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Youth suicide is more than a mental health issue, it's a cultural and historical issue

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Youth suicide is an issue that has plagued Native American adolescents throughout the country, including on our own reservations and in our communities, at higher rates than non-Native populations. That fact was highlighted Sept. 2 at the tribe's ceremonial building in an open discussion led by Seth Allard, a tribal member and graduate student of anthropology from Western Michigan University who visited the Sault with his message: youth suicide is more than a mental health issue.

Allard presented a reading of academic research results, which highlighted traditional aspects of child rearing and the interpersonal relationships in traditional Ojibwe culture that changed as a result of interaction with non-Ojibwe societies. Allard drew connections between harmful changes in Ojibwe culture and our understanding of youth suicide to date. He also provided creative writings, which brought a personal, narrative perspective to the sensitive issue.

Allard said that until recently, most research of youth suicide in indigenous communities has revolved around Western approaches to clinical psychology and evaluation in tribal communities. Not long after beginning his research in 2013, which was made in an effort to study the relationship between history, culture and youth suicide, he realized that connection had not been made very strongly.

He said, "Approaching an indigenous individual with the same mindset you would any other individual completely ignores the cultural factors going on in that person's life. For instance, that person's family



Seth Allard

has probably undergone forced acculturation and racism, poverty, a loss of their culture and language — and that has an enormous effect on anyone's attempt to understand and prevent suicide."

Allard added, "In recent years indigenous researchers are trying to bring to light the historical and cultural factors that have contributed to the rise and spread of youth suicide by making the community the central voice in research and prevention."

A dinner and talking circle were also part of the evening's events. Between 15 to 20 people from various backgrounds, including one youth, some elders and representatives of the academic community, participated.

Allard is passionate in his beliefs, while approaching them from a perspective based in research, as well as traditional ways of knowing. "We need to divert our energies and resources and heavily invest in our children," he said. "I know there are many people who have already done this, and I am not downplaying what they have accomplished. But we need to invest more into our tribal and public schools and make it a fact that by the time tribal youth graduate

they are fluent in our language. We need children to have a large percentage of their instruction in Ojibwe culture and language to open them up to traditional ways of learning from multiple sources in the community."

Allard said he would like to help tribes come together and work to pass federal legislation that mandates public universities recognize fluency training in a Native American language as meeting requirements for a secondary language for a degree program, which is an idea he said that did not originate with him, and is an example of how tribal peoples can proactively re-establish their language and culture into every day life.

"Language is our book of history — if you lose the language you essentially lose what holds the facts of Ojibwe history," he said. "My goal in holding the meeting was to help bolster public awareness of the issues surrounding suicide and inform the community of the cultural component. A priority was to create a space for people to come together and not just listen to me, but to come together and think about youth suicide, to have people share their experiences and thoughts, not only on how youth suicide came to be, but on how we can prevent it.

"How can we move on in a way that stops this issue? If you look at history, particularly the history of our interactions with non-Native communities and societies, and the taking away of our lands and the destruction of natural resources used by families and tribes for spiritual and cultural purposes — that all has a great and lasting effect on people."

He also asked the question, "Why do our efforts as a people not seem to be completely successful in eradicating this issue?" and attempted to answer that question by exploring two concepts: intervention and prevention.

Allard said that intervention efforts are when you are trying to get between an individual who is already under the influence of factors which contribute to youth suicide and the possibility that the person will attempt or succeed in suicide. Contributing factors that can increase the risk associated with suicide include substance abuse, dysfunctional family relationships, depression and anxiety, or unhealthy relationships between males and females. He said people often confuse intervention with prevention efforts.

Allard promotes an understanding and inclusion of prevention-based approaches, which he describes as "removing or reducing the contributing factors to such a degree that the chances that an individual will attempt or commit suicide are drastically decreased." According to his research, the tools for preventing unhealthy behaviors, including suicide, were likely well in place before Ojibwe people were exposed to non-Ojibwe culture.

He said one thing he took away from the talking circle discussion was the realization that, "...it's not any one political leader or government, it's no amount of money, no set of rights put down on paper, it's not any one social group that will solve this issue. Those things do play a role in how things develop — but in the end it's always going to be individuals acting as a family,

and families acting as a people."

In the end, he said, our people are amazingly strong. "It makes me so proud every day to say that I am Ojibwe. When I began studying our history and culture it was difficult to get over the descriptions of the constant pain of the trials and tribulations, but through all of it there is always that light at the end of the tunnel — the continuation of our people despite amazing odds.

"I believe we are at a crossroads that some might call the prophesy of the Seven Fires. We are stuck at that fork in the path not knowing which way to go. One leads to a return to our ways even though they are changed and adapted, a return to a path of continuing health, honor and tradition as Ojibwe people. The other path is reliance on technology and outside control and a loss of family. I believe our not knowing how to make that decision in our personal lives and in our lives as a people are exhibited in our youth and in their battle with youth suicide. It is going to take everybody working together to resolve this issue. I have faith that we will make the right choices, that parents will decide to be good parents and children will decide to live an honorable and happy life. I feel that our leaders will come around and that we will prevail over this issue," he said.

In addition to being a graduate student in cultural anthropology, Allard is also in a certification program for ethno-history and holds a degree in history. He has concentrated on Native American studies since the start of his undergraduate work at WMU. Allard anticipates on graduating with his masters degree this June.

Members' addresses must be current with tribal Enrollment Department and post office

As an enrolled tribal member, it's very important that you change your address with the tribe whenever you move. Keeping your address up to date means you will get all your tribal mail and receive your tribal newspaper.

It's very simple and convenient: Call (800) 251-6597 or email enrollment@saulttribe.net.

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When changing your address with the tribe, it is also very important that you submit a change of address form to the U.S. Postal Service.

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- Go to moversguide.usps.com. This is the official site for changing your USPS address; others are third-party services that charge a fee on top of the \$1.05.

- Note: \$1.05 verification fee is required (You will need a credit or debit card).

By Form (PS Form 3575). To avoid the \$1.05 verification fee, you can fill out PS Form 3575 using the following methods:

- Fill out the form via the web (<https://moversguide.usps.com>) and print before submitting payment.

- Pick up Form 3575 at your local Post Office.

- Mail carrier can bring a form to your address (Call 1-800-ASK-

USPS to have an agent request a form for you).

- Note: The completed form should be dropped off at, or mailed to, the post office facility of your old address.

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Tribal Court seeks elder for appellate judge position

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians seeks a qualified elder for the position of appellate judge (reserve) in the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Appellate Court.

The Appellate Court meets monthly. Oral argument is held in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Appeals filed vary from year to year, but typically can be anywhere from one to four per year.

This position, when active, includes a \$200 per month stipend, unless you are an employee of the tribe.

Qualifications for the elder position include applicant must be a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians or other tribe, over the age of 60 years.

To further be considered for these positions, Applicants should be able to demonstrate that they have substantial education and experience working with tribal,

state and federal law, extensive knowledge in juvenile, criminal and child welfare proceedings and knowledge and understanding of the history and traditions of Sault Tribe

A letter of interest, resume, and application should be submitted to Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, Attn: Court Administrator.

Applications can be picked up at the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court or found at www.saulttribe.com, in the download section of Tribal Court's webpage under the Government tab. A copy of Tribal Code is also available to view at www.saulttribe.com.

For more information, please contact the court administrator's office at (906) 635-7747, or via email at tswan@saulttribe.net.

The deadline to submit an application is Sept. 30, 2014.

WIA seeking applications from students for tribe's after school work program

The Sault Tribe Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Department is currently accepting applications for the Work Experience Program. Applicants must be aged 16 to 21 with American Indian ancestry and reside in the Sault Tribe service area.

Those interested in applying for after school employment can acquire applications at the WIA office at 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, or by calling Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767.

Munising walking track open house scheduled for Sept. 20 at Chippewa Community Center

Kitchi-Miniss Ednakiiyaang Gamig Grand Island Chippewa Community Center walking track open house is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 615 W. Munising Ave. in Munising, Mich.

All community members are welcome. Light refreshments will be served and track tours available. Please use the Munising Avenue entrance.

UPWARD BOUND SERVICES COORDINATOR SOUGHT

Lake Superior State University seeks qualified applicants for the position of Services Coordinator to work in the Upward Bound office.

Responsibilities: The selected candidate will conduct career advising of participants; develop an enhanced career exploration component; and design individualized career research plans for participants. Will assist in the development of individualized educational plans for participants; document services provided; evaluate effectiveness of career exploration and other activities. Participate in project activities with participants, including instructing one course during the Summer Session.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in an academic field and two years experience in student.
- Services at the high school or college level.
- Demonstrate a high degree of awareness of available community and helping.
- Agency services for disadvantaged teens and their families.
- Experience with career and academic standardized tests/assessments.

Application Procedures: In order to be considered for this position, please apply online at: <https://jobs.lssu.edu>.

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A single act can save a veteran's life

Call (800) 273-8255 and press 1 to get help now for troubled veterans

Every year, organizations across the country recognize September as Suicide Prevention Month. This year, the Veterans Crisis Line is asking you to think about the power of one and consider the many ways a single act can give veterans access to confidential support and resources.

For veterans going through a difficult time and their loved ones who are concerned about them, a single call, chat or text can be a critical first step. One conversation with a veteran about how he or she is doing can open the door to services and support.

Everyone can be the person who makes a difference in a veteran's life, and connecting with support doesn't have to be hard. The Veterans Crisis Line can help.

FREE, CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

The Veterans Crisis Line is a free, confidential resource that veterans and their families and friends can access any day, anytime. Trained professionals — some of them veterans themselves — are ready to listen, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Since launching in 2007, the Veterans Crisis Line has answered more than 1.25 million calls and made more than

39,000 lifesaving rescues.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) counts on grass-roots networks and community organizations to spread the word that support is just a call, click, or text away — because one small act can make the difference.

IDENTIFYING SIGNS OF CRISIS

VA urges groups and individuals nationwide to stay alert for signs of suicide risk. The first step in preventing suicide is understanding the warning signs. People may show signs of risk before considering harming themselves. Warning signs include:

- Hopelessness, feeling like there's no way out.
- Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness or mood swings.
- Feeling like there's no reason to live.
- Rage or anger.
- Engaging in risky activities without thinking.
- Increasing alcohol or drug abuse.
- Withdrawing from family and friends.

The presence of the following signs requires immediate attention:

- Thinking about hurting or killing yourself.

- Looking for ways to kill yourself.
- Talking about death, dying or suicide.
- Self-destructive behavior such as drug abuse, weapons, etc.

If you notice these warning signs, tell a veteran about the Veterans Crisis Line or make the call yourself. Call (800) 273-8255 and press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, or text to 838255 for free, confidential support, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

SPREAD THE WORD

This Suicide Prevention Month, show how the power of one single act can save a life. Visit VeteransCrisisLine.net/ThePowerof1 to download free Suicide Prevention Month materials, including flyers to print and distribute, digital ads to display on your website, and content to post on social networks or publish in newsletters. Learn how you and your community can work together to prevent suicide.

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. We are all part of the solution, and it starts with one small act.

Visit VeteransCrisisLine.net to learn more.

Sugar Island Powwow Committee gives thanks

The Sugar Island Powwow Committee thanks everyone who helped during the 18th annual powwow. We want to extend a heart-felt thank you for your commitment to making this event so successful. Gchi miigwech to Joe and Becky Parish, Mick Frechette and family, Denny McKelvie, Cecil E. Pavlat Sr. and family, Colleen St. Onge and Joe Medicine, Sam and Dan Gardner, Leonard Kimewon, Neil McCoy, Leslie Ailing and family,

Bill Bouschor, Graz and Rene Shipman, Josh Homminga and Sarah Bedell, Hailey Rath, James McKerchie, Jamie McKelvie and family, Jim "Frisky" Young, Deb Pine, Angeline Bouley and family, head staff and flag carriers, vendors, drums and dancers.

Gchi miigwech also to all of our sponsors including, but not limited to, Kewadin Casinos, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Indian Energy LLC. Please

know that partnerships with our sponsors are vital to the success of our annual powwow. We apologize if we have forgotten to include anyone on this list.

We appreciate all the help given leading up to and over powwow weekend. It is truly an honor for the committee to plan and work the annual Sugar Island powwow.

Baamaa miinwa niibing ka waaminim!

Support groups in Sault Ste. Marie help folks who must deal with a loved one's drug abuse

Fundraiser for Families Against Narcotics set for Oct. 4 at Aune-Osborn Park, lots of fun!

Families Against Narcotics meetings

FAN meets on the third

Wednesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Huntington Bank meeting room in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 203-8959, email chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org or visit www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org.

Meeting dates for October and November are Oct. 15 and Nov. 19.

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 on the first and third Mondays of each month

at 6 p.m. at the Huntington Bank in Sault Ste. Marie. Coming meetings are on Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17. Please call Linda at (906) 440-7252 or Suzy at 248-3545 for more information.

Hogs for Hope fundraiser

Families Against Narcotics (FAN) is sponsoring a fundraising pig roast on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 1-7 p.m. at Aune-Osborn Park in Sault Ste. Marie. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. There will be live bands, a silent auction, bake sale, pie contest and a 50/50 draw. Kids six and under eat free. All proceeds go to FAN of Chippewa County. For advance tickets, call (906) 203-8959.

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Board resolutions passed Aug. 19 and Sept. 2

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 19 in Marquette. All board members were present with the exception of Jennifer McLeod.

The board passed 11 resolutions, six by unanimous vote.

Res. 2014-144: 2014 Coastal Program – This resolution gives the chair or his representative the authority to sign, negotiate, amend and execute agreements for the 2014 Coastal Program administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to help with the funding of a long-term habitat restoration effort on the upper St. Marys River by the Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Service.

Res. 2014-145: U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development 306c grant, chairperson signature authority – The tribe was awarded a 306c grant in the amount of \$619,000 for providing city water to the Odenaang Subdivision by the USDA. This resolution authorizes the chair to sign and submit the pay applications and invoices

to the USDA Rural Development on behalf of the tribe in relation to the grant.

Res. 2014-146: VOCA Grant Program, Victim of Crime Act – The board authorized an application to the Crime Victim Services Commission for continued funding of the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) Program for 2015. The tribe has been successfully administering a VOCA program since 1988.

Res. 2014-147: Authorization to Purchase Property, Chippewa County Land Auction – This resolution authorized the chairman and treasurer to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of two properties in Chippewa County, not to exceed the price of \$5,000 in total.

Res. 2014-148: Authorization to change signature authority, bank accounts – This resolution rescinded all previously approved resolutions regarding signature authority on bank accounts and requires the signature of two designated signatories.

Res. 2014-149: Authorization to Change Signature Authority, Trust Accounts – This resolution rescinds all previously approved resolutions regarding signature authority on trust accounts and also requires the signatures of two signatories.

Res. 2014-150: Appointing Tax Commission Members – The three-year terms of Catherine Hollowell, Keith Massaway and Dennis McKelvie on the Tax Commission were reinstated for an additional three-year term by the board. Tax Commissioner James Halvorsen was also reappointed for an additional three years.

Res. 2014-151: Appointing Audit Committee Members – The board appointed Dennis McKelvie to serve as Audit Committee Chairman, to serve until the expiration of his current term as Tribal Treasurer. The following directors were named to the Audit Committee to serve until the expiration of their current term on the board of directors: DJ Hoffman, Catherine Hollowell, Keith Massaway, Rita

Glyptis, with the chairperson serving as an alternate when needed for a quorum. James Halvorsen was reappointed to serve for a period of four years from the date of the resolution.

Res. 2014-152: Manistique Health Center and Third Party FY 2014 Budget Modifications – The board approved budget modifications with no effect on tribal support.

Res. 2014-153: IHS Special Diabetes and Community Transformation FY 2014 Budget Modifications – The board approved the modifications with no effect on tribal support.

Res. 2014-154: Inter-Tribal Fisheries, Inland Fish and Wildlife and Conservation Management FY 2014 Budget Modifications – The board approved a decrease in tribal support of \$193,363 and other revenue of \$17,414, and an increase in Federal BIA revenue of \$348,507.

For a complete listing of the voting and roll call matrix and the approved resolutions, go to www.saulttribe.com.

The board convened another meeting on Sept. 2 in Sault Ste. Marie.

An application for a grant from Notah Begay III Foundation was approved to support children's health. The grant would help Sault Tribe to develop an action plan to address childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes.

A 2014 Summer Youth Employment Grant was officially accepted on behalf of the tribe's Workforce Investment Act Program.

A 2014 Comprehensive Service Program grant was officially accepted on behalf of the tribe's Workforce Investment Act Program.

A fiscal year 2014 budget modification was approved for changes in personnel, reallocation of expenses and a \$46,972.02 reduction in Indian Health Service funding.

The usual \$50,000 allotment of 2 percent funding for the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office was discontinued due to other working agreements between both parties.

Tribal programs make semi-annual reports to board

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.

The most recent presentation was held Aug. 20.

Sault Tribe Purchasing: Department Director Bradley R. Pringle presented a summary of the department including goals and objectives, monthly budgetary statistics, budgetary summaries, budgetary dollars to labor, accomplishments, coming projects, Northern Michigan Tribal Purchasing Alliance, concerns, why cost savings is more important than increased revenue and how purchasing figures cost savings.

Pringle directly supervises 30 team members. He said purchasing services include obtaining information concerning products and services, including pricing; specification, conditions and selecting appropriate suppliers for purchases; managing the purchase order program, performing cost analysis of current and potential suppliers, managing and evaluating supplier bids, negotiating and managing vendor contract agreements, maintaining accounts payable paperwork, managing

tax-exemption forms, identifying trends in markets and areas of operations for potential cost savings, asset disposal or resale and the coordination of co-op buying with other Michigan tribes, GSA and MIDEAL.

Shipping and receiving services for the Sault and Shores casinos, include inventory stock management, order processing, pickup and delivery of products, warehousing and storage, tribal-wide office moves and setups, labor for banquets and entertainment for event setups, daily seven-county mail run, logistics management of assets, labor for recycling programs and records box management with a seven-year storage life.

Northern Travel Services: Pre-trip travel authorization, price quoting and planning; schedule bookings for hotels, airlines, trains, car rental, ferry services, conference registration and mapping requests; direct billing arrangements for services and month end reconciliation for direct billing.

Purchasing goals and objectives include purchasing, utilize cost effective vendors and maintain cost savings and standardized list of acceptable vendors.

Shipping and Receiving: Control inventory levels and improve stock turns and reduce inventory costs.

Northern Travel: Sustain low costs of travel and ensure compliance of tribal policies. Maintain travel standards while using cost effective travel solutions.

A few examples of accomplishments in Purchasing include switch to bulk CO2 containers at each casino – saving hundreds of man-hours a year and \$7,844 in CO2 costs, bid and switched Midjim's main supplier with the largest cost savings being in cigarette pricing with an expected yearly savings of \$85,000. Pringle said Midjim and tribal accounting representatives did a great job handling such a large transition. Bid and switched the tribe's bottled water supplier, saving about \$9,216 a year.

Current and coming projects include an addendum for bid policy involving bid recording, Sault Tribe Construction scope of work and background checks on vendors who are awarded bids.

Other projects include purchasing discounted copy paper from a local vendor and working with the Shores and Sault casinos to make updates to their lighting systems, among others.

Culture Department: Cultural buildings coordinator Jackie Minton presented a review of camps at the Mary Murray Culture Camp, improvements made there and the powwow grounds adjacent to the Chi

Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

She said 26 participants learned how to survive cold weather and be prepared for an emergency stay in the elements at the annual winter survival camp. Participants worked in groups building rough shelters and learned how to make a fire to cook lunch using flint.

In moccasin making camp, 10 participants learned how to measure, cut out patterns and sew a pair of moccasins.

A big drum camp was held with guest Keith Smith, who gave 20 participants teachings of the drum and what it takes to sing and care for a big drum.

Spring's sugar bush had 45 participants led by Amy McCoy. In addition to traditional sugar bush activities, participants learned how to count to 10 in Anishinaabemowin, to introduce themselves and to say words that pertained to sugar bush activities.

Warrior camp had 21 participants who gained traditional knowledge and skills based on traditional warrior society teachings. In addition to warrior teachings, participants were given teachings in spirituality, natural life skills, healthy lifestyles, physical activities and leadership skills. Thirteen people came to support the camp and teachings, including staff from the Mary Murray Culture

Camp and Traditional Medicine.

The young environmentalist camp had 12 participants who learned about forests, wildlife, bugs and wetlands. Eight community members volunteered as support for this camp.

Minton said this year's homecoming powwow and spiritual gathering had 450 participants and 10 drums. Activities included blessing of the grounds, chief's feast, spiritual gathering, kids carnival and four grand entries.

Mary Murray Culture Camp improvements included replacing the sewer pump, installing a generator with a propane tank for emergency use, roof repairs and culverts replaced, a wood shed is being built to prevent theft of fire wood.

Improvements to the powwow grounds include a new veteran's arbor and a refurbished emcee stand with other suggested improvements in the near future.

Cultural training specialist with the Human Resources Department, Josh Homminga, works closely with the Cultural Department and presented with them. He spoke about preserving our past as a tribe and the tools he has available to help members and employees do that, including

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GAO: EPA lacking in protections against fracking

ProPublica cites report on 33 gas and oil companies using dangerous and illegal fracking methods and materials

By Rick Smith

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) published a report on July 28 recommending the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) improve its protection of underground drinking water sources from contamination caused by fracking.

Fracking is a commonly used term for procedures using fluids under high pressure to induce the flow of crude oil from layers

of underground rock. The GAO conducts audits, evaluations and investigations on the workings of the federal government for the U.S. Congress.

The agency reviewed the EPA oversight of the underground injection control class II program and issued a 103-page report on their findings. The report, titled Drinking Water: EPA Program to Protect Underground Sources from Injection of Fluids Associated With Oil and Gas

Production Needs Improvement, examines EPA and state responsibilities, resources and safeguards in place to protect drinking water. Further, the report examines EPA oversight, enforcement and reliability of official information.

While 39 states are approved to manage their own programs to protect drinking water sources, the EPA is responsible for managing such programs in the remaining states. This

arrangement requires a mix of state and federal funding, resources and personnel and, so far, has been deemed effective with few incidents of contamination. But the GAO contends risks such as seismic activity and abnormally high pressure in geologic formations have not been taken into consideration.

Among recommendations to ensure EPA oversight of protecting drinking water is effective, the GAO suggested the EPA technicians should review risks of the impact of earth movement, excessive pressure, large amounts of waste water produced from fracking; improve nationwide reporting; develop and implement rules to incorporate state program requirements into federal regulations plus evaluate how the rules could be streamlined for efficiency; and evaluate and revise essential activities needed to effectively oversee state and EPA programs.

The GAO is leaving the recommendation issues open until it can confirm the EPA has acted on them. Updates will be provided on actions taken.

Those interested in viewing or downloading the report in its entirety should visit www.gao.gov/assets/670/664499.pdf.

The independent investigative journalism organization, ProPublica, recently highlighted a 21-page report from the

Environmental Integrity Project that charges 33 oil and gas companies have been using diesel fuel illegally in their fracking operations and altering records to cover violations of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The full report, titled Fracking Beyond the Law: Despite Industry Denials, Investigation Reveals Continued Use of Diesel Fuels in Hydraulic Fracturing, can be viewed or downloaded online at environmentalintegrity.org/wp-content/uploads/fracking-beyond-the-law.pdf

According to notations on the report, the Environmental Integrity Project is a non-partisan, non-profit organization established in March of 2002 by former EPA enforcement attorneys to advocate for effective enforcement of environmental laws.

The organization has three goals — to provide objective analyses of how the failure to enforce or implement environmental laws increases pollution and affects public health; hold federal and state agencies, as well as individual corporations, accountable for failing to enforce or comply with environmental laws; and help local communities obtain the protection of environmental laws.

The Environmental Integrity Project is online at www.environmentalintegrity.org.

PROTECT WOLVES — RESTORE DEMOCRACY

As a State Rep, my opponent voted to allow the wolf hunt in Michigan, and when citizens rose up and gathered the signatures to put the wolf hunt to a vote of the People, he said that he was proud of his vote to deny us that First Amendment right. And now, as a reward for his shameful votes, he wants you to send him to the State Senate!! We deserve better—

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the *Preserving Our Past* videos, teachings on elders, the medicine wheel, seven grandfathers and traditional ceremonies.

He teaches cultural awareness by sharing knowledge of the Anishnaabe history and ways. He also helps new employees to adjust to the tribal environment by increasing their knowledge of tribal customs. Homminga said he is happy to assist with questions about cultural activities so members and employees feel comfortable attending tribal events. He is also happy to assist with filling out cultural leave paperwork and explaining events.

Outreach is accomplished through his involvement with the Powwow Committee, Cultural Committee and Bahweting Singers. He shared one of his favorite quotes by the late Rosemary Gaskin, "I think our employees should know more about the Sault Tribe, more than just seeing Sault Tribe on their paycheck."

Repatriation specialist Cecil Pavlat, assistant Colleen St. Onge and language instructor Theresa Lewis, gave their reports to the board. Two other members of their department were absent, maintenance technician Les Ailing and language instructor (consultant) Leonard Kimewon.

Pavlat's office is responsible for representing the tribe on Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act matters, including returning ancestral remains, items of patrimony and sacred items. In June, a wooden bowl from the late 1700s to late 1800s in Mackinac County was repatriated.

St. Onge and Pavlat traveled to Germany in May to meet with representatives from the Karl May

Museum where an Ojibwe ancestor is housed. They signed a letter of understanding with the museum and are hopeful they initiated the repatriation process.

Other repatriation efforts include work with the University of Michigan and the Toledo Zoological Society to assist the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe repatriate the Younge site ancestors, which includes 812 associated funerary objects and 94 ancestors. They are working on repatriation efforts with the Field Museum, Peabody Museum and Notre Dame.

Also under the department's umbrella is the Niigaanagiihik Ceremonial Building. In the past eight months, 101 events were held at the building. The building is used for a variety of family gatherings, school functions and ceremonies.

Ailing, Pavlat and St. Onge are responsible for cultural preservation activities, including ceremonies, traditional burials, sharing teachings, building lodges, sacred fires and answering questions. St. Onge and Pavlat are available 24/7 for inadvertent discoveries such as ancestral remains. Ailing is the caretaker for Brady Park in conjunction with the Bay Mills Indian Community.

The language component provides Livestream classes to anyone, anywhere with Internet access by going to new.livestream.com/saulttribelanguage. The department also teaches Anishinaabemowin to the Early Childhood Education Program and has community language classes in Munising, Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace.

Jewell orders improvements in DOI trust duties

NCAI proposes trust reform action plan, meetings and task force

BY RICK SMITH

U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell issued a reaffirmation of the federal trust responsibility to federally recognized Indian tribes and individual Indian beneficiaries. The reaffirmation was issued on Aug. 20 as a department-wide order that included goals for improving the mechanisms of the department's trust workings.

"In recent decades, the trust relationship has weathered a difficult period in which Indian tribes and individual Indians have resorted to litigation asserting that the department had failed to fulfill its trust responsibility, mainly with regard to the management and accounting of tribal trust funds and trust assets," Jewell noted in Secretarial

Order 3335. Prominent among examples, Jewell cited the Cobell case — one of the largest class action suits filed against the United States — and more than 80 cases involving Indian tribes. Jewell added, "Resolution of these cases marks a new chapter in the department's history and reflects a renewed commitment to moving forward in strengthening the government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes and improving the trust relationship with tribes and individual Indian beneficiaries."

The order contained seven guiding principles for all Interior bureaus and offices to abide by directing that they shall respect tribal sovereignty and self-determination, including the right of tribes to make important

decisions about their own best interests; ensure protections over trust and restricted fee lands, trust resources and treaty rights; be responsive and informative in all communications and interactions with Indian tribes and individuals; work in partnership with tribes on mutually beneficial projects; work to avoid or resolve conflicts to the maximum extent possible; work in a collaboratively and timely fashion with tribes and individuals; and seek advice from the Office of the Solicitor to ensure decisions impacting tribes or individuals are consistent with federal trust responsibilities.

The 11-page document, *Implementing Reforms for Indian Trust Administration — Meeting Trust Obligations and Supporting Self Governance and*

Economic Growth, gives more specific guidance on conducting trust responsibilities of the department.

On Aug. 21, the National Congress of American Indians President Brian Cladoosby responded in a prepared statement, "We are very glad to see the Department of the Interior taking action to improve the trust system. This can start discussion for taking concrete steps in the future. Tribes want to define the relationship in a different way that respects tribal sovereignty and tribal economic initiatives. We also look forward to getting to work on specific problems in the trust system."

The organization proposed working together on many of the specific problems to streamline and generally improve the trust processes. The issues range

from eliminating unnecessary appraisals to passing existing legislation that would authorize several innovative programs and processes for tribes interested in developing conventional and renewable energy resources.

Cladoosby noted the NCAI adopted a resolution establishing the Trust Modernization Task Force, which is open to all tribal leaders, to facilitate and encourage tribal leadership actions in modernizing the trust land and resource management processes. Further, according to Cladoosby, the task force provides an opportunity to work on the "broader trust relationship with the entire federal government." He recommended a meeting between DOI Secretary Jewell and the task force at the annual NCAI convention in October.

FEMA establishes new tribal consultation policy

BY RICK SMITH

Heralding it as beginning a new phase of engagement and collaboration with American Indian tribes, the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently instituted a new tribal consultation policy described as a process to guide working partnerships dealing with hazards or disasters that concern American Indian tribes. W. Craig Fugate, FEMA administrator, signed the new policy on Aug. 12.

According to an announcement, the policy comes after discussions with tribal leaders in face-to-face meetings, listening sessions, webinars, conference calls and written commentary from October of 2013 through last March.

The agency indicated the policy creates a "consistent and transparent consultation process that reflects a wide array of views and will be applied across FEMA programs and offices." Additionally, it is consistent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's tribal consultation policy and fits with the FEMA mission.

Anyone who wishes to view, download or print the entire 15 pages of the policy and the accompanying four-page planning checklist may do so by going to www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/98120, and click on the FEMA Tribal Consultation Policy link.

FEMA issued the policy in keeping with a 2006 presidential executive order and a 2009 presidential memorandum directing agencies to begin dialogues with tribes in all matters that have tribal implications. The policy sets definitions for certain terms, establishes roles and responsibilities of involved federal officials and outlines the consultation process.

In the policy, consultation is described as "the process for communicating and collaborating with tribes to exchange information and receive input on actions that have tribal implications. FEMA incorporates the input received from tribes into the decision making process for the action."

Consultation with the agency has four phases: Identification, notification, input and follow-

up. Identification means coming to a determination on whether situations call for tribal consultation. Either FEMA may initiate a determination on its own or tribes may make official requests for determinations through the agency's National Tribal Affairs Advisor.

The next phase, notification, occurs if the agency intends to conduct tribal consultation on a specific course of action, appropriate tribal officials are

notified if a consultation is to take place.

In the third phase, input, FEMA takes incidental information from tribal officials and incorporates it into any planning and decisions. This phase may call for more than a one-time receipt of information from tribes.

The follow-up phase is the final step in the process and occurs once FEMA settles on actions to take in a given incident,

the agency informs tribal officials of those decisions.

A tribal consultation checklist is attached to the policy as an appendix. The stated purpose of the checklist is to help FEMA officials to determine whether to conduct consultation and how specific consultations should be conducted.

The policy has a review date set for three years from the date it was originally issued on Aug. 12.

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Sault schools Indian Education Program Parents Committee meeting

Sault Ste. Marie Public Schools Indian Education Program Parents Committee will be holding an organizational meeting followed by the regular monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

This meeting will have nomination and election of Indian Education Parent Committee members.

For more information, call 635-3839, ext. 5011, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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can build the foundations for strong relationships and help prevent bullying. KnowBullying, a new mobile app by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), encourages dialogue between you and your children and helps you start a conversation. The app is available for Android and iPhone, provided free by SAMHSA, in conjunction with the StopBullying.gov federal partnership.

Bills would amend, reauthorize NAHASDA through 2018

By RICK SMITH

Federal legislation currently courses through the chambers of Congress that proposes amendments and would reauthorize the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) through 2018. NAHASDA provides funding for tribal housing assistance and development programs through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A House committee passed along its version of the reauthorization on July 30 and a report on the Senate version was filed last April. The bills have yet to be subjected to full congressional voting.

Some of the highlights among the 19 NAHASDA proposed changes in the House version:

- Gives HUD 60 days to act on certain required documentation submitted by tribes before they would automatically be deemed as approved. Such submissions would include requests for

waivers, housing plans, environmental reviews and other requirements.

- Ends low-income training and employment requirements for tribal housing activities.

- Sets maximum rent and homebuyer payment provisions if tribal grant recipients have written policies that include such boundaries.

- Allows for increased values of privately owned homes that have been subjected to improvements if those improvements do not exceed 10 percent of maximum total development costs.

- Owners or managers of rental housing must use lease termination notice periods.

- Authorizes HUD to implement supportive housing and rental assistance programs in cooperation with Veterans Affairs for the benefit of homeless American Indian veterans or those at risk of becoming homeless.

- Authorizes HUD to guarantee Indian housing loans through FY2018, authorizes appropriations for such guarantees and sets the maximum aggregate outstanding principal amount for such loans.

The Senate version contains provisions similar to the House version as well as others and has the same number of amendments. A few of the highlights:

- Allows Indian housing block grant recipients to use income generated from housing programs without restriction.

- Makes an exception to the requirement that housing remain affordable for the useful life of the property if a family or household member takes over ownership or an improvement is made to a privately owned house and the aggregate value of that improvement for the five-year period following its completion is less than \$10,000.

- Rental housing for current tenants allowed to be converted

to homebuyer or lease-purchase programs if tenants were low-income families at the time of initial occupancy.

- Authorizes HUD to implement a rental assistance and supportive housing demonstration program, in collaboration with Veterans Affairs for the benefit of homeless Indian veterans or those who may become homeless and live near designated tribal housing areas.

- Authorizes HUD to implement a demonstration program to waive or establish alternative rental assistance requirements if doing so is necessary for the effective delivery and administration of rental assistance to Indian veterans.

The 2014 House bill is designated as H.R. 4329 and the nomenclature for the 2013 Senate bill is S. 1352.

Action brewing to counter uncertainty of IHS, SDPI funding

By RICK SMITH

Concerns over future funding of the Indian Health Service in general and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) in particular has leaders from some tribes and Indian organizations planning strategies while Congress, fresh from its annual August recess, continues to lollygag on funding the federal operations.

The National Indian Health Board cited unnamed budget analysts predict Congress will rely on short-term continuing resolutions to keep the government going for a few months until a full-year budget is passed, which likely won't happen until after the November elections.

While both the U.S. House and Senate hold considerable funding increases for Indian Health Services in their draft versions of the fiscal year 2015 budget, the short-term measures impede functions by losing long-term financing for hiring, contractually referred services and other crucial facets of their operations.

"While we do not expect another shutdown of the government as happened at the start of FY 2014, the short term measure will negatively impact many tribal health programs as they look to plan ahead for the next fiscal year," the board noted in a message.

Consequently, the board is working with tribes in urging Congress to establish advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service. "Advance appropriations would mean tribal and IHS facilities would receive their funding levels one year in advance, though the money could not be spent until the year in which it was allocated. We are currently collecting information from tribes on how short-term or delayed funding affects health delivery in your area," the board noted.

Efforts are also focused now on continuing the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, which is set to expire on Sept. 30, 2015. Tribes that have SDPI programs are encouraged to host site visits from their respective members of Congress as part of the board's Schedule, Host,

Organize and Witness (SHOW) campaign. The goal is to get the program renewed at \$200 million for five years. If the goal is reached, the board indicated the program would have more ability to recruit and retain staff and plan functions.

The board is asking the tribes to invite their members of Congress for visits to demonstrate the benefits of their programs and provide information in person on the importance of program to their constituents. "This is a great opportunity to 'tell your story' on why SDPI is saving lives and saving taxpayer dollars," the board noted.

The Indian Health Service is also working with the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee on the SDPI funding. Consultations and communication on the matter have been ongoing and it will be a subject for discussion at a coming meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., scheduled for Sept. 11-12.

"As you know," the acting director of the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service, Jenny Jenkins, wrote to tribal leaders, "we have no idea if SDPI will be reauthorized for fiscal year 2016 and, if so, whether it will be single year, multi-year or even permanent authorization — and we don't even know when we will know this, as it all depends on Congress."

Of course, and as always, it would help immensely for tribal members to call or write their congressional representatives in support of advance appropriations for Indian Health Services funding.

In the mean time, two bills were recently introduced in the U.S. Congress titled the *Do Your Job Act* (H.R. 4896 and S. 2313) that would create "points of order" against congressional recesses or adjournments longer than 24 hours until Congress passes all of the annual appropriations bills and adopts a balanced budget no later than fiscal year 2024. The House version was referred to the Committee on Rules and the Committee on the Budget last June 18. The Senate version went to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs last May 5.

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Campaigns merge for Native veterans memorial in D.C.

By RICK SMITH

American Indian Veterans Memorial, Inc., an organization led by American Indians, recently accepted an invitation from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to erect a memorial for American Indian military veterans on the site of a planned \$80 million education center. The site is across the street from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington, D.C.

Members of the federally recognized Seminole Tribe of Florida launched the Honoring First American Veterans campaign in 2010 and lead American Indian Veterans Memorial, Inc. The main goal of the collaboration for now is to raise at least \$10 million in funding for building the projects. Other projects include collecting photographs or memorabilia of American Indian veterans from all branches of the armed forces who died in service to the United States from the

Revolutionary War through modern times.

Since the inception of the memorial campaign, the project has received official endorsements from the U.S. Congress, National Congress of American Indians, the National Indian Gaming Association and a number of tribes and tribal organizations.

"Your tribe is one of the first to approve a support resolution," Cydney Webster, an administrative assistant for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, remarked to this reporter for *Win Awenen Nisitotung*. "When we first set out to have a memorial created for all American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian veterans, we knew it would be an uphill battle."

Another tribal spokesperson, Steve Bowers, also noted Sault Tribe was one of the first tribes to send the Seminole a resolution supporting the memorial. He

expressed gratitude for the action. He indicated they campaigned for a memorial near the Vietnam wall from May of 2011 to December, but learned Congress passed a law in 2006 prohibiting the placement of statues or memorials near the wall, but passed legislation in December of 2013 for establishing an Indian veterans memorial on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian. And then came the invitation from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to build a memorial on the proposed education center. "This education center will ultimately give tribal veterans more exposure because it will allow tribes an opportunity to have their own DVD of their tribe's veterans service to the U.S., not only in Vietnam but their rich

warrior history dating back to the Revolutionary War, WWI, WWII to today's war in Afghanistan," Bowers noted.

"We are now in the midst of contacting all Indian tribes for a contribution to help build the education center."

An item in the Seminole Tribune indicates the Florida tribe is not paying for the construction of the memorial on the National Mall, but is reaching out to Indian Country leaders, councils, organizations and individuals for moral and financial support. They also seek help from mainstream veterans organizations and grassroots individuals to urge Congress to support to its cause. "We need everyone's support to make it happen," the item noted.

To date, along with Sault Tribe's resolution of support,

the collaboration has the support of the National Congress of American Indians, 405 tribes of nine inter-tribal organizations, 24 tribes ranging in size from 674 members to 300,048, and 10 organizations with some form of military association.

Those interested in learning how to participate in or support the Honoring First American Veterans campaign should contact Stephen Bowers, Seminole Tribe of Florida, 6311 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33024; telephone, (954) 966-6300, extension 11480, email address, sbowers@seminoletribe.com.

Both collaborating organizations have websites at www.aivmi.org for American Indian Veterans Memorial, Inc., and www.vvmf.org for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

President's vow to veterans: "We're going to do right by you"

By RICK SMITH

Addressing U.S. military veterans at the 96th national convention of the American Legion at the Charlotte Convention Center in North Carolina on Aug. 26, President Barack Obama pledged to get to the bottom of "outrageous and inexcusable" problems with Veterans Administration's (VA) and fix the agency's ability to carry out the federal government's obligations to its military veterans.

Long a sluggish, often overly inconvenient or even inaccessible source of benefits for many veterans, the VA has drawn heat in recent times after reports of shady practices in the organization that directly led to the deaths of veterans across the country.

Obama told the veterans at the convention, "We are going to get to the bottom of these problems. We're going to do right by you and we're going to do right by your families. And that is a solemn pledge and commitment that I'm making to you here."

According to the White House, the president outlined major priorities in fulfilling the federal

obligations to veterans and their families. Those steps include improving access to physical and mental health care, improving accountability of VA employees, recruiting the best medical professionals, modernizing the electronic health records system, committing to public transparency on the timeliness of VA care, protections for "whistleblowers," and reforming the way the VA operates. Another goal is continued efforts in ending the disability claims backlog.

The White House noted the president is issuing 19 new executive orders specifically for mental health care for improving service members' transitions from the military to VA and civilian services, access and quality of mental health care at military and VA facilities, treatment for mental conditions such as post traumatic stress disorder, awareness about mental health, patient safety and suicide prevention and strengthening community resources for service members, veterans and their families.

Other issues involve collaborations with medical organizations, financial houses, education institutions, employers and employment agencies. Further, the president called for continuing collaborations that help homeless veterans, especially those with children, with acquiring services to gain employment and housing.

Federal domestic violence conference comes to Sault Ste. Marie at Kewadin



Photo by Rick Smith

On the stage of the DreamMakers Theater at left, Leslie A. Hagen, coordinator for the U.S. Department of Justice National Indian Country Training Initiative, begins the first presentation of the conference to an audience of about 80 attendees, most representing some of the 30 or so various organizations registered for the conference. Hagen's topic was using federal law to increase safety for Indian women, specifically speaking about the Tribal Law and Order Act and the Violence Against Women Act of 2013 implementation.

By RICK SMITH

The 20th Great Lakes Native American Conference took place in Sault Ste. Marie during Sept. 3-5 at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. The conference was co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and U.S. attorneys from Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Geared for people in certain

fields serving tribal communities, the conference was designed to benefit officials in law enforcement, victim services agencies, leadership, courts, medical services, schools, human service agencies and other positions involved helping women and families to survive and overcome situations related to domestic violence.

Speakers at the conference were scheduled from the DOJ, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, U.S. attorney offices, Sault Tribe Anishnaabek Community and Family Services,

TruthLocker, Native American Children's Alliance, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians and the Hannahville Indian Community.

Topics included the Tribal Law and Order Act, Violence Against Women Act, confidentiality, human trafficking, trauma care, interviewing children, technology and social cruelty, advocacy centers and programs, traditional healing, impacts on children, prosecution and prescription drug abuse.



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Sault team supports Indian youth in running of the 39th Marine Corps Marathon in D.C.

BY RICK SMITH

A four-person team from Sault Ste. Marie is taking on the 39th Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 26 to help support American Indian youth. Gary Messer, 59; Becky (nee Brown) Mills, 37; Sault Tribe members Sandy (nee Corbiere) Sawyer, 39; and Robin Sutton, 26, form Team Running Strong in support of the non-profit Running Strong organization. The mission of Running Strong, according to its website, is to “help American Indian people meet immediate survival needs – food, water, and shelter – while implementing and supporting programs designed to create opportunities for self-sufficiency and self-esteem.”

The organization was co-founded by Billy Mills back in 1986. Mills, a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation, grew up on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and won gold in the 1964 Olympic games in Tokyo for the 10K run. He has visited the Sault Tribe reservation several times as a special guest during racing events and has developed friendships with some of the tribe’s members.

“This is really what inspired us to choose Running Strong as our charity event,” said Sawyer. She indicated Mills is a very close friend of her sister, Lisa, whom he invited to the 2004 Olympic trials, she was accompanied with her sisters, Sandy and Kamie, and were Mills’ guests during the trials and the competitions. “Billy is the kindest man I have ever met and so inspirational,” Sawyer noted. “I am glad my sister’s passion for running brought them together and gave me an

opportunity to meet him. The work he does for Indian country is amazing!”

The Marine Corps Marathon provides participating runners with the opportunity to dedicate their efforts to raise funds and awareness for specific causes, mostly non-profit organizations supporting veterans and youth along with other causes such as helping folks in need of food, shelter and medical attention. As of press time, about 30 organizations were “partnered” with the charity marathon organizers, and the welcome mat for more organizations to join was still out. The race is the third largest marathon in the United States and the eighth largest in the world, according to the Marine Corps Marathon website. Last year, 7,781 runners finished three different events.

Messer, Mills and Sawyer took up running in 2010 when the Sault International Marathon, then known as the Chamber Chase, came to town. All three have experiences in many 5K races. Messer also ran two full marathons and two half-marathons. Mills ran six half-marathons, a full marathon and a 25K race and Sawyer ran four half-marathons and a full marathon. While Sutton has been running with the group for a few years, this year’s Marine Corps Marathon is her first full marathon.

Sawyer credits her cousin, fellow runner and good friend of the team LouAnn (nee McCoy) Rutt, with encouraging her to try a big marathon race such as the Marine Corps Marathon. Sawyer determined if she would run a full marathon again, it would be for a cause. One of the things she learned from her



Photo courtesy of Sandy Sawyer

Three of the four-member Team Running Strong of Sault Ste. Marie. From left, Becky Mills, Gary Messer and Sandy Sawyer. The fourth team member, Robin Sutton, is not pictured.

work experiences was the great amount of aid needed for Indian reservations and children across the country. Sawyer swayed Mills in joining the cause and Messer eagerly got onboard as well. In the course of training with the team, Sutton signed on for the marathon.

“The goal of Team Running Strong is to each raise \$722, as that was Billy Mill’s Olympic number,” said Sawyer. “The team decided that anything they raise above and beyond that will be donated to local tribal youth.”

She indicated the team has

received several donations to date in addition to funds through Indian Taco sales, a hockey tournament, and a Kentucky Derby party fundraiser. Donations continue to be collected and a guitar raffle is on the way.

“Team Running Strong would like to thank all who have supported us through this journey and we appreciate your efforts to help support our Native youth who need it the most,” Sawyer said. “The community and tribal members have been very generous, and we will think of you and the kids you are helping

every step of our 26.2-mile run.”

Those who wish to donate may make donations online at runstrong.indianyouth.org, click on the donate button and find the name of the runner for whom you would like to donate. Sawyer noted the site calls for increments of \$25, “but you can donate \$1, if you so choose.” Donations can also be sent to Sandy Sawyer, 441 W. 8 Mile Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Anyone who would like more information on the team’s efforts should call (906) 440-4316.

St. Ignace elders receive fresh vegetables from youth facility garden grown by youngsters

BY RICK SMITH

Residents and staff of the Sault Tribe Youth Facility in St. Ignace surprised elders attending a regularly scheduled luncheon on Aug. 29 with an offering of vegetables fresh from their garden to take home and enjoy.

“We have incorporated a vegetable garden in which the youth are educated on traditional food and gardening skills,” said Dave Menard, the facility administrator. “This helps to educate and bring more awareness to the youth about our tribal culture.”

The facility’s maintenance technicians built six 5-foot by 10-foot raised garden beds last spring. Beginning last May, the facility’s residents prepared soil, sowed seeds and tended the new gardens under the guidance of the facility staff. The youngsters planted potatoes, tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, squash, onions and zucchini. “Once harvested, our goal is to provide fresh vegetables to our elders and tribal community members who are in need,” Menard said. He added the project serves as a positive

reinforcement for the residents in teaching them about helping their community, giving them a sense of purpose, service and self-worth.

Facility officers Jeremy Peters and Tanya Hiar delivered the first bounty of produce at the Enji Maawanji’ Iding dining hall (former McCann building) in St. Ignace. Peters said the first haul was about 40 percent of the projected yield from the garden. He added that while most of the produce grew quite well, especially the garden’s zucchini and onions, the youngsters experienced some difficulty with cucumbers.

Distribution of the produce is set to continue as the crops ripen until all is gone. Any questions should be directed to the facility at 643-0941.

The Sault Tribe Youth Facility is at 1130 North State Street in St. Ignace. Its missions is to provide the highest quality of structured care for the tribe’s youth through a variety of programs and services that teach accountability and protect the community.



Photo by Rick Smith

From left, facility officer Tanya Hiar, Ilene Moses, Linda Horn, Helen Hyslop and facility officer Jeremy Peters stand by the first bounty to bag some of the fresh produce from the Sault Tribe Youth Facility on Aug. 29. The produce was picked from gardens of the youth facility before the officers transported them to the Enji Maawanji’ Iding dining hall in St. Ignace. The youth facility staff indicate the gardens make good education devices that give youngsters experiences in nurturing something plus seeing the results of their education and labor as well as helping others in one’s community.

Joe's Lawn Care and Plowing available for fall and winter needs

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Joe Broten, Sr., was looking for a way to make additional income outside of his full time position with Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, and began offering lawn care services. What started out as a part time endeavor has since grown into something larger than he anticipated.

Working to build his client list, Broten is hoping to make his growing business a full time operation this spring.

"I was looking for something to tie my time up a little bit more than what it was and make some additional income," he said. "Getting outside and working is something I enjoy, and the best part is working for myself."

Broten provides lawn maintenance, basic yard care and cleanup, snowplowing and snow removal. He said he has some basic landscaping experience but plans to add to his knowledge by taking courses offered locally. His vision is to offer clients a virtual demonstration of what their yard would look like before and after landscaping was completed.

Broten says it has been a learning process and in order to learn more about business finances he plans to take courses offered by the Chamber of Commerce.

His biggest motivators are his children, Joey, 4, and Ryder, 1. Broten and his girlfriend are also expecting a baby girl in November.

"As a young person I got into quite a bit of trouble," he said. "I had the drive, I just took the wrong path. The money is there to make and I want to create a path for my children when they grow up - I'll build them a solid foundation so hopefully they don't end up getting into trouble like I did."

Look for Joe's Lawn Care and Plowing on Facebook, or call him at (906) 203-1821.



Joe Broten, Sr. astride one of his pieces of equipment for doing summer yard work. The father of two, soon to be three, provides lawn care services along with snow plowing and removal services.

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Veteran in the spotlight: Dennis McKelvie

BY RICK SMITH

Dennis McKelvie, a member of the tribe's board of directors with 10 years experience on that body, was born at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and raised in the town's Shunk Road neighborhood.

McKelvie indicated he graduated from Sault High with the class of 1969 and joined the Army immediately afterwards. After taking training as a cavalry scout at Fort Knox, Ky., he returned home to enter into a marriage, the bonds of which remain today. He shipped off to a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam, where one of the longest wars involving the United States continued at the time. His wife, Anne, gave birth to their first daughter, who passed in 1970.

Returning to the U.S., he was assigned to Fort Polk in Louisiana before taking orders to Schweinfurt, Germany. His second overseas stint was followed by duty at Fort Carson,



Above left, a recent file photo of McKelvie. Right, a photo of him circa 1980s during active duty with the U.S. Army.

Colo., before he returned to Fort Knox as a drill sergeant. He returned to Michigan as a recruiter in the Plymouth area before going back to Fort Polk and then off to Germany with an outfit in Mannheim. McKelvie took the twilight tour of his career with a return engagement



at Fort Knox where he retired as a first sergeant after 25 years of active duty.

Along the way, he and his wife had two more children, Barbara, born in Germany in 1974, and Edward, born at what was then Kincheloe Air Force Base near Sault Ste. Marie in 1975. He

now also has four grandchildren, Audra, Andrew, Nathan and Lilly.

These days, McKelvie and his wife live on Sugar Island, where he enjoys hunting when he's not tending to board responsibilities.

He has strong feelings about the treatment of military veterans in this country. "I feel disgraced the way they treat veterans," he said, "Especially Vietnam vets. And we still have vets from World War II and Korea around. When you see one, you ought to go up and shake their hands. I feel better about the way they're treating veterans now from Iraq and Afghanistan, but nobody remembers Granada or Panama or all the other small areas we send out troops to, and veterans should be remembered more than twice a year. Whether or not people disagree with the country's foreign policies, soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines are only doing their jobs."

McKelvie indicated while most folks may simply be unaware

of the many sacrifices military veterans make and obstacles overcome, the government has an obligation to veterans that has long been severely lacking in its delivery. "I've been complaining about the VA for years and how they treat veterans," he said. He noted attention drawn lately to the agency's appalling performance and hopes it may bring long-overdue improvements. Still, at this time, he said it's "too little, too late for most veterans."

He pointed out another group associated with military service who get even less recognition — dependent spouses who are often left behind and never praised for all the hard work they do in keeping families together. "A lot of people sacrifice for the country," McKelvie added, "I want to thank all veterans and their families for their service, whatever branch, thank you; that's something that's not said enough to them."

LeVeque resigns from Unit V elders' committees

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe elder Delores Leveque resigned from the Munising Unit V Elder Committee and also the Elder Advisory Committee in April due to unforeseen circumstances involving an immediate family member. For over two decades she was an integral part of both committees, as well as many others in the Munising area where she was born and raised.

Leveque's early memories of the Sault Tribe as a teenager come from her mother's involvement in assisting Fred Hatch, Sr. with the genealogy of Anishinaabe in the Munising area. "My mother, Belle Dorothy Carr Kroupa, would take my three brothers and I to Fred Hatch's home to help with the list. This was when the tribe was trying to become recognized," she said. Her three brothers are Leon, Harry and Darwin Kroupa.

Leveque was also the secretary for the first Unit V representative in Munising, John P. Carr.

Leveque said she was recognized as the cultural leader in the Munising area about 20 years



ago and has also been the keeper of the waabano, sweat lodge and women's talking circle on her land in Munising. Leveque said their old waabano lodge is undergoing some repairs — replacing some of the old wood holding up the canvas covering. Until the repairs are complete, Leveque said that anyone in the Munising area wishing to participate in a sweat lodge can do so at her daughter's house (Kris Leveque), located across the street from her home.

In addition to being consid-

ered the area historian, Leveque said she is a pipe carrier for the Anishinaabe people and in particular women. She is a former member of the women's hand drum group, the Heartbeat and a former traditional name giver. "Being a name giver was passed down from my mother to me, I have done just a few but I passed that down to my daughter Mari Beth Leveque, and she does quite a bit of that in our area," she said.

Leveque said when the sweats and waabano started up in the area, there was a group called the Anishinaabe Cultural People's Committee. "There are a few of us left, we gather and prepare for the sweats by gathering the cedar and other things they might need," she said. "My daughters and I have presided at local Anishinaabe funerals; we have done smudging, smoked our pipes and drummed. Those in the Munising area, if needed, can call on us for ceremonies," she said.

She said that over the past 15 years she has been acting as a liaison with the National Park Service in regards to traditional fasting ceremonies being held

at the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. "There have been changes in the Forrest Service and no one seems to want to go out there any more to fast, so if anyone is interested in fasting they can do it in my backyard," she said. "I have about 56 acres."

Other events and offices she was involved with include, former secretary for the Elder Advisory Board and board member; representative of the Unit V Subcommittee Group; former member of the board of directors of the Alger County Historical Society; coordinator for family powwows and three Munising powwows; worked with Alex Ruska, an anthropologist interested in Anishinaabe trails on the southern shore; presented at Northern Michigan University; and been a part of the constitution committee meetings this past year in the Sault, where she said she, "...hopes to see a separation of powers take place."

Another project she takes pride in is the signage and ramp placed on the lakeshore at the Face in the Rock.

She is working on a book of her family history and what she has seen happening over the year's to the Anishinaabe people in the Munising area. She said she also has two large notebooks she has filled with family histories of Anishinaabe in the area and also the obituaries of those people she knows are tribal. "I have tried to get people to tell their family histories, and if they don't — when they walk on I get their obit which tells a lot," she said. "Someday when the notebooks are full, we will put one in the Munising tribal center and send one to the tribe if they want it."

Leveque said she continues to attend meetings when she can and enjoys the fellowship of other local Anishinaabe. A former nurse, Leveque says she is busier now than ever. "When you sit down you get stiff, so you may as well keep moving!" she said.

Leveque is married to Arthur Leveque, and her daughters are Mari Beth Leveque, Nita Leveque Pugh and Kristine Leveque.

Dutcher hands down his kitchen duties in Hessel

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

After washing dishes and cooking at the Hessel Elder Center for the past 10 years, John Roy Dutcher has retired. Although no longer an employee, he still spends time with his friends at the community center and occasionally stops in for lunch.

A Sault Tribe member, Dutcher says he also has ties to the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and the Mackinac Band.

His mother Pearl Chanier (from Canada) and his father George Daniel Dutcher (from Drummond Island) raised Roy and his four brothers and four sisters in the Hessel area in what Roy said was "a hard life." They had no electricity in their home and had to carry water a quarter of a mile for drinking, laundry, bathing and cooking. Everyone



worked — even the youngest of the kids.

Dutcher said his grandmother died when his mother was 12, and her father who was from Canada was unable to care for the kids by himself so he farmed them out to local families. His mother's uncle took her and another girl across the Canadian/U.S. border hiding

them under a box of fishnets.

When Roy was nine, he began helping his father who was working as a hunting guide by driving deer out of the woods and towards the hunters. He also worked peeling posts after school for some "spending money." That same year he applied for and received his social security card.

During that time his father was logging for the Harold Taylor Logging Company and would bring home pieces of ironwood that Roy would split and whittle axe handles from to sell for a dollar each. As he became more familiar with carving tools, he made little deer heads and a white stallion he had seen on a Whiskey bottle label. Today his carvings are for sale at a shop in the Sault and also on display at the Hessel Tribal Center.

Dutcher attended school through the seventh grade when

a teacher wrongly reprimanded him for being the last in class that day, when in fact he said he was the first at the table. She began whipping him with a pointer stick and when he stood up it caused her to fall back onto the table behind her. "She was really mad then, so she sent me to the principal's office. They gave me three days off and I never went back," he said. "My dad said, 'There's another horse in the barn, you can go to work.' I took that horse and I've been working ever since."

He worked long hard hours in the woods with his father skidding logs with one horse. "When the guys would fall logs, they would fall back and forth across the road, or they had the ends sticking out so you could see them. I would go in and pull all the logs out so they could come in with sleighs or a dray and take the pulp wood and cedar posts

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Members start fresh fish program for elders

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Scott Point Tribe of American Aborigines is a non-profit 501c3 corporation that was formed in 2006. Those behind the non-profit are Sault Tribe members residing in the Gould City area in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Tribal Agent Richard McNeil and other acting members of the non-profit are asking tribal fishermen to donate a small amount of fish each month to be given to tribal elders and youth on commodities. The fish giveaway program is not part of the tribe's USDA food commodities program.

The program is in its infancy, with two tribal elders in Newberry each receiving one-pound of fish during the initial giveaway. The names of the eight elders at the Newberry tribal center waiting for the tribe's USDA food commodities truck were written down and put into a hat, from which the two winners were drawn.

McNeil said that tribal fisherman Walt Frasier of Naubinway has volunteered to donate 10 pounds of fresh lake fish each month to be given to tribal elders on commodities. "Now it has started," McNeil said. "We contacted a few board members in this unit and told them if they believe this is a good program and they are supportive, to let the fishermen know. We have at least 50 active fishermen in the Sault Tribe taking about 4 million pounds of fish out of the lakes, we figure there is a way with all of us working together, that within a period of time all the elders on commodities will be getting fresh lake fish; then all our children. We are also trying to find out how many elders are on commodities, it's very difficult to get any information like that. That way we can come up with numbers and know how many fish we need to get to each commodity site. It will take a period of time, but if not us who is going to do this? And if not now, when are we going to do it?"

"Our tribal elders who are on commodities are our poorest tribal members, and they don't get fish of any kind other than canned salmon from Washington State that is preserved. That is better than no fish and it's pretty good, but swimming right by us every year is 10 million pounds of fresh lake fish," McNeil said. "Why is the government buying fish in Washington State and getting it to us in Michigan when we harvest it here? Why can't they buy our fish for our commodity programs? There are answers and we will find out."

In the past the non-profit has sponsored Christmas in July for local children, school backpacks in the fall, provided wood for elders and are trying to spread the tribe's language and culture.

McNeil said, "The Sault Tribe, our tribe, needs help and it gave us double the bang when we formed a 501C3 charity, a Michigan non-profit corp. We are also an IRS tax-exempt organization. That gives us two hats, when we talk to the government we are all Natives and federally recognized tribal members, so we have

that power and that presence. But also, many times the federal and state governments shunt you off to someone you don't want to talk to because that person or office handles "Indians." When they try that we switch and put on our hat as a Michigan non-profit corporation and say look, you would talk to the Nature Conservancy and you have to talk to us as a non-profit corporation. So we get a lot more done by wearing two hats, we just put them on and off as we need them."

McNeil said those Sault Tribe members who are now part of the Scott Point Tribe don't want to become federally recognized. He said they don't take federal or

state money, and have no plans to do so in the future "because that is what got us in trouble in the first place."

McNeil said the group calls the Sault Tribe their mother tribe. "Traditionally you had a mother tribe and people broke off from that tribe, which is sort of what we are doing. Our mother tribe has all the power of a federally recognized tribe, and as individuals we have that power," he said. "We keep our membership numbers for the Scott Point Tribe confidential; however, in Newtown Township there are about 50 eligible members."

The non-profit, who has a three-member board of directors,

hopes to expand the program to each USDA commodity site, and from there to the other 12 Michigan tribes. The non-profit accepts private funding and McNeil said, "If the Sault Tribe or another tribe wants to provide us money for a particular program we will work with them."

"One of the things we would like to do eventually is ask the Sault Tribe Board of Directors to approve a waiver on one subsistence fishing license so one of our subsistence fishermen can donate some of those fish to the elders. Then we would get it for free and the commercial fishermen wouldn't have to give up their fish. We don't have it all worked

out - we are just going to do it," he said. "If I am a tribal fisherman and I bring 10 pounds of fish into Naubinway I get about \$2.50 a pound. Thirty miles up the road I go to Jack's Store and pay \$10 a pound. The price of that fish went up almost \$8 from Naubinway to Manistique. If I am a tribal member and I go and buy that fish at Jack's, I've really paid twice for that fish because it costs our tribe a bunch of money to support tribal fishing through enforcement, management, fisheries, and equipment."

For more information, contact Tribal Agent Richard McNeil at (906) 250-2694 or by email at: Scottpointtribe@yahoo.com.



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Member recognized by Department of Corrections

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) Field Agent Sandra Neuffer-Witte began working for MDOC over 25 years ago, and has spent the past 21 years in Shiawassee County.

As a field agent, Neuffer-Witte works as a probation parole officer and writes presentence investigations for the court and supervises probationers and parolees. She also makes home calls, covers court, goes into jails and works with the prosecutor's office. "You have contact with all levels of law enforcement," she said. "I also interview offenders and make recommendations for a sentence, that is what a pre-sentence investigation is."

Last year on Oct. 2, MDOC Director Dan Heyns recognized Neuffer-Witte with a Meritorious Service Award for acting on a tip given to her by one of her probationers, which lead to the closure of a 2005 cold case involving the murder of a young woman.

Following up on the tip about an illegal marijuana grow operation, Neuffer-Witte organized a search of the house with another agent and undercover officers, and in addition to finding marijuana growing in the basement,



Michigan Department of Corrections Director Dan Heyns and Field Agent Sandra Neuffer-Witte receiving her Meritorious Service Award.

they also confiscated several firearms including automatic weapons.

The offender was arrested

and released and told Neuffer-Witte that he knew things that he wanted to use to make a deal. He eventually told her he had knowl-

edge of a homicide.

According to the MDOC press release, "During the investigation, the probationer disclosed that his brother had the machinery available to make weapons fully automatic. Further investigation lead to the arrest of the probationer's brother on weapons charges. During the trial on those charges, the probationer's brother admitted to helping a friend bury a young woman and admitted that he was too afraid to come forward with the information because of possible reprisal from his friend. This information lead to the discovery of the woman's body, bringing closure to a case that had remained unsolved since 2005.

"Agent Neuffer-Witte's efforts to follow up on the initial tip and her continued thoughtfulness and decisive actions started a series of events which solved the case, giving a family closure regarding their daughter. Her actions and conduct provide an outstanding example of dedication and professionalism that the Department is proud of."

She said, "It was like a novel, it just kept unfolding. It was fascinating and it also makes you feel good that the family at least had a chance to bury their daugh-

ter properly." She said the brother who was turned in by her probationer was an attorney she had worked with. "I didn't tell anyone about it for the longest time, I just kept it to myself because I didn't want to jeopardize the investigation," she said.

"It was nice to be recognized because a lot of times this is a thankless job," she said. It's difficult and stressful but it's always interesting. You get satisfaction from helping someone and seeing them turn their lives around, but also from putting the really bad guys away. I don't take credit for when they succeed, because they succeeded. So I don't take the blame when they fail either – they do."

She said the most common reason her probationers are in trouble is for drugs – in most cases heroin. "I came from Detroit, and I have more heroin addicts now in Shiawassee County than I did in Detroit. It has really made a comeback," she said. Neuffer-Witte said she is really proud to be a part of the tribe and wants to let everyone know that agents and Native Americans are out there every day doing good things.

US-Japan sister cities celebrate 40-year relationship

BY RICK SMITH

Officials from the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Ryuo-Cho gathered at city hall in the Sault for a ceremonial recognition of the 40-year anniversary of the sister city relationship between the two towns.

According to a program, the Japanese delegation received greetings at city hall from Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Lynn. Cecil Pavlat of the Sault Tribe cultural affairs staff gave a blessing for the event and he was presented with a tobacco offering from Mayor Tony

Bosbous.

The officials moved upstairs into the city commission chambers where introductions, proclamations and gifts were exchanged. Later on, all observed the unveiling of a small monument on the grounds of city hall commemorating the 40-year relationship before they adjourned to the Antler's Restaurant for lunch.

Sault Tribe purchasing agent Dave Giles and his wife, Stephanie, were on hand for the ceremonies representing the Sault chapter of People

to People International, the organization that facilitates American and Japanese middle school groups on annual visits between the sister cities.

The program is supported by the Sault area school district, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Lake Superior State University, Rotary Club and local businesses.

Right, officials from the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Ryuo-Cho gathered at city hall.



Wequayoc Cemetery Planning Project meetings held

BY ALAN BARR

We have been very busy on the cemetery planning project over the past month. We completed all of the community visioning and engagement meetings. These sessions took place at each of the elders' subcommittee meetings as well as evening sessions in St. Ignace, Hessel, and Sault Ste. Marie. At each of these meetings, I introduced the Wequayoc Cemetery Planning Project, explaining what we are doing

and why. I answered any questions people had and then asked participants specific questions in several areas:

- Policies and procedures necessary to operate a cemetery.
- Who can be buried in a tribal cemetery.
- How to cover the costs of burials.
- How should a tribal cemetery be maintained.
- Location of other Indian cemeteries or burial grounds.

- How to use the house on the Wequayoc property.

We had around 300 tribal members participate in these sessions, and they provided some incredibly helpful information. We also gathered the names and contact information of members interested in participating in the next phase of the project — creating recommendations for the board of directors.

Now that the sessions have been conducted and the com-

munity input gathered, it needs to be compiled, and analyzed, and a series of recommendations need to be created to assist in the formation of the formal policies, procedures, and ordinances for the cemetery. To do this, we will bring together those members who expressed interest during the visioning and engagement sessions to help create those recommendations for the board.

Once this committee of folks completes their work and the

board makes its decisions, a report documenting the entire project will be created, allowing the tribe to use this project as a template not only for other cemeteries but for any future community-driven efforts as well.

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.

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From the kitchen of Bob Flowers - S'mores bars and Yooper gumbo

S'mores bars

Ingredients:

- 1 package miniature marshmallows
- 1 1/2 sticks butter
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 4 tbs. sugar
- 2 pkg. milk chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Preheat oven to 400F. Butter the bottom and sides of a 9x11 cake pan or casserole dish. Melt butter and combine with sugar and graham cracker crumbs. Spread to make a bottom

layer in the pan. Heat the cream in a double boiler until it just begins to steam. Add the chocolate chips and stir in until melted. Remove from heat.

Sprinkle marshmallows onto the crust, then drizzle the ganache (chocolate-cream mixture) over the marshmallows to cover.

Put remaining crumbs on top, cover with another layer of marshmallows, and bake for nine minutes.

Cool and cut into bars or eat gooey hot squares.

Yooper gumbo

Threw together this stove top cooked casserole, and it tastes so good.

Ingredients:

- Sweet, full-sized tomato, diced into bite-sized chunks



- Over-ripe snap peas, threads removed, washed and shucked, about a cup
- Fresh onion, diced
- Several cherry tomatoes
- Half a cucumber, diced
- One Kraft cheese sauce packet, southwest chipotle
- 1 1/2 tablespoons of all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tablespoons of butter
- 1/4-cup whipping cream
- Milk
- Black pepper
- 1/2 pound ground beef

Brown the ground beef and remove the fat. Add the butter and flour to make a roux.

Lightly salt and cook over medium heat until lightly browned.

Add the cream and stir in until absorbed. Add milk until you have a beautifully smooth sauce.

Grate in fresh pepper to taste. Cover and simmer for twenty minutes. Add the Kraft cheese sauce mix and stir. Add a little water if required.

Cook for 10 more minutes. Serve over toast or in a bowl.

Free Laker Basketball Tickets

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA DUMBACK, RECREATION FACILITY MANAGER

To be eligible for tickets, Sault Tribe members must fill out the Free Laker Hockey Ticket Application and check off the games they wish to attend. **Mail the application, along with a valid copy of applicant's tribal card to the address indicated on application by Oct. 10, 2014.**

There are a limited number of tickets. Applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis until all tickets are disbursed. (Children under 3 do not require a ticket if sitting on a parent's lap.) Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with any remaining tickets. Please call (906) 635-7770 for additional information or applications.

Sault clinic tests possibility of farmers' markets

BY RICK SMITH

Sponsored by the Michigan Health and Wellness 4X4 Plan and put into motion by the Sault Tribe Worksite Wellness Committee, the first Sault Tribe Health Center Farmers' Market opened from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 20 in the courtyard of the Sault clinic. More farmers' markets are tentatively set to continue, depending on the availability of locally grown fresh produce and customer demand.

While the farmers' market was initially conceived as a

project to promote physical wellness among the clinic's workforce, anyone interested in acquiring some fresh produce is welcomed to shop.

Among folks who live in the Sault area and prefer to buy the freshest produce available, the clinic's market could become a favorite additional shopping stop in the course of getting groceries from the Sault Farmers' Market, which operates on Wednesdays later in the afternoon in the downtown area.

See "Farmer's market," pg. 19

A sweet deal: Sanitary sewage disposal agreement

MANISTEE, Mich. — In what may serve as a successful model for intergovernmental cooperation between Indian tribes and local governments, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Manistee Township have both approved a sanitary sewage disposal agreement that paves

the way for new construction of the tribal sewer line extension in Manistee Township and allows the band to extend its commercial sewer line to service customers along the US-31 corridor in Manistee County north of its

See "Sanitary Sewage," pg. 18

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12/11/14 Malone	_____
12/13/14 Walsh	_____
12/18/14 Finlandia (Women's Only)	_____
12/18/14 Siena Heights (Men's Only)	_____
12/21/14 Finlandia (Men's Only)	_____
01/08/15 Ohio-Dominican	_____
01/10/15 Tiffin	_____
01/15/15 Saginaw Valley State	_____
01/17/15 Hillsdale	_____
02/02/15 Northwood	_____
02/12/15 Grand Valley State	_____
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02/19/15 Northern Michigan University	_____
02/21/15 Michigan Tech	_____

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Annual Stuff the Bus, Project Backpack expands

BY RICK SMITH

The number of youngsters in Sault Ste. Marie receiving help in preparing for the coming start of school by the annual Stuff the Bus collection campaign and Project Backpack distribution jumped by about 100 this year due, in part, to the expansion of the dual programs.

The 2014 Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive ran through July collecting school supplies donated at “bus stations” posted at businesses and organizations throughout Sault Ste. Marie. Once the collection concluded, donations were divided by equal shares into backpacks and readied for the Project Backpack

distribution at Van Citters field on Aug. 15.

Many youngsters and their accompanying guardians received school supplies loaded in the backpacks, boxed groceries courtesy of Feeding America, assorted fun activities, hot dogs and a wide variety of information during the event under sunny skies and mild weather.

Lions International was on hand developing identification kits for the children. The kits record characteristics of children such as fingerprints, height, weight and other information that would be useful in helping law enforcement in searches for missing children.

The Mason Society conducted vision screening for the youngsters to determine if they might need help with their eyesight.

The United Way of Chippewa County conducts the campaign annually with the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie and the cooperation of the Salvation Army, the Michigan Department of Human Services, as well as many individual and organization volunteers and donors.

The program helps families who find getting school items for their children entering pre-kindergarten to eighth grade may pose a financial hardship in the

coming academic year.

“Last year, we ended up giving over 350 backpacks at the event,” said Steve Carey, United Way volunteer coordinator. “This year, we expanded to include seventh and eighth grade students, so we’re anticipating giving out closer to 500.”

Indeed, according to post-event figures from the United Way, 502 loaded backpacks worth about \$35 each were handed out to youngsters in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade for a total estimated value of \$17,570, 43 child identification kits were provided by the Masons and 45 students had their vision tested by the

Lions Club. The event was conducted with the help of 106 volunteers.

Carey said similar events took place around the eastern Upper Peninsula in St. Ignace, Kincheloe/Kinross and Newberry.

According to Lee Ann Izzard, manager of the Feeding America West Michigan program in Sault Ste. Marie, over 150 families received about 10,000 pounds of food from the agency. “There was nothing left over,” she said.

Helping to keep things orderly, auxiliary officers of the city police department provided traffic control for the large number of cars and trucks neatly parked around Van Citters field.



Above left, A volunteer from the Masonic Society helps a lad to register his fingerprints on an electronic scanning device as part of the Michigan Child Identification Program. The free service provides parents and guardians with a package of vital information about children that would be needed to help law enforcement efforts to find missing children. The program also educates families about abduction prevention and safety. Above right, volunteers from the Lions Club help cloak a mother and child with a blanket for a vision screening test.



Photos by Rick Smith

Above left, volunteers with the Feeding America West Michigan Bank facility in Sault Ste. Marie with boxes of food ready for distribution. Above right, standing by ready to help, volunteers wait for the imminent arrival of students in first through eighth grades to receive the first heap of backpacks for the day. Below left, A volunteer from the Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore Chapter of the North Country National Trail Association teaches all comers about the wonders of enjoying and learning about nature along the regional stretch of the National North Country Scenic Trail. Below right, youngsters enjoy one of three bounce houses at the event. Stuff the Bus coordinator for Sault Tribe is Lisa Moran of the payroll office.





From left, Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson, scholarship recipient Diane McLeod-Maleport and Chairman Aaron Payment. The annual Sault Tribe scholarships were presented to most of the winners at the Aug. 19 and Sept. 2 board meetings.

From left, Unit I representatives Dennis McKelvie and Abramson, scholarship recipient Brandi MacArthur, Chairman Payment, Unit I representatives Jennifer McLeod and Kim Gravelle.



From left, Unit III Representative Keith Massaway, Abramson, scholarship recipient Laura Porterfield, Payment and Unit III Representative Bridgett Sorenson.

From left, Unit V Representative Rita Glyptis, scholarship recipient Cody Jodoin and Payment.

*Photos by
Angeline Bouley*



Above from left, Payment and scholarship recipient Andreaa Jump.

Above from left, Gravelle, Payment, scholarship recipient Daraka McLeod and Abramson. Below from left, Payment, scholarship recipient Elizabeth Wayne and Glyptis.



Below, Abramson, scholarship recipient Adam Povey, Payment, McLeod and Gravelle.

Tribal golf scholarship classic raises over \$80,000

BY JESSICA DUMBACK

Golfers from across the state and from as far away as New Jersey competed in the 14th annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic at the Wild Bluff Golf Course in Brimley, Mich., on Saturday, July 26, raising over \$80,000 for the tribe's scholarship fund.

The two-day event began on Friday night with a reception at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center sponsored by PNC Bank. It gave participants the opportunity to check in, mingle with other golfers and

enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

In addition, those attending had the opportunity to try their luck in the money machine for a chance to win a variety of prizes donated from vendors.

The classic was off with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The winners of the mixed division were O'Connor's Chrysler Dodge Jeep with a score of 62, followed by DTE Energy with a score of 63 and, in third, Sault Printing Company with a score of 69. In the men's division,

AMI Industries took first place with a score of 60, followed by Cloverland Electric/Great Lakes Radio with a score of 61 and, in third place, ISHPI Information Technologies with a score of 63.

During the classic, golfers had chances to win cash prizes up to \$25,000 and one of two vehicles sponsored by local dealerships during our hole-in-one contests. Golfers also had the opportunity to test their skills prior to the tournament in the putting contest to win \$10,000.

While on the course, golfers were treated to delicious lunches

of burgers, brats and all the fixings sponsored by Sault Printing Company.

Following the games, golfers and sponsors attended a banquet at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. Sponsors were recognized for their tremendous support and contributions towards the fund. In addition, attendees had the opportunity to win door prizes and to participate in a silent auction. Closing out the night, prizes were awarded to the top teams in each division, mixed and men's.

Funds generated by the classic are placed in an educational fund which provides Sault Tribe members with scholarships to further their education. Over 200 scholarships have been awarded to date, with an additional 20 scholarships awarded this fall.

The Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic Committee includes Jake Sillers, Jeff Holt, Tamara Roche and Jessica Dumback. The classic is presented by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Kewadin Casinos.



One of the two new automobiles donated by Soo Motors and O'Connors of Pickford as competition prizes. Unfortunately, no one won either car.



The winning team of the men's division, AMI Industries with a score of 60. Team mates pictured here are, from left, Cory Metro, Joe Micolo, Jeff Evans and Ty Jones.



The O'Connor's Chrysler Dodge Jeep team won first place in the mixed division with a score of 62. Pictured here from left, team members Ken Wilkie, Barry O'Connor, Mary O'Connor and Madison Wilkie.



Above, golfers from across the state board their trusty carts at the start of the Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic at the Wild Bluff Golf Course in Brimley, Mich., on July 26. The event raised over \$80,000 for the tribes scholarship fund. Below, the second of the two untaken new cars donated by Soo Motors and O'Connors of Pickford as competition incentives during the classic.



Photos by Tamara Roche

Fourth annual Recovery Walk set for Sept. 25

By PATRICK MCKELVIE

September is Recovery Month. This event spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover. Tribal Court and Sault Tribe Behavioral Health continue to carry this message with the annual Recovery Walk. Sept. 25 marks the fourth year.

To date, our communities both tribal and beyond, have shown a huge level of support. The fact is that we all share in the consequences of addiction to some degree, so let's share in the joy of recovery. Let's continue to send a positive message to our community that people benefit from prevention, treatment and do recover from mental and substance use disorders. Let's continue to celebrate people in recovery, the contributions of treatment and service providers and promote the message that recovery in all its forms is possible.

Please join us, let your voices be heard and your smiles be appreciated on Sept. 25 at our fourth annual Recovery Walk.

Beginning at 4 p.m. at St. Isaac Joque's Church at 1529 Marquette Ave. in Sault Ste. Marie, the first 120 community

members to register for the walk will receive a free Recovery Walk T-shirt. This year Brother John Haskell will start us off with a 25-minute talk in Marquette Hall at 4:30. The walk begins at 5 p.m. from St. Isaac Joques Catholic Church and ending in a community barbeque at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Activities for children include games, face painting, crafts table and jumping castle will also begin after 5 p.m. at Chi Mukwa. Dinner will be provided starting immediately after the walk. This event is free of charge. If you have any questions, please call Sault Tribe Behavioral Health, 635-6075, or Pat McKelvie at Sault Tribal Court, 635-4963. We will be happy to answer any questions or email a flyer to you upon request. Anyone who is unable to participate in the walk can go directly to the Big Bear at 5 p.m.

Bureau of Justice Assistance Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention AC-BX-0024.

Recovery from alcohol and drug problems is a process of change through which an individual achieves abstinence and improved health, wellness and quality of life.

National Summit on Recovery (SAMHSA 2005)

Sewer project to bring non-gaming revenue

From, "Sanitary sewage," pg. 14 intersection with M-55.

The City of Manistee's existing water line and Manistee County's existing sewer line currently serves the area but that sewer force main is failing and serves only four customers. The lack of available sewer service has hindered commercial development along that US-31 corridor in Manistee Township for years. At a time of tight budgets for all governments, the City of Manistee, Manistee Township and Manistee County all were facing the substantial costs of upgrading several lift stations as well as the cost of a new sewer line to provide those needed infrastructure improvements along US-31.

Meanwhile, the band had plans to add an extra 200,000 gallons per day capacity to their existing, highly-rated, tribal sewer system that was already servicing the Little River Casino Resort, the Trading Post gas station and convenience store, the band's justice center, community center, its brand new government center and the Aki Maadiziwin residential housing subdivision. The band's sewage treatment plant expansion is now in its final stages and demonstrates the band's determination to move beyond its successful gaming operations and into economic and community development projects like this one, which will both improve regional infrastructure and provide the band with sustainable non-gaming revenues.

With the Alliance for Economic Success of Manistee acting as a neutral facilitator, representatives of the tribe, county,

city and township came together to discuss their mutual challenges and opportunities. After extensive study and negotiation, all of the units of government passed resolutions of support to pursue working together on this area of vital interest to all. The plan is to have the City of Manistee continue to provide water in the proposed commercial district and receive water revenue, while Manistee County abandons its existing force sewer main that needed to be replaced and have the band provide the new sewer line and receive sewer revenue, while Manistee Township grants rights of way to the city and the band for water and sewer thus allowing for expanding, profitable development of the district. The tribe/township sanitary sewage disposal agreement is the first of the three proposed agreements to be approved. The band and the City of Manistee still have to agree on water/sewer billing for the district so that customers will have no noticeable difference in their service, and the City of Manistee and Manistee Township still have to agree on water rates and proper rights of ways for development in the district.

These intergovernmental agreements will set the stage for development of vacant land and underused properties in the commercial corridor of US-31; increasing the tax base for the township, county and school district; establishing sustainable water and sewer revenues for the band and the city; and creating jobs for the residents of Manistee County.



Participants from last year's Recovery Walk.

Reusing fish processing waste

The disposal or reuse of fish processing waste has long been a challenge for Michigan's fish processing industry.

Approximately 5 million pounds of waste from commercially processed lake whitefish, lake trout, and salmon are generated annually. Several years ago and in an effort to help the Michigan fish processing industry find better solutions to handle fish processing waste materials, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Sea Grant and Northern Initiatives conducted a project that determined the viability of composting fish waste. The objectives of the project were to develop a compost marketing strategy, produce compost that met identified market specifications, and document the levels of mercury and halogenated hydrocarbons along the composting process to allay concerns in using composted fish waste. Recreational fishers must also decide on how to dispose of their fish waste and fish waste composting should be an alternative to explore instead of disposing it into a landfill.

In this project, MSU Extension, Michigan Sea Grant,

and Northern Initiatives worked with the Great Lakes commercial fishing industry to secure fish waste for composting. Trial composting sites for this project were established in both the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan. The composting techniques used in this project were developed by Wisconsin Sea Grant scientists, who explored the feasibility and reliability of composting fish waste with other readily available organic materials, such as wood chips and bark. The process they developed was designed to accommodate varying amounts of fish waste, from less than a bucket to a large truckload a day, making it equally suitable for backyard garden composting, as well as large scale commercial fishing operations. When properly followed, these techniques should result in no or very minimal odor.

Findings from this project showed that fish waste compost could be a component of a growing mix that meets a more demanding specification and for which the consumer is accustomed to paying a higher price. Based on the trials in this study,

growing mixes containing 20-25 percent compost in a professional peat based growing media are optimum. There is nothing in compost made from fish waste that would prohibit it from being used in an organic cropping system.

More details of these fish waste composting projects can be found in the publications that can help you to start your own fish waste composting. To obtain an electronic copy of the Michigan Sea Grant/MSU publication *Composting Commercial Fish Processing Waste from Fish Caught in the Michigan Waters of the Great Lakes* connect to the web link www.msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/fish_offal_management. The Wisconsin Sea Grant publication *The Compost Solution to Dockside Fish Waste* can be found at www.aqua.wisc.edu/publications/pdfs/compostsolution.pdf.

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Recycled Percussion brings high-energy act to Kewadin

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Often described as “junk rock music,” Recycled Percussion’s high-octane show features turbo charged drumming, stunning visuals and amazing athletic performances. Blending rock music and making musical instruments out of everyday household objects gives the high-energy Vegas act its unique sound. Recycled Percussion is slated for DreamMaker’s Theater in Sault Ste. Marie on Oct. 31.

Tickets are set at \$22.50 and \$15.50 and are on sale now.

Since band members first came together for a high school talent show in 1995, they have been seeking ways to take their musical talents to new creative heights by adding in as many instruments as they could into each show. The New Hampshire based group gained worldwide recognition after they were featured on the cover of *USA Today* and started touring in the late ‘90s. Recycled Percussion eventually worked their way onto NBC’s *America’s Got Talent* in 2009 where their immense talent was undeniable and was massively popular with every crowd. They were soon on the way to becoming an unstop-



pable worldwide phenomenon, sealing a deal as a Las Vegas headliner in 2010.

Be a part of the scene this Halloween as you don’t just simply sit back and watch the show — you become part of the show. Recycled Percussion hands out drumsticks and “instruments” to its audience members encourag-

ing anyone to play and become fully immersed into the show. Get ready for a unique, interactive show that’s sure to be a blast for all ages.

For more information, visit Recycled Percussion’s website at www.recycledpercussion.com or visit Kewadin Casinos website www.kewadin.com.

Results from 2014s Let’s Get Moving Community Challenge

BY HEATHER HEMMING

Team Manistique and Team Nahma tied for first place in the 2014 U.P. Let’s Get Moving Community Challenge. Manistique and Nahma communities also won the challenge last year. The annual Let’s Get Moving Challenge encourages community members to be more physically active and to focus on healthful living.

The 2014 Let’s Get Moving Community Challenge, sponsored by the Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant had nine participating communities which included Manistique, Munising, St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie, Nahma, Newberry, Cedarville, Marquette and Kinross. To encourage employee wellness and healthful behaviors, employees from the tribal health centers in Sault Ste. Marie and Manistique took part in the Let’s Get Moving Employee Challenge, sponsored by the 4x4 Grant Project and Website Wellness Committee.

From May 31 through July 26, community members and employees earned wellness points for their communities by logging

physical activity (minutes, miles and/or pedometer steps), servings of fruits and vegetables, and servings of water. Participants also received wellness points for being tobacco-free and for shopping at the local farmers’ market for fresh produce.

Participants received weekly email updates of team standings, community events and activities, and helpful wellness tips for the duration of the challenge.

Team Manistique averaged a total of 472.82 wellness points per participant and Team Nahma averaged a total of 369.48 wellness points per participant. Wellness points, physical activity, servings of fruits and vegetables, servings of water, tobacco use and shopping at the local farmers market were calculated as average per participant for each community. For 56 days, a total of 185 active participants from the nine communities logged an average (per participant) of 556 miles, 13,265 minutes of physical activity, 418,940 pedometer steps, 1,055 servings of fruits and vegetables, 1,430 servings of water, 213 tobacco-free and

13 shopped at the local farmers market.

All participating communities received \$2,000 in funding to enhance physical activity or healthy eating opportunities within their community. The funding must be used for sustainable changes in the environment, such as the purchase of bicycles and helmets for a free bike rental program, a community garden, enhancements to a farmers’ market, fitness equipment for a walking path, bike route signs and/or infrastructure improvements for biking and walking paths.

Communities interested in participating in the annual Let’s Get Moving Community Challenge should watch for challenge updates and announcements at www.UP4health.org.

Division 1 standings: First, Nahma; second, Newberry; third, Marquette; fourth, Kinross; and fifth, Cedarville. Division 2 standings: First, Manistique; second, St. Ignace; third, Munising; and fourth, Sault Ste. Marie.

Tribal clinic experiments with farmer’s market

From “Farmer’s market,” pg. 17

The few vendors of the inaugural farmers’ market at the clinic sold out of most of the offerings after the first hour in business. Available produce was reduced to beets and green tomatoes while the vendors hustled off to a Shunk Road farm to pick some more crops and prepare them for market. It wasn’t very long until they

returned to restock the vending tables.

Heather Hemming, Community Health educator, indicated the Aug. 20 farmers’ market was a huge success, “93 health center employees attended plus some folks from the general public.” She noted the vendors at the inaugural market were Nancy Griffin, Justin Miller and Monica Cady.

Marketing day shifted to Friday for the Sept. 5 sale.

Questions regarding the farmers’ markets at the clinic may be directed to Mary Bunker, registered dietician, at 632-5209 or mbunker@saulttribe.net or to Connie Watson, Community Health educator, at 632-5211 or cwatson@saulttribe.net. Information is also available at www.UP4Health.org.

ACFS collaborates with area programs

During last August, Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) staff were busy providing outreach by attending community events throughout the tribe’s service area.

ACFS staff participated in the annual safety fairs sponsored by the Sault Tribe Housing Authority. The events are geared toward educating individuals who live in reservation housing of community resources and services while each program booth provided an activity for children. ACFS provided information about financial assistance programs, advocacy resources and recruitment for new foster parents. Food and fun were enjoyed by all.

The USDA program also partnered with Community Health during August to attend a week long CDC traditional food grantee meeting. Sixteen tribes from across the United States were present. Each year, a different CDC grantee tribe sponsors the event and this year Sault Tribe hosted the event which began in Munising, Mich., then the group traveled to Manistique where a feast was prepared for elders and then finally to St. Ignace. Breakfast and lunch were provided by the USDA each day with items chosen by Connie Watson, Community Health educator and prepared by Marlene Porcaro, USDA nutrition coordinator. Porcaro said, “It was an honor and humbling experience to be able to share our traditions,

culture and history with these tribes.”

ACFS also participated in the annual Project Connect event sponsored by the Diane Peppler Resource Center. Events took place in Newberry and St. Ignace. Each participant is given a bracelet at registration and asked to go to each of the booths to receive the information about various programs, they were given a bead from each of the booths to add to their bracelet and once their bracelet was full, they were able to go shopping for all types of household and personal items. The Project Connect event for the Sault is set for Oct. 23, watch your local newspaper for details.

Finally, staff participated in the annual Sidewalk Sales in Sault, Mich., to provide information on ACFS programs. With a lack of tribal foster homes, the main focus was to distribute information on how to become a foster parent and answer questions people may have about foster parenting.

Director Juanita Bye said, “I am pleased to see ACFS staff getting out there to promote our programs and services to community members. We want everyone to know how to access all of our services. We provide an open door to all of our tribal members in need, if we can’t assist, we try to find another program that can.”

Follow us on www.facebook.com/acfsfamily.

Changes in controls for two pharmaceuticals

Actions recently been taken by the United States Drug Enforcement Agency will affect you if you are taking a prescription medication that contains either tramadol or hydrocodone. Tramadol was changed from a non-controlled substance to a controlled substance in schedule CIV effective Aug. 18, 2014. Tramadol medications include tramadol, Ultram, Ultracet and Ultram ER.

Written prescriptions presented to pharmacies or faxed from outside doctor’s offices for processing must bear the name, address and DEA number of the prescribing doctor. If the medication is prescribed by a nurse practitioner or physician’s assistant the prescription must bear their information and their supervising doctor. If prescribed through Sault Tribe health services for processing by tribal pharmacies, these requirements happen automatically. Prescriptions for tramadol products expire six months from the date they were created. You will be required to show photo identification when picking up these medications and you will be required to be on a controlled substance contract if you are receiving these medications on a chronic basis.

Hydrocodone containing products have been changed from

schedule III controlled substance to the more restrictive schedule II effective Oct. 6. Hydrocodone products include hydrocodone with acetaminophen, Vicodin, Norco and Zohydro.

All prescriptions for these products must be written or printed and manually signed by the doctors. They can no longer be called or faxed to the pharmacy by the prescribing doctors. The prescription must contain the name, address and DEA number of prescribing doctors. They cannot be prescribed by nurse practitioners or physician’s assistants. If these medications are prescribed for you by a tribal doctor and filled at a tribal pharmacy, these requirements will be done behind the scenes. Prescriptions cannot contain refills. A new prescription is required each time the medication is filled. You will be required to show photo identification when picking up these medications and you will be required to be on a controlled substance contract if you are receiving these medications on a chronic basis. It will take longer to process your requests for these medications.

We regret any inconveniences these requirements may cause. Please feel free to address any questions with a pharmacy staff member.

The Captains celebrate golden anniversary

Glen and Vida Captain of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 8, 2014. The couple married on Aug. 8, 1964, in Brimley, Mich., by Justice of the Peace Virginia Beamish.

They have four children, Robert Captain of Sault Ste. Marie, Ada (John) Dalgleish of Marquette Mich., Kathy (Hank) Sower of Illinois and the late James Ailing of Sault Ste. Marie; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-

grandchildren.

In their honor, a small reception took place on Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Sault Ste. Marie. Many friends and family members attended the reception, hosted by son, Robert, and grandchildren, Timothy, Kristin and Traci.

The couple sends their sincere gratitude to all who shared this celebration with them.



Sault Tribe welcomes birth of newest members



Audrey A. Cook



Noah E. Folsom



Halen E. Hubbard



Cambrie M. Mayer

AUDREY A. COOK

Audrey Anna Cook was born on July 30, 2014, at 1:06 p.m. at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19.25 inches in length.

Proud parents are Robin Cook and Alisha Bailey. Grandparents are Robert Cook and Laura Cook, Dawn Steinkohl-Rosso, Cheryl Brown and Don Bailey. Great-grandparents are the late Richard and Audrey Cook, Barbara Dietz, Paul Steinkohl, and Ruth McCarney.

NOAH E. FOLSOM

Clay and Stacey Folsom of Brighton, Mich., announce the birth of a son, Noah Edward Folsom. He was born on Aug. 13, 2014, at 1:29 p.m., and weighed 7 pounds, 5 oz.

He has two older, four legged brothers, Pudge, the dog and, Miles, the cat.

HALEN E. HUBBARD

Alexandra Perry and Chris Hubbard of Kincheloe, Mich., are the parents of a daughter, Halen Elizabeth Hubbard, born on

Aug. 17, 2014, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste Marie. She weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 21.5 inches in length.

Halen joins her 22-month old sister, Sophie LeeAnn Hubbard at home.

Grandparents are Fred and Lisa Perry of Kincheloe and Tony and Cami Hubbard of Sault Ste. Marie.

Great-grandparents are Carol and the late John Kellis of Sault Ste Marie, the late Bobbi Schmidt of Pickford, Bonnie and Pat Perry of Kingman, Ariz., Cindy and

Bill McKee of Sault Ste Marie; the late Betty McKee of Dafter and Kathleen and the late Jim Hubbard of Sault Ste. Marie.

CAMBRIE M. MAYER

Josh and Colleen are elated to introduce their daughter, Cambrie Marie Mayer, born on Aug. 2, 2014, in Sault Sainte Marie, Mich. She made her debut weighing 7 lbs, 1oz and measuring 19 inches.

Welcomed with joy by grandparents Steven and Susan Michaud and John and Virginia

Kaunisto. Great-grandparents are Rolland and Joanne Mayer, late Wilfred (Sam) and Virginia (Betty) Vert, Aljesa Michaud (late Fred) and Phyllis Bourdages (late Francis). Cambrie is loved by countless aunts, uncles and cousins. Also watching over her from above is grandpa, Marshall Mayer.

Much gratitude to Dr. Guevara, Dr. Cristoff, Tammy and the labor and delivery staff at War Memorial Hospital for the exceptional care of mommy and Cambrie.

Tribal community members walk on —

FRED P. ASLIN

Fred P. Aslin of Charlotte, Mich., aged 88, died on July 14, 2014, at Eaton Community Palliative Care in Charlotte. He was born on March 10, 1926, in Hulbert Township of Chippewa County, the son of Albert H. and Frances Bell (nee Smith) Aslin.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War receiving the Purple Heart for injuries received in action and the Korean Service Medal.

He was employed at the Clark Equipment Company and was also a farmer. He was John Aslin's brother.

Fred is survived by Eva Aslin; sisters-in-law, Irma Aslin and Fannie Aslin; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may go to Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S. Cochran Road, Charlotte, MI 48813.

Arrangements were by Burkhead-Green Funeral Home of Charlotte.

MARGUERITE M. DENEAU

Marguerite M. Deneau, aged 53, of Lincoln Park passed away on Aug. 16, 2014. She was born on Feb. 16, 1961 in Monroe, Mich., to Bernard and Theresa "Dolly" (nee Masta) Gill.

She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was very creative; she loved to sing and loved animals. Marguerite was everybody's friend. If she met you, she was your friend. She had a sense of humor about her that made everyone laugh. Marguerite was always upbeat and dealt with whatever was going on in her life in a positive way. She was all about family and cherished the time she spent with them, especially her grandchildren.

Marguerite is survived by the love of her life, Bob Qualls; her children, son Shaun Deneau of Seattle, Wash., daughters, Aimee Deneau of Newport, Mich., and Katianna (Katie) Deaeau of Lincoln Park, Mich.; her mother Theresa (Dolly) Gill of Hart, Mich.; four grandchildren, Isiah, Dominic, Cylus and Malachi and another expected in late November; brothers, Dave (Jan) Gill, Leland (Judy) Gill and Bernie (Frankie) Gill, all of Newport; half-brother, Michael (Karen) Hart of Rio Rancho, N.M.; sister-in-law, Sue Gill of Hart, Mich., and many nieces and nephews.

Her father, Bernard Gill, and infant son, Nicholas James, and brother, Eugene R. Gill, preceded

her in death.

A memorial service was held for family and friends on Aug. 23 in Monroe, Mich.



ALICE M. GAMBLE

Alice Marie (nee Dutcher) Gamble, aged 80, of Hessel, Mich., died on Aug. 6, 2014, in her home surrounded by her family. She was born on July 18, 1934, to Harvey William and Lucy Mary (nee Andress) Dutcher in Cedarville, Mich.

Alice was born and raised in Cedarville. After high school, she started her family and also provided daycare for many

children. For six years she also provided a safe home for children who were abused and estranged. She was active in the Hessel Tribal Center and for many years cooked for tribal functions. For several years she held bible school for the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Hessel.

She was an active member in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, a former member of the Moose Lodge in St. Ignace, Mich., and an elder in the tribal center in Hessel.

Alice liked to camp, crochet and knit. She was an avid reader, but most of all she loved her cats.

She is survived by son, Kim (Lori) Gamble of Moran, Mich.; daughters, April (Terry) Schmidt of Moundville, Ala., Lucia (Sonny) Weeks of Foley, Ala., Stephanie (Randy Marshall) Lash of St. Ignace, Allison (Russell) McCord of Hessel, Kimberly Gamble of Cedarville, Jamie (Bill) Nye of Cedarville; stepdaughter, Mary Gamble of Flint, Mich.; grandchildren, Brian, Christopher, Kelly, Derrick, Matt, Taylor, Danielle, Joseph, Daniel, Steven, Leland, Daniel, Samantha, Ashley, Tyler, Shanelle, Cody, Madison, Julia,

Cody, Gavin, Connor, Hanna, Waylon, Warren, Amelia, Scott, and Adison; great-grandchildren, Patrick, Ilana, Jaeda, Carsyn, Julie, Paul, Brook, Brianna, Alyssa, Caitlan, Daniel, Summer, Caylan, Aiden, Joseph, Connor, Emily, Noah, Joseph, Isaiah, Alyssa, Trevor, Trayton, Shealyn, Aubrey, Shealynn, and Dayton; sister, Leona Brown of Hessel; brother, Harvey (Linda) Dutcher of Arizona; and very special friend, Jodi Izzard.

Alice was preceded in death by sons, Keith Dutcher, Perry Gamble, Paul Gamble; daughter, Melody Montcolm; stepsons, David Gamble, James Gamble; grandson, Joshua Glashaw; and brother, Ray Dutcher.

Visitation and services took place on Aug. 13 at the R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan with Brother John Hascall conducting the service and Kim Gamble, Russell McCord, Bill Nye, Daniel Marsh, Dan Lash, and Mitchell Montgomery serving as pallbearers. Burial is at Cedar Cemetery in Clark Township.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Tribal community obituaries continued



JAMES E. KALIS

James Edward Kalis, born on June 13, 1954, died on Aug. 13, 2014, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, walked on from this world at his home in St. Clair Shores, Mich., after a courageous four-year battle with cancer.

Jim was born in Mt. Clemens, Mich., to Edward and Delores Ocha-Kalbfleish-Bissell who preceeded Jim in death. Jim's genetic lineage is a long and proud one begotten of the Ocha/Fontaine/Lablanc/LaPeer clans on his mother's side (Captain Albert Ocha/Georgiana Fontaine). Out of necessity, Jim and his sister, Gale, were removed from their tribal family and adopted together at a young age to a non-native family in the Detroit area by loving parents, Gottfried and Laura (nee Koslowski) Kalis, in March, 1961. Although raised separately from his four other siblings, all of whom were adopted independently of each other, he was gleefully reunited with all four of his lost natural siblings in 1981 due to the tremendous sleuth work of his sister, Gale.

Jim graduated from Edwin Denby High School in Harper Woods, Mich., in June, 1972. While in school, he played the clarinet in the marching and symphonic bands, and was drum major marching in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade. He was also a thespian and a member of ROTC. After high school graduation, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Navy, proudly serving eight years in the electronics program aboard the USS Luce, a destroyer, stationed out of Jacksonville, Fla. He was honorably discharged after attaining the rank of first class petty officer. After Jim's service to our country and the death of his father, he moved back to Michigan in 1984 to help care for his mother.

Jim met Donna Brewster and her two children in 1986. They married on May 21, 1988, in Warren, Mich., and on Oct. 1, 1991, Jim adopted Donna's two children becoming their proud father.

During a down-turn in the Michigan economy, Jim worked for his church school before moving back into his forte of computers and electronics with *Detroit News/Free Press* newspapers in their IT

department. There, he continued to work until his cancer diagnosis and treatment became too demanding and debilitating to work any longer.

Jim loved gardening, music and the arts, tinkering with electronics, fixing computers and anything electrical for himself, friends and family. Thanks to his military training, there didn't seem to be anything electrical that he couldn't fix. He loved to walk and ride his bicycle on long 30-plus mile weekend marathons. He enjoyed the out-of-doors, camping, traveling and spending time with his family and friends.

Jim was the sweetest, kindest, most gentle man who was dearly loved and will be missed by all of his family, natural and adopted, his former co-workers, friends and neighbors. He will be remembered for his warm smile, great sense of humor and big heart. He was a kind soul who never had an unkind word to say about anyone. Remarkably, Jim was never heard to raise his voice in anger. He was an angel on earth. Jim's service to his country was celebrated with a seven-man honor guard which changed throughout the day culminating with a 21-gun salute and the playing of *Taps*. Jim's wife, Donna, was presented with a folded American flag and gun shell casings from the tribute representing his years of service to his country. Jim received the highest honor bestowed upon a veteran by other veterans, a pass in review, not only from the honor guard but by many friends and relatives who are veterans, including his own son who is currently in the Marine Reserves.

Services took place at Kaul Funeral Home in St. Clair Shores on Aug. 16.

James Edward Kalis is survived by his loving wife, Donna; daughter Melissa Kalis of St. Clair Shores; son, Brandon (Danielle) Kalis of Warren; granddaughters, Kylee and Brielle and grandson, Gannon Smith; father-in-law, Clyde J Moore of East China, Mich.; sisters Laura (Larry) Day of Brentwood, Calif., Sherry (William) Swayze of Mesa, Ariz., Gale (Steven) Parylak of Jackson, Mich., and Martha (Bob) Dopkowski of Milan, Mich.; brothers, Douglas Kalis of Unionville, Mich., and Joseph (Kumcha) Keezer, currently residing in China; sisters-in-law Bonnie (Bob) Gardiner of Port Orange, Fla., and Nancy (Bob) Nahorodny of Marine City, Mich.; brothers-in-law, Clyde (Renee) Moore of Dryden, Mich., and Brian (Thea) Moore of Commece, Mich.; a multitude of nephews and nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, second cousins and many more extended family members of Sault Tribe, friends and loved ones.



HERMAN D. KEMPF

Herman Donald Kempf of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Sept. 2, 2014, at his home. He was born on Oct. 2, 1949, in Sault Ste. Marie. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, friends and helping others.

Herman is survived by a son, Cory Kempf; daughter, Andrea Kempf; sister, Audrey Truckey; brothers, Gary Kempf, Joe Hoffman and Robert Hoffman; grandchildren, Jade TenEyck, Mason Vaughn and Breckynn Kempf.

He was predeceased by Charles Kempf, John Hoffman, Katherine Struckmann, Sheila Wolfe, George Kempf, Bernard Hoffman, Earlan Hoffman, Anthony Kempf, Arbutus Kempf and Herman Kempf, Sr.

Visitation and services took place on Sept. 6 at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Buildin with Father Sebastian Kavumkal officiating. Interment is in Riverside Cemetery.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family, online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.



MAUDE I. RAMSEY

Maude Isabel Ramsey, 94, of N. Ft. Myers formerly of Michigan and California, passed away on Aug. 6, 2014, in N. Ft. Myers. She was born on Oct. 2, 1919, in Three Springs, Pa., to Edward and Nevada Beckwith, now deceased.

Maude was a member of the Slater Bible Chapel in N. Ft. Myers, Little Stone Church on Mackinac Island and Topinabee Community Church in Michigan. She worked in many restaurants ending her hospitality career at Ty's Restaurant on Mackinac Island. She always served people with a smile. She enjoyed reading and boating and traveled throughout the United States and Europe. She was an honorary lifetime member of the Mackinac Island Yacht Club and a member of the Blue Gavel and Marquette Boat Club women's auxiliaries. She

was a wonderful, wife, mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 72 years, Francis "De" Ramsey; two children, Rich Ramsey (Ruth) of N. Ft. Myers and Diana Sukta (John) of Merrillville, Ind.; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, as well as three great-great grandchildren.

Maude was preceded in death by two children, Berniece Ramsey and Wilfred Ramsey as well as eight siblings.

Memorial services were conducted on Aug. 10, 2014, at Slater Bible Chapel in Ft. Myers with Pastor J.W. Richardson officiating.

Memorial contributions in memory of Maude Ramsey are suggested to Hope Hospice of Ft. Myers.

Friends are invited to send condolences via the on-line guest book which can be found at www.MullinsMemorial.com.

Mullins Memorial Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Cape Coral, helped with final care.



MILDRED D. ROY

Mildred Dorothy "Millie" Roy, aged 93, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Aug. 13, 2014, at Tendercare, in Sault Ste. Marie. She was born on Nov. 8, 1920, in Port Huron, Mich., to the late Norbert Francis and Marie (nee LaCoy) Roy.

After high school she worked for Soo Co-Op Grocery and later the Red Owl Supermarket. Millie enjoyed bowling, quilting, trout fishing, boating, snowmobiling, visiting with friends and spending time with her grandchildren. Millie was a Lioness with the Sugar Island Lion's Club.

Millie is survived by her children, Patricia Parrett of Rapid River, Mich., and Jean Kachur of Franksville, Wisc.; grandchildren, Marcia Lehto, Marla Foulbaum, James McPherson, Lee Tureak, Jennifer Raspor, Patsy Ann Parrett, Gerald Parrett, Sandra (Daniel) Eppers, Steven Kachur, Christopher (Stacy) Kachur, Jessica Kachur, and Courtrey (Jill) Kachur; many great-grandchildren; a few great-great-grandchildren; siblings, Norbert (Ruth) Roy of Howell, Mich., Bernard Roy

of Sugar Island, Mich., Doreen (Tom) Brunet of Sugar Island, and Georgine McKenzie of Escanaba, Mich.

Millie was preceded in death by her parents; three siblings, Harriette Yon, Alfred Roy, and Bernadette Roy; and one great-grandson.

Visitation took place on Aug. 17 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and services were conducted on Aug. 18 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church with Father Sebastian Kavumkal as celebrant. A private family committal service took place at Maple Hill Cemetery on Sugar Island followed by a luncheon at the Sugar Island Community Center hosted by the Lions and Lionesses.

Memorials may be left, in Millie's name, to the St. Mary's School Desk Fundraiser. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

Sexual Assault Response Team receives training

BY HALI MCKELVIE

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Chippewa County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) was recently represented at the U.S. Department of Justice's National Indian Country Training Initiative.

Awarded full scholarships to attend were Chippewa County SART team members Catherine M. Castagne, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians sexual assault and domestic violence prosecutor; James Robinson, Chippewa County assistant prosecutor; and Wendy Jamros, War Memorial Hospital nurse practitioner and certified sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE).

This training was designed to enhance the successful use of SANE expert witness testimony in sexual assault and domestic violence prosecutions and consisted of mock court hearings involving intensive prosecutor and defense attorney questioning and cross examination allowing for both SANE witnesses and prosecutors to advance skills necessary in criminal trials.

The Chippewa County SART team is a multidisciplinary body made up of members from the tribe's Advocacy Resource Center, Prosecutor's Office and Law Enforcement; War Memorial Hospital, Chippewa County Prosecutor's Office; Chippewa County Sheriff's Department; Diane Pepler Resource Center; Michigan State Police; City of Sault Ste. Marie Police Department; Bay Mills Indian Community; and Chippewa County Department of Human Services.

For more information, contact the Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center at (906) 632-1808.

EUP Special Olympics helped with funding



On Aug. 19, 82 people joined in a fundraiser to help EUP Special Olympics raise a record breaking \$13,000 for local sports programs for special Olympians. With the help of Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry transporting everyone, along with wheelchair athletes and everyone's bikes, they fulfilled their commitment to donors to bike or walk around Mackinac Island. Mackinac Island Carriage Tours added a special event for all athletes and families with a carriage tour ride. They also provided two handicapped carriages for our wheelchair athletes. All of the money raised stays locally to provide year around programs for EUP special Olympians. Left, Mackinac Island Carriage Tours, athletes John LeBlanc and Tyler Sherlund and their families enjoy the ride. Above, athletes in front of Shepler's ready to board.

Youth Development Fund raised to \$150 a year

BY JESSICA DUMBACK

The Tribal Youth Development Fund available to Sault Tribe youngsters in the tribe's service area now allows up to \$150 per school year.

The fund helps with needs required by a wide variety of extra-curricular activities such as sports fees and equipment,

music, dance and theatre lessons, instrument purchases and rental fees, sports and academic camps, driver education, regalia making, youth drum and senior pictures to name just a few.

Applicants must live in either Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette or Schoolcraft counties to be

eligible. Youth may receive up to \$150 per funding cycle, which follows the academic school year of Aug. 1-July 31.

Applying households must meet the established income criteria of 150 percent of the 2014 U.S. Health and Human Services poverty guidelines, which ranges from \$11,670 per year for a

household of one to \$40,090 per year for a household of eight. Amounts in between those two points are \$15,730 for a two-person household, \$19,790 for a three-person household, \$23,850 for four, \$27,910 for five, \$31,970 for six and \$36,030 for seven. For each additional person beyond eight in a household, add

\$4,060.

Applications meeting the established criteria are funded on a first-come, first-served basis as funding is limited. For a complete list of funding opportunities, or to receive an application, please contact Jessica Dumback at (906) 635-7770 or via email at jdumback@saulttribe.net.

Building Circles of Support

Partnerships for personal healing, cultural pride and positive change talking circles.

Building circles of support at the Luce County Community Recreation and Resource Center on Wednesdays starting on Sept. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m., until Nov. 26. Nothing scheduled for Nov. 12. Open to the public.

Topics include what's in a name? Adjective name game, understanding state of mind

Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at Luce County Community Recreation Center, starting Sept. 24

– “mud mind,” trust walk, the human barometer, what to do with conflict, personal treasurer hunt, back to back, listening, listening skills, labeling, getting real about stereotypes, faces around a bullying circle,

exploring the four levels and roles in creating change and circle of support.

For more information, contact Lisa Burnside at 484-2298, 484-7666 or lburnside@saulttribe.net or call Mary Archambeau at 293-3729.

Sponsored by the Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program and Luce County Community Recreation and Resource Center.

Madagame graduates from University of Michigan

Sault Tribe member Andrew “Drew” Madagame graduated from the University of Michigan on May 3, 2014. He is the son of Sault Tribe member Elisabeth “Lisa” Madagame and Grand Traverse Band member Jimmy Madagame. We are very proud of his accomplishment! He received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in ecology and evolutionary biology.



Tribe's Young Environmentalist Camp educational

Despite poor weather, the Sault Tribe Environmental Department successfully conducted the fourth annual Young Environmentalist Camp on Aug. 12-13.

Working with Linda Grossett and Jackie Minton from the Cultural Department,

Environmental staff coordinated a day and half full of education and fun for the 11 participants. The kids did experiments involving convection, water filtration and leachates as well as playing games about habitats, invasive species and animal tracks. They also decorated their own souvenir

backpacks and T-shirts, created bookmarks used dried plant materials and designed a clan flag. Conservation District forester, Brook Alloway, acted as a guest speaker and taught participants about tree identification and sustainability. Keith Smith from the Traditional Medicine Program

talked about kinnickinnic, and each camper got to take home his or her own sample. Of course, the kids got to eat crickets and ants this year, too.

Finally, new to the Young Environmentalist Camp, we hosted the first ever clan cup that tested the Marten, Bear and

Crane clans with trivia and other competitions. Congratulations to the Bear clan for winning.

Thank you to Linda, Jackie and our guest speakers.

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This excerpt of the Sault Tribe's annual financial report presents a discussion and analysis of the tribe's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on Dec. 31, 2013. Please read it in conjunction with the tribe's financial statements, which follow this section.

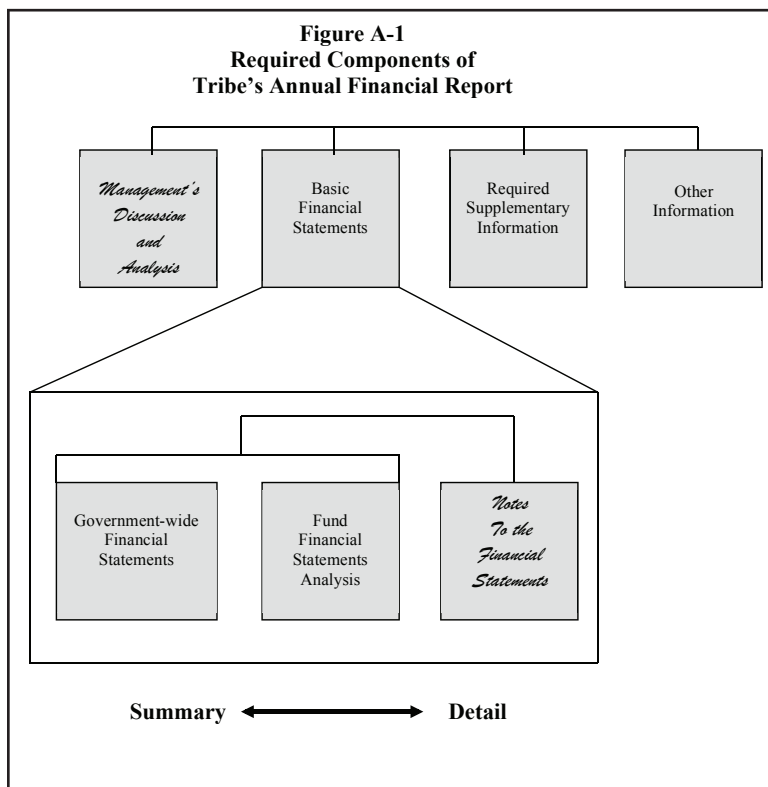
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The tribe's total governmental assets decreased to \$90.7 million or 1.6 percent over the course of this year's operations while total assets from business-type activities decreased to \$127.5 million. Total primary governmental assets were \$218.2 million at 2013 year end.
- Total liabilities in governmental activities decreased to \$51 million or 4.7 percent and total liabilities in business-type activities decreased to \$38.8 million. Total primary governmental liabilities were \$89.8 million at 2013 year end.
- During the year, the tribe's expenses and transfers were \$1.1 million less than the revenues generated by grants, taxes and other sources for governmental activities.
- In the tribe's business-type activities, total revenues were \$116.1 million while total expenses, taxes, loss on disposal of capital assets, and transfers were \$119.7 million.
- Dollars spent on member services decreased \$1.1 million or 1.9 percent while grant revenues decreased \$3.3 million or 7.7 percent.
- The General Fund reported a decrease in expenditures of \$35,000 for the year due to decreases in debt service and health and welfare costs.
- Major capital projects included:
 - Major upgrades to the main accounting software used by all areas within the organization.
 - The tribe's Barbeau Fish Hatchery completed a major road upgrade with the assistance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
 - Significant improvements in the technological infrastructure throughout the organization.
 - MidJim Convenience Store in Sault Ste. Marie underwent a total replacement of all underground fuel storage tanks.
 - The purchase of parcel of land for use by the tribe's commercial fisherman.
 - The purchase of a cemetery from an estate in the Hessel area for continued use by area tribal families.
 - Continuation of the lighting and energy audit programs.

- The tribe sold its Kewadin Casino's Lakefront Inn in St. Ignace in October 2013. The 71-room property was owned since the mid-1990s.
- Sault Tribe Housing Authority purchased the previously vacant former Shores Casino building and proceeded to demolish it in anticipation of the construction of elder housing and community center which should commence in 2014.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of four parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, required supplementary information and other information that presents combining statements for non-major governmental, internal



service, enterprise and fiduciary funds. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the tribe.

Required Components of Tribe's Annual Financial Report

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the tribe's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the tribe's government, reporting the tribe's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

— The governmental funds statements tell how government services like public safety and health and welfare were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

— Proprietary fund statements offer short and long-term financial information about the activities the the government operates like businesses, such as the Midjims.

— Fiduciary fund statements provide information about the financial relationships - like the retirement plan of the tribe's employees - in which the tribe acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 (above) shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another. In addition to these required elements, we have included a section with combining statements that provide details about our governmental funds and internal service funds each of which are added together and presented in single columns in the basic financial statements. Figure A-2 (below, right) summarizes the major features of the tribe's financial statements. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Major Features of Tribe's Government-wide and Fund

Financial Statements GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

The government-wide statements report information about the tribe as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the tribe's net position and how they have changed. Net position — the difference between the tribe's assets and liabilities — is one way to measure the tribe's financial health, or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the tribe's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the tribe you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the gaming industry regulations and changes

in federal law.

The government-wide financial statements of the tribe are:

- **GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES** — Most of the tribe's basic services are included here, such as health and welfare, public safety, education, and recreation and culture. Taxes, federal revenue, state revenue, and charges for services finance most of these activities.
- **BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES** — The tribe charges fees to customers to help it cover the costs of certain services it provides. The tribe's Gaming Authority and businesses are included here.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the tribe's most significant funds - not the tribe as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the tribe uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

- Some funds are required by federal law and by bond covenants.
- The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian's Board establishes other funds to control and manage grant money for particular purposes (Head Start, Fisheries, Sanitation, etc.)

The tribe has three kinds of funds:

- **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS** — Most of the tribe's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how much cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the tribe's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we

provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement, or on the subsequent page, that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

- **PROPRIETARY FUNDS** — Internal services for which the tribe charges internal customers a fee are generally reported in the general fund. Proprietary funds, like the government-wide statements, provide both long and short term financial information. In fact, the tribe's enterprise funds (one type of proprietary fund) are the same as its business-type activities, but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. "Internal services" are used for the tribe's other programs and activities — such as the Management Information Systems, Human Resources, Accounting, etc.

- **FIDUCIARY FUNDS** — The tribe is trustee, or fiduciary, for its employees' pension plans. It is also responsible for other assets because a trust arrangement can be used only for the trust beneficiaries. The tribe is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in the funds are used for their intended purposes. All of the tribe's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. We exclude these activities from the tribe's government-wide financial statements because the tribe cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TRIBE AS A WHOLE

Net position. The tribe's combined governmental and business-type net position was \$128,349,926 for 2013. (See Table A-1 on page 25)

TRIBE'S NET POSITION
\$37.2 million of net governmental assets are invested in capital assets (land, buildings and equipment) with \$75.9 million of business assets invested in the same manner.

See "2013 Report," Page 25

Scope	Government-wide Statements	Fund Statements		
	Entire Tribal government (except fiduciary funds) and the Tribe's component units	Governmental Funds The activities of the Tribe that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as public safety, health & welfare, and public works	Proprietary Funds Activities the Tribe operates similar to private businesses: Gaming Authority, Midjim, and Northern Hospitality, etc.	Fiduciary Funds Instances in which the Tribe is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources such as the retirement plan for Tribal Employees
Required Financial Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net position • Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net position • Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position • Statement of cash flows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of fiduciary net position • Statement of changes in fiduciary net position
Accounting Basis and Measurement Focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of Asset Liability Information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term
Type of Inflow/Outflow Information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during year regardless of when cash is received or paid	All revenues and expenses during year regardless of when cash is received or paid

SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS FACILITIES LISTING AS OF JUNE 27, 2014. AREA CODE (906) UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Sault Area Buildings Kewadin Casino Hotel & Convention Center 2186 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 1-800-KEWADIN 632-0530	635-4800 Mary Murray Culture Camp 266 Homestead Road Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 635-5604 Powwow Grounds 10 Ice Circle Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Nokomis/Mishomis Building 2076 Shunk Rd. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Eldercare Services 635-4971 Sault Tribe Head Start 635-7722 Early Head Start 635-7722 Enrollment Department 2428 Shunk Rd. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Mailing address: PO Box 1628 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 635-3396 632-8552 (800) 251-6597 George K. Nolan Judicial Building 2175 Shunk Rd. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Sault Tribe Law Enforcement/Conservation 635-6065 Tribal Court 635-4963 Prosecutors office 635-4749 Inland Fish and Wildlife Department 632-6132 Youth Education and Activities 2428 Shunk Road Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 253-1321 Big Abe Building (Inter-tribal building) 179 W. Three Mile Rd. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Inter Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program 632-0072 MidJim Sault 2205 Shunk Road Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (906) 635-4782 Sault Tribe Construction 3375 South M-129 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 635-0556 USDA/Food Distribution 3601 Mackinaw Trail Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 635-6076 Advocacy Resource Center 2769 Ashmun Street P.O. Box 1576 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 632-1808 or 877-639-7820 Lodge of Bravery Advocacy Services Legal Aid Shedawin Building 2158 Shunk Road Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Behavioral Health uses Somes Building 1022 Portage Street Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Garage Belongs to Purchasing Bi-Bagi (Call, Cry out, or Shout) 2151 Shunk Road Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Storage 199 Three Mile Road Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Kincheloe Area Buildings	ACFS Kincheloe Office - Child Placement 60 Kincheloe Kincheloe, MI 49788 495-1232 Sault Tribe Housing Authority 154 Parkside Drive Kincheloe, MI 49788 495-1450 495-5598 (800) 794-4072 Maintenance (855) 205-2840 DeMawating Development 42 Woodlake Kincheloe, MI 49788 DeMawating Development 495-2800 Sault Tribe Real Estate 495-1016 Youth Education and Activities Rudyard Schools 11185 2nd Street Rudyard, MI 49780 487-3471 ext: 228 St. Ignace Area Buildings Kewadin St. Ignace 3015 Mackinac Trail St. Ignace, MI 49781 643-7071 1-800-KEWADIN St. Ignace Employment Office 643-4176 Sault Ste. Marie Employment Office 635-4937 or (866) 635-7032 St. Ignace Health Clinic 1140 N. State Street, Suite 2805 St. Ignace, MI 49781 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135 Lambert Center 225 WaSeh Drive St. Ignace, MI 49781 Head Start 643-9733 Enji Maawanji' Iding (Former McCann School) 399 McCann Street St. Ignace, MI 49781 643-3189 Elder Meals Sault Tribe Youth Facility and Sault Tribe Law Enforcement 1130 N. State Street St. Ignace, MI 49781 Sault Tribe Youth Facility 643-0941 Sault Tribe Law Enforcement 635-6065 MidJim St. Ignace 3045 Mackinac Trail St. Ignace, MI 49781 643-9906 Youth Education and Activities St. Ignace (Not owned by Sault Tribe) Lasalle Middle School 860 Portage Street St. Ignace, MI 49781 643-7262 Hessel Area Buildings Kewadin Hessel 3395 3 Mile Road Hessel, MI 49745 484-2903 1-800-KEWADIN Hessel Tribal Center 3355 N 3 Mile Road Hessel, MI 49745 484-2727 Community Health Eldercare services lunches ACFS on occasion	Youth Education and Activities 484-2298 Vacant Building and Cemetery 2354 E M-134 Hessel Hessel, MI 484-2727 Manistique Area Buildings Kewadin Manistique 5630 W US 2 Manistique, MI 49854 341-5510 1-800-KEWADIN Manistique Tribal Community Center 5698W US-2 Manistique, MI 49854 341-8469 (866) 401-0043 Fax 341-1321 Administration Sault Tribe Law Enforcement 635-6065 341-8317 Elderly meals Health Center: Medical, Nursing, Dental, Hygienist, Optical, Pharmacy, Community Health, Nutrition, Patient Registration, Behavioral Health, and Traditional Healing Maintenance ACFS 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137 Housing Authority: Escanaba, Newberry, Manistique, Wetmore, Marquette 1176 North Chitoma Drive Manistique, MI 49854 341-5145 (888) 353-9502 Maintenance (855) 205-2840 Youth Education and Activities Manistique 174 Zhigag Manistique, MI 49754 341-3362 Escanaba Area Buildings 1226 Wigob Escanaba, MI 49829 Youth Education and Activities 789-0972 Newberry Area Buildings Newberry Health Center and Community Building 4935 Zeez-Ba-Tik Lane Newberry, MI 49868 293-8181 Community Health Satellite Direct Services Munising Area Buildings Kewadin Christmas N7761 Candy Cane Lane Christmas, MI 49862 387-5475 1-800-KEWADIN Munising Tribal Community Center (Health and Human Service Programs) 622 W. Superior Street Munising, MI 49862 387-4721 (800) 236-4705 Fax 387-4727 Youth Education and Activities (Not owned by Sault Tribe) Mather Middle School 411 Elm Street Munising, MI 49862 387-2251 Ext. 180 Marquette Area Buildings K.J. Sawyer Sawyer Village/Eagle Ridge 250 Voodoo Ave.	Gwinn, MI 49841 346-3919 Sault Tribe Real Estate 495-1016 Gas Stations (Tribal owned) MidJim Convenience Store 2205 Shunk Road Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 MidJim Convenience Store 3045 Mackinac Trail St. Ignace, MI 49781 Not Tribal owned stations offering gas discounts only Kinross BP 4440 Tone Road Kincheloe, MI 49788 Cedar Pantry 159 W M-134 Cedarville, MI 49719 Newberry BP Express Mart 13975 M-28 Newberry, MI 49868 White Pine Lodge 7889 E. W. M-28 Christmas, MI 49862 Freedom Value Center 501 W. Washington Street Marquette, MI 49855 Manistique Oil Company 216 Deer Street Manistique, MI 49854 Carnes BP 2300 Ludington Street Escanaba, MI 49837 George K. Nolan Judicial Building - Sault Tribe Law Enforcement/Conservation 635-6065 2175 Shunk Rd. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Law Enforcement Offices Kincheloe 635-6065 Sault Tribe Youth Facility/Sault Tribe Law Enforcement 1130 N. State Street St. Ignace, MI 49781 635-6065 - STLE 643-0941 - STYF Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Manistique Tribal Community Center 5698 W US-2 Manistique, MI 49854 635-6065 341-8317 Sault Tribe Satellite Clinics Escanaba Tribal Community Health Center Penstar Office Building 1401 North 26th Street, Suite 105 Escanaba, MI 49829 786-2636 Services: Medical, Community Health, Health Education Marquette Tribal Satellite Clinic 1414 W. Fair Ave., Suite 108 Marquette, MI 49855 Services: Medication pick up, nutritionist by appointment. To contact Marquette clinic, call Munising clinic at 387-4721. (List provided by the Sault Tribe Communications Department. To correct or update location information, please call 632-6398 or e-mail your request to slucas@saulttribe.net)
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CHANGES IN NET POSITION
 The tribe's total revenues from primary activities (excluding special items) was \$191.0 million. (See Table A-2, right.) The tribe's revenue comes mainly from gaming revenues, charges for services, taxes and federal sources.

The total cost of all primary activities was \$169.6 million and included both governmental and member services along with business-type operating costs excluding transfers and taxes.

The tribe was able to cover the current year's costs for programs and services of governmental operations through its revenues. Table A-2 and the narrative that follows consider the operations of governmental-type activities and business-type activities separately.

Governmental and Business-type Activities

- Revenues for the tribe's governmental activities decreased 4.0 percent, while total expenses decreased .40 percent.
- Revenues for the tribe's business-type activities decreased \$4.1 million while total expenses decreased \$3.2 million.

Table A-2 (right) presents the cost of each of the tribe's five largest programs—health and welfare, public safety, recreation and culture, education, and general government as well as its judicial services, public works and interest expense.

- The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$73.9 million.
- The cost of those services was paid from the following:
 - Taxes of \$17.5 million
 - Charges for services of \$13.7 million
 - Operating and Capital Grants of \$39.9 million
 - Interest, dividends and other revenues of \$3.2 million

The increase in governmental net position for 2013 was \$1.1 million.

Business-type Activities

Revenues of the tribe's business-type activities were \$116.1 million and expenses were \$95.8 million. (Refer to Table A-2). Business-type activities provide all of the governmental tax revenues and the decrease in net position for the businesses was \$3.6 million for 2013 after taxes.

As the tribe completed the year, its governmental funds reported on page 16, a combined deficit fund balance of \$26.5 million, an increase in combined fund balance of \$930 thousand from 2012. The primary reason for the increase in fund balance is highlighted in the analysis of governmental activities. In addition, these other changes in fund balance should be noted:

- Debt service expenditures were \$4.5 million.
- \$7.1 million was transferred out to other activities from the General Fund, an increase of 28.1 percent from 2012.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the tribe's board made several changes to the tribe's budget. The budget process falls into three categories:

- Original budgets are approved by the board prior to the beginning of the program's fiscal year.
- Amendments and supplemental appropriations are approved

as needed by the programs during the course of the fiscal year.

- Year end modifications are made during the calendar year as needed for programs with non-December year ends.

Even with these adjustments, actual expenditures were \$787,000 more than the final budgeted general fund amounts. The actual excess of revenues over expense was \$10 million more than the final budget anticipated. This is due, in part, to greater revenues, other sources (uses), and less operating fund transfers than the final budgeted amounts.

The most significant variances were as follows:

- Other revenues and charges for services were greater than expected.
- Other financing uses of funds were less.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the end of 2013, the tribe has invested \$145,662,021 in a broad range of capital assets, including land, machinery and equipment, buildings, roads, and vehicles. (See Table A-3, right.)

The principal change in capital assets consists mainly of equipment purchases.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

This year's major capital asset additions included:

- Tribal business equipment and building improvements of \$4,231,816.
- All Governmental and Tribal Internal Service Funds of \$1,720,635.

LONG-TERM DEBT

At year end, the tribe had \$36,702,120 in bonds, notes, and other obligations. Government debt decreased by \$999,996 or 33 percent to \$2,000,008.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the General Fund budget for fiscal 2014. The amount appropriated in the General Fund budget for operations is \$13,746,389, which is a 21.5 percent increase from final fiscal 2013 budget. The tribe will use its revenues to finance current and expected future programs, program expansions into outlying areas, and the expected impact of inflation on those programs.

The largest fiscal 2014 budgeted expenditures are for direct services, consulting/subcontracting, and expansion of member services. If these estimates are realized, the tribe's budgetary General Fund balance is expected to remain steady by the close of fiscal 2014.

As for the tribe's business-type activities, it is expected the 2014 results will also improve based on these items:

- Reduction in operating costs.
- Increase in operating margins.

CONTACTING THE TRIBE'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our members, grantors, investors and creditors with a general overview of the tribe's finances and to demonstrate the tribe's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Administration Office, 523 Ashmun, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Table A-1
Tribe's Net Position

	Governmental		Business-Type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Current and Other Assets	\$ 45,897,421	\$ 45,021,837	\$ 26,644,389	\$ 26,129,760	\$ 72,541,810	\$ 71,151,597
Capital Assets	44,766,511	47,074,068	100,895,510	110,809,047	145,662,021	157,883,115
Total Assets	\$ 90,663,932	\$ 92,095,905	\$ 127,539,899	\$ 136,938,807	\$ 218,203,831	\$ 229,034,712
Current Liabilities	\$ 12,095,380	\$ 15,551,306	\$ 32,326,322	\$ 44,622,145	\$ 44,421,702	\$ 60,173,451
Noncurrent Liabilities	38,932,199	37,965,227	6,500,004	-	45,432,203	37,965,227
Total Liabilities	51,027,579	53,516,533	38,826,326	44,622,145	89,853,905	98,138,678
Net Position						
Net Investment in						
Capital Assets	37,189,503	38,334,064	75,937,177	78,142,380	113,126,680	116,476,444
Unrestricted	2,446,850	245,308	12,776,396	14,174,282	15,223,246	14,419,590
Total Net Position	\$ 39,636,353	\$ 38,579,372	\$ 88,713,573	\$ 92,316,662	\$ 128,349,926	\$ 130,896,034

Table A-2
Changes in Tribe's Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Revenues				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 13,696,990	\$ 14,035,939	\$ 115,193,955	\$ 119,218,766
Operating and Capital Grants	39,922,700	43,266,397	-	-
General Revenues:				
Taxes	17,518,984	17,525,730	-	-
Interest/Dividends	23,096	37,897	16,998	23,676
Other	3,152,979	2,552,686	871,104	947,068
Total Revenues	74,314,749	77,418,649	116,082,057	120,189,510
Expenses				
Gaming Authority	-	-	82,167,042	85,266,479
Other	-	-	13,583,480	13,729,638
Judicial	836,904	869,427	-	-
Education	7,262,398	7,753,926	-	-
Health and Welfare	43,142,067	43,556,003	-	-
Recreation and Culture	2,381,891	2,264,904	-	-
Public Safety	4,745,415	5,037,766	-	-
General Government	10,596,758	10,028,672	-	-
Public Works	1,030,481	1,018,864	-	-
Interest Expense	3,877,235	3,637,721	-	-
Total Expenses	73,873,149	74,167,283	95,750,522	98,996,117
Excess (deficiency)	441,600	3,251,366	20,331,535	21,193,393
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	(5,800,259)	-
Transfers	615,381	1,625,554	(615,381)	(1,625,554)
Taxes	-	-	(17,518,984)	(17,525,730)
Changes in net position	1,056,981	4,876,920	(3,603,089)	2,042,109
Net Position – Beginning	38,579,372	33,702,452	92,316,662	90,274,553
Net Position – Ending	\$ 39,636,353	\$ 38,579,372	\$ 88,713,573	\$ 92,316,662

Table A-3
Tribe's Capital Assets – at Cost

	Governmental	Business-Type	Governmental	Business-Type
	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities
	2013	2013	2012	2012
Land and Improvements	\$ 14,970,675	\$ 6,952,754	\$ 14,905,130	\$ 8,827,921
Buildings and Equipment	79,254,795	212,688,057	79,625,276	218,785,808
	94,225,470	219,640,811	94,530,406	227,613,729
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(49,458,959)	(118,745,301)	(47,456,338)	(116,804,682)
Totals	\$ 44,766,511	\$ 100,895,510	\$ 47,074,068	\$ 110,809,047

GOVERNOR'S ACTION THREATEN SOVEREIGNTY: State ~ Tribal Accord Participation Questioned



Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson

*Representing All Members
Everywhere*

Ahneen, Boozo, Negee:

Under the Engler Administration (a republican one), Michigan tribes entered a Tribal-State Accord to reinforce a government to government relationship among sovereigns. After all, the origin for state sovereignty is the same as it is for Tribe under the *U.S. Constitution, Article One, Section 8, paragraph 3*. The purpose of the Accord was to open lines of communication and dialog. For the most part, this effort has succeeded under Governor Engler, then reinforced under Governor Granholm (democratic administration). When Governor Snyder took office, announced he would respect this precedent and continue these annual meetings and through key Michigan staff. While meetings with key staff have been helpful, the meetings with the Governor no longer appear to have any value other than presenting gifts and a photo op.

The government to government relationship in the last few years has denigrated through the Governor's lack of leadership and duty to hold consultation sessions to gather input on our tribal position on matters. This is very difficult for me to say as I have spent the last 22 years advocating a government to government relationship by training future Michigan legislators through the Michigan Political Leadership program. Currently, 16 of our alumni (both democrat and republican and all individuals who I trained on Tribal government and relations with tribes) serve as Michigan legislators.

In this report, I list several examples where the Snyder administration appears to feel they hold dominion over tribes as minority groups or

mere 'special interests.' At this point, I see no value for continuing to be a part of the Tribal-State Accord as it appears to just be window dressing with no substantive value. What I do not know is whether or not the Governor is simply aloof and has little substantive concern about our position on key matters, or if he resents us as a special interest. Either way, I do not feel as though our Tribe is benefitting from continue involvement. I would, however, like to hear your opinions.

FAILED COMPACT NEGOTIATIONS

In 1993, our Tribe - and six others - entered a twenty year compact that articulated how gaming would occur in Michigan. Mostly, the State offered what is called "exclusivity" by not allowing other forms of gaming in the State. In consideration, tribes provided 8% of our gaming revenues to the Michigan Strategic Fund (now the Michigan Economic Development Corporation) which was essentially a Governor's slush fund to garner votes for reelection. Most of the money generated from casinos though this arrangement did not make its way back to our surrounding communities other than the 2% tribes paid to local government.

This provision was violated in 1998, when the State enacted State licensed gaming (ie. Detroit). I estimated that nearly a billion dollars was paid to the State before this change. It is important to note that this arrangement did not and does not allow the State to regulate our gaming in any way as this would violate our sovereignty and the federal government - namely the National Indian Gaming Commission - will not allow this.

In December of 2012, I received a certified letter from Governor Rick Snyder to invoke a clause to negotiate a new compact. It is important to note that as long as we participate by negotiating in good faith, our gaming compact continues. The State threatened this was not the case but has since d acknowledged it continues. Nearly four months after invoking the clause to renegotiate, the Governor's office submitted a draft agreement which would have us consent to having the State regulate our gaming,

and assign a \$225,000 fee for the right to be regulated! This is insulting. They also wanted up to 10% of our gaming revenues to go to the State. What did they offer in return? **NOTHING!** If you are wondering if this kind of offer is in good faith, then you are not alone. I have asked folks at the Bureau of Indian Affairs if this is "good faith" and they have said clear, "no".

Since this time, other tribal leaders and I have asked, "what are your offering?", "with clean audits for twenty years, what suggests you need to regulate us", "why do you feel we should pay to be regulated"? Each of these questions have fallen on deaf ears. A whole year and a half has been waste while the Governor tries to figure out how to get us to give something for nothing in return.

OTHER EXAMPLES

The compact negotiations are just one example of a lack of respect for us as a government. Here are a few others:

GRAYMONT MINING

This proposed 12,000 acre loss of land would have interests outside of Michigan come in, virtually strip mine land in Rexton, MI which is situated in our treaty ceded territory, and possibly damage our ability to exercise our treaty rights to hunt, fish and gather. As a Tribe, we demanded consultation - which clearly was not planned despite our government-to-

government expectation in the Tribal-State accord. Even after the State relented and appeased us by listening, it appears to have had no effect.

WOLF HUNT

The wolf is sacred to us as *Anishinabe* as part of our creation story. Additionally, as natural conservationists, and as an 1836 Treaty tribe with retained rights to hunt, gather and fish, I am concerned about the precedence this new hunt to kill wolves represents. No science was used to justify this practice. If the State can unilaterally make decisions over what the Inland Consent decree would otherwise consider our retain rights, then there is truly no consultation, no consideration and no rights! All of the Michigan tribes, one by one, have expressed opposition to the wolf hunt directly to the Governor's during a Tribal-State Accord but the State is moving forward regardless of what we think. While we requested consultation, the State argues that public sessions met this burden as if we are a some sort of special interest. One such session was scheduled when Tribal leaders were busy meeting with President Obama in Washington, DC!

MI CITIZENS' RIGHTS?!!

Finally, in order to assert our right as a Tribal Nation and as Michigan Citizens, we joined two efforts to gather petition signatures to force a Statewide referendum. We

are confident the voters would put an end to the unjustified trophy of wolves for sport. The Michigan legislature (controlled by republicans in the House, Senate and Governor levels) passed a law to circumvent our right to petition. I advised the Governor that while he may feel it acceptable to ignore MI Indians on this issue, it is probably not wise to ignore over 500,000 voters who signed the petitions.

MUNISING WALKING TRACK OPENS

At the time I write this, I would like to announce that we have finally opened our walking track at the Munising Tribal Health Center. The walking track is on the third floor of the Tribal center and is made possible through a cooperative effort with the City of Munising and our Clinic. I would like to thank Vic Matson, Sr., Shirley Petoskey, Joanie Carr-Anderson and Rita Glyptis as Unit 5 Board Members who supported this project, the rest of the Tribal Board, Marlene Glaesman, the current Munising City Manager and my long time good friend, Doug Bovin, retired Munising City Manager. During the opening, we did a one mile walk to celebrate and held an open house. Thank you and Happy fitness to Munising Sault Tribe members and residents!

Chi McGwitch, Negee!

WELCOME DR. AND TERESA PLEGER TO LSSU & THE SOO



This spring, the university where our Tribal Headquarters is located, Lake Superior State University, hired their new President ~ Dr. Thomas Pleger. I was honored to serve on the search committee to hire the new president. Dr. Pleger is from Marinette Wisconsin and holds a doctorate in Anthropology/ Archaeology from the University of Wisconsin. Most recently, he served as President of the University of Wisconsin at Baraboo. His wife Teresa has worked in college student life positions and has a strong student-centered orientation. I am currently in discussions with LSSU faculty to forge a closer relationship between LSSU's wildlife biology program and our stand-out Inland Wildlife Department which aids in administering our Inland Treaty rights. We are also looking at additional academic outreach to our Tribal Members. Over 1,500 of our Members from all five election Units and outside of the service area are alumni of LSSU so this is a great fit.

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Sorenson - rumors and leadership do not mix



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

During a special meeting of

the board on Aug. 11, the board voted to form an executive committee made up of the chairperson, secretary, treasurer, tribal CFO, HR director and the executive director. The committee will need to bring back a transition plan to the full board within 14 days of what will happen when the COO is done on Oct. 1. Our committee first met on Aug. 22 and reported to the board on our initial plan. We have met a couple of times since.

During this process, the casino managers are tasked with bringing a plan forward to turn their individual casinos around. The entire board will hear these plans on Sept. 19. There have been

team members placed as interim in vacant positions until we can fill these positions.

Currently the tribe takes \$17 million a year from the casinos for governmental services. The casino revenues are declining and down by about \$1 million this year. I believe the casinos cannot afford to continue to give the government \$17 million for 2015. The casinos need capital improvements such as software upgrades, new slot machines, new fixtures, furniture, etc. Without needed improvements, we will continue to fail. People continue to complain about the appearance of the casinos, but need to realize

if we continue to take from them and not let them keep money for capital improvements, then we are responsible for failing them in that respect. This will not be an easy feat since many members rely on our governmental services. It makes more sense to cut back now to rejuvenate the casinos rather than when they are too far gone and we have a fraction of the \$17 million to provide for services.

There have been rumors circulating that we are going to be closing the Manistique and Hessel casinos. I do not know where this information is coming from, the board has not discussed closing

any of our businesses down. The most upsetting rumor I heard was put on Facebook this weekend by our "leader," Mr. Payment. He posted on his page that the board created a CEO position which was once a position that Bernard held and that six or seven board members would hire him back at over \$800,000. I am a member of the Executive Committee and this has never been discussed by us, or the full board. Why would anybody who is supposed to be a leader of this tribe create lies and start rumors? Personally, I would rather have someone with business experience lead the tribe
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Time to focus on a brighter future for our tribe



**JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin, my fellow Anishnaabek! The season of autumn has been a time of "beginnings" for me for many years. Every September, I had my lesson plans laid out for the new school year, and couldn't wait to see my students pouring into my classroom after a long summer.

It was always amazing to see how much they had grown in just a few months! After a week or so of excited chatter, relearning classroom procedures and reviewing what we learned last year, we all settled into the business of learning, growing and preparing young lives for a bright future. With love and thankfulness, I remembered many "first days of school" and the young people

I was privileged to work with over the years. I remembered all the joys and sorrows, our many accomplishments and challenges, but what warmed my heart the most was the "hope" and the way every student naturally kept their focus fixed on their future. Suddenly, I realized this was still occurring for me in my new role.

At the board level, there is a new "classroom" of sorts. As in years past, there are new faces, as well as those well known to me. We have been relearning and reviewing the board "classroom" procedures; reviewing what we've previously learned, and are now settling in to the business of learning new things, growing, and preparing our tribe for a bright future. The lack of a plan is a serious challenge, but it looks as though we are moving forward!

In the board meetings, we are "discussing" (not just mentioning) the need for a strategic plan. We are compiling a list of priorities, and scheduling time to work on them! We have scheduled time for the board to meet and work on a plan to separate the duties of an elected official from the duties that should belong to an employee. At our Sept. 2, 2014, meeting, a tribal member addressed the board and asked each of us to write down our vision for the tribe, compile them, and identify our commonalities. Shata

taa ha! It's the beginning of a strategic plan! I do not intend to sound cynical here, quite the opposite. I am truly excited, and hopeful that after two years of myself (and other board members) asking for the board to set priorities, asking for a strategic plan, asking for a path to be set for us to travel, it looks like we are moving in that direction! I am filled with hope. As in years past, I am working on what I plan to accomplish in a year, two years and beyond. I have learned that my former superintendent's words are very true. When he learned that I won the election, he told me, "Jennifer, you will get frustrated because you are accustomed to working with students and accomplishing your goals quickly. You will find that working with adults takes much longer. You will think that you aren't accomplishing anything, but when you look back, you will find that you have. You are an excellent teacher, and you will be excellent in your new role as well. Just be patient with yourself, and give it time." Those were such wise words, and I remember them often. It has been a couple of years now, and I am excited that things are about to move forward. But sometimes, in moving forward, it is important to look back.

I looked back to our

Constitution's preamble and saw that our predecessors identified priorities for us (perpetuation of our way of life and the welfare and prosperity of our people) but we need to get specific, make an action plan and make sure that everything we do supports those good words. They set a good foundation for us and we need to make certain that we keep our foundation strong, our foundation is, and always has been, our people.

I looked back and saw that, as a tribe and as an employer, we have an important part of our foundation that has had to shoulder an unfair burden — our employees. Their wages have been unchanged for YEARS and it is unacceptable, perhaps this is a good place to start with a priorities list.

I looked back and looked around and saw that there is a heaviness and sadness of spirit among all of our people, and that has to change. I look around and see that our buildings, our enterprises and our communities are reflecting the same heaviness and sadness of spirit. That too, has to change. Our people within and without the seven-county service area need to feel valued. They need to feel that they are a part of the tribe, and that what they think and feel MATTERS. It isn't enough to say that we care,

we have to SHOW them that we care. Please don't misunderstand me, I'm not saying anything bad about anyone here. I've witnessed many generous actions from my fellow board members, as they work hard to help our people and I am very, very proud of them. What I am saying is that we need to find a way for ALL of our people to feel that they belong, that they are important and that what they think and feel matters.

I believe that the members of this board of directors can find the answers. I believe that our people are telling us, showing us, guiding us, and we need to listen. I believe that working together, we will put our tribe back on the good path, and that will ensure a bright future for the generations yet unborn. As an experienced educator, I know that there will be many challenges (i.e. politics), but I will stay focused on the future and believe that others will too!

As always, if there is anything I can do to help, even if just to lend an ear, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Mural housed at Pullar Stadium finds new home with tribe

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A 40-foot long mural inside the Pullar Stadium that for decades hung on the north wall facing the entrance to the arena, has found a new home with the Sault Tribe. The mural came down to make room for paid advertising by one of the ice rinks large donors – Bill Lynn of Napa Auto Parts.

The mural depicts activity around the St. Marys River, including a drawing of Bishop Baraga, and was painted in 1988 by two tribal members, Tony Miron and Shawn Menard.

Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Anthony Bosbous said, "We would like to thank the Sault Tribe for their involvement and participation in moving the mural to one of their facilities. That allows us to use the space for advertising for one of our major donors at the Pullar."

Sault Tribe Resource



Back left: Planning and Development specialist Jeff Holt, Unit I Representative Dennis McKelvie, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Wyers, and Mayor Pro-tem Bill Lynn. Front: Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson and Mayor Tony Bosbous.

Specialist Jeff Holt said the tribe is hoping to contact the original artists to see if renovating the mural is an option. The mural, painted on plywood sections, is being stored in the old American Café until it is decided where to relocate it to.

Bosbous said the renovations at the ice rink were extensive with \$1.5 million committed to the project. With spending at almost \$1.4 million for the completed project, any additional money will be used on the west side of the building to renovate a

space for the Zamboni and dump box. Locker rooms underwent major changes and two new locker rooms were created, a vinyl ceiling replaced the old one, bathroom facilities were updated, a handicap accessible bathroom was installed and a barrier free seating area was created in front of the ice. The rink also received new glass and boards, and a new media center deck for people taking photos or movies located under the large box that overhangs the ice surface.

Bosbous said he would like to thank the community for their support and donations. "McGahey Construction has done an exceptional job," he said. "The committee is still fundraising and are close to our goal; we hope to start the second phase of the project next year."

The Pullar building completed construction in 1939, and according to the city's website, cost of

ice per hour at that time was \$3, six decades later the hourly rate is now \$90. The Pullar was one of the few rinks in the world at the time to have summer ice. In addition to winter sports, the arena has been used for dances, graduations, as a roller rink and for visiting circuses. The Pullar is home to the Hiawatha Skating Club, Sault High Blue Devils and the Sault Michigan Hockey Association along with other youth and adult hockey leagues. "Our first game is the Eagles against the Thunder Birds," Bosbous said, "and the Pullar will be ready at that time."

The Pullar Stadium is located at 435 E. Portage Ave. and has office hours from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday and seasonally (Oct-March): 8 a.m.-12 a.m. every day. For more information, contact the Pullar at: (906) 632-6853.

Planning needed to gauge tribe's needs, goals



DJ HOFFMAN
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

In my last report, I concluded that there have been signs of positive and productive movement and that I was cautiously hopeful changes would be forthcoming in the coming months. Unfortunately, making changes without proper planning in place can be lead to consequences more detrimental to the long-term success of the tribe and its enterprises.

PLANNING

Our tribe needs to develop, and adopt, both short term and long term plans within our governmental structure, as well as our enterprise structure. Without proper planning, there is no reasonable manner with which to gauge our tribe's needs, successes, failures, goals and objectives. Within the confines of several of the topics within this report, the essential nature of proper planning:

"IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN, YOU ARE PLANNING TO FAIL!"

BUDGETS

Over the past month, the tribal board has been meeting in budget workshops to review the

various FY2014 governmental budgets. These budgets primarily are generated from historical departments financial operational needs. A primary element missing from a majority of these budgetary discussions is the individual plans involved for each budget has been a detailed program plan. The tribe needs to require planning as a part of the budgetary process and it is my intent to work on legislation ensuring this requirement.

CASINOS

Our casinos are the driving force behind the majority of our non-grant tribal operations revenues. Currently, the revenues generated from our casinos are in a state of decline. Some are quick to attribute this decline to market saturation, as well as the economy, to account for this decrease in revenues. While this generalized excuse would be rational if not for the performance figures when the economy was actually in the proverbial tank during the US Financial Crisis of 2007-10. One of the simple truths that many do not wish to admit is that the political push to "pay off" casino debt within 3.65 years, as well as the lack of accountability at the managerial level, has been one of the primary causes of our revenue declines.

The current plan to pay off the existing \$21 million in casino debt is strangling the operational resources of the casino and decreasing the available cash flow. While revenues are in decline, due to our bank covenant ratios, the amount of Cap Ex (Capital Improvement) dollars proportionally declines. This basically means we have less money to maintain our casinos. Instead of the projected \$5

million for this year's Cap Ex, we have a little over \$2 million available for five locations.

Many consumers who have been to our facilities notice the aging building (Sault), and older machines and equipment, amongst other things. This lack of upkeep is a direct result of poor fiscal planning. We are "squeezing the life out of the tree" that provides for us just so a few politicians can claim we will have our debt paid off in 3.65 years. Then what? Congratulations, you have no debt but now need to borrow \$20 million to repair/replace your facility!

I will be proposing that the tribe attempt to extend the terms of its current debt from 3.65 years to up to 7 years to increase available cash flow, and Capital Ex to ensure that our properties can remain sustainable and competitive.

DIVERSIFICATION

In each and every report that I write I will continue to list diversification as a major emphasis. I have, and will continue to stress the need, to diversify economically. To ensure that we are able to diversify we must adopt plans, and embrace opportunities outside of the realm of casinos. In addition, the tribe needs to ensure that its business approaches are separated from its tribal politics. The following is a recent example:

Our Midjim Convenience Store and Gas Station (St. Ignace) has had much needed parking lot improvements, as well as Tank Repair/Replacements. Instead of addressing the conditions within the parking lot and testing the Tanks, several elected officials took it upon themselves to push for the development of a NEW

facility, constructed upon a new site. Please keep in mind that the budget to repair the parking conditions has been approved for some time, and the actions of these individuals were based upon consensus and not official action of any tribal body. The board was then presented with a resolution to fund a "projected" \$1.1 million new Midjim Gas Station at the Sept. 2, 2014, meeting. Fortunately, the agenda item was tabled. Here are some of the facts regarding the proposed NEW MIDJIM:

- There is no identified parcel of land for this project.
- Midjim has a lease with the Tribe for the current site.
- There is no feasibility study, economic study, traffic study, or environmental study for this proposed project.
- There is no detailed plan or timeline for the development or implementation of this project.
- The existing property will be abandoned with no plans for future use.
- Housing holds a lease on the former casino site (5.5 acres).
- The current tanks will have to be removed (an expense either way)
- There is no identified source of funding for the \$1.1 million to construct this proposed facility

While I continue to stress diversification, I will also stress accountability. The tribal board, as well as our managers, must be accountable. I have not listed this example to disparage any one group, it is merely noted as yet another area that the tribe needs to address to ensure its long term financial health and prosperity.

PRIORITIES

As a board member it is my goal to move our tribe forward. It is not my goal to get involved in petty squabbles because of personal likes and dislikes. The common theme should always be to approach each topic, each vote based on the betterment of the tribe as a whole. I prefer documentation and research to assertion and opinion. I am not always right, however, I believe we as board members have a responsibility to do more than just show up.

PERSONAL

I prefer to keep personal statements and issues outside of unit reports; however, I wanted to recognize two individuals who have greatly impacted my life. Over the course of the past week, both have passed away, but definitely left their mark upon this world.

To my good friend Cecil, I will miss your friendship, and your jokes. I will never forget my childhood friend.

To my uncle Herm, no words can describe the void that your departure will have. He was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He was, as someone correctly stated, "an individual that would give you the shirt off his back." He was also an individual that always "had my back."

Life is precious, and short. Make the most of it while you can, and cherish those who you call friends and family.

Sincerely,

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rather than someone who begs the U.S. government for money. I can honestly say, what new businesses have been started since 2004? I do not know why this behavior surprises me, but who purposely starts rumors and tells lies and expects people to respect them? I would think that other tribes and national leaders are looking at this type of behavior and wondering what is wrong with this person.

Unfortunately, when the person in the highest position of the tribe puts lies and attacks on Facebook, it is hard to tell team members not to post certain things on Facebook. We desperately need a social media policy and we do have a committee working on one but it needs to be the number one policy review right now. The chairperson likes to use the term free speech. To me, it is common sense that you think twice about what you post for the world to see, especially when it pertains to your job or posting on the clock. In the real world, employees have policies to follow when it pertains to social media posting and activity. If you were an employer and you saw some inappropriate postings made by a candidate you were interviewing, would that influence your decision?

I have been hearing that man-

agers are saying that the board is forcing them to recycle team members. The board has established a tribal preference in hiring policy. This policy does not force anyone to be hired. This also does not guarantee someone will keep a job either. It is up to supervisors to do their job and document when they hold team members accountable. If there is no documentation there, it didn't happen. I used to hear managers complain, "Why bother writing someone up, because it will just get overturned." My answer was and still is, "It is your job to make people accountable, and if someone else overturns it, at least you are doing your job." I am hoping that our casinos start going in a positive direction because it literally breaks my heart to see unhappy team members.

The St. Ignace Midjim has some serious parking lot issues and needs to have the tanks replaced. We have a grant that will help cover the cost of the parking lot. Before moving forward with this, we discussed the possibility of building a new store that would be located at the driveway to the new casino. We have received estimates on the costs of fixing the current store or building a new store. The cost to fix the current store will be about \$660,000 and a new store at a

better location would be about \$1.1 million. The current store had problems last winter when the water froze and the city could not run water from another house because no one was on that side of the road. Because of the foundation, the water could not be thawed. The store went without water for weeks. The estimate will not include fixing neither this problem nor the problem of it being located in the bottom of a bowl.

The idea of a new store was introduced because many customers leaving the casino turn left and head into St. Ignace for gas, they would probably stop if a store was at the entrance/exit of the casino. The board will be voting on either fixing the current building or building a new one. I look at it like I have a car that is 10 years old and needs about \$2,500 in work. Do I put that into the old car that will continue to nickel and dime me, or put that \$2,500 into a new car that will last me 10 more years? The current building is 22 years old. Some worry that the store was built to serve the residents on the reservations. The store would only be about 200 yards from the old store. Another concern is what to do with a vacant building. My idea would be for housing to buy it and safely take care of

the underground tanks and build more houses.

The board has been meeting for the past 2 weeks on the 2015 budgets. The board ended up calling special meetings for the end of august so we could at least start the review process. It is unfortunate that we are not just presented a working document. Instead, we are given bits and pieces. I am dumbfounded when areas are requesting more tribal support than they had for 2014. We are not making more money. Like I said above, the government needs to take less from the casinos, like maybe \$15 million instead of \$17 million. It is time for the tribe to put the money into the programs that benefit the most members and no duplicated services. We will be continuing to meet throughout the month of September to pass a budget.

I have concerns with the amount of meetings that get changed or canceled so the chairperson can serve on committees at the federal level. I understand it is important for us to participate at this level, but when you are gone several days each month but you also have authority over the day to day and things cannot get done because of these other committees, than it is time to decide what is best for the tribe. I believe the solution is the chair-

person participates at the federal level and we continue business as usual back home. It is called team work and more work gets done this way. Last year, the chairman wanted a \$50,000 travel budget and the board approved a \$10,000 budget, which was supposedly exhausted after the first quarter. The chairman is requesting more travel money in 2015. Some of his travel is covered by the committees he is appointed to, but sometimes not all the expenses are covered because they are based on flights and not driving or train costs.

Summer went by so fast. I was only able to attend the Hessel and St. Ignace powwows on Sundays. The committees do a great job organizing these.

I would like to congratulate the following scholarship recipients: Stefan Saffian, the Donald "Duck" Address scholarship; Lindsay Robinson, Rob Robinson and Taylor Jo Becker for all receiving the Noah Leask scholarship. Good luck this year!

The next St. Ignace board meeting will be Oct. 21. Monthly unit meetings are on the third Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. at the former McCann School.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and feel free to contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, office 643-2123 or cell 430-0536.

Casino's revenue and tribal support dollars down



LANA CAUSLEY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

We have held many special board meetings this past month and into September to go through our 2015 budgets. We are facing struggles as usual to keep up with key services and making our revenue at the casinos.

As you are aware, we have estimated a consistent amount each year for programs and services from the profits at the casino. We have seen a decline in our casinos throughout the years as well. Many factors are apparent and necessary changes and discussions are taking place to handle our financial needs on the casino side.

The total tribal support dollars we will receive from the casino revenue in 2015 is projected at \$18,476,146. This, in no way, is near enough to accommodate the members and services needed just in the seven-county service area.

When going over our estimated budgets, I keep in mind

the priorities I've discussed with members. I've advocated for many years a factual, streamlined presentation of our budget review process, requesting performance measures and members served with each program to which we provide tribal support dollars. This has been one of my greatest concerns when planning for a coming year. We do not see the true picture of how our support dollars are spent and prioritizing is difficult. I've discussed with the chair and the entire board my requests and thoughts on a more accurate picture of our budgets. The chair has assured me that he is steering our budget department in going this way for presentation purposes and discussion for our priorities.

I'm looking forward to next years budgets being presented in this manner as this will assist in making decisions where our dollars go, that service the most members and where priorities show. I plan to bring a resolution forward this coming year if we do not act in this manner, when profits decline and service needs increase we will need all the factual assistance we can get to meet the most needed services.

Below is a breakdown of the tribal support dollars we provide in each program.

- Anishinabek Community and Family Services, total budget \$6,197,088 with \$755,979 in tribal support.
- Chi Mukwa Recreation Center, total budget \$1,653,085 with \$824,012 in tribal support.

- Cultural Department, total budget \$486,265 with \$449,665 tribal support.
- Education Department, total budget \$3,319,454 with \$828,137 in tribal support.
- Elders Services Department, total budget \$833,749 with \$566,355 in tribal support.
- Employment programs, total budget \$140,492 with \$76,292 in tribal support.
- Fisheries programs, \$886,568 with \$24,023 in tribal support.
- General funds (property management, debt, gaming commission), total budget \$6,936,131 with \$6,799,031 in tribal support.
- Governmental programs (enrollment, chair's office, children's Christmas parties, board of directors, executive office, admin offices), total budgets \$5,689,668 with \$1,233,123 in tribal support.
- Health Division, total budget \$29,560,988 with no tribal support (IHS funding and third party revenue).
- Housing Department, total budget ranges around \$4,700,000 with \$75,000 in tribal support. We have set aside funds for building the new elders' complex as well and projected planning.
- Internal services (Northern Travel, purchasing, shipping and receiving, accounting, newspaper, telecommunications, consolidated construction, MIS, human resources, insurance), total budget \$28,294,884 with \$4,097,218 in tribal support.
- Law Enforcement,

\$3,765,172 with \$689,112 in tribal support.

- Legal Department, total budget \$1,870,347 all tribal support.
- Tribal Court, \$1,170,218 with \$183,654 in tribal support.

As you can see, our total governmental budget is close to \$94,000,00. We receive restricted and unrestricted BIA funding, internal revenue, third party billing and grant awards to supplement (not enough) our yearly budgets. As explained above, prioritizing programs and reducing spending other than services is imperative in planning. Our budget meetings will continue throughout this month and then our casino budget will begin for 2015.

As explained in the above, we are discussing changes in the structure of our casinos. The board (gaming authority) is meeting weekly to plan and take care of our much needed deficiencies at all our businesses.

I've had to address many rumors that members and employees have heard and the latest was that we planned to close down casinos. This is completely untrue, I've asked that each manager speak with team members to defuse the rumors. It's hurtful when people spread these as stress rises and people become scared about their employment. Again, we do NOT plan on closing any casinos or any mass layoffs. Planning efficiently is my only goal and that is good business practice

and must be done in all areas of any business. If you hear rumors, contact your managers for re-assurance, the message should always be the same. I truly hope that will stop the rumors and let us focus on prosperity for our places of business.

I had the pleasure of attending the 11th annual Newberry powwow this past weekend. It gives me great pride to sit and visit with everyone, as this was the first request that was presented to me when I became a board member. Elder Sally Burke requested and was an advocate to make sure this happened for her area, we begged, borrowed and put together the first powwow and it seemed like they had been holding one for years. A few years later, we built an arbor and, through community involvement and a lot of hard work on Newberry's part, this powwow is a special time of year and I'm thankful so many enjoyed the day. I miss Sally and her kindness and know she is smiling when we get together in her area for our traditional practices.

In closing, please keep our cancer victims and their families in your prayers, it seems like many families are struggling and it's heartbreaking to hear of the effects this disease has on our people. Prayers can get people through the most difficult times and miracles happen every day.

If you would like to meet or discuss anything, please contact me at (906) 484-2954, 322-3818 or lcausley@saulttribe.net.

Board has full plate with budgets and community events



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

The leaves are changing colors, cranberries are harvested and our cousin tribes are harvesting rice on the big waters. Here is how this time of year is explained by Mike Wiigins Jr., chairman of the Bad River Tribe of Lake Superior Indians in Wisconsin:

Mashkiziibii Shoreline Report — Anishinaabe has a net under water and it has many birds caught in it, above in the sky. Eagles and more eagles and seagulls and ravens are all watching for his arrival and success and sharing. A shallow glance revealed the birds are hungry. Deeper into the water I saw that the birds were there because Anishinaabe was doing what this place has always known for thousands of years. Sharing. It's an agreement on life and living that pre-dates treaties and it's signed in fins,

talons, bear paw, and hands. All under a Bad River watershed sky in a good place that has life springing up from air, land, water and fire. These are some of the things I saw. Humbly submitted September 8, 2014.

Please keep Mike and the people of the Bad River Tribe in your prayers as they battle to protect their homeland in the face of the proposed Gogebic Taconite Copper Mining Project. As chairman, Mike is asking the EPA to stop all mine permitting activity by invoking provisions under the Clean Water Act. In February, EPA officials invoked section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act, which has — at least for now — stopped what would have been one of the largest copper, silver and gold mines in the world near Bristol Bay in Alaska. We are asking the EPA to invoke the same 404(c) provisions in order to protect the Bad River Tribe on the Lake Superior watershed.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to all our students who were awarded scholarships this year. The scholarship awards would not be possible without the hard work of organizations such as the Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Fundraiser Committee, our generous vendors, and other contributors who give so generously. The Sault Tribe Education Department was able to offer 43 scholarships. Director Causley and I are proud to announce the Nokomis Scholarship-Mary

Sabina Osagwin and Christine Muscoe Anderson was awarded to Derek P. Griffin, a sophomore at Northern Michigan University, majoring in environmental science. Congratulations, Derek!

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Noah Leask, owner of ISHPI Information Technology Inc. This is the second year that Noah has come forward with a special donation making it possible to award 11 additional scholarship awards. O chi miigwech, Noah, for your generosity and leadership.

Our scholarship program will be offered again next year. The application packet, scholarship essay topic, and a list of scholarships will be available on April 1. For more information, please feel free to contact Brandi MacArthur, administrative assistant, Sault Tribe Higher Education, at bmacArthur@saulttribe.net or via telephone at (906) 635-6050, ext. 26312.

ANNUAL BUDGETS

This is a difficult process as "need" always outstrips resources and hard choices have to be made. We find ourselves having to trim multi-million dollar budgets due to shrinking federal funds as well as declining tribal support dollars that are derived from our gaming and enterprise operations. Every government entity faces this problem — from local school boards, townships, counties, states and federal government. We are no differ-

ent. Unlike other governments, however, we do not raise taxes, nor can we run deficits. At the end of the day, we set a balanced budget that reflects actual available revenues. At least this year there is more certainty because the prospect of sequestration, or federal government 'shut down,' has not materialized. And, so far at least, we have approached the task without politicizing the effort. I said it last year and I will say it again this year: we need a standing budget committee backed by tribal ordinance, so that we can begin to tackle the 2016 budgets now. That is the best way to prioritize 'needs to resources' and shape the direction of our tribe's long term direction. I urge the Chairman and Board to support that initiative. Declining revenue from Northern Kewadin really hurts the equation. I mentioned last month that fundamental change needs to occur at Kewadin Casinos. That change is now underway.

WAYQUAYOC CEMETERY

Over the last few months, community meetings were held to gather input and insight on how best to care for and be good stewards of the 40-acre property on St. Martin's Bay that includes the Indian Cemetery known as Wequayoc. Sessions were held with all five elders subcommittees as well as evening sessions for the general membership. In total, around 600 members

participated. This is very encouraging, as we want the vision and future use of the property to be community driven. The property and burial ground represents a portion of the historical settlement of the Pine River Band as noted on the last Indian census of 1870. Many will know this as Agnes Moses' land and some may recall how she and her daughter, Ann, cared for the property with much love for our ancestral families who resided there. The committee will be reporting with recommendations soon. If you have any information you would like to share or if you would like to be involved in the next phase of property utilization, please contact Alan Barr at (734) 904-3210.

The powwow season is winding down. The Hessel and Newberry powwows were beautiful events in our community. It's so good to see our people come together for drumming, dancing, healing and honor songs. Our powwows would not be possible without the volunteer support of the community. Miigwech to everyone who gives so freely of their time and labor.

Please contact me anytime with your questions and concerns.

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Blessing of the new Indian Pointe Cross held



DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

Each of the elders' groups held their annual summer picnic this last month. I was able to attend two of our three area picnics. Excellent attendance of elders and their families; each picnic had games for the kids which went over very well. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Manistique elders' picnic due to being in the Sault at a board workshop. I would like to apologize to our elders' groups — with special meetings and budget workshops, I have been unable to attend their monthly meetings. Attending these monthly elders' meetings are very important to

Director Chase and myself. When questions come up, we are able to answer them immediately or get the information back to the elder group in a timely manner.

On Sunday Aug. 30, my family and I attended the blessing of the new Indian Pointe Cross, in Nahma, Mich. The cross is on the waters side, right across from the Indian Pointe cemetery and next to the area where the old Indian Pointe church used to stand. I would like to thank Lucas Bradshaw, Sault Tribe member, ironwork organizer and his fellow Sault Tribe members and ironworkers for making this

project happen. I would like to thank the elders who were able to share their memories and stories. I would like to thank the chairman, Aaron Payment, for doing the blessing and John Miller for drumming and helping with the blessing. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in this ceremony, it was beautiful.

I have been receiving an array of complaints about the changes to our menus at the casinos. I have been relaying these complaints back to the management when we meet. They have assured us that they will be looking into it and adjusting some

issues they have run into since implementing this new menu. We need someone looking at what works for each site instead of having cookie cutter menus. What works at the Dream Catchers restaurant in the Sault does not work at Frosty's Bar and Grille in Christmas or the Mariner's Cove in Manistique, each of our sites are unique.

I would like to let everyone know I have a new cell number.

Any questions or concerns, please call me at NEW CELL (906) 298-1888 or email dmorrow@saulttribe.net.

Thank you, Darcy Morrow

Working on 2015 budgets keeping board busy



KIM GRAVELLE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

I would like to take this time to thank the Unit I voters for your support and confidence in me to represent you for the next four years. I would like to thank Deb Pine, DJ Malloy and Joan (Carr) Anderson for their dedication and service to our tribe.

The last couple of months have been very busy. It has been a pleasure meeting the program managers, front line workers and tribal members.

We have been busy working on the 2015 budget. Adjusting to the downward turn in the economy is a challenge. Federal dollars have

been cut because of sequestration and our expenses keep going up, therefore planning for the future is essential to our tribe.

We continue to pay down our northern debt, which was incurred by Greentown, and have been informed if we stay the course it will be paid off in approximately 3.5 years. Once our debt is paid down, we will have more access to tribal support dollars, which could be used to expand services and enhance the ones that we already have in place.

Right now, I am working on a

plan that will include the elders and the youth in our community. Our first step is to plan a meeting between the elders and the youth to see what ideas they would like to work on. While at the elder luncheon this week, it was brought to their attention that we have high school students who are homeless or become homeless during the school year. I think this was an eye opener to some of them and shows a clear need in our area.

I would like to congratulate all of our scholarship winners and wish them the best in their future

endeavors and extend a big thank you to Noah Leask of Cheboygan for his generous donation to our scholarship program.

In closing, I would like to recognize Bob Menard of Marquette for his many years of service and commitment to the elders. Bob has resigned from the Unit V Elders Committee in order to care for his wife. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have questions, please give me a call at (906) 630-1930.

Thanks,
Kim Gravelle

Revenues are decreasing, health insurance costs rising



KEITH MASSAWAY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

never quick or easy. The board again is given a preliminary budget from our divisions that we can't fully fund. We have to decide what tribal priorities we fund and which ones will have to make do with less money.

Our revenues are decreasing from our businesses. Our health insurance costs are rising exponentially and we can't catch up. We have seen this time and time again since 2008. We have previously cut all divisions by an equal percentage, we have cut unessential personal, cut travel, cut supplies, cut reserves, cut hours, benefits and wage increases. Those have all happened several times since 2008.

Now we again face a budget

deficit and nothing but disheartening and painful items left to use to balance the budget, but please believe that we are working together and diligently to figure out the best way to move forward.

We are currently working on the St Ignace Midjim's problem of old and deteriorating gas tanks and equipment. The tanks and building are over 20 years old and about to fail. We need to act soon to avert an ecological problem such as a gas tank leak. The board is looking at all the possible solutions and will come up with a plan soon.

We are constantly reviewing policies and procedures of the tribe. We just recently passed our

cultural leave policy. That policy allows time off work to attend funerals, sweat lodges and other cultural activities. It is a great policy and can be a very sensitive item so great care is given so it can be used respectfully and correctly by our team members.

The tribal board does approve grant submittals and then grant budgets when we receive the grant awards. These items are quite common on our board shop agendas but great care is given to these items by the board. We have attachments to the back of the resolutions that explain in great detail what the money is for, where the money is coming from and how the money is spent. They also contain all the signatures of the

executives who must sign off on the paperwork being submitted as being correctly processed. Lastly, the paperwork states whom this grant serves and how many it will affect during the year.

Sometimes it may look like the board is indifferent to these when they come up for a vote and a unanimous consent is given to proceed but a lot of work and effort has already gone into it and the board has more than once reviewed and discussed these items before they are put on the tribal board agenda to be voted on.

Thank you for all the phone calls and e-mails. Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., (906) 643-6981, kmassaway@msn.com.

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Congratulations Higher Education scholarship winners



RITA GLYPTIS
DIRECTOR, UNIT V

History major; the Joe Gray Honorary Scholarship awarded to Angie Carley, senior at NMU, Elementary Education major; and the Vic Matson Sr. Tributary Scholarship awarded to Cody W. Jodoin, senior at Lake Superior State University, major Fisheries & Wildlife Management. A total of 43 scholarships were awarded. Thank you to all who support these well-earned awards.

We as a tribe need a long-term plan. A lot of discussion has gone on about what direction the tribe should take to create a plan that ensures the growth of our businesses and continued services to our members. We are facing some difficult changes that affect our tribal members and team members in a lot of different ways. The board does not take that lightly and we are working together in a good way to turn

it around. Change is always difficult but if nothing changes, everything stays the same. That doesn't seem to be working.

Although I do see the divide between the western and eastern ends, I feel we have made progress and will continue to. Keeping politics out of tribal business seems to be a challenge and the board should concentrate on what is best for our tribal membership in all areas. Big and small. We need to fix what's broken first. Leave politics at the door and bring our members best interests in.

The date of the Munising Board of Director meeting scheduled for Sept. 16 has been changed to Sept. 23, 2014. Please spread the word so our members can attend.

There will be an Open House for the Walking Track at the

Munising Tribal Health Center on Sept. 20, 2014, from 10 a.m. to Noon, with a tour of the facility and a short presentation. Refreshments will be served. We will also be doing a "Walk with Chairman Payment" during this event. Hope to see you there.

As this issue goes to press, we are getting ready for the Munising Powwow to be held Saturday,

Sept. 13, at the Munising City Park. Thanks to all the volunteers who have committed to making our powwow a success!

Thank you for your continued support. Feel free to call me any time at (906) 202-3224 or email rglyptis@saulttribe.net.

Sincerely,
Rita Glyptis
Unit V Director

Child Care Center has openings

Sault Tribe Child Care currently has openings for ages 0-5 years!

Our center offers an educational setting and the classrooms follow a daily schedule along with implementing the Creative Curriculum.

Open Monday-Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We

are open to the community! Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided!

For more information, please call 632-5258.



Another month has gone by very quickly. Congratulations to the Unit V 2014/2015 Sault Tribe Higher Education Scholarship Winners: Don Corp Scholarships awarded to Frankee Kirkpatrick, senior at Saginaw Valley,

Blessing of the cross at Indian Pointe in Nahma

Photos submitted by Darcy Morrow

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The cross.



Attendees at the blessing.



Lucas Bradshaw speaks to the audience.



Payment, Bradshaw and Miller (L-R).

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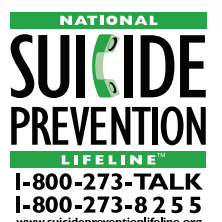
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