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## Primary winners announced; general election ballots go out June 5

SAULT STE. MARIE — Unofficial results released following May 22's primary election vote count show incumbents making it to the general election with clear leads. In Unit III, incumbent Keith Massaway, running unopposed, was already deemed elected. Unit V Director Joan Carr Anderson opted not to run.

In Unit I, the top four vote getters moving on to the general election are incumbent Debra-Ann Pine (812), incumbent Diedre "DJ" Malloy (741), former board member DJ Hoffman (722) and newcomer Kim (Sams) Gravelle (805). Other results were Robert L. McRorie (557), George F. Parish (398), Nick Van Alstine (367), Betty Freiheit (325), Margaret "Jackie" Allard (243), Nichole M. Causley (214) and Sheila Berger (118).

In Unit II, incumbent Catherine Hollowell (395) will face Paul Barbeaux (207). Other results were George E. Tessier IV (98) and Lisa Fisher (98).

In Unit IV, Geof Vallier (209) opposes incumbent Denise Chase (464). Gerald "Jerry" Winberg Sr. received 141 votes.

In Unit V, Rita Glyptis (189) and Charles Matson (126) will face off in the general election. Other results were Judith Daley 80 and Angela Kroupa-Satterlee 74.

Each candidate running in the general election received a free half-page ad in this issue.

General election ballots go out June 5 and will be counted on June 26.

## Supreme Court rules in Bay Mills Indian Community's favor: state can't sue tribe

BY RICK SMITH

The Supreme Court of the United States ruled sovereign immunity of the Bay Mills Indian Community prevents the State of Michigan from blocking an off-reservation casino in Vanderbilt, Mich., by suing the tribe directly. However, the court left open the possibility that the State may be able to challenge the legality of the casino by bringing a civil or criminal action against individual tribal officials. That's the situation in a nutshell as explained by Sault Tribe General Counsel John Wernet after a recent decision in the case of *Bay Mills v. State of Michigan*. The court justices rendered the decision by a five to four majority on May 27.

The Bay Mills' victory in the case is significant for Sault Tribe efforts in opening a new casino in Lansing, anticipated to generate millions in new revenue for tribal, state and Lansing area coffers. "The U.S. Supreme Court ruling sends another clear signal that the Sault Tribe is within our rights and federal law to move forward

on our Lansing casino," said the tribe's board Chairman, Aaron Payment. He added that along with the expected revenue stream, the casino would add more than 1,500 jobs around Lansing. He indicated the tribe is reviewing the ruling to decide the next steps in developing the proposed casino.

Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero also expressed pleasure with the court's decision, "I am deeply gratified that the Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the Bay Mills tribe's right to establish and operate an off-reservation casino. It is very exciting news that strikes down a major legal obstacle to success for the Lansing Kewadin casino project. I look forward to continuing our tremendous partnership with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to bring thousands of good-paying jobs to Lansing and bring to fruition a fully funded Lansing Promise scholarship program for every graduate of our city's public schools. Lansing is finally cleared for takeoff."

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## Opportunity for all: My Brother's Keeper, blueprint for action

### Sault Tribe chair called in to testify

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

The White House released a special report May 29 on a new initiative for boys and young men of color. According to a White House news conference, My Brothers Keeper aims to determine what works to help young people stay on track to reach their full potential. One

of the key actions is mentoring from individuals in the private sector, according to a May 29 teleconference.

Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment was among a group of tribal leaders from across the nation who gathered at the White House to share their perspectives. He added, "I was honored to have been invited by the White House to participate in this important effort to improve the lives of a segment of our population who often get overlooked, our young warriors."

The report identifies boys and young men of color as black Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans. According to the executive summary, "The My Brother's Keeper Task Force was established to develop a coordinated federal effort to improve significantly the expected life outcomes for boys and young men of color and their contributions to U.S. prosperity, so that all youth have an equal opportunity at the American dream."

According to a press release, since the launch of My Brothers Keeper, the task force established for the initiative "has met with

and heard from thousands of Americans, through online and in-person listening sessions, who are already taking action."

The report states that there is significant diversity within and among these groups of the population. Differences of language status, income, disability, sexual orientation and many other factors influence the identity and experience of these young people, just as any other population. In addition, challenges facing boys and young men of color affect others as well. It is important to break down barriers wherever they exist and identify means of creating ladders of opportunity for all.

Payment said, "There are at least two teachings that I know of in our Anishinabe biimaadziwiin that are similar to the 'good samartian' spirit contained with in the 'My Brother's Keeper' initiative. First, 'Aaniin, boozhoo' is not only a greeting in our language, it is also a reminder that we are connected. Also, 'Gawin namin da min da?' asks, 'Are you my relative?' When we greet each other in this way, we recognize our responsibility to one another."

For Native American youth, Jim Shelton, deputy secretary of Education and executive director of the task force, said during the teleconference that the task force

is taking a "hard look" at the disparities among all populations and are looking at how to implement "Native American community engagement."

According to the release, the task force has identified a set of initial recommendations to the president, and a blueprint for action by government, business, non-profit, philanthropic, faith and community partners. In developing its recommendations, the task force identified key milestones in the path to adulthood that are especially predictive of later success, and where interventions can have the greatest impact: Getting a healthy start and entering school ready to learn; reading by third grade; graduating from high school ready for college and career; completing post-secondary education or training; entering the workforce; keeping kids on track and giving them second chances.

"By focusing on these key moments, and helping our young people avoid roadblocks that hinder progress across life stages, we can help ensure that all children and young people have the tools they need to build successful lives," said the press release.

In addition to the report, the White House announced that in coming weeks and months,

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## Tribal elder Jennylee Olesek celebrates 108th birthday



Jennylee Olesek celebrated her 108th birthday with friends, family and the community May 20 at the Avery Square Atrium. She said to "say your prayers every night for your friends and for yourself. Go to church and live a good life. Have fun!"

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# Traditional foods workshop

MANISTIQUE — Cooking with traditional foods is good health for all ages. A traditional cooking and nutrition workshop is scheduled in Manistique on Wednesday, June 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Manistique Tribal Community Center, located at 5698W US Highway 2.

This workshop is free and open to all who would like to attend. Registration is required — call (906) 341-8469.

Guest instructor for this workshop is professional chef and registered dietitian, Jennifer Casey, who cooks with traditional foods of all cultures. Since 2007, Casey has worked with the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Inc., (GLIHC), Milwaukee's Urban Indian Health Organization, serving enrolled members of tribes from across the Bemidji area and beyond. Casey runs the GLIHC Diabetes and

Community Health programs. She has worked with local elders to create a traditional food recipe and storybook, began a Native Wellness Garden program and taught hundreds of cooking classes to diverse groups of people.

Discover traditional foods, healthy recipes and learn fresh ideas for enjoying the bounty of the Manistique Farmer's Market.

# Notify tax office if you move

## Attention resident tribal members!

Resident tribal members shall notify the Tribal Tax Office in writing prior to moving their principal place of residence (Tribal Code Section 43.1103).

If you have moved or are planning on moving, please contact the Tribal Tax Office to request an address verification card to update your principal place of residence.

Please note that if the Tribal Tax Office does not have your current principal place of address

on file, we cannot issue a certificate of exemption for your tax-exempt purchases.

Contact information, tax office direct line (906) 632-6281; tribal admin 635-6050; tax office fax 632-6587.

# Free legal help for Amerian Indians with low incomes

Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) may be able to help you with your legal issue. MILS attorneys can handle child welfare, eviction, guardianships and other matters in tribal courts.

We may also be able to help with ICWA/MIFPA appellate cases in Michigan state court. To find out if we can help you with your legal issue, call us at (231) 947-0122 or toll free at (800) 968-

6877. Our office is open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit our website at [www.mils3.org](http://www.mils3.org).

# Sault support group meetings

**Families Against Narcotics** (FAN) meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., at the Huntington Bank meeting room in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, call (906) 203-8959 or send an email message to [Chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org](mailto:Chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org) or visit online at the website [www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org](http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org).

The meeting dates for June and July are June 18 and July 16.

FAN — your connection for information, resources, and support. It is our mission to raise awareness of the prescription opiate drug abuse epidemic, reduce the stigma, change the face of addiction, educate about the dangers of prescription drug abuse and its potential to lead some to illegal narcotic use and to support those affected by drug abuse or addiction.

Also, look into the

Prescription Drug Abuse Support Group. Have you experienced loss, heartbreak or diminished relationships due to someone else's use of prescription drugs?

The Prescription Drug Abuse Support Group meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. at Huntington Bank in Sault Ste. Marie.

Please call Linda at (906) 440-7252 or Suzy at 248-3545 for more information.

# Always protect your identity, and get help from the FTC

Up to nine million Americans have their identities stolen each year. Although nothing can guarantee that you won't become a victim, here are some things you can do to help minimize your risk:

- Guard your Social Security number.
- Shredding documents with personal information before dis-

posing of them.

- Use intricate passwords.
- Verify sources before sharing any personal information.
- Be on the lookout for online scammers and thieves.
- Keeping your purse, wallet and personal information secure.

The best way to detect identity theft is to monitor your accounts

and bank statements each month and check your credit report regularly. Learn more about how to detect identity theft. If you discover that you are a victim of identity theft, take steps to respond and recover as soon as possible. You can find forms, sample letters and other tools from the Federal Trade Commission.

**Notice of Election Committee decision:** The committee is mandated by law to publish its written decisions regarding the outcomes of contest and complaints. The full written decision can be found at [www.saulttribe.com/government/tribal-elections/tribal-elections/files?folder=Contests%20and%20Complaints](http://www.saulttribe.com/government/tribal-elections/tribal-elections/files?folder=Contests%20and%20Complaints).

**SHEILA BERGER:** The Election Committee declared Sheila Berger ineligible to run for the board of directors for failing to disclose a 2007 conviction for jostling. The form is required to be filed out truthfully under penalty of perjury. Berger contested the eligibility denial stating she was not aware the conviction was on her record. The committee reversed its position and declared Berger eligible to be a candidate.

# Thanks for help with foster care

“Thank You.” Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) thanks all foster parents who have touched the life of a child. Your continued dedication to children in need does not go unnoticed and we look forward to working together in the future in the best interest of children.

Foster homes needed — ACFS is in need of tribal families interested in becoming foster parents. When a child is no longer able to stay in the home because of abuse or neglect, ACFS makes every effort to place the child with a relative. Sometimes this is not possible, so the next priority is a tribally licensed home. With the growing numbers of children in foster care, our tribal

homes are full at times and

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keeping the children as close to their roots is so important.

There has never been a better time to open your home to a child in need. For more information, call (906) 495-1232. Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/acfsfamily](http://www.facebook.com/acfsfamily).

ACFS — Binogii (Child) Placement Agency, “Promoting and protecting the health and well-being of Sault Tribe members.” (800) 726-0093.

## Annual Hessel elders fundraiser

Sault Tribe elders of Unit II scheduled the second annual rummage and bakery goods sale with chili and fry bread available on Saturday and Sunday, June 21-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Hessel Tribal Community Center adjacent to the Kewadin Casino.

## Elders: It's important to keep your vaccinations current as you age

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

Consider the chickenpox

vaccination you got as a kid. Chickenpox and shingles are caused by the same virus, but shingles is more common among people over 60. If you're over 60, you may need a shingles vaccination.

And you might want the vaccination against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis — known as Tdap. The parts about diphtheria and pertussis could keep you from infecting the grandkids.

## Committees have openings for you

The following committees have vacancies. Interested tribal members should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from tribal members to Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie.

Please contact Tara Benoit at (906) 635-6050 or [tbenoit@saulttribe.net](mailto:tbenoit@saulttribe.net) with any questions.

Election Committee — Four vacant seats; four-year term

Health Board — Two vacant seats; four-year term

Higher Education — One vacant seat; four-year term

Child Welfare Committee — Four vacant seats; four-year term

Unit V (Munising) Elders — One vacant seat; four-year term

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# Board resolutions passed April 29 and May 6

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met on April 29 in Munising. All board members were present with the exception of Jennifer McLeod.

Two resolutions were presented to the board for their consideration, with both being passed unanimously.

Resolution 2014-66: Head Start and Early Head Start grant. The board supported and recommended the submission of a grant to the Office of Head Start, American Indian and Alaskan Natives Program Branch for the annual grant application to provide Head Start and Early Head Start services.

Resolution 2014-67: Authorization of full settlement contract support costs claims Sault Tribe vs. Indian Health Service. The board approved a settlement agreement for \$1,337,069 from Indian Health Service, plus interest to run from Sept. 24, 2012 to the date of payment. Resolution 2014-53 is repealed and replaced by this resolution.

The board convened another meeting on May 6, 2014, in Sault Ste. Marie. All board members were present.

The board approved a personnel budget increase of \$6,048.91 with no effect on tribal support.

Board approval was granted for delegates to the 2014 annual convention of the National Congress of American Indians and paying 2015 membership dues to the organization. Aaron Payment was named as delegate while Denise Chase, Cathy Abramson, Keith Massaway, Jennifer McLeod, DJ Malloy, Catherine Hollowell and Kenneth Ermatinger were named as alternates.

An application was authorized for a 2014 Tribal Homeland Security Grant to sustain the emergency manager position and enhance tribal emergency operations across the service area.

A fiscal year 2015 budget received board approval for establishment for a Kellogg Foundation Initiative of \$3,330.06.

A fiscal year 2014 Domestic Violence Court budget modification of \$1,300 was approved for an increase in other revenue, which was previously received.

A budget modification was approved for the 2014 public health nurse case management grant for an increase in IHS funding of \$38,382.

The board approved budget modifications to IHS programs covering diabetes, health education, community health nursing, Community Transformation Grant, Munising health clinic and Healthy Heart for personnel changes amounting to an increase of \$88,355.33 for the Special Diabetes Program, an increase of \$27,428.33 for the Healthy Heart program and a decrease of \$7,977.94 with no effect on tribal support.

A budget increase in federal Health and Human Services revenue of \$8,043 was approved with no effect on tribal support.

A Child Care Development Fund budget was approved for a decrease in federal Health

and Human Services revenue of \$9,500.49, decreasing the budget to the actual award amount with no effect on tribal support.

A Community Service Block Grant budget was increased to accommodate an actual award amount of \$25,817.60.

A budget modification was approved for family violence services for a decrease in U.S. Health and Human Services revenue of \$924.50 with no effect on tribal support.

The budget for general assistance services received an increase in BIA funding of \$13,205 along with a decrease in tribal support of \$1,390.91.

Victims' assistance services received a budget increase in federal revenue of \$4,673.34 along with a decrease in tribal support of \$409.28.

The board approved fiscal year 2014 budget modifications to social work, Binogii, Title IV-B, Title IV-B Subpart 2, adolescent treatment, adolescent in-home and tribal foster care for an increase in U.S. Health and Human Services revenue

of \$9,731.76, BIA revenue of \$58,455.57, state revenue of \$188,976.44, and other revenue of \$137,508.00, with a decrease to the fund balance of \$53,075.22. The modifications have actual expenditures through February with changes to the personnel pages and no effect on tribal support. Further, the board approved a fiscal year 2015 budget modification to Native Employment Works for a decrease in U.S. Health and Human Services revenue of \$3,698.44 with no effect on tribal support.

Submission of a grant gained board approval to support Head Start and Early Head Start service with funding from the U.S. Health and Human Safety Department.

Submission of a proposal was approved for federal funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support development of suicide prevention strategies and collaborations.

# Delta flights at Chippewa County International Airport cancelled from June 2 to June 21

The Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation (EDC), operators of the Chippewa County International Airport, recently announced commercial flights operated by Delta Airlines will be unavailable temporarily to allow major improvements to the airport's main runway. The service interruption begins June 2 at 7 a.m., after the morning flight leaves, and will last until 11 a.m. on June 22 when the afternoon flight arrives. The EDC apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and looks forward to its regular commercial service resuming on June 22. The general aviation terminal and facilities will remain open throughout the period.

U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin recently announced the \$3.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to pay for the improvements, along with state matching funds and

local matching funds provided by Chippewa County and the Chippewa County EDC.

The project will mill and repave 7,200 feet of runway and do other repairs and improvements to ensure passenger safety and security. Stabenow said, "Making sure passengers are able to travel to and from the Upper Peninsula is vital to the state's economy. This support will help ensure that the airport can continue to keep people traveling safely and increase business activity to boost the economy."

Chippewa County International Airport Manager Tami Beseau said the airport staff are thankful for the support. "It will provide a substantial impact to the local community by improving safety and security at the airport by replacing the cement surface on the main runway with asphalt," she said. "This support will help thousands of families and travelers get to and from

Chippewa and the whole Upper Peninsula this summer vacation season."

The project's main contractor

is Payne and Dolan Inc., with offices in Sault Ste. Marie, supported by other local subcontractors. Chippewa County

International Airport at Kincheloe hosts non-stop service to Detroit provided by Delta Airlines.

*If you're looking for ways to keep your kids learning this summer, visit Kids.gov, the U.S. government's official web portal for kids. Kids.gov offers activities for kindergarteners through eighth graders and provides resources for parents and teachers. You'll find games, art projects, videos, ideas for outdoor activities and more.*

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# Public meetings set on proposed code changes

The Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) passed in 2010. One of the highlights of the act is the passage of legislation that now allows for federally recognized Indian tribes across the country to prosecute felony offenses that occur in Indian Country by Native Americans. Prior to the TLOA passage, Indian tribes were only allowed to prosecute misdemeanor cases with penalties of up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$5,000. The TLOA allows tribes to enhance penalties for criminal offenses for a maximum of up to three years in prison and up to a \$15,000 fine. In addition, the TLOA allows the sentence

for up to three offenses to be run consecutively for a maximum of nine years in prison.

The maximum penalty under the Sault Tribe's current criminal code is a one-year misdemeanor. For example, under the current code, the charge of murder is a misdemeanor offense, punishable by up to one year in jail. All forms of sexual offenses are misdemeanors under the current Tribal Code. If the board of directors votes to change the Tribal Code and allow for serious offenses to be penalized by up to three years, more serious offenses that occur in Indian Country can be prosecuted at the felony level.

At the official presidential signing of the TLOA, Lisa Iyotte, a victim of rape, explained that because the act had not passed at the time she was raped, the most her offender could be charged with in the tribal court was a misdemeanor offense. A misdemeanor offense for a rapist hardly seems like any justice to victims of rape.

Once the TLOA passed, Sault Tribe took steps to consider revising the Tribal Code to be consistent with it; more specifically, to consider raising the penalties for more serious offenses. Members of Sault Tribe's TLOA team have been writing proposed language for

the tribe's civil and criminal code. The team consists of members from Law Enforcement, Tribal Court, prosecutor's office, Advocacy Resource Center, board of directors and Probation Department.

The team will be holding a series of meetings to invite public comments to the proposed changes to the tribe's criminal and civil code. The meetings are scheduled on the following dates and times in conjunction with elder meals:

June 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Manistique Tribal Center, Manistique, Mich.

June 16, at 12:30 p.m. at the McCann School, St. Ignace,

Mich.

June 20, at 12:30 p.m. at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

A copy of the proposed changes to the code will be posted on the tribe's website at <http://www.saulttribe.com/government/tribal-code>, on the left sidebar under "Information." In addition, a hard copy will be available at each meeting. The elders' subcommittee representatives will also be able to take your written comments or questions so a member of the TLOA team can respond to you.

You can also submit your questions or comments to [legal@saulttribe.net](mailto:legal@saulttribe.net).

## DAV Mobile Service Office making June visits

Do you want straight answers about rights and benefits you earned through service to your country, as well as free, professional assistance with claims from a highly trained expert?

The DAV Mobile Service Office (MSO) program is bringing free services to your local community to help you with your benefits.

At the service stops, a DAV national service officer (NSO), rigorously and professionally schooled in the full range of benefits for military veterans, retirees and their families, will

provide you the best counseling and claim filing assistance you can get from any source, anywhere. Like you, the NSO is a veteran.

Because the DAV is a nonprofit organization dedicated solely to serving you, our NSO has only one goal: making sure you get all the benefits and services you earned.

When you come to one of the DAV MSO locations, bring your claim number, Social Security number, and any other pertinent documentation. This program is completely free and DAV membership is not required.

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Gaylord VA community based outpatient clinic, 806 South Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, Mich., Wednesday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cadillac VA community based outpatient clinic, 1909 North Mitchell Street, Cadillac, Mich., Thursday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## VOTE KIM GRAVELLE – UNIT 1

### I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO VOTED FOR ME.

I would like to introduce myself again. My name is Kim (Sams) Gravelle. I was born and raised on Sugar Island. I worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), in the Tribal Operations Department, for 31 years.

I am seeking your support because our team members have not had a cost of living raise for several years. I will make this one of my highest priorities. When it becomes financially possible this should be one of the first things worked into our budget and it should be given annually, especially to our lower wage earners. We also need to implement a hardship program for the middle class. They seem to get left out of the programs that have income guidelines.

We need to find more ways to assist our young parents with programs such as; employment training, budgeting, daycare, and anger management. We need to instill a good work ethic in the next generation because soon enough they will be our leaders.

The experience and training I received as a BIA employee required me to have great communication and organization skills. During my tenure I was responsible for planning and presenting Tribal Enrollment Workshops. I also coordinated the Labor Force Reports with the Michigan Indian tribes that are used to request grant monies.

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# Meetings seek input for service area transportation needs

**By RICK SMITH**  
Sault Tribe transportation planner Wendy Hoffman recently announced a series of meetings scheduled for June 24-27 throughout the tribe's service area to gather input about transportation needs in different communities of the region.

The tribe recently selected the Corradino Group to produce a comprehensive three-year implementation plan for transportation after reviewing current services and examining options, according to Hoffman. The main objective of the plan is to improve the general quality of life for residents in specified communities such as Sault Ste. Marie, Kinross, St. Ignace, Hessel, Newberry, Munising, KI Sawyer, Escanaba and Manistique.

Possible options for transportation systems include a tribal transit program, a regionally coordinated system or collaborations with current independent transportation facilities.

"To be effective and relevant, we believe it is critical that representatives of each local community provide input on unique needs and concerns," Hoffman noted. She went on to add, "The plan will document the needs of tribal members, employees and families related to access housing, health care, schools, offices, casinos and other tribal facilities. The final plan will guide the tribe's investment decisions related to future transit services and facilities."

Hoffman encourages all Sault Tribe members to attend the meetings set in their communities to provide input on their needs and concerns. She requests those planning to attend a meeting to let her know by contacting her at (906) 635-6050 or [whoffman@saulttribe.net](mailto:whoffman@saulttribe.net). Her message to all members, "Please take this opportunity to participate and have your concerns and input heard during this time."

The meetings are scheduled for Sault Ste. Marie on Tuesday, June 24 at 3 p.m., at Kewadin Casino; Kinross on Wednesday, June 25 at 9 a.m., at the Community Recreation Center; St. Ignace on Wednesday, June 25 at 11 a.m., at the Kewadin Shores Casino "Tent;" Hessel, Wednesday, June 25 at 12:30 p.m., at the Tribal Community Center; Newberry, June 25 at 4 p.m., at the Tribal Health Center; Munising, Thursday, June 26 at 10 a.m., at the Tribal Community Center; KI Sawyer, Thursday, June 26 at 1 p.m., at the Silver Wings Heritage Air Museum; Esanaba, Thursday, June 26 at 4 p.m., at the Willow Creek Building; and Manistique, Friday, June 27 at 1 p.m., at the Tribal Health Center.

Hoffman also noted a second transportation project involving a safety plan, which is scheduled to begin in late summer.

A street reconstruction project on the Sault reservation is scheduled to start this summer on Shawano and Ice Circle drives along with the adjoining cul-de-sacs. Hoffman indicated

work scheduled on Shawano Drive includes installing new curbing and gutters, sidewalks on both sides of the street and replacement of the roadway. Ice Circle Drive will have a new sidewalk along the full length of the roadway with connections

to Bahweting Drive and Shunk Road. Reconstruction is expected to take about 12 weeks.

According to Hoffman, funding for the projects came to the Tribal Transportation Program through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and are collaborative efforts of the

tribe's Transportation Committee, Housing Authority and Telecommunications Department.

If anyone should have any questions, please contact Hoffman at either [whoffman@saulttribe.net](mailto:whoffman@saulttribe.net) or by calling (906) 635-6050.

## Hoffman interviewed in transportation blog piece about tribal trends in state

**By RICK SMITH**  
Wendy Hoffman is a Sault Tribe member and transportation planner for the tribe. She was recently interviewed by Kajal Ravan for the Transportation for Michigan (Trans4M) blog along with counterparts from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

According to the site, "Trans4M is a statewide coalition working to create a stronger Michigan through transportation policy reform that will revitalize Michigan's cities and towns, reconnect its people to opportunity and spark a healthier economy. Trans4M coalition partners include nonprofits, businesses, policy makers, environmental groups,

planners, academic institutions and others." The introduction adds, "We are a diverse coalition of groups working together to make Michigan communities more livable, create equitable opportunities for all people, and build a more robust economy through transportation policy reform."

The blog item featuring remarks from the tribal officials is titled *Transportation Trends on Tribal Lands* and was posted on April 18. The piece briefly describes Indian Country transportation matters in Michigan before introducing the three tribal representatives. The focus shifts to an explanation on similar transportation funding sources for tribes, which are different from state, county and

local sources. A history of the funding is also mentioned as is a description of how tribal planners function.

The piece mentions projects in development by each of the three tribes. For example, the item cited Sault Tribe's recent hiring of a contractor to identify gaps in the tribe's transportation system over the entire service area. Also mentioned is an initiative to reinstate a regional transportation committee and other projects.

The item closed with mention of apparent trends among the tribes and how they appear to be inclusive of transportation methods other than automobiles.

To see the *Transportation Trends on Tribal Lands* in its entirety, visit the blog at [trans4m.org](http://trans4m.org).

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# Northern Hospitality under new management

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Tom Rapson began his career at Northern Hospitality, the tribe's full-line furniture, bedding and flooring store, 20 years ago when he was in his mid 20s.

With the recent transition of former manager Jeff Behling to Charter Media, Rapson interviewed for and was hired as the store's new manager.

Rapson began on the sales floor as a sales associate before being promoted to project coordinator and most recently as

manager.

"I have learned a lot over the years," he said, "It's been a good job. I know the floor, products and people we deal with, but was never privy to what went on with budgets and at the board level. So I am now learning administrative duties but have great staff such as Administrative Assistant Rhonda Black, she is my backbone on the computer end of things."

A new sales representative was recently hired (Geoffrey Puckett), and Rapson said he hopes to hire

another sales representative soon.

Rapson said Northern Hospitality has seen some competition from Art Van since they opened and expects to also see some more when Menards comes to town. "We have always made money and that will continue," he said. "We can still compete with them."

Rapson said he would eventually like to see the store move to a bigger space with more room to stock additional inventory. They have been in

their current location downtown on Ashmun Street for the past nine years.

In addition to some smaller projects such as providing Kewadin Casinos with new beds for their hotels, Rapson said he has two major projects in the works. One is the Pullar Stadium ice rink bathroom remodels, Northern Hospitality will be providing the tile and labor to set the tile, and they will also be providing materials and labor for the flooring and tile work at the

new Ford garage when it begins construction this fall.

Stop by and check out Northern Hospitality's on site inventory and browse through their special order catalogs.

Visit them at 827 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, or online at [www.northernhos.com](http://www.northernhos.com) or call (906) 635-4800 to discuss your furniture, bedding or flooring needs.

Store hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Gough hired as executive assistant and liaison

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Trisha Gough was recently hired as the executive assistant/membership liaison to Chairperson Aaron Payment.

Gough said she is looking forward to both her new roles, noting that working with tribal members is going to be exciting for her. "My family comes from Sugar Island and as a child my mother moved away so I wasn't raised with my culture. For me to work with tribal members to find out what services we have that I can help them with is something I am really looking forward to," she said. "I had a lot of help from tribal services as a child growing up and I'd like to give that back." She is also working with



**Trisha Gough**

Payment as his assistant helping to keep his calendar organized,

as a liaison with the board of directors and will be present at board workshops and meetings. She is involved in budget planning sessions and works closely with Executive Director Christine McPherson and Assistant Executive Director of Membership Services Angeline Bouley.

Before accepting her position with the tribe, she worked at War Memorial Hospital as a physician practices clerk and as the project management assistant to the vice president of operations.

Gough is mother to Madison, 8, and Carter, 5.

She can be reached by calling Sault Tribe administration at (906) 635-6050.

## Kids' nature classes through local 4-H

Connecting Kids with Nature is a 4-H Spin Club taught by Angela Gordon, conservation biology major, and Luke Bradburn, fisheries and wildlife major, with hands-on activities in nature, photography and journaling.

When: Four class options for 4-week periods:  
Monday, June 2-Wednesday, June 25, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, June 3-Thursday, June 26, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
Monday, July 7-Wednesday, July 30, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, July 8-Thursday, July 31, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
Classes meet twice a week on Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/

Thursday.

Where: Various nature locations throughout Chippewa County. Parents are responsible for transportation to locations.

Cost: \$11 for 4-H members and \$21 for nonmembers.

Ages: Recommended for 8-12 year olds.

Class info.: Children will venture into and explore various nature settings and ecosystems. Then they will express these natural discoveries through photography and creative journaling.

Registration: Call Angela at (248) 840-7666 or email her at [agordon@issu.edu](mailto:agordon@issu.edu). Class size is limited to eight, so register early! First-come, first-served!

### Weatherization Program Closed

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority would like to announce that the Weatherization Program is now closed, we have received the maximum amount of completed applications.

Please apply next fiscal year when the program will re-open.

# VOTE MALLOY

## For Your Representative in Unit 1



My name is Diedrie (DJ) Malloy and I would like to say Mii-gwech for your support in the Primary Election! I am once again asking for your vote for Unit 1 Board of Directors in the General Election. Please see my endorsements below.

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### ENDORSEMENTS

"DJ Malloy is a proven leader who is committed and devoted to the people of our Tribe. Director Malloy has been strongest advocate of a new constitution and has fiercely defended our sovereignty and Treaty rights for the benefit for all within our Tribe. Please re-elect DJ Malloy." — **Jason Grondin, Sault Tribe Great Lakes Committee Chairman, Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority Board Member, and Great lakes Indian Resource Commission Chairman**

"In writing words of support for D.J. Malloy (also known on the ballot as Diedrie D.J. Malloy) I can't seem to find strong enough, moving enough, or meaningful enough words. Over the years her actions have spoken louder than any words. Always there to help or answer and guide tribal members. Her respect for two and four legged is well known. She serves Unit #1 and all the other units. D.J. thinks about the tribe, our people and our future and swims against the stream to get things done!"

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# Goudreau pushing for better U.P. commerce

By RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Dave “Goody” Goudreau is dedicated to improving the business climate of the eastern Upper Peninsula. Along with serving as president of a successful and still growing company he co-founded nearly a decade and a half ago, Goudreau also serves as the president of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Workforce Development Board and as a member of the Michigan Works! Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee and its state board of directors, the Upper Michigan Aviation Green Coalition, the Delta Aerospace and Maritime Project Steering Committee and the recently formed Michigan First Congressional District Veterans Advisory Council. In more leisurely hours, he enjoys his membership in a local chapter of a national charitable military veterans’ motorcycle organization, the American Legion Riders.

As part of his dedication to efforts in strengthening the regional economy, Goudreau is among those pushing for better education opportunities to develop a first-rate, regional professional and skilled work force, which includes American Indians.

Shortly after Goudreau retired from a 24-year military career in 2001, he and a partner opened a welding and machine shop in Engadine, Mich. “It was almost



Photo by Rick Smith

**Dave “Goody” Goudreau stands with a few samples of the parts manufactured by Northern Wings Repair, Inc., at the company’s award winning facility in Newberry Mich.**

more of a hobby,” he said in describing the fledgling concern, but over the years the business changed and grew, mostly through training, teamwork, tenacity “and a little luck.” The shop evolved into an aviation and aerospace fabrication and repair facility supporting many U.S. military, federal and commercial clients. Goudreau is president of the company, Northern Wings Repair, Inc., now based in a 13,000 square-foot, high-tech equipped facility just outside of Newberry, Mich. The firm has satellite offices in Brookfield, Wisc., Raleigh, N.C., and San

Jose, Calif.

While the company is mainly involved in manufacturing, repair, sales and distribution of aircraft and aerospace parts and construction of specialized aviation equipment needs, the firm is open to meeting fabrication and logistics needs in a variety of other fields such as dredging and sawmill operations. A roster of clients includes the likes of NASA, the Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Homeland Security, United States Coast Guard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Interior, National Park

Service, Boeing Aerospace, Lockheed Martin, Sierra Nevada Corporation and L-3 Communications.

Northern Wings Repair has a history of receiving awards for excellence from clients and other agencies. The company is often cited as for its superior performance as a supplier and it has been recognized for its employee training. The company won the Employer of the Year Award in 2010 from the Michigan Works! Association. In 2012, the U.S. Small Business Administration recognized Goudreau as the regional 8(a)

Contractor of the Year. Just last year, Crain’s Detroit Business, a magazine devoted to the business world in Michigan, named Northern Wings Repair as one of 50 Companies to Watch.

“It’s been a tough, uphill, fascinating process that has yet to be completed,” Goudreau noted. He indicated key components to the progress of the company began at the start of the business by incorporating training and guidance through the Procurement Technical Assistance Center in Onaway, Mich., one of over 300 offices in a nationwide

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The most crucial challenges facing our tribe today are:

**Dysfunction in Our Tribal Government** • The infighting must stop! If elected to work for you, I pledge to work amicably with all other board members and the chair for the betterment of the tribe even when we strongly disagree.

**Separation of Powers** • I support a restructuring of our current tribal government, including the need for a separation of powers as our judges and lawyers should not report to the board. Our tribal constitution must be amended to accomplish this goal. If elected I will do my best to work for you to make this happen.

**Treaty Rights and Sovereignty** • 2020 is near; the tribe must prepare for the next round of negotiations with the State of Michigan over fishing and hunting rights. We need to build a team of negotiators including lawyers and natural resource managers that can successfully negotiate with the state on an even footing.

**Supporting Our Elders** • We need to ensure we continue to support and provide services to our elders. I support an Elders’ Bill of Rights, a right to food, heat, and health. No elder should have to worry about staying warm, fed, and healthy, they are much too important to- our future by providing a living link to our past.

**Supporting Our Youth** • We need to make sure our children are prepared for the future. The greatest good in the short-term would be in providing aid to those youth not interested in a 4-year college track. The tribe should provide financial aid to members interested in trade-schools where members can learn an immediately marketable trade – trades that can be used in our area, providing opportunities that will help keep our children employed within our communities.

**A Voice for Change!** • As a businessman, I understand that it takes money to make all these things possible. Under proper management our tribal enterprises are fully capable of providing these services. It simply takes proper business leadership to make this possible. We need a change. I promise, if you choose to elect me I will be true to my Dodum, I will speak loudly for the members through my actions, to be an agent of change working with my board colleagues to provide a brighter future for all tribal members.

Please contact me with any questions or issues that you feel need to be addressed or ideas for moving our tribe forward. You will be the team I bring with me to the board.

Giga-waabamin menawaa,  
Miigwech,

Paul Barbeaux



# Senator meets with Indians to discuss new bill

By RICK SMITH

U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp met with American Indian education officials, students and social workers to discuss the workings of a bill she recently introduced to develop a commission to help Native youth to succeed. The meeting took place at the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) in Bismarck, N.D., on April 23.

Heitkamp is a Democrat-Non-Partisan League member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Last October, she introduced the bill which was then described

as a “comprehensive plan to find solutions to the complex challenges facing Native American children” throughout Indian Country. The commission, if created, would address high rates of poverty, unemployment, child abuse, domestic violence, crime, substance abuse and many other issues.

The senator made it clear from the outset of introducing the bill that American Indian children would be involved in guiding the commission via a subcommittee comprised of one young person from each of the Bureau of Indian Affairs service areas and



Heidi Heitkamp

possibly playing roles in setting stages for action in the event of its passage.

“Native children are often already behind the eight ball by the time they start kindergarten,” Heitkamp noted in a statement. “Those aren’t odds any parent

wants to hear. Today, we talked about how we can change this course, and how the steps that schools like UTTC are taking to help put students on the right path from early education all the way through college are making great strides. My Commission on Native Children aims to take another step by creating a roadmap for how we can make sure kids stay enthusiastic about learning and give tribal governments a stronger voice in the education of Native children to reduce dropout rates and close the achievement gap.”

Heitkamp cited statistics recently released by the civil rights office of the U.S. Department of Education that indicate American Indian students, as a group, lag far behind others in achieving academic success in high school and college. She said her bi-partisan bill to create the Commission on Native Children would examine the challenges and seek ways to overcome them. The 11-member commission would include the U.S. Secretary of Education and make recommendations to improve academic standards for Native students in all grade levels.

# Goudreau pressing for better jobs and skilled workforce

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network that prepares entrepreneurs for contracting with the U.S. government along with selling and distributing in Michigan or to general contractors. In addition, the company incorporated the services of Michigan Works! Northern Wings Repair continues to take advantage of the services offered by both organizations.

Among many other subjects, the company learned about acquiring advantageous certifications for companies when doing business with the federal government. For example, among other certifications, Northern Wing Repair qualifies as an 8(a) certified, Native American owned, small disadvantaged business in a historically underused business zone.

Moreover, the company pursues training and acquiring certifications from the Federal Aviation Administration in the exacting and stringent demands in the world of aviation and aerospace manufacturing and supply.

Last October, Goudreau spoke at a conference focused on opportunities for businesses owned by American Indian tribes or individuals to do business with government agencies. The conference, hosted by the Tribal Procurement Institute based in Green Bay, Wisc., took place at the Sault Tribe Kewadin complex in Sault Ste. Marie. The event drew representatives from federal and state business development organizations from across state. Several of the organizations involved indicated interest in

meeting on an annual basis because of the success of the first gathering.

“We are very interested in regional economic development which, of course, includes Indian Country,” noted Goudreau. “Success creates more success, and we obviously need some partners in this area. Northern Wings Repair has a history of teaming with other U.P. companies to bid and execute government contracts.” He went on to add, “I have been approached by some representatives in the region to work with them in developing a Native specific economic opportunity that would involve collaboration among U.P. tribes.” He described collaborative possibilities with tribes as a key step, “that would be where we

have to start, because economic development begins right here at home.”

Citing his military background as instrumental in the company’s development and growth, the St. Ignace native enlisted in the Navy straight out of high school. Once he completed his active duty obligation, he enrolled at Lake Superior State University where he acquired a Bachelor of Arts in 1984. He accepted a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps, becoming a helicopter pilot who experienced combat in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, peacekeeping missions in Kosovo, humanitarian relief missions around the world and a tour as a White House helicopter pilot during the Clinton years.

“My military career has

everything to do with what we do at Northern Wings Repair,” Goudreau observed. “Every Marine aviator has collateral duties — I’ve worked in operations, logistics, maintenance, administration and command.” He interjected some humor, “Oddly enough, they had no sales divisions — I had to learn that after I left the military.” But he underscored his point, “Simply put, nearly everything I needed to know to run a business, I learned in the military!”

As far as the progress of Northern Wings Repair, Goudreau gives much of the credit to the nearly 20 others working with the company. He said that story would be more about the crew because “they are the ones making stuff happen.”

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Miigwech Gakina Awiya



I love our tribal nation,

our people and the sacred earth we stand on. I am passionate about serving you in any way I can, and making our tribal communities stronger, healthier and safer today and for all the future generations to come. I will continue to work hard to provide for the welfare and prosperity of our people. The perpetuation of our language and traditional ways is a constitutional responsibility that I take very seriously. I vow to fight for our sovereignty and right of self-governance which is under constant threat. I will work to serve our tribe in good faith always.

### Experienced Leadership

- Tribal Board Member
- Internal Audit Committee
- Tax Commission
- Gaming Commission
- Gaming Authority
- Wequayoc Committee
- Lands Use Committee
- Ad Hoc Health Committee
- Constitutional Review
- Curator, LCHA
- Sales, Cox Communications
- Mgmt., USPS Western Region
- EPA- National Tribal Operations Committee

### Education

- Bachelor Science
- ~ History, Public Administration

### Keeping Commitments

- Led effort to acquire the historical burial grounds at Wayquayoc
- Introduced legislation to enact the 2010 “CEO” Constitutional Amendment
- Reduced my board stipend by 10%
- Introduced legislation earmarking a percentage of casino revenue to the Elders Fund
- Voted “Yes” to send the New Constitution out to members for ratification
- Sponsored a Draft Constitutional Amendment ‘Separation of Powers’ for the Courts



My grandmother & mother circa 1928, Cedarville, MI

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# Michigan Indian clinics Sault Tribe members may use

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Health Clinics available for use by Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Members

Escanaba Tribal Community Health Center  
 Penstar Office Building  
 1401 North 26th Street, Suite 105,  
 Escanaba, MI 49829  
 (906) 786-2636  
*Services: Medical, Community Health, Health Education*

Munising Tribal Community Center  
 622 W. Superior Street  
 Munising, MI 49862  
 387-4721, 387-4614  
 (800) 236-4705  
 Fax 387-4727  
*Services: Medical, Behavioral Health, Community Health, Traditional Medicine, Health Education*

Marquette Tribal Satellite Clinic  
 1414 W. Fair Avenue, Suite 108,  
 Marquette MI 49855  
*Services: Medication Pick up, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays ONLY Nutritionist by appointment*  
*To contact Marquette satellite clinic, call Munising clinic at 387-4721.*  
*Special thanks to Sault Tribe member Jerry Cadreau for making and sharing this map.*

Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians  
 Watersmeet, MI 49969-0249  
 Phone: 906-358-4587  
 Hours: Mon- Fri 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Pharmacy

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
 102 Superior Avenue, Baraga, MI 49908  
 Phone: 906-353-4531  
 Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Dental, Pharmacy

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians  
 698 W Hwy US-2  
 Manistique, MI 49854  
 906-341-8469  
 Hours: Mon - Fri 9 a.m - 5 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Optical, Dental, Pharmacy

Bay Mills Indian Community  
 12124 W. Lakeshore Drive  
 Brimley, MI 49715  
 Phone: 906-248-5527  
 Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Dental, Pharmacy

Hannahville Indian Community  
 N15019 Hannahville B-1 Road  
 Wilson, MI 49896  
 Phone: 906-466-2782  
 Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Suicide Prevention, Mental Health

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians  
 2864 Ashmun  
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
 906-632-5200  
 Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Dental, Optical, Pharmacy

Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indian  
 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770  
 Phone: 231-242-1700  
 Hours: Mon- Fri 9 am to 5 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Dental, Behavioral Health

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians  
 1140 N State, St. Ignace, MI 49783  
 Phone: 906-643-8689  
 Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Dental, Optical, Pharmacy

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indian  
 2300 N. Stallman Road, Ste. A, Peshawbeston, MI 49682  
 Phone: 231-534-7200  
 Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Pharmacy, Dental, Optical

American Indian Health and Family Services  
 4880 Lawndale St. -  
 Detroit, MI 48210  
 Phone: 313-846-6030  
 Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Behavioral Health, Dental\*  
 \* Dental coming soon

Little River Band of Ottawa Indian  
 310 9th Street, Manistee, MI 49660  
 Phone: 1-888-382-8299  
 Hours: Mon- Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Behavior Health

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi  
 311 State Street S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
 Phone: 1-888-662-2808  
 Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Dental, Behavioral Health

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
 57392 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI 49047  
 Phone: 269-782-4141  
 Hours: Mon- Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Services : Medical, Optical, Behavioral Health, Pharmacy

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 Fulton, MI 49052  
 Phone: 1-888-729-4422  
 Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Services: Medical, Dental, Behavioral Health

Saginaw Chippewa Indians of Michigan  
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### — Goals for Unit 4 —

#### TRIBAL ELDERS

- ◆ Expand the Elder Meal program to other areas and to include delivery to the homebound;
- ◆ Support increasing elder checks;
- ◆ Expansion of Elder Housing (Apartment Complexes);
- ◆ Support Elder / Health / Community Center in Escanaba;
- ◆ Support a Centralized Elder / Health / Community Center (Gwinn, Ishpeming & Negaunee)

#### HEALTH CARE

- ◆ Expanding clinic hours to include evening and weekends;
- ◆ 24 hour Urgent Care Access to include: Manistique, Escanaba & Marquette county;
- ◆ Will push for Transportation (shuttles) to and from Health Centers;
- ◆ Mobile Dental Access;
- ◆ Expand Family Recreation / Exercise Access

#### EDUCATION

- ◆ Continuing Education for all Ages;
- ◆ Support Language Class Access;
- ◆ Support College Course Access;
- ◆ Support Elders mentoring the youth;
- ◆ Support increasing Youth activities and recreation

### — SOME UNIT IV ACCOMPLISHMENTS —

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| <p><b>** Manistique Community &amp; Health Center—\$4.3 Million dollars: Included an Expansion of these services: medical, laboratory, pharmacy, optical, dental, traditional medicine, dietician, behavior health &amp; substance abuse services; Elder Meal program, etc...</b></p> <p><b>** Established an Adhoc Health Access Exploratory committee. This committee was formed to revitalize services and put back Escanaba, Marquette and other areas</b></p> | <p><b>** Brought back youth sports and student sponsorship funding</b></p> <p><b>** Established the first recreation agreement in Delta county with YMCA</b></p> <p><b>** Reestablished access to Health Care in Escanaba</b></p> <p><b>** Family Events at Manistique Little Bear &amp; Skating activities continue needing access to health services.</b></p> | <p><b>** NMU recreation facility agreement established to benefit members in Units 4 &amp; 5</b></p> <p><b>** 25+ years organizing &amp; participating in Tribal Children's Christmas Parties in Manistique &amp; Escanaba</b></p> <p><b>** 15+ years organizing &amp; participating in Gathering of the Clans Pow Wow &amp; other pow wows</b></p> | <p><b>AND MORE...</b></p> <p><b>**Support Western End Culture Camp</b></p> <p><b>**Push to create a Treaty Rights Legal defense fund</b></p> <p><b>**Push to Diversify Business Development to increase Tribal Revenue for Programs &amp; Services</b></p> <p><b>**Support Phase 2—Casino Motel expansion in Manistique</b></p> <p><b>**Support expanding Midjim (gas station) to Western end</b></p> |
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Thank you, Unit 4, for your support during the primary election — it was greatly appreciated! **Now is not the time to rest!** Now is the time to guarantee strong and persistent board members remain seated to ensure that members benefit. I want to continue to make sure that Unit 4 shares in the expansion of the tribe. **From my heart, I would like to Thank You, the Unit 4 members, for allowing me to serve and represent you.** I will continue to work hard to represent your needs. **I would appreciate your vote in the General Election.**

— Thank you, Denise Chase

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Denise Chase endorses this ad.



# Half of U.S. senate endorse Redskins name change

By RICK SMITH

Fifty of the 100 members of the United States Senate signed a letter to Roger Goodell, commissioner of the National Football League, to endorse a name change for the Washington, D.C., football franchise — the Washington Redskins. The letter is dated May 21, 2014.

Citing the “rapid and decisive” action taken by National Basketball Association Commissioner Adam Silver in the wake of the racist remarks by Donald Sterling, owner of the

Los Angeles Clippers, the letter calls for the NFL commissioner to send the same message of the NBA: “that racism and bigotry have no place in professional sports.”

The letter asserts that professional sports wield “tremendous power” to influence American society and should serve to strengthen American communities instead of dividing them.

Further, the authors reflected on how athletes have often been “driving forces” for equality

and diversity in the U.S., citing the likes of Jesse Owens, Jackie Robinson and Billie Jean King.

Then the subject turns to the heart of the issue, “This is a matter of tribal sovereignty — and Indian Country has spoken clearly on this issue. To this point, we have heard from every national tribal organization, including the National Congress of American Indians, United South and Eastern Tribes and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. These organizations represent more than two million

Native Americans across the country and more than 300 tribes with government-to-government relationships with the United States. These organizations have passed resolutions in support of a name change as they find the Washington, D.C., football team name to be racially offensive.”

The letter further explains how identity is at the core of tribal sovereignty and many tribes have labored generation after generation to preserve their languages and ways of life.

Further, a few of the many

laws are named that were enacted by Congress to protect and respect American Indian culture and identity. “Yet, every Sunday during football season, the Washington, D.C., football team mocks their culture.”

The letter closes by noting that the NFL can no longer remain on the wrong side of history by keeping a blind eye on the fact that the team’s name is nothing more than a racial slur.

Indian Country opposition to the team’s name continues to gain momentum.

# June Wequayoc Cemetery project planning update

By ALAN BARR

Aaniin, I have been even busier on the Wequayoc Cemetery Planning Project in the last month. I completed meetings with all of the elders’ subcommittees. Over 250 elders attended these meetings. I must say everyone was very welcoming and gracious to me as I made the rounds and introduced both this project and myself. People asked some great questions that really helped me in planning the coming community engagement sessions. Chi miigwetch to everyone for being so helpful. As a side note, I discovered a new relative at every one of these sessions. Ours is truly a small world.

At each of these meetings I introduced the Wequayoc Cemetery Planning Project,

explaining what we are doing and why. I answered any questions they had and then asked them for help in two specific areas: 1) personally participating in the coming community visioning and engagement sessions, sharing their thoughts and their voices to this process; and 2) inviting other tribal members to participate in this process. It is so important that we have as many members as possible participate so that we get the broadest possible set of ideas from which to develop Wequayoc’s vision, policies, procedures and ordinances, as well as how we should best use the home on the cemetery property.

We are planning on having the sessions in all of the communities across our seven-county service area. We have scheduled these

meetings as follows:

Manistique – Wednesday, June 11, 2-5 p.m., at the Manistique Tribal Center

Naubinway – Wednesday, June 25, 2-5 p.m., at the Snowmobile Museum on US-2

Sault Ste. Marie – Wednesday, July 2, 2-5 p.m., at the Sault Tribal Center

Escanaba – Thursday, July 17, 2-5 p.m., at the Willow Creek Professional Building, second floor meeting room

Newberry – Friday, July 18, 1-4 p.m., at the Newberry Tribal Center

Munising – Monday, July 21, 1-5 p.m., at the Munising Tribal Center

Marquette – Thursday, Aug. 7, 2-5 p.m., at the Holiday Inn

St. Ignace – Friday, Aug. 8, 2-5 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 8, 6-9

p.m., at the McCann Center

Hessel – Monday, Aug. 18, 2-5 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 18, 6-9 p.m., at the Hessel Tribal Center

Please note these sessions were scheduled to coincide with the elders’ subcommittee meetings in each of the communities to make it easier for our elders to participate. In the two communities whose members are currently using the cemetery (St. Ignace and Hessel), we have also scheduled a second session in the evening to allow for the broadest possible participation.

These sessions will be open to all members who wish to participate. Once the sessions have been conducted and the community input gathered, compiled and analyzed, a series of recommendations will be created to assist in the formation

of the policies, procedures and ordinances for Wequayoc Cemetery. A formal report documenting the entire project will be created, allowing the tribe to use this project as a template for future community-driven efforts.

Please participate in the community visioning and engagement sessions. Your voice is very important in this process and will help us develop a plan with supporting policies and procedures that works for our members.

If you have any questions or would like to share your thoughts privately with me regarding Wequayoc, please contact me at (734) 904-3210 or alanb@creativechange.org. Chi miigwetch.

# Vallier for Unit IV

First, I would like to extend my gratitude to all of the people that have allowed me to write this letter, thank you for your support and well wishes. As we enter the short time coming up to the General Election I will be traveling the Unit IV area asking for support. Most of you do not know me and I would like to change that. If anyone would like to schedule a meeting time with me, I will make every effort to work with you.

I would like to clarify what I would like to do if elected. I would like to try to work with the other board members to go back to the traditional tribal mentality, which I define as: A group of people that work towards the betterment of all the people. I feel over the years we have been slowly losing who we were and who we all should be. I see the fighting among our

tribal leaders and the agendas that seem to be surfacing from beneath the water, so to speak. I would like the opportunity and responsibility that comes with the Board of Directors position, to work towards and possibly reach a better life for all our tribal members.

I see all the promises that politics offer and feel that being honest is more important. I know that is no way to sway some people for their vote. The truth is no one board member can make things happen by themselves, they have to work together. I believe the BOD work for the people and should be evaluated as employees for the people. You have the say on who works for you and that is the bottom line. What I am trying to say is I would like to apply for the job. I have always been dedicated to my job and will work hard at whatever I do. This

is more than just a job, it is a great responsibility. A responsibility to myself, my family, my elders, and my tribe.

I feel that a change in the Unit would be beneficial for the future of the tribe. A new perspective on the issues that surround us is needed. I understand that I am asking a lot from the voters of Unit 4, to put your trust and future in someone that you are not familiar with can be unnerving. This is why I ask that if you are not sure about me, talk with me and then make up your mind. Together we can make a better future.

Sincerely,

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# Supreme Court rules in Bay Mills Indian Community's favor: state can't sue tribe

From "Bay Mills," page 1

However, Amy Howe, counsel for the U.S. Supreme Court and editor of the court's blog, noted the decision leaves the possibility open for the state to shut down the casino through other avenues. "Native Americans rarely win at the court," she noted, "but win they did today, at least on this issue and for now." She indicated the state could invoke criminal laws, for example, deny necessary licenses or seek waivers permitting lawsuits against off-reservation gambling as part of the state's compacts with tribes covering reservation gaming operations.

While it seems only logical for a state so sorely in need of jobs and revenue would now work with the tribes for the mutual benefit of all concerned, Wernet indicated Attorney General Bill Schuette intends to pursue the case through other avenues.

Wernet noted the encouraging

implications for Sault Tribe's current legal wrangling over the Lansing casino project, and how it may counter the attorney general's actions in acquiring an appeal to stop the tribe's proceedings. "The Supreme Court's decision in the Bay Mills case only reinforces our belief that the court will reject the attorney general's appeal, freeing the Sault Tribe to pursue our mandatory trust application for the Lansing property. We hope to have a decision from the Supreme Court by the end of June, when the court recesses for the summer. We understand that there are still some difficult legal battles in front of us, but we are deeply encouraged by the Supreme Court's decision in Bay Mills and we will continue to fight to establish the right of the Sault Tribe to pursue this important project."

The eyes of Indian Country have been keeping a sharp watch on the contentious litigation in this case since opening

arguments in the matter heard before the court last December. The ramifications in the case apply not only to the American Indian tribes of Michigan, but sets precedent for any similar situations across the United States.

The State of Michigan recently petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to make determinations on a couple of questions regarding Sault Tribe's proposed casino in Lansing. The Bay Mills decision seems to answer the first of the two questions — "Should an Indian tribe that operates commercial gaming casinos under the authority of a tribal-state compact be protected by tribal immunity from a state's effort to enforce the compact in federal litigation arising out of those gaming activities?"

The second question appears to ask the court to determine if Michigan does indeed hold conditions that would allow for lawsuits for violations of

tribe-state gaming compacts. Specifically, the question asks, "Even if tribal immunity exists as a matter of federal common law, under what circumstances does the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act abrogate (to end, annul or cancel) that immunity for lawsuits in federal court seeking to enjoin a tribe's conduct that violates a material provision in its gaming compact with the state?"

According to the Michigan attorney general's office, the Vanderbilt casino opened in November of 2010. Soon after, the state filed a lawsuit challenging the legality of the operation. A federal judge issued a preliminary injunction ordering the closure of the casino at least temporarily. Bay Mills won an appeal in August of 2012. The state's attorney general, Bill Schuette petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court for a review in October of 2012, which was granted in June of 2013. Arguments in the case of

*Michigan v. Bay Mills Indian Community* began in December of 2013.

The president of the National Congress of American Indians, Brian Cladoosby, remarked on the Bay Mills victory in a media release, "This is a good day for tribal governments. Congratulations to the Bay Mills Indian Community! We always thought this case was an overreach by the State of Michigan. Tribal and state governments work together and find common ground all the time. All governments are working to create jobs, educate our children, provide public safety and protect our environment. We find agreement on thousands of issues, but every now and then we disagree. When that happens, we have to negotiate solutions on a government-to-government basis. That takes leadership, and we can't take each other to court. The Supreme Court agrees."

## My Brother's Keeper

From "Brother," page 1

leading foundations will independently announce specific commitments to help ensure young people can succeed. The following foundations will together seek to invest at least \$200 million: the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Atlantic Philanthropies, Bloomberg Philanthropies, the California Endowment, the Ford Foundation, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the Open Society Foundations, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Kapor Center for Social Impact and the Nathan Cummings Foundation.

To download the report or sign up to become a mentor, visit [www.whitehouse.gov/my-brothers-keeper](http://www.whitehouse.gov/my-brothers-keeper).

## Gaskin releases two new CDs



The singing, songwriting, traveling maestro of guitar, harmonica and flute, Sault Tribe member, Jody Gaskin, recently released two music CDs available to the general public. Story on page 12.



~Elect~

Rita Glyptis

Unit 5

### Sault Tribe Board of Directors

"I am humbled and honored that the members of our tribe supported me in the Primary Election, moving me on to the General Election. I would be proud to serve as your Unit 5 Board Member and ask for your support again in the General Election."



- Lifelong Unit 5 Resident
- 10 Year Previous Sault Tribe Employee in Health, Housing, Casino Administration
- 12 Year Small Business Owner
- Current Sault Tribe Membership Liaison for Units 4 & 5
- Pow Wow Committee Member Units 4 & 5
- Member National Federation of Independent Business
- Member of Sault Tribe Drug Task Force
- No family ties on the BOD or in management positions
- Attend Elder Meetings as Liaison
- Formerly Rita Mannisto

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Rita Glyptis Endorses This Ad



# Loebachs open Village Pizza in Naubinway

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Jeremy Loebach and his wife Deanna purchased the old Cap'n Carl's (Captain Carl's) seafood restaurant in Naubinway and after doing some renovations, including purchasing pizza ovens and other equipment, opened their doors March 18 as Village Pizza.

The pizza parlor has seating for 25 people and delivers within a 12-mile radius. "We make our own dough, grate our own cheese and make fresh sauce daily," Loebach said. They currently employ seven people and are going to be hiring soon for the summer months.

Currently, hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. for lunch and

Tuesday through Saturday from 4 – 8 p.m. for dinner. Starting June 9th through Labor Day, they will extend their days and hours to Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. for lunch and Monday through Saturday from 4 – 9:30 p.m. for dinner.

In addition to their handcrafted pizzas, they also offer a gluten free pizza, wings, breadstix, subs and wraps, calzones, salads, a kids menu, and sides of jalapeno poppers, mozzarella sticks and fries. Cookies and Coke beverages are also available.

Kids 12 and under are welcome to join the Kids Club and receive a coupon in the mail the month of their birthday for a free kids pizza. Birthday parties can also be accommodated during the hours of 1-4 p.m. by special

arrangement.

The Loebachs have a daughter, Allyson, 8, and two sons, Vern, 6 and Coleman, 4 who love the new family business. Allyson's Girl Scout Brownie Troop visited Village Pizza recently and made their own pizzas, earning them a snack badge.

Jeremy and Deanna both have backgrounds in the food industry. Jeremy owned a pizza place at the age of 21 and Deanna earned a degree in hospitality and restaurant management from Grand Valley State University.

Visit their website at: [www.villagepizzaup.com](http://www.villagepizzaup.com) or their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/VillagePizzaUP](http://www.facebook.com/VillagePizzaUP) to view the menu. To place an order, call them at (906) 477-1111.



Loebachs in the new Naubinway Village Pizza.

## Singer and songwriter Jody Gaskin releases two new CDs

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According to his web pages on [wix.com](http://wix.com), the well-known entertainer was welcomed into the thriving Native music scene long ago and folks warmly embraced his power-rock voice and soulful musicality along with his apt instrumental skills.

Gaskin is a consummate performer who delivers music in a variety of genre from adult

contemporary, classic rock and blues, and country to top 40 as well as his own memorable original songs.

Raised in the Ojibway traditions, Gaskin grew up in the twin Sault Ste. Marie cities in Michigan and Ontario, and was surrounded by a rich cultural heritage of music, drumming and community. He is a champion traditional dancer, sings with several drum groups from around North America, follows the powwow trail and is a well known master of ceremonies around the Great Lakes area,

elements that have inspired his present music. His unique style fuses the traditional sounds with contemporary rhythms producing a hybrid fusion style.

In 1995, Gaskin signed to Sunshine Records, the world's largest distributor of Native American music. He released four albums, one award-nominated, and toured worldwide for 20 years throughout the U.S., Europe, South America, Central America, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Asia. His music can be heard on radio as far away as Europe, Russia and Asia. The

albums still sell top 10 worldwide for Native American performers.

Gaskin also toured for years and released the CD *Medicine Wheel* with the two-time Juno Award and two-time APCMA Award winning band, *Eagle and Hawk*.

Gaskin's music focuses on many issues of interest to Native Americans. He said, "We must never forget the past by remembering our traditions, but history and culture are dynamic and we must reflect how our people are living today in a positive light. Prejudice is alive

and well in the world and we need people to share a message of unity and similarity instead of disparity and difference."

His latest works can be ordered by sending a check or money order for \$10 plus shipping and handling to Gaskin Productions, 2201-72 Donald St., Winnipeg, MB R3C 1L7, question can be directed to him on Facebook or by email at [jodygaskin@gmail.com](mailto:jodygaskin@gmail.com) or call (204) 417-4542.

A sample of his works can be heard and seen on the main page at [gaskinjody.wix.com/jodyg](http://gaskinjody.wix.com/jodyg).



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Paid for by committee to elect Charles Matson



# Sault Tribe fishery spawns walleye for release

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

In mid-April the call came. Inter-tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program (ITFAP) staff had caught seven St. Marys River strain female walleye and were ready to begin the spawning process.

Rubber waders and gloves were donned; buckets used to disinfect and rinse the eggs were prepared. Chemicals were mixed and instructions reviewed. The milt (sperm) is only able to fertilize eggs for 10 seconds once it is collected from the male walleye, so staff have to be prepared and work quickly.

Fishery Technician Matt Allard took a seat, and with an egg collection container sitting before him, stripped eggs from a female walleye into the container. Next, he took a male fish from the net held by Fishery Aide Troy Lehre and squeezed the milt into another container filled with water, which was then quickly added to the eggs. Depending on their size, a female walleye can produce between 100,000 to 300,000 eggs.

Fishery Technician Amanda Stoneman and Hatchery Manager and Biologist Greg Wright took the fertilized eggs from Allard and put them through a steril-

ization process to improve their survival and prevent disease. The eggs were placed in a tannic acid and water solution for four minutes with the technician gently stirring the eggs with a feather. Tannic acid prevents the eggs from sticking to each other, which could kill the eggs. They are then rinsed with water and placed into an iodine solution for about 30 minutes. A fertilized egg goes through a process called "water hardening," where they absorb water — in this case, iodine — which acts as a sterilizing agent.

The eggs were then placed into large incubation jars connected to a running water filtration system, where they remain for about four weeks before hatching. A newly hatched fish is called a "fry." Walleye fry are very small, generally about seven millimeters (a little over a quarter-inch) in length.

On this particular day, about a million eggs were collected and fertilized. Once the collections were made from the adult fish, they were put back into a tank to rest before being returned to where they were originally captured. Allard said they have never lost a fish due to spawning efforts by fishery staff.

Over the years, ITFAP staff has developed procedures that result in an excellent fertilization and hatching rate. For example, 89 percent of the eggs that were fertilized last year successfully hatched. Allard said that is a very good ratio, as not all eggs are actually fertilized, and in many hatcheries, the percentage of eggs that hatch is much less.

Once the eggs hatch, the fry remain in holding tanks for three to five days, while a chemical is added to the water that allows technicians to later identify them as a stocked fish. The fry are then released into rearing ponds that range in size from 2 to 25 acres. Rearing ponds are used to grow the fry to a size suitable for stocking into lakes or rivers, usually when the fish grow to about two inches.

Wright said they try to match the timing of the hatch with what is going on in the ponds. "We have the ability to immediately warm the hatchery water and hatch the eggs in only seven days," he said. "Or we can cool the hatchery water and delay hatching by about a month, which is more typical. It is all water temperature dependent. Our objective is to allow the zoo-

plankton populations to build-up in the rearing ponds so the fry have a lot to eat when we stock them into those ponds. It all comes down to timing — we monitor the ponds for zooplankton abundance, and when we want them to hatch we increase the water temperature in the hatchery."

The number of fry stocked in each pond is based on a proven rate of about 50,000 fry per acre. Stocking too many fry in a pond could result in mortality from starvation. And stocking too few fry will reduce the number of walleye fingerlings that are ultimately produced. Fry stocking generally takes place the third week of May.

The fry remain in the rearing ponds for five or six weeks, until they are about two inches in length. At that size they will begin to eat each other, and must either be stocked into lakes or rivers, or transported to another culture pond for further growth into the fall.

Pursuant to the 2000 Consent Decree, an allocation agreement pertaining to the Great Lakes, ITFAP stocks most of its summer walleye fingerlings in established locations in the treaty-ceded

waters of the Great Lakes. These locations include the St. Marys River, Grand Traverse Bay and Epoufette Bay (Lake Michigan), the Back Bay in Brimley (Lake Superior) and St. Martin Bay (Lake Huron).

Each location has an annual established upper target number or target range. Wright said about 120,000 are stocked in Grand Traverse Bay; the St. Marys River target varies from year to year with an upper limit of 400,000; St. Martin Bay receives about 300,000; and the north culture pond receives about 250,000 for fall fingerlings.

In addition to stocking walleye in Great Lakes waters, which is a priority, ITFAP has also stocked selected inland lakes when surplus fingerlings were available. However, since there are no legal provisions for the tribes to stock inland lakes, the DNR must approve all such stocking events. Since 2009, ITFAP has raised two-inch fingerlings for stocking in six inland lakes including Mullet Lake, Millecoquins Lake, North Manistique Lake, Brevoort Lake, Frenchman Lake and Caribou Lake.

See photos on page 15.

## 250,000 Chinook salmon fingerlings stocked

BY BRENDA AUSTIN AND TOM GORENFLO

As one of the conditions in the 2000 Great Lakes Consent Decree, the DNR again stocked 250,000 Chinook salmon in Nunns Creek, Lake Huron to enhance tribal commercial fishing opportunities.

The DNR began stocking salmon for tribal harvest in 1986, as a condition of the 1985 Great Lakes Consent Decree. After a couple years of searching for the best stream, the tribes and DNR eventually agreed to stock the salmon in Nunns Creek. Since salmon return to the stream where they were stocked, the tribes anticipated that the tribal commercial fishery would be concentrated near the mouth of Nunns Creek. Sault Tribe purchased the property at the mouth of Nunns Creek in 1987 in order to help manage the salmon fishery and start a walleye hatchery.

From the time the tribal fishery began harvesting salmon in large numbers in the late 1980s, there have been many dramatic changes with salmon populations in Lake Huron, and with the commercial and recreational salmon fisheries. These changes began in 1986-87, when a large disease outbreak and die-off of Chinooks occurred.

Inter-tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program Hatchery Manager and Biologist, Greg Wright, explained that the salmon die-off was attributed to a number of factors; 1) State hatcheries were attempting to raise so many salmon that the salmon fingerlings were stressed and more susceptible to disease, 2) the forage base in Lake Huron had declined and could not support the number of salmon being stocked,

and 3) the State hatcheries were using eggs from diseased adult salmon to raise the next year's fingerlings.

Michigan DNR and other state agencies implemented measures to address the disease issue, and the Chinook fishery recovered in the mid-1990s. However, more changes began occurring in the late 1990s, when zebra and quagga mussels, both invasive species, expanded into Lakes Huron and Michigan and drastically changed the ecosystem. These invasive mussels consumed plankton, which is the primary food item for alewife, which in turn is the primary food for salmon.

In the early years of the salmon stocking programs in the Great Lakes (1970s), the alewife population was so large that State hatcheries could stock as many salmon as they could afford to raise. But the invasion of mussels, coupled with overstocking of predators, resulted in the complete collapse of Lake Huron alewife populations by 2004. Despite ongoing stocking efforts, the Chinook salmon sport fishery collapsed immediately after the alewife collapse. Due to this poor growth and survival of salmon, Michigan and Ontario have been forced to reduce their salmon stocking by over 75 percent in Lake Huron.

The sport fishery for Chinook salmon once generated massive amounts of revenue for the recreational fishery and associated industries, such as tourism and sporting goods, but it is now a fraction of what it was during its peak years. The tribal salmon fishery has fared a little

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# 250,000 Chinook salmon fingerlings stocked

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better. This is because the DNR agreed to stock Chinook salmon in Nunns Creek for tribal harvest, and those salmon have returned to Nunns Creek to spawn, where they become concentrated and available for commercial harvest.

Wright said, "In Lake Huron, the only significant Chinook fisheries that have persisted since the collapse of the alewife are the fisheries on the north end of Lake Huron, and close to Lake Michigan, such as the tribal fishery near Nunns Creek. It seems the salmon are figuring out they have to go towards Lake Michigan to find ample food. Lake Michigan still has a decent alewife population, but some State fishery biologists are getting nervous that they may collapse and end up the same as Lake Huron.

"Not all biologists have the same view, there are many biologists that believe the collapse of the alewife is good because, although it's bad for the Chinook salmon, it has been positive for other native species like perch, walleye, and lake trout, which are also important to the tribal commercial fishery. Natural reproduction of lake trout in Lake Huron really took off after the alewife collapsed, to the point where federal, state, and tribal agencies are starting to explore the possibility of discontinuing lake trout stocking in Lake Huron, after 40 years of intense

stocking," he said.

Under the 1985 Consent Decree, the State agreed to annually stock 500,000 Chinook for tribal harvest. However, with all the changes occurring in the Lake Huron ecosystem, the State and tribes recognized that stocking reductions were likely needed in the future. So, in the 2000 *Great Lakes Consent Decree* the stocking level was phased-down to 250,000 fingerlings per year at Nunns Creek. In addition, as part of the negotiation process, an exclusive salmon fishing zone for Sault Tribe commercial fishers was established in St. Martin Bay, and near Cheboygan. This agreement to stock 250,000 fingerlings for Sault Tribe commercial fishers will remain in effect until expiration of the Consent Decree in 2020, when a



new agreement will be negotiated.

Wright said the Chinook salmon released at Nunns Creek in May 2014 were spawned at the Little Manistee Weir last fall and reared at the Platt River State Fish Hatchery for planting as spring fingerlings. "If these fish weren't stocked, the tribe's Chinook salmon fishery would be insignificant, as most of the fish harvested by tribal fishers were



ITFAP Hatchery Manager and biologist Greg Wright observing the DNR release of 250,000 Chinook salmon fingerlings into Nunns Creek near DeTour. Below, one of the released fingerlings.

stocked in Nunns Creek; there are very few naturally reproduced salmon in the tribal harvests," Wright said. "Stocking in Nunns Creek imprints the fish to return there to spawn, which in turn provides tribal fishers a good target fishery in St. Martin Bay."

Recent improvements in technology provide fishery managers with much greater ability to evaluate stocking programs. Now, prior to being stocked in the stream, each fish is processed through a high-tech automated trailer at a rate of 5,000 to 6,000 an hour, where their adipose fin is cut-off, (a little fleshy fin on the back of the salmon) and a coded-wire tag is inserted in their nose. This tag basically contains any

information that the fishery manager desires including location and date of stocking. When the fish is harvested, the tag can be removed from the fish, viewed under a microscope, and the information collected.

Wright explained that once the creek where they are stocked warms up to about 50 degrees, the fingerlings move out into the bay where they stay close to shore feeding on insects and small fish. Then in mid to late June they start moving farther into the open lake. There they grow into adults and return to spawn two or three years later. "The bulk of the tribal salmon fishery is composed of two and three year old fish," Wright said. "By then they are usually

between 10-15 pounds."

In an effort to build the forage base for salmon and other predators with something other than alewife, and provide commercial fishing opportunities, Wright said biologists are looking at ways to expand lake herring populations in the open waters of Lake Huron and Michigan. "In Lake Michigan we are thinking, rather than waiting for the alewives to collapse, we can get ahead of it and start a lake herring recovery plan and have them get established and push the alewives out so we don't have a void of forage fish in the lake," he said.

Wright recently took a trip to Finland, to learn about their herring production programs and hatchery facilities, which have been successfully operating for years. He went there with five other Great Lakes biologists, as part of a science transfer program, which is organized and funded through the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. The primary objective for the trip was to return with information that might help jump-start a lake herring recovery plan in the Great Lakes. He said, "If Great Lakes agencies were going to start a lake herring stocking program in Lakes Michigan or Huron for the purpose of restoration, it would require a very large effort and investment of time and money. We have much to learn, and maybe the Finnish experience will help."

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# Walleye spawning at tribe's fish hatchery



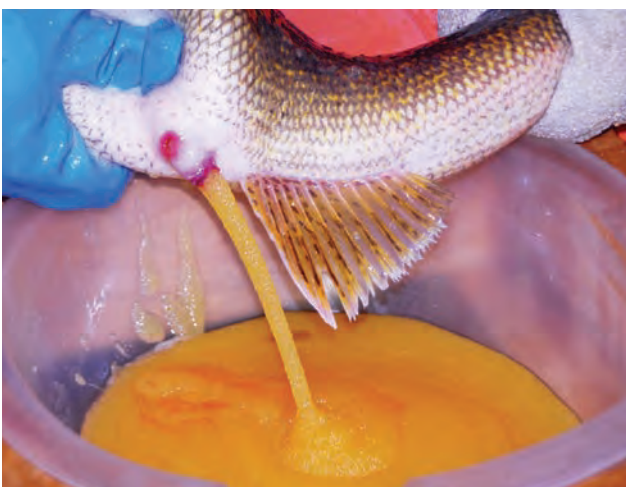
Fishery technician Amanda Stoneman preparing a tannic acid and water solution to prevent the eggs from sticking together, which could kill them.



Fishery technician Matt Allard took a seat, and with an egg collection container sitting before him, stripped eggs from a female walleye.



Allard collecting melt (sperm) from a male walleye. The melt is only active for ten seconds, so the technicians have to move quickly to fertilize the eggs.



Collecting eggs



Allard gently stirs melt into the eggs with a feather during the fertilization process.



Fishery aide Troy Lehre releasing a male walleye into a holding tank after collection.



Hatchery staff working to sterilize and rinse the fertilized eggs.



Hatchery Manager and biologist Greg Wright helps Allard move eggs.



About a million eggs went into large incubation jars connected to a running water filtration system, where they remained for about four weeks before hatching.



About a million eggs went into the three incubation jars where they remained until they hatched. Staff collected the eggs from seven adult male and female walleyes.

Back left, Hatchery Manager Greg Wright and Fishery technician Matt Allard. Front, fishery technician Amanda Stoneman and fishery aide Troy Lehre.

*Photos by Brenda Austin*

In mid-April the call came. Inter-tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program staff had caught seven St. Marys River strain female walleye and were ready to begin the spawning process.

Rubber waders and gloves were donned; buckets used to disinfect and rinse the eggs were prepared. Chemicals were mixed and instructions reviewed.

*For the complete story, see page 13.*



# Sault Area High School Native graduate recognition



Photos by Brenda Austin

Sault Area High School Native American senior recognition ceremony was held May 15 in the high school auditorium with refreshments served afterwards in the cafeteria. An opening ceremony was provided by the JKL Bahweting Singers and Dr. Chris Gordon. Welcoming statements were given by Title VII Indian Education Chairperson Jeff Holt, Dr. Timothy Hall from Sault Area Public Schools, Sault Area High School Principal John Sherry, Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment and guest speaker Stephanie Sabatine. Awards included Outstanding Community Service by a Native American student - Cory Matkovich, Outstanding Native American Art Student - Andreaka Jump, Outstanding Native American Career Technical Student of Sault Area High School - Zachary Jodoin Outstanding Native American Graduate of Sault Area High School - Shayla Gallagher, and Gates Millennium Scholarship - Zachary Jodoin.



Left to right, Outstanding Native American Art Student - Andreaka Jump, Outstanding Native American Graduate of Sault Area High School - Shayla Gallagher, Outstanding Community Service by a Native American student - Cory Matkovich, Outstanding Native American Career Technical Student of Sault Area High School - Zachary Jodoin, and Gates Millennium Scholarship - Zachary Jodoin (not in picture).



JKL Bahweting drummers with Dr. Chris Gordon performed the opening and closing ceremony for the Sault Area High School Native American senior recognition ceremony.



Emily Susan (nee Leask) Smith of Cadillac graduated from Michigan State University College of Law on May 9. She received a certificate in indigenous law and plans to pursue a career in this concentration. She attended Grand Valley State University and Ferris State University while accomplishing her undergraduate degree in psychology, political science and professional writing. Emily was a proud member of the Native American Law Students Association during her law school career while serving as president in her final year. She has also been a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law fraternity for seven years, serving as president for two while at Ferris State University. In 2013, Emily completed an externship for the general counsel of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. And, from May 2012 to present, she has been serving as the appointed court observer for the QUICWA Compliance Collaborative Project.

Emily currently resides in Lansing with her husband, Matthew.



Congratulations to Alisa Perault for graduating college with an Associate in Science and Arts degree. Thanks also goes to the Sault Tribe for all they have done to help make this possible.



# Malcolm High School Native graduate recognition



**NATIVE AMERICAN GRADUATING CLASS** - Malcolm High School celebrated their Native American senior recognition ceremony on May 14. Native American graduating seniors are Timothy M. Archer II, Payton Lee Bouschor, Tyler W. Carrick, Nicholas Edward Dangler, Logan Jae Fegan, Christopher John Jago, Aaron T. Lehre, Kimberley Lay Lipponen, Kelsie Marie McGahey, Alyssa Jo McGlinch, Shyanne Shawntay Ogston, Neal L. Pavlat, Michael J. Payment, Zane P. Sharp, Shauna Pierce Smith, Crystal Marie Snyder and Janelle B. Willis. The winner of the Steve LeSatz Most Improved in Academics, Attendance, and Citizenship is Neal Pavlat. Malcolm High School's Outstanding Native American Graduate is Christopher Jago. The Hearthside Helping Hands Award went to Amber Martin and Aaron Lehre.



The arch tour of the International Bridge is going to Neal Pavlat, Christopher Jago, Daniel Smith, Brianna Boyer, Brandon Beck, Justice Guilbault, Austin Beaudion, Stacey Colosky, and Amber Martin. These students all excelled in classes and community service.



JKL Bahweting drummers with Dr. Chris Gordon.



Hearthside Assisted Living Activities Director Wendy Pearce and Bay Mills tribal member Frances Kokko-Fike, a resident of Hearthside Assisted Living, helped hand out certificates to the graduates.

*Photos by Brenda Austin*

Malcolm High School held their annual Native American senior recognition ceremony on May 14 in the high school auditorium. Seventeen of the 34 graduating seniors of the 2013-2014 class are Native American students.

The opening and closing ceremonies were preformed by Dr. Chris Gordon and the JKL Bahweting student drummers. A welcome was given by Mrs. Sandra Sawyer and guest speaker Stephanie Sabatine, director of the Native American Center at Lake Superior State University.

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# Honoring Mother Earth Fair held at Odenaang

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

This year's annual Honoring Mother Earth Fair was held May 10 at the tribe's newest housing site - Odenaang. Although the weather was wet, cold and windy - people turned out for a chance to receive a free fruit tree or blueberry bush.

Environmental Manager Kathie Brosemer said about half of the 79 trees they had to give away were gone within the first few minutes. She said the blueberry bushes were gone immediately, and the Montmorency Cherry, apple and plum trees also went very quick.

The event was hosted by the Sault Tribe Environmental Department in cooperation with MSU Extension, who provided the trees, tree stakes, twine and tree tags along with information

on best planting practices.

In addition to the trees, those attending the fair also had a chance to participate in a rain barrel giveaway - 20 were distributed on a first come first serve basis. A rain barrel workshop was also offered to those interested in making their own to help reduce their water bill and conserve natural resources. A recycling effort was also underway - with staff offering to take old nursery pots, flats and trays, planters, pallets, baskets and cinder blocks.

There were also informational booths, demonstrations, kids games and delicious hotdogs from YooperDogs. The Healing Lodge Singers were on hand to offer some honor songs on their hand drums.

Right: Tree giveaway went well



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**I will continue to act fiscally conservative**, provide a stance on absolute sovereignty, stand by our employees, protect our traditions, and take care of our children and elders.

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*I respectfully ask for your support.*

*D. Pine*



# Semi-annual reports presented to board of directors

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The tribe's semi-annual program updates to the board of directors began Jan. 22 in an open workshop and will continue on a scheduled basis until completed. The updates include 32 departments, membership and internal services and programs.

This last round of reports included: Sault Tribe Health Center's (STHC)– Medical Department, Pharmacy, Laboratory and Radiology Departments; Tribal Health and Human Services Rural Health Program; Sault Tribe Dental Program; Traditional Medicine and the St. Ignace Health Center. **Sault Tribe Health Center Medical Department:**

STHC Clinic Manager Tony Abramson presented the STHC Medical Department report May 7. Three major goals were discussed. The first goal is to improve clinical measures for diabetes, cancer screening, key cardio measures, foot exams, depression screening, smoking status, flu shot, BMI, exercise education and cholesterol education. In some areas such as women age 52-64 who had mammograms in the last two years, the tribal percentages were higher than national rates – in 2013 74.4 percent of women in that age group had a mammogram as compared to a national rate of 51.9 percent. On the other side of the coin, patients aged 51-80 who had colorectal cancer screening within the tribe was 38.4 percent in 2013, with a national rate of 46.1 percent. Tobacco screening and life style education were both areas where tribal health outperformed the national rates among many others. Overall, the Health Program exceeded nine of the sixteen national Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) clinical measures rates included in their report, met or are within two percent of the national rate on three of the clinical measures, and are below the National GPRA rate on four of the clinical measures. Providers, nurses and health center staff are working to meet or exceed all

national GPRA clinical rates.

The second goal discussed ways to increase access to care for tribal members, including nursing visits. Total visits to the Sault Tribe Health Center in 2009-10 were 14,451 and in 2012-2013 there were 17,976. If all providers were working at the Sault Health Center on a given day, they would have available appointments for 138 patients daily. No show rates for medical appointments are 15-22 percent, which translates to 20-30 appointments daily. Cancellation rates are 10-15 percent, which translates to 13-20 appointments daily. Appointment schedulers are able to fill all cancelled appointments because the schedulers are able to add about 17-22 percent more patients for same day call-in or walk-in patients to the schedule on average. Appointment schedulers cannot fill no-show appointments, which limit access to other members who need care. The Health Program encourages all patients to call their clinic if they cannot make an appointment, as this serves to notify schedulers of an open appointment and allows them to fill these open appointments.

The third goal addressed was for all clinic health providers and staff to meet or exceed customer (patient) expectations. The last patient satisfaction results survey completed in 2013 showed that 96.3 percent of patients were satisfied with the medical and health care provided, which closely approximates their highest comparative benchmark of 96.9 percent. Patients between the ages of 0-17 and 45 and above were most satisfied with service with rates exceeding the benchmark, while those age 18-44 rated their satisfaction slightly less than the average rate.

STHC Medical department revenue and expenditures were reviewed, with current expenditures at 5.93 percent under the projected 2014 fiscal year budget.

STHC major accomplishments this past year include improvements in key clinical outcomes, increased clinic visits

and improvements in patient satisfaction results. Some concerns expressed were that higher than average appointment no-show and cancellations prevent providers and staff from reaching visit goals and limit access to needed medical care for tribal members; recent changes in compensation plan put retention at risk, which jeopardizes recent growth experienced in clinic visits; and recent restrictions in travel and training due to sequestration puts the health centers at risk of not keeping medical, nursing and support staff up to date on relevant clinical issues.

The following presentations were made May 21.

**Tribal health and Human Services Rural Health Program:**

Tribal Health and Human Services Rural Health Program report (includes the Health Division services offered in Newberry, Manistique, Munising, Escanaba and Marquette) was presented by Rural Health Program Manager Marlene

Glaesmann, RN, MPA.

Goals the Rural Health Program completed this past year include re-establishing a site to offer Community Health Program services in Escanaba and Marquette. The new Escanaba site opened last August and the Marquette site opened in December 2013.

Other goals being addressed are expanding the optical department program at the Manistique Tribal Health Center to include contact lens service. Start date is scheduled for late June or early July. At the Munising Tribal Health Center the third floor walking track will open for use in late June.

An overview of the number of tribal members served in Manistique and Munising for different services was presented; an example would be 416 tribal members in Manistique and 456 in Munising utilized the services of the nutrition program. The Manistique pharmacy is the second highest in volume of prescriptions filled at 25,068. Two

community health nurse positions have been filled and they will begin June 2 in Manistique and Munising/Marquette.

Tribal members served at the Newberry, Escanaba and Marquette community health program sites for monthly prescription pickups include 254 in Newberry, 245 in Escanaba and in Marquette 183. At the Escanaba site 48 people saw the optical assistant for dispensing and repairs; and visits to community health nurses and technicians numbered 300 in Newberry, 124 in Escanaba and 32 in Marquette.

Major events the Rural Health Program sponsored were the second annual Women's Wellness Gathering at the Newberry Tribal Community Health Center April 11, with 35 women in attendance. Also, Affordable Care Act enrollment initiatives and events were held at Rural Health Program sites from March 24-April 11. The biggest challenge the Rural Health Program currently faces is

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# Eryn Reed in South Africa earning college credit

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Eryn Reed is a junior at Michigan State University studying to be a veterinary technician. She left May 9 for South Africa with 16 other students and three staff members who are all taking part in the Michigan State Study Abroad Program.

Although her financial aid covered most of her expenses, she had to purchase her plane ticket and raised just over \$1,000 to help cover the cost of additional expenses. Participating in the program, she said, replaces two of her required courses.

Reed began working for Sault Animal Hospital as a senior in

high school and has returned the last four years during school breaks to learn and offer her services. She said that while they are in South Africa they would be mixing local culture, farming practices, veterinary studies and fun until their return June 10.

The students will spend a few nights with local farm families observing farming practices, will take part in a shark necropsy, will have the chance to observe sharks in the wild from inside the protection of a shark cage, and spend five days in Kruger Park.

They will also be visiting local vet schools, the Kellogg Cereal Plant and touring Early Bird Chicken. Some of the more

thrilling adventures the students will participate in include bungee jumping off one of the tallest bridges in South Africa and taking a horseback trail ride to a waterfall while visiting in St. Lucia.

Also on their agenda is swimming in the Indian Ocean, viewing a water cave at low tide, visiting Cape Point National Park and eating at the Carnivore Restaurant in Johannesburg.

Reed is a member of the Sault Tribe and her parents are Susie Bawks and Chris Reed, stepmother Dana Reed and stepfather Wally Bawks. She has three siblings, Nathan Reed, Audrie Bawks and Taylor Neumann.



Eryn Reed in Africa visiting a veterinary clinic.

# Semi-annual reports presented to board of directors

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the recruitment of a physician and family nurse practitioner for the Manistique Tribal Health Center. The biggest concern facing the program is a potential for disruption in direct patient care services for tribal members accessing clinical services. The proposed resolution is to restore some components of the professional staff benefits package to compete with other agencies for recruitment and retention of medical and nursing staff.

## Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine:

Traditional Practitioner Assistant Tony Abramson, Jr. presented the Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program report. Some of the services the program provides to members includes traditional medicine procedures and ceremonial functions by practitioners providing consultation, diagnosis, and treatment; treatment with traditional plant/herb medicines and ceremonies; healing sweat lodges; seasonal fasting ceremonies, releasing ceremonies and arthritis treatments, among others.

The tribe's Traditional Health Program was established in 1995, and was the first such program in the U.S. to be integrated into a health delivery system. Services of traditional practitioners are available at all tribal health facilities. All plants and herbs that are stocked in the Traditional Medicine pharmacy are gathered and processed by the traditional practitioner assistants.

To integrate traditional medicine services within the tribe, traditional medicine staff meets with medical providers, the Drug Court team, Juvenile Detention Center, Behavioral Health and the Cultural Division. From Oct. 2013 to April, the number of people who received services at the Traditional Medicine Program at the Sault Tribal Health Center includes: 219 Sault Tribe members, 339 other Natives, 20 non-Natives and 101 no show appointments for a total of 679 visits. The total number of visits at all seven sites was 938.

## St. Ignace Health and Human Services:

Clinic Manager Cheryl LaPlaunt, RN, BSN, presented to the board. St. Ignace Health Facility goals include: Maintain program services within current budget restrictions; seek out addi-



## St. Ignace Health & Human Services



2014 Semi-Annual Presentation

By: Cheryl LaPlaunt, RN, BSN Clinic Manager

St. Ignace

Date: 5-21-14

## First page of Cheryl LaPlaunt's Powerpoint she presented to the board of directors.

tional revenue opportunities to support Health Division services and budgets; continue collaborative relationship with Mackinac Straights Health System to provide services for tribal members and meet direct care service needs; and the orientation of new staff.

Direct services statistics include 1,871 physician visits; 560 family nurse practitioner visits; 1,482 dental visits; 19,320 prescriptions filled at the pharmacy (averaging 155 per day); and 507 optical visits. From January 2013 through March, there were 373 new patients seeking services. Patients are referred to outside service providers on average about 850 times a year.

LaPlaunt reported that current operating expenses are within the approved budget.

Some major highlights include: cost savings and reducing waste by designating trash can use; employees volunteering to use small desk top canisters and shredding all paper.

A pilot trial is being initiated soon using provider electronic signatures for urine drug screens. During the trial, staff will document how much time will be saved using the electronic scanned as compared to hard copies.

Affordable Care Act events were held in February and March, with St. Ignace enrolling nearly 300 tribal members to date.

LaPlaunt said some concerns include the retention of medical, dental, and optical staff and Health Division marketing programs.

**Sault Tribe Dental Program:**  
Dental Director Bruce

Anderson, DDS, MAGD, presented the dental program report to the board. The Sault Tribe has dental programs in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Manistique. Services the dental program provides are: exams, x-rays, cleanings, fillings, root canals, extractions, dentures, crowns, emergency care and prevention (fluoride and sealants).

Last year the dental clinics saw 10,413 patients and provided \$3,620,748 in services. That works out to about \$600,000 in services per dentist. All patients who receive services from the dental clinics are Native American, with 98 percent being members of the Sault Tribe. A significant number of patients are from outside the tribe's seven county service area.

The Sault Dental Clinic is projected to show a profit of about \$300,000 this year. This means that for every dollar received from Indian Health Service, grants, and insurance collections put into the dental clinic – they give back 1.2 times in services to the tribal population. The other two clinics are similar, but since they share one budget it is harder to measure.

Some major highlights include: The Early Childhood Caries Program; University of Iowa Residency Program; and employee recognition. Anderson says this is the best group of dentists the clinics have ever had. Other highlights include a community baby shower held May 6 at Sault Area High School where the clinics, in participation with Sault Tribe Nutrition, provided free toothbrushes and toothpaste and literature on the prevention of

cavities for infants and mothers. Over 200 people attended this event. And on May 21 the dental program visited children, parents and staff at Sault Tribe Day Care to educate about early childhood caries prevention.

Some concerns brought up by Anderson include: The potential expansion of the dental program to see more Sault Tribe and other Native Americans – he said the dental program is currently meeting about 50 percent of the need. He would also like to hire another dentist and support staff at the Sault Tribal Health Center as a start in expanding the program.

## Sault Tribe Radiology Department:

Supervisor of the Radiology Department, Michele Bickham, R.T. (R)(M), presented the Radiology Department report to the board. The Radiology Department provides diagnostic imaging including general radiology, mammography and ultrasound exams.

Radiology statistics include: 1,007 mammography exams performed in 2013; 1,566 general radiology exams performed; 784 ultrasound exams; and 110 bone density exams – for a total of 3,467 examinations in 2013.

Bickham reported that a new general radiology room was installed in April.

Radiology's current expenditures to date for FY2014 are 48.3 percent after six months.

Some issues and concerns presented include: Patient overall no-show rate for ultrasound exams was five percent in 2013. Currently the 2014 ultrasound no-show rate is over 10 percent, which results in delayed appointments for patients needing this service. Additionally, Bickham said she is concerned about employee retention with the current wage scale. She said it would be difficult to fill a vacant position with the current wage/benefit package. Also, she stated the mammography unit is reaching its 'end of life.'

## Sault Tribal Health Center Laboratory:

Laboratory Manager Martin Storey presented the semi-annual report to the board.

Statistics include: Tests done at the Sault Clinic, 183,608; tests done at other clinic sites, 4,500. Tribal members were served in Sault Ste. Marie, Hessel, St. Ignace, Munising, Manistique and

Newberry – plus courier service from Detour and Drummond Island.

Major highlights include: Completed COLA survey inspection in April, in which the Sault clinic received 98 percent, while St. Ignace, Manistique and Munising received 97 percent. The clinics also improved pain management and pre-employment urine drug screen testing systems.

Storey reports the laboratory is currently under budget for expenditures at 54.6 percent of their budget spent. Issues and concerns are to implement suggestions made during the recent COLA inspection for all the tribal clinics and to submit any required corrective action documentation.

## Sault Tribal Health Pharmacy Department:

Chief Pharmacist Thomas D. Meehan, R.Ph., presented the Sault Tribal Health Pharmacy Department report to the board. Some goals of the department include: ensuring medication use is safe and appropriate; preparing the health division for electronic prescribing; improving care of patients in high risk groups; and increasing the ability to fund services by maximizing third party reimbursement.

In 2013, 170,729 prescriptions were processed through tribal pharmacies. Meehan said counseling services are offered to members picking up prescriptions for new and problem medications and several tribal youth are employed in the pharmacy.

2013 highlights include: Conversion to the Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) in the pharmacy was completed; Scriptpro technology was installed at Manistique, with all three pharmacies now using the same technology. Additionally, pharmacy staff has improved safety and efficiency; now using electronic signatures; data is being stored in electronic medical records; and staff had special training on the pharmacy billing package to minimize any loss in revenue.

Upcoming events include: Using Indian Health Service Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program students this summer at all three pharmacies; teaming with medical to improve patient care; and reviewing files needed for electronic prescribing to outside pharmacies.



# Tribal members seeking medical care after hours

All Sault Tribe medical clinics are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. We encourage patients to visit medical clinics for medical needs during normal business hours as a first option. For convenience, clinic phone numbers are Sault Ste. Marie, 632-5230; St. Ignace, 643-8689; Munising, 387-4614; and Manistique, 341-8469.

If one needs access to a clinic, no appointments are available and the situation is urgent, we encourage you to ask to speak with a nurse. The nurse will ask questions to “triage” your concerns. If a nurse determines a situation is indeed urgent, one will be referred to a local emergency room or rural health clinic. You are then responsible

for notifying Contract Health Services (CHS) about your visit to the referred medical facility. Patients advised to go to the emergency rooms or urgent care clinics by Sault Tribe nurses can have such visits paid for by CHS if eligibility criteria are met.

During non-business hours (after 5 p.m., before 8 a.m., on weekends and holidays), you can always access the Community Care Clinic (CCC) in Sault Ste. Marie without worry if visiting costs will be paid. The CCC is a joint clinic with WMH and Sault Tribe, and tribal members are seen at no cost to them. The CCC is open seven days a week, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. There is no similar relationship with an urgent care clinic in other locations.

If you are experiencing a health emergency, and your tribal clinic is closed, we recommend seeking care at the closest emergency room, and calling CHS within three business days to notify them about your visit. Contact phone numbers for CHS are 632-5220 or (800) 922-0582. CHS is not a health insurance, rather a payer of last resort, and they will pay for any true emergency. An emergency is a health related issue that, if left unattended until your clinic opens, could cause serious harm to your life, limb or senses (eye sight, etc).

The CHS booklet defines emergent/acutely urgent care services as, “Diagnostic or therapeutic services that

are necessary to prevent the immediate death or serious impairment of the health of the individual, and which, because of the threat to life or health of the individual, necessitate the use of the most accessible health care available and capable of furnishing such services; diagnosis and treatment of injuries or medical conditions that, if left untreated, would result in uncertain but potentially grave outcomes.

Examples of such emergencies are (this list is not all inclusive) airway obstruction (asthma exacerbation, COPD exacerbation), acute abdominal pain (r/o appendicitis etc.), lacerations, head injuries, chest pain, foreign body in eye,

fractures, allergic reactions and severe infections.

Access points for emergent care in service area communities are the War Memorial Hospital Emergency Room in Sault Ste. Marie, phone 635-4460; Mackinac Straits Emergency Room in St. Ignace, phone 643-8585, option nine; Schoolcraft Memorial Emergency Room in Manistique, 341-4110, option six; Munising Memorial Hospital Emergency Room, 387-4110, option six; Helen Newberry Joy Emergency Room, 293-9200, option zero; St. Francis Hospital Emergency Room in Escanaba, 786-5707, option zero; and the Marquette General Hospital Emergency Room, 225-3561.

# Murray appointed to Sault Tribe Health Board

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Reinette Murray, RN, MSM, was recently appointed to a four-year term on the Sault Tribe Health Board. The Health Board is composed of 11 members, currently from Units I-V, and meets monthly at the Sault Tribe Health Center.

According to Health Board secretary Susan Henderlite, the board currently has two vacancies. Any Sault Tribe member may be appointed to the Health Board by approval from the board of directors. Those interested must present a letter of interest and three letters of recommendation. The term of office is four years.

Henderlite said the purpose of the Health Board is to monitor activities of the Health Division, provide advice to the Sault Tribe Board of Directors and help with strategic planning in meeting the health needs of the tribal membership.

The Health Board holds hearings for all appeals made



to Contract Health Services programs, including: Contract Health Services, Dental, Optical, Pharmacy, Medical in all clinics, Community Care Center, Community Health, Traditional Medicine, Physical Therapy, and all other health programs supervised by Health Director Bonnie Culfa.

Murray said very few tribal members know about the Health Board or understand what it does. “At a few of our Health

Board meetings we had incidents where members didn’t understand they needed a voucher, or to at least call for one, before their appointment. The Health Board talked about educating tribal members and showing them the process,” she said. “You can’t call Contract Health a week later and say you went to the ER for a cold or non-life threatening illness and expect the program to pick up the difference. There is a book of bylaws, but no step-by-step guide. The bottom line is if it’s life or limb and did they follow the procedures. Were they referred out by a tribal physician or did they go out on their own thinking they would submit the voucher later? It’s really hard sometimes to separate the heart from the facts.”

Murray said many Health Board members have volunteered their time for years and deserve more recognition for their work and commitment.

Murray is a nurse and is working to complete her

Doctorate of Nursing Practice with a specialty in end of life and spiritual care. She will have her Ph.D. in May 2015. She taught at LSSU for four years before going to work for the state as a nursing home surveyor. She was there for a short time when a nursing educator position opened up at Tendercare in the Sault. She said that soon after beginning her employment at Tendercare, she was thinking of ways to help the community and expand business. She approached Tendercare administration about creating a hospice room for use by both tribal and non-tribal residents. “Right now we have three tribal members at Tendercare. Even though Hospice of the EUP comes to Tendercare for our residents, why not have a hospice room with tribal décor, where tribal traditions and ceremonies can be practiced?” she said. Murray said the Sault Tribe Culture Department has donated a few items for the hospice suite, which is still in the planning

stages.

Murray said she is thankful to have received the Indian Tuition Waiver, which paid for her education. “It’s fun to be able to give back, I’m thankful for all the help I have received for school over the years and now finally I can get involved in a meaningful way,” she said.

Murray represents Unit III on the board. Other Health Board members are: Sharon Barber, Unit IV; Marlene Crisp, vice chair 2, Unit II; Paul Gerrish, DDS, chairman, Unit V; Frances Hank, vice chair 1, Unit II; Isaac McKechnie, Unit I; Darlene Pearson, Unit IV; Thomas Tufnell, Unit IV; and Sally M. Willis-Goebel, Ph.D., Unit I.

The Health Board meets the first Thursday every month except the months of Feb., July and Dec. Meetings are held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and are open to any tribal members living in the seven-county service area.

# Help your family to lower their cholesterol levels

BY KRISTY HILL

When you go to the clinic and get your cholesterol level checked, your health care provider will talk to you about your cholesterol numbers and what they mean.

These numbers are important because having cholesterol in target ranges means you have less risk for heart disease. But no matter what the numbers are, you can improve you and your family’s overall health and

reduce everyone’s risk for heart disease. As a family, start doing these four things: Walk at least 30 minutes, five days a week; eat foods high in fiber like beans, broccoli, apples, and whole grains like oatmeal; eat fewer high-fat foods; stop smoking, or if you don’t smoke, don’t start.

Call your health care provider today to get your cholesterol level checked. Make the four steps listed above part of your family’s healthy lifestyle.

Basic bean soup recipe  
 Ingredients:  
 3 tablespoons olive or canola oil  
 1 medium onion, chopped  
 1 tbs ground cumin  
 2-3 cloves garlic, diced  
 2 (14 1/2 ounce) cans black beans, rinsed  
 2 cups chicken or vegetable broth  
 Salt and pepper  
 1 small red onion, chopped  
 fine

1/4 cup cilantro, chopped  
 Directions:  
 In a large pot, sauté onion in oil until cooked. Add cumin. Cook 30 seconds, then add garlic and cook for another 30 to 60 seconds. Add the black beans and vegetable broth. Bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with garnish of red onion and cilantro. Add carrots, celery and squash to make this an even

healthier dish! Sauté cube-sized vegetables with the onion, then continue with the rest of the steps.

For more information, contact your local diabetes and nutrition programs in Manistique (906) 341-8469, Munising 387-4614, St. Ignace 643-8689 and Sault Ste. Marie 632-5210.

Produced by IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, www.diabetes.ihs.gov.



The Hessel elders group recently took in a Tigers game at Comerica Park in Detroit, where they were welcomed with a large display (left).

## World No Tobacco Day

World No Tobacco Day was created by the member states of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1987 and was just celebrated on May 31.

In observation of World No Tobacco Day, we would like to remind the community that all Sault Tribe Health centers went tobacco free on Jan. 1, 2013, to help improve the health of our patients, visitors, and staff.

Health care facilities promote good health in the community. When non-smokers are exposed to second hand smoke it is called involuntary smoking or passive smoking. Secondhand smoke is considered an outdoor air pollutant that may cause or contribute to an increase in deaths or in serious illness, or which may pose a present or potential hazard to human health. It is also a classified known human carcinogen by the Environmental Protection Agency.



# Michigan Paranormal Convention coming

SAULT STE. MARIE — The actors portraying Jason Vorhees, Michael Meyers, and Leather Face along with highly acclaimed ghost hunters Erin Ryder, Kris Williams, Katrina Weidman and Mallie Fox will headline the 5th Annual Michigan Paranormal Convention at Kewadin Casinos on Aug. 8-9. The conference is hosted by Kewadin Casinos with the help of the Upper Peninsula Paranormal Research Society (UPPRS).

"When we first sat down with Kewadin, we both knew we wanted something that would grow into an annual event, and we could not be happier heading into our 5th Annual Michigan Paranormal Convention," said Tim Ellis, president of the

UPPRS. "While Russ and I were putting together this year's lineup, we wanted to add a new flavor to the Michigan Para-Con, so we have added a 'Hollywood Horror Film' twist, on top of the already amazing lineup of speakers on ghosts, UFO's, haunting theories, and so much more," he said.

Ellis said the talented lineup Ryder, Williams, Weidman and Fox coupled with what Kewadin is calling the "Hollywood Horror" is "outstanding."

The Hollywood Horror lineup includes Kane Hodder, who played "Jason" in Friday the 13th movies; Tony Moran, who played "Michael Meyers" in the original Halloween movie; and R.W. Mihailoff, who played "Leather

Face" in Texas Chainsaw Massacre movies.

"It's going to be something worth seeing," said Russ McKerchie, Entertainment Manager of the DreamMakers Theater. "We've had fans calling since January asking for the lineup and I think they're going to be happy with what we were able to put together."

The convention will feature 18 speakers. Author Alexandra Holzer, daughter of Hanz Holzer who is one of the first to write about ghost hunting, will be hosting a session called "Growing up Holzer." Fan favorite, John Zaffis, the "Haunted Collector," will again be presenting on haunted museum artifacts and will be bringing a new haunted

collection to share. Greg Lawson, author and researcher on the paranormal, will present on Area 51 and UFOs and Rosemary Ellen Gulley, one of the largest paranormal authors the convention has hosted, will speak on solutions for problem hauntings.

Other presenters include Pastor Greg Haggart, author and demonologist; Kathlene Tedsen; Bev Rydell, author of *Haunts of Michigan*; Bill Murphy, *Fact or Faked Paranormal Files*; Tim Shaw, psychic and radio host; Dave Schrader, radio and TV host; and Christ Flemming, psychic and author.

Tickets to the two-day convention are now available. One-day passes are \$45, two-day

passes are \$75 and VIP passes, which include an exclusive dinner with some of the convention speakers, are \$95. A hotel package including a VIP pass and two-night stay for the convention is available for \$360.

Additional tickets can be purchased during the convention for gallery readings with psychic Tim Shaw for \$25, psychic Kristy Robinett for \$25, and for twilight walking tours with Jim Couling starting at \$10. Convention tickets include a special convention-only vendor area where attendees can speak one-on-one with presenters and exhibitors.

For more information on the conference, visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com), [www.miparacon.com](http://www.miparacon.com), or [upprs.org](http://upprs.org).

## Kewadin Casino's team members of the month



Virginia Lane (center) is the team member of the month at Kewadin Sault.

Virginia Lane, pit boss at Kewadin Sault, is the team member of the month! She started at Kewadin in May of 1989. She is from L'Anse, Mich., and came to the Sault to attend Lake Superior State University. She enjoys the customer interaction aspect of her job the most, and does a great job at it too! Congratulations, Virginia! Thanks for all you do.

Ray Syers, security guard at Kewadin Manistique, is the April team member of the month! Ray started working for Kewadin in 2000. He has worked at the Christmas and St. Ignace locations in addition



Ray Syers (center), security guard at Kewadin Manistique, is the April team member of the month.

to Manistique. Ray says the most rewarding part of his job is working with good people and said he is very thankful for receiving this award. Ray and his four children live in Manistique. Way to go, Ray!

Slot Technician Robert Smith is the St. Ignace team member of the month for April! Robert started working for Kewadin in February 1995. He and his wife, Becky, along with their two children live in Cheboygan. Robert said he was very thankful to receive the award. Well, Robert, we're thankful for all the hard work you do! Congratulations!

Congratulations to security guard Jeff Causley who is the Hessel team member of the month!

Jeff started working with the casino in 2008. He has worked in the housekeeping and cage departments as well as security. He and his wife Connie have two grown children and grandchildren. "The most rewarding part of my job is meeting new customers and welcoming our returning ones," said Jeff. He said he was very surprised to hear his name announced as the winner. "I'm proud to be a part of the Hessel team," he said. Congratulations, Jeff!



Slot Technician Robert Smith (center) is the St. Ignace team member of the month for April.



Jeff Causley is the Hessel team member of the month.

## Hunter Killips selected as outstanding student

Mrs. Anita Benson, drafting and design teacher at Sault Area High School, selected Hunter Killips as the Outstanding Drafting and Design Technology Student of the Third Quarter for the 2013-2014

school year.

Killips is a junior this year and is currently taking the two-hour block of drafting.

He has been working very hard in the Moodle Program, with many

of his designs going above and beyond the required parameter. He is very focused and is currently designing a full house that includes furnishings. He has added many extras such as ceiling fans, carpets and a variety of furniture to compliment his house. He will be incorporating landscaping, which includes a playground that he developed earlier in the year.

Killips is a quiet student, and has been teaching himself the Envisioneer Program to compliment his other work. He has assisted other students at times and shows a real flair for architectural designing. Hunter has an excellent eye for both exterior and interior design and should do well in any field that includes drafting.

In recognition of these accomplishments, Killips will receive a \$25 gift card from our sponsor, National Office Products and Printing, Inc.

Congratulations Hunter on being Outstanding Student of the Quarter in Drafting and Design Technology.



Hunter Killips honored for drafting skills.

## Coming in August: Camp Kinomaage

Would you like to spend a week meeting youngsters your age (grades six, seven and eight) and Native students from the University of Michigan? Camp Kinomaage at the University of Michigan Biological Station on Douglas Lake, near Pellston, Mich., is scheduled for Aug. 10-15. This unique program invites up to 20 current sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from surrounding Michigan American Indian tribes to participate in a week-long program that exposes students to the connections between science and culture. This is a great hands-on opportunity.

Apply to be a student participant and attend a unique outreach program. Students will learn about Anishnaabe culture, Ojibwe language, preparing for college, living in a college residence hall and science through lab and outdoor experiments.

For questions, contact Jeanna Fox, outreach coordinator, at [jeannaf@umich.edu](mailto:jeannaf@umich.edu) or (734) 763-0712. For an application, visit see <http://ceo.umich.edu/kinomaage>.



# Carrie Gable awarded full ride to CMU

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

A young lady with an eye to the future, Carrie Ann Gable began planning for college in the ninth grade, taking advanced classes like chemistry and biology - classes that were filled with mostly seniors and very few kids her own age.

Carrying a 4.0 grade point average, she just graduated from Rudyard High School with a full year of college credits (29) and will be entering Central Michigan University as a sophomore, where she was awarded the Multi-Cultural Award of Distinction, a full ride scholarship offered to 10 students a year, and open to all incoming freshman.

She said she realized young that education would be her way to a better life. She was born with a birth defect called Poland Syndrome. She was able to hide signs of her birth defect from her classmates by carefully choosing the clothing she wore and being fitted with prosthetics.

Poland syndrome is a disorder in which affected individuals are born with missing or abnormal muscles on one side of the chest wall. There may also be rib cage and breast abnormalities. "I felt different than everyone else," she said. "When you are a young child, being different doesn't make you feel up to par with everyone else. I became good at hiding it and only a few of my closest friends at school were aware of my condition."

As an outlet for some of her social anxiety, she began taking horse-riding lessons at the age of seven. Two years later she became the proud owner of her own horse. She began pleasure showing where she won numerous awards and also placed in the top 10 in the nation in the American Paint Horse Association. "Being around horses made me a stronger person and gave me something I could do just for myself," she said.

In addition to working



hard in high school and taking college preparatory courses, she volunteered with Ducks Unlimited, at the Chippewa Country Animal Shelter, and has participated in the Walk for Warmth and the Zombie Walk for Autism. School sports included three years of volleyball, a year of basketball and two years of track.

Because she set herself up for success, she attended Rudyard

High for an hour a day her senior year and from there drove to Lake Superior State University where she spent the rest of each day taking college courses. "As long as you do the Michigan Merit Curriculum and meet the school's requirements, anyone can do it. You can choose to take classes like band and gym - or you can take college courses," she said.

Gable's mother, Jennifer, said, "You don't have to exhaust what

the school offers, any student in the ninth grade can now be dual enrolled if they qualify. Because she took the hard classes in high school she was to the point that she was more than capable of enrolling in college courses and being successful. It was a hard road and a lot of work, but she has a whole year of college done already."

She said that because of her birth defect she often struggles with anxiety and self-doubt. "These things shaped who I am today and have led me to something that I want to do with my life. I want to help others overcome their obstacles and be more at peace with themselves." She plans to major in psychology and will remain at CMU until she earns her masters and Ph.D. in it as well.

After nine years of fighting her insurance company for coverage, she will undergo her final corrective surgery in June at U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor.

# Madison Savard named Gates Millennium Scholar

By **RICK SMITH**

No doubt Sault Tribe member Madison Savard of Saginaw, Mich., was excited and nervous as she opened an email from the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. After all the years of diligent schooling and all the hoops she had to go through in applying for one of the treasured scholarships, would she be accepted? As the message opened she read, "Dear Madison, Congratulations!" She was accepted.

The message went on to commend her as one of 1,000 students selected for the Class of 2014 Gates Millennium



Scholars Program, "We commend you on your strong leadership, community service and academic

achievements that contributed to your selection as a Gates Millennium Scholar. Your accomplishment is especially notable in context of the more than 52,000 students who applied, making this year one of the most competitive candidate groups in the program's history. We are very excited for you to join the community of Gates Scholars and we are very pleased to confer this distinct honor that distinguishes you as a leader for America's future."

Gates Millennium scholarships fund recipients' choices to attend any accredited college or university in the United States,

and they are renewable under program guidelines. Further, if recipients pursue graduate studies in the fields of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science, they may be eligible for fellowship funding under the program through the master's and doctoral levels.

Savard graduated June 2 from Swan Valley High School in Saginaw. During her high school years, she participated in cross-country racing and graduated with a 3.8 grade point average. Further, she volunteered with the READ Association of Saginaw

County literacy program helping children in elementary school and the Hartley Outdoor Education Center where she helped with festivals and was a counselor for elementary school children. Savard also volunteered in many functions and capacities for the Swan Valley School District.

She is going to study at Saginaw Valley State University where she plans on acquiring a master's degree with an eye toward a career teaching English as a second language.

Savard said she was very grateful for the support of her family as well as her teachers.

# Taylor McNally graduates

Taylor Cole McNally, son of Dan and Donna McNally of Burrillville, R.I., grandson of the late Raymond and Ruth McNally of Munising, Mich., graduated on May 17, 2014, from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, Mass., with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

His required humanity concentration was in music. Taylor was a member of the all-male a cappella group and a lead in several plays, including *Into the Woods* and *Next to Normal*.

He was named Mr. Worcester in 2014, competing against contestants from six universities around Worcester.

As a graduation requirement, Taylor was required to complete two projects. His junior year project was conducted in Thailand. He and his team addressed the problem of lead poisoning awareness to elementary school children (<http://www.wpi.edu/about/awards/iqp.html>).

Out of 240 other project teams, his team was selected for the President's Award in recognition of their outstanding conception, performance and



Taylor McNally graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering.

presentation focusing on the relationships among science, technology and the needs of society.

His senior year project involved the design of a mobile robotic platform for continuous radial welding of oil and gas pipelines.

Taylor recently accepted an offer from United Technologies Corporation as an operational leadership program associate. His first rotation in the program is in Lincoln, N.C., where he will be working in supply chain management.

He sincerely thanks the tribe for their support during the four years he was attending WPI.

**Congratulations Taylor!**

# Cope graduates magna cum laude

Drew Francis Cope graduated magna cum laude with an overall 3.80 GPA from Grand Valley State University on Dec. 7, 2013, at the VanAndel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich. He received a Bachelor of Science in group social studies and secondary education with a minor in political science. Drew also attended Grand Rapids Community College and Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, Mich.

His graduation took place on what would have been Stanley Cope's birthday, his grandfather.

Drew is named after his late grandfather, Francis St. Onge, of Mackinac Island, whose birthday would have been on Dec. 15.

Drew is a 2006 graduate of LaSalle High School. He is the son of Michael and Mary (nee St. Onge) Cope of St. Ignace, Mich. Drew has two siblings, Jordan, of Grand Rapids and Michaela, of Traverse City and St. Ignace. His grandmothers are Ruth Cope and Elizabeth St. Onge, both of St. Ignace.

Drew is a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



# Harrington graduates from military police training

Patrick Harrington II of Cheboygan, Mich., graduated on April 3, 2014, from the U.S. Army military police training in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and serves in the Army Reserves as a private first class M.P.

He is the son of Patrick I and Renee Harrington of Cheboygan and grandson of the late Ronald and Barbara Powers of St. Ignace and John and Genevieve Allen of Jackson, Mich.





# Marissa Clement earns awards



Marissa Clement, an eighth grade student at JKL Bahweting Grant School in Sault Ste. Marie, recently garnered awards in Industrial and Technology Education Association competitions. She placed third in the regional competition and first in the statewide competition. She won the awards for a flint axe she made in ezhichigying class taught by Dr. Chris Gordon. The class focuses on traditional Anishinaabe life skills and other indigenous people throughout the world. Marissa hand scraped and sanded the axe handle, used various carving tools to produce the bear paw and floral design and stained it using coffee grounds. Flint knapping methods were used to create the flint head piece and is attached to the handle with natural sinew. The handle also has a tanned leather grip with simulated copper cones attached to the bottom. Copper cones were very common in the area and used to decorate various Anishinaabe items.

# Kylee Arnold born

KYLEE J. ARNOLD

Kylee Jade Arnold was born in Petoskey, Mich., at McLaren Hospital on April 30, 2014. She weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Her parents are Kyle and Megan (nee Givens) Arnold of Cheboygan, Mich.; grandparents are Kent Arnold of Cheboygan, Heather Arnold of Levering, Mich., and John and Kim Givens of Brutus, Mich.; great-grandparents are Hal and Sharon Arnold of Cheboygan and Tom and Shelley Mallory of Levering;



great-great-grandmother, Adelaide Ostroske of Cheboygan.

# Walking On...

DELORES CAPTAIN

Delores Captain of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on April 24, 2014, at her home. Dee was born on March 18, 1937, in Baton Rouge, La.

She worked at Kewadin Casinos as a security guard for 18 years. She was loved by all of her coworkers. She enjoyed doing puzzle books and being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dee is survived by her sons, Benny (Michelle) Captain of Dafter, Mich., Louis (Jodie) Captain of Kincheloe, Mich., and Richard Captain of Kincheloe; daughters, Elizabeth (Dave) Brown of Kinross, Mich., Sherly (Kenneth) Captain of Muskegon, Mich., and Donna (Meekoo) Goetz of Sault Ste. Marie; brothers, Richard Cornwell, James (Lisa) Cornwell of Kincheloe and Eddie (Linda) Hesslink of

Tecumseh, Mich.; 27 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; in-laws, Jeannie, Julia, Glen and Vida; special friends, Judy Frechette and Peggy McKechnie; special aunt and uncle, Elizabeth and Vern, who was very important in raising Dee.

She was predeceased by her husband, Benny, after 57 years of marriage; parents, Albert and Violet "Templet" Cornwell; brothers, Lavone Cornwell, AJ Cornwell and Doug Cornwell; sister, Barb Wenmen; grandson, Billy Jack; and two great-grandchildren, Dustin and McKenzie.

Visitation and services were conducted on April 29-30 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church respectively with Brother John Hascall as celebrant. Burial was in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Memorials to the family of

# Lewis and Gough graduate



On May 3, Theresa Lewis and Allison Gough graduated at Lake Superior State University, Lewis with a Master of Arts in curriculum and instruction and Gough with a bachelor's degree. Lewis is the Ojibwe language instructor for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Early Childhood Education Program and Cultural Division, Gough teaches at the Child Care Center.

# From Bob Flower's Kitchen - beef rouladen

**Mushroom dressing stuffed beef rouladen with beef-mushroom gravy**

This meal will satisfy every taste bud in your mouth.

If you really want to know, they'll be thinking it's a holiday at a premium restaurant. Your family and friends will like it too.

The meat is tender and full flavored, seasoned with just the right amount of herbs and spices.

The filling compliments the beef adding to the rich umami flavor and the gravy is just classic.

You will enjoy this meal. I recommend honey-butter glazed carrots and oven baked potatoes

to go with this meal.

**Ingredients:**

Two or three pound flat beef cut, such as flank, brisket or round steak, depending on how many people to be fed. You can substitute venison in this as well, if so inclined.

**Filling:**

2 cups cooked rice  
2 lbs. freshly sliced mushrooms, sautéed until tender  
1 tsp. ground sage  
2 tsp. salt, divided  
2 tsp. black pepper, divided  
¼ tsp. granulated garlic, or 1 tbs. fresh, minced garlic  
2/3 cup diced onion  
1 large egg

¼ tsp. dried cloves

**Directions:** Preheat your oven to 320F. Use a meat mallet to pound the meat into a thin slab. Season with 1 tsp. each of salt and black pepper and let sit. Combine the remaining ingredients in a large bowl, folding until all ingredients are equally distributed. Spread the filling equally all over the meat. Jelly-roll the meat so that the filling is inside the roll. Tie the meat roll with butcher's twine or clean cotton string. Place in a foil-lined roasting pan and place in oven. Cover and roast for three hours. Remove from the oven and serve with side dishes and a little horseradish.

**TEACHING KIDS HOW TO HANDLE BULLYING — Bullying can leave lasting emotional scars on a kid. The way teachers, parents and other adults respond to bullying affects the way kids perceive and respond to it, as well. Stopbullying.gov defines bullying behavior; identifies the warning signs of bullying and ways to prevent it; helps adults recognize kids who may be at risk; and provides information on how to respond to bullying when it happens.**

Delores Captain would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at [www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com](http://www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com).

**DONALD B. LUNDY**

Donald Basil Lundy, 52, of Gulfport, Miss., died on May 19, 2014. He was born on June 3, 1961, in Detroit to Donald and Judith Lundy.

He served his country in the United States Army and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Judith Lundy; his grandparents; and a cousin, Fran McKerchie.

Mr. Lundy is survived by his wife, Starr Lundy; daughters Alderaan (Jonathon) Hemphill of Virginia Beach, Va., and Crystal (Kenneth) Huffman of Gulfport; sisters, Rebecca (Tim) Golladay and Marg (Tim) Thompson, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; four grandchildren, Keegan Lawrence, Hannah Dain, Natalie Hemphill

and Kaitlynn Huffman; his best friend, Charles "Chuck" Golladay; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life took place on May 24 in Gulfport. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials be made to Hospice of the EUP, the Humane Society of South Mississippi at 2615 25th Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501 or the American Cancer Society.

Southern Mississippi Funeral Services of Ocean Springs served the family.

**MARY H. SHANNON**

Mary Helen Shannon, aged 90, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. passed away on April 18, 2014, at the Tendercare nursing facility.

She was born in Lansing, Mich. on Jan. 30, 1924, to the late Otis and Mabel (nee Underwood) Powell. On Jan. 3, 1961, she married Frank Shannon in Durand,

Mich. She enjoyed her family and friends and you would often find her working on her crocheting, crossword puzzles and reading a good book.

Mary is survived by her husband, Frank Shannon; children, Judy (Melvin) Frechette of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Diane Shannon of Lansing, Mich., Patricia LaBranche of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Sylvia (the late Truman) Stephenson, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Terry (Jim) Patterson of Grand Blanc, Mich., Billie Jo Pudil, of Lansing, Mich., Wanda LaBranche of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Michael Shannon of Lansing, Mich. and Mark Shannon of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; several grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and a brother, William Merrill of Lake Isabella, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Rocky Pudil and Franklin Shannon; three brothers; and one sister.

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# Elders services celebrating Older Americans Month

BY CHERI GOETZ

Older adults have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations. Since 1963, communities across the country have shown their gratitude by celebrating Older Americans Month each year.

This celebration recognizes older Americans for their

contributions and demonstrates our nation's commitment to helping them stay healthy and active.

This year's theme for Older Americans Month is *Safe Today, Healthy Tomorrow*. The theme focuses on injury prevention and safety to encourage older adults to protect themselves and remain active and independent for as

long as possible.

Each year, seniors suffer six million unintended, medically treated injuries and more than 30,000 deaths.

With an emphasis on safety during Older Americans Month, older adults are encouraged to learn about the variety of ways they can avoid leading causes of injury, like falls.

While the Sault Tribe Elders Division provides services, support and resources to older adults year-round, Older Americans Month offers an opportunity for us to provide specialized information and services around the important topic of injury prevention. This information will help older

adults take control of their safety and live longer, healthier lives.

Throughout the month, the Sault Tribe Elders Division will be posting tips on how to avoid the leading causes of injury on our Elders Division Facebook Page.

Call us at (888) 711-7356 or 635-4971.

## Avoid dangers of heat caused illnesses in the elderly

BY CHERI GOETZ

It has been a very long, cold winter and it might be difficult to think that summer might actually get here. As we prepare for the warmer weather, we should keep in mind that hot weather may negatively affect elders' health.

Those over the age of 65 have an increased risk of heat-related

illness and should be aware of the signs and symptoms. Common symptoms can be rashes, fatigue, nausea or muscle cramps, which, if not treated, could lead to heat stroke. Heat stress occurs when the body can't cool itself and maintain a healthy temperature.

Age is not the only factor — please keep in mind that

conditions such as blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease, as well as certain medications, can increase your chances of heat-related illness. If you have any questions, or feel that you may be suffering from a heat-related illness, it is very important that you immediately seek medical

attention.

It might be best to stay inside when the heat index is high to help prevent heat related illness. If you have to be outdoors, wear lightweight, loose fitting clothes. Be sure to drink plenty of water while avoiding caffeine or alcohol.

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services is starting a cooling program beginning on June 2, 2014. Air conditioners can be bought through the program, if recommended with medical documentation. To apply for this program, please contact ACFS at (800) 726-0093 or 632-5250.

## Annual Indian Point Cemetery cleanup held in May



*We had a nice sunny day in May to do our annual Indian Point Cemetery clean-up. A big thank you to everyone involved, Denise Chase and Darcy Morrow for seeing that we had picnic food and raking, Beau Rockefeller and Edward Goudreau for their help cleaning the cemetery and cooking, Ron and Brenda Nelson for raking and the use of their machine to pick up the leaves and those who bring good spirits and their rakes each year, Levi Morrow, Betty Majestic, Gerald and Charlene Peters and Pam and Ernie Demmon.*



## Walking On...

From "Walking On," page 24  
Visitation and services took place on April 21-22 at the Nigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building with Father Sebastian Kavumkal officiating. Burial will be in Willwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island later this spring.

Arrangements were handled by C.S. Mulder Furner Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

**CATHERINE TADGERSON**

Catherine Marie Tadgerson, 58, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on April 30, 2014, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

She was born on March 4, 1956, in Sault Ste. Marie, the daughter of Walter



John and Rosemarie (nee Beseau) Payment. She was a graduate of Sault Area High School and a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She loved cats, playing slots, cards (spades) and visiting with family and friends. She was a captain of the woman's pool league.

She is survived by her children, Shawn (Bobbie MacArthur) Payment and Shana Tadgerson both of Sault Ste. Marie, and Thomasina (Jason) Brown of Mason, Mich.; stepson, Joey Tadgerson of Racoon, Mich.; grandchildren, Emily, Rodney, Jaylen, Cedric and Josie; step-grandchildren, Cheyenne,

Mathew and Solara; mother, Rosemarie Payment of Sault Ste. Marie; siblings, John Payment of Sault Ste. Marie, Maryann Payment of Flint, Mich., Gerald Payment of Sault Ste. Marie, Janice Payment of Sault Ste. Marie, Stephen Payment of Sault Ste. Marie, Lisa (Brian) Fisher of Cedarville, Mich., Aaron Payment of Sault Ste. Marie, Walter Payment of Sault Ste. Marie, Norman Payment of Sault Ste. Marie and Krystal Payment of Manistique, Mich.; special friend, Rick Thompson, of Sault Ste. Marie; and her caregiver, Angie Bates of Sault Ste. Marie. Catherine was preceded in

death by her father, Walter John Payment; former husband, Thomas Tadgerson; stepson, Wayne Tadgerson; and brother, Joe Payment.

A gathering took place at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building through the weekend of May 2-5 and concluded with a ceremony at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church on May 5 with Brother John Hascall as celebrant. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery later this spring.

Arrangements were handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).



# BOARD TO VOTE TO STRIP CHAIR OF AUTHORITY

*Ahneen, Boozo, Negee. Biiwaagajigi Ndznakoz:*

Since I have returned to office, my administrative team and I have secured nearly \$2,000,000 in new funding including \$455,000 for our Inland Treaty Rights Implementation. While some Board Members focus on the negative, this should be celebrated as a victory for our people. I am proud to carry on efforts of our American Indian leaders of the past like Big Abe LeBlanc and Billy Frank who fought for our treaty rights when it was life threatening to do so. To the right is a photo of Billy Frank and me at a House Appropriation panel testifying on behalf of our treaty rights. Sadly, this was Billy last time testifying as he passed shortly thereafter. He was a giant among men and great pioneer and protector of our treaty rights.

Last week, I was summoned to the White House to serve on a roundtable to give input on the President's "My Brother's Keeper Initiative." Of course, with my impending doctorate in Educational Leadership, I focused on the 50% high school drop out rate but also the need to develop new programs to support GED and Adult Education. We cannot give up on those who make their path through alternate means. As a high school drop out, I cannot leave my fellow American Indians behind.



Picture of Billy Frank and me testifying in a House Appropriations Committee. I testified as Vice President (Mid West Region) on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians.



In front of the West Wing at the White House after testifying during the President's "By Brother's Keeper" roundtable discussion

the so called "business" operations of the Tribe. While I do supervise our CFO, I do so more like a colleague than a subordinate as I respect this professional's credentials and administrative style. My relationship with each of my direct reports is characteristic of this leadership style. The CFO, in turn, oversees our non-gaming enterprises which are all profitable. While there is always room for improvement, these businesses are turning a profit. This is an area for which no change is needed. The Tribal Board has not funded any posi-

tions for Enterprise Development for new businesses. The CFO provides some guidance here, but as CFO/Comptroller here, it is not reasonable to expect another full time professional responsibility on top of the two he already has. I support a business developer.

**CHAIRPERSON NOT OVER CASINO MANAGEMENT; BUT TRIBAL BOARD IS!**

I DO NOT supervise any Casino management including the Chief Operating Officer (COO). This position reports directly to the Tribal Board. Thus, as market

share has been dropping, our marketing division has gotten stale and non-productive. The oversight is directly under the Tribal Board. In April of 2013, I met with the Casino COO to discuss his recommendations for saving hundreds of thousands of dollars including organization changes to our marketing to generate more revenues and save in operational costs. These decisions were well within the COO's authority. However, given the very public lobbying of former Chairperson Bouschor and an entourage of his immediate family and political supporters, the Board refused

At the request of a Member, I am posting the current organization charts for the Sault Tribe. The 'proposed' would relegate the Chair to a mere "Ceremonial Figure Head" only who would supervise ~ NO ONE.

**TRIBAL MEMBERS VOTED TO TAKE CEO TITLE OUT/ NOT STRIP CHAIR OF ALL AUTHORITY**

While Tribal voters did vote to take the CEO name out of the Chairperson title, they DID NOT expect that the day to day administrative oversight would be revoked by the Tribal Board. In 2012, the Tribal Board voted unanimously to delegate the administrative oversight to the Chair. With over 3,000 Sault Tribe Members responding, the vast majority of Members indicated they did not believe their vote was intended to strip the Chair of all authority and would vote to overturn this interpretation of select Board Members.

Currently, I supervise eight director or executive level team members which include: the Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Legislative Director, Appropriations Team, Chief of Police, Fisheries Director, Environmental Director, and Inland and Wildlife Director. In my capacity as administrative head, I also provide fiscal control oversight and signature authority over all cost centers of the Tribe to ensure spending is done appropriately and consistently with the Board appropriations. My signature authority is capped at

\$50,000 for items previously appropriated. For large expenditures which are pre-budgeted, I provide the fiscal control to ensure these are spent according to Board approved spending plans.

As Chairperson with the delegated authority over the aforementioned areas, I provide strategic and administrative oversight including monthly direct report meetings (which I instituted), project management meetings to collaborate across programs, and general administrative direction. I also directly supervise the three Membership Liaisons and an Office Receptionist/Clerical team member. In total, I supervise eleven governmental team members. The Executive Director, who again reports to me, supervises nine executive or director level team members and one administrative assistant. Our Executive Director and I have an excellent working relationship.

**McLEOD'S RESOLUTION NOT PRACTICABLE**

The resolution proposed by Director McLeod would move my 11 direct reports and add them to the Executive Director's for a new total of 20 director reports or subordinates. This is neither reasonable nor practicable. It clearly demonstrates a lack of understanding of some Board Members over the day to day operations and what it takes to manage a multi-million dollar organization with over 2,000 team member employees.

I DO NOT supervise any of

RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**AMENDING LIMITED DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CHAIRPERSON**

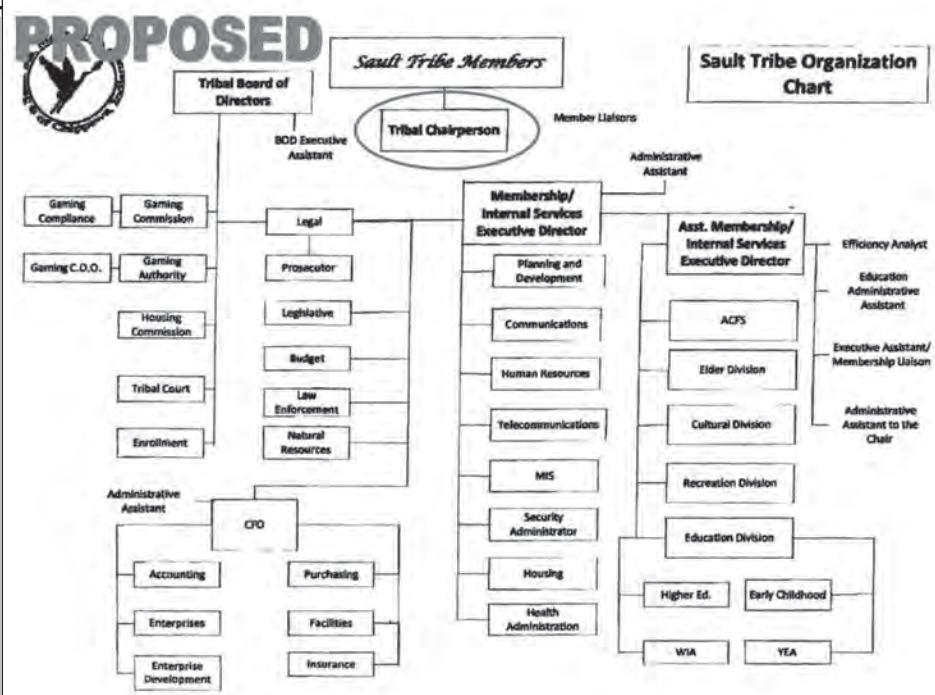
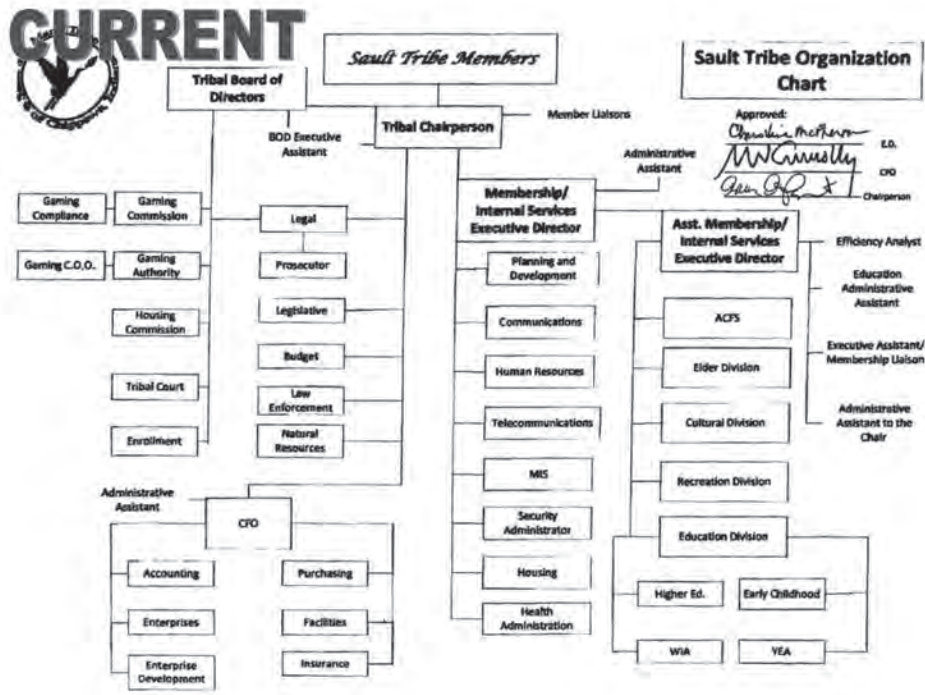
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution No: 2012-146.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors acknowledges those powers inherent in the office of the **Chairperson such as serving as the ceremonial figure head** of the Tribe for public events and visiting dignitaries, serving as the spokesperson for the Tribe on issues requiring a singular voice and carrying out those duties specifically assigned in the Constitution and Bylaws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors declares that until ordered otherwise by the Board of Directors, the Executive Director for Internal Services shall perform the following duties:

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 below, the Executive Director of Internal Services is authorized and directed to manage and direct the day to day operations of the Tribe including but not limited to the following: guiding and directing tribal governmental and business operations to ensure operational efficiency, quality, service, and cost-effective management of resources and performing all administrative and management functions required to be performed pursuant to the current organizational chart; and
2. In the exercise of the authority delegated to the Executive Director of Internal Services by the Board of Directors in paragraph 1, the Executive Director of Internal Services shall consult with and shall be subject to the direction and review of the Board of Directors consistent with Article VII, Section 1(n) of the Constitution. All actions taken by the Executive Director of Internal Services pursuant to this delegated authority shall be subject to the authority of the Board of Directors and the Board may review, approve, modify, or rescind any such action. The Executive Director of Internal Services shall report to the Board of Directors at each regularly scheduled board workshop and shall provide an update of any activities, issues, decisions, or other matters requiring the attention of the board. In the event that the Executive Director of Internal Services is unable to attend any such workshop, the Executive Director of Internal Services shall assign a designee to provide that report.
3. All organizational charts shall be amended to reflect the reassignment of duties herein.





to accept the COO's recommendations.

Instead, the Board created Gaming Authority Workshops to hear recommendations for casino improvements. These sessions were scheduled by the Board at a time that directly conflicts with my other administrative duties including direct report meetings, Executive Team Meetings, and Division and Program Directors meetings such that I have only been able to attend one or two of these sessions. While our Tribal Parliamentary Meeting Rules and Open Meetings Act prohibit decision making except in a duly called meeting, several expectations/directions have been given by the Board to the Casino COO which led to layoffs and what I believe were targeted terminations. While I do not believe all Board Members were part of the plan to excise retribitional terminations, those who allowed this to occur were nonetheless complicit.

While I do provide some operational oversight over administrative duties over the following areas like approval of vacation and leave slips and budget oversight, I DO NOT SUPERVISE our casinos, Court, Enrollment, Housing Commission, Gaming Authority or Gaming Commission.

Director McLeod and other opponents to my Chairmanship on our Board have used the smokescreen of separating the business operations of the Tribe from the politics. This is nonsensical given I do not oversee 'business operations' of the Tribe. Our CFO does that. Our Casino operations are under the COO who reports directly to the Tribal Board. I provide administrative oversight over operations of the governmental arm of the Tribe; I do so competently and expertly. Of course, this is to be adjudged by Tribal voters and **NOT POLITICIANS** who have an axe to grind or jealousy for not having these skills themselves.

### DUMBING DOWN THE CHAIR POSITION FOR A LESS SKILLED FUTURE CHAIRPERSON

It appears to me that those lying in wait to become Chair someday, realize they do not have the skills, experience, or credentials to provide executive level oversight over the Tribe. Thus, they wish to reduce the position to nothing more than a, "CEREMONIAL FIGURE HEAD" of the Tribe. These are the actual words used by Director McLeod in her resolution which would strip the Chair of all authority. While others are content to parade around as, "ceremonial figure heads", I am qualified to serve as the administrative executive over the operations of the Tribe.

### FIRST BOARD VOTE ON ORG CHART TO ACCOMMODATE FRED PAQUIN'S CORRUPTION

Until December 2007, the organizational charts were entirely under the adminis-

trative authority of the Tribal Chairperson. Members would be alarmed to know that the corruption of our former Chief of Police and Board Member (a convicted felony) is what changed this to a Board vote item. First, while Fred Paquin was arrested and prosecuted for assault of a tribal woman in 2007, I recommended he be fired given his threats to fire the woman and her entire family if she continued to cooperate with the State Police. The Human Resources Department, Tribal Legal and I listened to the State Police wire-tapped phone conversation where Paquin threatened to show [her] "who is really in charge of this tribe." To protect the victim's immediate family Member, I took Paquin out of the chain of command so he could not fire her father. Again, I recommended Paquin be fired for several violations of the personnel manual for making these threats.

The Board's response was to force a vote on the organizational chart to put her father back underneath Fred Paquin at which time her father was fired. So while I tried to fire Paquin for the coercive threats he made to stymie a criminal investigation, the Board instead voted to put him back to work. All the while, Paquin was investigated by the BIA Criminal investigative unit. It is my belief that several Board members knew of the crime he committed embezzling over \$321,000 from the Tribe and providing his daughter a salary for a position for which she did no work. I knew about the investigation because I was approached by the BIA given their observation that our then CFO, Victor Matson, was stonewalling the criminal investigation. I then assigned our current CFO, Bill Connolly, to work directly with the BIA Criminal investigator. It is also my contention that select Board members knew what Fred Paquin was doing and lied to the police during the investigation to provide an alibi for Paquin.

### NEW CEO PROJECTED COSTS \$200,000+

The actions of those who support the current resolution to strip the Chair's authority would take away from the people, their elective choice to select their top administrator for the Tribe. Given our Executive Director Christine McPherson already has a full time job, this would either add 11 new director reports to give her 20 subordinate team members or require the hiring of a CEO at a pay level projected to

Petitions Submitted  
of

## PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS AND ARE REQUESTING A REFERENDUM ON:

**AMENDING LIMITED DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CHAIRPERSON**  
(Name of Ordinance and Number of Resolution Enacting Ordinance, *or*, Number of Resolution)

ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of Enactment)

Sign your name below **ONLY IF** you gather more signatures than just your own.

CIRCULATOR'S SIGNATURE: (Person circulating this petition): \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: Aaron A. Payment

ADDRESS: 1716 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURES OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS

SIGNATURE	NAME (Please Print)	ADDRESS (Please Print)	DATE

Please Sign Your Name and Return to: Aaron A. Payment, 1716 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

be \$200,000 annually. I arrive at this figure given I had our Human Resources Department project what my pay would be given my duties and the amount was \$200,000. I did so to have HR demonstrate how our wage and salary software worked and we used my position as an example. I am more than happy to serve as Chairperson without EVER receiving a raise.

Anyone want to venture a guess who the above Board Members would wish to hire as Executive Director? Could this be payback for bankrolling Board Members' campaigns?

Stay tuned, as soon as the Board votes to pass Jennifer McLeod's resolution to strip the the Chair of all Authority and relegate the position to a "Ceremonial Figure Head" the People of the Tribe will take this decision away from the Board one and for all and vote via Tribal Referendum (see draft petition). Maybe then some stability will come to the Tribe.

### ELECTION COMMITTEE FINDS CATHERINE HOLLOWELL VIOLATED ELECTION LAWS!

To avoid politicizing the outcome, I will not editorialize but just write the findings below:

**"We conclude that the two elements that Complainants had to establish in order for a violation of Ch 10 to be found have been met. Respondent...submitted for publication a unit report that very clearly was intended to inform potential voters about her campaign platform in an effort to eventually secure their vote. We believe that this was in direct contravention of the tribes' intent to not allow incumbents the advantage of campaigning in their unit reports. Last, we have no choice but to conclude Respondant's unit report is by definition campaigning, a Respondent herself is forced to admit by way of her argument."**

~ Tribal Election Committee



# Should election code violations be grounds for removal?



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

On May 12, Darcy, Denise, Cathy, Jennifer, Aaron and I were in Mt. Pleasant for the state-tribal summit with the governor. The chairpersons from each tribe were allowed to ask questions of Governor Snyder. Many tribes had concerns with consultation with the sale of lands, fracking, invasive species, the wolf hunt and compact negotiations. I did not get a sense that the governor's office truly realizes the impact of tribes in the state of Michigan.

On May 14, there was a special meeting called by the chairperson to establish a removal hearing on a board member. There were two other resolutions put on the agenda that were not necessary but used as an excuse to call a meeting. We had discussed these two resolutions before we noticed a reporter from the Soo Evening News present. In my two years on the board, never has a reporter been present during our meetings. There was a motion made for the reporter to leave and the majority supported it. The reporter was obviously called by the chairperson and our newspaper was not present. I am in total support for transparency and open meetings with our membership, but do not think we need to air our business to the world through outside newspapers or Livestream. Bay Mills only allows their members to attend their meetings. I support Livestream with access by Sault Tribe members only.

With the election in full swing there has been many election complaints filed with the Election Committee. To me, that says that people are human and may make mistakes such as sending out flyers without statements of "paid for or endorsed by," placing signs on tribal property but not in a resident's yard, the use of intellectual property, etc. Some of it gets petty. In the past,

if the election committee found someone guilty of a violation they would be fined. The current code was changed in August of 2004 to make an election code violation a removable offense. I realize it is in the code, but do most people believe it should be grounds for removal?

The process for the removal is for a petition to be filed containing a minimum number of signatures which is either 100 or 10 percent of total votes from the last election in that unit. Once the signatures have been gathered with a specific violation written on the petition, they need to be turned into the board's administrative secretary during a duly called meeting. She then submits them to the Enrollment Department to verify signatures. Once this process has taken place and the required signatures are validated, then the board of directors establish a hearing board which consists of four outside attorneys (\$\$\$) to determine if a director will be removed from office.

On May 16, the board of directors via U.S. mail received a letter from the election committee stating that there were alleged election code violations reported and actions taken that made an investigation by the Election Committee tainted. The Election Committee had then dismissed these allegations. Without getting into detail, I believe the actions of all parties need to be investigated. The board voted to add the item to the meeting agenda in Naubinway on May 20 but was told it would be better if the Gaming Commission (10 of the board members and chairperson) were to discuss the matter. The board then voted to hold a commission meeting on May 27.

While the board was present on the 21st for semi-annual reviews and a gaming authority workshop, we discussed calling a special gaming commission meeting to deal with the situation. The code states that a majority of the commission can call a special meeting with 48 hour notice. There were seven board members present and we called the meeting for Friday, May 23. The chairperson was not in the workshop when we discussed this and was furious when he was told we had called a meeting. He said we did not have consensus of the board. He was upset that we did not contact all members for input. The board was meeting and all members of the board knew of

the workshop so I do not believe those missing need to be polled. The chairperson said he would be going to D.C. and that he told us that. He mentioned the night prior that he had been invited to a roundtable with the president but was not sure he had the funds. He proceeded to D.C. and the commissioners met. It was a waste of my time as we were told any action needed to be taken by the board of directors. One of the directors actually left the meeting prior to a vote.

The chairperson has called a special meeting for May 27 to change the June 3 meeting in St. Ignace to June 2. There was an email sent out by the chair on May 19, asking for support to change the meeting and asked if there was support for it, if not he would not introduce the idea at the meeting on the 20. He went around polling the directors during a break at the meeting for support to change the meeting date. He needed nine votes to add it to the agenda since it had not been noticed five days in advance of the agenda. He had eight votes. I did not support changing the date and will continue to not support it unless a majority of the board is out of town on business. We vote on the yearly meeting schedule at the last meeting in December so members, staff and directors can all make plans to attend and schedule other events around those dates. The chairperson says he doesn't miss meetings and the members expect him to be there. He will not go to D.C. on business trips if we do not accommodate his schedule. We have a vice chair to conduct the meeting and business must go on. What do you think should happen?

Another issue is we were told that the chairperson had spent his \$10,000 travel budget during the first quarter. He had originally asked for \$50,000. I would like to see what those expenses have been to date and how he plans on traveling for the rest of the year. He would normally attend the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) conferences. There is one scheduled in June in Alaska and he had been asked to go. He told them he did not have the money to travel but the JKL Fiduciary Committee had money in their budget for him to go and he then proceeded to say we would not accommodate his schedule. I think the reason is he does not fly and would need several days to drive.

Our staff, led by our assistant executive director, Angeline has worked very hard on submitting a last minute grant for suicide prevention with a value of over \$3 million.

During the May 20 meeting, I had introduced a resolution to forbid any individual board member or chairperson to conduct their own individual survey and publish the results in the tribal paper or by using any other tribal resource. These surveys have been conducted and published in 2006 and 2014 during the campaign season. This, to me, is campaigning and using valuable space in our tribal paper. A full ad in the tribal paper is about \$800 and two pages were recently used for survey results and not paid for. The board, as a unit, should conduct surveys as official tribal business and apply the proper methodology. I agree it is appropriate to survey the membership from time to time, but the questions need to be written in a way not to manipulate the outcome. The board voted to table my resolution so we will see what happens.

On the same meeting agenda was a resolution to amend limited delegation of authority to the chairperson. After the 2012 election a special meeting was called in July to give the chairperson limited authority to conduct the day to day business of the tribe. The vote was unanimous to support the delegation. The board was willing to work with the chairperson and give him that authority, which was subject to the board to review and approve, modify or rescind any such action. There are many reasons to amend the authority such as the constitutional amendment that was passed in 2010 to separate the CEO and chairperson of the tribe. The members, in my opinion, no longer wanted one person in charge of the tribe, but rather 13. The various other reasons for me would be the recent action of the chairperson such as lowering the hunting license fee from \$15 to \$5 with a loss of approximately \$25,000, adding items to the meeting agendas without following code first and interfering in casino interviews. The latest is in regards to the recent letter to the board from the election committee.

When the meeting agenda was sent out, the chairperson started rallying his people to be ready to

gather petition signatures because the board was stripping him of his authority. He claims he knows what authority the members want him to have and how many people voted for him. The fact is, when people voted for him he did not have this authority. The authority was given to him after the election in July 2012. The board made a motion to send the resolution to a workshop. Any attempt of the board to simply even ask to review actions is met with victimization. I am not here to do what is best for someone, but rather what is best for the Sault Tribe. While the board was planning a date to discuss the resolution, the chairperson says he does not need to be present because he doesn't support it and will referendum it. Now who does not work with who?

On May 24, I attended the Native American Festival at the Museum of Ojibwe Culture grounds. There was a powwow with three drums, dancers, crafters, demonstrations, a food vendor and a feast. This has become an annual event on Memorial Day weekend. Shirley Sorrels is the museum manager and does a great job planning this event and keeping our culture alive. The museum will be working to replace the fragile long house within the year which will allow for more teachings and talking circles. There were many great people that made this event a success and I would really like to mention you all but would be afraid to forget someone. You know who you are and I appreciate all you did!

On May 25, Brother John gave a Catholic/Anishnaabe service on the museum grounds. The Grandmother Moon singers and Brother Jim Boynton played and sang. This was a celebration of Father Marquette who is buried there. The mass was a reflection of what is really important in life and how fragile life can be.

With the end of the election season in sight, I hope we can concentrate on taking action on the 2015 budget short fall, establishing a five-year strategic plan, receive a plan for generating casino revenues and moving forward on our downstate casino projects.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, Bridgett91@yahoo.com, 430-0536 or office 643-2123.

# In Indian Country our credibility and integrity is our currency



**DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**  
In Indian Country, our

credibility is our currency. We, as Indian people, do not equate money with integrity. Our word is our integrity and our currency. We understand that money is a resource. We can use it to get what we need for our physical well-being. We understand that, in the white world, it has power. In Anishinaabe culture, it's nothing but a resource to be utilized for the betterment of our people. But what is the operative word or operative phrase?

We as Indian people regained the use of our land that we lost. We utilized the resources we gained from gaming. We utilized

those resources for the betterment of our people. But, in the end, that money is NOTHING if we do not retain our culture.

My uncle said to me, "You can have everything physical in world but if you do not have the love and respect of your family, you have nothing. Because anything you BUY will not replace those connections. Anything you BUY will mean nothing to you when you go to the grave."

I asked him, "Uncle, what do you mean?"

He said, "A rich man's grave looks the same as a poor man's grave, it's what you do with your

life and what you leave behind for your children and your children's children is what will matter."

I was having a conversation about that — Indian people do not value the things that the society as a whole values, and what matters most in Indian Country is our word. Say what you mean and mean what you say.

Credibility is our gold, it is our standard.

In Indian Country, your word is gold. Do not lie, for it devalues your currency. We, as Indian people, value truth. It is one of our Seven Grandfathers — Debwewin-Truth.

Indian people have been lied to so many times over the years, and it is such a source of contention for us. I often say, "I am a tribal leader, and NOT a politician." The distinction being, I will tell you what you need to hear and not what you WANT TO HEAR.

It is a hard road to walk. But, ultimately, you deserve the truth as an Indian person. Too many times, our federal government has lied to us.

I refuse to be anything but truthful with you.

Gitch miigwech,  
Debra-Ann Pine  
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# Health Committee addressing unmet needs



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

It's official. This cold hard winter is over!  
As delegate for Region 5 (MI, WS, MN) at EPA's National Tribal Operations Caucus (NTOC), we held our semi-annual meeting to move forward on a slate of critical initiatives designed to fully implement the 1984 EPA Indian Policy. Our

work involves moving forward with a process to ensure that we are adhering to an agency – wide policy for protecting physical and natural resources in Indian country. This includes efforts to include our fisheries as designated use for protection purposes. We are seeking direct implementation of tribal cooperative agreements. What this means is more resources so that we can increase our capacity to manage our environmental-related resources on a more level playing field with the states. I want to thank United Tribes of Michigan for supporting our effort to strengthen EPA/tribal partnership at its recent meeting in Mt. Pleasant.

**LOCAL NOTES**

Congratulations to all the graduates. What a milestone in your lives! I am especially proud of our tribal graduates from Consolidated Community School

Services (CCSS) Alternative Schools in Newberry and Cedarville. You've overcome significant challenges and demonstrated real fortitude. Congrats! We'll be announcing scholarship winners in next month's newspaper.

The Ad Hoc Health Committee will resume efforts to address unmet health needs in our community. We will be addressing the feasibility of after-hours urgent care in the outlying rural areas and will bring the conversation to the Elders Subcommittee meeting this June in Newberry.

The local foods movement is vibrant. I want to give a shout out to the Youth Farm Stand project. Part of the project is teaching our youth to be entrepreneurs. Heirlooms seed banks and land restoration, hoop houses to extend the growing season here, expansion of the Hessel

community garden — these are the type of activities that bring our community together across generations. They also strengthen our food sovereignty, food security and traditional ecological knowledge. A big thanks to Monica Cady, Lisa Burnside, Bob Causley and many others who are nurturing this movement.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Independent auditing of financial statements of the tribal government activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information through December 31, 2013, is complete. Financial analysis is ongoing. The simplest explanation of our Gaming enterprises is, operating costs are down, but so are our revenues. We recognize that the larger economy is down and that impacts our gaming, but there is much room for improvement.

Costs ticking down and revenue ticking up is the objective. Investment in our workforce and capable management will dictate our ability to achieve those objectives.

On the government side, the largest fiscal 2014 budgeted expenditures are for Direct Services, Consulting/Subcontracting, and expansion of member services. If budgetary estimates are realized, the tribe's budgetary General Fund balance is expected to remain steady by the close of fiscal 2014. For the tribe's business-type activities, we expect 2014 results will improve based on reduction in operating costs and increase in operating margins.

Summer is here and it sure looks promising.

# Unit 4 board report — updating membership



**DENISE CHASE,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

In less than four years time, the tribal debt of \$28 million will be eliminated. After the debt is paid off, we will be able to

reprogram the funding (about \$7 million a year) back into programs and services and set aside a percentage of funding for future generations.

The tribal board needs to schedule a workshop to create a five and 10-year tribal strategic and revenue plan. The revenue plan is very important. We need to have a plan in place when casino expansion projects like Lansing occur so we can obligate a percentage of the casino revenues into savings, future expansions, provide additional funding for programs and services for the elders, youth, health and social services, etc.

The board also needs to plan and take a look at the possibility of giving ALL of our hard working team members either a

raise or cost of living increase. Some board members have commented during workshop discussions that some divisions can afford pay increases for their employees. We shouldn't pick or choose one program, division or enterprise over another, all team members should get an increase if the funding is identified, without cutting any programs or services.

The Gathering of the Clans powwow planning committee would like to invite you to the June 14 and 15 powwow in Manistique. The powwow is held behind the Manistique Tribal Center; free entrance and rough camping is available. Saturday grand entry is at 12 and 7 p.m. Feast meal is on Saturday at 5 p.m., and the auction is right after the feast meal. If you would

like to donate any items for the auction, please drop them off to Viola Neadow at the Manistique Tribal Center. I look forward to seeing you there.

On May 10, the Escanaba elders held a clean up of the Indian Pointe Cemetery in Nahma, Mich. Thank you to the following individuals who were able to volunteer: Betty Majestic, Gerald and Charlene Peters, Ernie and Pam Demmon, Ron and Brenda Nelson, Edward Goudreau, Beau Rochefort, Levi Morrow and Darcy Morrow. Thanks to the Manistique Kewadin Casino for providing lunch, pop and water, and for lending two of their maintenance workers to assist with the clean up. And, thanks to Beau for grilling. Pictures will be in

the *Elder Times* section of the newspaper.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge and thank our good friend and co-board member Joan Carr Anderson, for her years of service and dedication to the tribe, membership and her Unit V members. I wish her all the best, safe travels and good health during her retirement. I will miss this soft-spoken lady greatly, she is a true friend.

I would also like to say "congratulations" to all the high school and college graduates.

Thank you,  
Denise Chase, Vice-chairwoman  
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# Michigan is working to abolish tribal sovereignty



**DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

As we await the summer recess of U.S. Supreme Court, we also await a decision that may affect all tribal nations across this land. The State of Michigan filed suit against Bay Mills Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The case landed in the Supreme Court when the state appealed the decision of lower courts. What the state is now taking issue with and is asking the court to rule on is tribal sovereignty.

Tribal Sovereignty is NOT something that was "granted" by the U.S. Constitution; it was instead recognized as tribal nation's inherent right to govern themselves without the ability to be revoked. Even then, it was

understood that Native tribes were "nations" with political and geographical boundaries since time immemorial. This "Indian nation" recognition means each tribe is distinct from the other and has the right to manage themselves as well as have dealings with the federal government and their departments and subdivisions. It is the very base of our status as separate and equal governments.

The State of Michigan has in its sights the abolishment of tribal sovereignty. It wishes for the Supreme Court to agree to do so in an effort to control Indian tribes business efforts and casino operations. Instead of utilizing the remedies available to them via public law and gaming compacts, such as employing law enforcement, mediation and law suits, it chooses to destroy the status of every tribe in the nation. It is a selfish and despicable attempt. And I am more than angry with our governor and his staff for their arrogance and refusal to use the methods available to them for addressing differences, violations, and/or gaming compacts where they take issue. I am anxiously awaiting the Supreme Court decision, along

with every tribal nation in this country! We must hope that the court as well as Congress sees through the treachery and finds favorably for sovereignty by sending the state back to use the means already available to it.

I have always believed that every time our rights have been defined beyond the language of the U.S. Constitution and treaties, we lost ground. Our fishing rights were hard fought in the 1970s and I vividly remember the bumper stickers that read "Save a Fish, Spear an Indian!" I remember armed blockades and fishermen being fired upon for exercising their rights. Our rights were preserved by the heroic efforts of fisherman. From their fight came the 2000 Consent Decree defining our right to a share of the fishery in the Great Lakes.

Later, the 2007 Inland Consent Decree gave definition to our rights to a share in the natural resources inland, from the Great Lakes. This too defined our rights as to who, what, when, where and why we can hunt, fish and gather. Those tribes who signed this decree, agreed to somewhat mimic state DNR laws in those areas and to provide regulation of our members and the resources.

What was lost is our ability to exercise our rights on all federal and state land. Instead we are remanded to only those areas identified by the state. Which I am inclined to remind, was not even a government in 1836 at the time the treaties were signed.

I have to wonder, who will stand up to the State of Michigan in their bid to abolish sovereignty. If not us, who? If not now, when? Too often we tip toe around in

fear of offending the governments who see us as inferior or inconsequential. What happens in this U.S. Supreme Court case will affect every single tribe in the United States!

As always, I welcome your input. You may contact me at (906) 440-9762 or dmalloy@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully submitted,  
DJ Malloy



**Sault Tribe Chairman Aaron Payment (right) swore in attorneys Chad DePetro and John Lemire into the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court of Appeals on May 16 in the George K. Nolan Judicial Building.**



# Where the power lies; the right of referendum



**DENNIS MCKELVIE,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Who has the real power in our tribe? There has been talk about

this for years, and everyone has their own opinion on this. I, like everyone else, have my own. There are two differences where the power of the tribe can be found: one is our Constitution, which is the supreme law of our tribe; the second is our laws and bylaws.

First, we have the chair, who has the everyday power to run the tribe. Second, the board of directors, which has oversight of all things that happens in the tribe. Third, the people of the tribe, who also put the elected chair and board to serve.

As we know, the chair has limited powers to run the tribe that is given to the chair by the Constitution and the board of directors. Even this power can be

overridden by the board of directors. So the chair is not the all mighty power place in the tribe.

The board of directors has close to unlimited power if a majority of the directors vote to do or change things or the way the tribe does business. The tribal members have the supreme power in all the board does. They get the power by the right of referendum. Anything the board does can be overturned by the members of our tribe.

The right of referendum is a major check and balance of the board, with only 100 signatures on a petition to put out a referendum to a vote of the people. Referendums are final. When the board of directors amended Chapter 16 to have a board mem-

ber or the chair removed from office, the signature requirement was raised from 100 signatures to 10 percent of voter signatures, which is a much harder task to accomplish. The number of signatures required to referendum didn't change even though they tried to change this at the same time. By not amending the referendum requirement to meet the same standard as the Chapter 16 requirement, the BOD left the power of referendum at an attainable level for the members to reach. Referendum is the biggest power our people have. No government allows this kind of power within such close reach to their people. This is the major check and balance in our tribe. Never let the tribal leaders

change this.

Now on the debt news, we are still paying off our debt at a good pace. We are down to \$22.1 million. We need to get out of debt and stay out of debt. We need to spend only what we have.

I want to thank all the candidates for their participation in our election and congratulations to the finalists, and a big thank you to all the voters.

After seven months of snow on the ground, the sun is shining. Have a great day and enjoy your summer!

If you have an issue to discuss or a concern, please contact me at DMcKelvie@saulttribe.net, (906) 632-7267 or (906) 203-6698.

# Greed, anger, jealousy and lust for power has grown



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin Anishnaabek!

In the times of our ancestors, this month of June would be filled with excitement and joy as Mother Earth sprung to life. Everywhere, new life would be seen. There would be babies everywhere! From nests, dens, waters and wigwams, all of creation would be busy growing and adding new life to this world. After the long winters, the "powwow" season of traveling to nearby communities to visit with relatives and friends, gave us opportunities to learn, share and rejoice in the celebrations of life as Anishnaabe people.

Recently, I have seen and heard the worry from elders and young people alike, that these modern times have caused us to

lose those sacred ways — that goodness and connectedness to all things. Even though I know there are many who still have that "connectedness," it is easy to understand why some of our people feel that way. One need only to watch the evening news to see that greed, anger, jealousy and lust for power have made our world a much more dangerous place. Acts of violence and self-destructive behaviors (example substance abuse) are more and more common and claiming more and more lives. These negative things are no longer occurring in distant places, they are occurring in our own communities and in our own homes. We must change.

There are no quick or easy solutions. But I believe that "going back" to many of our old ways, will "bring us back" to our future. Relying on funding, programs and government initiatives is not enough. We have to rely on each other and the wisdom of our ancestors to provide for our good life.

This past month, I have watched as greed, anger, jealousy and lust for power has grown. I've heard people blame the bad behaviors on "election time." That is not a good excuse and I reject the notion that it is inevitable, because, during this "election time" I have seen new and young people come forward, who were not acting out of greed, anger, jealousy or lust for power. Many

young people sounded their voices, expressing their frustration with how things are and shared their thoughts on how things should be. Young people stepped up and offered to serve. YOUNG people, because they felt they HAD to.

Our young people want to be involved. When I was in the classroom teaching, my students always showed me what they needed to learn. Now, as an elected leader of our tribe, I plan to use my "teacher skills" and look to our young people who are speaking out, because I have realized they are showing me what they need to learn. It is time to teach. I will help them learn about the complexities of tribal, state and federal governments. When I can, I will be taking a young person traveling with me, so they can learn first-hand and experience tribal leadership. There will be no additional expense to the tribe for this — I will do this on my own.

It is not just a glib saying that "our children are our future," it is a fact. I am "going back" to our old way of growing our leadership and look for a young person with an interest (a gift) for tribal leadership work. I will use my teacher skills of demonstrating (modeling), instructing and hands-on involvement. I will ask, "If you were a director, what would you do?" Early mentoring is powerful. It is an old way that

needs to be brought back and I intend to do so, and right away. In this way I will help our children become our future.

During this past month, I continued to work on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and was an invited panelist to the tribal leadership event held in Mt. Pleasant. Of course, tribal politics is in full swing and, unfortunately, it consumes a great deal of time. I have brought forward a resolution that reassigns the duties of running the day-to-day operations of the tribe to a business professional, rather than a politician. Although it is being played out in the political arena as a personal attack and a "stripping the chairman of his authority" action, it is not. It is a common sense, practical approach that serves the best interest of the tribe; it is not about the chairperson's power or authority, it is about our tribe.

In addition to all of the meetings required and pertaining to board of directors' work, I am also working in the area of national drug courts and this month have spoken to Governor Snyder regarding developing better relationships with state prosecutors. I will be attending an NCAI conference in June that will have a focus day specific to Indian education. I am seeking to be on the State of Michigan committee regarding human trafficking (this is a growing problem

in tribal communities). Much of my travel is paid for by outside agencies, our federal school grant and other grants, rather than our tribal support dollars. It is a good way to help control costs.

June will be a very busy month, of course, with the election, and I want to share that there are numerous ways to become more informed about our tribe. If you have access to the internet, there is, of course, our tribal website <http://saulttribe.com/>, and my website <http://jmcleodsaulttribe.com>. But there are also various Facebook groups dedicated to discussions related to our tribe. Two that I frequently post to are <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SaultTribeMembers-ForBetterGovernment> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/saulttribemembersforum>. I encourage you all to explore the many ways of being an informed tribal member. Our newspaper is wonderful, but unfortunately only monthly, and these days, there is a lot going on!

Until next time, and as always, if I can be of any assistance or service, please contact me.

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# Yearly NIGA convention a great learning experience



**KEITH MASSAWAY,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Last month, I attended the National Indian Gaming

Association yearly convention and expo. It is a great learning experience each time I go. The first two days are full of breakout sessions and general assemblies. A very broad scope of all aspects of gaming are covered, from rules and regulations to gaming machines and best practices.

This year, a large number of sessions dealt with the possibility of online gaming. Networking with several contacts, I was able to get invited to a couple of side conversations that could work out in the future to be very beneficial to the tribe. Also, a large block of sessions was set up on legal and accounting practices. On the legal end, I concentrated on what tribes are going through with compact

negotiations with their states. One session even used Michigan tribes as an example. It seems we are not in as bad a situation as many tribes in other states. Some have given up a lot to game and even some have started to give up limited sovereign rights to appease states.

In Michigan, we will not be giving up our rights and we are negotiating from a very strong position. Other notables were sessions on marketing and player comps. I learned a lot about how different tribes and private casinos run those departments. On the third day, the convention floor opened for the exposition. All the new casino slots and games are available and so much

more, cash counting machines and redemption centers, architects and engineers along with hotel outfitters and casino carpets and amenities. I focused a lot of time on our redemption centers.

We are currently exploring replacing our casinos' outdated machines. The very cutting edge of technology is so vibrant and exciting but also very expensive. Gathering all my notes and literature, I have given a verbal report to the tribal board and to the gaming commission. I will follow up with a written report to the casino COO and staff soon.

The Ojibwa Museum in St. Ignace hosted festivities on its grounds for Heritage Days. It was a beautiful day and a great event.

Congratulations go to everyone involved. The Fort De Baude in St. Ignace has a new exhibit. It is a display of lithographs from a long lost Smithsonian exhibit, *The History of the Indian Tribes of North America*. And 121 portraits are hung in a special room for all to enjoy. The original chalk and oil paintings were destroyed in a fire at the Smithsonian. They were painted by McKenny and Hall from 1836 to 1844. It is a great chance to see our Native chiefs as they looked when they traveled to Washington, D.C., in the early 1800s. Thank you for all the calls and e-mails. Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781, (906) 643-6981, [kmassaway@msn.com](mailto:kmassaway@msn.com).



# Trying times for our government and people



**LANA CAUSLEY,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Trying times as usual for our government and its people. We are in the midst of our election cycle and I watch all the items tribal members have to weigh through to get to a decision. I'm confident that all of you who do vote can make

informed decisions, and I trust that. As a leader, I would like to acknowledge all the candidates who stepped up because they felt and feel strongly about our future, everyone who does, whether it's in an election or just our members showing support and pride for our people, shows an act of courage and that should be recognized. I'm actually prohibited from saying much more but I can say I'm confident and trust the members.

I was asked to speak about the survey published in the last edition of our paper, I will refrain from speaking about any person's intent, but I will state facts. This was NOT a survey that was sent out by our government as a whole, I'm not aware of who received it, how many had been sent, how the process worked or the contents. As a member, I was not afforded a survey to

complete. The governing body was not notified or given any consultation about it. I will say that I look forward to a discussion about a real factual tribal-wide survey that will be structured and will hear the input from our entire membership.

I was additionally asked to speak about the draft constitution also placed in the recent papers. Again, no intent will be offered but this was NOT the original document that the Constitution Committee drafted and wanted presented to the membership. Confusion is very hard on our members and giving you the facts is the responsible thing to do. If you would like a copy of the original draft presented from the committee of tribal members, please call Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050. It is actually too sacred of a document to be used for playing out political agendas.

As far as our tribal business, we have been informed that our 2014 budget this far is steady, we have an amount of about \$37,000 on the governmental that is in the black and that is extremely low, so stability and caution on any spending is crucial. We will be facing more reduction of funds from our funding sources so that will mean proper planning and prioritizing. It's difficult but I'm at the table for these discussions and debt reduction and increasing revenue are my priorities. Our casinos continue to see a small decline and that's a mix of many items, our gaming authority has met bi-weekly on plans for marketing, increasing revenue and team member moral, but it's getting stagnant and that's frustrating. I know members have spoken to me about this, I've asked for the input and have received it. Know that we are

attempting to make changes that will be prosperous for our people. This is the most difficult part of our job, changes and holding people accountable are not easy.

I choose my words very carefully in the report because I truly know how everyone feels about the mudslinging, mis-truths, attacks and looking in the past. It is simply not my style (I have learned many lessons and have grown this last decade and will continue to learn and lead). Let me deal with that as your leader, and I sincerely appreciate all of you who trust me and respect that I can and do handle it for the future of our people.

As always, please contact me if you would like to meet to discuss any ideas, concerns or participation in which you would like to get involved, [lcousley@saulttribe.net](mailto:lcousley@saulttribe.net) (906) 484-2954 or 322-3818. Baamaapii.

## Letter to the editor: Accused of sending "hate mail"

Aanii, my name is Angela DeClue and I am one of the administrators on Sault Tribe Guide (on Facebook). In the last issue of the newspaper, I was accused by Director Sorenson of sending her a "hate email." I have requested to have that email printed here, and have also printed it on Sault Tribe Guide prior and after sending it to Director Bridgett Sorenson, here it is:

"Why is it that every single one of your unit reports focuses on blaming the chairman for one thing or another? Don't you think the lovely people of your community would rather hear

the work you are doing for them as opposed to the work that you feel the chairman is not doing in your opinion? There is a very large population of the tribal community that is getting tired of your monthly rants in our newspaper of you laying blame on the chairman for the boards inability to accomplish much of anything. We feel maybe if you had to pay for your ad, that perhaps you would spend less time trying to find fault with the chairman and more time trying to fix the problems that are running rampant in the tribe. There is enough negative feelings, hatred, and what not going around in this

tribe as it is, why do you feel the need to keep it going month after month after month? The chairman quit posting on the social media sites as was requested, but you just have to keep on poking him don't you? Well keep poking, and you will get poked back. I think it's you who needs to get a life, be a role model for your children woman! Act like you have some common sense, how embarrassing it must be for those poor kids!!"

Director Sorenson subsequently wrote in her unit report, "[The Sault Tribe Guide] ad in the newspaper specifically

states, 'Productive and thought provoking conversation intended to help members and our tribe. All opinions valued.' So in your opinion does calling me a big fat liar and "the bridge" fulfill that mission? So I guess because I am fat I cannot perform the job I was elected to do? To me that means all she can find fault with is my appearance, not my performance," followed by more about my attendance at board meetings.

Nowhere did I refer to Director Sorenson's physique, and in fact, the term, "The Bridge," is short for "Bridgett."

STG members paid over \$500 to have an ad placed in the paper for three months, and I sent a personal email to a board member. I see no connection to why this director felt it necessary to connect the email I sent her with a paying advertiser in the newspaper. We ask for a formal apology from Director Sorenson. I think the people of the tribe need to hear what is going on in the tribe, not have 15-20 percent of a unit report spent on talking about an email or trash talking a paying advertiser.

Angela DeClue,  
Pontiac, Mich.

## McKelvie offers community education through ARC

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Hali McKelvie is a community educator for the Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) – and is herself a community resource. She works with individuals through the Resource Center, presents to local organizations and agencies on domestic violence, sexual assault, teen dating violence and stalking and offers services for elder abuse and bullying.

She works one-on-one with women for 10 weeks to provide a course focusing on identifying domestic violence, patterns of battering and helping them to gain insight on how being victimized may have affected their lives and the lives of their children. She also offers a look at how to self assess themselves and their partners and where to find resources and how to get help.

McKelvie was laid off in Sept. 2013 when the American Recovery Act grant that funded her position was not refunded. She was brought back on board in April using funding that was reallocated under a different grant.

She said when she began working for the ARC in 2011, she didn't realize how big both personally and professionally the job would turn out to be. "When people are blessing you to work with them one on one, and allow you to be a part of their life, to



help them and provide them with tools, that is a big responsibility to that individual and the agency you work for," she said.

Some of the bigger events the ARC sponsors each year include domestic violence awareness in October with a walk and different activities, and in April with a sexual assault awareness walk. Teens also have a chance to learn and participate during the annual teen conference held each April that focuses on healthy relationships. She said this year teens addressed bullying and sexual assault awareness and prevention and in addition to healthy relationships also spoke about prom preparedness. "We had just under 60 teens from the Sault and Manistique participate," she said. "It's one of my favorite events during the year because I

get to see and hear what is going on currently in their generation. Between the time I graduated 10 years ago and now, there is already a world of difference.

"Youth are at a higher risk to be exploited and victimized today more then ever due to social media and the anonymity of sites such as Snapchat. This year I presented on cyber bullying in social media and the effects and risks and preventative

measures that can be taken to reduce that risk," she said.

In addition to community education, legal and personal advocacy, the services of a therapist, the ARC also provides a women's and children's domestic violence shelter that houses up to 16 people at any one time. Both tribal members and community members can access their services.

McKelvie said there is a huge need within our community for education about domestic violence and sexual assault. "The statistics are horrific," she said. "The national stats show that one in three Native American women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. With domestic violence it's two in every five Native American women. We are

at a higher risk than any other nationality in the U.S. to be victimized and there is a lack of awareness and education to our members. The need is there – in our own community the numbers are quite high," she said.

McKelvie said the Sault is a very progressive community, with many different agencies offering services to victims and hosting community awareness events. "We are here and ready to serve and assist our tribal members through the transition and all the feelings associated with sexual assault or domestic violence," she said.

Two main components that can be used to combat the high rates, McKelvie said, are social responsibility and education about preventative measures. "How can

we put an end to our women and children being hurt? How can we break the cycle our young boys are learning from exposure?"

What can you do? Become involved and get educated. Speak with children and community leaders, including law enforcement – the funders, lawmakers, and policyholders – utilize the resources available to you. "Anyone can become an ally or advocate for domestic violence or sexual assault. It's doing what is right for that human being next to you," she said.

For more information visit the ARC on the Sault Tribe website at: [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) or Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/saulttribeARC> or call: (906) 632-1808 or toll free at (866) 639-7820.

### Additional online resources:

- National Indigenous Women's Resource Center: <http://www.niwrc.org/>
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence: <http://www.nrcdv.org/>
- Domestic Violence Hotline: <http://www.thehotline.org/>
- Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network: [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)
- Male Sexual Assault: <http://www.malesurvivor.org/>
- Stalking: <http://www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org/>
- Teen Dating Violence: <http://www.loveisrespect.org/>
- National Center on Elder Abuse: <http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/>
- Bullying: <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/>





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