

# WIN AWENEN NISITOTUNG

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## Health staff strive to spread seasonal spirit



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Diane Moore, Jerry Gates, and Kerrie Jones (L-R) work on one of the tables set up to stuff big boxes full of food for 34 needy families.

Sault Tribe employees throughout the organization participate in “dressing down” for charities of their choosing.

This year, each one of the Sault health center’s 39 participating staff members raised enough money to purchase an entire Christmas food basket for a needy family. All together, they raised \$4,480 plus an additional \$140 donated by the health director’s administrative assistant, Diane Moore, to buy ingredients to fill 39 packages.

Some of them were able to volunteer their time on Dec. 21 to fill the boxes; the volunteers were Moore, Ryan Nolan, Gail Marsh, Wendy Snyder, Theresa Little, Wanda Clerc, Jami Roach, Jerry Gates, Krista Potoczna, Rita Lewis, Kerrie

Jones, Peggy Hemenway, Lisa Perry and Joe McKerchie joined by Sault Tribe Unit I Board Representative Dennis McKelvie.

Moore went to the Sault Glen’s Market on Friday, Dec. 18, to shop for all the items to go into one Christmas basket, about \$118 worth of food. Some of the staff at Glen’s then shopped for 38 more and contributed pies for the baskets and added a few discounts here and there. They had all of the packages ready for pick-up on the following Monday morning.

Contents collected for filling the packages included turkey, ham, hamburger, bacon, lunchmeat, eggs, milk, butter, cream cheese, cheese, whipped cream, bread, peanut butter and jelly, pop, five kinds of canned vegetables, lettuce, tomatoes and salad dressing, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, oranges, tuna, spaghetti sauce, pasta, apple sauce, pineapple chunks, cake mix and frosting, cookies, hot cocoa, hot

and cold cereals, pancake mix and syrup, macaroni and cheese, bananas, apples, saltines and, of course, pies.

Moore said Christmas cards and candy canes are always added.

The annual effort began 27 years ago when Moore started a collection for Christmas baskets and the staff put together four packages. “Every year, it gets a little bit bigger,” said Moore.

Moore says she’s retiring next year, but no one believes it, or perhaps no one wants to believe it. “She’s never leaving,” said Jones. “We will find her wherever she goes.”

“She’ll still be around,” said McKelvie, “she does a lot, that lady.”

Sault Tribe employees regularly raise funds in different ways for causes including Thanksgiving dinners, United Way campaigns, emergency funds, Christmas food baskets and presents, benefits for those in need and other occasions.

### \*\*\* NOTICE OF ELECTION \*\*\*

January 15, 2010

#### SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

At the request of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians’ Board of Directors, the Acting Midwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs has authorized a Secretarial Election to permit the qualified voters of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to adopt or reject a proposed amendment to Article II – Duties of Officers, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Constitution.

**THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION DATE IS: March 16, 2010**

The election will be conducted in accordance with the regulations set forth in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 81 (25 CFR § 81).

**Adult members of the Tribe who are 18 years or older on March 16, 2010 and who register to vote, may vote in the election.**

**Voter registration packets are being mailed January 15, 2010.** An adult tribal member who does not receive a voter registration packet in the mail, should request one from the Election Board Chairman or contact an Election Board member. **The voter registration card must be completed and returned to the Election Board Chairman (using the self addressed envelope) no later than 4:30 p.m. eastern time on February 8, 2010.** Voter registration cards received after that date and time will not be accepted.

The Registered Voters List will be posted February 15, 2010 in all tribal offices, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and will be available to view on the Tribe’s website at <http://www.saulttribe.com>.

All voting in this election will be done by mail.

A copy of the proposed amendment is included in each voter registration packet and is also available in all tribal offices, the Tribe’s website and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency, Sault Ste. Marie Michigan.

The ballots will be counted Tuesday, March 16, 2010 starting at 5:30 pm. in the Big Bear Arena, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. After the ballots are counted the election results will be posted in all tribal offices and at the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Election Board appointed to conduct the election is composed of the following people:

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**EVEN IF YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN TRIBAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS, YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE WITH THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD.**

## United Way raffle big winners are big givers

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Sault Tribe Gaming Commission staff member Nancy Weston was one of the lucky United Way Workplace Campaign winners, taking home a grand prize of four tickets to a coming Detroit Lions’ game. The tickets were donated by two local beverage distributors.

As an incentive to Sault Tribe’s United Way campaign, in this raffle, to get you have to give.

Weston said although she is not well-off, “some people don’t have it as good as me.” She has been a beneficiary of such help through Catholic Family Services when she was going through a divorce and needed someone to talk to. They were there for her. Now, she contributes to United



Nancy Weston, one of the United Way raffle grand prize winners, with four Lions’ game tickets.

Way and the Salvation Army, because they are both local concerns, she said, and not just at Christmas. But for Christmas, she picks a name off the many Christmas trees around town, to provide Christmas gifts to needy children.

See “Raffle winners,” pg. 9



Kewadin Shores staff members (left to right) Cheryl Harmon, Joy Bruce and Frank Davis were three of the lucky United Way contributors who won prizes in the United Way raffle. Harmon won a dinner for two, Bruce took a grand prize of four tickets to a Red Wings’ game and Davis received a one night stay at any Kewadin property.

# Announcements — Enrollment rolls to take members' ID card photos

During January, 2010, the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department will be taking tribal identification card photos for members according to this schedule:

- Saturday, Jan. 9 – Manistique Tribal Center, 5698W Hwy US-2, Manistique, Mich., 12-5 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 10 – Holiday Inn, 1951 US Hwy 41 W, Marquette, Mich., 12-5 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 16 – Holiday Inn Gateway Center, 5353 Gateway Center, Flint, Mich., 12-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19 – Best Western Terrace Meeting Room, 847 S Main St., Cheboygan, Mich., 12-6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23 – Holiday Inn Grand Rapids Downtown, 310 Pearl St. NW, Grand Rapids, Mich., 12-5 p.m.

Appointments are not necessary and this is not a mandatory function, this is for the convenience of our members.

If anyone has any questions, please call (800) 251-6597.

## Unit I elders fundraiser

Don't miss the annual Sault Tribe Unit I pancake supper on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 4:30-7 p.m., at the Nokomis-Mishomis Place, 2076 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie.

Pancakes, sausage, eggs and a beverage will be served for \$4 to adults, \$2 to children 5 to 12 and free to children under 5.

## Manistique H1N1 flu shots

H1N1 flu shots will be offered at the Manistique Tribal Health Center every Wednesday morning during January by appointment.

Please call (906) 341-8469 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to schedule appointments. All tribal members of all ages and patients of the Manistique Tribal Health Center are eligible to participate.

## Get 10 free flowering trees

Michigan residents who join the Arbor Day Foundation in January 2010 will receive 10 free flowering trees just by becoming a member: two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds and two goldenraintrees.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow

or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book*, about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to 10 free flowering trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 29, 2010. Michigan residents can also join online at [www.arborday.org/january](http://www.arborday.org/january).

## New digital edition option could offer speed, color and savings

Win Awenen Nisitotung is considering offering Sault Tribe members the option of receiving their newspaper in their e-mail box rather than their snail-mail box.

The benefits to members are faster service and full color.

The benefits to the newspaper are printing and postage savings.

Members who would like to trade their hard copy edition for a digital edition, please email the newspaper at [jdburton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdburton@saulttribe.net) and put in your subject line "digital edition subscription." When you send your request, we will send a test e-mail message to make sure

you can receive your digital edition.

Your membership will be confirmed. But non-members who want to read the newspaper can go to the tribe's Web site at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) and download it as it becomes available.

Don't worry, we will spend time over the next few months building up, testing and confirming the digital subscription service before offering the digital edition and cutting off your snail mail subscription. And, if you don't like it, just let us know.

Miigwech,  
Editor Jennifer Dale-Burton

## Win Awenen Nisitotung developing digital archive

Win Awenen Nisitotung has begun a new project to create a digital newspaper archive. Over the last 30 years, hardcopies of our tribal newspaper have decayed and some issues have been lost. In their present condition, our old tribal newspapers are not accessible to the membership. But, in only six months from now, they will be.

The tribe is hiring a temporary, full-time newspaper archivist position to finish the job begun by this past summer's intern, Vikki Cook, a recent CMU journalism and English graduate who is headed for graduate school next fall.

The time-intensive job will take six months to finish — that's about two issues a day. To archive 30 years of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*, the archivist will photograph each page, convert it to a digital file, edit it for readability and then store it

in PDF format.

As a PDF file, the page can then be opened on any computer.

But the archivist will need your help. One of the first jobs is to catalog the archive to note any missing issues. The archivist will then ask members to help fill in the gaps. No one will have to give up their treasured newspapers, though — all we need are photographs.

The archives will be organized by year and month. Using Acrobat Reader, free software from adobe.com for any computer, each page can be viewed and even printed. The pages from each issue can easily be converted into a single PDF document if desired.

The new archive will be available for members and the public on the tribe's network, the tribe's Web site and at the tribe's new interpretive center.

## Newspaper deadline and publication 2010 schedule

Below is the *Win Awenen Nisitotung* production schedule for 2010. Holidays and elections schedules have been taken into account. Please save this schedule and use it as a tool for event scheduling and public service announcements.

If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me, Jennifer Dale-Burton, at (906) 632-6398, extension 26073, or send e-mail to [jdburton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdburton@saulttribe.net).

Thanks to everyone who participated in 2009. Thank you and best wishes for a great 2010.

DEADLINE (Tuesdays)	PUBLISH (Fridays)
Dec. 29	Jan. 8
Jan. 26	Feb. 5
Feb. 23	March 5
March 30	April 9
April 27	May 7
June 1	June 11
June 22	July 2
July 27	Aug. 6
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Please note the distribution date when submitting event information for our community calendar. Submissions can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed. The distribution date is the earliest the newspaper can arrive in the seven-county service area.

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**DEADLINE: JAN. 26**

# Staff goes to tribal members for their input

Aanii, we hope everyone's holidays went well. It has been a great holiday season here in the Planning and Development Department. We are ready to start the new year with optimism and hope.

We held another focus group in Kinross on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009. Despite the letters and phone calls we had a ghastly turnout. We understand this is a busy time for families and friends. Holidays can keep people moving at a fast pace with no time to spare.

Despite the terrible turnout, we will continue trying to get community input from the membership on where they would like to see tribal resources going in the future.

The month of January will see Planning and Development join Enrollment on a few road trips. These trips will allow members to update tribal cards and share their input with the Planning and Development Department through the focus groups we will be holding.

On our first trip, we will be traveling to Manistique and Marquette to hold a total of



six focus groups. Then we will be traveling to Flint and the following weekend to Grand

Rapids. Near the end of the month we will make our way to Cheboygan to hold our last

set of focus group meetings. Participants requested at these focus groups will be receiving their letters in the mail by the time this newspaper is printed.

The same focus group script will be used for all of the focus group meetings. This will ensure the meetings are driven by the membership and will stay on the topic of tribal resources. Tribal resources are anything that the tribe encompasses. A resource is anything that can be drawn upon for aid or to take care of a need. During the focus groups Michelle Hank, planning and development specialist, will facilitate the meeting and ask questions that pertain to identifying tribal resources such as where they are now and where the community would like them to be. Another key element during the focus groups are having the community members identify what tribal resources they are using, if these resources are helpful or not and what resources could better serve them.

An example of one of the questions in the script is, "What are your immediate reactions

regarding this statement: Tribal resources in my community are critical." The questions asked by the facilitator are broad spectrum questions so that community members present, narrow the spectrum by identifying and defining the tribal resources based on their experiences and their families' experiences. This helps to create a meeting that is totally defined by the members present. This is why it is imperative that if you receive an invitation to an upcoming focus group, your attendance is greatly appreciated. We hope that January's focus groups have a much better turnout than the two in Kinross.

All focus group invitations are drawn randomly. This creates an unbiased group of membership input. However, if you are not there, your ideas, opinions and needs will not be heard. Your ideas, opinions and needs expressed will aid in the compilation of information we need to make a community driven master plan successful. Miiigwech, hope to see you on the road.

## Tribe adopts vehicle registration ordinance

BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors recently adopted a new ordinance governing registration and license plates issued by our tribe for motor vehicles owned and operated by resi-

dents of Sault Tribe lands. The ordinance, Tribal Code Chapter 73: Motor Vehicle License and Registration Ordinance, passed at a special meeting on Dec. 8.

Adopting the ordinance is the first step in requirements Michigan tribes must meet in

order to acquire authorization to issue motor vehicle registration plates. Adopting such an ordinance clears the way for tribes to establish agreements with the state so that tribes may issue their own vehicle licenses to residents who live on their lands.

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement will have the general responsibility to enforce, implement and administer the provisions of the ordinance.

Registering privately owned vehicles with the tribe is optional under the ordinance as long as vehicles are properly licensed under federal or state laws.

Vehicle registrations issued by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement expires on the

owners' birthdays. If an owner's next birthday is less than six months in the future from the time of registry, the owner will receive a registration valid until the owner's birthday after the approaching birthday.

Once all state protocols are met and the ordinance is activated, the registration fee for automobiles will be \$40, and \$50 for trucks, sport utility vehicles or motorized recreational vehicles.

Fees set for trailers, including towed recreational vehicles, are \$40 annually, \$20 biannually or \$120 for a one-time, permanent registration.

Fees established for utility trailers, including boat trailers, are \$15 annually, \$7.50 bian-

nually or \$45 for a one-time, permanent registration.

The registration fees for motorcycles will be \$20 annually or \$10 biannually.

The fee for issuing duplicate registration certificates or registration plates or transferring registration plates will be \$15.

No definite time frame is set yet for implementing the ordinance pending on the development of state-tribe arrangements.

The only other Michigan tribes authorized to issue vehicle registration plates to residents of their lands are the Bay Mills Indian Community and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, both in the state's Upper Peninsula.

## Play it safe — HIV testing is fast and free

SUBMITTED BY LARRY KLEIN, HIV PREVENTION COUNSELOR

Happy new year to everyone. Good and bad news about HIV: The HIV rate of transmission is going up, especially for young people. It continues to be fairly stable (rate is not increasing) for this area. We want it to stay that way, or better yet have the

disease decrease.

So here is our simple plea: This year, have fun but play it safe with your health. However, if for some reason you don't, please come in and get HIV tested. It's free, anonymous and quick.

My office is at the Sault Tribe Health Center, so just give me a call at (906) 632-5265.



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# Johnson wins \$10,000 in national essay competition

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Samantha Johnson, 28, of Phelps, Wisc., recently won a cool \$10,000 for a hot 934-word essay titled *Native Americans and Small Business Ventures: Bright Hope for Economic Recovery*.

Johnson submitted the essay to the Native Insight Competition sponsored by the National Congress of American Indians, Alaska Federation of Natives, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The national writing competition challenged Americans of indigenous ancestry of all ages to submit essays of 500 to 1,600 words on the theme *Native Insight: Thoughts on Recession, Recovery and Opportunity*.

The competition officially launched last April with a deadline in September. *Win Awenen Nisitotung* carried a story on the competition in July. "I read about the competition in the *Win Awenen Nisitotung* newspaper," said Johnson, "and I'm very glad that the information was included!"

Seven entrants received notification in October of winning \$10,000 prizes. The awards were divided among American Indians, Alaska Natives and Hawaiian Natives.

"Nearly 300 applications came in from across the United States," said Erin Fogg, consultant for the Native Insight organization. "And 282 of them were eligible, meaning they met all of the competition criteria."

Essayists were asked to write and submit 500- to 1,600-word opinions addressing one of three sets of questions. The first set asked how American Indians can best participate in economic



**Samantha Johnson**

renewal of the country and the world. The second set probed the authors' confidence in economic growth in 2009 and 2010 in addition to describing how economic recovery will happen. The final set sought writings on changes that must be made to fully recover from the current economic crisis, steps needed to be taken by the president and Congress and how American Indians can help with any changes.

"I would have to say that research is probably my favorite part of the writing process," Johnson commented when asked about her work on the essay, "and since this topic was particularly interesting to me, I spent many hours researching the economic challenges facing our country in general, and our Native American community in particular. It was an intriguing topic to work on, because I believe so strongly in the powerful influence that small businesses can have on our national economy."

Three panels of five judges from the same ancestral groups as the competitors reviewed and

rated the submissions. The top essays underwent a final review by a designated committee to select the winning entries.

Johnson is accompanied by fellow American Indian winners Melissa Zobel of the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut in Old Mystic, Conn., and Jacquelyn Dyer, a Hopi from Arcata, Calif.

Alaska Native winners are Harold Frank Jr. of the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribe of Alaska from Ellensburg, Wash., Methanie Ongtooguk of Kotzebue and Fairbanks, Alaska, and Charles Ralston of the Nulato Tribal Council and Doyon Ltd from Arcata, Calif.

The sole Hawaiian Native winner is Lurline Wailana McGregor of Honolulu. Six contestants are named finalists and 24 are semi-finalists.

According to the Alaska Federation of Natives organization, the ideas expressed by the finalists and semi-finalists will be shared with members of the Obama Administration and published in a variety of news outlets serving indigenous Americans.

Johnson has family ties to the Sault area and said she spent many enjoyable times there visiting her grandparents, Loyal and Patricia Behling. She is a freelance writer and the author of several non-fiction books and numerous magazine articles. Additionally, she is a certified horse show judge and raises registered Welsh Mountain ponies along with purebred Holland Lop and Dutch rabbits. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, politics and studying color genetics in animals. "A strange trio of interests, now that I think about it," she noted.

## Native Americans and Small Business Ventures: Bright Hope for Economic Recovery

BY SAMANTHA JOHNSON

As nearly everyone is aware, there are sobering economic statistics facing our country at the present time. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the current unemployment rate in the United States is 9.6 percent (August 2009), and the unemployment rate for Native Americans is generally believed to be at least two times the national rate (according to the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development). Some sources estimate the figure of Native American unemployment to be as high as 80 or 90 percent in some states.

Hand-in-hand with those alarming statistics is the startlingly low number of businesses that are Native American or Alaskan Native-owned. Out of the nearly 2.5 million American Indian and Alaskan Natives in the United States, only 206,125 were reported as owning a business in 2002 (Source: *Native Americans in Business, Economics and*

*Commerce*). Thus, in the current treacherous state of the American national economy, it is our opportunity as Native Americans to embrace these statistics as an impetus for change. In light of the fact that a lack of capital is often cited as an obstacle in the formation of Native American businesses, the creation of small businesses can be an effective answer.

Stephen Cornell and Joseph P. Kalt, authors of *What Can Tribes Do? Strategies and Institutions in American Indian Economic Development* recognize "Private (micro) enterprise with tribal member ownership" as "an economic system based on the individual, family, or small group entrepreneurship of tribal members. In the face of scarcity of capital in Indian hands, it envisions a reservation economy consisting primarily of small businesses ('microenterprises') that are started, owned, and operated as private businesses . . . it recognizes that raising large amounts of capital is

inconsistent with the generally low level of savings in Indian Country. . ."

Small business growth is vital to the restoration of our economy, through the creation of local jobs and the stimulation of local economy. And if we consider that within the demographic of the Native American and Alaskan Natives we have over 2 million opportunities for new small businesses, we have the prospect of truly influencing the American economy in an extremely positive way.

"Small and minority-owned businesses must play a significant role in our efforts to restore economic growth. Small businesses employ half of the nation's private sector workforce; create a large share of the Nation's new jobs; and introduce many groundbreaking ideas into the marketplace," said President Barack Obama in August 2009.

If we consider the fact that less than 10 percent of Native

## Learn about LSSU financial aid

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— High school seniors and parents interested in learning more about college financial aid and its availability will get the opportunity in January through Lake Superior State University.

Staff from LSSU's Financial Aid office will be visiting high schools around the Eastern Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula throughout the month to talk to families. In addition, in February, LSSU and Sault Area High School will sponsor a free workshop to help parents and students fill out the "free application for federal student aid" (FAFSA), a requirement for any student seeking college financial aid.

Deborah Faust, director of LSSU Financial Aid, said at the Financial Aid Nights she and her staff will discuss scholarships, grants, loans and employment programs and will advise students how to apply for student aid. Emphasis will be placed on eligibility

requirements, how to evaluate an aid offer and how to complete the FAFSA — all of which should be considered by students and parents, no matter which college the student will be attending. Participants will get an opportunity to ask questions.

For more information, contact LSSU's Financial Aid Office, (906) 635-2678. A list of the locations, and times and dates of the workshops is below.

Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m., Sault Area High School  
Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m., Indian River High School  
Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m., Newberry High School  
Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m., Rudyard High School  
Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m., Engadine High School  
Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m., LaSalle High School, St. Ignace  
Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m., Pickford High School  
Feb. 14, 1-4 p.m., College Goal Sunday, Sault Area High.

## Internships offered in Washington, D.C.

Native American Political Leadership Program: Application deadline for summer 2010 internship is March 15, 2010. Full scholarships are offered to undergraduate and graduate students of American Indian ancestry to study applied American politics and participate as part of the Semester in Washington Politics Program at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Check out the details at [www.siwpolitics.gwu.edu](http://www.siwpolitics.gwu.edu) or e-mail Gregory Lebel at [glabel@qwu.edu](mailto:glabel@qwu.edu) or

call him at (202) 994-2526.

Washington Internship for Native Students: Application deadline for summer 2010 internship is Feb. 1, 2010. Students work full-time for a government agency or private firm and earn six college credits. Most students receive a full scholarship, which includes tuition, travel, lodging, meals and incidental expenses. For more information, e-mail [wins@american.edu](mailto:wins@american.edu) or call (800) 853-3076 or visit the Web site [www.american.edu/wins](http://www.american.edu/wins).

## Abramson joins STAY

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Tony Abramson Jr. was hired recently as an administrative assistant for the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) project.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded the three-year grant to the tribe in 2008 to help with suicide awareness in youth and adults ages 10-24.

"We collaborate on the best ways to raise suicide awareness and when the grant ends in two years we hope to become self-sufficient," Abramson said.

The 24-year-old is active in the community as a volunteer. He has helped conduct 5-kilometer runs, has been a track marshal for the Special Olympics, and has coached basketball, cross country, track and field and after-school running programs. He is also working toward a business degree in marketing at Lake Superior State University.

"There are a lot of people working very hard for this



**Tony Abramson Jr.**

cause. I think good things are going to come from their involvement," said the new administrative assistant. "We invite the community to become involved, attend meetings and learn more about the Seven Feathers Partnership Board."

To find out more about STAY, or for Seven Feathers Partnership Board meeting dates, call Abramson or Barb Smutek at (906) 635-7010.

# Elderly Advisory Board meeting briefs for October

SUBMITTED BY BOB MENARD

Chairperson Menard opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. and Ilene Moses offered a prayer. A moment of silence was observed for those of our community who recently walked on and for our armed forces and their families.

All regular voting members were present. There were three alternate members and three guests in attendance.

The tribal chairman was not in attendance; however, Dennis McKelvie, Unit I representative, attended. Holly Kibble, Elder Services director, was the only staff in attendance.

The agenda for this meeting was amended with the addition of two items: 7b, Report on the MIEA October meeting, and 8a, Review of 2009. The minutes of the Sept. 28, 2009, meeting were approved as submitted.

Old business: Bob reported a check for \$8,000 to the MIEA Student Incentive Program was received from the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Public School Academy the day of the MIEA meeting in Peshawbestown. He indicated Jerry Miller made a presentation of a facsimile copy of the check during the business meeting during the agenda item dealing with the student programs.

Bob showed an overhead transparency of a letter of thanks to the J. K. Lumsden Academy Fiduciary Board he drafted for this committee and he read a letter from Tony Goetz, casinos chief operating officer, regarding an offer to provide items that could be auctioned in lieu of money as a donation from the casinos.

Various committee members who were in attendance at the recent MIEA meeting in Peshawbestown commented on their take of the meeting. All expressed a favorable experience.

New business: Bob put up and commented on an overhead transparency outlining a brief summary of major activities undertaken by the Elder Advisory Committee in 2009. Members seemed content that it was a successful year for the committee: bylaw approval, support for the proposed new constitution, goal of maintaining a positive relationship with the tribal board, two elder-sponsored scholarships and support for the MIEA Student Incentive Program.

Election of officers: Holly Kibble conducted this part of the agenda. Joan Karlson nominated Bob Menard for chairperson, seconded by Ilene Moses; no other nominations were made. Judy LaJoie nominated Phillip Payment for vice chairperson, seconded by Worley Rittenhouse; no

other nominations made.

Brenda Garries nominated Joan Karlson, seconded by Jerry Miller; no other nominations made. The three candidates accepted their nominations. Since the candidates ran unopposed they were accepted by acclamation.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Brenda Garries, seconded by Judy LaJoie and carried with Jerry Miller, with Bob Menard opposing, to eliminate the January meeting and add a meeting the fourth Monday in March.

Under the Elder Services report, Holly Kibble spoke briefly about the new policy on redeeming tokens given to the elders for meeting attendance, temporary changes in the policy for the optical program and the implications of funding for the elder meals.

Billy Perry was to have been available to answer questions on hunting, fishing and gathering, but was unable to make the meeting.

Christene Rosenberg, employment training coordinator for Experience Works, gave a brief introduction of the program, which has as its mission to improve the lives of older people through employment, community service and training

G'tchi miigwech to the Newberry elders for the fantastic Thanksgiving feast they prepared for us.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. with the next regularly scheduled meeting to be Monday, March 22, 2010, at 12:30 p.m.

## Pancake Supper

Annual Sault Tribe Unit I Elders pancake supper, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 4:30-7 p.m., at the Nokomis-Mishomis Place, 2076 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie: \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 5 to 12, children under 5 FREE.



## Crime Stoppers seek registered sex offenders not in compliance

Chippewa County currently has over 100 registered sex offenders. State law requires these individuals to change their address with any local law enforcement agency within 10 days after moving to a new address and to check in with the State Police 10 days prior to

moving out of Michigan. Failure to do so is a felony. State law also requires anyone who moves into Chippewa County from another area to register with law enforcement in this area.

If you are interested in staying anonymous along with earning a cash reward, call

Crime Stoppers. If your tip leads to an arrest you could receive up to \$1,000 for your information.

If you have any information on any registered sex offender who is not complying with their registration requirements, or any other crime, please call Crime Stoppers at 1 (800) 465-7867.

## Crime Stoppers offers double reward this month

SAULT STE. MARIE — Northern International Crime Stoppers is offering double rewards for the month of January of this year. For any tip that is received by Crime Stoppers during the month of January that leads to an arrest,

Crime Stoppers will double the normal reward for that tip. Crime Stoppers accepts tips on any crime, not only serious violent crimes.

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If you have any information on any crime, please contact Crime Stoppers at 1 (800) 465-7867. That's 1 (800) 465-STOP.

## Brighton Beach Memoirs showing soon

The Chippewa Theater Guild presents the comedy Brighton Beach Memoirs Jan. 28-30 at 7:30 p.m. and 31 at 2 p.m.

Performances are at the Guild Theater, 700 Eureka

St. in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for students.

Tickets are available at the door or by calling Colleen at

(906) 632-7090 for reservations. The box office opens at 7 p.m. for evening shows and 1:30 p.m. for matinees. Visit [www.chippewatheaterguild.com](http://www.chippewatheaterguild.com) for further details.

## JKL Santa store a success with students

Photos by Lori Jodoin

Each year the JKL Bahweting School Parent Advisory Council holds a Santa Store for students to shop for their families. This year over 2,500 gifts were purchased, wrapped and set up for students to purchase on Dec. 14, 2009.



Alexis, Trinity and Jakob show off the bags of goodies they picked up at the Santa Store.



Ms. Susie, with her festive headband, makes sure that Kaleb gets his lunch before he heads off to the Santa Store.

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# Agreement reached in Cobell v Salazar case

BY RICK SMITH

Long neglected in mainstream media, the case is drawing attention from all corners of the country since it now involves a federal settlement agreement of \$3.4 billion to about a half-million American Indians. In addition, the settlement will set up a \$60 million scholarship fund for American Indian students. The litigation has been going on so long the case had to be renamed several times to reflect changes of the Secretary of the Interior, the defendant. It seems possible, pending approval from Congress and the United States District Court of the District of Columbia, the case has reached its final re-christening.

The Cobell v Salazar case is a class-action suit initiated in 1996 by Elouise Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Nation from Browning, Mont., joined by about 500,000 other American Indians who claim the United States owes them at least \$20 billion; the federal government can't disprove their claim.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs say the total of actual discrepancies in individual Indian land lease trust funds managed for Indians by the Department of the Interior (DOI) may be as high as \$100 billion.

According to documents from the Native American Rights Fund, the suit has two basic objectives. The first objective is to require the federal government to create and maintain an adequate system to properly manage and accurately account for the trust assets of individual Indians. The second objective is to require the federal government to provide a full and accurate accounting to individual Indian trust beneficiaries, and to restate the account balances accordingly.

The Native American Rights Fund also notes the assets involved in this suit are not government handouts, but money that belongs to individual Indians. Most of this money has been generated from the sale or lease of natural resources on allotted Indian lands. This lawsuit addresses the government's longstanding



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Department of the Interior  
**Elouise Cobell speaks in Washington, D.C., after the agreement of the 13-year-old law suit as Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and Attorney General of the United States Eric Holder look on.**

failure to account for these individual Indian trust funds.

The case stems from the Dawes Act passed by Congress in 1887. The Dawes Act, according to government documents from the National Archives, was part of "the new policy focused specifically on breaking up reservations by granting land allotments to individual Native Americans. Very sincere individuals reasoned that if a person adopted white clothing and ways, and was responsible for his own farm, he would gradually drop his Indian-ness and be assimilated into the population. It would then no longer be necessary for the government to oversee Indian welfare in the paternalistic way it had been obligated to do, or provide meager annuities that seemed to keep the Indian in a subservient and poverty-stricken position."

The American Bar Association describes the General Allotment Act, another name for the Dawes Act, as "one in a seemingly endless line of failed federal initiatives to assimilate Indian people by 'destroying tribes' and 'eradicating Native culture.' The plan was simple. Divide the remaining tribal landholdings by allotting small parcels to each tribal member. Any 'surplus' land would be opened up for non-Indian settlement. Indian consent, rarely sought, was never a requisite."

of official governmental abuse, neglect and atrocities along with similar affronts committed by U.S. citizens, according to the Congressional Research Service. In addition, it commends governmental efforts by states to reconcile their relationships with tribes within their respective boundaries and encourages other states to do so as well. Further, it urges the president of the United States "to acknowledge the wrongs of the United States against Indian tribes in the history of the United States in order to bring healing to this land."

The section also notes the apology is not to be misinter-

Under the Dawes Act, the U.S. government became the fiduciary trustee for all tribally-owned and individually-allotted American Indian real estate on reservations for 25 years from enactment. But it was continued in the Indian Reorganization Act during the federal administration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Governmental accounting of the Dawes Act provisions only goes as far back as 1986, nearly 100 years after the U.S. began keeping records.

In January 2008, U.S. District Judge James Robertson ruled in favor of the plaintiffs that an adequate historical accounting would be impossible to determine and would conduct a hearing to determine an appropriate solution since the DOI failed to deliver a court-ordered accounting of the funds.

According to the Indian Land Tenure Foundation, all 298,379 acres of land split into 4,580 allotments in Michigan went to Chippewa Indians living on reservations in Saginaw, Swan Creek, Black River, L'Anse, Lac Vieux Desert and Ontonagon. Allotments were made until 1934 when further allotments were prohibited.

Those interested in learning about the agreement terms may visit [www.cobellsettlement.com](http://www.cobellsettlement.com), [www.doi.gov](http://www.doi.gov) or [www.ost.doi.gov](http://www.ost.doi.gov).

preted as support for any claims or litigation against the United States.

The bill passed through final Congressional hoops last October and President Barack Obama signed the bill into law in late December.

Official federal apologies previously approved by Congress were directed to Japanese-Americans in 1988 for internment during World War II and to Native Hawaiians in 1993 for overthrowing the Hawaiian Kingdom. Further, resolutions have passed in Congress recently apologizing for slavery in the U.S.

# Indigenous state case to the world

## POPE ASKED TO REPUDIATE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY

BY RICK SMITH

The Parliament of the World's Religions convened in Melbourne, Australia, in December. Delegates from two committees of the parliament, the International Indigenous Task Force Committee and the Aboriginal Planning Committee of Melbourne, jointly authored and presented a document at the convention titled *An Indigenous Peoples' Statement to the World* on Dec. 9, 2009.

In the statement, the delegates begin with a very brief description of the historically traditional values of the world's indigenous peoples before expressing accolades to 144 countries for supporting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted in 2007, a measure opposed by four countries — Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States — and saw abstentions from Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burundi, Colombia, Georgia, Kenya, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, Samoa and the Ukraine.

The narrative of the document reflects on indigenous respect for laws, principles and spiritual values passed down from ancient ancestors and keeping sacred relationships with the Great Spirit and Mother Earth.

The document also declares indigenous people have inherent rights to their continuing survival on their sacred homelands throughout the world.

"Unfortunately," the statement notes, "certain doctrines have been threatening to the survival of our cultures, our languages, and our peoples, and devastating to our ways of life. These are found in particular colonizing documents such as the Inter Caetera papal bull of 1493, which called for the subjugation of non-Christian nations and peoples and 'the propagation of the Christian empire.' This is the root of the Doctrine of Christian Discovery that is still interwoven into laws and policies today that must be changed."

The statement further notes such documents have been destructive to the indigenous peoples' nations and ways of life. "This oppressive tradition is what led to the boarding schools, the residential schools and the Stolen Generation, resulting in the trauma of indigenous peoples being cut off from their languages and

cultures, resulting in language death and loss of family integrity from the actions of churches and governments. We call on those churches and governments to put as much time, effort, energy and money into assisting with the revitalization of our languages and cultures as they put into attempting to destroy them."

The document also blames decrees such as the Doctrine of Discovery for laying the groundwork for contemporary problems, such as racism and dispossession, and includes industrial exploitation of all living things, land, air and water. It counts the great depletion of biodiversity and contamination of the waters and air among the spoils of conquests brought on by the papal decree.

The delegates describe water as "the first law of life and a gift from the Creator for all beings. Clean, healthy, safe and free water is necessary for the continuity and well being of all living things. The commercialization and poisoning of water is a crime against life."

Climate change and global warming are other indirect effects of exploitation through the ages stemming from the Doctrine of Discovery, according to the statement.

The Episcopal Church in the United States disavowed the Doctrine of Discovery in July, calling it a dehumanizing instrument of conquest. It also disavowed the charter issued by King Henry VII of England, which authorized the colonizing of North America. Quakers and Unitarians have taken similar official actions.

The delegates conclude their statement with an appeal to all people to support immediate action on eight issues such as climate change, protection of indigenous peoples' significant and sacred sites, strengthening indigenous cultures and languages, return of ancestral remains and sacred items and the immediate support and implementation of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

An appeal on the final issue in the statement is addressed directly to Pope Benedict XVI and the Vatican "to publicly acknowledge and repudiate the papal decrees that legitimized the original activities that have evolved into the dehumanizing Doctrine of Christian Discovery and dominion in laws and policies."

## Attention Resident Tribal Members

The form, Tribal 4013 Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit, will be mailed to resident Sault Tribe members in the third week of January 2010.

**IMPORTANT:** Make sure your address is current with the Tribal Tax Office. If a resident tribal member's 2010 4013 form is returned to the Tribal Tax Office for having the wrong address, the member's file is flagged as not living in the tax agreement area. This could ultimately hold up any refunds due to resident tribal members.

# Asian carp scare results in huge fish kill

## Michigan sues to close Illinois canals

BY RICK SMITH

Amid fears of a catastrophic migration of Asian carp into the Great Lakes via a shipping canal near Chicago, nearly six miles of the canal were poisoned over three days in early December, killing a single 22-inch specimen of the dreaded species along with about 200,000 pounds of other fish. The purge cost over \$3 million.

Routine maintenance on an electric barrier in the canal, designed specifically to prevent Asian carp from entering Lake Michigan, was shut down for maintenance by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prompting a collaborative of federal and state agencies working with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources called the Asian Carp Rapid Response Workgroup to dump 2,200 gallons of rotenone, a fish poison, into the canal. All of the killed fish were netted by crews on dozens of boats and trucked to landfills.

Experts say the Asian carp are voracious and aggressive, capable of growing up to about 4 feet in length, reaching around 100 pounds and eating about 40 percent of their body weight in plankton daily. Some view

them as agents of doom for the Great Lakes fishery; others see them as a potential new source of revenue for the fishery. The state of Illinois has been trying to prevent the spread of Asian carp for about 15 years.

The species arrived in the United States through fish farms in the south. Many of the fish were introduced into the Mississippi River during floods 1990s and have been moving north since then.

A 250-mile network of rivers and canals built more than a century ago connect the Mississippi and the Great Lakes. It runs from Chicago to just north of St. Louis, Mo. Millions upon millions of tons of merchandise are moved through the system annually.

In mid-December, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port Sector Lake Michigan issued a safety zone and regulated navigation area notice on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, where the fish purge took place in Romeoville, Ill., as a precautionary measure to prevent the possible movement of live Asian carp or their viable eggs or gametes across the fish barrier through discharge of non-potable water.

According to an official Coast Guard announcement, "There is no direct evidence that this is an actual bypass vector (path), but the Asian Carp



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**An example of one type of Asian carp. Members of the species can reach 4 feet, weighing up to 100 pounds and eating up to 40 percent of their body weight in plankton daily.**

Rapid Response Workgroup's executive committee agrees it is a prudent measure to eliminate the possibility."

New York Democratic Senator Kirsten Gillibrand called for a temporary closure of the canals and other measures to combat the spread of Asian carp. She also sits on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which recently passed the bipartisan Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act to help halt the spread of the species throughout New York waterways and help restore natural order of the state's ecosystem.

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox announced on Dec. 21 that he asked the U.S. Supreme Court to "immediately order federal, state and local officials responsible for Chicago-area locks and waterways to close them in order to stop Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes. The fish are an aggressive invasive species that could quickly devastate Great Lakes fish populations, causing severe damage to Michigan's economy by ruining the Great Lakes' \$7 billion fishing and tourism industries."

The lawsuit also asks for other corrective and preven-

tative measures such as the creation of new barriers, comprehensive studies and action to permanently separate the waterways from the Great Lakes.

The state of Ohio joined Michigan in the suit on Dec. 23 and asked the U.S. Supreme Court to examine the measures taken to repel the fish and revisit a previous case on the legality of the canals and waterways connecting Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River.

By the end of the month, the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania also joined Michigan's lawsuit.

# Coal-fired power plant approved for Bay City

**Impact studies failed to include the Lake Huron fishery utilized by tribal commercial fishermen under the 1836 Treaty and the Native American populations that eat greater amounts of local fish than the general public.**

BY ROBIN CLARK,  
ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST

In late December 2009, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved an air permit for Consumers Energy to install an 930-megawatt coal-fired power plant near Bay City, Mich.

This approval came despite Governor Granholm's call for clean energy development in Michigan and after official reports stating that the coal-fired power plant is not necessary without the retirement of 950 megawatts of older units. Even then, better alternatives exist to the coal-fired power plant, according to the Michigan Public Service Commission and with upcoming carbon regulations, at similar or reduced rates.

Coal-fired power plants are substantial sources of mercury, lead, criteria pollutants and hazardous air pollutants. Many of these pollutants are regulated by the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency as significant threats to human health and welfare. Alternative energy and energy efficiency projects can provide consumers needed energy with significantly less pollution.

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Environmental Services Department had hoped that the Granholm administration would follow through on strategic clean energy development and deny the plant's permit application in favor of existing clean energy alternatives. Instead, the permit was granted with "clean" provisions, resulting in a 50-year commitment to coal-derived energy that will subject ratepayers to unnecessary financial burdens and Michigan citizens to serious and unnecessary natural resource degradation.

The permit requires the closure of five older units after the planned 2017 opening of the new plant, with two more units possibly being closed at a later time. The permit includes developing technologies such as carbon capture, which will reduce pollution while increasing the costs borne by ratepayers.

Proponents welcome the 100 permanent jobs created after the year 2017 and the 1,800 temporary construction jobs that this plant would bring, as well as investment in the Bay City area. Long term costs to an estimated 1.8 million customers statewide are in question, as are the long-term costs to Michigan's



**Coal-fired power plants are the biggest source of mercury in fish and the effects will be felt in northern Lake Huron, pictured above. The approved 850-MW coal-fired power plant would operate on Saginaw Bay of Lake Huron, a major source of subsistence and commercial fish for 1836 treaty fishing tribes.**

natural resources and human health. The brunt of pollution will occur in Bay City and the Saginaw Bay, which opens up to Lake Huron.

The 1836 Treaty ceded territory will be directly impacted by air and water pollution from the new plant.

Coal-fired power plants are the greatest emitter of mercury the Great Lakes region, according to the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. Methyl-mercury accumulates in living beings and the most well-known pathway is from fish to humans. Consumers Energy and the

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality studied the impact of the new plant on local inland fish and the general populations eating those fish.

These studies failed to include any impacts on Lake Huron, the Lake Huron fishery utilized by tribal commercial fishermen under the 1836 Treaty and the Native American populations that eat greater amounts of local fish than the general public. Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan staff are currently researching these impacts on tribal members. The permit will become

effective on Feb. 2, 2010, unless any opposing groups or governments file a request for review by Feb. 1. Consumers Energy will also need to obtain a certificate of necessity from the Michigan Public Service Commission. Construction is planned to begin in 2012 with plant operation beginning in 2017.

For more information, please contact Robin Clark at Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Inc., (906) 632-6896, ext. 106. You may also contact your tribal representatives and state legislators.

# Pair sentenced for illegal dumping

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Brothers Carl L. Frazier, age 69, and Donald R. Frazier, age 70, both of Naubinway, Mich., and their corporation, Carl and Don Frazier Inc., were sentenced by U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar following their convictions for violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, or Clean Water Act, U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced Dec. 17.

According to a press release from Western District of Michigan United States Attorney's Office, Judge Edgar sentenced the Frazier brothers to two years of probation beginning with six months of home confinement. He also imposed a fine of \$2,500 each. Judge Edgar also imposed three years of probation and a fine of \$75,000 on the Fraziers' corporation. All of the defendants have agreed to be jointly liable for the fine imposed, according to the release.

The Fraziers each pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of negligent discharge of pollutants without a permit on July 28, 2009, according to the release. The two were owners and officers of Carl and Don Frazier Inc. The corporation, through its legal representatives, pled guilty on the same day to a felony charge of knowing discharge of a pollutant without a permit.

According to the release, the sentences resulted from

a multi-year investigation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Criminal Investigation Division (EPA CID) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). The investigation revealed that Carl and Donald Frazier launched Carl and Don Frazier Inc. in 1986. The corporation processed whitefish and other fish caught by various commercial fishermen. These fish were typically processed in a facility owned by the corporation. The fish offal, a byproduct of processing, was collected in 50-gallon barrels, each of which held 400-500 pounds of fish offal.

According to the release, fish offal qualifies as a pollutant under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Beginning in the late 1990s, the Fraziers and their employees began dumping the barrels of fish offal into the waters and onto the shoreline of Epoufette Bay, which is in Mackinac County, Mich. The corporation did not have a permit under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act that would authorize such dumping, according to the release.

Randy Ashe was the special agent-in-charge of EPA's criminal enforcement office in Chicago. "These sentences show that companies and their owners who 'cut corners' rather than handle pollutants safely and legally will be prosecuted," Ashe said.

# Ontonagon County wolf poaching case reward increased to \$7,000

The reward being offered in an Ontonagon County wolf poaching case has been increased from \$6,500 to \$7,000, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, Department of Natural Resources officials announced late December.

The DNR and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service are seeking information related to a recent wolf poaching case in Ontonagon County, occurring some time between Nov. 12 and 16, 2009. The wolf's radio collar was found in the Stony Creek Area of Ontonagon County, east of the old White Pine Mine location.

"We are pleased to accept this donation, which hopefully will help us obtain the information necessary to prosecute and close this case," said DNR Lt. Tim Robson. "Anyone who would like to contribute to law enforcement rewards can do so by earmarking a donation to the DNR's Gift Account for a specific reward, such as wolf or eagle poaching or illegal hunting and fishing investigations."

DNR Gift Account donations can be made in person at any DNR Operations Service Center

or Field Office or by mailing a check, made out to the State of Michigan, with the specific intent of the donation marked in the check's memo field.

The \$7,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the conviction of the person, or persons, responsible for the killing of the wolf. In addition to the \$500 offered by an anonymous donor, the DNR's Report All Poaching (RAP) program has donated \$500 toward the reward, while the USFWS has offered \$5,000 and an additional \$1,000 is provided by Defenders of Wildlife, an organization dedicated to protecting endangered species. Gray wolves were recently re-listed by the federal government as an endangered species.

Anyone with information pertaining to this case is asked to call the DNR's RAP line at (800) 292-7800, the USFWS at (989) 686-4578, or contact a local DNR conservation officer. Information can be provided anonymously. An online form to report poaching violations is available on the DNR's Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) under the Law Enforcement menu.



# Young hunters score big on opening day

Photo at left submitted by proud grandmother, Connie Mayer, shows 13-year-old Kylee Mae Coffey of Rudyard, Mich., with the 8-point buck she got on opening day of deer season.

Below is a photo of Mark Hollingsworth, submitted by his proud father. The 14-year-old tribal member shot his first deer this Nov. 15 in the northern lower peninsula.



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## From the Kitchen of Bob Flowers

### Soups for winter

#### New England boiled dinner

This meal is both delicious and comforting on a cold winter's day. It can be made in a slow-cooker or slowly on top of a stove, in an oven or a pressure cooker. Though the heat sources are different, the idea is the same, slow, moist heat helps tenderize the meat, and distributes the many flavors evenly.

Because of its speed, I prefer to make boiled dinners in a pressure cooker. In the time it takes to slow-cook a proper boiled dinner, by using a pressure cooker, you could cook five batches of boiled dinners.

Pressure cookers do two things to help this dish. First, as atmospheric pressure increases, the boiling temperature of water increases. As the water temperature increases, the food cooks more quickly. The trapped steam also transfers heat quickly into the food, shortening the time required to bring it up to temperature. The pressure, moisture and heat also break down tough meats and connective tissues, making them easier to eat. This makes the method great for less tender cuts like chuck or round.

Now that you know a bit about what it does for you, let's explore the disadvantages. Pressure cookers can be dangerous if used improperly! Without going into a physics lesson, I'll just say that, at 10 pounds of pressure, if you remove the lid before releasing that pressure, two things will happen: First, the lid will probably blow right out of your hand. Second, if that very hot liquid is suddenly brought to normal atmospheric pressure, it will erupt like Vesuvius and cause you a great deal of scalding pain. So read directions for pressure cookers carefully. When used properly, this pot is a safe and useful tool. Just be wise about it.

In addition, you won't get anything less than well-done from this kind of cooking. But you will cook in 45 minutes what would take you several hours by other cooking methods.

If you don't own a pressure cooker or are intimidated by it, just put the ingredients into your slow cooker and let it do its thing overnight. Either way, you will be rewarded by a wonderful meal.

Ingredients:

3 lbs. corned beef brisket, rinsed and without the seasoning packet, or you can substitute ham, beef shanks, venison, lamb, or whatever you prefer.  
4 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered  
4 carrots, peeled and cut into one-inch chunks  
1 onion, peeled and cut into four wedges

1 cup diced rutabaga  
1 clove fresh garlic, peeled and minced

1 medium head of green cabbage cut into eight wedges  
1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. black pepper

Cut the cabbage and onion wedges in half. Place all ingredients into a pressure cooker or slow cooker. Add enough water to cover.

If using a pressure cooker, secure the lid and place the pot over high flame. If you have a multi-pressure top, place it on the 10-pound setting. If not, just place it on the steam spigot. When the top begins to dance, turn down heat to medium. Wait a minute to see if the top continues to dance. Adjust to the lowest heat setting that keeps the top moving.

Cook for 45 minutes then remove from heat. Wait until the top quits dancing and carefully remove from the pan lid. Use a tool long enough to keep your skin away from erupting steam. It can scald you.

Do not remove the lid until all of the pressure has escaped. You will know it is safe when the steam lazily exits the spigot. When it is safe, remove the lid and serve in bowls. Serve with hot-buttered bread rolls and your favorite beverage.

If using slow cookers, simply cover pots and cook for eight hours or so. You will have exactly the same meal.

#### Canadian split pea soup

There is a brand of split pea soup made by a Canadian company I have enjoyed for as long as I can remember. They use yellow peas instead of the familiar green peas we all know so well. The result is a savory soup with a more delicate flavor. Yet, it is satisfying, and makes a great appetizer, though I usually eat it as a meal by itself.

As this great soup isn't available to many of you, I give you the homemade version. It is worth the effort.

Ingredients:

2 cups yellow split peas  
1 qt. water  
2 tsp. sunflower oil  
1 cup chopped onions  
1/4 tsp. dried sage leaves  
1/2 tsp. salt  
2 oz. Canadian-style bacon, diced, or left over ham bone with one cup of diced ham.  
2 carrots, sliced thin  
1/8 tsp. Liquid Smoke

Rinse and drain the peas. Combine the peas, salt and water in a two-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat to a gentle boil. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes.

Slice the meat into one-inch pieces and place into a 10-inch heavy skillet. Cook until slightly crisp. Stir in onions and

carrots. Continue cooking until onions are tender.

Stir the bacon, onions and carrots into the saucepan. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and let simmer for 15 minutes.

Stir frequently to avoid sticking.

Add more water as necessary to get the consistency you want.

Serve as a warm appetizer to a pork roast dinner or with whole-wheat dinner rolls and butter.



## From "Raffle Winners," pg. 1

Everyone in her office gives to the United Way, Weston added. But not everyone won world-class game tickets. The four Lions tickets are worth \$58 each and are for first-rate seats in Row 6 during the Jan. 3 game against Chicago. Weston said she doesn't follow football, but she's taking her family to watch the game and it "should be fun!"

The winners in the Sault Tribe United Way Workplace Campaign raffle were:

Grand prizes — Four tickets to a Detroit Red Wings game:

Joy Bruce; Four tickets to a Detroit Loins game: Nancy Weston.

Other prizes — Mackinac Island getaway: Lisa Sawruk; show tickets for two: Dean

Auger, Amie Nolan, Alan Bouschor, Lori Jump and Russ McKerchie; dinner for two: Jessica McAdam, Carey Mills, Bonnie Culfa, Marsha Ailing and Cheryl Harmon; one night of lodging at any of the Kewadin Casinos facilities: Frank Davis, Martin Storey, Kelly Jenkins, Jay Eggert and Tom Gorenflo.

The Sault Tribe United Way Committee is still happy to take more contributions by tribal employees to United Way. It can spread out over your paychecks and it's tax deductible.

In addition, it helps others in need. As Nancy Weston says, "People need help, and I help a little, and every little bit helps — right?"

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# Beloiter touched the lives of both his friends, foes

(Ed. Note: Please see tribal member Ron Splan's obituary in this issue.)

BY JIM FRANZ, BELOIT DAILY NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

For many who knew Ron Splan, his passing last week was like losing a family member.

To many of his former players, the long-time Beloit College softball coach served as a second father. He was someone whom they could confide in and count on.

To his coaching peers and his many friends he was either a brother or a favorite uncle, depending on your age.

The subject of a feature article in our "Legends of Sports" series in 2005, Splan may have been the most universally admired coach in the Stateline by both friends and foes.

"Ron was kind of like a second dad to a lot of people," former Janesville Parker star Becky (nee Williams) Lund said. "He's so laid-back and so different than a lot of our typical in-your-face kind of coaches. You could come to him and talk to him about anything. He was always a shoulder to lean on. He's a unique guy who cares for everybody."

Ron was the coach players wanted to see on homecoming. Or attend their wedding. Or, in Karen (nee Walker) Proesel's case, introduce her at her Hall of Honor induction.

"He treated me like a daughter," Carrie (nee Bieniek) Passante said. "I know it's so cliché, but Ron really was just an amazing man. His smile lit up the room and his eyes twinkled when he smiled. That smile I saw any time I had the chance to round third base and give him a high five on my way to home."

"He was always there for everyone. I called him when I had a couple flat tires at school, when I needed any sort of



Photo used courtesy Bill Splan

**BROTHERS** — Sault Tribe members Bill, Tangore, Ronald and Erland Splan attend a reunion at the Driftwood Restaurant in St. Ignace.

advice, when I was hungry and needed a home cooked meal (but it was his wife, Marie, who would come through with her cheesy potatoes) or just someone to talk to or laugh with."

Lawrence head coach Kim Tatro is proud to have called Ron a friend.

"Ron was a wonderful man and a terrific ambassador for Midwest Conference softball," she said. "I always had respect for the way in which he ran his program at Beloit College and more importantly, the way in which he treated the women in his program. He was tough, but it was clear that he cared so much for everyone."

"He won and lost with the same grace and dignity. We had some terrific battles in the mid-1990s and while we always wanted to defeat the Bucs, there was no shame in losing to Beloit. His teams were always prepared, played hard and represented the College well."

Ron wasn't a native Beloit. He grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., but moved to Beloit

along with his sister and her husband in 1953.

An electrician by day, he spent most of his free time on the diamond, playing for the old Beloit Redbirds as well as other area baseball teams. He also played some fastpitch softball, yet he's probably better known for his long tenure as an umpire, particularly in slowpitch.

His longtime umpiring sidekick was Glen "Snook" Thostenson.

"We got up to umpiring slowpitch leagues three nights a week," Thostenson said. "The reason I wanted to umpire with Ron wasn't just because he was a great guy. I was younger and I hadn't studied the rule book like Ron. I always wanted to work with the best and he was the best. Nobody knew the rules like Ron."

Ron also coached Little League and Pony League baseball teams and served as the jay-vee basketball coach at Beloit Catholic High School. He also helped Judy Williams run the softball team.

His contact with then-Beloit College football coach and athletic director Ed DeGeorge led him to the Bucs. They both attended St. Jude's Catholic Church and their children attended Brother Dutton Grade School and BCHS.

Ron had run the game clock for the Crusaders for years and DeGeorge asked him to do the same at the college's games. When Pam Samuelson was hired as the college's softball coach in 1986, DeGeorge asked Ron if he would help her out.

After seven years as an assistant, he took over the head coaching job in 1993. He served through 2002, amassing 110 victories and leading the Bucs to their lone Midwest Conference softball championship in 1996. The Bucs were also 22-9 in 1994, the most wins ever in a single season.

Ron was a terrific story-teller and avid practical joker. One of this reporter's favorites involved one of his team's spring training trips to Florida. Girls will be girls and one of his players

found herself in hot water over a fake I.D. and underage drinking.

"She was arrested and spent three hours in a holding cell with a dozen hookers," Ron said. "Her parents had to bail her out and she couldn't go back with the team. She had to appear in court and fly back."

Leave it to Ron to find some levity in the situation. He bought an orange T-shirt and had "Property of Pensacola County Jail" printed on the back.

"We wrapped it up and told her it had been sent to her from Florida," Ron said. "When she unwrapped it at practice, she broke up."

Ron was called out of retirement twice to coach the Bucs, the last time in 2005 when he shook off colon cancer surgery the previous October and chemotherapy treatments during the season. He led the Bucs to a winning season and received MWC Coach of the Year honors.

Over the past year, Ron's ongoing battle with cancer and other physical ailments sapped his strength, but couldn't prevent him from attending Beloit's homecoming football game on Oct. 3. Nearly his entire 1996 championship softball team was on hand to see their old coach. They were thrilled that he was strong enough to go out to lunch with them.

"It was great to be able to see Ron and Marie because they're like family to all of us," Lori (nee Tilkens) Franz said.

Those former Bucs continued to keep up on "Coach Ron" through Facebook notes and e-mails. Many will gather again today under sadder circumstances. His coaching record speaks for itself, but he left a much more impressive legacy.

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## Program helps young people build a better world

BY RICK SMITH

The Jane Goodall Institute bills its Roots and Shoots program as a powerful global network of more than 8,000 groups in almost 100 countries. It aids young people of all ages to make the world a better place by promoting care and concern for animals, the environment and people.

While youngsters in the organization concern themselves mainly with understanding issues and developing solutions in their own local communities, the primary goals of Roots and Shoots are geared toward helping them foster respect and compassion for all living things, promote understanding of all cultures and beliefs and to inspire individuals to take action to build a better world for all.

The program promotes developing global connections, members are encouraged to correspond, build networks and learn from each other.

Some of the newest Roots and Shoots groups in Africa were founded in and around refugee camps in partnership with the Office of the United



Jane Goodall

Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. At least four school groups inside one refugee camp are learning about conservation, planted three large vegetable gardens and raised funds to buy chickens as a source of eggs and revenue.

Among the program's campaigns, Goodall encourages groups in the program to build and fly Giant Peace Dove puppets, or floats, in honor of the International Day of Peace on Sept. 21. Since 2003, the doves "fly" in parades or "hover" over selected sites as part of extraor-

dinary worldwide observances.

The program established its United States National Youth Leadership Council in 2003. The council is made up of 16 dedicated high school students from across the country who act as young ambassadors in support of the U.S.

Roots and Shoots communities.

Roots and Shoots offers resources for educators and others who work with youth and has a Web-based program for teens, called Lessons for Hope, "to help students recognize their personal values and take positive action." Further, a publication titled *The Foster Care Handbook* is available to guide out-of-home care groups through planning and implementing community service projects and other skill-building activities. Another publication, *Lessons for Hope Teachers Guide*, is also offered.

The institute was founded in 1977 by the renowned and highly esteemed English primatologist, ethologist and anthropologist, Dame Valerie Jane Morris Goodall. The program

formed in 1991 through Goodall and 16 students. Today, the institute notes hundreds of thousands of youngsters are involved in Roots and Shoots around the world.

For more information about the Jane Goodall Institute, visit [www.janegoodall.org](http://www.janegoodall.org). Those wanting to learn more about the Roots and Shoots Program should visit [www.rootsandshoots.org](http://www.rootsandshoots.org).

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# Davenport descendants visit old homestead

Last October, direct descendants of Ambrose and Susan Davenport visited the Davenport home on Mackinac Island. A log cabin, the home was built in 1805. Meeting there last fall were Wayne "Teto" and Janet King of Romulus, Richard and Betty Wachter and Sharon Arnold of Cheboygan, Winfred and Bob Wertz of Sault Ste. Marie, Ed Beckman, Vivian and Chuck Wilson and Karen Frazier of Naubinway, Mary Jo and Beau Firlick of Boyne City, Roger and Shirley Saffer of Manistique and Beth (Wachter) Albrecht of Carp Lake.

According to Frazier, some of the descendants were meeting for the first time. Other family roots on the island include the McGulpin, Duffina,



**Davenport descendants visit old homestead**

Metty, Chambers, Belonga, King, Allard and LaBlanc families.

Frazier is compiling a fam-

ily history. Anyone related can share stories and pictures by contacting her at (906) 477-6294.

# Members deploy with Michigan National Guard 1437th MRBC

FROM LISA BURNSIDE

Sergeant Abraham McLaramore IV and Specialist Joe Currie, both of Hessel, have deployed with the Michigan National Guard 1437th Multi Role Bridge Company based in Sault Ste. Marie.

Both young men served as members of the Nbiish-be-mwi-jwaang Tribal Youth Council throughout their high school years.

I would like to say a special thank you to these two boys and all of our soldiers and family members who have served or are serving in the military.

A special thank you to Kewadin Casino and Kewadin Cares for bringing our boys home for the holidays.

**Pictured at right, top (L-R), are Currie's sister, Tara Moore, Currie and his mother Stacy Fountain (not pictured: his father, Joe Currie Sr., of Rudyard).**

**Pictured at right, bottom (L-R), is McLaramore's girlfriend, Sara Mason, of Sault Ste. Marie, Sgt. McLaramore, mom, Lisa Burnside, brother, Josh McLaramore and step-dad, Calvin Burnside.**



**Specialist Joe Currie and family.**



**Sergeant Abraham McLaramore IV and family.**

# New Border Patrol agents sworn in

Twenty-seven Border Patrol agent interns entered in duty in the Havre Border Patrol Sector on Dec. 8. It was the largest class ever to enter on duty in Havre sector's history. Chief Patrol Agent Brenna Neinast issued the oath of office to 27 new interns at the Havre Border Patrol Station. Neinast noted that 20 years ago, there were 27 agents covering the entire region. According to the *Havre Daily News*, the interns will attend the Border Patrol Academy in Artesia, N.M., for at least three months, Spanish language training if necessary, and additional training in the Tucson sector for 9.5 months. According the *Havre Daily News*, the new agents will be stationed in Havre, Malta, Plentywood, Sweetgrass and



**Chief Patrol Agent Brenna Neinast (left) swears in 27 new border patrol agent interns, including Sault Tribe members Matthew Bumstead and Joshua Payment, pictured first and second from the left in the front row. Bumstead is the son of DeJay and Sherri (McCoy) Bumstead and Payment is the son of Stephanie (Payment) Gordon and Isaac McKechnie.**

Shelby. The agents were hired as part of the Northern Border Intern program to increase agent staffing along the north-

ern border and enhance border security, according to the *Havre Daily News*. They are expected to graduate in March 2010.

**WYATT LESTER**

Wyatt William Merle Lester was born at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich. at 9:47 a.m. on Oct. 27, 2009, to



Steven and Tracy Lester of Delton, Mich. Wyatt weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19.75 inches in length. He joins his two big sisters, Lillian Carol and Lucy Mae. Grandparents are Merle and Carol Preseau of Cheboygan, Mich., and Waneta and the late William Lester of Delton, Mich.

**THEA NOELLE BYRNES**

Thea Noelle Byrnes was born to Brett and Elly Byrnes of Buckley, Mich., at 9:48 a.m. on Dec. 10, 2009, at Munson Hospital in Traverse City, Mich. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces.



Her siblings are Cora, Micah and Anna, all at home. Grandparents are Kim Bordine, Farmington Hills, Mich., Ronald Byrnes, Wayne, Mich., and Jerry and Debby Jennex, Capac, Mich. Great-grandparents are Joan Goll, Havasu, Ariz., Joe and Velma Powell, Charlevoix, Mich., and Marilyn Jennex, Mesa, Ariz.

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# Christmas parties enjoyed by young and old in Newberry, DeTour and Hessel

**SUBMITTED BY LISA BURNSIDE**

Christmas celebrations began on Dec. 2 for the Newberry community in the basement of the community building. Hessel and DeTour parties were at the tribal center and DeTour Township Hall on Dec. 5.

Families enjoyed playing games such as money walk, ring toss, pin the nose on the snowman and fishpond in addition to and feasting on the food.

Santa made a special appearance in Newberry and an unexpected appearance in Hessel. Youngsters bought prizes with "Santa dollars" won in the games. Greg and Candy Currie of Hessel made a treat-stuffed piñata for each party.

A special thank you to "Santa's helpers" for making this year's festivities so enjoy-

able: Dorothy Currie, Mona Gugin and Betty Huffman, Lois Bryant, Shirley Kowalke, Kathy Manville, Kathy Egert, Darlene Blackmer, Lisa Simmons, Kim Eddy, Louise Eddy, Joan Karlson, Sandy Jacko, John Causley, Joan Shaw of DeTour, Richard and Dorothy Royer, Tom Wyers, Francie Wyers, Phil Payment, Josh McLarahmore, Robyn Seaman, Pearl Seaman, Barb Galer, Robert Green and the tribal youth council members of Hessel.

The Newberry Elder Committee, Newberry Powwow Committee, Mukkwa Giizhik Community Committee, Kewadin Casino, tribal Vice Chairwoman Lana Causley and tribal members in all areas provided funding for the parties. G'tchi miigwech.



AJ and Alexis Bough with Santa at the Hessel Christmas party.

Youth and elders alike enjoyed the Hessel, DeTour and Newberry Christmas parties, playing games feasting and simply enjoying the Christmas spirit together.

## The Hessel elders celebrate Christmas joy together



Ron and Dorothy Huffman



Richard and Dorothy Royer



Back left, Perry Causley and Catherine LaPoint. Front, left, Loreen Causley and Margaret Vassar.



Larry James West



Phillip Address



Terry LaTour and Mona Gugin

*Photos by Lisa Burnside*

# Sault Ste. Marie Christmas parties

*Photos by Brenda Austin*



As a Madrigal dinner at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center drew to a close, pennant bearers made their exit.



Lisa Justin (left) and other Madrigal performers sang Christmas carols at tables as food was being served.



Luanna Luxton Armstrong visits with Robin Hovie during the Madrigal dinner.



Photo by Lori Jodoin

JKL PSA students perform during their annual Christmas show.



Happy to see Santa, this little girl had no problem smiling for the cameras.



Jason, Jada Louise, 8 months, Stephanie and Nevaeh, 7, Freeman.



Jennifer Blair and son, Kaden, 3.



Tishella Forgrave gets a candy cane from one of Santa's helpers.



Danika Pavlat, 9 months



From left, Olivia, 2, and Quintan, 5, Limonez visit with Santa.



Jade TenEyck, 5, waits for her turn to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

## EVA M. GRONDIN

Eva M. Grondin, 86, of St. Ignace, died Nov. 16, 2009, at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care after a two-year illness.

She was born in L'Anse Dec. 21, 1922, to Frank and Rose (nee Cloutier) Macabee.

Mrs. Grondin spent several years working with her sister-in-law, Florence Sturt, at the Camp Store and she worked at Bisbee's Store in St. Ignace. She was a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church and St. Ann's Alter Society, and an elder with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She is survived by her son, Henry Grondin Jr., of Cheboygan; two daughters and their families, Clara Boahbedason of St. Ignace and Mary and Larry Hough of Evergreen Shores; a brother and his family, Robert and Shirley Macabee of Escanaba; a sister, Doris Beaudry of Sault Ste. Marie; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Grondin was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Grondin Sr.; a son, Gary Grondin; a grandson, Lance; a brother, Frank "Bud" Macabee Jr. and a daughter-in-law, Diane Grondin.

Services with parish prayers were at Dodson Funeral Home Nov. 19. A Mass of Christian burial took place Nov. 20 at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church with Father Pawel Mecwel officiating. Tribal graveside services followed at Gros Cap Cemetery. Pallbearers were Henry Grondin, Jason Grondin, Elliot Grondin, Curtis Grondin, Noah Stead and Daniel Hough.

## WILLIAM L. PERRY

William Leo Perry of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died Dec. 23, 2009, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born Oct. 2, 1933 in Sault Ste. Marie.



Bill was known for his woodworking craftsmanship. He enjoyed fishing and was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians the tribal Elders Committee, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army and the National Guard.

He was loved by many friends and family members with whom he loved spending time.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia, whom he married Sept. 14, 1985, in Kalamazoo, Mich.; five sons, Robert Perry, Wayne Perry, Ben White, Herbert Loveland and Raymond Loveland; three daughters, Pamela Moore, Elizabeth Wall and Norma O'Day; two sisters, Jeanne Perry and Joyce Filer; 23 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, Leo and Frances Perry; two brothers and two sisters.

Traditional services were held Dec. 29, 2009, at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial

Building with Brother John Hascall officiating. A funeral mass was held Dec. 29, 2009, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Sugar Island with Father Sebastian Kavumkal as celebrant. Graveside services will be held at Wilwalk Cemetery in the Spring of 2010.

Memorial contributions to the Sugar Island Ambulance of Virginia Perry Corps would be appreciated. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

## BRANDY L. ISROW

Brandy Lynn Isrow, 28, of Kincheloe, Mich., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, at War Memorial Hospital. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Oct. 6, 1981.

Brandy attended Sault High School and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Brandy loved following NASCAR and her favorite driver was Tony Stewart. She loved playing bingo and going to the casino, camping, swimming and dancing. Brandy loved outings and spending time with her children and the rest of the family.

Brandy is survived by her parents, Bernard Germain of Sault Ste. Marie and Barbara Isrow of Kincheloe; son, Taylor McClure, and daughter, Harlee Isrow, both of Kincheloe; three brothers, Robbie Isrow and Joseph Germain, both of Kincheloe, and Bernard Germain Jr. of Sault Ste. Marie; two sisters, Amanda Isrow and Tiffany Germain, both of Kincheloe; and two nieces, Mackenzie Isrow of Kincheloe and Marley Ross of Mt. Pleasant, Mich. She is also survived by her grandparents, Leona and Jim Willis of Kinross, Bob and Elaine Isrow of Florida and Eleanor Germain of Sault Ste. Marie.

Brandy was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Marvin Ailing and Leo Germain.

Visitation and funeral services were on Dec. 18, 2009, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Brother John Hascall officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the family of Brandy Isrow to help with funeral expenses.

## KENNETH F. LEWIS

Kenneth Francis Lewis, 69, passed away Dec. 16, 2009, at his home in Morley, Mich., surrounded by his family. He was born the son of John and Olive (Grant) Lewis on Sugar Island, Mich.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corp. from 1959 through 1961. He was a loving father and eternally devoted to his friends and family, especially his children and grandchildren. He worked over 35 years as a journeyman electrician, and loved diverse hobbies such as motorcycles, cooking, professional boxing, gardening and golf. A man of principles, dignity and pride, he was cherished by many and will be missed by



all whose lives he touched.

Surviving are his best friend, Sandra Perkins; his three children, Valerie (James) Lyons, LaWayne Hill and John Quincy (Jennifer) Lewis; sisters, Anne (Richard) Frisbee and Mille Kokko; friend and former wife, Lonna Lewis; six grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Troy and sisters Olive, Vera and Mary Noel.

Visitation took place at the Heckman Funeral Home on Dec. 20 followed by a rosary that evening and prior to services. Funeral services took place Dec. 21 at Christ The King Catholic Church with Father Lee Lam as the celebrant, with burial in the St. Apollonia cemetery in Morley.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Hospice of Michigan or Holy Angels Catholic Church Historic Building Fund on Sugar Island may be left at the Heckman Funeral Home or see [www.heckmanfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.heckmanfuneralhomeinc.com).

## DUANE J. OBESHAW SR.

Duane J. Obeshaw Sr., 66, of Wartella Road in Moran, Mich., died Dec. 11, 2009, at his home. He was born June 24, 1943, in St. Ignace to Earl and Leona (LaDuke) Obeshaw.

He had lived in the St. Ignace area all his life and was known to many in the community by his nicknames of "Do Do" or "Dude," rather than his given name. Mr. Obeshaw spent his life as a professional painter and a carpenter. He also was very good at mechanics, friends said, and was able to fix almost anything.

Mr. Obeshaw was an elder with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He was a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Obeshaw is survived by two sons and their families, Duane Christopher and Danielle of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Billy Jack and Ginger of St. Ignace; a daughter and her family, Polly and Bryan Davis, also of Wapakoneta; two brothers and their families, Jimmy Obeshaw of St. Ignace and Earl and Earlene of Rhode Island; his mother, Leona "Bubbles" Obeshaw of St. Ignace; his ex-wife, Debbie Obeshaw of St. Ignace; a special friend, Lisa Gamble, of Moran; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earl; a brother, Alex "Obe" Obeshaw, who died April 17, 2002; and a son, Duane Jr., who died in 1990.

There will be a graveside service in the spring at Gros Cap Cemetery.

Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

## ROBERT GOUDREAU

Robert "Tum" Goudreau, 81, of Gulliver, Mich., died Dec. 24, 2009, at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique, Mich. He was born Aug. 13, 1928, in Manistique, the son of Vern and Ella (King) Goudreau of Gulliver and graduated from the Manistique High School in the Class of 1948.

On Dec.

30, 1949,

he married

Adeline

M. Price in

Manistique.

They made

their home and

raised their family

in Gulliver.

Bob was employed with

Bowman Gas and Oil in

Gulliver for 38 years, retiring

as plant manager. He was a

member of the Divine Infant

of Prague Catholic Church of

Gulliver. He enjoyed hunt-

ing, fishing and working in his

garage and loved spending time

with his family.

He is survived by his wife of

60 years, Adeline of Gulliver;

son, Ronald (Nancy) Goudreau

of Gulliver; daughters, Lucy

(Doug) Thomas of Manistique

and Debbie (Don) Moulton of

Freeland, Mich.; 10 grandchild-

ren; eight great grandchildren;

sisters, Theresia (Emeric)

Bosanic of Manistique and

Verna Hellebuyck of Essexville,

Mich.; and several nieces and

nephews.

In addition to his parents, he

was preceded in death by his

son, Robert Edward Goudreau;

granddaughter, Melanie

Schnurer; and brothers, James,

John and Greg Goudreau.

Visitation and funeral ser-

vices took place Dec. 29,

2009, at the Messier-Broullire

Funeral Home in Manistique

with Deacon Gilbert Sablack

officiating. Burial will be in

the Fairview Cemetery at

Manistique.

Memorials may be directed

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expressed at [www.mbfuneral.com](http://www.mbfuneral.com)

## ADDIE SAVARD WILDE

Addie Savard Wilde, 91, of St. Ignace, passed away Nov. 7, 2009, at Mackinac Straits Hospital.

She was born in St. Ignace Jan. 9, 1918, to Albert and Cecilia (nee Chenier) Savard. She was one of 10 children.

Mrs.

Wilde was a

member of

the Sault Ste.

Marie Tribe



of Chippewa Indians. She grew up in St. Ignace, but moved to Hart, where she raised her children. She lived in Hart for 50 years. She loved children and had a special place in her heart for pets, friends said.

While in St. Ignace, Mrs. Wilde worked for the Coach Restaurant as a cook, and also at Danny's Bar, which is now the Driftwood. She worked as a nanny for several families in St. Ignace.

She is survived by five children and their families, Carol Bentley of Midland, Diane Scofield of Scottsdale, Ariz., Ivan and Mary Wilde of St. Ignace, Dolores and Walt Dusendang of Rockford and Debbie Mull of Hart; 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother and his family, Lloyd and Beth Savard of Bridgeport.

Mrs. Wilde was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Ivan in 1981; five brothers, Clarence, James, Loren, Clyde and Donald Savard; three sisters, Marie LaDuke, Myrtle Greeson and Florence LaLonde.

Visitation and a rosary service took place Nov. 10, 2009, at Dodson Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass was held Nov. 11 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church with Father Pawel Mecwel officiating. Graveside services took place Nov. 12 at Hart Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice in St. Ignace or the Michigan Humane Society.

## TRACY A. LACOY

After two long and painful years, Tracy lost her battle with ALS. On Dec. 18, 2009, with her family by her side, Tracy walked on at the age of 42.

Tracy Ann LaCoy was born the fourth child to the late Frank and Florence "Molly" LaCoy on Nov. 23, 1967, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She spent her life devoted to her family.

She took on many roles in her short time on earth, as a daughter, a sister and a fierce friend. Her dedication to all of these secured her in the hearts of

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From "Walking On," page 14. everyone around her. She had a friendly, almost familiar, way about her that made people feel like they'd known her for years and instantly comfortable.

Tracy, above all else, valued the time spent with family. Her children, Trevor, 16, and Trena, 11, were the apples of her eyes. She was only made stronger by the premature death of her second child, Taren. She wore a locket every day to keep her memory alive for her other children. Taren would have been 15 the day she walked on.

Her friends knew her as an avid camper and a brilliant card player, taking after her aunt, Mary. She also enjoyed bird watching, cheering on the Earnhardts in NASCAR, and spending time with her family.

Tracy is survived by her children, Trevor and Trena Mounts; mother, Molly LaCoy; sisters, Robin Jackson and Karen (Dan) LaCoy; brothers, Frank "JR" (Glenda) LaCoy and John (Patti) LaCoy; nieces, Angela Jackson and Maddie LaCoy; nephews, Scott, Michael and Taylor LaCoy; aunts, Diane Moore, Barb (Ron) Bertham and Joyce (John) O'Dell; special friend, Cathy Nash.

Tracy was preceded in death by her father, Frank LaCoy Sr., and her daughter, Taren Mounts.

Tracy has left us for now but she will live on in the hearts of all the family and friends whose lives she has touched. We lost a courageous, loving woman but we take comfort in knowing that Heaven has gained a strong and devoted angel.

#### MARGARET CANTRALL

Margaret "Marg" Cantrall, 92, Cooks, Mich., died Dec. 7, 2009, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette.

She was born Jan. 28, 1917, in De Tour Village, Mich., the daughter of Joseph and Henrietta (Cadreau) Miller. She attended the Harbor Springs Indian School in Harbor Springs, Mich., and moved to Cooks in the early 1930s.

On April 16, 1938, she married Raymond S. Wickwire in Newberry. He preceded her in death on May 4, 1959. She married Leslie J. Cantrall in Manistique on June 22, 1961. He preceded her in death on Dec. 27, 1990.

Marg was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church of Cooks and was an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She served as the Inwood Township treasurer for 18 years and was formerly employed at Blaney Park, the Indian Lake State Park, the Big Springs State Park, the U.S. Forest Service and was a cook in various lumber camps.

She was also a sales representative for Avon, Fuller Brush and Tupperware. She was very artistic and enjoyed oil painting and was a member of the Manistique Art Club. She also

enjoyed writing poetry, making dolls, reading, playing cards, bingo, visiting the casino and answering the questions in the WTIQ trivia contests and she loved her animals. She once danced with John Dillinger in Newberry. She was compassionate, putting others before herself. She was sociable and outgoing and her door was always open to others.

She is survived by her daughter, Peggy (David) Groleau of Cooks; sister, Audrey Keller of Port Washington, Wisc.; brother, Donald (Ruth) Miller of Garden Corners; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Richard Lee Wickwire in March 1941; sister, Viola Neadow, and brothers, Edward Miller, Louis Miller, Arthur Miller, Alvin Miller and George Miller, who was killed in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

Visitation took place at the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique. Funeral services followed with Father Brian Gerber officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique, Mich.

Memorials may be directed to the Humane Society of Schoolcraft County, 6091W U.S. 2, Manistique, MI 49854.

#### DONALD J. MARTIN

Donald J. Martin, 87, of Manistique, Mich., died Dec. 8, 2009, at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

He was born Feb. 11, 1922, in DeTour Village, Mich., the son of Joseph and Gladys (nee Rice) Martin. He attended school in Gros Cap, Mich., and graduated from the LaSalle High School in St. Ignace, Mich.

Don enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October 1942 and served in the Asiatic/Pacific Theater from 1942 to 1945 as a Navy corpsman. He participated in seven combat operations during his World War II service at Guadalcanal; Aleutians/Attu, Gilbert Islands/Tarawa, Marshall Islands/Kwajalein, Marianas/Saipan, Tinain and Leyte/Philippines. He was among the first to reach shore and establish a beachhead during the assault upon Tarawa. He was wounded during the assault and was the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal. Don also served in the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1951 on troop transports as a Navy physician's assistant and earned the Korean Service Medal.

On March 5, 1946, he married Audrey R. Patrick in Gros Cap and they moved to Manistique the following year.

Don was the former manager of the A&P Store in Manistique and retired from Inland Lime and Stone Company after 36 years. He was past commander of the Schoolcraft County V. F. W. Post 4420 and an active member of the Manistique Knights of Columbus Council 2026 and the D.A.V. Chapter 26

of Manistique. He was also a member of St. Francis de Sales Parish community, serving on the parish council and involved in numerous volunteer projects. He served five terms on the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. As a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Don served on the election and health committees. He was an active volunteer in several community events, including the Salmon Derby, Fourth of July Parade Committee, Folk Fest, CBC and the Schoolcraft County Fair.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey of Manistique; sons, Wayne Martin of Sault Ste. Marie and Tim Martin of Staten Island, N.Y.; daughter, Donna (Tony) Schomin of Escanaba; grandson, Ben (Libby) Schomin; great-grandson, Cade Dove; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Dale, and sisters, Geraldine, Edwardine, Carol, Beverly, Elizabeth, June, Norma and Ruth.

Visitation included a veteran's memorial service, Knights of Columbus Rosary and parish liturgical prayers, took place Dec. 11, 2009, at the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 12, 2009, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Manistique with Father Glenn Theoret and Father Arnie Grambow officiating. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery at Manistique.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Francis de Sales School Tuition Fund, 210 Lake Street, Manistique, MI 49854 or the Alzheimer's Association, 710 Chippewa Square, Marquette, MI 49855.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mbfuneral.com](http://www.mbfuneral.com).

#### RONALD W. SPLAN

Ronald "Ron" W. Splan, 78, of Beloit, Wisc., died peacefully Nov. 25, 2009, in his home surrounded by his loving family after a short, courageous battle with cancer. Ron was born on June 16, 1931, in St. Ignace, Mich., to Tanjore Splan and Veronica Cadreau.



Ron with his wife, Marie.

He was lovingly raised in the Emma C. Nason Children's Home and later by Percy and Elda Sutton of Brimley, Mich. He graduated from Superior High School in Brimley in 1949. Ron was proud to serve in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War aboard the USS Perch and the USS LST 344. Ron married Marie Theresa Vogt on July 2, 1955, in St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Sharon, Wis.

Ron was employed by First American Credit Union from 1994 until the time of his death.

He loved his work and considered his colleagues true friends. Ron recently enjoyed a breakfast in his honor attended by many of his FACU friends. As much as he loved his work, he also enjoyed getting away to his noon card group at T&T Sports.

He coached women's softball at Beloit College for 22 years and cherished his role as coach and mentor to all of "his girls." He was dearly loved by all his players and was known simply as "Coach Ron." The highlights of his coaching career included winning the Midwest Conference Championship in 1996 and being named MWC Coach of the Year in 1996 and 2004. Ron was involved in softball, as a player, umpire, and coach in the Beloit area for more than 45 years.

He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus St. Thomas Council 605, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Senior Men's Golf League at Krueger Golf Course, the Brimley VFW and the Beloit American Legion West-Field Post 48.

Survivors include his loving wife of 54 years, Marie Splan of Beloit; his wonderful children, Suzanne (Hiram) Splan-Croft of Milwaukee, Wisc., Julie Splan of Chicago, Ill., and James (Linda) Splan of Janesville, Wisc.; his four proud grandchildren, Steven Patrick, Matthew Ryan, Tyler James and Emily Kathleen Splan, all of Janesville; brothers, William (Alice) Splan, Tanjore (Dawn) Splan, Erland (Joan) Splan and Milton (Marsha) Sutton; brothers-in-law, Paul (Janet) Vogt, Tom Vogt and Frank (Sharon) Vogt; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ron will be remembered as a loving husband, dad, grandpa, brother and friend.

He was predeceased by his parents, four sisters and foster parents, Percy and Elda Sutton.

Ron's family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Walter Vogel, Dr. Peter Mahler and the Beloit Regional Hospice.

Visitation and a scripture service was held in the Daley Murphy Wisch and Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium of Beloit. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial took place Dec. 1, 2009, in St. Jude Catholic Church of Beloit with Fr. Steven Kortendick and Fr. Bill Connell concelebrating. A memorial will be established at a later date.

(Ed. Note. See Ron's memorial article on page 10.)

#### LAWRENCE M. BROWNLEE

Lawrence M. Brownlee, 89, passed away Dec. 13, 2009, surrounded by his family, following a short illness. He was born Feb. 1, 1920, to Ross and Mary Brownlee in DeTour, Mich.

Larry attended Sault High School, graduating in 1939. He attended the University of Grand Rapids from 1940 to 1943. Larry entered the U. S. Navy in 1943, graduating from Columbia University as an ensign in the Navy. His first duty was as an officer-in-charge aboard an LCT (landing craft tank). On June 6, 1944, Larry participated in the Normandy Invasion, taking part in the first

wave on Omaha Beach, losing his LCT. He spent one month in England at a survivor camp. He was then assigned to another LCT for duty unloading equipment on the beach. His LCT was first to arrive in LaHavre, France, after it was liberated. He served his country for three-and-a-half years before returning to the Sault in 1946 as a lieutenant junior grade. Larry was especially proud to have served and preserved our country's freedom.

He was co-owner of the Merchants Bar for 10 years and then established Soo Supply and Equipment, which he ran a total of 23 years until his retirement in 1979.

Larry enjoyed many things in life, especially golf. He joined the Sault Country Club in 1946 and was the most senior member until his passing. He was honored as club champion in 1972 and 1976. He was also winner of a grandfathers tournament and organizer of the Lock City Tournament. He also enjoyed playing cribbage, poker and bridge until a few weeks prior to his passing. He loved his time at the hunting camp in Eckerman and spending quality time with his family and many friends. He had been a winter resident of Naples, Fla., until two years ago, and was a member of BPOE (Elks) of Sault Ste. Marie and a lifelong member of St. Mary's Parish.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Christina; brother, Jim; sister, Catherine Woods; brother-in-law, Milton Woods; son-in-law, Robert Deluga; and stepson, Ronald Ree Somes.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Pearl; daughters, Cathy (Tom) Scozzafave of Brimley and Connie Deluga of Boca Raton, Fla.; step-children, Brenda (Jay) Welch and Rick (Sally) Somes, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Debbie (Dave) Harwood, of Brimley, and Wanda (Robert) Marchant, of Baltimore, Md.; two grandchildren, Christen (Dan) Zampillo and Gina Scozzafave; nine step-grandchildren, Wendy (Kevin) Ball, Jason (MaryAnne) Welch, Marci Stebleton, Joey (Frank) Tambone, Kristin (Ron) Clemow, Ree Somes, Rachel (Jeff) Morency, Courtney (Dan) Winberg and Kira (Morgan) Mudge. Larry is also survived by 17 step-great-grandchildren and nieces Mary Ruth Gamlin, Nancy Lowes, Kathy LaPrairie and one nephew Ross Woods and many friends.

Visitation took place at Holy Name of Mary Church Dec. 16, 2009, preceding the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated with Rev. Ted Brodeur as Celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Larry's name to St. Mary's School or Hospice of the EUP, which took such loving care of Larry and his family during his illness. The family would also like to thank the staff at Hearthside Manor for their wonderful care.

Larry's kind and kindred spirit will be missed by all. Entombment will be in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Arrangements were made through the Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home.

# Lehto, McMillan engaged

Martin and Diane Lehto of Newberry, Mich., and Donald and Kathleen McMillan of Escanaba, Mich., announce the engagement of their children Robert R. Lehto of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Pamela Rose McMillan of Escanaba.

The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Newberry High School and 2006 graduate of Lake Superior State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry. He is in his final year of graduate studies at the University of Michigan, where he is pursuing his master's of public health.

The future bride is a 2003



Photo by Freeman's Photography  
Lehto and McMillan engaged

graduate of Escanaba Area High School, 2006 graduate of Bay College and 2008 graduate of Lake Superior State University, having earned an associate's degree in water resource management and a Bachelor of Science in environmental management. She is employed with Public Health for Delta and Menominee counties as an environmental health specialist.

The couple have planned a Jan. 30, 2010, wedding at Saint Anne Catholic Church in Escanaba. A reception will follow at the Danforth Place.

# PATH workshop slated for the Marquette area

The U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network along with its many health partners are pleased to announce the scheduling of a Personal Action Towards Health (PATH) workshop in Marquette. PATH is a six-week workshop for people living with or loving someone with a chronic health condition like diabetes, arthritis, asthma, chronic pain, fibromyalgia, heart disease, migraines, obesity and more.

Each session meets for 2 and a half hours once a week. PATH focuses on learning new coping strategies, making small, achievable healthful changes and sharing personal experiences with other group members while also offering hope, support, and encouragement. PATH is a wonderful addition to, not a replacement of, a person's normal health care.

The Marquette workshop will begin on Friday, Jan. 30 with the last meeting date taking place on March 5. It will meet from 1:30 to 4 pm in the lower level conference room of the Peninsula Medical Center. Because of the sup-

port of many community partners and volunteers, the PATH workshop is free but a suggested \$10 donation will help defray program costs. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call 228-9203 for more information, to register for the workshop or to be placed on a waiting list for a future PATH workshop.

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I said you could go be with daddy, Rosie and the baby. It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do in my life! As you turned your head and looked

right in my eyes, I knew your tears were from having to leave me. God forgive me and mom, too. I was selfish not wanting to let go. But the pain and suffering was too much, too long and you were ready to go home. Thank God you have no pain. You are no longer suffering and with your family who is already there. I told you I'd see you soon and look forward to that day.

Over the past two years, I've had so many nurses, health aids and friends tell me how they loved you and how you inspired them. I'm so

proud of you.

I've truly been blessed to have you as my mother, and by our special bond and all the years we had together.

With tears in my eyes, I still miss you, "my dear, mother dear."

I wish there was a way you could know these words I've written. So, "shine on my shining star!"

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## Casino takes part in holiday giving program

All five Kewadin casinos took part in a holiday giving program to help those in our community who are in need during the holiday season. The casinos, partnering with radio stations Oldies 93, Classic Rock The Bear, Big Country 94.5, Big Country Hits 102.9, WTIQ, The Oldies WQXO, hosted a collection area for food, toys and winter clothing.

The collected items were distributed this week to area agencies as identified by each casino:

Sault Ste. Marie - Feeding America (Formerly EUP Food Bank) and the

Department of Human Services. St. Ignace - St. Ignace Hope and Food Pantry and Mackinac County Toy Drive Program.

Hessel - Cedar Post Food Pantry and Thrift Shop.

Christmas - Alger County Women's Shelter and Saint Vincent De Paul.

Manistique - Saint Vincent De Paul and Good Neighbors Thrift Shop.

In addition to the items collected, Kewadin made a cash donation to their causes.



From left, Leann Izzard, branch manager of Feeding America, and Tony Goetz, Kewadin Casinos chief operating officer. Kewadin donated all food collected from the holiday giving program along with \$500 to help in their efforts of increasing the quantities of food they save and supply to area churches and charity agencies to feed hungry people across Michigan.

## Kewadin Hessel donates to Cedar Post Pantry and Thrift Shop

On Dec. 16, just in time for Christmas, team members from Kewadin Hessel delivered food, toys and a check for \$500 to the Cedar Post Thrift Shop and Food Pantry in Cedarville. The items were collected during the casino's holiday giving promotion.

Hessel's Northern Rewards department serves as "Customer Central" and these ladies did a wonderful job collecting and sorting donations. "It was quite

a blessing," said George Voulgarise, who serves as the Cedar Post's manager.

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From left, Wendy Colegrove of Mackinac County Children's Toy Drive, Shannon Bonnell, marketing representative; Sheryl McKerchie, St. Ignace assistant manager and Steve Sprecker, casino manager, with their check and donation of toys.



From left, Maggie Rounds from the Northern Rewards Club, Carol Mitchell and George Voulgarise from the Cedar Post and Tammy Weston from Northern Rewards.

## Currie is team member of the month

**Don Currie is Kewadin's December team member of the month!**

Don started working for the casinos in July and works at the Trail Deli. He has also worked in the DreamCatchers kitchen. Don, who moved here from Arizona, was shocked when he realized he was this month's winner. "I was very surprised!" he said. **Congratulations, Don! We appreciate your great customer service and the job you're doing.**



### From "Winning Essay," page 4

Americans and Alaskan Natives are involved with their own business, it is indeed exciting to imagine the impact we could have on the national economy if 50, 60, or even 70 percent of us were able to begin small businesses.

Aside from the tremendous impact that this type of goal would have on individual business owners, let's not overlook the extended influence that these businesses would have on others in the Native American community. With businesses that are Native American-owned and operated, discrimination would no longer be a factor for Native Americans applying for positions of employment. We would not feel disadvantaged when applying

for a job at a company that would recognize our unique talents and aptitudes as Native Americans.

Therefore, if increased numbers of American Indians establish small businesses, and employ other Indians within their companies, this also helps to reduce the unemployment rate, which in turns helps to improve the economic situations of those specific individuals, and also creates a significant effect on the national economy.

But how can we achieve these goals—how can we logistically increase our small business numbers and decrease our unemployment numbers? According to the Small Business Administration, "The [Small Business Administration's] Office of Native American

Affairs ensures that American Indians, Native Alaskans and Native Hawaiians seeking to create, develop and expand small businesses have full access to the necessary business development and expansion tools available through the Agency's entrepreneurial development, lending and procurement programs."

The education of our young people is obviously paramount. We must decrease the high school dropout rate and increase the number of students that pursue further education. But even beyond the basis of a high school diploma, there must be more to entice youngsters to desire and work to achieve a better, brighter future.

The same principles that guided our elders can still

provide guidance for us today: the prized virtues of hard work, thrift, ingenuity, and perseverance are all as vital to us today as they were in the past. These are the virtues that helped build our nation. If not for the industrious—if not for the visionary—if not for the eternal possibility of achievement and freedom and prosperity—and if not for the continual and unceasing influence of the Native American, our nation could not have achieved such vast successes.

The average American has little opportunity to affect major change in the economic system. The average American has neither the power nor the wherewithal to create a national economic revolution—however,

our collective ability and our unique position as Native Americans allow us to act as leaders in the new and ever-changing economic state of America. We have the power to draw on the centuries of our rich and glorious heritage as we explore new and groundbreaking forms of entrepreneurship.

Let us hold tightly to our heritage while we boldly reach for the future, with our ingenuity, innovation, and inspiration to guide us. With peace and perseverance, we as a nation will triumph over these trials, just as we have in the past.

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# Smoke-free housing workshop: a step toward healthier communities

BY LAUREN EVELEIGH,  
COMMUNITY HEALTH  
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The housing marketplace is changing rapidly and smoke-free is the hot new amenity! Community members and landlords across the Upper Peninsula had the opportunity to attend a free workshop entitled *Smoke-free Housing: The New Frontier for Smoke-Free Air* on Dec. 1 in Sault Ste. Marie and on Dec. 2 in Manistique.

The workshops were hosted by the Sault Tribe's Strategic Alliance for Health Project, the Chippewa County Health Department's Tobacco Free Living Coalition and the Smoke-free Environments Law Project out of Ann Arbor.

The workshops focused on educating landlords, apartment owners and managers, realtors, tenants and other interested community members on the feasibility and benefits of implementing smoke-free

housing policies. The keynote speaker was Jim Bergman, an attorney of the Smoke-free Environments Law Project and Co-Director of the Center for Social Gerontology. A lawyer by training and an advocate by instinct, Bergman has over 42 years of experience in the fields of aging and law, with over 17 of those years in tobacco control.

The smoke-free apartment initiative, which is a voluntary policy approach, began in 2004 as an education and awareness campaign. Since then, there have been vast changes in the arena of smoke-free housing with the number of smoke-free housing units increasing drastically. Landlords and tenants alike are beginning to see the many obvious benefits of smoke-free apartment policies, including that they result in significant cost savings, reduce fire risk and damage, remove a serious health risk and are good for business.

According to Bergman, more and more people are making the choice to have smoke-free homes by saying, "You can't smoke around me, the cat, the kids, the curtains or the carpet." This attitude has been gaining popularity during recent years as the public becomes more aware of the health dangers of secondhand smoke in the air and thirdhand smoke on surfaces in the form of the toxic residue left behind after smoke fades away. According to the Surgeon General's Report on Secondhand Smoke, there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke and the only way to fully protect yourself and your loved ones is through 100 percent smoke-free environments

Bergman also emphasized that smoke-free policies are indeed legal. Neither federal nor state law prohibits an owner from making their rental properties totally smoke-

free. Under the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), public and subsidized housing operators are free under federal and state laws to make their buildings smoke-free as long as they adhere to state law notice requirements. Furthermore, landlords who choose to implement smoke-free policies will avoid possible legal action which may be sought by any residents who are negatively impacted by secondhand smoke.

The general consensus among landlords who have implemented smoke-free policies is that such policies are good for business and that enforcement is not an issue. The market for smoke-free housing is huge in that about 80 percent of U.S. and Michigan adults do not smoke and many smokers also do not want smoke in their homes.

Bergman noted, "When you drive down the street at 7 a.m.

with 20 degree temperatures and see people smoking outside, these are not nature lovers, these are people who have made the choice not to smoke in their homes."

As of November 2009, there are over 133 housing authorities in 19 states with smoke-free policies, including 32 in Michigan. There are also hundreds of thousands of units of smoke-free market-rate housing all across the U.S. including companies of all sizes ranging from large multi-state companies to small companies and single-family home rentals.

For more information about the smoke-free apartment initiative, please contact the Sault Tribe's Strategic Alliance for Health Project at (906) 635-8844, the Chippewa County Health Department's Tobacco Free Living Coalition at 635-3636, or the Smoke-free Environments Law Project at (734) 665-1126 or visit [www.mismokefreeapartment.org](http://www.mismokefreeapartment.org).

## Focus on fiber in January

January is Fiber Focus Month, a reminder to get a little more roughage in your diet. The recommended amount of fiber is about 25 grams for adult women and 38 grams for adult men.

There are two kinds of fiber that we need in our diet: *soluble* and *insoluble*. Foods with soluble fiber include barley, beans, and many fruits such as apples and pears. It is the type of heart healthy fiber that lowers cho-

lesterol. Foods with insoluble fiber, including wheat bran, whole grains, and many vegetables, add bulk to the stool, aiding digestion.

To start reaping the benefits of added fiber, try the easy tips below:

- Add fruit to your whole grain cereal.

- "Whole grain flour" or "whole wheat flour" should be the first ingredient in your loaf of bread.

- Use whole wheat pastry flour in place of half the all-purpose flour in your baking recipes.

- Add a can of beans to your favorite low-sodium canned soup.

- Add a package of frozen veggies to boxed or homemade macaroni and cheese.

Just remember to add fiber slowly at first and drink plenty of water. May the New Year find you well on your way to a healthier heart!

## January is Stalking Awareness Month

SUBMITTED BY BECKY  
PATZWALD, SAULT TRIBE  
VICTIM ADVOCATE

In a world seemingly fueled by wall posts, text messages and tweets, digitalized interactions have become the preferred method of communication among some people. Though, arguably, these avenues have broken down the barriers of communication, for some they have also opened a door to vulnerability for unwanted attention.

The month of January is dedicated to creating awareness about stalking, a universal problem affecting approximately one in 12 women. Though legal descriptions of stalking vary by jurisdiction, a commonly accepted definition states that stalking is any unwanted contact that commu-

nicates a threat or causes fear in a victim. It has been reported that as many as one in four victims have been stalked via digital communication sources such as e-mail or text messages.

Although stalking is a widespread problem affecting all races and gender, according to the National Center for Victims of Crime, Native Americans report the highest rate of stalking victimization. The effects of this victimization include psychological distress including, but not limited to, increased anxiety, insomnia and depression. Furthermore, approximately 81 percent of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner also experience domestic violence.

Now is the time to stop the cycle. Use your voice, take a

stand. For more information regarding stalking and the resources available, please call the Advocacy Resource Center at (906) 632-1808 or call toll-free at (877) 639-7820.

### CHAC holds sport t-shirt quilt raffle

The Community Health Access Coalition is holding a t-shirt quilt raffle drawing during the Cabin Fever Hockey Tournament at Big Bear Arena on Saturday, Jan. 23. The winner will have their choice of quilts. Tickets are one for \$5 or five for \$20. You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets available by contacting the CHAC office at (906) 635-7483.

## Buy, sell, or trade your goods: Coming soon, a trading post near you

BY CONNIE M. HILL, HEALTH  
EDUCATOR

Many tribal members have expressed interest in an outlet in the community to distribute, sell or trade traditional foods and goods. As a result, the Traditional Foods Grant Project is establishing a committee to

discuss having a trading post in the Sault Ste. Marie area summer 2010. The committee will cover topics such as: vendors, location and site considerations, growers and producers of fruits and vegetables, artisans and others with goods to buy, sell or trade.

If you are interested in joining this committee or would like more information, please contact Connie Hill, Traditional Foods Project coordinator at Sault Tribe Community Health, (906) 632-5211 or [chill@saulttribe.net](mailto:chill@saulttribe.net).

## St. Ignace schools go smoke free

BY JEANETTE O'ROURKE,  
COMMUNITY HEALTH  
EDUCATOR

ST. IGNACE — Visitors at St. Ignace Area Schools will be welcomed by new signs announcing the adoption of a 24/7 tobacco-free schools policy by the St. Ignace School Board. At its June 2009 school board meeting, St. Ignace schools took one more step toward protecting the health of children and fostering an effective learning environment.

The signs have been placed at elementary, middle and high school entrances.

Research shows that young people are strongly influenced to use tobacco by the role modeling of adults and peers. Many studies show that the rate of tobacco use in youth drops after tobacco-free policies are implemented. Smoke-free policies can prevent youth from starting to smoke and encourage youth to quit smoking.

By approving this policy,



St. Ignace Schools shows great concern for students' health and learning and joins eight other school districts in the EUP that have instituted a policy to prohibit tobacco use on all school property, in school vehicles and during all school events on campus.

The efforts of the St. Ignace Schools to put the health of children first are supported by the Mackinac County Wellness Coalition and the signs were provided by the Strategic Alliance For Health Project.

## How to store pesticides

FROM CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
MSU EXTENSION

Lawn and garden pesticides should always be stored under lock and key, but winter storage poses extra storage problems.

Chris DiFonzo, Extension pesticide education specialist at Michigan State University, points out that pesticides need to be stored in a cool, well ventilated area free of excess moisture and extremes of heat and cold - dry formulations need to be kept dry and liquids prevented from freezing or getting too hot. She offers these tips on pesticide storage:

- Always store pesticides in a lockable storage area.

- Never store pesticides with or near food, feed, medicines or cleaning supplies

- Always keep pesticides in their original containers.

- Store herbicides (weed killer) such as 2,4-D separate from insecticides and other products.

- Store liquid formulations below granules and powders and on shallow pans or trays that would contain any spills.

- To avoid having to store leftover pesticides, try to buy only what you can use up in a typical growing season.

# Chairman McCoy reports to the membership



**DARWIN "JOE" MCCOY**  
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii, I'd like to wish our members a happy new year!

This month's report will be brief. With the holidays in the month of December, we had a pretty quiet month. In my next chairman's report, I will be providing our members with a "Year in Review" for 2009 from our governmental programs, enterprises and northern casinos. This review will also include several goals and objectives for each of our members' services, enterprises and northern casinos for 2010.

With the restructuring that has occurred with our tribe since I took office, we are starting to see a better financial picture going forward. My next

report will also include more details on this.

We held our annual holiday feast for our tribal elders on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Kewadin Casino. It was a great pleasure to see and visit with many of you. By the time you receive this edition of our tribal paper, you will have received your 100 percent tax exempt annual payment to our elders from the interest earned from our Land Claim Fund.

As a reminder, we will be entering into the secretarial election to eliminate the "CEO" position from that of the chairperson in the tribe's existing

Constitution and Bylaws. You will be receiving the voter registration soon. If you would like to participate in this election, please be sure to fill out and return this registration. This is a separate process from the tribe's general election, which we are also going into at the end of January. You must register to vote in both elections separately.

If you have any questions regarding the tribe's general election, please contact the Election Committee Chairman Michael McKerchie. If you have any questions regarding the secretarial/constitutional election, please contact the local

Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Sault Ste. Marie. The BIA handles the process for any secretarial/constitutional elections for the tribe.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our tribe that you would like to discuss or meet with me, please call my office, toll-free at (800) 793-0660, or locally at 635-6050.

Again, happy new year! It is my hope that 2010 will bring more positive changes to our tribe and our members.

Sincerely,  
Darwin "Joe" McCoy,  
Tribal Chairman.

## Addressing 2009...and progressing in 2010



**DJ HOFFMAN, DIRECTOR,**  
UNIT I

The fallout from the tribe's financial troubles, both northern and Greektown, and the uncertainty of sustainability and future growth has marred this past year. The tribe has weathered a fiscal deficit at a time it was least prepared. While we have made financial corrections to ensure sustainability, the costs of these corrections were not simply economical.

The tribe has offset expenses in part by reduction of services and programming. Programs once available for applicants, such as funeral assistance, have now been restricted to income-based guidelines.

The funding for the tribe's educational scholarships has been reduced considerably. Last year's self-sufficiency award budget was approximately \$280,000. There is a standing board resolution ensuring a 10 percent return on the funds for distribution and the fund balance as of December 2009 was over \$3.7 million dollars. If one does the calculation, it is clear that 10 percent of \$3.7 million is not \$280,000. The variance has yet to be properly explained.

I will state clearly and for the record that **THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BOARD RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE** of the fund balance (original principal) of the Higher Education Self-Sufficiency Funds. All budget authorizations for this program have been designated by budget modification of some sort or another that clearly states tribal support (operations) – **NOT PRINCIPAL**. Therefore, without an approved board resolution (approved by

a positive majority) amending previously adopted tribal law (resolutions), this program is being funded below what is legally authorized. This has been an issue that I have raised since day one, and I will continue to cite this lack of adherence to the adopted laws (resolutions), rules and regulations of the tribe.

Within the last sentence of the previous paragraph lies the majority of problems we as a tribe currently face. The failure to adhere to resolutions and policies adopted by the tribe's governing body is a threat to the very future of our tribe.

These are just a couple of examples to illustrate the breach in adherence to tribal resolutions and adopted policy. Additional examples, such as hiring without posting and violations of the budget modification process have also been occurring. I state these examples merely to illustrate the types of activities occurring. We have adopted rules, regulations and policies. And, it doesn't matter who you are, you must adhere to them.

Ultimately, the board (collectively) has not taken a corrective approach to these actions and inactions. Ensuring accountability is essential to protecting the assets of the tribe, which is a duty of each and every member of the board. I have stated in prior reports, and will continue to reiterate, I am a member of the board of directors. While I may not agree with an action or inaction, or cast a vote in the same manner as the majority at times – I still must assume responsibility as a member of the board.

As previously stated, the costs of these corrections were not simply economical. The sole reason that the tribe receives grant funding, operates casinos, and is involved in business, is to provide services to the membership of the tribe, for this and future generations. In an effort to shore up financial deficiencies from previous administrations, as well as a lack ensuring operating efficiency, programming was cut in one form or another. These cuts were done prior to any proper restructuring of tribal and casino operations. The simple facts are that we

are still administratively **TOP HEAVY** in many areas and the administrative fat still exists — preventing our tribe from efficiently and progressively moving forward. The facts are simple — the tribe could save millions eliminating excess without detrimentally affecting services or employees.

I understand that the above paragraphs may not be perceived as the most positive way to approach the incoming new year. However, it is important that the issues facing us as a tribe are explained and laid out on the proverbial table for all to digest. While we cannot undo what has been done, we can correct it to ensure that it never happens again.

The new year has arrived. It is a time for new beginnings and a time to learn from past mistakes. I look forward to the opportunities that lay ahead for our tribe in 2010, and the opportunity to try and make this one of the most productive years in the tribe's recent history.

### EVERGREEN CONTRACTS

The tribe started 2010 without the albatross of evergreen contracts. These prior contracts will no longer tie the hands of the tribe. I would like to thank the board for supporting this effort.

### BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD

It took over a year of literally battling internal politics to have competitive bidding on the tribal employee health insurance. Blue Cross replaced NGS effective Jan. 1, 2010. The insurance is still a self-insured plan under the tribe and the employee expenses will remain the same, including co-pays. The tribe has added preventative medical coverage to the plans to ensure a better plan than that of NGS. In addition, the coverage area for Blue Cross / Blue Shield falls under its national program, so employees now have a much larger provider network. Finally, this change is projected to save the tribe over \$1.5 million dollars annually.

### TRIBAL LICENSE PLATES

Tribal members on the reservation, and qualified areas, will for the first time be able to buy tribal license plates. The

resolution to begin this process was finally approved; it should commence in a few months after a negotiated state reciprocity agreement is signed. The ability to issue and purchase these plates may seem minuscule to some, however it is (1) a considerable cost savings to members, (2) a small revenue generator, and (3) an assertion of our tribal sovereignty.

### KINCHELOE-KINROSS GAS STATION

Unfortunately, last year a fire destroyed the gas station in this area that provided tribal members in the area with a tribal member tax discount. Fortunately, the store has been rebuilt and will be up and running by Jan. 13. I look forward to the members in this area being able to once again take part in this tax agreement area benefit.

### CULTURE

Our culture is our identity as a people, without which we would cease to exist. In fact, one of the requirements for federal recognition as a tribe is an established language within our culture. I am hopeful that in 2010, and thereafter, we will place the appropriate (increased) emphasis in an area that is essentially our foundation. I will be working with any and all individuals to ensure that this occurs.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The key to our tribe's financial success is diversification of our business enterprises. While I may appear to be a "broken record" on this topic, I will continue to stress its importance as a member of the board. In 2010 the tribe will have many opportunities to diversify economically. The opportunities for a tax exempt enterprise in sole proprietorship or joint ventures are very promising.

The tribe also has the ability to enter into business-related diversification in a variety of non-traditional areas. The tribe has never delved into the opportunities afforded to tribes in "agribusiness," of which funding is provided by the USDA and other agencies. We have available vacant acreage in various units that is lying dormant. Certain programs, such as switch grass, actually pay for

the planting of the crops with the product (attractive to alternative fuel companies) being sold for profit.

In Sault Ste. Marie, the tribe is the owner of property located adjacent to one of the newest large scale projects in Chippewa County, SuperWalmart. This is a 68-acre parcel, which includes the tribe's health center. The majority of the acreage behind the health center is prime for commercial development adding yet another viable economic opportunity.

While options thus far have focused on certain potential aspects for the tribe itself, it is important to note that attracting new employers (manufacturers, retail, etc.) to the tribal areas also can be an economic stimulus for tribal members via employment opportunities, and revenue for nearby tribal businesses. The tribe needs to get involved in developing its own industrial and empowerment zones to attract businesses to the area and to stress the existing economic benefits of doing business in Indian Country.

For example:

*Indian Employment Tax Credit:* The Indian Employment Tax Credit, IRS Form 8845, is a 20 percent credit against federal taxes calculated on wages, including health insurance costs, up to \$4,000 for each qualified individual. Those qualified are enrolled members of Indian tribes, or spouses of enrolled members, who live on or near Indian reservations. This credit offers a hard dollars incentive to hire and retain Native American workers.

The credit can be claimed by businesses that pay or incur "qualified wages" to a "qualified employee."

### GREEKTOWN

The good news is that we are, as Jan. 4, 2010, still the owners of Greektown Casino. While there are court hearings in the next few weeks regarding competing plans by the debtors (Merrill Lynch) and bondholders – we are not currently a part of either of their respective plans. Both plans face licensing issues as many of the parties involved are consortiums of banks and mutual funds, thus all will be individually

See "Hoffman report," pg. 20

# Settling outstanding tribal issues in 2010



**JOSEPH EITREM, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aanii, Sault Tribe members, welcome to 2010! I would like to take this opportunity to inform our members of different activities occurring throughout Unit I as well as with our tribe overall.

In the next few days, we will be receiving a report from the Rehman Group, an independent auditing firm hired jointly by the JKL Fiduciary Committee and the Bahweting School. The Rehman Group

has been charged with the task of establishing an independent monetary figure to settle the longstanding dispute over the interest and excess BIE funds retained by the school. This should settle the issue once and for all with all excess funds being returned to the appropriate fiduciary party, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians (to be used for authorized education expenses).

Once this process has concluded, I look forward to the next phase of expansion of the school to construct additional classrooms for elementary students and a new gymnasium and playground suited to accommodate all of our community's children who attend. This expansion is based upon existing need and the extremely large waiting list for admission. The new construction will afford more tribal children to attend our school and potentially eliminate, if not greatly diminish the longstanding waiting lists of the past several years.

It is important to the board that we make every attempt to use our in-house construction department for this expansion, Sault Tribe Construction, for some of the work and hiring outside contractors only where necessary. Sault Tribe Construction consists mainly of tribe member employees and they do great work.

This month tribal members should see a notice for the secretarial election to separate the chairman and CEO positions. The BIA and Secretarial Election Committee have established the dates and it appears everything will proceed in a timely fashion. The dates for the process are as follows:

Jan. 15: Notice of election published and voter registration packets mailed.

Feb. 8: Deadline for return of voter registration forms.

Feb. 15: Registered voters list posted.

Feb. 16: Ballot packets mailed.

March 5: Last day to challenge the names or absence of

names on the registered voters list.

March 5: Decide challenges to voter registration list and post corrected registered voters list (if necessary).

March 16: Election Day.

March 16: Count ballots – Election results posted.

March 19: Last day for qualified voters to challenge the election.

The secretarial election process is a different election process. I want to stress to all tribal members to watch for a packet of information from the BIA with information and an election registration form for this particular election. The BIA has to hold its own election registration process for constitutional amendments, so just because you are registered to vote in a tribal election does not automatically register you for the secretarial election. If you are interested in having a voice in the process, please make sure you fill out and return your voter registration form once you receive it.

This amendment will remove the term "CEO" from the Constitution. I fully support this change.

Often times when we forget to correct the problems and mistakes of the past, we are doomed to repeat them. This amendment will ensure that we, as a tribe, will no longer have to worry about a sole individual taking control of the entire tribe, regardless of whom that individual may be.

This year appears to be starting on a very bright note. We have an opportunity to settle outstanding issues with our tribal school and change our tribe and we are still in January. I look for good things to come in 2010.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the above or anything else going on in our tribe today, please feel free to contact me anytime

Joe Eitrem, Unit I board member, 632-8567, josepheitrem@yahoo.com

## Filling out census form correctly is important



**PATRICK RICKLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Aanii! Happy new year, everyone. I hope the holiday season was a good one for everyone and, if you've all made resolutions, that you strive to achieve the goals you've set for yourself.

Well, it seems as though winter is trying very quickly to set in. I hope everyone has pre-

pared for it. I know these winter days are short and the night's long and it's easy to slip into the doldrums. We all should try, if at all possible, to get outside and take a walk, get a little sunshine (vitamin D) and fresh air. It will improve your over all well-being. Sometimes when the weather prohibits that, you should find a place out of the elements. For example, the Big Bear, Little Bear and Lake State all offer a walking track. Also, I find that a grocery store is well lit and offers plenty of colors that stimulate the eye and lifts the mood as the days aren't so long.

The 2010 Census is upon us, and the Census Bureau is looking for qualified applicants to fill jobs across the region. If interested, the number to call is (866) 861-2010.

I noticed in last month's paper that there are a lot of bad addresses. We need to rectify this, not only for the

U.S. Census but for the coming secretarial election and the board election in the spring. If you know anyone on the list of bad addresses, please have them call the Enrollment Department office at (800) 251-6597. Thank you; it will be imperative that we get everyone counted in this Census and the importance of having a tribal member listed as head of household. It is also equally important that we check

the "AIAN" box and not "other races" box. It may significantly enhance future funding for our membership. Thank you!

Well, we have made great strides to pare the budget down to where it is more manageable, but we still must exercise patience and persistence, and remain optimistic that the economy will turn around. I hope your new year is off to a good positive start.

Before I sign off, I would like to congratulate tribal member Morgan LaVake, daughter of Samantha and Darren LaVake of St. Ignace. Morgan took first in the statewide NFL Punt-Pass and Kick competition—good job and congratulations.

Well, till next time, baamaa pii,  
Pat Rickley,  
(906) 440-5149

## Wrapping up 2009 and looking forward to 2010



**KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I would like to start by congratulating Bill Brown of Unit III as being honored by the tribal elders of his unit as the "Elder of the Year." Mr. Brown was so acknowledged by his peers for the extensive work he put in on the lottery licenses and raffles for the elders. This honor was bestowed on him at the annual holiday luncheon in the Sault in December.

All of the children were happy to see Santa at the Christmas Fun Fair in St. Ignace. Everyone had fun and were entertained by the carnival games. The cakewalk was a

huge success but there were a few long faces when the last of the cakes was given out.

New for the tribal employees is the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan being rolled out on the first of the year. The tribal board worked very hard and made sure that this plan was even better than the previous one. Everyone should be receiving their new cards soon.

On financial matters, we will not know exactly how we finished the year until all the cost centers have been closed out. That will take a month or two but I can assure you that the tribe is in better financial shape today than it was in any of the last four years. The spending has been curtailed, the waste has been identified and removed. I cannot say that everything is perfect because it is not. Many items continue to show up as problems and the tribal board looks for ideas and plans to fix these problems permanently.

The main focus this coming year should be on making our northern casinos as profitable as they should be; to work on our Human Resources policies and procedures; to have our tribal

government explain and inform our members of the important happenings of the tribe; to stand tall with all the tribal nations to fight for our rights and our freedoms. These are just some of the ideas I will be working on for the next year and beyond. Thank you for all the e-mails and phone calls.

Keith Massaway  
kmassaway@msn.com  
(906) 643-6981

## From "Hoffman report," pg. 19

subject to the licensure process.

The tribe is still working with a variety of external parties to refinance, restructure and partner regarding Greektown Casino. I would like to provide you with more information on this area but the board has not received a management board update in quite some time. For detailed updates, please visit the following site on the Web: [www.kccllc.net/greektowncasino](http://www.kccllc.net/greektowncasino)

### SECRETARIAL ELECTION

The dates of the secretarial election should be noticed within this issue of the tribal paper. The amendment separates the chairman from the CEO position within the Constitution. It simply removes the portion regarding CEO, which is not defined nor mentioned anywhere else within the

Constitution.

Historically, our tribe has had major issues with one individual committing our tribe to expenses, contracts, as well as many non-approved actions. Sadly, this has not changed. More than ever we need to end this once and for all. It is not about the individual(s), but the tribe.

One thing is blatantly clear; we as a tribe need this separation for our long-term survival and progression as a nation. **WE NEED ACCOUNTABILITY!**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime at (906) 635-6945 home, (906) 322-3801 cell, djhoffman@hotmail.com [www.djhoffmanblog.com](http://www.djhoffmanblog.com)

Sincerely,  
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## Preserving tribal consultation is important



**TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

I hope that everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year's. The work continues for the board of directors regarding normal business of the tribal government and enterprises. We have several things ongoing with the federal government that will affect the way tribal consultation and input is received and considered by the federal government.

I will be attending the Jan. 5 tribal consultation regional

meeting in Minneapolis, Minn.

In recent years the Bureau of Indian Affairs has slowly, but surely tried to do away with the tribal consultation process that allows the tribes meaningful input into the public laws and the formation of the rules and regulations. This cannot be allowed and the tribe must assert its government-to-government relationship with the federal government. This is a very important process that must not be allowed to be lessened or ignored by the BIA.

Internally, we continue to work with the tribal administration to ensure that the budget process stays on the path to a healthy and balanced budget. This is an ongoing process that is never truly done.

Greektown continues through the Chapter 11 process with the next confirmation hearing is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2010. There has been a change in the casino management, as a result of the casino management board not extending the Fine Point

Group contract, which expired Dec. 31, 2009. We are still the owners and are working on selection of a partner, investor and development of a viable plan for submittal to the bankruptcy court.

The school expansion project

is continuing, as needs are being developed that will drive the design and cost. The overall school financial situation is excellent.

Denise and I continue to serve our Unit IV members to the best of our abilities. If any

member needs our assistance, please contact us and one of us will get back to you. I believe it will be a great new year with the board of directors working on some key projects that will help us provide services. I hope everyone has a healthy new year.

## Term limits are a possibility



**SHIRLEY PETOSKY, DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Dear friends,  
Well, the holidays and

homemade candy have come and gone once again. It was great! Kids are heading back to school; so watch carefully, it doesn't get daylight until around 8 a.m.

We still have hopes for Greektown; don't know how it's going to go yet.

A grant has been received for the Sault clinic. Space will be renovated in the building to have exercise, fitness and workout areas. I am sure hoping a grant can be written for the Munising Tribal Center to have the same thing on the third floor. Such a beautiful area and it can't be used. Sad, really!

Some work is being done in the Sault area to set up rules for the board of directors. One thing that interests me very much is "term limits." I agree with that, in fact I believe ALL of the boards and committees in our tribe should have term limits. Two terms are being proposed and that sounds great to me.

The new year will be busy and full of activity; this is election year!

Be good, fight nice and be a blessing to someone.

Shirley Petosky,  
Unit V representative,  
387-2101,  
shirlypetosky@yahoo.com.

## ~ Anishinabemowin with Amy McCoy ~

**Aaniin Abinoojiinyag miinawaa Wenijjaanisijig!**  
Hey kids and parents!

**Amy McCoy indizhi-wiinigoo.**  
My given name is Amy McCoy

**Miskwaanakwadookwe dash indizhinikaaz.**  
But my name is Miskwaanakwadookwe.

**Aamoo indigoo gaye.**  
They also call me Bumblebee.

**Mii azhigwa da-animikodaadiyang!**  
Now is the time for us to turn over new (as in our Ojibwe new year).

**Oshkagoojin wa'aw giizis!**  
It is a new month!

**Manidoo gaa-ondaadizid omaa dibiki-giizis gii-agin zod.**  
The spirit was born here in this moon.

**Mii iw wenji-izhinikaazod "Gichi-manidoogiizis" noongom wa'aw giizis omaa Baawating.**  
That's why it's called the Great Spirit Moon now here in Sault Ste. Marie.

**Ingii-ozhibii'aan o'ow ge-ikidomaawaag ginijjaanisiwaag.**  
I wrote this that you could say it with your children.

**Nashke, yo'ow!**  
See, Here it is!

**Gidaa-giishkizhaan miish izhi-agooodog imaa gidakisijigani-waang.**

**You can cut this out and put it on your fridge.**

**Aaniin Ezhiwebak gojiing?**  
What is the weather like outside?

**S/he snowshoe.**

**Aapiji gisinaamagad!**  
It is very cold!

**Indaagimose.**  
I am snowshoeing.

**Gisinaa.**  
It is cold outside.

**Aagim.**  
Snowshoe.

**Zoogipoo.**  
It is snowing.

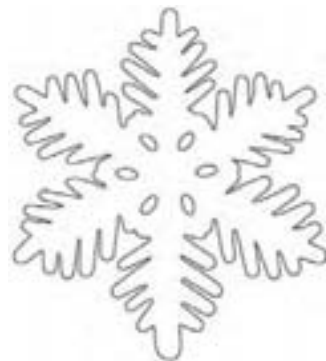
**Aagimag.**  
Snowshoes.

**Waseyaa.**  
It is sunny.

**Aagimosedaa!**  
Let's go snowshoeing!

**Biizikaw aagim.**  
Put on the snowshoe.

**Aagimose.**



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### Ikidowinan

Use the new word list below to discover meaning for the following hidden words:

- aagim
- Gisinaa
- aagimag
- Indaagimose
- Aagimose

- Waseyaa
- Aagimosedaa
- Biizikaw
- Zoogipoo

# Information sought on Davenport family



Photo courtesy Karen Frazier

**DAVENPORT FAMILY FROM THE PAST** — Back row (L-R) John Davenport Jr., Harvey (R.V.) Davenport, Viola Davenport; Front row (L-R) Julia (nee Duffina) and John Davenport Sr.

## Reader looks for ancestors

I am looking for anyone who may know of an Elizabeth Davenport born July 24, 1873. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (nee Belongia) Davenport. After her mother Elizabeth died young Elizabeth, 11 months, seemed to have disappeared. She may have been raised by some other family members.

Also, a daughter of John and Julia (nee Duffina) Davenport, Mildred, was born April 6, 1891. She was married to Oscar Doner, then to Henry Houle in Cheboygan.

I am the granddaughter of Harvey Davenport and Hazel Adams of Naubinway.

My great grandmother was Julia Duffina. I am looking for information on her parents Alex and Ursula (nee Lucier) Duffina. Any information would be appreciated.

**Karen Frazier**  
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P.O. Box 61  
Naubinway, MI 49762

P.S. Also I am looking for anyone who may have a picture of the Jim and Martha Baker's boarding house in Naubinway where the Cove Bar now sits.

## Letter: Regional disparity in cap-and-trade legislation

Dear editor,

Last month, as a Senate committee was considering climate change legislation, Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow stood with 12 other Democratic Senators to demand fair treatment for Michiganders under any potential cap-and-trade law. In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and others, Levin, Stabenow and their Senate colleagues recognize that addressing climate change will increase electric bills for many American consumers because there is no method of reducing carbon dioxide for free.

Unfortunately, some proposals in Congress will result in significant regional disparities, with some consumers unfairly forced to shoulder more than their fair share. As a result,

other consumers will get to enjoy a free ride. Mindful of this disparity, Senators Levin and Stabenow demanded that any legislation fairly and equitably allocate the credits that will be used to monetize carbon dioxide and reduce emissions. This is an essential correction that must be made to the climate change legislation currently before Congress.

We appreciate senators Levin's and Stabenow's stand against these proposed rules since they will pit regions of the country against one another while doing nothing to reduce emissions. Under the bill passed by the House and currently under consideration by the Senate, consumers in parts of the Midwest, Great Plains and South would pay more than necessary to address climate change. Those of us

in Michigan should not be forced to subsidize consumers in California but that is exactly how the legislation currently works.

Everyone is going to have to pay the costs of addressing climate change, but climate change legislation should only be about reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions — not redistributing wealth across the country. The electric cooperative members in Michigan greatly appreciate senators Levin's and Stabenow's stand for fairness on this important issue. We remain committed to finding a solution that is fair, affordable and achievable and welcome their leadership.

Sincerely,  
**Cloverland Electric Cooperative**  
**Dan Dasho, PE**  
Executive Vice President and  
General Manager

## You've Got News ...



*Interested in receiving your issue of Win Awenen Nisitotung in your inbox rather than your mailbox? E-mail Jennifer Dale-Burton at [jdburton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdburton@saulttribe.net).*

## Flu vaccinations at Sault Kewadin Casino

Sault Tribe Health Center provided free pre-Christmas H1N1 flu vaccinations at the Sault Kewadin Casino for staff and the public. A total of 43 people were vaccinated. Nurse Robin Hoffman is pictured below vaccinating Fred Bonno (left) from the casino bakery and Madison O'Dell (right).

Photos by Michelle Bouschor



## Sault Ste. Marie

Anishinaabemowin classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building.

These Ojibwe language classes begin with potluck dinners and you are invited to bring your favorite dish to share.

Instructor demonstrates different stories and language sheets are provided to those in attendance for vocabulary recognition.

It's a great time to eat, visit and enjoy our culture.

Everyone is welcome.

Call 635-6050 for more information.

Drumming, Mondays, 7-9 p.m., at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building.

The drum is the heartbeat of the Anishinaabe people.

Hear different songs and styles of singing. It's a great time for the family participation in singing and dancing or just listening.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Anishinaabemowin language class, Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m., at 531 Ashmun Street.

No registration is necessary. Please bring your brown bag lunch.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Unit I Elderly Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center, 2076 Shunk Road.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

## St. Ignace

Anishinaabemowin language classes, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., at the McCann Center.

Participants will enjoy a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a language lesson at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Unit III Elderly Committee meets on the second Friday of each month after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

For questions, call or (888) 711-7356.

Unit III constituents meetings on the fourth Monday of each month, 6 p.m., at the McCann Center.

For more information, Keith Massaway at 643-6981 or Patrick Rickley at 440-5149.

## Hessel

Anishinaabemowin classes, Mondays, 5-7 p.m., at the tribal center.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the third Monday of each month after the noon meal at the tribal center.

Call (888) 711-7356.

## Newberry

Elderly Advisory Board meets on the fourth Friday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the tribal center. For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the fourth Friday of each month at 11 at Zellar's Village Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Manistique

Unit IV Elderly Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Naubinway

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Naubinway Pavilion. For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Escanaba

Unit IV Elderly Committee meets on third Thursday of each month on the second floor of the Willow Creek Professional Building, 3500 Ludington Street. Catered meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by meeting. For questions, call 888) 711-7356.

## Munising

Unit V Elderly Committee meets at the tribal center at 4 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

Dinners on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Unit V constituents meet, 6 p.m. at the tribal center on the second Thursday of each month.

For more information, call Shirley Petosky at (906) 387-2101.

## Marquette

Unit V Elderly Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Notices

General meetings of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors typically take place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Open forums for members start about 5 p.m. and meetings start around 6 p.m. All Sault Ste. Marie meetings will be held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, other locations are to be announced.

Special meetings typically take place on the second and last Tuesdays of each month. Special meetings may be called from time to time by the chairperson or by majority vote of the board of directors. Locations, dates and times for meetings are subject to change. In

the event a special meeting is called that is open to the public, an official announcement will be released.

General meetings, special meetings and workshops are open to the public unless otherwise noted as closed. For meeting agendas, draft resolutions, and approved resolutions please visit [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) and go to the board downloads section.

Meeting schedules are published in the Sault Tribe newspaper annually prior to the start of yearly meeting cycles. Schedule information can be acquired anytime at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) with a search for "board schedule" or by calling (906) 635-6050.

Foster homes provided by Sault Tribe members are needed for our young.

Make a difference in the life of a child, consider being a foster parent.

Call Anishinaabek Community and Family Services at 495 1232 or (800) 347 7137.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities needs your help.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Parent Advisory Committee.

The committee is instrumental in developing programs for our children throughout the seven-county service area, creating policy and representing their communities to determine where spending will be most beneficial to the greatest number of our youngsters.

The committee is comprised of volunteers from throughout our tribe's service area and meets once a month on the third Wednesday.

We encourage all relatives of children or anyone interested in their welfare to join us.

All meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.

For more information, please call Youth Education and Activities at (906) 635 -7010.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities in Sault Ste. Marie offers many fun and educational services to youth from kindergarten age to high school seniors.

Computer lab, Monday through Friday, 3:30-6:30 p.m., and on Saturday, 11-4 p.m.

Computers are available for use in a relaxed atmosphere with opportunities for socializing and other fun.

Free tutoring is available daily for everyone. Young folks can learn how to animate objects, customize Web sites and other exciting media projects every Monday.

On Tuesdays, we can conduct science experiments concentrating in school core subject areas such as chemistry and physics.

We dabble in art on Wednesdays, creating all sorts of masterpieces.

On Thursdays, the local tribal youth council works on developing projects for our

community and gets some play in as well.

We have parties on Fridays, we show off our moves in Dance Dance Revolution tournaments.

Board game lovers of all ages can enjoy a peaceful afternoon dueling in a fierce game of Scrabble or other games every Saturday.

Come visit for a good time and to meet new people or old friends. Free drinks and snacks are everyday.

We're waiting for you at 2428 Shunk Road next to the enrollment office.

If you have any questions, please call Rachel Mandelstamm at 440-4494.

Book your party at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

We're equipped to accommodate skating parties, group parties and birthday parties and we rent our hospitality room, basketball and volleyball courts.

Call (906) 635- 7465.

DeMawating Development Property Sales and Rentals offers three and four bedroom duplexes for rent. Low move in costs only \$200 for Sault Tribe and Kewadin team members.

First three months of payroll deducted rent will be increased to cover cleaning and pet fees, if applicable. Rent must be deducted from pay to receive the low move-in cost benefit.

Attention American Indians: lease to purchase three bedroom 1.5 bath duplexes available if qualified.

DeMawating is within one of the Sault Tribe's tax agreement areas and an equal opportunity company.

You do not need to be American Indian to rent a home.

For information on any of our properties, please contact the DeMawating office at 42 Wood Lake, Kincheloe (906) 495-2800.

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program available for appointments in Sault Ste. Marie, Kinross, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique, Marquette and Munising health centers.

Bring semaa for an offering to appointments with healers. Traditional healing is holistic. Women on their moon cycle should make appointment before or after their cycles.

For information, call Ted Holappa (906) 632-5204, Laura Collins (906) 632-0236 or Peggy Hemenway (906) 632-0220.

Sault Tribe arts and crafts exhibitions and sales are scheduled for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Bawating Art Gallery at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

The events feature handcrafted gifts for all occasions.

Participating vendors must be Sault Tribe members.

For reservations or further

information, call Elaine Young-Clement at (906) 635-6050 or 322-3961.

Sault Tribe extends an open voter registration policy to all members. Once members register to vote, it is permanent unless members changes residency in to or out of election units where living when originally registered.

Sawyer Village in Gwinn, Mich., is a Sault Tribe housing enterprise. Housing units consist of three and four bedroom townhouse apartments, duplexes and single homes.

Rentals range from \$350 to \$725 per month. The units include ranges, refrigerators, basements, garages, washer and dryer hook-ups and most of them have a dishwasher.

Flooring options are hardwood or carpeting. Most pets are accepted and we have month to month leases.

Eagle Ridge Apartments, located in Marquette, consists of two buildings with eight two-bedroom apartments in each building. These apartments include all utilities and are \$575 per month with one-year leases.

We have eight experienced team members who manage Sawyer Village and Eagle Ridge.

Come make one of our houses your home. Call (906) 346-3919 to set up an appointment today.

Children must have at least one biological parent who is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians before they can be enrolled as full, bonifide members.

Simply submit a copy of the child's courthouse birth certificate or state copy, social security number and current mailing address. You may mail or fax this information to the enrollment office, or drop it off in person. Please allow two to three weeks for children's tribal cards to arrive in the mail.

Sault Tribe flags are available for purchase by calling 632-6398 or toll free (800) 793-0660.

Desk flags (3x5 inches) are \$3.00, banners (18x24 inches) are \$30, parade flags (3x5 feet) are \$50, pole flags (4x6 or 5x8 feet) are \$75 and \$100.

Add six percent sales tax and \$4.50 for shipping of first item plus \$1 for each additional item.

Northern Hospitality in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., is a Sault Tribe enterprise at 827 Ashmun Street offering high quality furniture and floor covering goods and services in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Stop by or inquire by calling 635-4800.

General mailing address and phone numbers for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians: 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, Phone 635-6050 or toll free at (800) 793-0660, fax (906) 635-4969.

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