9, 1913, on Cockburn Island, Manitoulin, Canada to Andrew

Aloysius and Mary Alene "Lena" (nee LaPointe) Olmstead.

Fred's family moved to

DeTour when he was a small child as his father followed the good commercial fishing opportunities in DeTour.

After growing up in the DeTour area, Fred married Edna Dolores Pleva on Oct. 24, 1938, in Goetzville, Mich. He served in the U.S. Navy and after his discharge he worked at Drummond Dolomite for many years. Fred was still living independently at home until just a few days before his death.

Fred was an avid Tiger baseball fan. He enjoyed playing poker with friends at Kewadin Casino. Fred had an excellent memory with numbers and he could tell anyone in the area by their car license number. Fred was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Fred is survived by his sons, Darryl (Cindy) Olmstead of Beulah, Michigan, Charles (Virginia) Olmstead of DeTour Village; his daughter, Shirley (Ron) Harrison of Central Lake, Michigan; four grandchildren, Adrian Harrison, Todd Olmstead, Cassie Fossitt and Dara Freeman; three stepchildren, Michael, Ronald and Edward Harrison; and five great-grandchildren (with a sixth due this summer), Connor and Mason Freeman, Reed and Tate Olmstead and Clifford Fossitt.

Fred was preceded in death by his wife, Edna; son, Frederick; brothers, Irvin and Henry Olmstead; sisters, Zeta LaPlaunt and Stacey Flood; and step grandchild, Stephan Harrison.

Visitation was on March 27 at the Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Mich., and services took place on March 28 at the Sacred Heart Church in DeTour Village with Father Janusz Romanek celebrant.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in the spring.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.reamergalerfuneralhome.com.

WILLIAM J. PERRAULT

William J. Perrault, aged 80, of St. Ignace Township passed away on April 5 at his home on Mackinac Trail. He was born on Mackinac Island on March 6, 1933. His parents were John E. and Anna (nee LaTour) Perrault.

He served in the U.S. Army from May 1955 to May 1,

1961, the last

four years in reserve.

Bill married Carlean Fisher on Oct. 20, 1956, on Mackinac Island. He was an ironworker and served as a union ironworker for over 40 years, working on many jobs in Michigan, including the Tilden Mine in the U.P. He was an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a member of the American Legion post in St. Ignace, the VFW post in Trout Lake and the Immaculate Conception Church in Moran. He was also a member of the North American Hunt Club and loved to hunt and fish, and grew a very large garden at the corner of Gorman Road and Mackinac Trail.

He is survived by his wife, Carlean; eight children: William Perrault Jr. of Alaska, Roy Perrault, Brian (Denise) Perrault and John Perrault all of St. Ignace, Marcella (Tony) Massey of Cheboygan, Tina (Kevin) Evans of St. Ignace, Suzette (Michael) Steel of DeTour, Eleanor (Ron) Blackburn of Raleigh, N.C.; a brother, Joe Perrault of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Gloria Jean (Tom) Ross of Richland, Mich.; 22 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

William was preceded in death by a brother, John, and a sister, Olive McIntyre.

Visitation took place at Dodson Funeral Home on April 9 and services were conducted on April 10 at Immaculate Conception Church in Moran with Fr. Pawel Mecwel and Deacon Tom McClelland officiating. Burial will be later in Wequayoc Native American Cemetery on M134. Pallbearers will be Gary, Jeffrey, and Jeremy Bigelow; Raymond Perrault; Jason Evans, and Kai Waara. Condolences may be left for the family at dodsonfh.com.

RONALD S. RICKLEY

Ronald S. Rickley, Sr., 56, of St. Ignace, died unexpectedly on March 4, 2013, at work.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1956, in St. Ignace, to Deward Sr. and Mabel (nee Moses) Rickley.

He married Cindy Huskey on Sept. 4, 1976. They lived in Arizona for 10 years, before returning to St. Ignace.

Mr. Rickley was a bus driver

for Kewadin Shores Casino near St. Ignace for the past 18 years and he was well known to all.

He also was involved in commercial fishing with his family for several years.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy; a son and his family, Travis and Jaime Rickley of St. Ignace; six grandchildren; a brother and his family, Russell and Veronica Rickley of St. Ignace; four sisters and their families, Darlene Brown of St. Ignace, Judy and Alvie Watts of White Lake, Christine and Mike McPherson of Sault Ste. Marie, and Diane Grant of St. Ignace; and many other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, John, Deward Jr., Robert, Gerald, and Roger; and a son, Ronald Rickley Jr., who died in 2008.

Visitation and services were on March 8, at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church with Father Pawel Mecwel officiating.

Burial will be in Wequayoc Native American Cemetery on M-134 in the spring.

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

BERNARD SAVARD

Bernard "Archie" Savard, 82, of St. Ignace passed away on April 1 at Mackinac Straits Hospital following a lingering illness. He was born on Feb. 16, 1931, in St. Ignace to William Charles and Agnes Marie (nee Raymond) Savard.

He worked for Edison Sault Electric as a lineman for 37 years, retiring in 1993. He was a veteran of the Korean War and a member of the St. Ignace VFW post, St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Chippewa Indians.

Gardening was his passion and he grew a very large garden every year. He also loved to fish and, according to his family, made the best smoked fish ever. In his early days he also hunted, but fishing and gardening were his main hobbies. He was a loyal worker for the power company and loved by all who knew him.



On Nov. 26, 1955, he married Anna Stempki at St. Isaacs Jockues Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie, and she survives. Also surviving are a son, William Charles (Molly) Savard of Findlay, Ohio; daughters, Carla Frantz, Hessel; Gwen Marie (Douglas) Porritt, Atlanta, Mich.; son in law, John Meyer, Blanchard; a brother, Rodney (Kathleen) Savard, Wells, Mich.; a sister, Theresa Downey, St. Ignace; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kevin, in 1985 and a daughter, Colleen Meyer, in 1992, and two sisters and two brothers.

Visitation and services took place on April 4 at Dodson Funeral Chapel with Fr. Norbert Landreville officiating. Burial will be in St. Ignatius Cemetery in May. Archie will be missed by all who knew him and his quiet ways. Native American burial rites will be held in May at St. Ignatius Cemetery.

DONALD R. SHAMPINE JR.

Donald Richard Shampine Jr., 46, of Cheboygan, passed away on March 26 in the comfort of his home, under the care of Hospice of the Straits, surrounded by his family and friends.

Don was taken to Nordman's Funeral Home to be cremated. Since



Don was a member of the Eagles FOE 1282, there will be a benefit conducted there at a later date. He was also a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Don was a commercial fisherman and loved working on the boats and fixing gill nets.

Don is survived by his daughters, Rachel Shampine and Lakon St. Amour of St. Ignace, Mich.; one son, Johnathan Shampine of Cheboygan; one grandson, Blake Akers of St. Ignace; his mother, Jaunita and (Tommy) Peace of Hazelhurst, Ga.; one sister, Betty Shampine of Cheboygan and (brother) John Pelon; along with many nephews, cousins and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his father, Donald (John) Richard Shampine Sr., along with several aunts and uncles, and his beloved dog, Riley.

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Get your buckets and nets, smelt season is upon us

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

We know spring is finally here to stay when the peepers start peeping and the smelt start spawning.

Great Lakes rainbow smelt are an exotic species. Originally a saltwater fish, smelt escaped from where they were stocked in Crystal Lake around 1912. By 1926, they were showing up in Lake Michigan. Smelt became very abundant in the Great Lakes.

Smelting with dip nets became very popular. They were easy to catch, easy to clean and very tasty.

Rainbow smelt spend most of the year in offshore deep water. In early spring, smelt move from deeper water offshore into shallow nearshore waters to spawn. The spawning season lasts for about two weeks in a given area, but the regional spawning season is from March through May, according to the MDNR.

The fish begin to move to the mouths of tributaries when the water reaches about 40°F.

In the streams, they may swim some distance upstream to spawn



or may spawn in shallow water at stream mouths, usually at night.

Smelt spawning runs are a trickle compared to those of the past, plus it has been observed that many more smelt are spawning in the nearshore areas of the lake rather than in stream mouths or upstream.

Smelt can be caught with dips nets, seine nets and even rod and reel. According to Sault Tribe

Inland regulations, tribal members may catch up to 2 gallons a day with a seine net. Seine nets are not allowed in streams without a ceremonial permit but fishers may use them where smelt are present in the larger inland lakes.

(Remember, all fishing in the Great Lakes proper requires a tribal identification card as a recreational fisher or a tribal fishing license as a subsistence or commercial fisher.)

Anyone who is confused about where and how they may fish for smelt can call Sault Tribe Law Enforcement at (906) 635-6065 or the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department at 632-6132.

Smelt is high in omega-3 fatty acids and low in mercury, according to contaminant testing. Smelt flesh is white, delicate and sweet and the bones are soft and edible. To clean, just cut off the heads, cut down the abdomen to the vent and scrape out the entrails. Rinse well. The tail is the best part! Deep frying isn't the only way to prepare smelt. Check out the Fanny Farmer Cookbook, which is filled with great fish recipes including several for baking, broiling and grilling smelt: www.scribd.com/doc/31861056/the-1918-fanny-farmer-cookbook.

Birthday Wish

Happy 8th Birthday,
Little Mikey.
Love, Daddy

CHERYL L. MASTAW

Beloved wife, cherished mother, caring aunt, loving sister and treasured daughter, Cheryl Lynn (Richards) Mastaw, aged 46, of Kincheloe, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on March 13, 2013, at War Memorial Hospital due to an automobile accident on M-129. She was born on Aug. 3, 1966, in Highland Park, Mich.

She loved working for the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians in various positions, the latest one as cook for the Hessel Elder Center. She enjoyed working with people and would do anything she could for the community. All she worked with liked Cheryl; she had a big heart and great sense of humor, which everyone will miss.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, William I. Mastaw; two sons, William J. Mastaw of Sault Ste. Marie and Levon A. Drum of Warren, Mich.; step-daughter, Wendy S. Potter of Plymouth, Mich.; three grandchildren, Brandon, Zackary and Avery. Cheryl will be missed by her mother and step-father, Brenda and David Jewell of Dryden, Mich.; treasured sisters, Colleen (Ron) Scott of Sterling Heights, Mich., Cindy Richards of Tennessee, Christen (Allen) Dohlm of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Connie (Marvin) Davis of Tennessee; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation and services were on March 16-18 at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie with Father Sebastian Kavumkal officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the American Diabetes Association.

We thank the community for all thoughts of compassion during this sad time.

DEANNA M. BARBER

Deanna Marie Barber was the first born twin on May 7, 1941, followed by her sister, Donna Hogan. Deanna walked on Feb. 27, 2013.

She graduated from Makinaw City High School in 1959 and married Bob Barber on Aug. 8, 1959. Deanna and Bob were married for 53 years and seven months, a fact of which they were both very proud.

Deanna had many loves and interests in her life. She loved her husband, Bob, and her three sons, Bob, Steve and Gary. She also loved music, especially Bob Seger and John Fogarty. She was really into physical fitness. She loved going to the casinos. She worked 37 years at Keeler Brass, of which she was very proud.

Surviving are her loving husband, Bob; three children, Bob, Steve and Gary; sister, Viola; grandchildren, John, Alisha, Chyna and Chad; and her great-grandchild, Luke.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Emma

Meden; twin sister, Donna; and mother-in-law, Lydia Barber.

Interment will be in the spring in Littlefield Township Cemetery in Alanson, Mich.

MARY C. BROWN

Mary C. Brown, 57, of Wolverine, passed away on March 25, 2013 at McLaren-Northern Michigan in Petoskey.

A lifelong resident of the area, Mary was born on Nov. 11, 1955 in Petoskey, the daughter of Henry and Rosalie (nee Bodwin) Vieau.

In 1974 in Cheboygan, she married Thomas Brown, who survives. She had been employed for 10 years at the Dairy Barn in Wolverine prior to its closing.

Mary was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and enjoyed picking morel mushrooms and blackberries, camping, and especially spending time with her grandchildren. In addition to her husband, Thomas, she is survived by eight children, Theresa (Jim) Stafford of Carp Lake, Sherry Brown of Petoskey, Kevin (Shelly) Vieau of Cheboygan, Bobbi (Jennifer) Brown of Indian River, Amanda Love of Wheeler, Mich., Wendy (Josh) Slatinsky, also of Cheboygan, Toni (Tony) Campeau of Indian River and Thomas Brown Jr., of Wolverine; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three brothers, Howard (Carol) Vieau and Henry (Betty) Vieau, both of Mackinaw City, and David (Pat) Vieau, of Ponshevaing; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a daughter, Christine Brown.

A celebration of Mary's life took place on April 6 at the Indian River VFW post.

Memorials may be made to the family. Condolences may be made at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com. Nordman-Christian Funeral home assisted the family.

LOREEN A. CAUSLEY

Loreen Andrews Causley, 84, of Hessel, passed away on March 4, 2013, at Scottsdale Shay Hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz.

She was born on May 5, 1928, in Hessel, to Michael and Alice (nee Smith) Andrews.

She graduated from high school and attended Delta College for two years where she studied business.

She married Raymond Joseph Causley on Feb. 7, 1948, in Hessel.

Mrs. Causley worked in many occupations including housekeeper, cook and waitress.

She enjoyed gardening, reading, traveling and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also was a fan of NASCAR and Jeff Gordon and enjoyed watching all sports. She loved to hunt, although it took 14 years before she got her first buck.

After retiring, Mr. and Mrs. Causley traveled throughout the

United States and their favorite spots were Nashville, Tenn; New Orleans, La; Gulf Shores, Ala; and Phoenix, Ariz.

Mrs. Causley was a lifetime member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel, where she taught catechism classes.

She is survived by five children and their families, Sharon Causley of Sault Ste. Marie, Bob and Jan Causley of Hessel, Lawrence Causley of Fort McDowell, Ariz., Melanie and Lee Vanderlooven of Sault Ste. Marie, and Valarie and Jim Huffman of Hessel; 11 grandchildren, Raymond Lewis, Derek Causley, Rachel Causley, Hank Gravelle, Jennifer Terrill, Andrew Causley, Jared Causley, Jill McDonald, Brandon Warner, James Huffman, and Loreena Huffman; eight great-grandchildren, Angela Lewis, Christopher Causley, Dorian Causley, Nathan Causley-Piche, Alyson Causley Piche, Hannah Terrill, Colin Terrill, and Maks Terrill; four sisters and their families, Mildred Henry of Sault Ste. Marie, Shirley Mendoskin of Hessel, Margie Schmidt of Bridgeport and Joann Black, also of Bridgeport.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Causley was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, who died on Oct. 1, 2004; a son, Raymond M. Causley; a daughter, Patricia Causley; two brothers, Kenny Andrews and Glenn Andrews; two sisters, Nina Eckart and Kathleen Landreville, and a great-granddaughter, Mercedes Causley.

Visitation was on March 10, at the Hessel Tribal Center. Mass of Christian burial was on March 11, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church with Father Pawel Mecwel officiating. Pallbearers were Andrew Causley, Nathan Causley, Christopher Causley, Jared Causley, Derrick Causley, and Brandon Warner.

Burial will be in the Italian Cemetery in the spring.

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

THOMAS W. COX JR.

Thomas William Cox Jr. passed away on April 6, 2013, at his home on Sugar Island. Tom "Sparky" was born on July 14, 1955, and raised on Sugar Island.

He attended a one-room schoolhouse on the island before transferring to the mainland in the sixth grade. Tom graduated from Sault Area High School in 1974. After graduation, Tom worked as a deck hand on the Sugar Island Ferry before spending 32 years with Hoover Precision Products as a tool and die machinist.

Tom enjoyed traveling with his family and taking breaks with friends. He loved boating, fishing, hunting and ran a trap line with his close friend, Craig Bailey, until the time of his death. He was also a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Tom married his wife and best friend Debra S. (nee Snider) Cox on Feb. 1, 1975. They spent their life together on Sugar Island and raised two children.

Tom is preceded in death by his son, Thomas James (TJ) Cox; parents, Thomas and Carol (nee McCoy) Cox; his in-laws, George and Katherine (nee Bonno) Snider; sister-in-law Darlene (nee Snider) Miller; brother-in-law, Ted Snider; niece, Tonya Snider; and brother-in-law, Donald Perin.

Surviving him is his daughter, Amanda Rose (nee Cox) Gil (Rafael); sister, Donna Kurtz (Richard); sister, Tammy Cox; brother, Terry Cox; brother, Kevin Cox, niece, Amy Kurtz; and niece, Lisa Kurtz-Tollenaar (Chris).

Tom's life was far too short after losing his battle with cancer. He never let his illness slow him down. You could always find a smile on his face. During his battle, family and friends would stop over to share funny stories of the past and the crazy things they did while growing up on Sugar Island. All who knew him will sadly miss Tom. He will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery alongside his son, TJ.

Visitation and services took place on April 9 at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie with Brother John Hascall officiating. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and Cremation Center assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

JOYCE A. DORRIEN

Joyce Ann Dorrien, aged 89, of DeTour Village, Mich., died on March 31, 2013, at the Hospice of the EUP in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born on Oct. 7, 1923, in DeTour to Leslie and Anna Edna (nee LaPoint) Bell.

Joyce was a tiny 2.5 pound baby who lived at a time when most babies her size did not survive. She grew up in DeTour where she graduated from high school.

She moved to Detroit, Mich., to work during World War II. After the war, she returned to DeTour where she married Ralph Thomas Dorrien on May 18, 1946.

Joyce enjoyed crocheting and made many afghans and baby gifts. She and Ralph enjoyed camping throughout Michigan and traveling many places in the United States. For 35 years, they spent the winter months in Florida.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 66 years, Ralph.

She was preceded in death by her son, Ralph Thomas "Tom" Dorrien Jr. in September of 2012, and sister, Catherine Hill.

Visitation and services took place on April 3 at the Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Mich.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery later in the spring.

Condolences may be sent to the family online by visiting www.reamergalerfuneralhome.com.

FRANK J. KILLIPS SR.

Frank James Killips Sr. of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. passed away on April 3, 2013, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on Dec. 5, 1936, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Frank was a member of VFW Post 3676, the Moose Lodge and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed playing softball and hockey as a player for the Soo Indians Hockey team and took great pride in his years of coaching in the Sault Michigan Hockey Association.

He is survived by his sons, Frank (Lisa) J. Killips, Jr.,

Raymond (Punkin) E. Killips and Scott (Sarah) M. Killips; daughters, Charlene (Harry) M. LaDronka, Denise (Keith) Quick and Ruth (Chris) A. Straus; sisters Nancy (Cecil) Jones, Mary (Bill) Conrad, and Magret (Tom) Balgenorth; brothers, Paul Killips and Dick (MaryLou) Killips; grandchildren, Jeremy, Jamie, Frank III, Jerome, William, Jesse, Casey, Kelli, Alicia, Kristy, Chalsee, Sherrie, Eve, Nicki, Lee, Alex, Alexis and Andrew; and 15 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by Bradley Blair; Gary Fruik; Corey Kangas; Shawnda Kangas; Tasha Kangas; Annette Killips; Rose Killips; Joan Killips; Rosemary Quinn; Marilyn Killips and several nieces and nephews. Frank is preceded in death by his parents: Thelma and Edward Killips; siblings: John Killips, Edward Killips, Harry Killips, Patsy Hazen, Bert Hazen, Don Killips, Joseph Killips.

Visitation and services were on April 6, 2013, at St. Mary's ProCathedral with Father Sebastian Kavumkal as celebrant. Memorial contributions to VFW Post 3676 would be appreciated. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and Cremation Center assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

DARYL J. LOCKHART SR.

Daryl James Lockhart Sr. was born on Oct. 16, 1961, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and passed on peacefully on March 24, 2013, at Tendercare in Sault Ste. Marie.

His great sense of humor could be observed by the smiles on the faces of everyone who knew him. He was an avid bingo and card player who was always willing to play "just one more hand" whether it was cribbage, poker, euchre or Michigan rummy. Any night of the week he could be found picking his guitar along to his favorite country albums. He was a friend to many and shall be missed dearly by many friends and relatives.

Daryl is survived by three sons, Daryl Lockhart Jr., David Lockhart and Greg Dunning, all of Sault Ste. Marie; parents, Harold (Slim) and Delores (May) Lockhart of Sault Ste. Marie; sisters, Sheryl of Fire Island, N.Y., and Dottie of Suffolk, Va.; grandson, Donnivan Dykgraaf; step-son, Steve Green; nieces, Kewanua and Keyara Gould, Mykell Powell, Avelyn Kallio, and nephew Michael Powell Jr.; dear friends, Jeanne Perry, Darren Kallio, and Mike Powell; as well as numerous close aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation, dinner, ceremonies and an acoustic jam session took place on March 29 at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building with final services, drumming and prayers on the following day.

In accordance with his wishes, Daryl is to be cremated and put to rest at Pine Grove Cemetery. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and Cremation Center assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.



Sault High Envirothon attends regional competition

BY SAULT TRIBE

ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

Staff from the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Environmental Department along with staff from the Chippewa-East Mackinac Conservation District, Brimley State Park DNR and Bay Mills Community College (BMCC) collaborated to provide an educational experience for the Sault High Envirothon Team on March 22, aiding them in preparation for the nationwide envirothon competition.

Advisors for the Sault High Envirothon Team are Nick Cassel of the Chippewa-East Mackinac Conservation District, Crystal Bole of Sault Tribe's Environmental Department and Chris Chenoweth of Sault Area High School.



Students from the Sault High Envirothon team enjoyed snowshoeing with Patrick Blanz of the conservation district.

Teams compete across the state on different environmental issues such as aquatic ecology, soils, geology, energy, sustain-

able agriculture, forestry, wildlife and a rotating topic; this year they addressed the topic of sustainable rangeland man-

agement, achieving a balance between traditional agricultural uses with non-agricultural uses on Montana rangelands.

Teams conduct community outreach projects to address a real life resource concern in their community through hands-on problem solving and community education. At the state competition, teams present their community outreach project to a panel of expert judges.

They also take written tests at outdoor eco-stations in each of the natural resource subject areas. Test scores and community outreach project scores are combined to determine who will represent Michigan at the National Canon Envirothon Competition.

At the regional competition

on March 22, hosted by Bay Mills Community College, the Envirothon Team was educated on subjects such as soils, forestry methods, tree identification and wildlife.

Students involved enjoyed all the activities but had the most fun snowshoeing with Patrick Blanz of the conservation district and visiting with Steve Yanni and his animals in the agricultural programs at BMCC.

Any teachers or students who are interested in starting their own environmental club or participating in Michigan Envirothon, please contact the Sault Tribe Environmental Department at (906) 632-5575 or visit the Michigan Envirothon website at www.macd.org/me/about-envirothon.html.

Clark wins first place in EUP science fair with polar bear habitat project

Miriam Clark, a third grader at JKL Bawating School, loves polar bears. When it came time to develop a science fair project, she designed it around polar bears, researching their habitat and the threats posed by climate change.

Miriam won second place in the third grade division at JKL Bahweting school's science fair and then won the first place prize for a third grade project in the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Science Fair. She was very surprised when Dr. Keller, LSSU, called her name as the first place winner.

She had read about climate change and knew that polar bear populations are at risk from melting ice in the Arctic, but wanted to learn more about it. She called her project *Why is the Ice Melting? Climate Change and the Arctic*. Miriam's project modeled the greenhouse effect as it occurs naturally and with additional man-made greenhouse gases. She froze equal amounts of water and measured how much ice melted after an hour under a lamp, one dish of ice was covered by a single clear plastic dome to represent the greenhouse effect and



Photo by Shannon Jones, Bay Mills News

The Regional Science Fair was held at Lake Superior State University on March 14, with students from Kindergarten to eighth grade participating. Sault Tribe member Miriam Clark of JKL Bahweting School took first place in the third grade.

a second dish of ice was covered by two clear plastic domes to represent the accelerated greenhouse effect we are experiencing now. She also measured the temperature change from the ice in the freezer to the dome-covered ice after an hour under the light.

Her hypothesis was not proven

true- the project didn't work as she'd expected- but she has a lot of great ideas on how to recreate the greenhouse effect next time, such as increasing the number of light bulbs or shading the plastic dome with color. Miriam's family is very proud of her creativity and hard work.

Birth - Austin J. Shirey



Austin James Shirey was born on Feb. 24, 2013, at 7:18 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21 inches in length. Proud parents are Kellie (nee LaVictor) Shirey and Lee Shirey of Toledo, Ohio.

Grandparents are Alan and Suzie LaVictor of Sault Ste. Marie, and Kathy and James Shirey of West Branch. Great-grandparents are Caryl Shirey and Jerry and Ann Crowley all of West Branch, Barb and James (deceased) Shirey of The Villages, Fla., Eleanor and Ernest (deceased) LaVictor of Petoskey, and Howard and Melvina White (deceased) of Sault Ste. Marie.

Price and Sams perform on Disney All-Star Team in Orlando, Fla.

BY CHRISTIN MCKERCHIE

Billie Sams and Kayla Price are both Sault Tribe members who participate on the Sault High pom pon squad. Kayla Price acted as captain this year, her senior year, and Billie Sams is a junior.

During the year, they attend a camp every summer through the Badgerette Pom Pon company out of Milwaukee, Wis. At the camp, individual girls and squads are selected to attend a competition in Chicago or are selected to participate in either a New York City Dance Starz tour, Hollywood Dance Starz tour or an all-star tour that performs at Disney in Orlando, Fla.

Price and Sams were selected to attend all of the tours this year and chose to participate in the Disney All-Star team and tour in Orlando where they performed at Hollywood Studios, Epcot and also marched in the Disney "Dreams Come True" parade at Magic

Kingdom.

Although, sadly some didn't think this was much of an accomplishment or something of which to be proud, I think these girls worked very hard to accomplish this and I know I am personally very proud of them, as are many others.

There were only four individual girls selected from Michigan, two from Sault High, and two from Pinckney, Mich., down by Ann Arbor. The Pinckney squad and other squads and individual girls accompanied them from Illinois and Chicago.

Out of a total of 175 girls, only 34 girls were selected for the pom pon all-star team.

Several girls were invited to the Hollywood and New York Dance Starz tours off of the Sault High pom pon squad, where they are able to attend a city dance studio experience, along with other fun activities.



Kayla Price (left) and Billie Sams

Photo by Christin McKerchie

Sault Child Care Center adopts My Plate program

By DONNA NORKOLI

The Sault Tribe Early Childhood Program believes in the importance of keeping kids healthy and active. The program staff are partnering with the Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project to introduce evidence-based programming to help students and parents make healthful eating choices, increase physical activity and reduce screen time.

Early Childhood Program teachers use the USDA "My Plate" at circle time to teach the students about different food groups to encourage children to make healthful choices at meals. These plates are the very first visual tool made available to teach young children the concept of healthful eating and choices. Staff use the plate at meal times to reinforce the teachings in the classroom and to make it easier for the children to grasp and retain nutrition education. Students also bring these healthful behaviors home with them and encourage their families to practice more healthful behaviors as well.

The Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project



Aide Jo Anne Hewitt (left) gives youngsters a quiz on the My Plate dish.

is working to increase healthful eating and physical activity, and decrease the percent of children who are at an unhealthy weight. Early childhood is an important time for brain development, as well as for developing

habits that children bring with them into adulthood, especially when it comes to healthful eating and physical activity. Since approximately one in six children are at an unhealthy weight and over half of these chil-

dren develop this unhealthy weight before their second birthday, teaching kids to make healthful choices early on can help kids stay healthy and avoid weight related chronic diseases later in life.

Recently, the Community Transformation Grant funded the purchase of the Michigan Model for Health curriculum materials for the Sault Tribe Early Childhood programs. In addition, Lauri Gaskin and Tiffany Menard attended training in regards to this curriculum, which they will be presenting to staff

at a future in-service date. This curriculum provides education in healthful eating and physical activity for pre-school and kindergarten age students. Tiffany Menard, manager of the Sault Tribe Child Care Center said, "I

think the exciting thing about the Michigan Model for Health curriculum is that this curriculum is designed to span the student's entire K-12 educational experience by scaffolding what students learn from one year to the next and that if we as educators are committed to teaching this material and making our parents aware of this curriculum when their child is young, we truly can impact the future of our Anishinabe people for generations to come."

Anne Suggitt, director of the Sault Tribe Early Childhood Program, said, "The Early Childhood programs are appreciative to the Community Transformation Grant for assisting us in implementing healthful practices for the children and families in our care."

For more about the Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project, please visit www.up4health.com. For more about the Sault Tribe Early Childhood Programs visit www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/education. And for more information about the USDA My Plate, visit www.choosemyplate.gov.

Photo by Rick Smith

Tribal Early Childhood Education families are eligible for up to 10 free CFL bulbs this year

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Early Childhood Programs Manager for Head Start, Early Head Start and the tribe's Child Care Center, Anne Suggitt, is excited to offer families of children enrolled in the programs 10 free compact florescent light bulbs under an agreement with Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation (WECC).

WECC has contracted locally with Michigan Electric Cooperative Association to administer the program.

Under the program, each family can choose to have up to ten CFLs installed in their home by Early Head Start, Head Start or Child Care Center staff during home visits. The current contract with WECC will serve the first 100 families with up to a total of 1,000 CFLs, but Suggitt said if



Left to right, Jayden Jewell, Stephanie Jewell and home visitor Krystal French. Stephanie is a parent in the Early Head Start program.

the need is greater they might be able to increase the contracted

amount.

In order for families to par-

ticipate they must provide staff with their Cloverland Electric account number. Early Childhood Education staff will sit down with parents during home visits and go over the program and the types of CFLs available. "The goal is energy conservation and to assist parents enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start to maximize their energy bills and help lower them," she said. "These bulbs have been proven to help lower electric bills by up to \$50 a year. Parents who participate are also provided with a set of LED Christmas lights and a night light at no charge."

Suggitt said parents get to choose any combination of bulbs, from 60 watt up to flood lamps. Last year the program was piloted for two months on 11 home-based families who received a total of

128 CFLs. The programs currently have 140 families with enrolled children, but some of those families have more than one child enrolled in the programs and others participated in last years pilot program. "For every light bulb our program places, we get \$5 for the teachers to use for materials in the classroom or for additional services for parents – such as parent meetings," Suggitt said.

The CFL replacement program runs through December 31 of this year.

Suggitt said parents in the pilot project were happy with it and the bulbs arrived quickly, within five days of the order being placed. "It is a very efficient program and everyone benefits from it, the families, the environment and our classrooms," she said.

Higher Ed accepting applications for 2013-14

By BRANDI MACARTHUR

The Sault Tribe Higher Education Department is now accepting applications for the coming 2013-14 academic year. Interested students will be required to submit the annual application packets, which contain a checklist, application, W-9 form and a reminder that students are required to submit a copy of their current tribal card.

In addition to the packet, students will be required to submit a 300 to 500-word scholarship essay on "What does being Indian mean to you in terms of a connection to the land, language, culture, and family? If you do not have a connection to your tribe, can you address possible reasons why this happened and how you would establish a

reconnection."

We ask that you do not exceed the 500-word limit on the essay. Please include a cover letter on the essay that includes specifically for which scholarship(s) you would like to apply. Students need to submit one essay only for multiple scholarships as long as each scholarship is individually listed on the cover letter. The deadline for scholarship applications is June 1, 2013. All regular mail applications must be post marked by this date in order to be considered eligible.

The department also offers a grant program. This requires the student to be attending either a two or four-year Michigan state-supported public college or university. The student must be an undergraduate and enrolled

full-time (12 credit hours or more). This program is based on unmet financial need as determined by your college's financial aid office. Interested students must complete their application packets by July 1, 2013. Students who completed a packet for scholarships will not need to submit a second packet for this program.

The last program offered by the Sault Tribe Higher Education Department is the Self-Sufficiency Incentive Award, which is money for the Fall 2013 semester grades. Students must have a completed 2013-14 application packet in order to be considered eligible. Grades reports must be either a transcript printed by the college or printed directly from the college website.

It must include the student's full name, college name, fall 2013 term, number of credit hours per course and final grades. These five key pieces of information must be on the original report and may not be handwritten or typed in. Grade reports must be submitted between Dec. 1, 2013, and Jan. 31, 2014, in order to be considered eligible.

Students or parents who have any questions may contact Brandi MacArthur or view our Fact and Question section on the Sault Tribe website. To view the Education section of our website, please view the membership tab and click Education, then you can select Higher Education. Once you are in the Higher Education section, off to the left is the download folder where

our forms are available. Also, you may view our articles for coming scholarships, internships and other opportunities offered by sources other than Sault Tribe. Our Sault Tribe Higher Education FaceBook page is another great way to stay up-to-date with the latest opportunities.

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



Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson
"Representing All Members Everywhere"

Last month, I published the results of a survey I conducted of Tribal Member preferences. We had a huge turnout with 1908 completing the survey and over 900 entering the email contest. The winner of the \$1,000 prize is:

Jack Black
Novi, MI

Jack is an Elder so I am sure the \$1,000 will be put to good use. Jack has attended nearly every Member meeting I've held in the Detroit area with fellow Members. He believes strongly in "at large" representation and has worked to mobilize fellow Members to not give up hope that we will prevail in moving our Tribe forward. Congrats Jack!

MORE RESULTS

Since last month, we received 10% more surveys. As you can see in Chart 1 below, the breakdown of the percentages from each election unit has not significantly changed. Last month, I did not publish all of the results of the survey as I did not want to commit the researcher offense of *data overload*.

Chart 1: Results by Unit and Change Since last month

	Last Month		Current	
	Count	%	Count	%
Unit 1	732	42.2%	817	42.8%
Unit 2	152	8.8%	168	8.8%
Unit 3	184	10.6%	208	10.9%
Unit 4	120	6.9%	132	6.9%
Unit 5	104	6.0%	105	5.5%
DK	444	25.6%	487	25.5%
Total	1736	100%	1908	100%

Specifically, I had not previously published the results of Members' preferences regarding how they wish to have a significant issue previously facing the Tribe finally resolved. Some feel that the taking of nearly \$3 million from every man, woman, child and Elder is something we should simply moved past. Clearly, many more understand the value of the funds taken and insist that justice be served. Some stridently argue that the case is settled and that the two remaining Tribal defendants were exonerated. This could not be further from the truth. While the civil courts in Michigan (outside of the Tribe) let these folks off

THE SURVEY ALSO SAYS...

MEMBERS WANT A SEPARTION OF POWERS & JUSTICE!

the hook with a jury that violated our civil liberties by prohibiting Sault Tribe Members from serving on the jury, there is NO STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS in Sault Tribe law. At Bouschor's

able rulings throughout the lengthy case including asserting that the defendants were not fired and as such were not entitled to anything; that Bouschor did not have the authority to do what he did;

time, circumvented the will of the people, and cut a check to the defendants before the results of the referendum were known. So, *we the people* overturned this decision but the Board paid them anyway.

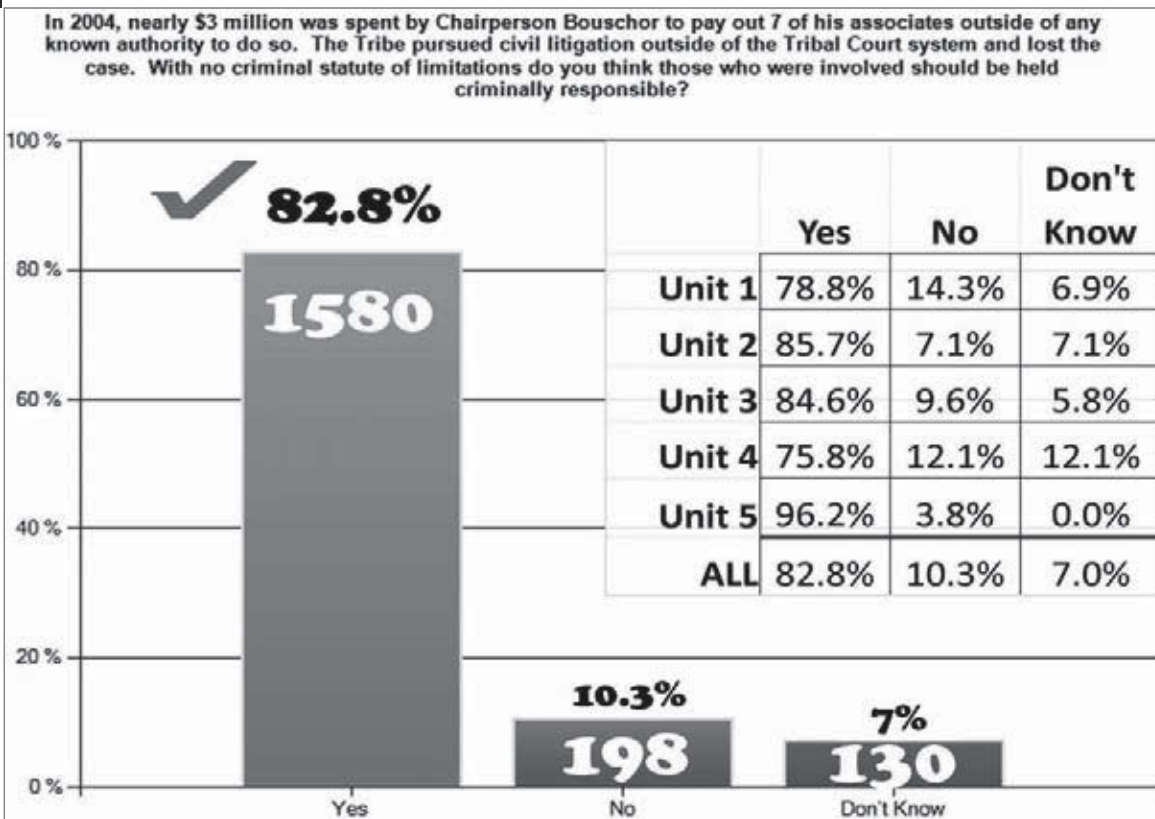
to cut themselves 3 million dollars in check if there is no consequence?

NO MORE EXCUSES!

Finally, regarding the survey and the *will of the people*, no survey can say with 100% probability what the people want. However, it appears the people of the Tribe are insisting that we be allowed to vote on a new constitution with a separation of powers. The updated results show the Members want ~ better yet DEMAND ~ a vote on a new constitution and will not vote to re-elect a Board Member who flouts the *will of the people* on this issue.

Members do not want the kind of abuses to again happen as described above; namely a \$3 heist with no consequence. Right now, we have an *arbitrary and capricious* form of government with you with no *standing* in to file a *cause of action*. If such standing rested with the Members, you could sue to hold Bouschor, Nertoli and even the Board criminally liable for their actions. Leaving the decision up to those who clearly enjoy being above the law, is remarkably self-serving. **Now is the time**

Chart 2: Would you vote to re-elect a Board Member who refuses to allow you to vote to amend the Tribal Constitution?



insistence, no Sault Tribe Members were allowed to sit on the jury. Just imagine not allowing an African American to sit on a jury trial in Detroit - or a woman on a domestic violence trial!

Double jeopardy does not apply as these folks have not yet been charged criminally. While the judge provided a perfect opportunity for an automatic right to an appeal (denying folks to serve on a jury because of their race is a pre-civil rights era tactic) the Board did not vote to appeal but instead gave another \$300,000! Why? I suspect that with defendant Bernard Bouschor and the daughter of defendant Jolene Nertoli (namely Director Debra Ann Pine) on the Board, the Board simply relented. It could very well be that vote trading occurred with approvals from Bouschor and Pine on key issues in exchange for settling the case.

The Members, however, were not defeated and according to the survey, remain resolved to holding anyone who would steal from our people, criminally responsible. When we filed the original civil suit in the State courts, we did so to recover the critically needed \$3 million. Imagine how far these funds would go today. **We fully intended to file criminally** after the disposition of the civil case. That is where we are today.

While the *all white jury* let the mostly white and tribal defendants off the hook, the trial judge gave mostly favor-

and that the severance contracts were invalid. I believe an appellate court would have ruled in our favor. In courts external to the Tribe, appellate judges are required to be lawyers. Thus, they would have to have ruled on the application of the law and not on emotion or race.

What is particularly disturbing about the way the civil case was ultimately dropped by our governing body is the appearance of their reluctance to continue the case because of the implications for two seated board members - again, Bouschor and Jolene Nertoli's daughter Debra Ann Pine. Director Pine's first action on the Board was to lobby them to drop the suit against her mother. To his credit, Joe Eitrem insisted that she be ejected from the meeting. Unfortunately, this resolve eventually waned as both Bouschor and Pine were allowed to sit in during discussions regarding the case.

Also, recall that after a majority of the Board (not all) voted to settle, the Members circulated a referendum petition to undo the decision. Make no mistake, the "will of the people" as demonstrated in their referendum vote was to overturn the Board's decision. However, the Board and Administration at the

This outcome is very similar to the settlement to the former Chief of Police and fellow Board Member who was indicted and convicted of stealing at least \$341,000 and misappropriating \$800,000 putting federal funds at risk. Throughout both the assault and federal criminal embezzlement cases, I disciplined and even fired the individual only to have a majority of the Board vote to protect their own. After the payout, the Members circulated a petition; a referendum vote held and the people overturned the decision to pay this felon another \$19,000. Again, the check was cut before the results of the referendum vote were known. When Members complained, the Board's response was akin to saying 'too late, too bad, so sad!'

If the will of the people matters, then the Tribal Prosecutor should act now! This issue is not about retribution and is not politically motivated. The Members' will as evidenced in the result of this survey and the referendum to overturn the payouts and settlement of the civil case is clear. That our governing Board cannot see this or refuses to see it out of their own self-preservation, is unacceptable. After all, why wouldn't any future Chairperson or faction of Board Members act

	Yes		No		Don't Know		No Pref.	
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count
Unit 1	10.8%	184	78.8%	1320	7.9%	130	2.5%	41
Unit 2	9.5%	152	83.3%	1268	4.8%	71	2.4%	37
Unit 3	1.9%	29	80.8%	1268	11.5%	184	5.8%	89
Unit 4	9.1%	132	69.7%	984	15.2%	216	6.1%	103
Unit 5	12%	105	73%	1086	8%	105	8%	105
ALL	9%	1308	75%	11310	12%	184	4%	41

to act. No more excuses !

Not everyone on the Tribal Board agrees that we should even continue discussing finalizing the Tribal Constitutional project which already has \$500,000 invested into the project. **Director Pine insists her voters do not support any changes at all.** The following email shows her consternation and opposition.

> Debra Pine 4/5/2013 2:37 PM >

"The board never voted to extend the meetings or expend the funds past \$5000.

The committee was suppose to review and report the board. So far, that has not happen.

Lastly, how can we justify spending this money while facing serious budget cuts due to sequestration."

These types of actions, to short-circuit and circumvent the right of the people is exactly the reason we need a separation of powers; and an independent judiciary. You have a past Chairperson and Board Member who took millions from you. The elective body should not be able to shield themselves from prosecution. No one should be above the law!

~ Aaron A. Payment

My response to the nonsensical argument made by Director Pine (and incidentally supported by at least one other Board Member who protested and played hookie from the last review meetings follows. While some had legitimate reasons for missing, Director Pine clearly protested not having a 2013 budget and chose not to attend.

"The Board is equally a Member of the review committee so pointing the finger at the committee is to point the finger at the Board. Director Pine, you are equally responsible for this duty and as you appear to characterize it a dereliction of duty.

The committee has been publicly printing and posting on-line their drafts on an on-going basis. So, I would argue that regular updates have been provided.

Finally, I have found duplication of expenses...I believe we have been double charged for the meals. Why I think this, is that my understanding is that folks put their meals on my [personal] City Ledger. However, these appear to be showing up on the Board's bill. So, it may be over billed. I am estimating the costs were about \$4,000."

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW PROCESS COMPLETED
~ APRIL 6, 2013 ~

While some protest, filibuster, stymie and stammer, and play hookie, history is on our side! The constitutional review established by the board in September is complete and in the hands of the Board. The people indicated in my survey that less than 10% will vote to re-elect a board member who denies you the right to vote to amend our constitution. Those who contravene and frustrate the progress of our tribe will lose their seats. While some may have legitimate concerns, rather than filibuster, their energy should be turned to solutions and recommended language to fix the documents so you are not denied your right.

The Constitutional Convention Committee finished their final draft and presented it to the Board, nearly six years ago. Over \$500,000 spent and it sat on a shelf all while I was out of office. To move this forward, I pledged to place on the agenda for every meeting for the rest of my term, **"Passage of the Final Draft of the Bahweting Anishinabe Constitution."** That way, the board has to act

There are 14 months left until the 2014 election or roughly 28 meetings. That is a lot of NO votes for the people to consider before electing someone who refuses to do their job. At least the Members will know the score.

one way or another to move forward or stymie the process. The final draft from the

Constitutional Review Committee (includes the board, Elder Advisory Board and original Constitutional Committee members) was supplied to the entire Tribal Board on 4/6/13. Collectively, the Board is paid nearly \$900,000 a year. Don't they owe it to the people to take the time to come prepared in writing what we would like changed in order to vote to let you decide on our new constitution? Watch closely to see who is prepared to respect the people and who will try to kill it.

SEQUESTRATION!

A critical issue demanding a great deal of our attention right now is the impact of the federal sequestration on our Tribe. First, let's be clear: these funds are not welfare nor reparations for how we were treated in American history. They are not even entitlements per se, but are instead, **pre-paid treaty rights funds**. We paid for these critically important services through land cessations in 1836 that allowed the Michigan territory to become a state just a year later. The general language in treaties is to provide for the **'health, education, and social welfare for as long as the wind blows, grass grows and rivers flow'**; clearly into perpetuity.

I am grateful that a majority of the Board voted to accommodate my schedule and allow me to travel to Washington, DC to try to protect our funding. Director Pine voted not to accommodate my schedule. This *oppositional defiance* has to change. Petty individual differences need to be set aside.

I have traveled to DC now three times since returning to office. I have met with both of our U.S. Senators from Michigan, as well as, at least two dozen Members of Congress from other States. I have testified in front of the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Secretary regarding maintaining Head Start, Child Care Funding, Elder program funding, and Health funding including Special Diabetes funding and Emergency Needs and other social services funding. As Chair of the *National Indian Health Board*, Cathy Abramson also testified in front of the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Sebelius and did a wonderful job!

An example of being in the right place at the right time was when Cathy Abramson provided health testimony in front of the *Senate Indian Affairs Committee*. After she concluded, she noted that only a few individuals arrived from Indian Country given a so-called 'snow storm' of two inches. With few Tribal leaders present, she secured a spot for me to testify on our fund-

ing needs and the importance of upholding our the federal government's treaty obligations. She then called me and with 30 minutes to prepare, I wrote out my testimony, jumped in a cab and I feel knocked it out of the park. Comments from the panel were very complimentary.

Unfortunately, Congress did not find a remedy for the impact of sequestration. Thus, we are facing a \$1.7 million loss of federal revenues. The impact will hit hard. We already budget 100% of our net gaming and enterprise revenues (about \$18 million) to cover the 1/2 of our annual services costs the federal government does not fund. The budgets prepared before I returned to office last summer estimated a \$7 million deficit but we were able to balance the budget nonetheless. Now, again, we have to find huge savings because of the sequester. During my first term, we reduced the Tribal Support budget from \$34 million to \$27 million without cutting services. After I left office, another \$10 million was slashed from the budget. If we do not make major changes, however, in the way we drive revenues, the impact of sequestration will be drastic and hard felt. **Before cutting services, the Board/Chair pay should be cut in half for a \$452,000 savings!**

NEEDED CHANGES

We are now at the point, that if we don't shift paradigms in some of the things we do, we will not survive. My administrative team with oversight from the Board, has been working diligently to identify savings. While I was out of office for the last four years, our infrastructure was allowed to fallow with some critical software upgrades now at a critical juncture. The

consequence of not moving forward on these upgrades is a full systems failure with payroll, Member benefits, accounting, our network, etc coming to a screeching halt.

Through a combination of operational savings, efficiencies, changes in casino expenses, improving performance (including marketing and promotions), and a better allocation of funds, I believe we will weather this storm. Our gaming performance must improve. To facilitate this, the Board has begun a casino review process and I have created a new *Casino Oversight Adhoc Committee* to report monthly to the Board on: revenues and trends; marketing; advertising; promotions; customer service; team member morale; staffing; performance rewards; and an ongoing discussion of how to improve. Regardless of how we do it, we must now work as a team to improve and generate more revenues like never before. Below is our Board's schedule for the month of April. As you can see, we plan to be extremely busy.

LANSING CASINO

Recall that prior to my returning to office, the Board of Directors voted to proceed with a Lansing Casino development. Admittedly, I originally did not entirely support this decision and exercised our Tribal Constitutional *Right of Referendum* to let you decide. I was not opposed to a Lansing Casino per se, merely concerned over the appearance of a lack of due diligence; a projected over-build; and given no commitment to our people that they would ever benefit. However, the people voted and approved the project. Since, returning to office, others like Treasurer Denny McKelvie

and I have watched-dogged this project and now feel it is viable and right sized. Regardless of the MI Attorney General's lawsuit, we are moving full stream ahead.

However, U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein has introduced legislation which would have the affect of eliminating our Lansing casino chances. That is unless we truly commit to our people through 'at large' representation and a *Tribal promise* like the *Lansing Promise* to share in the yield a Lansing Casino represents. Now is the time to **PROVE** how we will all benefit from such investments.

MEMBERS MEETINGS

Our Lansing meeting was a great success. I pledge to schedule more meetings in lower MI and get back to meet-

BOULLEY FAMILY GATHERING

The descendants of Catherine (Joseph) and Edward Bouley, family, and friends, will hold a gathering:

**Sunday & Monday
May 26th & 27th**
Negaunegeshik Building
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

More details will be posted next month and in a mailing but if you'd like to confirm your attendance or want more information, please type the link below in your web browser search line and be routed to an online survey. Or you can simply call Aaron at **906-440-5937** or email him at **aaronpayment@yahoo.com**.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BunchaBouleys

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2013 SAULT TRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & CHAIRPERSON SHARED CALENDAR					APRIL
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
8am-4pm Financial Review: Governmental 4pm Island Conservation 4pm Meeting Elders House 6pm TBOD Dinner & Issues	10am Workshop: Legal/Dodges/HR 11am Semi-Annual Reviews 12pm Lunch 1pm Semi-Annual Reviews 3pm TBOD Meeting Agenda Review 3pm Membership Issues 6pm TBOD Meeting - Kikicheko 7pm Congressman Don Boudsbury Attends Meeting	10am-12pm Executive Team 12pm South Elders	10am Budgets for March 12-5pm Constitutional Review 6pm Marquette Elders	10am-3pm Constitutional Review 1pm Gaming-Expansion Meeting	
9am Member Services 10am Internal Services 11am CFO 1pm Treaty Rights & Natural Resources Protection (see Enforcement: Immigration, Fisheries, Water, Environmental & Individual Issues) 3pm Health	10am Workshop: Legal/Dodges/HR 12pm Lunch 1-5pm TBOD Prep Session for Next Week	12pm Marquette Elders ***Health Meeting*** Out Lake Rit	10am-12pm Team Member Appointments 8am-3pm United Tribes 3pm-5pm One Accord	12-3pm St. Ignace Elders 1-3pm Tribal Action Planning Drug Task Force 3-5pm Tribal Health Advisory	
9-12pm TBOD Casino Improvement Meeting 12-2pm Hessel Elders 2-4pm Casino Oversight 1. Revenue Team 2. Tribal Issues: Marketing, Promotion & Advertising 3. Customer Service 4. Tribal Member Matters 5. Health 6. Performance Rewards 7. Business Operations & Areas of Improvement 6pm Great Lakes Conservation 6pm Monitoring Elders 10am Casino Executive Team 12pm Legal 1pm Legislative Planning/Appropriations 2pm Economic Development (Gaming Comm, Housing, Etc) 3pm Financial Review: Casino & Enterprise 12:30pm Elder Advisory in Newberry	10am Workshop: Legal/Dodges/HR 12pm Lunch 1:30pm General Workshop 7pm-8pm TBOD Casino Improvement Meeting	10am-12pm Executive Team 12pm South Elder Lunch 3pm TBOD Meeting Agenda Review 3:30pm Program Directors	10am-12pm Team Member Appointments 1:30pm Health Insurance Advisory Review 5:30pm Escanaba Elders	2pm-4pm Constitutional Review 11-1pm Newberry Elders 1pm Gaming Expansion Meeting	
10am-5pm HR Policy Reviews	10am-5pm Great Lakes Conservation-Tribal Board Committee RESCHEDULED TO 5/7/13 ALL DAY?	10am Budgets for March 11am-5pm HR Policy Reviews 6:30pm Nantoway Elders	11am CORA Meeting in Traverse City 1:30pm Health Insurance Advisory Review	10am-4pm Tribal Member Office Hours	

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Use common sense and prioritize, do no harm



JENNIFER MCLEOD, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin Anishnaabek,
This month my article is going to be a long one. As promised, I am including language and cultural information. The past month was filled with all of our regular meetings and workshops, and the information should be available online (if not now, soon). A great deal of my time was spent trying to convince the federal government to protect our tribe from sequestration. I, and others, spread the word that the relationship between the federal government and tribal nations is not discretionary, but a trust relationship established by many treaties. Although some legislators seemed sympathetic, little to nothing was actually done to protect tribes. Congressman Benishek however, has taken quite an interest in our

tribal clinics, and contacted me for a tour of our St. Ignace clinic on April 3. It would be great to have the opportunity for our tribe to host other federal leaders throughout our communities, as we have a wonderful story to share.

Even in these rather challenging times, we have good stories to tell. This month, I wish to share with you a story of the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Let's start with —

THE GOOD

New life has begun, the maple trees have awakened, and the sugarbush has been opened as it has for centuries among the Anishnaabek. As promised last month, I am including an Ojibwe language activity in my report. The sugarmaking moon word search is a fun way to learn vocabulary used when gathering and boiling maple sap, as well as making syrup or sugar.

I was taught that our people did not originally make and store syrup, but rather sugar was made, and stored in containers made of birch bark or perhaps pottery. The island where I live, Sugar Island, was important to the sugar bush activities of our ancestors. It is named for its large stands of maple trees. Even now, in the spring, small sugar camps dot the island, as families tap trees, gather sap and boil it down in large cast iron pots or more modern evaporators. After

a long cold winter, it is good to be outside again, walking in the woods, laughing with family and friends, all working together (just as in our early days) to obtain that sweet gift from the maple trees. Pancakes, waffles, frybread, coffee and tea all taste better with a little maple syrup!

Along with the word search puzzle, I am including a pronunciation guide to help you learn the words. Please keep in mind, that I am not a fluent speaker and am sharing with you what I have learned over the years. Sometimes the dialect may reflect the different sources of my learning but, as I taught my students, the most important thing is, "Do we understand each other?"

In the March issue of our paper, I stated that I believed that the greatest threat to our tribe is the loss of our language, and our culture. Together we can work to protect our tribe by **SPEAKING** our language, and **LIVING** our culture. Tapping maple trees, making syrup and sugar **IS LIVING OUR CULTURE**. If you need help with the words, call me or our culture department. Helping each other, we can all grow, and all share the good life of the Anishnaabe!

THE BAD

Sequestration has hit our tribe. We will suffer a reduction of nearly \$2 million dollars due to politics in D.C. Neither side of the house will yield and, as a result, the citizens will suffer the consequences. The tribal board of directors is working very hard to find the best way to deal with the tribe's loss of federal dol-

lars, however, strong differences of opinion exists as to what is "best." Here are my thoughts: First, let's use common sense and prioritize. Do all that we can so that **NO ONE** loses their job. Employees have told me that they would be willing to take furloughs to ensure that everyone keeps working. That makes sense to me.

Second, do no harm to the enterprises that make money for our tribe. Let them keep making money; in fact, we should be helping them so they can make **MORE** money, not less. Again, makes sense to me.

Third, if program cuts **HAVE** to be made, let us prioritize according to the survival needs of our people. Truly, I mean no offense to the fine employees who work in departments that do not provide shelter, food and health care. However, keeping our people safe in terms of basic needs is more important to me than some of the other activities that our many programs provide. Once more, it makes sense to me.

What does not make sense is cutting jobs for some, when employees are willing to take furloughs. It does not make sense to make cuts to our enterprises, they need to keep making money for us! If the sequestration cuts from the feds does not affect our enterprises, I feel they should be held harmless. We depend on the revenues our enterprises make. Let them do their job! It does not make sense to take more revenue from our enterprises to replace funding lost through sequestration. If we do that, we are clearly

telling the federal government that we don't need their money, we can handle it all on our own (and they may agree!) Does that make sense to you?

THE UGLY

No matter how we look at things, no matter what we do, it is going to be difficult and it is going to hurt our people, our employees and our communities. As I write this article, I already know that I am not in favor of a proposal being suggested by the chairman, it includes some of the above mentioned things that make no sense to me. However, it is not his alone to do, it is the responsibility of the entire board of directors. I pray that the board will continue to work together and not allow the ugliness of politics to become a part of this process. I have seen each director work diligently for the betterment of our tribe and I believe that they will continue to do so.

I am uncertain what lies ahead for our tribe, but I know that I will continue to put people first and will stand strong against those things that I think are not vital or absolutely necessary. I am grateful to all of you who have taken the time to call or visit with me this past month. I will be holding office hours on Thursdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Nokomis-Mishomis Center in Sault Ste Marie. Please feel free to visit me there or, as always, call, text or email.

Bamapii and miigwech!

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Sugar Making Moon

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Kicking the can in the perfect storm



DENNIS MCKELVIE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Do we kick the can down the road or do we get us on a path of financial security? We have a choice to be leaders or politicians. A true leader will face the problem and deal with it. A politician will try to please everyone and never fix the problem. A

leader will do what has to be done, while a politician will try to do what is politically popular. Leaders lead by example, while politicians do what it takes to get votes. In my opinion, it is time for us to be leaders. No person or department is more important than any other. We are a tribe first and we should be a team that works together. We will get nowhere as we are, divided and separate.

As most of you know, we are facing a \$1.7 million shortfall from the federal government sequestration cuts. In addition to this we must spend \$1.3 million on an update for our computer systems servers and the possibility of having to upgrade our computers at an estimated cost of \$500,000. While we are trying to figure out what to do with sequestration and the technology issues we are also dealing with the gas tank project at Midjim cost increase and the sale of the

Lakefront falling thru.

The casinos and enterprise profits are down, with costs rising. Four out of five of our casinos have increased income in the last year but with one casino down it brings our overall total down.

This is the "perfect storm" for our tribal finances. We are now faced with decisions that affect all of us and decisions must be made to try and keep what we have and prepare for next year.

I believe that next year will be worse and we should be using this time to prepare for it so we are not reactive but proactive. If I had all of the answers, I would be doing them. I do have faith that the chairperson and board of directors can and will deal with this problem and move forward.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (906) 203-6698 or dmckelvie@saulttribe.net.

Sugar making moon word search answers

WORD LIST

- Abwi
- Akik,
- Atoobaan,
- Zispaagwadaatig
- Azhashki
- Gaagimizh
- Ishkode
- Zoogopo
- Iskigamizige
- Mamaajii
- Manise
- Mikwan
- Misan
- Nibishaaboo
- Naboob
- Negwaakwaan
- Ziinziibaakwad

IN ENGLISH

- Paddle
- Kettle
- Trough
- Maple Tree
- Mud
- Hemlock
- Fire
- Snow
- Boil Down Sap
- Stir
- Cut Firewood
- Ice
- Firewood
- Tea
- Soup,
- Tap (For Sap)
- Sugar

Understanding Ojibwe vowel sounds

Aanishinaabe (Ojibwe) language guide to understanding vowel sounds:

- aa = ah as in awful, otter, aaniin (hello)
- a = nut, run, mkak (box)
- ay = mate, cake, miinanday (blue)
- ii = geese, meat, aaniin (hello)
- e = met, red, kwe (women)
- oo = know, no, go, zoogapoo (snow)

- o = wolf, cook, nimosh (dog)
- i = winter, it, zhibinaatig (pencil)

Consonant sounds: B, d, g, h, j, k, m, n, p, s, t, w, y, z.

Common sounds: zh, sh, enh, shk, ch, kw.

Interchangeable letters (usually dialect difference): d/t, s/z, g/k, p/b, s/z, ch/j.

Letters not in Aanishinaabe language: f, l, q, r, v, x.

Animate and inanimate words: People, places, or things (nouns) are considered animate (living) or inanimate (non-living).

How a noun is classified determines how it is made plural and the action (verb) is added. For example:

Here are the girls. (Girls are animate.) — Maaba kwesansak.

Here are the chairs. (Chairs are inanimate.) — Maanda pabwinan.

Leadership and accountability should be priority



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

Old man winter has sure been hanging on, by the time you read this, I hope we have sun and the winter socks are put away! It's been busy during the last month. The tribe has been faced with the total amount that needs to be cut as a result of the sequestration. This budget crisis demanded a great deal of time for our administration and discussion with the chair and board. We are faced with a \$1.7 million total for these cuts and we also have the software upgrade needed to budget this year in the amount of \$1.3 million.

The appropriate departments came forward with recommendations to reduce spending in their budgets that will NOT affect services or cause members to lose employment. We must make operational changes.

At a recent board meeting the board voted to have three gentlemen come in from the Detroit area to conduct an efficiency audit of our casinos. I did not support this as we have an audit committee and HAD objectives with a company though it. But, nevertheless, it was voted to expend an additional \$10,000 to cover costs of the gentlemen. Please look for reports on this in the future because I'm not aware of a plan to begin or expectations of outcome. We certainly need an entire efficiency audit throughout our businesses but planning with objectives, expectations and outcomes are priority to me. I certainly hope this process does not simply create another job for individuals! Stay tuned on this; I've seen it before.

In the meantime, I will be aware and cautious of the reductions we make so that we do not make the same mistakes we made in the 2008 reorganization. I'm reminding administration, the chair and board of the problems last time and demand justification on cuts per program. I am confident the sequestration dollars identified though the departmental recommendations do not affect our services.

We recently voted to move forward on another loan from the bank. I did not support this as many items could have come forward for reductions but politics do not allow it. But, I'm going to keep trying. We borrowed \$500,000 from the bank and also will spend out our facilities reserve to pay for the \$495,750 software upgrade.

With all this happening, we have scheduled a series of meetings to discuss future efficiency plans for businesses as well as creating better oversight for them. Our managers have to be at the table to discuss the expectations and plan properly for them.

Accountability is the key and I have been saying that since my tenure began! The bottom line is this—I'm voting 'no' on additional items to spend one additional penny we must borrow or find! It makes me very upset that, at a whim, we can vote to spend \$10,000 for an audit with no real discussion, plan or outcome. I will say this, the chairman has taken some suggestions I offered and created real time to meet and discuss with leadership and staff the objectives needed to drive revenue and create better business practices; this is also being pushed by Director Sorenson. I'm looking forward to these meetings beginning at the end of April.

We have struggled with our schedule in the past month, it does change quite frequently as did our meeting dates. Please look on our official website at www.saulttribe.com for dates and locations for the meetings, unit reports, announcements, voting matrix and board meeting minutes. Please contact our Communications Department (632-6398) with any suggestions you have to better communicate with you. They are approachable to suggestions and comments from members.

The final constitutional review sessions were held this past weekend. I did not attend as I had other obligations. Our unit was well represented by Director Hollowell, Unit II elders Phil Payment, Marilynn MacArthur and tribal member George Tessier. Miigwech for your time. I will support moving forward with the draft the committee finalized. The board was prohibited from being involved in the original due to political and personal conflicts. I felt very uncomfortable giving input this time due to the fact the original plan excluded the board and all agreed to that, nevertheless sending out the draft will give all the members the opportunity to review and vote.

I do have to report that I'm seeing many of the old ways creep back into the mix at the tribal level. It's very disheartening because we were promised it would be different and that leadership and accountability would be priority. I do get so tired of reporting items that move at a snail's pace or are so bogged down in protecting certain people, but don't worry, I understand the games and will continue to fight for our members. I have no people to protect — my little brother is a front line worker for the tribe making minimum wage. Two of my uncles have the expertise in their respective jobs and hold their own. Yep, I'm frustrated at the old items starting to rear their ugly heads and I won't get into it here — but the personal conversations I have with all of you, you know I will keep fighting the fight for us TO MOVE FORWARD!

We are scheduled to get draft recommendations for better health services and health access in outlying areas — I'm looking forward to discussing this. I will not accept any excuses or delays. I will give a detailed report next month.

Our Tribal Action Plan is moving along and our committee members have been conducting many input sessions with schools and community members. Our neighbor tribes are in the stages of

making decisive decisions in their respective communities for this growing problem, please see the following press release.

LAC DU FLAMBEAU, Wis.
 — *The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tribal Council declared a state of emergency on March 29, 2013, as it relates to the threat of synthetic cannabinoids, synthetic cathinones and other illegal drugs affecting the reservation and tribal members. Due to the rising popularity and proliferation of synthetic cannabinoids, synthetic cathinones and other illegal drugs within the tribal nation and surrounding community, the tribal council is taking decisive action against the new wave of drugs commonly referred to as K2, spice, potpourri, bath salts and plant food.*

The tribal council recognizes that Indian Country cannot remain idle when national reports and scientific information repeatedly publish that many first-time and repeat users are under the misconception that synthetic cannabinoids and synthetic cathinones are legal and safe when, in fact, they are not. Common side effects from a single use of synthetic cannabinoids include: hallucinations, panic attacks, anxiety, paranoia, agitation, extreme anger, seizure, tremors, kidney failure, liver failure, increased heart rate, elevated blood pressure, stroke, coma and death.

Due to the great irreparable harm and permanent effects that can result from using synthetic cannabinoids, synthetic cathinones and other illegal drugs, the tribal council is committing the necessary tribal resources to rid the reservation and the surrounding community of this catastrophic menace that will not only entail swift prosecution but will also

include a tribal campaign focused on prevention and a committed tribal effort to provide extensive rehabilitation services. The tribal council remains firm that every tribal department will partake in the war against synthetic cannabinoids, synthetic cathinones and other illegal drugs. As detailed in the tribal council resolution, the Lac du Flambeau tribe is dedicated to following extensive and comprehensive changes to return the tribal nation to the teachings of our ancestors:

— *Restructuring the Tribal Code to criminalize synthetic cannabinoids and synthetic cathinones;*

— *Working with federal, local and state governments to ensure offenders are prosecuted;*

— *Treatment and rehabilitation for those who have become addicted to synthetic cannabinoids and synthetic cathinones;*

— *Revising the tribal housing regulations and policies to implement drug tests for tenants;*

— *Banishment, disenrollment and forfeiture of per capita payments for those caught using, selling and/or manufacturing synthetic cannabinoids and synthetic cathinones;*

— *Review of current and future grant funding specific to substance abuse prevention and intervention to specifically target this developing problem;*

— *Mobilize existing "community-based" task forces to participate in door to door distribution of prevention materials and begin community education; and,*

— *Introduction of an educational campaign in community schools and youth programs.*

This is a powerful measure that Lac du Flambeau's council feels it needs to take. Our tribe has begun the steps toward action

but we have so much more to do. I'm printing this to educate our members on the extreme problems that our tribal nations are facing. Thank you to our dedicated staff and members who are working together for our tribe's plan.

We will be holding an assembly meeting of the fisherman in our tribe to assist in the problems they face as well as the items we, as a tribe, must face with our resources. When scheduled, board recording secretary Joann Carr will notify all involved by U.S. mail. And, please look to our website or call me for the date, it is imperative that all attend to voice their needs, suggestions and concerns. This meeting will also give the history of our rights and where we are now.

In closing, I was happy to attend our elders' meetings this past month and it was so good to see all of you, many have been sick and some have even walked on this long winter. Happy birthday to, probably our eldest in Unit II, Fanny Aslin from Newberry. Hope you enjoyed BB King!

I ask that we take a minute to pray for our old ones and our families who lost loved ones. In our community, we lost a very special lady, my great aunt, Loreen Andrews Causley. She was an instrumental part of our tribe's recognition process and success. She was an active leader and board member for many years (when there was no pay). We will miss her and the others. It's sad to lose our old ones — they understood our struggles as Anishinaabe and it felt safe just knowing we could stop over for coffee to either get counsel from them. And, yes, sometimes a good ole fashion verbal never hurt me either. I'm going to miss her being up on the hill.

Baamaapii,
 Lana Causley

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Request for Proposals

Tribal Non-Motorized Transportation Plan

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe" and/or "Owner") is requesting proposals from a responsible and qualified firm to provide Professional Services to develop a Tribal Non-Motorized Transportation Plan ("Plan").

The Sault Tribe Tribal Non-Motorized Transportation Plan RFP package will be available from the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department ("Purchasing Department") starting Monday, April 8, 2013 upon request by email to both TRoche@saulttribe.net and DGiles@saulttribe.net. Bidders using Tribal Non-Motorized Plan RFP packages not obtained from the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department risk not receiving necessary addenda, eliminating their bid from consideration. Questions regarding the Sault Tribe Tribal Non-Motorized Transportation Plan RFP must be emailed to the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department to both TRoche@saulttribe.net and DGiles@saulttribe.net. Responses will be sent electronically to all bidders.

Sealed bid envelopes must be labeled with the words:

SEALED BID ENCLOSED – TRIBAL NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Sealed and labeled bid packages must be mailed to the address below:

Sault Tribe Purchasing Department
 ATTN: Tamara Roche and Dave Giles
 2186 Shunk Road
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Bid packages submitted by facsimile or email will not be considered.

Bids must be received by the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department no later than 3:00 p.m. EST., Tuesday, April 30, 2013. Bids must be complete at time of submission prior to bidding deadline to be considered a responsive bid. Incomplete or late proposals will not be considered.

Public bid opening will be conducted by the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department at 3:00 p.m. EST., Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department, 2186 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

PROCUREMENT CONDUCTED BY

Sault Tribe Purchasing Department
 ATTN: Tamara Roche and Dave Giles
 2186 Shunk Road
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 635-7035

The Sault Tribe Non-Motorized Transportation Plan is funded by the U. S. Centers for Disease Control Community Transformation Grant DP11-1103 PPHF

Ask state legislators to support Medicaid expansion



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Our Behavioral Health Program just recently went through its CARF accreditation survey. The final outcome will be known in about six weeks. During the exit conference, the surveyors shared many positive remarks concerning the quality and improvements made in our program. I would like to commend all of the Behavioral Health staff for their dedication and commitment to excellence.

The surveyors visited us

six years ago and stated that we have come a long way since their first visit here. Our Behavioral Health Program provides outpatient mental health and substance abuse services for our members in the seven-county service area. We have an excellent staff and I am very proud of them! I would especially like to thank Julie Barber, Ashley LaFaver, and a special thanks to Debbie Sirk, who went above and beyond to help make the accreditation site visit such a positive experience.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Michigan is in the process of deciding whether to implement the expanded Medicaid provisions under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). You may be aware that Michigan declined to run a state-operated health exchange and is reluctant to adopt the Medicaid expansion provisions. The tribe feels that the uninsured tribal members would benefit greatly from the additional coverage provided under Medicaid expansion. It is extremely

important that you contact your state legislator and ask them to support the Medicaid expansion.

Our state legislators in the seven-county service area:

Governor Rick Snyder, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, Michigan 48909, (517) 373-3400;

District 37 State Senator Howard Walker, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536, (517) 373-2413

District 38 State Senator Tom Casperson, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536, (517) 373-7840

District 107 Representative Frank Foster, S-1486 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 373-2629

District 108 Representative Edward McBroom, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 373-0156

District 109 Representative Steven Lindberg, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909-7514; (517) 373-0498

You can find your state representative by visiting www.house.michigan.gov/mhrpublic

for the House of Representatives and your state senator by going to www.senate.michigan.gov/fysenator/fysenator.htm.

Right now, our tribe is working on understanding all the opportunities and benefits offered under ACA to better serve our members. The ACA is very confusing and at the federal level it is still being rolled out slowly. In the next six months, there will be a lot of policy development, educational materials and sessions and information and data gathering from members, to name a few.

The tribe will do whatever we can to help its members understand this. Because it is such a large, and continuously evolving process, I can guarantee you that it will be very confusing and frustrating to understand for most tribal members. I get frustrated just thinking about it. At this time, there are still a lot of unknowns and we can only do our best to bring this new health care to you all. There are some

very informative sites such as www.nihb.org/tribalhealthreform, www.nativeexchange.org, www.enrollamerica.org and www.healthcare.gov/index.html.

Again, you will be receiving educational materials and information within the next six months.

TRIBAL ELECTIONS

I have requested that we have a full-day workshop with our election committee. Before you know it, election time will be here. If any changes are going to be made, they must be done before elections begin.

CONCLUSION

It's been a great year for maple syrup and, for those of you who do not live up north in the Upper Peninsula, this is, I believe, the winter that does not want to end. Because of that, the sap continues to run. Spring is a time for new beginnings.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me at (906) 322-3823 or email me at: cabramson@saulttribe.net.

Reducing spending as sequestration hits reservation



DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

The last month has been spent looking for ways to make financial adjustments as a result of the federal government's sequestration. This means the U.S. government has, in the face of an unbalanced budget, made a sweeping five percent cut to almost every federal budget. The projected impact on Sault Tribe governmental funding is \$1,701,544.38. We have been looking for ways to reduce spending with as little impact to programs or services as possible. Having been a witness to the 2008 cuts, I am committed to using the precision of a scalpel rather than wielding a machete. We can't be sure how long the sequestration will last, but we must be prepared to weather the effects while ensuring the provision of services and employment of our members.

Management in each division has been asked to come forward with their recommendations as to what makes the most sense in their department. I have to give credit to these folks because most of them are still working under the cuts from 2008 and operate under pretty austere budgets as it is. It is not going to be easy and there will be some cuts that sting, but we will get through this with as little disruption to services as possible. So far, staff has done a fantastic job of identifying reductions that make the most sense

in their area and with the least impact on service.

I am of the mind, and have said so in our last meeting, that whatever level of cuts we ask from our departments, the board budget needs to implement cuts of least that same level to our budget. Some of the places that we can cut are our wages, out-of-state travel, trainings, phones, reduce amenities at workshops and meetings (coffee and snack trays) and anything else where board members can supplement the costs. Perhaps not a popular idea, but none of these cuts are going to be popular with anyone affected and the leadership needs to step up and lead by example. If a majority of the board does not vote to make blanket wage cuts to our own salaries, I will voluntarily cut my own wage and have it allocated back to a tribal budget in need.

EFFICIENCY AUDIT COMING

As I have stated in the past (and, in fact, my last unit report), our enterprises exist to provide revenue used to cover most of the services available to our people. Another way to have an impact on the funding is to increase revenue. More revenue would offset the cuts required. As I spoke of in my report last month, this entails more than just making more money. It means "right sizing" and squeezing every bit of value possible from each dollar we spend on goods and services. It means being efficient in every facet of our businesses.

At the last meeting, I introduced a motion to accept an efficiency audit proposal from an independent group of casino experts. The motion passed to allow the chairperson to negotiate the proposal and include an exclusivity and non-disclosure piece to cap off the proposal and get on with the project. The expenses incurred will only be for travel, lodging and meals, and we

capped that at \$10,000. The plan is to find out what we are doing right, and where we need to focus change to bring about better revenue streams and reduce expenses. I am excited and very much looking forward to the results!

THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROJECT

On Saturday, April 6, we completed the review process of the document proposed and submitted by Constitutional Convention Committee. The review team consisted of the original committee members, the Elder Advisory Committee and the board of directors. The purpose of the review was to go over the entire document, with staff input as well, to review for the effect on budgets and costs of implementation, constitutional language as opposed to policy and procedural language (constitutional appropriateness), and to find balance in those items that were written into the document but that may not belong in our constitution. There were many things that found opposition. To be sure, I had issues with some things as well. For the sake of space, if you are interested, I covered those items in my November 2012 unit report and you can see the specifics I covered there.

The completion of the review only means that the document has been gone over with a fine-tooth comb. Each and every line, word and possible meaning was examined and discussed at length. Recommendations were made, remarks were recorded and suggestions noted by the review committee. After each article, or section thereof, was covered, there was a consensus taken by a division of assembly as to whether or not we were ready to move forward from that place in the document. It was a very thoughtful and lively process and I was impressed at the level of commitment afforded.

That being said, I would love

to take this opportunity to thank each and every member who participated in the process since 2005! This has been a very long time coming back to the board and the dedication of the members who came back to give insight, input and the context of the original process, has never waned. To our staff, who spent their nights and weekends assisting, your presence was invaluable as well. Each was able to give assessments as to how all the gears would mesh as changes were discussed. And last, but not least, much gratitude and appreciation to the elders who traveled and sat for hours giving their time and energy to this process.

From here, the document goes back to the board for consideration. It has been mentioned that the first vote requested will be to accept the document as it was presented to the board in 2007. I will not vote 'yes' to accept that

draft. Again, I respectfully refer you to my November 2012 unit report for an explanation. I do look forward to proposing changes as discussed in the review committee and placing that up to be sent out to the voters. My gut tells me this is going to be a long process and will be the subject of many agendas. Time will tell as to what will or will not be presented as a final constitutional document.

IN CLOSING

I have enjoyed the many conversations with tribal citizens from far and near. Your thoughts and suggestions are always welcome and I value your input more than I can express. Thank you to each and every one of you who have taken the time to contact me. I can be reached by calling (906) 440-9762 or via email at dmalloy@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully submitted,
DJ Malloy

Sault Tribe members,

Please contact Enrollment Department to verify your address, make sure you are registered to vote and ask which unit you are registered to vote in.

I have heard there are some in the service area who are registered to vote but are listed in the incorrect unit. Since this is by your address, please verify.

May I suggest, if you contact via telephone, that you keep a record of the person you spoke with, the date and the time. Follow up in 30 days with another phone call.

If you contact them via email, send yourself a copy also and again follow up in 30 days.

It is our right as registered voters to be able to vote; but it is your responsibility to provide the correct address. You are violating your own right to vote by not keeping your address current.

Tribal Enrollment: (906) 632-8552, 632-1648 (fax),
Julie Yacuone, tribal registrar,

jiyacuone@saulttribe.net,

Melissa Morehouse, enrollment coordinator, mmorehouse@saulttribe.net,

Carrie Sayles, enrollment clerk, csayles1@saulttribe.net.

It is also necessary to keep the Enrollment Department informed of your address in order to receive your tribal newspaper. May I suggest, in this time of the federal government cutting expenditures to all tribal departments, you sign up to get your newspaper electronically. You will get an email when it is posted online and get the news so much faster. This will also make you an environmentalist by saving trees.

Contact info for the newspaper: Communications Department, 531 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; email: jdburton@saulttribe.net; phone: (906) 632-6398; fax: 632-6556.

— C.J. Mosher
Manistique, Mich.

The difference between a leader and a politician



BRIDGETT SORENSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

I would like to begin this article with the difference between a leader and a politician. A leader is a person who guides or directs a group. A politician is a seeker or holder of public office who is more concerned about winning favor or retaining power than about maintaining principles. I never want to be known as a politician. I want to be known and remembered as a leader for this tribe and my community. I ran for this seat to bring my education and 10 years experience of working for all three areas of the tribe to lead this tribe into a better future.

I spent less than \$1,000 on my campaign because I knew most of my support would come from my reputation. I am respected in my community and by my past co-workers. They know that when I believe in something I will fight for it and I do what I say and stand for. The reason I am writing about this is because some people do not live in my community and do not know me as well as others. I want people to know that I am fighting for what is right, whatever it costs me. If people do not think I am doing my job, then they will vote me out. As much as I love working for my tribe, I can and would find other employment even if it meant two jobs.

The point I am making is that I will never sell my soul to the devil. I am not worrying about

what someone will hold over my head for the next election. That mind set leads to so much distraction that you have a hard time doing your job.

As most of you have probably already heard, the tribe is facing a \$1.7 million cut in funding due to sequestration. We have been meeting with our division directors to ask for them to try and cut at least 5 percent of their budgets without cutting services or jobs. Our divisions have been very generous and cooperative. This is not an easy task for them because each area has needs, whether it be equipment, supplies, training, etc. I am very proud of this team approach.

At this same time we need a \$1.3 million software upgrade that has to happen this year. We are seeking savings from the casino and financing options to go forward with this need.

I will never support cutting front line employees if it comes down to cutting positions. Our front line is our lifeline and if it were not for them, we would not be where we are today. This organization has been top heavy for years. It is time to reorganize and run more efficiently. I do not care who is related to whom and who has been here for 10-25 years or what the reason is. We have a job to do and a business to run because our people depend on the services our enterprises allow us.

I feel some people have rode the gravy train for years and bring nothing to the table. This does not teach our members anything.

Two things that come to mind are leadership and respect. If you don't lead who is going to respect you? All this results in terrible team member morale, which results in terrible customer service. We preach to our team members and send them to customer service training yearly but if we don't lead and give them tools to do their job what are we doing?

In just the 10 years I have worked in the casino, there has been so much change. The team-

work that once existed is gone. I take all of this personally. These people are my family. Some have given us many years and do not have the ability to move up in the organization. They still come to work and do their job. Just so everyone understands, the CASINOS were down \$7 MILLION last year. What are we doing to turn the ship around? We have a threat of a new casino across the bridge. I hope that people understand why breathing life back into the lifeblood is my priority. I am not trying to work against anyone but if you are not part of the solution, then you don't belong here. Team members in any work environment should not hate to come to work.

These last few months have been very trying to me as a board member. Some days I feel like I could help more people in my last job than I can now. People think that the board has so much power — maybe in years past or certain directors. I am not looking for power, just an avenue to make things right. The political climate is not good. We have people in fear of being targeted, threat of removal petitions, bullying, etc., when you question things or do not share the "right" opinions. It really makes me sick that people have to worry about these things since it is our right to ask questions and to have differences of opinions. I have nothing to hide and no family members to protect so I say, "bring it."

One obvious item of contention is the proposed constitution. I wrote about it in one of my unit reports and I never had one call, email, text or letter telling me that they supported spending more money than the \$500,000 that had already been spent. Some times in life, it is better to cut your losses than to bury yourself. Who does not agree there could be amendments made, oh yeah, that was the original intent, not a new document.

At this time, we are looking for things to cover government cuts to our programs and casinos

are down \$7 million. What should our priorities be? I work for the people, but I fear that many do not realize what is at stake here. If we were in the black and had Lansing and New Boston up and running, it would be a different story.

It is not all about money, either. I would rather spend time on fixing the assets that we have and creating new revenue sources than keeping someone's campaign promises. I have many relatives who live in the "at large" area who have never said the tribe doesn't care about us. People move away to go to college, find work, move closer to family, etc. We don't begrudge them for doing what they need to do. The people who choose to live in the U.P. just because they can get services does not mean they have an easy life. There are limited good paying jobs, nasty weather, limited opportunities for specialized health care, etc.

We all make choices. Part of the problem is someone has created a divide that keeps getting bigger between the service area and the "at large." The "at large" claim to be the voice of the people and want the constitution at all costs and to cut the board salaries. The service area is not demanding the proposed constitution or lowering our salaries. No wonder board members struggle because there are two groups with different opinions who we both represent. The board salary will be a target as well as re-election with leverage for the proposed constitution.

Things that also need to be considered are, according to the Nov. 1, 2000, meeting minutes, there was a motion by Payment, supported by Lumsden to set the board pay at \$67,000. They were both receiving their board pay and executive director and deputy director salaries. This was also supposed to include a yearly 3 percent increase, which, as discussed by the chairman this past fall during balancing the 2013 budget review session,

should currently be \$92,000. I do not support the board be paid \$92,000, but just wanted to point out the board has made concessions.

The last thing I want to mention was that when James Mills (Creating Stronger Nations) came to the Sault on Sept. 24 and 25, 2012, to train the board on roles and responsibilities, he said he did not support having three branches of government. He said it was not working for the United States and other tribes. He also suggested raising the 100 signatures for referendum based on the size of the current membership.

Many of you may only learn about what is going on in the tribe through the newspaper or social media. I encourage you to keep your ears open and ask questions because sometimes you can believe in someone so much you can't see what really is going on.

One of my campaign promises was that I supported a separation of powers. Now that I am privy to more information, that really could be a double-edged sword. We all have members who call us to help them with their ACFS cases or tribal court cases or fines. So do we separate and not be able to help our members? The last board meeting was a prime example: a member told us that there are numerous issues with tribal court and the board supervises them, so we better straighten it out. If the court was separated we wouldn't be able to. Everything is not as black and white as we would like it to be or perceive it to be.

Another campaign promise was for me to establish a scholarship. Interested Unit III members who are graduating may email me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net for an application. As always, feel free to stop in during my office hours on Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. or call or email me.

I look forward to less drama and less negativity. Surround yourself with positive people and laugh as much as you can.

Casinos and enterprises not part of sequestration



DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aniin kina gwaya! Aniish na? Hello everyone, how are you?

We are having a such beautiful winter weather this spring! This has been the saying that's been flying around the community; I had to laugh and share it with you all.

This is the season for sugar making or maple syrup, we call

it sugarbush time. We get out the old pots, tap the trees, haul the sap and boil it down. This year, I'm happy to announce that we had probably the first small sugarbush camp down on the reservation ever! My aunt, Cathy DeVoy, was bound and determined to boil something this year, so she and our good friend Bud Biron set out to tap trees behind the casino. The tribal police were left scratching their heads and weren't quite sure if what they were doing was legal so it had to be cleared through the chair's office. Cooler heads prevailed and they got their sap, I'm happy to report.

The small camp was a perfect opportunity for my little girls, ages 5 and 6. They were able to help haul the sap and learn the boiling technique on a small scale. I taught the 6-year-old how to make kindling with a hatchet so we could start a fire

and both girls were happy as larks to roast marshmallows and hot dogs for their lunch.

The sugarmaking season should be wrapping itself up here shortly — the weather will warm and the buds will appear. This is the signal that the season is over, unless you want the bud sap. Some people like it; I'm not a big fan, so to each his own.

The language conference was last week and that went off without any big issues. It was real good to be with our people from around the Great Lakes and catch up on what is happening in their necks of the woods. Nothing makes me happier than to sit and listen to our language from the elders and I lucked out. An elder, Jenny, was able to help me with my daughters Anishinabe nooswin. Years ago, when she was given her name, I thought I had had it in my head properly and then

the medicine man walked on. I struggled with it for years, asking many elders and finally one who remembered how to say the animal's name was at this year's language conference! Some of these old names are being forgotten, this is what I was told by Dale Thomas when he gave my daughter's name. These names need to be remembered and cherished. I was so thankful for the lady elder who helped me.

Lastly, I'm sure you all have heard about sequestration and how it is hitting our tribe. We are working diligently to make sure we get through this safely and with as many of our services intact as possible. My only concern is that people are using it to yet again, "kick the cow that feeds us."

This would be our casinos. People need to realize that sequestration is happening on the governmental side and not

the enterprise-casino side. The two need to be kept separate and thought of as separate. One is a "government spender" the other a "revenue generator." The two shall not be mixed up when it comes to sorting out the situations of the tribe such as sequestration.

Miigwech for you time and please feel free to call any time. Sincerely,
Debra-Ann Pine
(906) 440-1334

Moving?

Call Enrollment at
(800) 251-6597 or 635-3396 to update your new address and continue receiving your tribal newspaper and other important mail.

Networked with tribes, congressmen at MAST



DARCY MORROW, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

During the month of February, 157 hours, and in March, 149 hours were spent attending meetings; this time does not include constituent phone calls, emails or reading material.

During February, I was able to attend the MAST (Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes) Impact week in Washington,

D.C. This was an awesome experience for me as a new board member. I was able to network with many members from other tribes and listen to them as they shared some of the same issues we deal with as a tribe. The board members who attended from our tribe broke into three groups so we could personally meet with as many congressmen as we could.

My group made contact with the offices of Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI), Congressman Justin Amash (R-MI), Congressman Tony Cardenas (D-CA), Congressman Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and our complete group of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors met with Congressman Benishek. Some of the topics discussed were the farm bill, wolf hunt, health care act and the big one we wanted to drive home was the impact sequestration will have on our tribe.

Sequestration has made a negative impact of \$1.7 million

on the federal dollars we receive. The board has been meeting with division directors to come up with areas they can find efficiencies in or where a function is not justified or cannot sustain itself, where changes need to be made.

I see the need to look at areas that are not a necessity and are funded by tribal operations. One of those areas would be the Sault Big Bear. It costs the tribe \$1,672,047 to run Big Bear year round. We are looking at a \$1.7 million decrease in federal dollars with sequestration hitting us from the health division, law enforcement, Head Start and Early Head Start and Elder Care division, to name a few. To me it doesn't seem like we have board support to close down Big Bear. Until we have an increase in revenue at the casino I see the need to close this facility down. As a board member I will not cut membership services until this area and others are looked at.

With sequestration having

such an impact, we need to make big changes at our five Kewadin Casinos. I myself have worked at three of the five casinos. I was also in management at Christmas and the Shores in St. Ignace. It is amazing to me how all the hard work to make them a team and a family is gone. I have talked to a lot of workers and they have informed me of how they just hate to go to work.

As a board member I feel it is our duty to protect our team members. And if that means dealing with situations that have always been pushed under the rug, then it is time people are held accountable and responsible for their actions or inactions. The only way we can turn this around is to fix the problems that have continued to get worse through the years. I believe we need to get team members involved ask them what we need to do better with them and the customers. Through the years as a manager I have gotten really good input and

marketing ideas from team members. They are on the floor every day hearing what our customer complaints are, they are a wealth of knowledge just waiting to be tapped into.

We will be holding our drug task force, Tribal Action Plan (TAP) community forums the month of April and May, April 21 at the Manistique Tribal Center, Manistique, Mich., 4 to 6 p.m., and May 19 at the Willow Creek Building, Escanaba, Mich., 4 to 6 p.m. We will be providing snacks and drinks at the events. We hope to have a lot of community input from every age group. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at my number below.

Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you,

Darcy Morrow, (906) 203-6699, DMorrow@saulttribe.net; darcymorrowforunit4@yahoo.com, P.O. Box 441, Manistique, MI 49854

Tribe faces \$1.7 million reduction in federal dollars



DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

I went to Washington, D.C., to attend the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST). While there, our schedules and agenda were quite full. While in Washington, your board reps spent time to educate the decision makers and their staff on tribal sovereignty rights, treaty rights, government-to-government relationships, etc. We also reminded them of the need to protect IHS from cuts. We met with the congressmen or their staff and told them how our membership would be hurt by the budget cuts and sequestration. Myself, Chairman Payment and Director McKelvie

grouped together and met with the following: Congressman Dan Kildee – staffer John Blair; Congressman Mike Rogers – staffer Shannon Brown; Congressman Dan Benishek (all board members at MAST attended), Congressman Fran Pallone, and Mary Pavel – staff director of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

Now that sequestration has occurred, this year the tribe is looking at \$1.7 million in reductions of federal dollars. The board, chairman and staff have met to identify savings that will not affect direct services to the membership.

TWO PERCENT

At press time, we still have not received the dollar amount we will have to distribute this spring. The 2 percent applications were due by March 31. Unfortunately, because revenues are down in our casinos during the winter months, the dollar amount available for distribution in the spring is much less than in the fall. We will update you when we get the final dollar amount we have to work with for Unit IV, and what types of projects awarded.

Again, the time was not scheduled to review the long-term 2

percent agreements that are expiring, which would free up some funding to be more fairly divided among all units. So this discussion will have to occur before the fall distributions.

PARENTING MONTH

I attended the March parenting month activity held at the Manistique Tribal Center. The activity is held to share with the parents tips and ideas to do with their children, for the month of March and year round. There was a good turn out, children had craft items to do, coloring activities, cake-walk, face-painting, snacks of hot-dogs, juice, cookies and popcorn. Health had a table available with the various health info pamphlets on it, and you could also get your blood pressure and blood sugar checked. ACFS had a huge table of parenting activities and helpful parenting tips for parents to take home. They ended the day by distributing door prizes to parents and kids who attended. Thanks to the dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to hold these community events for the families and their children.

HEATING PROGRAMS

There are three heating programs as long as funding is avail-

able.

1. The Elderly Heating Assistance Program assists the elderly population of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, who are determined to be ineligible for assistance from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The program is open from Jan. 1-Dec. 31 or as long as funding is available. Applicants must be 60 years of age to apply and must meet program eligibility requirements.

2. LIHEAP is available to assist low-income tribal households meet their home heating energy burden. Heating assistance was available this year from Nov. 1, 2012, to Sept. 20, 2013, as permitted by available funding on a first-come, first-served basis. This program offers financial assistance to tribal members who are in need of energy fuels.

3. LIHEAP-Crisis Energy Assistance is available from Jan. 2 through Sept. 30, as permitted by available funding on a first-come, first-served basis. Crisis Energy Assistance offers financial assistance to tribal members, who fall within one or more categories of the target group listed below:

— Those who meet the income

guidelines for the crisis program and are elders aged 60-plus, disabled individuals or a household with a child 5 or younger. To find out if you're eligible for any of these programs or to get an application call the following numbers and talk to a direct services worker: Manistique — 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137, Munising 387-3906, Sault — (800) 726-0093 or 632-5250.

OTHER

The Manistique powwow will be held June 8-9. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, call Viola at 341-3819.

There will be a spring clean-up of the Indian Pointe Cemetery in Nahma, at 10:30 a.m. on May 25. If you would like to help out, please bring rakes, leaf blowers and gloves.

During the month of February, I spent 170 hours attending various tribal meetings and traveling. And during March, 142 hours were spent doing the same. This does not include my time spent on phone calls, face-to-face contacts with constituents, reading and sending emails or reading paperwork.

Thank you. If you need to reach me call (906) 322-3819.

Denise Chase, vice-chair

Review process for proposed constitution complete



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

In 2008, the Constitutional Convention Committee presented to the tribal government a draft constitution with a request to accept no further changes. No

action was taken regarding the draft until the board of directors meeting held on Sugar Island in September of 2012. At this meeting, the Elders Advisory Committee requested that the board of directors adopt the drafted document "as written" and send it to the Department of Interior for a Secretarial Election.

Instead, the board passed a motion to formally review the draft document via an "Ad Hoc Implementation Review Committee" comprised of individuals from the original Constitutional Convention, Elder Advisory Committee delegates and the tribal gov-

erning board. The committee was tasked with reviewing the proposed draft constitution, to make remarks and recommendations for revision. The review process concluded on Saturday, March 6, and a report was immediately submitted to the board of directors noting all recommendations.

To be very clear, no changes to the original draft constitution were agreed upon. In fact, proposed changes were all over the map and revealed profound disagreement and conflicting recommendations in some critical areas. There were no votes of consensus on proposed recommendations. We simply

voted by a "division of assembly" to "move forward" from one section to the next, once all recommendations, concerns and remarks were noted.

The "review" that just concluded, and the "report" that it produced is a valuable tool that highlights areas of concern. I urge all tribal voters to read the "report" on the front page of our website. But the question before us now is what to do with the draft constitution "as written."

Please let's honor and show respect for all the heart, soul, time and resource invested in this effort and vote this document "as written" up or down. I don't want to see it be used as a

political football any longer. It's time for us to act as the legislators we were elected to be.

A special thank you to all constitutional participants: the original Constitution Convention delegates, the Ad Hoc Review members and to our tribal staff who were so instrumental in our ability to stay the course. And I want to especially thank Marilyn McCarthy (Naubinway), Phil Payment (Hessel) and George Tassier (Newberry). I am so very proud of your representation at the table.

Miigwech, miigwech, miigwech.

March 20 was the annual Kick Butts Day 2013

On March 20, 2013, thousands of young people and youth advocates across the country took part in Kick Butts Day, a day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco. Kick Butts Day is an annual event with three main goals: To raise awareness about the problem of commercial tobacco use, to encourage youth to reject the tobacco industry's deceptive marketing and stay tobacco-free, and to urge elected officials to take action to protect kids from commercial tobacco.

There are over 17,000 new youth smokers each year in Michigan, and 298,000 kids alive in Michigan today will eventually die from a tobacco-related

disease. Furthermore, according to the 2011-12 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Survey for Chippewa, Mackinac and Luce counties, 20.6 percent of high school students have smoked a cigarette in the past 30 days and 9.9 percent of students have used chewing tobacco during the same period. These statistics increase drastically between middle school and high school, which shows the need for early education and intervention.

Tobacco industry marketing efforts have a large impact on youth as a result of industry efforts to market to children and mislead the public. In 2010, the tobacco industry spent \$253 million to market their products in Michigan, with nearly \$8.5 bil-

lion spent on marketing expenditures nationwide. In comparison, Michigan spends only \$1.8 million on tobacco prevention programming annually.

"The good news is a number of evidence-based programs implemented by local communities and the state tobacco program can help us reduce smoking rates," noted Donna Norkoli, Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant coordinator, "24/7 tobacco-free schools, outdoor recreation areas, smoke-free multi-unit housing and increasing access to tobacco dependence treatment options are all effective in reducing youth and adult tobacco use rates."

Throughout the year, the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free

Living Coalition, in partnership with the Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant and Sault Tribe Community Health Program, take part in a variety of activities to protect kids from commercial tobacco, including observing local events such as Kick Butts Day. Additionally, the Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant has recently partnered with both the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District and the Marquette Alger Regional Educational Service Agency to offer training in the evidence-based Michigan model tobacco prevention curriculum to teachers from schools throughout the Sault Tribe's service area.

For more information about

the Kick Butts Day event and tobacco prevention in the community, call the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition at (906) 635-3636.

For help in quitting tobacco use, talk with your healthcare provider or call the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at (800) 784-8669. More information and resources on local youth tobacco prevention activities and quitting commercial tobacco use are also available from the Sault Tribe Community Health Program at (906) 632-5210 or by visiting www.healthysaulttribe.com and www.healthypupcommunities.com. To get involved with the national Kick Butts Day initiative, visit the Kick Butts Day website at www.kickbuttsday.org.

Be safe with insulin when managing diabetes

BY LINDA COOK
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Last month, we began a discussion about safely using insulin as the medication to manage diabetes. We talked about the different kinds and how they should be stored. We also talked about safely disposing of sharps. Now we will discuss how to prevent and treat low blood glucose and selecting insulin injection sites.

The definition of low blood glucose is less than 70mg/dl. Symptoms of low blood glucose include sweaty or clammy skin, weakness and shakiness, light-

headedness, irritation, confusion or hunger. These symptoms may come in any order and you may not have all of them. Teach these symptoms to the people who spend time with you so that they may recognize them in case you cannot. Low blood glucose can happen if you eat less carbohydrates than usual, skip or delay a meal or snack, are more active than usual or if you take too much diabetes medication.

The standard treatment for hypoglycemia (low blood glucose) is called the 15/15 rule. When symptoms arise, test your

blood glucose if you can. If it is less than 70mg/dl treat with 15 grams of carbohydrates, wait 15 minutes and test blood glucose again.

Examples of 15 grams of carbohydrates are 3-4 glucose tablets, one-half cup of fruit juice or a regular soft drink (not diet), one cup of milk or 6-7 lifesavers candies.

Preventing low blood glucose is critical. Do not skip or delay meals, try to eat a consistent amount of carbohydrates at meals and, if you are planning to be more active, carry a source

of carbohydrates. Be prepared. Always be sure to take the right amount and right kind of insulin. Read your medication labels every time it is used.

Finally, we will discuss selecting appropriate insulin injection sites.

Insulin is injected into fatty tissue. Different areas of the body will absorb insulin at different speeds. The abdomen is the area that absorbs the fastest, then the arms, thighs and finally the buttocks. Injecting insulin into the same place each time may cause lumps that may lead to scars.

Inject at least one inch away from the last place you injected. Avoid scarred areas, moles and stay two inches away from belly button.

If you have frequent low blood sugars or problems with insulin injections please contact your provider or diabetes case manager.

The more we learn, the better we live.

For information regarding diabetes management, please call diabetes case managers, Linda Cook in the Sault at (906) 632-5210 or Bridget Beatty in St. Ignace at 643-8689.

Transformation grant sponsors health training

BY HEATHER HEMMING

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians was awarded a Community Transformation Grant (CTG) through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in October of 2011. The grant promotes healthful eating, active living and tobacco-free living. One of the initiatives of this grant program is to partner with communities and schools in the seven-county service area to assist with efforts to increase healthful food options and increase physical activity opportunities for families and students. The tribe's grant program has provided a funding opportunity for local school districts which will assist schools in building and strengthening policies, systems, and environmental infrastructure, which promote increased physical activity and healthy eating.

Recently, the program formed

partnerships with the Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency and the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District (EUPISD) to provide training to help local school districts implement the new national nutrition standards and to increase physical activity opportunities for students. The grant funded training resources and travel expenses for the health education teachers and professionals in the local school districts across the service area.

On Feb. 11, 2013, Sault Tribe CTG partnered with the Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency to sponsor the *Michigan Model for Health High School Curriculum: Skills for Health and Life* training. Health education teachers and professionals from the local school districts, including Gwinn, NICE, Marquette, Manistique and Bark River Harris attended the

training.

In conjunction with the training, the EUP Intermediate School District conducted a training for the *New High School Michigan Model for Health Curriculum* on March 8, 2013. Health education teachers and professionals from the Sault Tribe CTG funded schools attended the training, which included Kathleen Jacobson and Eric Tysen from Pickford schools and Leah Mason from Engadine schools. The new curriculum had revisions and updates completed to strengthen the focus on mastery of health skills, as these skills are required by the Michigan Merit Guidelines for Health and the National Health Education standards. The training consisted of open discussions where the health education teachers and professionals provided positive or negative feedback regarding the revisions and updates in the new curriculum.

On March 28, 2013, the grant project partnered with the EUP Intermediate School District for the *Middle School Michigan Model for Health: Nutrition, Physical Activity, Tobacco Prevention and Emergency Preparedness* training. Michigan Model of Health is a comprehensive K-12 health education curriculum, which covers social, emotional health and character issues along with alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention plus safety, nutrition, physical activity, personal health and wellness. The project initiatives focus primarily on nutrition, physical activity and tobacco prevention. Therefore, to increase nutrition and physical activity opportunities for students, these specific units were highlighted and implemented for the training. Health teachers and professionals from the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School Districts, including

Brimley, Newberry, Rudyard and Three Lakes Academy, along with Lake Superior State University nursing students attended the one-day training in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Health teachers and professionals who attended the training were also provided curriculum materials and resources for nutrition, physical activity, tobacco prevention and emergency preparedness, which were funded through the Sault Tribe CTG Project.

For more information regarding the Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant, please contact Donna Norkoli, Community Transformation Grant Project manager at dnorkoli@saulttribe.net. For more information about training, please contact Lisa Jo Gagliardi, regional school health coordinator, at lgagliardi@eup.k12.mi.us or visit www.eup.k12.mi.us.

Many ways to successfully manage your blood pressure

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What is blood pressure? Blood pressure is the measure of force exerted on the walls of your blood vessels. High blood pressure, or hypertension, directly affects the heart in negative ways. The higher the measure of pressure, the harder the heart must work to compensate and push necessary amounts of blood to the body.

When reading a blood pres-

sure, the top number (systolic) is the measure of pressure when the heart beats, or contracts, to pump the blood to the body. The bottom number (diastolic) is the measure of force on the blood vessel walls while the heart is at rest and refilling with blood. The optimal blood pressure reading is less than 120 over 80.

What causes hypertension? Several factors can contribute and cause hypertension. Diet plays a huge role. Sodium, a component of salt, can cause the

body to retain fluids, which subsequently raises blood pressure. Weight is a huge contributor to hypertension. For every pound of fat the body has, an extra seven miles of blood vessels is present which the heart must then pump blood through.

Physical inactivity contributes to obesity and causes the heart, a muscle, to weaken. Alcohol and tobacco use also contribute to hypertension. Several non-modifiable factors also exist. Blood pressure tends to rise with

age. Family history of hypertension increases an individual's risk. Ethnicity also plays a role. Native Americans have an increased risk of hypertension.

What can hypertension cause? Hypertension is called the "silent killer" because signs and symptoms are typically subtle or nonexistent. Hypertension is the number one cause of stroke. Due to the direct relation of blood pressure on the heart, congestive heart failure is also a high risk with chronic hypertension. Many

other organs are also affected causing a higher risk for kidney disease, dementia and eye damage.

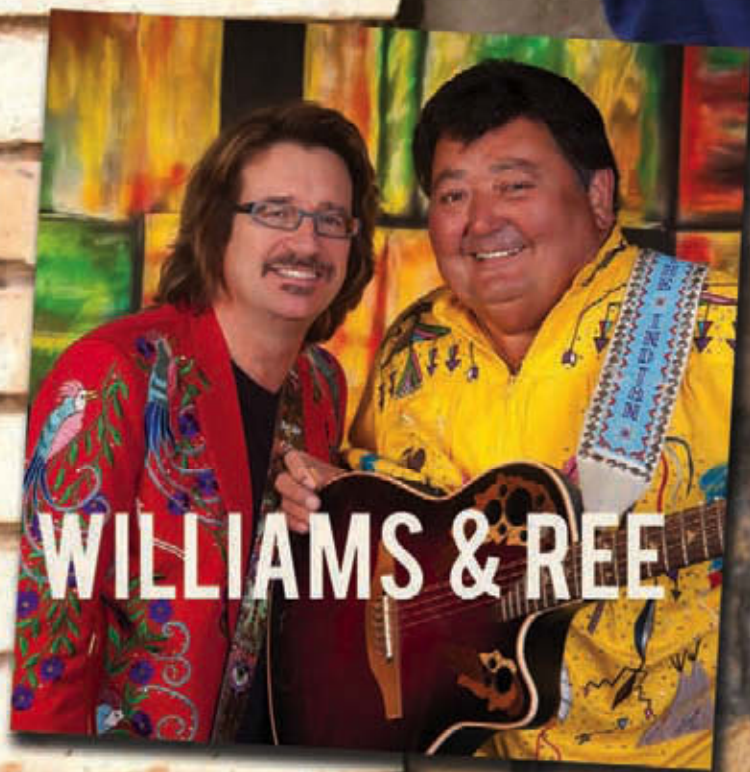
How can you control hypertension? The most effective non-drug method is through shedding extra pounds. Losing five pounds may not seem like much until realizing 35 extra miles of blood vessels were lost as well.

Eat with your heart in mind.

Stop smoking.

Source: Centers for Disease Control

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