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“7+2” Jury renders findings

BY RICK SMITH

After hearing testimony and examining evidence, a jury spent four hours in deliberation before rendering decisions on Oct. 20 before Judge Charles Johnson in the case of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians vs Bernard Bouschor et al, the so-called “7+2” trial. The legal action took place over six days in the 50th Circuit Court in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The trial stemmed from actions taken in 2004 following a virulent tribal election when seven key employees were terminated with severance benefits amounting to \$2.66 million.

Plaintiff in the case, Sault Tribe, filed suit against former Chairman Bernard Bouschor and former key employees Dan Green, Jim Janetta, Dan Weaver, Dave Scott, Jolene Nertoli, Paul Shagen and Joe Paczkowski.

Prior to the case going to trial, Nertoli, Shagen and Paczkowski settled out of court. In addition, the court previously ruled that defendant Bouschor did not have authority from the tribe to enter into the severance agreements with the key employees.

The first of four issues in the trial was whether Green, Janetta, Weaver and Scott were fired or resigned from their positions with the tribe. The jury determined all four were fired. The verdict came in favor of the plaintiff against defendant Bouschor, who initiated the terminations.

A second question asked if defendant Bouschor acted primarily for the benefit of the tribe or for his own personal benefit in firing each of the former key employees. Jury members found in favor of Bouschor, that he did act primarily for the benefit of the tribe.

Bouschor testified the termination arrangements were based on previous contracts with others and reviewed by the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone to ascertain legal propriety and were executed for several reasons. Among his considerations, the terminations were

a first step in healing a pervasive divisiveness in the tribe surrounding the race of most of the employees in those key positions. Members became divided through heated disagreement over whether those positions should be held exclusively by Sault Tribe members. Most of those posts had long been held by the Euro-American defendants and included original staff. Bouschor said the situation was impeding tribal progress.

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone settled with Sault Tribe earlier this year over its role in the case.

Bouschor noted the other defendants would be terminated no matter who won the election but, if he prevailed, he had planned to ask them to serve as transitional mentors for their replacements.

Further, Bouschor indicated he intended to prevent the possibility of extensive tribal financial losses through litigation and judgments in multiple lawsuits against the tribe for wrongful terminations he perceived would most likely take place at the hands of his successor, Aaron Payment.

On another question, jurors were asked to determine whether each former employee was a fiduciary during the transaction that led to their termination. In the court's instructions, a fiduciary is defined as a person who holds a position of trust and confidence with another person or entity such as the tribe. All four were found to be fiduciaries, a verdict in favor of the tribe.

The final issue jurors were asked to determine was whether the former employees knowingly participated, individually or in a conspiracy, with defendant Bouschor to breach his fiduciary duty to the tribe. The jury found that they did not, a verdict in favor of the former employees over the tribe.

The findings relieve Green, Janetta, Weaver and Scott of any liability to the tribe in this matter.

Any further legal action by any of the principals in the case could not be ascertained by press time.

Tribe hires three new division directors

BY BRENDA AUSTIN
Rand named HR Director



Rich Rand, Human Resources

Sault Tribe member Rich Rand has been hired to head up the tribe's Human Resource Department as its director.

With a background in labor and employee relations, Rand brings with him extensive knowledge and experience in big business and health systems.

The former director of human resources for the Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital and Nursing Home in Ely, Minn., Rand gave up that position recently when he accepted his new position with the tribe.

Rand also spent 22 years in human resources with Consumers Power Company in Jackson, Mich., and was the human resource director for the St. Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System for eight years.

Spending two years attending Sault Area Middle and High School in between his father's deployments with the U.S. Army, Rand graduated from high school in San Antonio, Texas. Earning a dual major in psychology and business in 1974 from Lake Superior State University, he went on to graduate with a Masters degree from Michigan State University in human resources, labor and industrial relations.

“The Sault has changed a great deal since I last lived here,” he said. “It seems a lot more vibrant and has a more positive energy than I remember.”

Rand said he has always thought of the Sault as home

and plans to stay after he retires from the tribe someday. “I have wanted to move back to the Sault for as long as I can remember,” Rand said.

Some issues Rand plans to address right away include the amount of time it takes to fill a tribal vacancy and the hearing and discipline process relating to filling a position. “There are some glaring issues in the amount of time that it takes to fill a position; I don't think the procedures surrounding hiring preferences has to delay the system as much as it does. There is no question that has been the number one gripe that I have heard,” he said.

Rand said those issues are not insurmountable but are going to take some work.

The lean years the tribe has gone through are causing some serious compensation issues, Rand added.

“We have very unusual circumstances now because of the way wages and wage grids were frozen,” he said. “Now we are in a predicament of trying to make a new hire and all of a sudden you have disrupted the whole compensation system in a department because you end up having to pay someone the equivalent of their supervisor or perhaps even more.”

Stunned by the magnitude of the tribe's operations, Rand said he has listened to the things team members are involved in and trying to accomplish with limited resources; everything from the Great Lakes fisheries to health and cultural issues.

“I would really like to raise the bar and provide better ser-

vice,” he said. “HR is the most important service line in any organization. If we can get the right resources, including filling vacant slots, then we can be a better human resources organization with a stronger service base.”

In addition to his many years in HR, Rand taught at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn., for a year and has also owned his own consulting firm.

Rand's son, who shares his father's name, worked for Sault Tribe Purchasing a few years ago and is the one who made him aware of the opening in the tribe's HR department. The younger Rich Rand is now in southern Michigan working for Consumer Power Company where his father spent 22 years.



Sheryl Hammock, Elders

Hammock, Bye named to division posts

In addition to the recent hire of Human Resource Director Rich Rand, the tribe has also hired Sheryl Hammock as Eldercare Division director and Juanita Bye as director of the tribe's Anishinabek Community and Family Services division (ACFS).

Hammock has been a tribal employee for the past 16 years, the last 10 as the health coordinator for Sault Tribe Head Start and Early Start programs and assisting as needed at the tribe's Child Care Center.

As the new Eldercare Division director, Hammock will oversee services offered to elders in the tribe's seven-county service area, including the

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Juanita Bye, ACFS

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Sault pie sale on Nov. 23

Unit I elders in Sault Ste. Marie will have a pie sale on Nov. 23, just in time to pick up a delicious dessert to complete your Thanksgiving dinner.

Come to the Tribal Health Center lobby on Tuesday, Nov. 23, from 8:30 a.m. to noon to get your pie.

Newberry children's Christmas party set

The Newberry elders and powwow committees are sponsoring a Christmas party for Sault Tribe members aged 12 and under. The party is set for Dec. 8 in the basement of the community building from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Hot dogs, sloppy joes, salad, chips, beverages and some delicious homemade cookies will be served. The Newberry elders will have mittens, hats and scarves on a table where children can pick items of their choice.

And, of course, Santa will be stopping by to see the youngsters.

Parents or guardians must call 293-8181 or stop at the Newberry Tribal Center to register children no later than Dec. 1.

Anishinaabe Kweg Hand Drum Gathering 2010

Enjoy a good time of sharing and sisterhood at the 2010 Anishinaabe Kweg Hand Drum Gathering Dec. 2-5 at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island featuring cultural teachings, music and songs, relaxation, rest, Ojibwe language and a feast.

Starts on Thursday, Dec. 2, with a 6 p.m. arrival and socializing. Cultural teachings in the mornings and music and song in the evenings. On the last day we'll have a morning talking circle followed by a giveaway.

Participants should bring bedding, pillows, towels, comfortable clothes, toiletries, drums, rattles, singing voice, an open heart and mind. Please bring a gift for the giveaway.

Sleeping accommodations limited to 40 people, so hurry to register.

Please RSVP to Elaine Clement (906) 635-6050, extension 26053, 322-3961 or eclement@saulttribe.net.

Application to participate and confirmation is required. A \$20 registration fee is payable upon arrival.

Residents approve Sault Safe Route for JKL PSA students

By Rick Smith

The Sault Tribe Community Health Safe Routes 2 School Grant Project cleared an important hurdle on the literal home fronts of residents along proposed safe sidewalk routes to and from JKL Bahweting Public School Academy in Sault Ste. Marie.

This particular grant funding for projects depends on the approval of owners of properties where proposed enhanced sidewalk routes would be placed.

The residents were presented with three options for sidewalk pathway enhancements along Seymour St. and Marquette Ave. They opted for Bahweting school children to take a path along the east side of Seymour with crosswalks at East 8th and Marquette avenues, then proceeding east on the north side of Marquette to another crosswalk adjacent to the school grounds.

Donna Norkoli and Michelle Conway of the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health presented the proposals along with city engineering represen-



Photo by Rick Smith

Leading a large crowd of students, parents and school staff, Shelly Morgan, fourth grade teacher at JKL Bahweting Public School Academy in Sault Ste. Marie, pauses to pose with students while others trailing them catch up on the annual Walk to School Day on Oct. 5. The event promotes awareness of the importance and benefits of walking in the course of one's daily routine. These students walked eight blocks on a brisk morning from a drop off and rendezvous point on the north side of Van Citters Field, south along Seymour Street and east on Marquette to their school. Later in the day, the Sault Tribe Community Health Safe Routes 2 School Grant Project received approval from property owners on an enhanced sidewalk path to and from the school.

tative Alicia Askwith on the evening of Oct. 5.

Bahweting is the first Sault school to advance this far in the application process for Safe Routes grant funding, similar

procedures will have to be followed by other schools in town where there is a need for safe sidewalk facilities.

With the property owner approval requirement met, an application for the grant can be started. If all goes well, the team consensus was that the renovated walkway should be in place in about two years.

On the morning of Oct. 5, parents, students and staff from the school participated in Walk to School Day, an annual event that takes place in communities across the country to highlight the benefits of walking. Somewhere in the neighborhood of about 200 people participated in the JKL Bahweting walk.

"Walk to School Day encourages kids to walk to school and the Safe Routes 2 School Program makes it safer for them to do so," said Lauren Eveleigh of Sault Tribe Community Health Services. "The Walk to School Day also helps gain parent and community support for the Safe Routes program."

Letters to the editor . . .

Mackinac Island veterans photos sought

I am interested in contacting families that once lived on Mackinac Island.

The American Legion post established a veterans room in the Stuart House Museum in 2009. We have since been displaying photographs of Mackinac Island veterans in the room.

I would like to add your veterans photographs to this room. We would like the photographs of your veterans to be in their military uniforms.

We are also interested in developing a list of members of your family who may be buried in unmarked graves in the Mackinac Island cemeteries.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me at (906) 847-3516 after 5 p.m. or at pwandrie@lighthouse.net.

**Paul M. Waundrie Sr.
Post Commander
Chapman-St. Onge-Danowski
Post 299
Mackinac Island**

Stuttering help

With the release of the new movie, *The King's Speech*, it's a great time to highlight International Stuttering Awareness Day, Oct. 22, and let readers know there are speech-language pathologists in your area who specialize in helping people who stutter.

The nonprofit Stuttering Foundation provides a free list of local therapists for your readers at our website, www.stutteringhelp.org, or they may call (800) 992-9392.

The same dread King George VI felt about speaking in public was also felt by our founder Malcolm Fraser and many others in the 1930s and '40s. However, today's research shows that stuttering does indeed have a biological cause and can be effectively treated.

Thank you for helping us reach those who stutter in your community.

Sincerely,
**Jane Fraser, President
Stuttering Foundation**

ject to editing and are not to exceed 400 words. Unsigned submissions are not accepted.

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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MUNISING GETS NEW DOCTOR



General Practitioner Colin Irish, DO, started at Munising's tribal health clinic as clinic supervisor and physician last Sept. 1.

Irish studied liberal arts at Central Michigan University and medical school in Iowa. He served a one-year internship at Lansing's Sparrow Hospital and his residency at Ingham Regional Medical Center. He practiced medicine in Ishpeming and Marquette for eight years before coming aboard the tribe.

He is qualified in manipulation and acupuncture, lives in Marquette with his wife, Carrie, and enjoys the outdoors.

About Freezing Moon ...

FROM JEN DALE-BURTON,
EDITOR

November is the late fall moving into winter. These days, weather during this time of year can go from one extreme to the other.

The lunar month Freezing Moon, Mshka'odin Giizis, is an important time in the Anishinaabe calendar — to know the time remaining to stock up for the long winter, to know when the ground and waters will freeze, to know what kind of winter is coming.

Some communities that depended on the fall whitefish fishery called November "whitefish moon." Spawning whitefish were caught in abundance this time of year. But these days, we don't fish them at all during spawning in order to preserve and protect remaining whitefish stocks.

Here is what an elder from Minnesota remembered: "We only have a certain amount of time to prepare for living through the winter and we studied nature to see how the winter was going to be. A rabbit and a muskrat told the proof of whether it was going to be a long and cold winter or a short winter. If they were fat on the back, that's what made you expect a long cold winter. If it was going to be a short winter, they weren't fat at all as they didn't care to eat. But if it was going to be cold, those rabbits and muskrats ate. It's the same way with cows and horses nowadays. They eat more when it's going to be cold weather."

— *When Everybody Called Me Gah-bay-bi-nayss: "Forever-Flying-Bird" An Ethnographic Biography of Paul Peter Buffalo*

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Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity becomes law

By Rick Smith

A flaw in the 1996 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) that worked against American Indian military veterans in securing housing was corrected when President Barack Obama signed the Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act on Oct. 12.

In essence, the new law changes NAHASDA programs by disregarding military benefits for disabled veterans or surviving families as income when they apply for housing assistance. In the past, such veterans and their families lost NAHASDA opportunities when disability and survivor benefits pushed household finances past income limitations to qualify for housing assistance.

NAHASDA functions are administered through the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development.

U.S. Representative Ann Kirkpatrick (D-Ariz.), who sponsored the bill in the House with the help of six other Democrats, called the previous stipulation an unacceptable and outrageous burden on American Indians who were injured or killed while serving their country and their surviving families.

On behalf of American Indian veterans, Kirkpatrick is now taking aim at similar circumstances with the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program.

A Senate version of the new NAHASDA legislation, sponsored by senators Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and John Thune (R-S.D.), three other Democrats and another Republican, passed last September.

“On behalf of the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Board of Directors and membership, I extend sincere gratitude to President Obama for signing the bill into law and recognizing that our Native veterans deserve the opportunity for safe and affordable housing,” said NAIHC Chairwoman Cheryl A. Causley in an announcement on Oct. 13. “I also want to thank Congress for its bi-partisan efforts to introduce and pass this legislation. It is with their leadership that this bill is able to help many veterans and their families.”

NAHASDA was enacted in 1996 to ease American Indian acquisition of housing grants. The Sault Tribe Housing Authority handles NAHASDA matters for all Sault Tribe members.



The tribe's Traditional Healthy Foods project received two awards in September. Community Health educator Connie Hill, project coordinator for the five-year CDC grant, was chosen by the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) as a recipient of a National Indian Health Board's Local Impact Award. The project was also recognized by the Michigan State University Extension District as a "2010 key partner." Hill attended the MSU Extension Key Partner and Staff Awards Reception on Oct. 18 to accept the award. Many tribal members have participated in the project over the last two years with gardening projects and master canning classes. This Traditional Healthy Foods project is a part of the Health Division's goal to reduce diabetes risk. Pictured below is the board with the Maamwi Niigaanziwag Grand Tribal Youth Council chosen as a recipient of the NIHB's Youth Leadership Award (See Win Awenen Nisitotung's Oct. 8 front page).

Important notice for IHS Medicare recipients

Subject: Your prescription drug plan coverage under Medicare Part D and the annual creditable coverage letter.

IHS has obtained authorization to discontinue the annual creditable coverage notification letter sent to you each year. IHS is considered a creditable coverage provider and you, as an IHS

beneficiary, are considered to have creditable coverage. What this means is that if you should decide to enroll in Medicare Part D, you may enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan without incurring a late enrollment penalty. If you enroll in such a plan, you will be able to obtain a creditable coverage

letter from your local IHS service unit. The letter can be used to verify that you are an IHS beneficiary and that you have creditable prescription drug coverage.



- If you are enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan (PDP) or eligible for Medicare, it is important for you to contact your tribal organization or urban Indian program site to talk about Medicare Part D.
- Whether or not you enroll in a PDP, as a Medicare beneficiary receiving health services at Sault Tribe Health Center, you will continue to receive the same health care services, including prescription services, you now receive. You will continue to receive prescription drug services at no cost to you at the Sault Tribe Health Center.
- It is important certain beneficiaries enroll in a PDP. Sault Tribe Health Center depends on reimbursement from resources such as Medicare and Medicaid to help pay for the staff and services.
- Knowing whether or not your current prescription coverage is creditable coverage is important. It protects you if you do not enroll in the Medicare PDP benefit as soon as you are eligible. Individuals who do not enroll in a Medicare PDP after their current prescription drug coverage ends will pay more to enroll in Medicare Part D later.
- If you are Medicare eligible, if you receive a letter from Medicare, your current Medicare PDP, or the Social Security Administration about Medicare Part D, please come to the Contract Health office at the Sault Tribe Health Center or contact our office for further information by calling (906) 632-5220 or (800) 922-0582.



Five generations of the Miller family were photographed at their family reunion in August. Pictured from left to right are great grandfather Dick Miller, great great grandmother Martha Miller, grandmother Aimie Miller and mother Cherekee Anderson holding baby Domenic.

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Unit I elders annual trip takes them to New Jersey

BY JUDY LAJOIE, CHAIRPERSON
UNIT I ELDER

After a delicious breakfast at Dream Catchers Restaurant, 35 elders left on a six-day (Sept. 11-16) journey to the east coast. This was the first trip our group made in a bus other than our own Kewadin bus.

The trip was booked through Festive Holidays who contracted with Trinity Bus Lines. Not knowing we had any choice, our bus did not have tables in the back for the serious card players in our elder group. The bus being a Prevost made up for their disappointment with its comfort. Our driver was accommodating and very competent. The chairperson for our trip committee, Gail Nesberg, kept us occupied with a couple of games and our driver had a Terry Fader (comedian) video, which made the miles pass quickly to our first nights stay in Austinville, Ohio. Dinner was on our own. Some of us chose to go to a Quaker Steak & Lube Restaurant, which was a very noisy but entertaining and interesting experience. The food was great and there were all the workings of a garage, old cars (all of which run and some of which are privately owned), memorabilia and TVs (one even in the floor). In talking with the manager we learned that 1,000 patrons per day enjoy their establishment. The chain is building two new restaurants, one near Detroit. This might have been a great investment for the six acres near Detroit that the tribe just purchased.

We enjoyed very beautiful scenery traveling through the Alleghany and Appalachian mountains and going through three tunnels in Pennsylvania, one route on our way there and another on our way back. Fall color was like what we have here at home, no further advanced. We didn't see elk, but our bus did hit a hawk that had just picked up a small animal for supper and couldn't lift off fast enough. We also missed young bike riders on three separate occasions who appeared to be running a dare to see if they could cross in front of the bus without getting killed. We passed the Eagles Stadium in Philadelphia where fans were filing the parking lot to watch the Green Bay Packers beat the Eagles, 27 to 20.

The Cape Cod Motel in Wildwood, N.J., was our home away from home for three nights and included breakfast of choice at a restaurant across the street. We had a view of the ocean and could walk to the water which some of us did. A member of our group believes he was treated to seeing several dolphins.

Our tour included a visit to the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City, which is 10 stories high, three of them for gaming and many shops and restaurants within. We did have a couple of modest winners in our group. Our casino package included their \$25 buffet with stuffed flounder (new for some of us) as one of the choices. This cas-



Unit I elders reaped the rewards of their yearly fundraising efforts and took a trip to New Jersey in September.

no sits in the shadow of Donald Trump's Empire and Taj Mahal.

There was the Atlantic Ocean, which was no more intimidating than our own Gitchi Gami. Realizing we were seeing it calm, I decided to check the temperature and found it to be no warmer than one of our local inland lakes, however, the seagulls are twice as big. You can walk the famous boardwalk, which goes on for as far as your eyes can see from one casino, hotel, store or restaurant to the next one. Walkers, joggers, bikers and people riding in carts peddled by one or more person, sweepers continually cleaning the boardwalk and beach remind you of Portage Avenue during the tourist season. This was definitely a quieter time to visit with many of the shops closed, the amusement park not operating and children back in school.

Several elders from the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribe of New Jersey joined us for lunch at Urie's Restaurant, located at the foot of the Rio Grande Bridge. These elders drove 45 minutes to meet us and get acquainted with our group. Their tribe operates with a chief and General Tribal Council. Harry Gould, one of the elders, said they are considering change because it's very hard to conduct any business with their form of government. Their tribe does not own a casino, but they do operate a successful construction company. Their elders sat interspersed among us so we could all get to know each other. We presented each of the group with a small Sault Tribe flag and handmade bookmarks explaining each of the four medicines joined with ribbons the colors of the medicine wheel; we have extras for the elders who were unable to come. They left us with thanks, hugs and promises to come visit us at our elder center in Sault Ste. Marie.

After lunch, we departed for a visit to historic Cape May. A local with a thick New Jersey accent stepped on our bus to tell us about the area and about the "war-der" (water). This was a beautiful old city which reminded me of Mackinac Island with many shops, bed and breakfasts, a beautiful old church and crepe myrtle trees in bloom. We returned to Uries, had a late dinner and enjoyed a

great comedian who had recently retired from the Norwegian Cruise Lines.

We did learn that good customer service and politeness "will bring 'em back." At one of the service plazas, an elder questioned an unreasonably high price. The clerk responded, "If you don't like the price go buy it somewhere else." At several places we felt only tolerated and not appreciated.

On Wednesday, leaving the ocean behind, we passed through many wetland areas and saw egrets, herons and ducks. Is this the migratory flyway? Our last night was again spent at the Comfort Inn in Austinville, Ohio. Close to

home in Rudyard we passed a field of familiar sand hill cranes.

Over the years, Unit I elders have been able to take several trips. Some of the places visited were: fall colors at Tahquamenon Falls (three trips), Corn Fest on St. Josephs Island, Blueberry Fest in Paradise, around Lake Superior, Branson (three trips), Nashville, Washington D.C., Greentown, Green Bay, Tonnerville Trolley, Interlocken, Petoskey, Shipshewana, Niagara Falls via Manitoulin Island and our biggest was an eight-day trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota.

In 2008, tribal cuts ended the recreation money that provided

the biggest part of the cost for the above trips. Since then, Unit I elders have worked at monthly fundraisers and raffles to earn the money needed to continue enjoying trips like the Atlantic City trip in this article and to do community projects like our baskets to the elder shut ins at Christmas, the landscaping at the Veteran's Memorial, flowers at the elder center, money for the elder scholarships, \$200 for the playground on Shunk Road and items and water for the garden near Big Bear, just to name a few. Trip plans for 2011 will be made after the Christmas holidays. Life is a journey and we all enjoyed the ride.

Weekly meetings foster self-esteem and cultural identity

GIRLS IN GRADES 8-12 ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Where Are You Going Girl? (WAYGG), or Abbish Ezhaagin-Kwezens, meets every Tuesday from 3:05 to 4:30 p.m. at Sault Area High School and is open to girls in grades 8-12.

The group is facilitated by Angela Ellis, the school's Native American advisor, but is open to all girls who would like to participate in Ojibwe crafts, meet exciting people, join in group discussions and activities and eat good food.

Funded by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and The First Nations Development Institute-Native Youth Culture Fund, the once-a-week meeting supports a positive cultural image and helps girls develop a healthy self-esteem.

"I hope the girls begin to see themselves as possible leaders, educators, scientists, business owners, health care providers, actresses, officers in the military, social workers and/or mothers in our community," Ellis said.

"I really hope the girls begin to ask themselves where am I going and believe that they can achieve their personal goals," she added.

Ellis said she invites community members, tribal elders and mentors to share their personal stories about struggles they



Photo by Brenda Austin

Where Are You Going Girl? (WAYGG), or Abbish Ezhaagin-Kwezens, meets every Tuesday from 3:05 to 4:30 p.m. at Sault Area High School and is open to girls in grades 8-12. Native American Advisor Angela Ellis (front, right) facilitates the group, her sister Major Wendy Burris (front, left) and mother Sandi Biron (back, left) visited with the group during their first meeting of the school year.

faced as a young woman and the decisions they made about school, sex and drugs. The girls keep a journal with ideas about furthering their education, skill building and career choices that gets added to each week.

The group held its first meeting Oct. 25 and invited Major Wendy Burris, Ellis' sister, from the Air National Guard, to speak to the girls. Burris is stationed at the Battle Creek International Guard Base and recently returned from

a six-month deployment to Afghanistan. Burris grew up on Sugar Island and graduated from Sault Area High School.

Food and laughs are provided free of charge. Ellis said an average of 12 girls have participated in the group and she encourages anyone interested to attend a meeting. Contact Angela Ellis, Sault Area High School Native American advisor about transportation issues or if you have questions at (906) 635-3839 ext. 5820.

Hannah Tarrien participates in eight-week Washington Internship for Native Students

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— Hannah Tarrien, a senior at Florida State University, will be graduating this spring with a triple major in international affairs, political science and economics.

This past summer, she was selected to participate in the eight-week WINS program – Washington Internship for Native Students. Tarrien stayed at American University in Washington, D.C. with 100 other Native students representing 63 tribes from across the country. The USDA Department of Food and Nutrition Services selected her as an intern where she worked on reviewing grant applications for rural infrastructure projects. Projects impacting Native communities were given priority.



Hannah Tarrien

“We had about \$3 million to distribute to applicants for grants to food banks and other organizations feeding low-income people in our country,”

she said.

In addition to working full time as a staff member for the USDA, Tarrien and other students in the WINS program participated in a federal Indian policy class three nights a week. “We expanded our knowledge of our history as Native Americans and our relationship with the federal government. WINS Director, Jack Soto, had a lot of great Native connections for students to take advantage of while in D.C.,” Tarrien said. “There were events going on every week that exposed us to the vibrant Native community in D.C.; we were introduced to Native professionals and groups that are very active in representing and advocating for Native American rights and policies.”

Tarrien said she appreci-

ated the USDA giving her the opportunity to work with them through the WINS program. Under the program, interns are chosen by different government agencies that then pay about \$10,000 per intern. “It was special that they were willing to make that commitment so we could get experience. I learned a great deal about the relationship between the federal government and tribes; I didn’t realize how complex it is,” she said.

Tarrien is waiting to be officially accepted in the U.S. Peace Corps and once that happens hopes to travel to Latin America for two years. “I am very interested in humanitarian work, both abroad and locally,” she said. “I studied abroad last semester in Panama and really liked experiencing new cultures and stepping out of my comfort

zone.”

After her time in the Peace Corp is over, she plans to attend graduate school in D.C. for a degree in public policy or international economics.

According to its website, the WINS program was developed in response to the White House Initiative on American Indians and Alaska Natives. The program offers qualified students full scholarships funded by American University and sponsoring organizations. Students gain professional work experience through interning at a federal agency or a private firm, take courses focusing on Native American public policy concerns and engage in social and cultural extra-curricular activities.

For more information about the WINS program visit www1.american.edu/wins.

Kaiser Family Foundation accepting applications

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation is accepting applications for the 2011 Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program. This intensive summer program provides college students with an opportunity to work on policy issues in a congressional office and to engage in original health policy research and analysis under the guidance of Foundation research staff.

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The application deadline is 5 p.m. ET on Friday, Dec. 3, 2010. Application materials and more information are available online <http://smtp01.kff.org/t/14603/418415/13948/0/>.

Selected scholars will work in congressional offices in Washington, D.C., for 10

weeks and will participate in weekly seminars and site visits designed to increase their understanding of the intersection between policy and the legislative process. Scholars are expected to write and present a health policy research paper in one of the following research areas: health reform and the uninsured, Medicaid, Medicare or HIV/AIDS. Housing is provided through Howard University, the Foundation’s partner in operating the program.

The Kaiser Family Foundation established the Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program to honor the legacy of Barbara Jordan — the first African American elected to Congress from Texas and a well-respected former member of the Foundation’s board of trustees. Barbara Jordan had a distinguished career exemplified by her tireless advocacy on behalf of vulnerable populations. She brought this passion to her work, inspiring other to become involved in addressing challenging health policy issues.

For questions, please contact Cara James, program director at the Kaiser Family Foundation at (202) 347-5270 or contact Jomo Kassaye, program manager at Howard University at (202) 238-2385.

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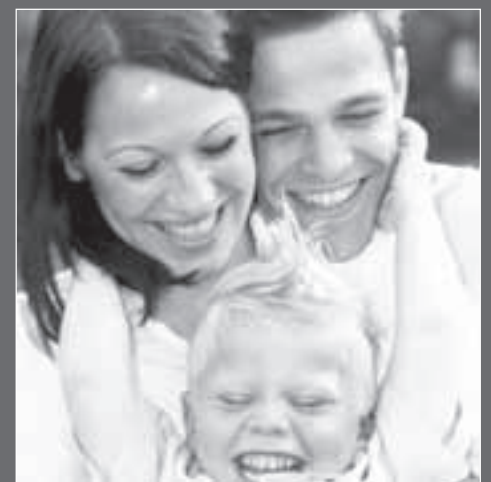
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JKL students have fun at Camp Pinewood



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Middle school students from JKL Bawheting PSA went to Camp Pinewood in Twin Lakes, Mich., where they participated in a variety of activities designed to promote leadership, teamwork and self-esteem. Pictured from left to right, Collyn Ransom and Jacob Thompson set for a turn on the high ropes course; Meghan Land, 8th grade, and Josie Roos, 6th grade, team up to learn the ropes; Lawrence Taylor and Tiffany Shaw safely approach shore; Nicholas Howell enjoys climbing the wall; and Brandon Toulouse and Amber Holappa ready to try their new paddling skills.

Anti-cyber bullying speaker comes to the EUP

BY RICK SMITH

Teamwork between the Rudyard tribal youth council under the guidance of Dawn Griffin, youth services coordinator for Rudyard Area Schools, and the Sault Tribe Alive Youth Project, resulted in the acquisition of a grant to bring a witness to the dangers of cyber space and cyber bullying to bring warnings to school students and others in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Tina Meier, a mother of a 13-year-old girl who committed suicide in 2006 as a result of cyber bullying, visited schools in St. Ignace, Cedarville, Rudyard, Pickford and Sault Ste. Marie, including Lake Superior State University.

Meier travels throughout the country giving frank and intense presentations to alert listeners to be careful online. "Think about what you say to someone before you say it," was one of the messages she said she wanted audiences to remember. "Especially on the Internet."

Meier related the story of how her daughter, Megan, experienced cyber bullying through a MySpace encounter with a boy named Josh Evans that,



Photo by Rick Smith

Tina Meier, mother of a 13-year-old girl who committed suicide as a result of cyber bullying, compounded by adult participation, presented frank and intense warnings about cyber bullying to audiences in schools of the eastern Upper Peninsula on Sept. 27-29. Her tour through the area was sponsored by a grant acquired through the Sault Tribe Alive Youth Project. Here, Meier speaks to the student body and staff of Malcom High School in Sault Ste. Marie.

while happy at first, turned foul and hurt her daughter enough during the six-week correspondence to end her own life by hanging. It was later learned Josh Evans was an online alias for one of Megan's friends, a friend who was coached and aided in a retaliatory campaign for a perceived wrong by a mother lacking in sensible social and parenting skills.

Major media outlets nation-

wide covered the incident and the aftermath at the time.

Meier explained how spiteful words and actions that might seem petty, either in person or online, can have grave consequences of one sort or another. She noted while bullying anyone is never acceptable, bullying those with disabilities is worse. "It's sick, it's disgusting and it's twisted," she said.

After a student asked for her

opinion, Meier pointed out that cyber bullying is more traumatic than face-to-face encounters for those subjected to the harassment because online maliciousness can last much longer and quickly involve a large number of people known to victims.

Included in the presentations is a call to action from bystanders of bullying incidents to take appropriate corrective action in such cases. Further, parents are cautioned to be alert and sensitive to their children's online experiences and activities. Ignoring children's activities on the Internet is the electronic equivalent of letting them roam the streets of the world without parental protection and guidance.

Meier listed further reasons to exercise caution online such as limits on posting personal information and images to avoid attracting the attention of predators and mentally unstable people.

She also said it's wise to decline sharing passwords with friends. "You're friends one day, and maybe you're not friends the next day."

The presentations last about

an hour and include information on criminal charges and consequences of some practices such as "sexting," the transmission of nude or semi-nude photos of oneself or dialogue of a sexual nature if minors are involved. Then there's the trap of "sextortion" where such photos fall into the hands of someone who demands more explicit material by threatening widespread transmission, including to family, friends and acquaintances, of previously received racy photos.

Before bringing the presentation to a close, Meier explained why students must consider how their online activities could have an impact on their future such as missing opportunities for college admission or employment because of criminal records or unsavory self-characterizations.

More can be learned online from the Megan Meier Foundation website at www.meganmeierfoundation.org, through www.cyberbullying.org, www.cyberbullying.us or the Sault Tribe Alive Youth Project at www.stayproject@saulttribe.net, (906) 635-8629.

Online academies offer free K-12 public education

BY RICK SMITH

A growing free, online public school that students attend from home or anywhere outside of traditional classrooms started operations in Michigan this year. Connections Academy, www.connectionsacademy.com, also offers an elective online private school but requires registration fees and tuition.

Both the public and private school programs are accredited by national academic agencies and presently operate in 14 states.

Connections Academy is based in Baltimore, Md., and is the parent managing organization of Michigan Connections Academy, a cyber charter school. Most of the Connections Academy associated cyber charter schools are identified by the



addition of the particular state names in which they serve.

According to its website, the Michigan Connections Academy began this school year and offers individualized learning programs featuring a curriculum developed by education experts and staffed by experienced state-certified teachers, counselors and administrative support. The academy provides all required materials including Internet hardware and connectivity. The only costs involved are for optional field trips and

replenishment of some supplies, such as printer cartridges.

The Michigan Connections Academy is based in Okemos, Mich., and is an affiliate of the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office.

The Connections Academy cyber charter schools offer an array of support services including contact with consenting parents of other students who can provide references and tips.

According to Ferris State University, the Michigan Connections Academy is the

first cyber charter school in Michigan authorized by the university and the school joined a "family" of other FSU authorized academies when it opened on Sept. 7.

The academy was made possible with state legislation passed this year related to federal education funding. The new law allows for two cyber schools in the state. The other school is the Michigan Virtual Charter Academy, www.k12.com/mvca, based in Grand Rapids, Mich., and authorized by Grand Valley State University. It also offers tuition-free education but requires one to own a computer with Internet connection, except in certain circumstances where a loan and stipend arrangement may be possible.

State law limits enrollment in either of the academies to 400 students this school year but allows expansion to 1,000 students next year.

More information about Connections Academy and links to its affiliated cyber charter schools is online at the website www.connectionsacademy.com.

Those interested in exploring the Michigan Connections Academy should visit www.connectionsacademy.com/michigan-school, call (800) 382-6010 or email info@connectionsacademy.com. The school principal, Bryan Klochack, can be reached online by email through bklochack@connectionsacademy.com.

More about the Michigan Virtual Charter Academy is at www.k12.com/mvca.

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Tribe's USDA Food Distribution Program passes 30 year mark - helps over 800 monthly

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Providing food to the tribe's neediest families for more than 30 years, the Sault Tribe USDA Food Distribution Program has come a long way since the program helped its first client on Aug. 11, 1980.

Starting out in a warehouse with only five products, including commodity cheese, the program helped between 100 and 150 people a month. A year later the program moved to its current location on Mackinac Trail in the former Michigan Liquor Control Board building where it has remained for the past 29 years.

Today, 800 people a month walk through their doors and leave with enough food to last their family for a month. There are times, according to Program Director Tony Nertoli, that the number of people seeking assistance has climbed to over 1,200 a month.

With commodity cheese still a favorite, the number of food choices has grown over the years from the original five to 91. In addition to canned milk, vegetables and fruit, cereals, peanut butter, bread, beans and rice, clients are offered fresh meat, milk, vegetables and fruit. Nertoli said the USDA has a 40-page catalog of available food and he would like to increase the options offered to tribal



USDA Food Distribution Program Director Tony Nertoli

members. "The USDA needs to raise income guidelines and the standard deduction," Nertoli said. "The USDA doesn't realize that when you live on some of these rural reservations it is as expensive to get food there as it is in Alaska or Hawaii. The program should be changed so that tribal elders and people on a fixed income who have Social Security or retirement as their sole source of income have automatic eligibility for the program."

Nertoli said that over the years the tribe has been really good to the program, making a yearly 25 percent match to the funds received from the USDA. However, he also thinks the program should be a higher priority. "There is no self-actualization when you are hungry," he said. "The fund-

ing we receive from the USDA is adequate. What I want to change is the process used to get more people eligible for the program and making food more available. The USDA feeds the world but we still have poverty here at home that knows no boundaries. The tribe needs to sit down and look at the issue of poverty and feeding tribal members."

In addition to the main warehouse, the program has a distribution program taking commodities on refrigerator trucks to tribal members in outlying areas, including Manistique, Marquette, Rapid River, Newberry, Cedarville, DeTour, Hessel, St. Ignace and Cheboygan. Twice-a-month deliveries are made to home-bound people in St. Ignace and the Sault. A four-person team

also makes deliveries to home-bound clients in outlying areas, but because of time constraints this happens less often than regularly scheduled deliveries.

Renovations to the building currently underway include automatic barrier free doors in the front and back entrances, a new distribution loading dock and new windows.

Also offered is a nutrition education component in their new kitchen built two years ago with a \$25,000 grant from the Michigan State University Extension Agency and additional funds from the tribe's food distribution program.

Nertoli said food that is distributed by the tribe's program is designed for a healthy lifestyle. "Our canned vegetables have reduced sodium and the canned fruit is in light syrup. Our nutrition education classes not only teach how to use our foods for a better balanced diet, but also how to prepare healthy meals."

Competing with the tribe's food distribution program is the state's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps). Nertoli said that people using the SNAP program make less nutritious choices because they are allowed to purchase pop and

chips, in addition to prepackaged meals that can be cooked in the microwave or oven.

"We are competing with food stamps, which has had major increases in their guidelines and we haven't. There is also a sub-culture that sells food stamps — it's big business. We offer the better program nutritionally, but our food has to be prepared and cooked," he said.

The entire process — from the time a tribal member walks in the door to fill out paperwork, is approved or disapproved and leaves with a car full of food — is quick and efficient. Starting out with one cooler and no freezer 30 years ago, the program now has four 10-by-12 foot freezers, two 12-by-12 foot coolers and a large 40-by-60 foot cooler added as an addition to the building in 1996.

"We have done a good job, but when you work in a program for as long as I have you see all the unmet needs. The eligibility guidelines are established by the USDA, not by the tribe," Nertoli said.

Nertoli has been a tribal employee for 35 years, 31 of those with the USDA Food Distribution Program. ACFS Division Director Juanita Bye oversees the program.

BMCC holds science careers day

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

BAY MILLS, Mich. — Bay Mills Community College (BMCC), under a grant from the USDA, held a Science Careers day Oct. 13.

Participating agencies included the USDA, Indian Health Services, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Lake Superior State University (LSSU) and Michigan State University (MSU).

According to Aaron Tadgerson, BMCC recruiter retention coordinator and land grant development specialist, federal agencies are going to be losing a big part of their workforce — about 60 percent — over the next 10 years due to retirement. With a shortage in the U.S. of students graduating from college with degrees in science and math, agencies are trying to promote science careers for Native Americans in the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

Tadgerson said the event gave students at the community college a chance to talk to recruiters from LSSU and MSU about career paths for their last two years of college.

Donald Mikel, Hiawatha National Forrest silviculturist, said it takes employees from different backgrounds to make their offices complete. He said the Forest Service is looking for students with backgrounds



Above: BMCC students visited with staff from federal agencies and universities during a science career day. Below right: Aaron Tadgerson, BMCC recruiter retention coordinator and land grant development specialist.

in natural resource management, computer science, business administration, geology, botany, forestry, wild life biology, fisheries biology, archeology and civil engineering.

"We have interest in and are looking for younger people to hire into the organization so we can continue to grow," he said.

Stephanie Koziski, USDA program analyst and tribal college liaison for the eastern region, said there are many opportunities for tribal students within the USDA. Some of the programs offered pay for college tuition and match students for a future career within the agency. There are also summer



internships available in addition to many other programs.

To get an idea of federal jobs available and their rate of pay, visit the Office of Personnel website at www.opm.gov. Click on the USA jobs icon and then on an agency to view current job opportunities, or go to <http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/browse.aspx>.

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Suicide prevention program waging its war

By JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Two years ago, Sault Tribe was granted \$1.5 million for the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project, a program aimed at suicide prevention, by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The goal was simple: to keep our youth alive. Sault Tribe's seven-county service area has a suicide rate of 17.4 deaths per 100,000 people, compared to the state of Michigan rate of 11.2 and the national rate of 10.8.

Angeline Matson, Education Division director and project grantwriter, would serve as the STAY program director. The program needed a manager, staff, and, over the next few years, meet specific goals to develop a coalition of stakeholders, trainings and a suicide prevention plan tailored to eastern Upper Peninsula youth.

Although the program experienced some initial staff turnover and the manager had a new baby girl, the program has garnered five dedicated staff who made it their business to fulfill all the program goals, and then some. The coalition, called the Seven Feathers partnership, has formed. Trainings and programming have been implemented and a media campaign is on its way. The next step is data collection and plan development.

STAY program manager Barb Smutek said, "I would like to thank our Seven Feathers Partnership Board, our grant evaluator Dr. Richard Conboy, our grant technical assistants, and our community for welcoming our prevention efforts to help our local youth."

Now in its last year, the program is moving forward in its plans for sustainability.

Besides the director, the program is staffed by four project assistants, Tony Abramson Jr. in Sault Ste. Marie, Sue Stiver-Paulsen in Escanaba, and more recently, Sara Sorenson in St. Ignace and Laura Porterfield in the Sault specializing in the 18-24 age group.

The coalition is a way to "bringing us into the communities, and bring the communities to us," said Abramson. Each county is represented with community members and professionals who hold STAY activities in their own areas and attend community events, he added.

The program has already trained 60 QPR trainers throughout the service area, said Smutek. "QPR" is a nationally recognized suicide prevention technique

that stands for "question, persuade and refer." Meant as emergency mental health intervention, the QPR teaches how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone for help.

These new trainers can now train others.

STAY has also trained 30 individuals in a unique Building Circles of Support training that specializes in bullying prevention. Besides formal trainings, the program has worked on improving the well-being of youth with fun, healthy activities such as working with the tribal youth councils on their Bike the Sites event, Fitness is Life and the Billy Mills race and visit. They have held talking circles and role playing activities (such as bully, bystander and victim) to help our youth become stronger individuals. STAY works closely with YEA, according to Abramson.

Most recently, STAY has been working on a media campaign to spread its suicide prevention message. A new website is complete and under review. Plans are to release the website next month. Staff have developed a new logo and have just finished working with TV 9&10 producing television public service announcements. They used local youth as actors and wrote their own storyboards, one geared toward mainstream culture and one toward Anishinaabe culture, said Abramson.

Sorenson joined the team Aug. 23. She has worked with children throughout her career. She was particularly interested in the STAY job because a friend of hers committed suicide shortly after graduation. "It touched my heart," she said. And now that she has the chance, she will join in the fight.

"It would be great to get out in the community and bring awareness of this issue," she added. Sorenson said the more people get involved and aware of the warning signs, the less suicide will occur. Creating awareness among professionals who work with teens on a daily basis — teachers, law enforcement, lawyers, judges — will help broaden the range of help teens need. Awareness of related issues such as bullying is also needed, she said.

Sorenson worked in day cares, pre-schools and helping parents access day care with her associate's degree in early childhood learning. She has enjoyed watching children learn and grow. Her personal goal is to get awareness of the risks of suicide out to the community and get more people involved with helping bring awareness to everyone and not just



Above, STAY Manager Barb Smutek (back row, left) poses with STAY administrative assistants (back row, right) Tony Abramson, (front, from left) Sara Sorenson, Sue Stiver-Paulsen and Laura Porterfield. The group is spread out over the eastern U.P. to work in suicide prevention. Below, two local "actors" give it their all for coming STAY public service announcements from STAY and TV 9&10. Above, left, STAY's new logo.



a few.

She and her husband Jim have two children, their son Cooper, 13, and their daughter Saylor, 8.

Laura Porterfield moved from the tribe's Culture to Education department on Aug. 9. "I'd been thinking about it for a while, since the STAY program first started," she said. When the opening came up, she applied for the opportunity to join.

She works exclusively for the 18 to 24 age group. "The other assistants are so busy covering the 10-18 age group, it's hard for them to also cover the 18-24 age group," Porterfield said, adding that the

two groups have different needs.

She said it's a big group to cover that centers first on the youth, then families then teachers and other professionals, to reach as many people as possible. She has been working on college resources and is looking for ways to reach out to young adults not in college.

The 25-year-old has been working with tribal youth since 2005, starting out tutoring at YEA, then working with youth at the culture camp with cultural activities and teachings. She received her associates in 2007 and is married to Nathan.

Clearing the air on smoke-free housing

Smoke-Free Environments Law Project visits

By RICK SMITH

In an effort to educate folks about the wisdom and benefits of living, working and playing in smoke-free environments, the Smoke-Free Environments Law Project of the non-profit Center for Social Gerontology of Ann Arbor, Mich., is on tour throughout Michigan working with local health and housing officials and other citizens. The Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health is one of the leaders for the crusade in the Upper Peninsula.

One of the main goals of the campaign is to encourage housing commissions and other landlords to adopt smoke-free housing policies for residential units. James Bergman, co-director of the center, said recent surveys show about 70 percent of tenants favor the establishment of smoke-free policies, but only about 30 percent of available rental

housing has such policies in place.

"Michigan is out in the front on the issue," said Bergman. He noted it was only a few years ago when smoke-free housing was, for all practical purposes, non-existent. But change is coming as people learn that adopting smoke-free policies is good for the health and pocketbook of all concerned. As an example, Bergman pointed out 45 housing commissions in Michigan have adopted smoke-free policies for residential buildings, 10 of those commissions are in the Upper Peninsula.

"Seeds we've sown are starting to sprout," he added.

"We're probably getting close to critical mass where more and more landlords are getting on board," Bergman noted, indicating that narrow profit margins typical of rental housing expand when
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Dave Martin and Julie Trotter, Chippewa County Health Dept.; Jim Bergman, Center for Social Gerontology; Donna Norkoli and Michelle Conway, Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health (L-R), begin a day of presentations, media interviews and a reception to educate the local citizenry about the benefits of smoke-free housing on Oct. 4 in Sault Ste. Marie. (Photo by Rick Smith.)

Youngsters learn lessons at special camp

Ogichidaa Bimaadiziwin Kinoomaagewin Warrior Camp was held July 26-30. The camp was funded by the First Nations Development Institute's Native Youth and Culture Fund. The \$20,000 grant was awarded to the Sault Tribe's Traditional Medicine Program to provide a camp to Michigan tribes featuring warrior teachings, ceremonies, life skill teachings, healthy lifestyles, physical activities and leadership skills. Miigwech for all who participated, helped out and volunteered at the camp. The youngsters did very well.



Photo by Tony Abramson, Jr.

The youth learned how to build a shelter.



Photo by Tony Abramson, Jr.

Bud Biron (center) with some young warriors.

From "New Directors," Page 1 elder meal program, vacation trips, home visits, delivering medications, transporting elders to doctor appointments and the durable medical equipment program.

Hammock has an associate degree in early childhood education, is a certified nursing assistant, earned her bachelor's degree in early childhood development and last May graduated with her master's degree in curriculum and instruction.

In addition to working for Head Start and Early Head Start, Hammock has worked in the billing department at the tribe's health center and for Community Health doing home visits with chronically ill patients.

"I'm excited to work with our elders," she said. "I loved working with elders when I did home visits for Community Health. I am also excited to see what we can do to bring in more services to assist elders with educational activities such as diabetes or fitness classes; or maybe something fun like a movie afternoon." Hammock was born and raised in the Sault and is a member of the Sault Tribe.

Juanita Bye has been the acting director of ACFS for the past three years, so it was an easy transition for her when she was hired as the division's director.

Bye is responsible for overseeing the provision of social services to the tribe's membership, including direct services such as the emergency needs and heating programs, the employee assistance program

and burial assistance. She also directs the USDA Food Distribution Program and the Advocacy Resource Program in addition to the tribe's child placement services, which includes foster care, adoption, protective services and prevention services.

Bye said she is looking forward to hiring someone to take over her current duties as the Child Placement Program Director so she can concentrate on other areas within ACFS. She has been employed with ACFS for the past 17 years, starting out as a caseworker intern right out of college. From there she became a caseworker, child placement services supervisor, child placement program director then interim ACFS director.

"I feel so grateful for all of the opportunities that I have had here," Bye said. "I want to provide the best possible service to the membership that we can. We have a tremendous team of people at ACFS. During the past three years as interim director the support of the staff has been incredible. I am really excited about my role as division director and would like to enhance those things that are working really well for us and make whatever changes need to be made."

Bye has a bachelor degree in human services from LSSU. ACFS has direct contact with numerous agencies, court systems, Department of Human Services and community members throughout the tribe's seven-county services area and throughout the country.



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They worked together to cut and trim branches for their shelter.



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Youth participated in fun team building activities.

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First Nations put Ontario MNR on notice

Garden River and Batchewana First Nations are joining forces to battle the continued harassment of their citizens by the Ontario Government, according to a press release.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and its officers have been violating Aboriginal and Treaty Rights to hunt and fish (affirmed and recognized under the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850) by imposing flawed enforcement policies outside of their jurisdiction, said the Oct. 26 release, issued by Garden River and Batchewana First Nations.

Both Garden River and Batchewana First Nations' Councils have voiced their frustrations regarding Ontario's attempts through legislation to unilaterally extinguish First Nations rights to manage their own territories.

Chiefs of both First Nations support the idea of safety while exercising rights to the resources, a concept that has been practiced for thousands of years under traditional Ojibwe laws.

"As distinct nations, provincial legislation is not required to tell us how to act or behave in our natural environment," Garden River Chief Lyle Sayers said.

To avoid and prevent the escalating frustration and potential conflict, both First Nations' Councils called on Premier Dalton McGuinty,

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Chris Bentley and Natural Resource Minister Linda Jeffrey to recognize that their government has no authority or jurisdiction over First Nation's territory lands.

"Provincial agents are aggravating a volatile situation — harassment is disguised under MNR's current enforcement policies — and we cannot sit idly by while Ontario systemically starves our people," Batchewana Chief Dean Sayers said in the release.

Both First Nations are working together to re-establish a historic relationship to advance and protect First Nations' rights, to oversee any attacks against these rights, and further will be calling upon the leadership of the Chiefs of Ontario and the Assembly of First Nations to collaborate on this effort, according to the release.

In the interim, Chief Dean Sayers, Chief Lyle Sayers and their Councils are recommending and advising their citizens to abide by the following protocols if they are confronted with harassment while exercising their rights to hunt and fish: Show your First Nations identification card and provide contact information for your First Nation if further information is requested.

All visiting First Nation members must apply for a hunting and harvesting permit and register with the First

Nation they are visiting before engaging in any hunting, fishing or harvesting activities on that territory, according to the release.

Chiefs are advising Ontario, the MNR in particular, that when its technicians are presented with First Nation identification cards, they are to cease any further action and contact their First Nation Natural Resource Department for direction on how to proceed. This will minimize conflict and protect the safety of all.

"Since time immemorial we have used the sacred gift to hunt and fish to sustain our families and communities in the spirit of sharing with our elders and needy," Chief Lyle Sayers said. "As a nation we will continue to exercise this right and to do so unmolested."

At all costs, both First Nations will work to avoid conflict and potential injury and will exercise diplomatic prerogatives with the provincial government. However, First Nations leadership from Batchewana and Garden River will not negotiate the existing, historic rights of any First Nation citizen, according to the release.

Chief Lyle Sayers and Chief Dean Sayers said jointly in the release, "While our dispute is with the Province of Ontario, Canada has a trust responsibility to ensure the protection of our rights as well. Ontario, if you believe you have jurisdiction

over our resources, show us the receipt where we gave it to you;

stop pulling the wool over the public's eyes."

Cobell case update

WASHINGTON, DC — U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan on Oct. 15 urged Congress to quickly approve the settlement of the Individual Indian Trust Case known as Cobell vs. Salazar "on its own merits."

Judge Hogan's remarks came as he announced both the government and Cobell plaintiffs had agreed, at his urging, to extend the deadline for Congressional action to Jan. 7, 2011.

The new extension will give the lame-duck session of Congress "one last chance" to give a final approval to the settlement, which was announced in December.

The agreement has been twice approved by the House but has stalled in the Senate.

"I can only urge the responsible parties to take this up early in the lame-duck session," the judge said.

Otherwise, he said, both the government and the Indian plaintiffs will have to return to the District Court for what will be "very expensive litigation" for both sides, the judge said.

From "Smoke Free Housing, Page 8 —

smoke-free policies are adopted. He explained that rental units become more attractive to prospective tenants, current tenants tend to stay longer and cleaning expenses after tenants move are reduced. Not to mention the elimination of losses sustained due to fires started by accidents involving smoking materials.

Along with speaking engagements, presentations, meetings, and media interviews, radio and television spots will blanket the Upper Peninsula on the airwaves until January to promote smoke-free housing policies coinciding with Sault Tribe spots about the dangers of second-hand and third-hand smoke in homes and elsewhere.

Bergman pointed out many landlords mistakenly think it is illegal to ban smoking in rental housing as it could be considered discriminatory. But, he explains, smoke-free policies prohibit the act of smoking, not the people who smoke.

Judge Hogan reviewed the history of the 14-year-old class action lawsuit, brought by Elouise Cobell of Browning, Mont., in 1996.

He said the settlement was a fair one, especially considering the rulings in the case showing the long history of government mismanagement of individual Indian money accounts and trust lands.

"The merits are very clear," the judge said.

Judge Hogan said he would urge Congress "in the strongest terms" to approve the settlement "as soon as possible."

The judge repeatedly urged lawmakers to approve the Cobell agreement "on its own merits." He did not mention the separate issue of payments to black farmers for discrimination in agriculture programs, which has been linked in legislation to the Cobell payment.

The judge stressed he believed Congress should approve the Cobell settlement "separate and apart from other issues."

Turning to his observations on the role of Sault Tribe regarding smoke-free housing, he said the tribe's Housing Authority set the precedent for other tribes in the state by recently starting to offer smoke-free housing. In addition, unlike most mainstream landlords who are often more concerned with keeping cash flowing, he noted Sault Tribe officials place a higher priority on the health of members over money.

Further, Bergman said what Sault Tribe has done is catching on as tribal officials are already fielding requests for information from other tribes.

The emphasis on an education campaign is based on experience. It is the consensus of the eastern Upper Peninsula agencies involved in the campaign that education works better than enforcement.

As Julie Trotter of the Chippewa County Health Department said, "Education gets voluntary compliance."

Tell the feds how to do things

By Rick Smith

Have you ever come across news items about the workings of the federal government and realize you have ideas on how Uncle Sam could improve some things? Well, now you can share with those in government who need to know your opinions; not only that, you're invited to do so quickly and conveniently on the U.S. government's official web portal, www.usa.gov.

Type in "government dialogs" on the search bar. A page appears with the statement, "Government dialogs are websites where you may participate in policymaking and share your opinions and feedback with the government." Just below that statement, one can click

on a link to "list of public dialogs from various government websites" and, indeed, a list of current open invitations from federal agencies asking you to share your point of view on how to improve some of the ways things get done.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as one example, invites all to participate in its Ideas in Action application and asks visitors, "How can we invest in quality, affordable homes and build safe, healthy communities for all? Share your ideas." Once the HUD link is clicked, another page pops up with different categories in which one can select to participate. In addition, visi-

tors can vote on the many ideas offered by previous visitors.

The U.S. Department of Education offers another invitation to share your viewpoint in a collaborative community to explore and implement innovative solutions to educational challenges. The U.S. General Services Administration is looking for help from business folks and others to brainstorm new ways to spread news on coming contracting opportunities.

The government dialogs page also features a link where visitors can recommend additional timely and useful links to information and services for the country's citizenry.

Stop by, look it over and lend your thoughts at www.usa.gov.

Sault Tribe members sentenced in federal court

Alexander sentenced for aggravated sexual abuse

MARQUETTE — Donald Steven Alexander, 47, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, was sentenced to 151 months in federal prison for aggravated sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12, according to U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis on Oct. 11.

In addition to the prison term, Senior U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar ordered Alexander to serve five years of supervised

release following his release from prison and to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Alexander was found guilty of the charge on Aug. 17 after a two-day jury trial.

The jury found that, in 2001, Alexander engaged in a sexual act with a 7-year-old child at his residence located on Sault Tribe trust land.

Finrock sentenced for fatally assaulting her handicapped son

MARQUETTE — Theresa Marie Finrock, 31, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., a Sault Tribe

member, was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison for assault resulting in substantial bodily injury, according to U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis on Oct. 12.

In addition to the prison term, Senior U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar ordered Finrock to serve two years of supervised release following her release from prison and to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Finrock pleaded guilty to the charge on June 1, 2010.

During her plea, Finrock admitted to assaulting her severely handicapped 7-

year-old son at her residence located on trust land in January 2005. This assault resulted in substantial brain injuries that ultimately led to her son's death.

Rogers sentenced for sexual abuse of a minor

MARQUETTE — George Vernon Rogers, Jr., 26, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., a Sault tribe member, was sentenced to 180 months in federal prison for sexual abuse of a minor, according to U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis on Oct. 12.

In addition to the prison term,

Senior U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar ordered Rogers to serve 10 years of supervised release following his release from prison and to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Rogers pleaded guilty to the charge on July 1, 2010.

During his plea, Rogers admitted to having sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old girl at his residence located on trust land in 2008.

Rogers had previously been convicted in Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Court of sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl in 2002.

How to obtain resident tribal member status

FROM THE TRIBAL TAX OFFICE

Since the new tax exemption policy came into effect, there seems to be a lot of confusion regarding not only the certificates, but the original requirements and responsibilities in regards to the state-tribe tax agreement.

The agreement went into effect in April of 2003. The procedure for tribal members to receive their resident tribal member (RTM) status is by submitting an address verification card along with the supporting documentation to the Tribal Tax Office to verify the addresses are within the agreement areas. The tax office submits changes to the Michigan Department of Treasury on the 15th of the month, the state then recognizes members status on the first of the following month.

No matter how long members have resided in an agreement area, they must be registered with the Tribal Tax Office before their RTM statuses becomes valid. Without registering with the Tax Office, they are not considered resident tribal members. This status is not based upon being an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

CERTIFICATES OF EXEMPTIONS

The exempt items are the same items that RTMs would submit for refunds from the state:

- Vehicles, recreational

vehicles, modular and mobile homes, watercraft, etc.

- Building materials: lumber, siding, flooring, windows, etc.

When an RTM is planning on purchasing a vehicle, etc., the following information must be supplied by the RTM to the Tribal Tax Office in order to receive a certificate of exemption:

- Year, make, model, VIN or serial number.
- The seller's name and address.
- Names listed on title and last four numbers of social security number.
- RTM phone number.

When an RTM is planning to buy building materials, the following information must be supplied by the RTM to the Tribal Tax Office to receive a certificate of exemption:

- Name and address of the supplier of the materials.
- Name and address of contractor if applicable.

Information for certificates of exemption can be brought to the tribal administration offices, phoned into the Tribal Tax Office at (866) 632-6281 or faxed into the Tribal Tax Office at (906) 632-6587.

The certificates of exemption are processed as they come into the office.

Reasons for delayed processing is lack of information or incorrect information, such as:

1. Missing contact phone numbers or fax number.
2. RTM address does not

match address listed in tax database.

3. Name does not match.

ATTENTION TO TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO MAY HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE TRIBAL TAX OFFICE IN 2010

Please note the following when filing your 2010 Michigan income tax return:

A change in members' tax status is reported to the Michigan Department of Treasury on the 15th of each month. The treasury then recognizes members' status on the first of the following month. This date will determine how many months of the year you can claim a state income tax exemption.

The 4013 tax credit is based on the same amount of months as your state income tax exemption that is reported to the Michigan Department of Treasury upon your registration with the Tax Office.

Example 1:

If you registered with the Tax Office prior to Jan. 15, 2010, your income will be exempt from Michigan income taxes for 11 months of the year. (Based on the fact that you remained in the Tax Agreement Area throughout 2010.)

Your 4013 tax credit will also need to reflect that you only resided in the tax agreement area for eleven (11) months; you would not qualify for the entire year.

Example 2:

If you registered with the

(For example, an RTM may have been married but did not notify office to submit change

of name.)

4. Item is not exempt or questions arise concerning item.

Tax Office prior to Nov. 15, 2010, your income will be exempt from Michigan income taxes for only the month of December 2010.

Your 4013 tax credit will only be for one month of 2010.

It is very important that when filing your state income tax return that the correct amount of months you are exempt is recorded. If there is a discrepancy between what you file and the information the Treasury has, your refund could be delayed.

College student American Opportunity Tax Credit

BY KATELYN SABOCHIK,
U.S. DOI MEDIA DIRECTOR

Any middle class parent or student who's worried about paying college tuition will tell you that \$2,500 makes a big difference when it comes time to pay the bills. But right now, there's a real chance students will lose access to an important tax credit that provides this level of assistance — unless we act quickly.

That's why President Obama is calling on Congress to make the American Opportunity Tax Credit — a \$2,500 per year tax

If you file electronically and receive an amount that is incorrect, the state could audit your return, which could result in penalties and interest in addition to monies owed back to the Treasury.

IMPORTANT

— Registering with the Tax Office in 2011 will not exempt you from 2010 taxes, or give you the 4013 tax credit.

— Registering in a present tax year will not give you any exemptions for prior tax years.

credit for working families and students attending college — permanent. To help bring attention to the issue, he recently met with college students in the Oval Office. You can help by spreading the word about this important issue as well.

This isn't just an issue for current students — it matters to all of us. Having more college-educated workers in the American workforce is crucial to growing our economy. In order to compete in the 21st century global economy, we

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TOURNAMENTS

Weekly Poker Tournaments

Kewadin Sault - Thursdays & Sundays

Kewadin Shores -
Wednesdays & Saturdays

Blackjack Bonanza Tournaments

Kewadin Christmas &
Kewadin Manistique
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Nov 11 - Kathleen Dunbar
with Mark Shilobrie
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St. Ignace
November 5-6 - Pevl
Wednesday Night Comedy
Nov. 10 - Kathleen Dunbar
with Mark Shilobrie
Show begins at 9:00 p.m.

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November 5-6 - Karaoke

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Vision of the future grows into a reality

BY MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

It started as a vision — as a means to provide better housing, medical care and job opportunities to tribal members. Now, 25 years later, that vision of Sault Tribe's leadership has grown into Kewadin Casinos, a successful enterprise that has paid off in so many ways.

Kewadin Casinos is celebrating its 25th anniversary this month. Kewadin's five northern Michigan locations in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique and Christmas employ 1,000 people with an annual payroll of over \$25 million. Last year, the five Upper Peninsula casinos drew 3.5 million customers from around the state and country to their facilities.

The casinos' success has provided funds to expand the tribe's business holdings from one casino to five and take ownership of multiple non-gaming enterprises. The casinos have brought year-round tourism to an area of Michigan's Upper Peninsula that was once only a summer destination, contributed millions to Michigan's economy and donated millions more.

"It was amazing when we first opened. Casinos were a new thing up here and there was a lot of excitement as people were introduced to casino gaming," said Steve Sprecker, general manager of Kewadin's St. Ignace casino and hotel. "It has been really amazing and given us prideful satisfaction to be a part of and watch Kewadin evolve from a small blackjack room to the five sites that we currently have."

Sprecker started working for Kewadin as a blackjack dealer in 1986. Back when Kewadin Casinos opened that November, it was a one-room blackjack house employing 80 people. Now, the casinos offer 482,000 square feet of facility space that accommodates seven restaurants and delis, one 320-room hotel, a 25,000 square foot convention facility, eight lounges and four gift shops. Over 90,000 square feet of this space is earmarked for gaming, which includes 2,000 slot machines and over 60 table games.

"The tribe has always pursued a strategy of building and growing businesses and using the revenues to fund programs and services and create job opportunities for members," said Joe McCoy, Sault Tribe chairman. "Our past leaders had the foresight to put in place a long-lasting economy to help tribal children, adults and elders live better lives. Without their vision so many years ago, we may not have the number of membership services we do today."

Today's tribal members are descendants of the Anishinaabeg who lived along the St. Marys River for millennia. With more than 29,000 members, the Sault Tribe is one of the nation's largest tribes and the largest in Michigan.

While the Sault Tribe's governmental headquarters are in Sault Ste. Marie, its service area



Kewadin's first sign in 1985.

extends across the U.P.'s seven easternmost counties. Its economic impact extends for hundreds of miles with landholdings, businesses, housing and other service centers throughout the U.P. and business interests throughout the state.

Originally, \$700,000 was

Hessel and Manistique facilities have required a total investment of over \$17 million. The new hotel and casino in St. Ignace are most recent major investments with an initial cost figure of \$36 million. Kewadin's capital investment program included upgrades and renovations at the

running a business as large as Kewadin, brings a total economic output of \$325.4 million annually to the eastern Upper Peninsula according to a 2007 study by the Lansing based firm, Michigan Consultants. Additionally, total gross annual wage impact for the region was found to be \$103.1 million with a gross annual regional employment impact of 3,001 positions. Between 2001 and 2005 alone, an additional \$230.3 million was poured into the area along with



An early Kewadin Shores sign.

invested in the first Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie facility in 1985. In the late 1990s, over \$44 million committed to the same facility's expansion. Even relatively smaller Christmas,

Sault and St. Ignace casinos during the time period 2001-2005. All of these projects showed a significant influence on the area.

All of these projects, and the day-to-day operations of



Clarion Hotel opened in 1992.

gross regional wages of \$74.6 million.

"We're proud to be a part of achieving the tribe's dreams," said Tony Goetz, COO of Kewadin Casinos. "It's amazing

to see the growth of our businesses and to see what positive impact it has had on the tribe and the communities throughout the U.P."

Goetz has worked for Kewadin since 1986.

Kewadin contributes to its communities through the Kewadin Cares Program and 2 percent distributions. The Kewadin Cares program helps make the casinos shine as a community leader through involvement and support of others. Recent projects include bringing the 1437th National Guard home for Christmas, a holiday giving program at all five casinos, numerous local sponsorships and donations. Since 1993, the casino's 2 percent distributions to local governments have totaled over \$30 million — \$1.7 million in 2009 alone.

"The goal of our Kewadin Cares program is to encourage goodwill in our communities, with our employees and to increase community partnerships" said Goetz.

Looking forward, the casino has set high standards for itself. According to Goetz, one of casino management's goals is to improve the financial performance at all five properties. "We want to bring more upgraded gaming technology to all of our casino sites, move forward with plans to improve our services by installing a Springer Miller upgrade in our hotels and an Infogenisis upgrade at all of our point of sales locations, implement new forms of communications with our team members and continue to support the community through our Kewadin Cares program," he said. "So much has happened over the past 25 years — the growth, the technology, the improvements to tribal services — we're looking forward to what the next 25 years will bring."

Find more information on Kewadin Casinos on FaceBook, Twitter, YouTube or visit www.kewadin.com.



Today's St. Ignace Kewadin Shores, left, and the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino and Convention Center generating revenue and jobs.

November 5, 2010 • Win Awenen Nisitotung



Officer Ryan Lubben treats sisters Jada, 4, and Alexia Hall-Pine, 3, and their cousin Aubrie Pine, 3, at the ACFS Halloween party.



Morgan Suggitt, 3, at ACFS.



Aiden Burtt, 2, at ACFS.



Teri Romano and Tanner Carey, 2, at ACFS.



Gavin Averill, 3 months, at ACFS.



Hayden Thompson, 4, at ACFS.



Eden Palmer, 4, Noah McKechnie, 7, and Maddie Vasser, 9, at ACFS.



Photos by Tammy Pinkoski

(L) Sophia Menard, 3, and (R) Alexis Luoma, 3, at Head Start's Halloween party Oct. 28. Below is Connor King, 3. Sault Tribe Head Start thanks Kewadin Casinos, the Elders Division, Law Enforcement and ACFS for another wonderful Halloween parade.



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Albert ~ Ruthruff marriage

Victoria Albert and Jonathan Ruthruff were united in marriage on Sept. 23, 2010, at noon in Johnson Hall, Mission Point, on Mackinac Island by Cecil Pavlat, traditional practitioner with a Native ceremony.

Victoria is the daughter of the late Bill and Mary Albert of Hessel, Mich. Jonathan is the son of Ronald and Margaret Ruthruff of Lansing, Mich.

The bride was escorted by her eldest nephew, Michael Pollard, and given away with the support of her family.

The bride wore a chiffon A-line dress with beaded lace in ivory and carried a hand-tied clutch bouquet of deep pink ravel roses, green hydrangeas, green hypericum berries, with a touch of lemon leaves.

The maid of honor was Courtney, daughter of the bride.



She wore a long sleeveless dress with charmeuse straps in the color pool.

The best man was Tom Causley, friend of the groom and cousin of the bride.

A dinner and reception was held in the summit room at Mission Point.

The bride and groom reside in the Les Cheneaux Community.

Wall ~ La Frenier to be married

Dave La Frenier and Elizabeth Wall would like to announce their wedding.

On Aug. 24, 2011, they will have a traditional wedding in Republic with family and AIM friends. Their spiritual leader Jim Williams will unite them in marriage. Elizabeth will be wearing a buckskin dress made by their friend, Cathy Alexander of Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Dave will be wearing a smile and moccasins — LOL — and a ribbon shirt and buckskin pants.

Traditional food will be served. Our friends who will be

drumming are 4 Thunder from KBIC. Fun and games will follow.

The couple is building their first three-bedroom home on their 40 acres of land. Elizabeth will look for work within the community, or maybe open up her own antique business that Dave has been collecting for her.

The couple was brought together by faith. Dave is from the Wolf Clan and Elizabeth is from the Eagle Clan, which she just found out this year by her honey, Dave. The couple will be following their traditional teachings and learning the

language together. Their furry children are Chimuck Badabin, Junebug and Hurley.

Elizabeth has four children who are all grown up and six grandchildren. Dave is a kind-hearted, loving and an honest Marine. He was in Special Forces in the Marines, so he sure knows how to hunt and will show Elizabeth how to as well. Her son, Josh, will learn how to hunt and learn these traditional ways, too. Announcements will go out to family and friends next year.

Thank you all,
*Dave La Frenier and
Elizabeth Wall*

LaPointe thanks staff at WMH Long Term Care

When I was a young lady, I would see a nursing home and, at that time, they took care of the elderly. As years went by, it seemed that staff then became careless. As I watched and listened, this was due to hospitals not being able to hire (for fiscal purposes), which caused staff to become too overwhelmed.

As I grew, I didn't think that I would like to enter a nursing home with that sort of neglect. In July of this year, an ambulance brought me to War Memorial Hospital with a broken hip and broken wrist. I was not aware of what was happening when I first entered War Memorial Hospital's Long Term Care; I wasn't awake due to the pain I was in.

After three months and one week, what a wonderful surprise! Not only was I able to make many wonderful new friends, but I was also able to go on fun day trips including the Iroquois Point Lighthouse, Kewadin Casino and WalMart shopping. We also had a Fall Festival with music and face painting (I got a Native feath-



Photo by Lani Fettig

Left, Catherine LaPointe in WMH's Long Term Care unit with Sara McGowan, a volunteer in Long Term Care and a senior at Pickford High School.

er!) and weekly visits from a therapy dog.

All staff treated me like family. I want to thank all of the staff; they never let the color of a person's skin or his or her disability come in at all. They treated me like a special guest and never rushed their time

with me, although I knew others needed them as well. As I go home from War Memorial Hospital's Long Term Care Oct. 29, I will take with me the many good memories of my new friends and how well I was taken care of.

— Catherine LaPointe

Miigwech

A sincere and heartfelt thank you on behalf of the family of Sam Fraleigh for the funeral tray provided for the luncheon following the services. It was deeply appreciated.

— Nona Fraleigh and
Children

Thank You

We would like to send a big thank you to the Sault Tribe for extending their heartfelt services when our mother and grandmother, Helen Buswa, passed away.

Giving us the use of the Niigaanaagiiizhik Building was a generous offer. We are so grateful for everyone helping us out through this difficult time.

Thank you once again.

— The Buswa and Waucaush families

Newberry Homecoming

Sault Tribe members Jordan Davis and Miranda Masich were crowned king and queen during halftime at the 2010 homecoming game in Newberry on Oct. 8.

Jordan is the son of Cris Davis and the grandson of Shirley and Jerry Kowalske. Miranda is the daughter of Steve and Mindy Masich and the granddaughter



of Robert and Louise Eddy and Patricia Masich, all of Newberry.

Member assumes ROTC battalion command at FSU

Lieutenant Colonel Greg Allen of Ishpeming, Mich., was recently named Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) commander of the Seminole Battalion, Florida State University, in Tallahassee, Fla.

In addition, Allen is a professor of military science at FSU. He is responsible for recruitment, training, retention and commission of college students into active duty Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve.

"Florida State University is a great place. The school is one of the largest schools in the nation (44,000) and has one of the top 10 ROTC departments out of 270 schools," said Allen. "The university is very supportive of the military and Army ROTC, along with the local area."

The school's nickname, the "Seminoles," comes from one of the main local Native American tribes in Florida and is rich in Native American history because of it.

"I enjoy the area a lot, people are very friendly and make you feel welcome," said Allen. "My family and I feel right at home although we all agree it is a little too hot and humid,



which is just the opposite of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan."

Allen just moved from Hawaii this past summer with his wife, Hoon Seon, and their three daughters. His previous assignment was a deputy brigade commander at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He has served in the Army in the military police for over 25 years as both an enlisted soldier and a commissioned officer.

Allen was born in St. Ignace, Mich., and is a 1982 graduate of Westwood High School in Ishpeming, a 1990 graduate of Northern Michigan University and a Sault Tribe member. He is the son of Robert Allen Sr. and Deanna Allen of Ishpeming.

Births...

Olesia Mae Capriccioso



David and Samantha (nee Sawruk) Capriccioso are proud to announce the arrival of daughter Olesia Mae, born 9:30 p.m., Aug. 31, 2010, in Olney, Md. Olesia weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length.

Mother, father and baby are doing wonderfully and can't wait to travel home to the Sault as soon as they can.

Owen Robert Watson



Owen Robert Watson was born Sept. 5, 2010 at Huron Valley – Sinai Hospital in Commerce, Mich., to Ken and Heidi Watson of South Lyon, Mich. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces. Grandparents are Fred and Pam Watson of Newberry, Mich., Jim and Jan Sorensen of Clarkston, Mich., and Rodney and Chris Hansen of Canton, Mich. Owen was welcomed home by his special friend, Ozzie.

Pam, Ken and Owen are Sault Tribe members.

CHARLES H. CARPENTIER
Charles (Chuck) H.

Carpentier, 70, died on June 21 at St Anthony's hospital in Rockford, Ill., where he had been a patient for a short time.



He was born on May 21, 1940, to Kathleen (Leask) Carpentier and Francis Nelson Carpentier, of Sugar Island, Mich., but Chuck was born in Cheboygan. He was married to Carolyn Carpentier of Chicago who preceded him in death in 1992. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by his son, Charles Jr., and daughter-in-law, Sarah, and several grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Thomas (Bozo) Carpentier and sister-in-law, Carlene, of Battle Creek; sisters, Theresa Kraushra of Kalamazoo, Betty Peltonen of Outer Lake, Celena Martz of Outer Lake and Alice Richie of Adrian.

Chuck was preceded in death by his siblings, William "Bill" Carpentier, Francis Paul Carpentier in 1987, Leo "Chum" Carpentier, and sister, Julia (Carpentier) Thompson, and infant brother, Bernard Carpentier.

Burial took place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Cheboygan, next to his mother, Kathleen Leask Carpentier, and his grandmother.

HELEN BUSWA

Helen Ruth (Waucaush) Buswa, walked on Sept. 29, 2010. She was born Aug. 20, 1927, in Ionia Station, Ont., to the late Charles and Lottie (Peters) Waucaush. A tribal member of the Chippewa Thames First Nation, Ont., she made her home in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., for 47 years with her late husband, Francis Buswa. She resided five years at the Caring Facility of long Term Care, War Memorial Hospital. She was well known as Buzzy; she loved to bowl, meet with her knitting club and sew for her children. Mum had a lot of pride watching her children and grandchildren dance at the powwows. She loved going for her traditional Sunday drives with her husband, Francis. Helen had a very strong character and determination to take care of family and friends. She was well known and liked by many in the community.

Helen is survived by three daughters, Ruth Ann (John) Goorhouse of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Victoria Buswa of Bay Mills, Mich., Jane (Steve) Schwander of Traverse City, Mich.; two sons, Bnaaswi (Connie) Biiiaswah of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Steven Buswa of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; sisters, Rita Waucaush and Charlene Waucaush of Detroit, Mich.; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Norman Buswa, her son, Brian Mark Buswa, and two brothers,

Clair and Kenny Waucaush of Ontario.

Visitation and traditional services were held at the Niigaanaagizhik Cutural Building. Funeral arrangements were made by Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral home.

LISA M. ROGERS

Lisa M. Rogers of North Hanover Twp., N.J., passed from this life and went to be with God eternally on Aug. 28, 2010, at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mt. Holly. She was 43.

Lisa, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, was born and raised in Sault Ste Marie, Mich., before moving to North Hanover Twp. eight years ago.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, she was also member of the V.F.W. in Cookstown, N.J. Lisa was a beloved, daughter, mother, sister and wife.

Lisa loved to cook, entertain friends, curl up to a good book and was a huge movie buff. She was also a lifelong fan of Randy Travis and Brett Farve.

Lisa is survived by her husband, Clifford Rogers of North Hanover Twp.; her father, Carl Josiah of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sons, Dion Josiah and Dominic Davis of Marquette; a step-son, Clifford D. Rogers; one daughter, Jackee Davis; a step-daughter, Katrina Rose; sister and brother-in-law, Andrea Josiah and Arthur Irvine; and two nieces, Ariana and Marishka of Dallas, Texas. Lisa is also survived by her grandmother, Julia Captain, and former husbands James Davis of Virginia and Karl Kubont of Sault Ste. Marie. Lisa also has other loving family members located throughout Florida, Texas, Washington and Panama.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Diana Gates, and step-father, John Gates, of Sault Ste. Marie and her grandfather, Norman Captain of Sault Ste. Marie.

Interment took place Oct. 13, 2010, at the Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Sault Ste Marie with a graveside Catholic service.

LORI ANN LEASK-MYERS

Lori Ann Leask-Myers, 41, of Wynona, Okla., passed on unexpectedly on July 18, 2010.



Lori was born on April 26, 1969, in Petoskey, Mich., to Angus and Velma Leask. Lori spent her academic career at Gaylord St. Mary's Schools and graduated with honors in 1987. She attended NMCC in Traverse City, Mich., and Tri-County Tech in Oklahoma. Lori was employed by Bieshea's Restaurant in Gaylord and after moving to Oklahoma in 1989, has worked for Southwest Cupid, Wynona Café, Bad Brad's, Wal-Mart and loved being a homemaker. Most recently, she was employed by the Osage Tobacco Prevention Coalition. Lori loved her life and home in Wynona, always staying active with her sons and their activities. She loved life, always embracing her fam-

ily and friends. Lori enjoyed her horses, dogs, cats and participating in community events. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Lori is survived and greatly missed by her husband, Steve; sons, Nathan and Sammy; sisters, Julie (Tim) Wells of Johannesburg, Mich., Karen (George) Saddler of Gaylord, Mich., Mary Ellen (Roy Owen) Duncan of Elk Rapids, Mich.; brother, David (Phyllis) Leask of Gaylord; father, Angus "Skip" Leask of Gaylord; her in-laws, Ralph and Lillian Myers, Buddy (Susie) Myers, all of Wynona, Mark (Margaret) Myers of Pawhuska, Jimmy Jeffries of Tulsa, Okla., Randy Jeffries of Wynona, Wesley Myer of Wynona and Dixie (Steve) Hanner of Texas; and nine nephews and 14 nieces, along with numerous great-nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Velma (Laurence) Leask in 1981, nephew, Jake Jeffries in 2009, and her grandparents.

Services were held on July 21, 2010 at the Assembly of God Church of Wynona. A luncheon was prepared by the ladies of the church for family and friends. Condolences may be sent to Mr. Steve Myers and Family, PO Box 525, Wynona, OK 74084.

JAMES E. WARD

James E. Ward, 79, of Two Rivers, Wis., passed away peacefully on Oct. 23, 2010, at Aurora Medical Center, Manitowoc County, after a short bout with cancer.



James was born in Manistique, Mich., on Aug. 10, 1931, to the late Louise Shampine, and adopted parents Charles and Martha Ward. James served one tour with the U.S. Army and one tour with the U.S. Marines, from 1949 to 1953. He was a Sgt. in the 7th Infantry Div. TK Co 32nd Reg. from 1950 to 1953 in Korea. On April 5, 1958, James married the former Ruth C. Michaels. James was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. His traditional name was Gunno "Eagle Warrior." James was employed at Harnisfager in Escanaba, Mich., Hamilton Industries in Two Rivers and Marco Manor in Manitowoc. He enjoyed watching the Packer games and spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth C. Ward; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Tonya Munroe; one daughter and son-in-law, Ruthann and John Arndt; one sister, Martha Burns; seven grandchildren, Joel Ritchie, Robert (Amanda) Munroe, Laura (Lonny) Klein, David Munroe, John Arndt Jr., James (Kelly) Arndt, Michelle (Cory) Chadwick; and nine great grandchildren, Kyle, Sierra, DaKota, Tatum, Mathilda, John III, Kayla, Nick and Zackery. Other nieces,

nephews and friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by one son, David; four sisters, Nancy, Dorothy, Heneritta and Orla; three brothers, Hank, Vern and Chuck; and two great granddaughters, Natasha and Luna.

Funeral services were held Oct. 27, 2010, at Klein & Stangel Funeral Home of Two Rivers, Rev. John Aitken officiating. Full military honors were accorded by the VFW and American Legion posts of Two Rivers. Cremation followed and his remains will be laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery at a later date.

CLINTON DUANE HASCALL, JR.

C. Duane "Kit" Hascall, 67, of Palm Desert, died peacefully following a long illness with liver cancer. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and was an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians. He retired from AT&T and became a real estate broker serving San Diego and the

Coachella Valley.



Clinton is survived by his partner of 40 years, H. Paul Hagmeier of Palm Desert; sisters, Wanda Donnay, Marcia Hascall and Crystal Kelley; brothers Patrick, Hudson and Bro. John S. Hascall, OFM, Cap, of Sault Ste Marie, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Viola Boucher, and father, Clinton Duane Hascall; his sisters, Clintia and Sharon; and his twin brother, Clayton.

A Celebration of Life was held at his residence in Palm Desert on Oct. 22. His funeral will be held on Nov. 12, 2010, at St. Isaac Jogues Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the place of his tribe and birth.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Isaac Jogues Church, 1529 Marquette Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

LSSU track scholarship renamed for Dillon Menard; benefit held

Lake Superior State University students, especially campus resident assistants and those on the cross country and track and field teams, are behind an effort to establish an endowed scholarship in memory of their friend and teammate Dillon Menard.

Menard, 19, a sophomore engineering student at LSSU, died unexpectedly on Aug. 22, due to a heart condition.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a 2009 recipient of the tribe's Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship.

Since his death, his classmates and teammates held a benefit concert and silent auction Oct. 29 in the LSSU Arts Center. The concert featured artists Todd Carey, Erin Sparks, and Sean Patrick McGraw.

As part of the effort, the students encouraged the LSSU Foundation to rename its 25K Challenge Scholarship, established in 2007, to the Dillon F. Menard Memorial Scholarship, providing tuition assistance

to members of the LSSU track and cross country teams who are not receiving other athletics scholarship support. Proceeds from the concert and auction went to the scholarship.

Plans for the fundraiser stretched across the Upper Peninsula, with the Menard family gathering items for the silent auction in the Negaunee area, where Menard grew up and played sports. Meanwhile, LSSU students have been selling bracelets for \$5 each with Menard's name on one side and "Go Lakers" on the other. With a goal of \$25,000, the amount needed to endow an LSSU scholarship, the students hope the fund will be in place to help LSSU students for many, many years. Candidates for the scholarship must be full-time students and members of the track or cross country teams with a 3.0 grade point average in any academic discipline.

For more information about the scholarship or to send a contribution, visit Issu.edu/foundation/giving/dillon.php.

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need to give all Americans the opportunity to pursue a college degree — and that's exactly what this tax credit does.

— The American Opportunity Tax Credit gives working families and students a \$2,500 per year tax credit for students attending college.

— If Congress makes this tax credit permanent it would be worth up to \$10,000 for four years of college.

— 12 million more students from working families will have a chance to earn a college degree thanks to a 90 percent increase in tax credits for education during the first year of the Obama administration.

Unfortunately, some Congressional Republicans are proposing a 20 percent cut on

education which would mean reducing financial aid for 8 million college students and leaving community colleges without the resources they need to prepare students for the jobs of the future. At the same time, they're proposing to borrow \$700 billion to provide millionaires and billionaires with an average tax cut of \$100,000.

At times like these, cutting back on investments that are directly related to our economic growth just doesn't make sense. We can't afford to shortchange American students, and that's why the president will continue to fight to make the American Opportunity Tax Credits permanent and to strengthen our education system for all students.

Hunters should prepare heart for hunting

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

It's that time of the year again. Thousands of people get up at the crack of dawn during firearm deer season and head for the woods. And every year, media reports include stories of sportspeople suffering heart attacks during this season. If you're not prepared, haven't had a physical and haven't exercised much in the year since the last hunt, you may be putting yourself at a risk of a heart attack.

"A study compared the heart workload of an individual while deer hunting to that of the same individual while exercising on a treadmill on a different day," said Stacy Sawyer, director of communications of the American Heart Association Mid-Michigan area. "Deer hunting puts the heart under more strain. If you're planning to

hunt, it makes sense to first see your doctor and have a check up."

Smoking is another major risk factor for heart attack and heart disease. Quitting smoking reduces the risk of heart attack right away – within 24 hours. Other tips include avoiding a heavy breakfast before heading out into the woods and to avoid hunting alone. Bring a cell phone to reach emergency services if needed and tell friends or family your location and scheduled return. Also, make sensible plans for moving any game taken.

Preparing early will not only help with physical fitness come deer season, but also with overall general health. Studies show that being physically fit lowers heart disease risk even in people who have other risk factors like high blood pressure and high

blood cholesterol.

Warning signs of a heart attack are an uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing, or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back again. Also, the pain spreads to the shoulders, neck and arms and is often accompanied by lightheadedness, sweating, nausea and shortness of breath. Stroke is also a concern while hunting and its warning signs include a sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, and a sudden dizziness and loss of coordination. Both heart attack and stroke are medical emergencies and 911 needs to be accessed immediately.

The American Heart Association has a new series of online tools called the Start! Program, that can help encour-

age healthy habits. The online tools can be found at www.americanheart.org/start and include health and nutrition information and advice from experts online. The Start! Program is an initiative of the American Heart Association in which tools are provided to businesses and individuals to get Americans walking for health. The focus of Start! is simple: Walk more. Eat well. Live Longer. Studies have shown that walking is good medicine for the heart. For every hour of regular, vigorous

exercise, such as brisk walking, one can expect two hours will be added to their life expectancy.

For more information on Start!, cardiovascular disease, or stroke, you may call (800) AHA-USA1 or visit the American Heart Association online at www.americanheart.org. You may also call Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210 for more information on healthy eating, quitting smoking, and for advice and tips for making other healthy lifestyle choices.

Annual Great American Smokeout: Time to quit

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN EVELEIGH, COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR

Are you thinking about quitting smoking but haven't decided on your quit date yet?

The Great American Smokeout may help you make your first move. It's an opportunity to join with literally millions of other smokers in saying "no thanks" to cigarettes for 24 hours. Setting your quit date is a great first step on your journey to a smoke-free life.

The American Cancer Society has scheduled the Great American Smokeout for

Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010, to encourage smokers to quit for a day in the hope they may quit for good. It's also a great day to support family members and friends who have decided to quit smoking.

For more information and resources available to help you quit smoking, please call Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210 or call your local Tribal Health Center.

More information on the Great American Smokeout is also available online from the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org/Healthy/index.

Learning basic life support for medics in Manistique

BY GAIL SULANDER

Annual basic life support (BLS) training for healthcare providers is offered every October to staff at Manistique and Munising.

This American Heart Association (AHA) program is designed specifically for health care workers. The full version of the training provides

BLS certification for two years. An annual renewal course designed as a refresher complements the BLS training.

The training is offered on site by AHA instructors Gail Sulander and Kelly Silkworth, who work at the Manistique Tribal Center and are EMS volunteers with Inwood Township.



BLS classes took place in Manistique on Oct. 13 this year. Clockwise from top left, a wide view of the class watching video instruction, community health technicians Kellie Lakoski and community health nurse Amy Powers practice on a training mannequin, Kourtney Bradley and an unidentified participant practice the Heimlich maneuver and family nurse practitioner Myrth Condon and certified pharmacy technician Martha Johnson practice infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

A gathering: focus on health in Manistique

PHOTOS AND STORY BY
GAIL SULANDER

A health enrichment gathering in Manistique on Oct. 2 was a great success.

Tribal members in the area requested more culturally based activities that focused on health and well being in Manistique. So, working with those members, health enrichment gathering was developed. The day opened with a discussion on local foods and the Anishinaabe traditional foods pyramid. Participants were also asked to bring such foods for a potluck offering.

An open dialogue followed a brief introduction to both traditional and local Michigan foods by Gail Sulander, MS, RD, CDE, from the Manistique clinic. The outcome was a greater awareness of the rich indigenous heritages of Michigan foods that can guide us to a healthier life.

A presentation by Mary Beth LeVeque on personal medicine bundles followed. She shared her story and invited others to share their own. Many interesting and informative stories were shared, creating a bond between all participants.

The potluck was a learning experience for many. After sharing traditional and local foods, folks could see first hand what food items fit well into more healthful and fresh choices.



Tammy Vincent proudly displays a dish bag with a blueberry pattern.

Those with dish bags took time to introduce others to the concept of reducing waste and keeping gatherings simple. With dish bags, you can carry everything you may need for yourself to any group event. A casual discussion ensued leading to work on crafts at the end of the gathering.

Kerry Ott, Sault Tribe health educator, completed an active education event and led the group on an invigorating walk while they discussed the importance of maintaining an active life. During the walk, partici-

pants became more aware of the ways ancestors attained exercise and how people can hold onto those traditions in the modern world. It was a beautiful autumn day for a walk and an opportunity to be out in nature for the many health benefits that alone can bring as well.

The gathering ended with a crafting session where participants made their own dish bags to use at future events and personal medicine bags. Carol Stausser and Eva Johnson, two local elders, shared their knowledge of dish bags and this com-

ponent of the event. Everyone put lots of thought and work into creating dish bags, either for themselves or to give as a gift. The result was a beautiful collection of bags in every color and size.

Although she was not able to attend, tribal elder Helen Denkins was kind enough to share her no-sew pouch design. In addition, everyone received a pre-cut leather pouch to string and adorn as they pleased and there was open discussion about many design options and how to use medicine pouches.

In the end, an increased camaraderie developed. Elders were teaching a younger generation about traditional ways they were taught while younger participants shared their knowledge and skills. A greater understanding and respect grew for the community and its resources.

The entire event was filled with opportunities to come full circle on being healthy and following a more culturally traditional way of life in today's world.

Literature was available to participants to help them continue with learning traditional dietary practices, exercise and crafting. The Sault Tribe Diabetes Program provided handy totes for everyone to take their materials home.

There was talk about creating more opportunities like the health enrichment gathering. At present, planning is in progress for a women's gathering in January 2011 in Manistique through the YEA program and a ghost feast is scheduled for Nov. 6, 2010, at the Manistique Tribal Community Center. Contact Patty Teeples for more information.

Thanks to all who attended or assisted in the development of the health enrichment gathering. Without everyone, our experience would not have been as wonderful as it was.



Betty Majestic and Margaret McKenna.



Alice Carley and Tammy Vincent.



Delores LeVeque crafting a medicine pouch.



Making dish bags.

Green space on Greenough

Environment program to move to F.L. Hatch Building this December

By KATHIE BROSEMER,
ENVIRONMENT MANAGER

It's official — the tribe's Environment Program is moving to the F.L. Hatch building, lock, stock and three smokin' laboratories. We're incredibly excited about this and look forward to welcoming you in our new digs. Watch for our holiday open house in mid to late December, and please stop in for some hot cider and cookies and see what we're so excited about. We'll announce the date in the next issue of this paper.

The building will be dedicated to the Environment Program, and give us room to develop and welcome community involvement. We're setting up a water lab and a seed and soils lab, as well as a geographic information systems lab (more on that in a later column).

The best part is that we'll have a couple of common areas where people can gather to plan and carry out environmental projects. We hope that a youth environmental group can form with our support, perhaps other

types of groups also. We're also planning on film nights and demonstrations of hands-on environmental action, such as building rainbarrels and composters, energy saving and much more.

In our new place we'll start planning our Earth Day celebration. Would you like to help? The vision is of an indoor and outdoor Earth fair in the building and on the grounds, with composting, gardening, rainwater, food issues, energy issues, garbage, transportation,

air quality, and many other topics, displays, films and hands-on activities. We'd love some help on the planning committee — please get in touch.

The other thing is that we didn't get the big grant to retrofit the building for energy conservation. We're going to have to do this piecemeal, so your help, input and encouragement would be very much appreciated. If you have skills in caulking, weatherstripping, etc., and are interested in volunteering, we really want to talk

to you — we might be able to work together to develop and carry out demonstrations for the community and air-seal the Environment building at the same time.

We are so looking forward to the interaction with community members that will be possible at our new location. Please stop by, email or phone with your ideas, we want to hear from you. Send email to kbrosemer@saulttribe.net, call (906) 635-6050, or pop by once we're moved in.

Celebrate venison: CAN YOUR MEAT FOR FAST, TASTY MEALS

By JANET RATHKE

The hunters have already, in some cases, taken to the woods in search of big buck or delicious doe. For many people the grand trip to the woods will take place on Nov. 15. For some in the U.P., this is considered a major holiday. For others, it is a time to be extra cautious if you are hiking in the woods or driving through deer populated areas. Whatever your views on

hunting, venison does provide meat for many families and is a great source of lean protein.

Once you have your deer, you need to be sure you process it properly. It does need to be field dressed and skinned as soon as possible. If you do not have a temperature controlled facility to hang your deer in, the meat should be butchered, wrapped and chilled as soon as possible after the kill. This may

be contrary to your belief that the deer needs to hang and "age" for a number of days. Take all the pictures you want before you process the meat, but, for food safety reasons, get the meat in the refrigerator or freezer as soon as possible.

Some people take their deer to a certified processor and others do it themselves. If you are butchering yourself, be sure to do this in a clean, sanitary area.

Remove as much of the tendons and silvery substance and fat as you can. This will make a more flavorful product. Double or triple wrap or use a vacuum packaging machine to ensure less freezer burn.

Venison can be safely processed in a pressure canner to ensure a safe shelf life. The following directions are from the National Center for Home Food Preservation and should be the only way you home process venison in jars.

Meat strips, cubes or chunks — Choose high quality, chilled meat. Remove excess fat. Strong-flavored wild meats should be soaked for one hour in a brine made from one tablespoon of salt per quart of water. Rinse meat. Cut into one-inch wide strips, cubes or chunks.

Hot pack — Pre-cook meat to the rare stage by roasting, stewing or browning in a small amount of fat. Pack hot meat loosely into hot jars, leaving a one-inch headspace. Add a half-teaspoon of salt to pints; one teaspoon to quarts, if desired.* Fill jar to one inch from top with boiling meat juices, broth, water, or tomato juice (especially for wild game). Remove air bubbles. Wipe jar rims. Adjust lids and process as directed below.

Raw pack — Add a half-teaspoon of salt to each pint jar; one teaspoon to quarts, if desired.* Pack raw meat loosely in hot jars, leaving one inch of headspace. Do not add liquid. Remove air bubbles. Wipe jar rims. Adjust lids and process.

Process both hot and raw

pack meat in a dial gauge pressure canner at 11 pounds pressure of in a weighted gauge pressure canner at 10 pounds pressure, pints for 75 minutes or quarts for 90 minutes.

Remember that timing does not begin until canner has vented for 10 minutes and come up to pressure. If your pressure goes below the correct pounds, timing must be started over. It is okay to have pressure a little higher than directed. Correct processing must be followed in order to ensure a safe product.

If you have a canner and would like it checked for accuracy, please call me to set an appointment. If you have never canned venison, but would like to know more, also call me. If you would like more venison recipes, you can purchase Michigan State University Extension bulletin E657, Michigan Venison, for \$2.25 from our office. It has everything you need to know.

Venison can be prepared like beef and can be very tender and tasty. If you have other questions or would like additional information on venison or other game meats or general nutrition information and education programs offered through Michigan State University Extension, contact Janet Rathke at MSU Extension, 635-6368 or email rathkej@msu.edu.

* Salt is not critical to the processing, it is for flavor only and it is okay to omit the salt.

(Janet Rathke is a SNAP-Ed educator with MSU Extension of Chippewa County.)

St. Andrew bags elk



After winning a permit in the elk permit lottery, Sault Tribe member Debbie Willow Woman St. Andrew took down her elk in the Hillman area Sept. 26.

It was a 5-by-6 male elk, weighing almost 700 pounds. Debbie Willow Woman St. Andrew from Moran shot it with a 30.06 on Sept. 26 in the Hillman area.

"I'm proud to be able to exercise my treaty rights and thank the tribe for choosing me," said St. Andrew.

Her Elk hunt was a success with the help of guide Denver Kline. St. Andrew said she got three guides in one — Kline's buddy, mark

and his dad, Brian, helped out.

St. Andrew said the elk meat is delicious. She won a permit in the Sault Tribe's lottery for an elk permit this year. She and her husband Robert Golden Eagle St. Andrew, also a tribal member, moved to the area a few years from Colorado, where they hunted whitetail and antelope. They would like to hunt moose in Canada and still want to get a mule deer in Colorado.

PRAYER TO A DEER SLAIN

BY A HUNTER

Excerpted from *Ojibway Heritage*

By Basil Johnston

I had need,
I have dispossessed you of beauty, grace, and life.
I have sundered your spirit from its wordly fame.
No more will you run in freedom
Because of my need.

I had need.
You have in life served your kind in goodness.
By your life, I will serve my brothers.
Without you I hunger and grow weak.
Without you I am helpless, nothing.

I had need.
Give me your flesh for strength.
Give me your casement for protection.
Give me your bones for my labours,
And I shall not want.

Fishermen treated unfairly by MDNRE, court



DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

I'm sure by now you have read the unfair and one-sided news articles circulated in the daily press about the Sault Tribe subsistence and commercial fisherman and the alleged fishing activity in Little Bay de Noc. The five tribal members have been harassed and watched by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment. The MDNRE has ticketed these individuals but failed to ticket, prosecute, or harass the non-Natives John Halvorson, or the Big Bay de Noc Fisheries (Hermes).

Don't you think there's something wrong with this pic-

ture? The MDNRE had little to no hard evidence to prosecute the five tribal members. The tribe has paid over \$20,000 to hire a special prosecutor to go after our tribal members. From what we were shown, there is no evidence to prosecute the individuals in tribal court. In fact, our tribal court ordered the three individuals to pay fines, restitution and court costs in the amount of almost \$30,000, and permanently revoked their tribal subsistence fishing licenses.

How can the court charge subsistence fishermen with commercial fishing code violations? They will have an appeal hearing.

The other two commercial fishermen had their fishing license suspended by tribal court. This also makes no sense. They have fished their whole lives and so the court takes their livelihood and means of making a living and providing for their families from them. How does the court expect them to pay the \$67,000 in fines to the tribal court, when they take and suspend their licenses, which they need to be able to fish? This is another case that for \$100 late fishing license fee, these fishermen were charged \$67,000.

I have no faith in our tribal court system or judges after seeing the way these two cases were handled.

The sports fisherman group and the MDNRE are pushing to stop our members from exercising their treaty fishing rights in the Little Bay de Noc waters. The sporties want the waters for their use only. The tribe signed away the waters again in the 2000 Consent Decree so commercial fisherman can't fish in Little Bay de Noc waters until 2020. What the papers don't print is that our tribe plants fish in Little Bay de Noc, and the small amounts taken by the subsistence fisherman is not going to decrease the number of fish in those waters.

Tom Miller motioned and I seconded at the Oct. 26 meeting in St. Ignace to drop the charges, tickets, fines and restitution for the five individuals and to reinstate their fishing licenses. Unfortunately, the majority of the tribal board did not support it and voted it down.

Tom Miller and myself have been bringing up this issue weekly, about the unfair treatment of our tribal members to the tribal board. The board needs to take action and if the

state does not ticket and prosecute the non-Native individuals, then the charges, tickets, fines and restitution should be waived on the five tribal members.

The Home Improvement Program received an additional \$180,000 from the BIA. The funds will be used for home replacements or major home rehabilitation.

Anishnabek Community and Family Services has LIHEAP funding available for winter heating assistance. If you want to apply or find out if you would be eligible for the program, or to make an appointment, call Viola Neadow, direct services worker at 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137. The funding is on a first come, first served basis. The Heating Program opened on Oct. 1, and will be open until the funds are exhausted.

The membership overwhelmingly voted to separate the CEO and chairman positions in the Secretarial Election. A job description for a tribal administrator needs to be developed immediately so it can be posted and advertised. The board had two recent workshops scheduled for this very reason — at Munising it was taken off the

agenda because the chairman wasn't there and the other one, a discussion occurred, but it was a small workgroup of board members in attendance. We all need to meet again when everyone will be there, to discuss the job description and duties. In fact, Joe McCoy responded back to an email when he was running for tribal chairman with this statement, "The administrative structure of the tribe will be set by the chairman and board of directors, WE will immediately separate the chairman and CEO roles to ensure that politics are removed from the day-to-day tribal operations." I agree!! It's been too long — call your unit reps, other board members and the chairman and tell them you want them to honor the vote of the membership and hire the tribal administrator.

The elders Christmas dinners will be held on Dec. 9 at Manistique Tribal Center at 6 p.m., and Dec. 2 at the Terrance Bay Inn in Escanaba at 6 p.m. Call 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137 to sign up!

You can reach me by calling (906) 341-6783.

Thanks,
Denise Chase

Fall is a good time to test your garden soil

By LARRY DYER

By this time in the season most of us are finishing up our gardening activities. We may have a few things in cold frames, and we may still have some root crops to dig, but mostly we're putting our gardens to bed for the winter.

Another good thing to do in the fall is collect samples for soil tests. Why do soil tests in the fall? One good reason is to have the information available to prepare your garden for next year. Another reason is if your soil tests show a need for lime, you can apply the lime now. Lime can take six to 12 months to have the desired effects, so applying now will benefit next year's garden more than applying in the spring.

There are a few steps to follow to do soil tests. The first is to decide where you want to sample. Collect separate samples from areas that will be managed differently, such as vegetable gardens, perennial beds, fruit orchards or lawns. If areas have different soil types those should be sampled separately as well.

For each sample, combine 15 to 20 subsamples. An ideal tool for sampling is a soil probe, but you can use a shovel or a garden trowel.

With a trowel, begin by lightly scraping the loose leaf litter from the soil surface. Then dig out a scoop six to eight inches deep for garden soil (three inches for lawns, eight inches for trees and shrubs) and set it aside. Now from the side of your hole take a slice a half-inch thick and six to eight inches deep. Mix this slice with other subsamples in a clean pail — soap residue will throw off your soil test results. For the same reason, don't mix with your hands — use your trowel or a clean stick.

Scoop out two cups of soil, free of sticks, stones and root clumps, and put it in a zip-lock bag. If the soil is wet or if it will be a while before you send in your sample, let it air dry in a paper bag. There are a number of laboratories where you can send your soil for testing.

The Chippewa County MSU Extension office, in Sault Saint

Ste. Marie, has boxes to send your samples to the Michigan State University Soil and Plant Nutrient Lab. The standard soil test costs \$11. The results should be back in about two weeks.

If the results show that you need lime, fall is a good time to spread it. Liming will regulate the soil pH, and optimal pH (6.0 to 7.0) is very important for the availability of soil nutrients. One good liming material is wood ash. But if you have a wood stove and ash is abundantly available it is very easy to apply too much ash to your garden. Be sure to apply at rates recommended by your soil test and only about once every three years. If your soil test calls for 1 ton per acre of lime you can apply up to two tons of ash per acre. That works out to about nine pounds of ash per 100 square feet.

With information from your soil test in hand you can look back at your notes from this year's garden, and it may help you interpret your successes and disappointments. It also

gives you time to plan what soil amendments you will add, either this fall or next spring (if you apply wood ash, remember that it can have five to seven percent potassium and 25 percent calcium). You only need to sample the same fields about once every three years. If you save your soil test and watch how they change over time,

what you learn about your soil and your gardening practices will help you be a successful gardener.

(Larry Dyer is a Tribal Extension Educator with MSU Extension at the Emmet County MSU Extension office in Harbor Springs, (231) 439-8982, dyerlawr@msu.edu.)

Lake Sturgeon return to Menominee River

MARINETTE, Wis. — For nearly a century, the sturgeon of Lake Michigan have not been able to return to their Menominee River spawning areas. For the number of lake sturgeon in Lake Michigan to increase, they need to be able to move around the two hydro-power dams at Marinette and Menominee. A consortium of private, federal, state and non-profit organizations are working together to create a means for the sturgeon to move around the dams, owned by North American Hydro, Inc., one of the project partners.

Other project partners besides North American Hydro are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the River Alliance of Wisconsin.

The consortium partners received two grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the federal government's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI),

designed to improve Great Lakes water quality and wildlife habitat. The GLRI funds received for this project will be used to provide a way for lake sturgeon to move upstream and over the Menominee dam via fish lift (elevator) and downstream and over the Park Mill dam by way of a specially designed opening in the dam wall.

Pending funding, later phases of the project will focus on building a more permanent means that will allow the sturgeon to bypass the dams completely.

GATHERING WRITES: *Giant Puffballs*

By Jennifer Dale-Burton



Our friend Tom brought us some giant puffballs from the lower peninsula (above, my husband Mike with the huge fungi), which we peeled (at left), sliced and roasted with a drizzle of olive oil. They looked like a big panful of fry bread (below)! We froze them in meal size packages.



Chairman McCoy reports to the membership



DARWIN "JOE" MCCOY
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii!

I hope this report finds you and your family well. It was again another busy month for our tribe as we continue to better our businesses, increase funding for membership services and look for new opportunity and growth.

On Oct. 12, the case commonly known as 7+2+2, went to trial. After settling with the Miller Canfield law firm earlier this summer for \$1 million, tribal leadership was unable to resolve its claims against the defendants in three court-ordered mediation settlements. The case went to trial and all of the defendants were questioned at length about their involvement in the employment contracts and settlement agreements at issue. Despite a well reasoned and well argued case that went on for five days, the jury found for the defendants.

This case has gone on for

over six years. Because it is a complicated case, and we learned of the court results only last week, it will take some time to truly assess what our best option is at this point. Please be patient as the board considers its appeals options, and I will let you know what we decide in a future unit report.

By the time this reaches you, our state elections will have taken place. During October, the board and I were invited to multiple meetings and tours with potential legislative candidates. During these meetings, we discussed our tribal services, funding sources, and ways to increase funding to provide more services to membership. I hope that you had a chance to take part in the election cycle this year. It is your right to vote, be sure to exercise it!

Our Kewadin Casinos are celebrating their 25th anniversary this month. Our casinos have made a tremendous positive impact on the Upper Peninsula and all of northern Michigan over the past 25 years. In addition to community employment and tourism opportunities, much of our tribal services growth can be attributed directly to the revenues generated by our casinos. We have much to be proud about in celebrating this milestone. Our past leaders had a vision, and so many have helped to make it a reality.

On Oct. 15, Director Miller and I met with Diane Rosen, the regional BIA director, to discuss matters of tribal business including the tribe's request for the registration of restricted fee deeds with the BIA on 6.94 acres of land purchased by the tribe for economic development earlier this year. After listening to leadership's thoughts on the matter, it was explained to us that the Solicitor's Office is considering the matter from a legal point of view, and we expect to hear something in November or December on our request.

Congratulations to the staff and departments receiving recognition as being voted the "Best of the Best of Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac Counties" by the readers of *The Evening News!* Kewadin Casinos was voted as best casino, best seafood (DreamCatchers Restaurant) and best dinner buffet (DreamCatchers Restaurant). Sault Tribe was voted as having the best health club (Big Bear) and best school teacher, Amie Lawson with the Sault Tribe Head Start Program. This is so great to see.

I am pleased to announce the hiring of our new Human Resources director, Richard Rand. Richard comes to the tribe with a deep background in human resources and an understanding of our tribe. I hope everyone has had an opportunity to meet Richard

and we look forward to working him.

The Community Care Clinic, a partnership between War Memorial Hospital and the tribe to provide after hours and weekend care to our members, has relocated into a new building across the street from the hospital. This move not only changes the location but also how the Community Care Clinic is accessed. Patient triage will no longer be performed by the emergency department at the hospital. Patients are to go directly to the new building to be seen in Community Care Clinic. If you go to the emergency department in the hospital, you will be seen in emergency and not transferred to Community Care Clinic. If this happens, you will be responsible for payment of the services. If you have an actual emergency condition, you need to go directly to the emergency department.

Our tribe is very fortunate to have received several grants this month. Intertribal Council of Michigan was awarded the Access to Recovery (ATR111) grant from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. This grant has been renewed for four more years with a total award of \$13,119,440 over the four years, to be used by the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan. Our tribal Behavioral Health staff have been very active in ATR and

the grant has provided many services to tribal members living in our communities these past three years. This new grant will allow our Behavioral Health staff to continue the excellent treatment and support services that they have been providing under the ATR grant. It will also allow us to locate and serve additional members in need while continuing to serve tribal members and their families helping live an alcohol and substance free life.

In addition, ACFS, tribal Law Enforcement and Tribal Court staff wrote seven grants as part of a Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation for Department of Justice and was awarded four out of the seven totaling nearly \$2 million. The Elders' Service Division also received additional funding from UPCAP and Title 6 grants that will enhance our current programs such as the meal and home care services program.

I hope each of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. For updates and information on the tribe, including the latest flu shot clinic list, visit the tribe's FaceBook page or website. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our tribe that you would like to discuss, please contact my office toll free at (800) 793-0660 or locally at 635-6050.

Sincerely,
Darwin "Joe" McCoy,
Tribal Chairman

Malloy requests tribal membership's input



DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I

The 7+2 trial came to a close Oct. 19 and the jury found in favor of the defendants. The tribe lost the case. The question now is: Should we or shouldn't we appeal the jury's decision? It will indeed cost the tribe money should we decide to appeal. What has to be weighed is whether or not it is in the best interest of the tribe to seek an appeal. Possible points to appeal this case include, but are not limited to: tribal members were excluded from sitting on the jury; the tribe was denied a mistrial when a member of the jury was excused on the second day for misconduct; and the fact that the verdict was conflicted in so much as the jury found the defendants had a fiduciary responsibility but failed to hold them responsible for the same.

There is no guarantee or

even inkling whether we can win an appeal. It would mean asking the Michigan Court of Appeals to overturn a Civil Court judgment. This is something that will have to be decided within the next month or so and I am very much looking for your input. Do we stand on principle or move on? Some have expressed the sentiment that we should appeal the decision as it was biased and conflicted. Others have expressed that it's time to "move on and heal." The question I pose to you, the membership, is this; do you want to be done with it and move on or spend the money to appeal the decision? I would very much appreciate your thoughts on this. I promised to bring the voice of the people to the board table. Please make your voice heard so that I may vote based on what you want.

INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE

Making investment decisions for the future of our tribe requires recognizing the fragile balance between financial growth and stability. Over the years, we have invested in several tribally owned and operated businesses, only to see them go belly up or wither on the vine. Casinos, for the most part because of the novelty of gaming outside Las Vegas or Atlantic City 25 years ago, seem to have been

our only profitable business endeavor, with the exception of Greektown. However, the gaming market in Michigan is becoming saturated and it's time to look beyond gaming for income.

During my campaign I suggested that a more reasonable avenue would be to invest some of our portfolio in businesses that we did not own or control. I also made the same comments about alternative energy as it is on the ground floor of expansion and is poised, through federal and state mandates, to be the future of energy production.

When considering investing, I do not look lightly at the work needed to evaluate a company and the real potential to make our investment as secure as an investment can be (outside of insured bank accounts or Treasury Bills). With insured investments comes little return, low interest and low risk. There is always going to be risk involved when we invest. Our duty is to scrutinize the investment in order to be as sure as we can of a return to the tribe. Such is the case with a new investment venture between the tribe and a member-owned company called "Indian Energy LLC." It is the brainchild of and owned by two Sault Tribe members who have been in this business for over 20 years.

After being offered a 15

percent ownership stake in the company for \$2.5 million, we hired a legal firm to perform the duties of "vetting" the company and exercising due diligence to ensure the company had a sound business model and was a reasonable investment opportunity. At the Oct. 26 meeting we voted 7-3 to invest in this company with the investment payments spread out over a 2-year period and tied to benchmarks. I believe that spreading the payments out over a 2-year period allows us to invest without putting an undue burden on our budget; and it has been shown that the return on the investment would bring a possible \$8.5 million annual return within the next 7 to 10 years. This annual return on the investment is money that would help support services and would also be a vehicle to put money away in the land claims fund. It is ever so important that we look beyond gaming for a portion of our income. We cannot continue to carry all our eggs in one basket.

This decision was made by the board and approved at the Oct. 26 meeting. And I did support and vote to invest in Indian Energy, LLC. I believe it is a good investment and will provide us with an influx of cash down the road that will assist us in providing for our people. However, in accordance with

our Constitution, the membership has a voice in this as well. There is a period of 30 days after the resolution where the membership has the right of referendum. I would ask that you take the time to ask questions and read all there is available about this before making a decision. Yes, it is a huge amount of money. But we will not be able to restore programs and services without additional income. IF we ever want to return to our previous level of services, we must find a way to bolster our income.

PLEASE RESPOND

I am asking for your views and comments on these two very important issues. I need to know your opinion in order to act on your behalf. So please write me at dmalloy@sault-tribe.net or call me at (906) 440-9762 and express your wishes.

IN CLOSING

This will be our last report until after the November holidays. With that, I want to thank all of our service men and women who have served, and those who are now serving, in the U.S. Armed Forces. Thank you for giving of yourself at home and abroad so that we may live our lives in freedom. To all of you, I wish a happy Thanksgiving and safe travel as you visit family and friends over the holidays!

Fact: Elder checks will be disbursed this year



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

In a final decision made by a seven-member jury in the "7+2" case presided over by Judge Charles Johnson, a ruling of "not liable" has been reached in Chippewa County circuit court. We are waiting to hear from

our Legal Department as to the merits of appeal and recommendations on that action. There have been many different views and concerns on how this case has proceeded. Our tribe will also feel the effects and scars that came with the action and its outcome.

I attended the trial. Many facts came out in testimony. I would like to put this long hurtful case behind our tribe and move forward but as stated we will be hearing the "facts, merits and recommendations" for appeal soon. At the time of this report the discussion has not taken place.

As always, there are many rumors going around that the tribal elders disbursement checks will not be given out this year. I assure you that this is only a rumor and we have bud-

getted for the elders' payments and intend to send out checks at the beginning of January. Thanks to all the elders who called to inquire — it's always better to call and be reassured than to worry.

During our quarterly United Tribes meeting this past month, we discussed recent changes to the Michigan Indian Tuition waiver. To be eligible, people of American Indian descent must now be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe. Some concerned members have called to ask about the tuition waiver — but rest assured this change in no way affects our tribal members.

If you need assistance, please contact our Education Department (635-6080) for the waiver.

We are in the early stages of

discussing the separation of the chairman and CEO positions. If we do in fact hire a separate CEO, we first need to develop a job description and duties. We also have an organization chart in place. All gaming and casino reports go to the chairman along with board members on the Gaming Commission. Our government departments are structured under co-executive directors qualified to operate our programs and, they, too, report to the chairman and board of directors. We have scheduled much more discussion on the topic, and I will update you with forward movement. I invite and encourage you to contact me with any thoughts you have on the subject.

During the month of September, my family got together and hosted the first

annual Fall Golf Classic. This fundraiser benefited Unit II. We held a one-day event with proceeds going to our Unit II children's Christmas parties. All four parties held in the area will be funded by the proceeds to help cover the cost of food and gifts. G'tchi Miigwech to my dad and Aunt Linda for putting together the fundraiser, and to those of you who attended. Clyde Bonno was our eldest elder there and he even had a chance to taste my cooking. The chairman and unit directors Massaway, Malloy, Pine, Hollowell and Eitrem donated as well.

We appreciate all of you who support our community — sometimes we need to seek out our own solutions to keep good things going and I'm grateful to you all.

We must go forward for the good of our tribe



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

The windstorm of issues and events that have made their way to the board of directors' workshop and meeting agenda, rival the massive windstorm that recently crossed the country. A constant onslaught to our sovereignty is the underlying theme in the most critical issues we've had to contend with—from road abandonment by the Mackinac Road Commission in the St. Ignace and Hessel area, to the exclusion of Sault Tribe members from the 7+2 jury and the horrendously bad press about our tribe and our tribal members that emanates out of the Delta

County area—just to give you an idea.

I have received many calls about the recently concluded 7+2 court case, where the defendants were exonerated on all charges, and I respect and appreciate hearing your diverse views on the subject. As your elected representative to tribal government, it's important I share my thoughts with you.

I supported going to full trial as the only way for our tribal community to get their "day in court," if you will. My hope was that regardless the verdict, we could find closure and healing and put to rest an era of divisiveness and trauma that has undermined the health of our nation for over eight years. Sadly, that objective was denied us, when the judge determined that enrolled members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe were ineligible to serve on the jury. That point is the basis of any appeal we might want to consider. A final order has yet to be issued by the judge in the case, but options

are under consideration.

I thought it was important to represent the tribe in the court room and attended the trial as much as possible including the closing statements. In my opinion, our trial lawyers did an exceptional job of presenting a straightforward case of impropriety and fiduciary misconduct that was not in the best interest of the tribe. However, the jury had a very negative visceral reaction to the material evidence offered up by the defense. Without that evidence — which consisted mostly of internal and external communications during the 2004 election cycle—the defense would not have had a leg to stand on...

It was hurtful to see this play out in court. It was cathartic as well. And for all the anguish and destruction, the circumstances of this case has caused our tribe, the courtroom was virtually empty. It is my opinion that we will not find the relief we are seeking in the courts. It is my opinion

that we stop. It is also my opinion that we accept exactly where we are today, including the current composition of the board of directors, and let the 2012 elections determine the fate of our tribe. It is, in my opinion, in the best interest of the tribe. I am willing to accept and defend that position.

At the Oct. 26 board of directors meeting held in St. Ignace, I sponsored a resolution to enter into an equity stake partnership with a renewable energy development firm, Indian Energy LLC. Finalization of the project is underway as we go to press but I can tell you it does not involve lands claims monies, but rather an allocation of reserve funds into a vehicle with potentially healthy return on investment. (Much more in the next unit report.) Regardless of how they cast their vote, I do want to thank my fellow board members for giving this project—which was proposed prior to the last

election—the consideration it deserved.

The holiday season is almost here and plans are underway for youth Christmas parties throughout Unit II. The elders of Newberry are busy knitting and crocheting for a mitten tree. Kudos to John Causley Jr. for his fundraising efforts that will benefit the various youth Christmas events planned in the Unit II district. If you would like to volunteer for these events, or want to attend, just give me a call.

I wish to thank everyone in our tribal community for the outpouring of support and prayers for my husband, Richard, regarding his sudden illness. Your cards, phone calls, and assistance, have warmed our hearts and will sustain us through the challenging months ahead. Miigwech, tribal family.

As always, I look forward to your input, questions, and concerns. I can be reached at:
(906) 484-6821: home
(906) 430-5551: cell
unit2tribal@gmail.com.

The 7+2 verdict does not reflect well on the area



TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

Happy Halloween. Trick or treating and candy for the kids. It also means the end of the fall weather is in sight and soon we will have snow.

The board has been busy as usual with the trial of the 7+2 being completed with the defendants being cleared on all counts by a jury. I will not get

into my beliefs on the outcome or the entire process (which barred Sault Tribe members from the jury) that took place in the Sault, but it does not reflect well on the area. I am confident that we will appeal the decision due to the facts that the original resolution indicated that we were to take whatever actions were necessary to regain the money and the courts excluded all tribal members from the jury selection process.

Another item that keeps the tribe in the limelight is the prosecution and persecution of the fishing issues that are being processed through the tribal court. In my opinion, this process has been totally driven by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and is an attempt to remove tribal fishermen off the Bays de Noc. I do believe our tribal court system has bent to the wishes of the MDNRE. Denise and I con-

tinue to work on behalf of our tribal fishermen and to make sure they are treated fairly. That appears to not have happened to this point. I try to stay away from the referring to the political process in my reports as much as possible, but there are times that demand you speak your mind. Our tribal sovereignty is at issue here and it along with the treaty rights of tribal members must be protected. This entire process has left me with many doubts about our legal system and its exact function.

On a more positive note, the processing of the land acquired in the New Boston area continues with an excellent possibility of economic development in an urban area. The board recently authorized the investment into the alternative energy arena. Any venture into business carries with it a certain amount of risk. I feel that this investment

is worth the risk and will bear out in the long run. We do need to diversify our businesses to ensure multiple revenue sources with which to provide services.

The Bahweting School continues in its efforts to finalize a school expansion design. Hopefully, the construction can begin in the spring and we can take care of the student waiting list to get into the school. The JKL fiduciary board continues to work with the board to oversee the expenditures of the federal education funds in conjunction with the Bahweting Public School Academy. We are working together to make the school the best it can be.

The 2 percent (to local units of government) applications for Unit IV have been received and Denise and I are reviewing them for selection.

I hope everyone enjoys the remainder of the fall and stays healthy. Any questions, please

contact me at 644-3334, cell 322-3827 or email at tom.miller@hannahvilleschool.net.

Snowbirds!

When you fly south for the winter, your tribal newspaper doesn't and your poor little newspaper ends up in the trash. This is because bulk mail is not forwarded like 1st Class mail.

Give us a call before you go and we can temporarily change your newspaper mailing address.

Call 906-632-6398 or email: jdburton@saulttribe.net.

Indian Energies LLC is the energy of the future



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

At our last board of directors meeting, a majority of the board voted to invest in Indian Energy LLC, a 100 percent Native American-owned renewable energy development company. I have been looking for board support for about two years now and I'm happy that we now have some forward thinking board members who see the value and the opportunity that this investment may be for our next seven generations. I want to thank Directors Deb Pine, D.J. Malloy, Tom Miller, Bernard Bouschor, Catherine Hollowell and Joan Carr-Anderson for their support in this most significant endeavor.

What is Indian Energy LLC? This company focuses on assisting Indian tribes to develop their lands from a renewable energy

standpoint, to create diversified revenue streams and high quality sustainable careers. The company also creates investment opportunities for tribes wishing to invest in renewable energy projects on tribal lands. Two of our tribal members head up this company, CEO Allen Cadreau and CIO Henry Bouley. Tribal member Steve Morrello serves on the Tribal Advisory Board and is a Washington, D.C., political liaison for the company. Among the three of them, they bring a wealth of knowledge and "energy" to this business. As tribal members, they have a vested interest in the success of this company. With the combination of board support and these individuals, it shows that personal and political differences can be put aside for the benefit of our tribe's future.

Right now, Indian Energy has a joint venture agreement to help the Cucapah Nation develop 345,000 acres of tribal lands in northern Baja, Mexico. With a 20-year master plan for the Laguna Salda Renewable Energy Park, the project has the potential to become one of the largest renewable energy projects in North America and the largest on tribal lands. "Why not invest in Michigan?" tribal members have asked. There is nothing saying we can't. There are so many possibilities. The

Cucapah Nation is just one of several projects we can get involved with.

Is this a high risk investment? Yes, it is. Are we using our elder funds to pay for this? No! We are not! However, we cannot allow past failures to keep us from moving forward. Let me assure you that due diligence was properly done on this investment before we brought it to a vote. We are watching this closely and we have established a means to buy into the company via a Memorandum of Understanding. I see this as a new era, an answer to the diversification that must take place as we watch the gaming market become saturated. I believe that we are doing everything we can to make sure the federal government is meeting its obligation to our tribal people by making sure we receive health-care, education, housing and social services. While we have received increased funding for these needed services, we remain seriously underfunded and must come up with new and innovative ways to help fund them.

As a tribe, we are supposed to think of ways to help our children and our children's children. We are also caretakers of our mother earth. We must use our insight to plan for future generations. I have been listening to our tribal members. I agree that

we need to diversify and we need to get involved with renewable energy. I believe investing in Indian Energy LLC, is the answer. As Allen Cadreau said, "It's our new modern day buffalo." Please check them out at www.indianenergyllc.com. They

are willing to visit and do a presentation to our membership.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact me at (906) 322-3823 or email me at cabramson@saulttribe.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

Focus on the future



BERNARD BOUSCHOR, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Dear Tribal Member,

More than six years after the tribe sued me and seven key employees, the severance payment lawsuit was finally put to rest by a Chippewa County jury. On Oct. 20, the jury unanimously rendered a verdict against the tribe and in favor of me and the other defendants. As the *Evening News* stated in its headline, the former employees and I have been "exonerated."

With the jury's verdict, at long last someone in a position to objectively view and weigh all of the facts has put to rest the former chairman's false allegations and exposed his politically motivated lies. The verdict should come as no surprise to those who know the facts. I fired seven key employees just before the 2004 tribal general election (the jury found that they had been fired). It was clear that my opponent in the election would have fired them after he gained office and would have refused to honor their employment contracts, just as he did to other employees after he gained office. Before the election, he bragged that this would occur.

I honored the key employees' contracts and paid them severance pay because the tribe promised to make the pay-

ments under their employment contracts, which the board had approved in 2001 with full knowledge of the financial obligations. My actions were in the best interests of the tribe (the jury found that I acted in the best interests of the tribe). The tribe must keep its promises to its employees and others it does business with, and not look for ways to avoid its responsibilities.

The lawsuit was fueled by the fevered imagination of the former chairman, who cried conspiracy and corruption in the actions of anyone who opposed him. After his defeat in 2008, the former chairman remained fixated on the lawsuit, and applied political pressure on the board to continue down his vengeful path. The lawsuit continued at great expense and without benefit to the tribe. A former Unit 1 board member persisted in supporting the lawsuit, while at the same time predicting that "the tribe is going to lose." Political convenience trumped sound policy.

That's all I have to say about the lawsuit and my vindication. Let this be a turning point for the tribe. It is time — in fact, it is way past time — to tear ourselves away from rehashing the past in vindictive, punitive actions pursued for political benefit. The board must devote all of its attention to the tribe's future, which faces many challenges and pitfalls. We must come together around what unites us, rather than wallow in what has divided us in the past. We all want to secure a better future for our children, and we can make that happen only if we work together and focus on that goal.

Let this be the day that we join together and walk a common path.

Bernard Bouschor
Tribal Council, Unit I

\$2.5M investment too much



JOSEPH EITREM, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

The tribe has been busy tackling new opportunities and handling lingering problems. This month has literally been quite a trying time for our tribe. The main focus of the past month has been upon the six-year legal battle with the former chairperson and key employees in an attempt to find resolution for the tribe and our membership.

The 7+2 trial has concluded, and unfortunately the tribe has not prevailed at this time. In typical fashion, this case was marred with controversy; a juror was dismissed for juror tampering, and tribal members were excluded from serving as candidates for the juror pool. With all of the controversy surrounding the pending final results there are many left with the question of what the tribe will do next. While there are many individuals demanding an appeal, the simple fact is that the tribe cannot appeal until the judge provides a final decision/opinion regarding the case. This is anticipated to be provided to all parties within the next 60 days.

Once again, until the judge provides this final ruling nothing can be appealed.

This month, the tribe has also recently taken action to "diversify" its economic holdings by purchasing an interest in Indian Energy LLC, a tribal member owned renewable energy company. First let me point out that I am very impressed by the knowledge, skills and abilities of the tribal member spearheading this project, and the prospects within renewable energy. However, the tribal board's decision to invest \$2.5 million dollars into such a project is not a responsible decision at this time within the tribe. We, as a tribe, have recently overcome a \$15 million budget deficit, massive cuts to programming and services, and

head into an uncertain economy. Expending \$2.5 million on one project (enterprise) is not diversification; it is placing all of your remaining eggs in one basket. How many different enterprises/businesses could the tribe purchase or invest in for that amount of money? While I am impressed with the project, and the individual involved, the amount of investment was irresponsible.

In closing, I look forward to actively meeting with the membership in Unit 1, and throughout the tribe.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,
Joe Eitrem, Unit I
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josepheitrem@yahoo.com

Youth garden teaches important skills



KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

Last month the chairman and I had a great opportunity to sit and talk to the secretary of the HUD (Housing and Urban

Development), Mr. Shaun Donovan. He was a very engaging young man. We discussed many successes and current problems with funding for our tribal reservations. He acknowledged the complexity of tracking of the ARRA (American Reinvestment and Recovery Act) grant dollars and how the money is used. This process entails a large amount of data that must be reported back to the federal government almost continually. Mr. Donovan assured us that it was in the best interest of both parties to continue the process so that we can better determine if the money is impacting the right target populations and if it is being effective and sustainable.

I would like to commend Sue St. Onge on her continued work on the youth garden at the St. Ignace Middle School. This project is teaching the children important skills and connecting them to our Mother Earth. Sue is currently seeking grant money to grow the program and encompass all aspects of gardening. Her goal is to incorporate hands on lessons about health, nutrition and fitness into the school curriculum.

The tribe's drug court is celebrating it's 10 year anniversary. This is one of many very successful programs in our judicial system. Going through the steps and completing it to graduation is very difficult but to save even one life is worth

all the effort we can put forth. I commend all the staff for all the hard work they do and encourage all the participants to continue on the path of recovery.

The Enrollment Department gave an update on all the activity for the last Quarter. A common question I hear is, how many tribal members are there? As of Sept. 30 there are 39,574 members. That number fluctuates when members walk on or new children are enrolled. The tribe tends to gain about 100 to 200 members every 4 to 6 months.

Thank you for all the letters and phone calls.

Keith Massaway
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Sault Ste. Marie

Anishinaabemowin classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., at the Niigaanagiizhik 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 (906) 635-6050 for more information.

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

The drum is the heartbeat of the Anishinaabe people.

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

For more information, call 635-6050.

Anishinaabemowin language class, Thursdays, 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, 6-8 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 (888) 711-7356.

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

For more information, call 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 Monday 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 third Friday of each month at 11 a.m. at Zellar's Village Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Safety class, fourth Thursday every month, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

All are invited to discuss a variety of topics from home safety to weather safety.

Call 293-8181 for more information.

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.

Ojibwe language classes on Wednesdays, 3-4:30 p.m. at the tribal center.

For more information, call Orien Corbiere at (906) 635-6050.

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 the 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 meeting for all tribal members, 6 p.m. at the tribal center on the second Thursday of each month.

For more information, call Joan Anderson at 387-2802.

Ojibwe language classes on Wenesdays, 6-8 p.m. at the tribal center.

For more information, call Orien Corbiere at (906) 635-6050.

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. To view approved resolutions, please visit 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 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 websites 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 and 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 every day.

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

If you have any questions, please call Jill King 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 appointments before or after their cycles.

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

Sault Tribe arts and crafts exhibitions and sales are scheduled for Nov. 11, 13, 18, 20 and Dec. 9, 11, 16, 18 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 members of a Sault Tribe member's household.

For further information, call Rachel McKechnie at 632-0530 extension 53573.

Sault Tribe extends an open voter registration policy to all members. Once members register to vote, it is permanent unless members change residency into 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.

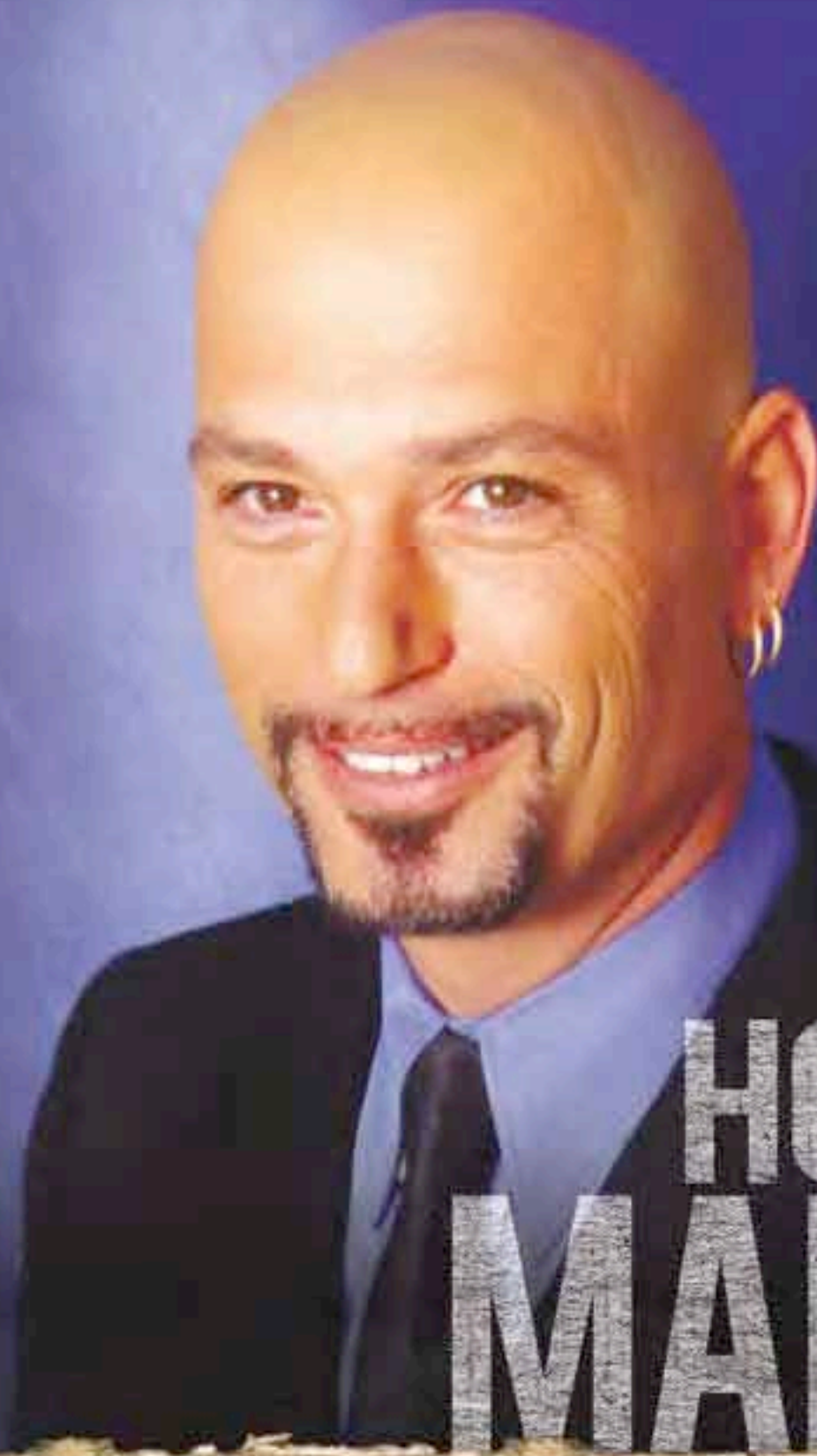
Simply submit a copy of the child's courthouse birth certificate or state copy, social security number and current mailing address. You may mail or fax this information to the enrollment office, or drop it off in person. Please allow two to three weeks for children's tribal cards to arrive in the mail.

Beadwork classes every Thursday, 6-8 p.m. at the Ojibwe Cultural Learning Center and Library, 531 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie.

Visit to register or call 635-6050.



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