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STAY Project develops tribal suicide prevention plan

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Staff and community members involved with the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project have developed a tribal suicide prevention plan providing cultural resources, educating youth and helping professionals and the community to recognize the signs and symptoms associated with suicide. Both the Seven Feathers Partnership Board, which advises the grant-funded project, and the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, approved the plan.

STAY Project Manager Barb

Smutek said the project has an active group of volunteers instrumental in implementing and sustaining the plan throughout the tribe's seven-county service area. "With suicide rates being higher for Native Americans, we felt there was a need to address that. The tribal plan is modeled after both the Michigan and national suicide prevention plans," said Smutek.

The most important thing people can do to help with suicide prevention efforts, according to Smutek, is to talk about it. "We need to be more open about mental health issues

in our communities and realize that talking about suicide doesn't make it happen," she said. "If a young person opens up and says they are thinking about suicide, it's not because you put the thought in their head. The thought was there already; by speaking about suicide you allowed them to release it and seek help."

The suicide prevention plan, a major goal of the STAY grant, was unveiled and distributed to participants during the Empowering Lives Empowering Communities conference in April. With the STAY grant,

funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, now in its third year, future plans include expanding STAY's successful prevention efforts to other tribes within Michigan, sharing resources and continuing to grow their program, according

to Smutek.

"I can't give enough credit to the people involved in suicide prevention efforts, especially our partnership board and the people involved in creating the plan," said Smutek. "We have an amazing staff with a great See "Prevention Plan," pg. 10

Property acquired for motor pool transfer

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.

— Sault Tribe purchased a 28-acre parcel with an 8,000 square-foot metal frame building in March that will be used to house its Motor Pool Department. The property is located just south of town and has about 400 feet of frontage on Three Mile Road between Animal Kingdom Veterinary and the Big Abe LeBlanc building where the Intertribal Fisheries and Assessment Program and CORA are housed.

Planning and Development Specialist Jeff Holt, said, "Our plan is to locate Motor Pool from the old Bingo Building and the building in Algonquin into one building. We realized that Motor Pool needed a new home and that there isn't a lot of opportunity to purchase land close to our existing reservation area. This property is next door to tribal fisheries and near the tribe's health center. Geographically it made sense;

we also got it for a very good price."

A former cement plant, the well-made building boasts a concrete floor with a solid foundation and I-beam support.

The 80-by-100 foot structure needs some renovations, which Sault Tribe Construction will soon begin. New construction will include formal restrooms, office space, heating, electric, plumbing and some blacktop work.

"I think this is a very important step in the tribe's diversification, eventually we would like to further develop the property," Holt said.

Kewadin Casinos Vice President of Hotel Operations Carol Eavou, in charge of the project, is coordinating with Sault Tribe Construction on a project timeline. A formal ribbon cutting and soft opening will be announced soon. "Our goal is to have the move completed within the next few

See "New Property," pg. 13



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Al Menard prepared his famous bean soup for a recent soup and frybread fundraiser for his grandson Shawn Menard, to equip him with safety equipment for his coming deployment to Afghanistan.

Tribe establishing sex offender registration jurisdiction

BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Tribe prosecutor and law enforcement staff have been working to meet the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to establish the tribe's own registration jurisdiction that, once in operation, will become an integral component of the National Sex Offender Registry system.

In the interest of helping to protect the public from sexual predators, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors passed a resolution in 2007 electing to participate in the system as authorized under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act for the purpose of identifying and monitoring individuals who have been convicted of sex offenses.

More recently, the board passed a pair of resolutions that adopted a policy and procedures manual plus Tribal Code Chapter 72, titled *Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Sex Offender Registration and Notification Code*. The adoption of measures in Chapter 72 of the code is



Photo by Rick Smith

Lona Stewart, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement office manager, and Eric Blubaugh, Sault Tribe prosecutor, are working on receiving an award of \$177,361 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice to enhance operations of a coming Sault Tribe sex offender registration jurisdiction.

required in order to be in compliance with the registry system prerequisites.

The tribe's prosecuting attorney, Eric Blubaugh, said a basic, three-fold purpose is behind the acquisition of the tribe's own registration jurisdiction, "It protects the sovereignty of our tribe, it protects the people and it protects tribal lands." His statement underscores the board's passage of the measures and the tribe's compelling inter-

ests in promoting public safety and protecting tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction over tribal lands, enterprises and housing.

The jurisdiction will have optimal advantages and cost effectiveness by using resources and equipment already in use by the State of Michigan through an agreement with the Michigan State Police to maintain and operate the sex offender registry for the tribe. More specifically, the agreement delegates respon-

sibilities in administration and maintenance of a sex offender database from information submitted by the tribe, a public sex offender registry website, and community and law enforcement notification.

The state is charged with maintaining the Michigan Sex Offender Registry, an online database containing information on people in the state who have been convicted of criminal sex offenses. Information on convicted sex offenders on tribal lands would be forwarded to the state to maintain the registry and shared between state, county and tribal law enforcement agencies along with posting on the registry for the general public. The tribe retains all enforcement powers of the act.

Efforts to establish the registration jurisdiction would be enhanced if the U.S. Department of Justice awards a \$177,632 grant to the tribe in September. Enhancements may include electronic, touch screen kiosks posted at conspicuous sites so the general public may easily access registry informa-

tion or provide tips.

While not all finishing touches are complete, Blubaugh said the tribal registry could have tighter controls than the state registry. The office manager for Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, Lona Stewart, gave examples of closer scrutiny such as tracking employment of offenders and requiring those whose visits onto tribal properties for 72 hours or longer to check in with tribal authorities.

Blubaugh noted the tribal registry would include a so-called Romeo and Juliette provision that precludes registering youngsters between the ages of 13 up to 17 who have had consensual sex, as long as the offenders are no more than four years older than partners who are at least 13 years of age.

Stewart said once all details are complete and if the grant is awarded, notices about the tribe's new registration jurisdiction will be sent to the homes of Sault Tribe members. If the tribe does not receive the grant, amplifying information will appear in this newspaper.

Websites help fund creative projects "Crowdsourcing" on the Internet

By RICK SMITH

People with the inclination to expend some creativity on a challenging project should look into finding an interesting project and getting funding at www.kickstarter.com.

Billed as a new way to fund and follow creativity, the Kickstarter site claims it is the largest funding platform for

creative projects in the world. The organization indicates thousands of people pledge millions of dollars to build grants to big and small projects in the all arts, technology, design, provision, publishing and many other endeavors.

The way the website functions has measures in place to protect the ownership and control of projects for the creators

in addition to protecting the wallets of those who pledge to contribute funding for projects. The website collects a 5 percent fee if projects are successfully funded and its payment processing company adds another 3 to 5 percent if payments are made with credit cards.

Many folks would probably find the website fun just to visit for inspiration, then mix inspi-

ration with one's imagination or use them to fuel brainstorming sessions.

In any case, learn more or launch your dreams at www.

kickstarter.com. In addition, independent artists and entrepreneurs may want to look into www.rockethub.com, another "crowdfunding" website.

APA stages annual live performances



Photo by Brenda Austin

Luanna Luxton Armstrong poses with the flower girls of the Little Mermaid's wedding. In no particular order, the little performers are Abigael Church, Raya Dyer, Ella Esson, Sidney Hopper, Katherine Marble, Emma Rork and Emma Ross.

The Academy of Performing Arts will celebrate its 10th annual children's theatre performance on May 7 and 8 with the production of *The Little Mermaid*, directed and produced by Luanna Luxton Armstrong. Enter the underwater world of the little mermaid, brought to life by the dancers and actors of the academy, both children and adult, the professional technical staff of Kewadin's DreamMakers Theatre and designer Larry McCoy's magic touch.

Ariel, the mer-princess, is played by Lindsey McCollough and Sam Burdick plays Ariel's dream prince, Eric. Seasoned actor Dan Harris brings power and passion to the character of King Triton while Lisa

Corbiere portrays the villainous Sea Witch. Hailey Weston appears as Scuttlebutt the seagull and Amber McInnis as Sebastian the crab.

The academy is proud to acknowledge the enthusiasm and support of the whole community and the many contributors not only to this presentation but to those of the past 10 years.

Performance times are 6 p.m. May 7 and 2 p.m. May 8, at the DreamMaker's Theatre of the Sault Kewadin Casino. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the Kewadin Box Office, by calling 635-4917, and at the door.

For more information call, Luanna Luxton at 253-2180.

STARS 2011 summer season

This year's summer line up begins May 15 in Sault Ste. Marie with the STARS/Algoma Youth Orchestra Festival concert, followed by the sixth annual STARS dance show May 20-21 and ending with the ever popular Rocky Horror Picture Show Oct. 14-15.

Throughout the summer and fall, a wide variety of live shows and programs are scheduled, such as the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* July 24-31 directed by Bob Koger,

and the opera *The Marriage of Figaro* Aug. 18-19 and 21 produced by Karen Hughes.

Many artists, both local and professional, will grace the Soo Theatre stage, as they offer productions from the STARS Children's Musical Theatre summer camps, dance camps, talent competitions and variety shows.

National and international music groups will also be performing, including Don Ross and Brooke Miller of Canada, Celtic Duo Switchback and

California's The Kid and Nic Show.

Tickets for all summer productions will go on sale in late May.

Audition dates for musical and opera programs will be announced soon, so keep an eye on the Soo Theatre Project's website, www.sootheatre.org, or call the office for more information at 632-1930. Join us on Facebook by becoming a fan of the Soo Theatre and be among the first to get updates and information.

Committee expresses thanks to many

The Family Celebration Planning Committee thanks the following organizations and businesses for contributions to the 13th annual Parenting Awareness Month family celebration event on March 22 at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Thanks to all who donated their time planning and organizing this special event for the families.

Thanks to Anishnaabek Community and Family Services, Chippewa County Council for Youths and Families, Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School

District, Sault Tribe Housing Authority, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, Sault Tribe Head Start, Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities, JKL Bahweting Public School Academy and Givers Club, Sault Tribe Police Department, Kewadin Casinos, Soo Locks Boat Tours, Star Line Mackinac Island Ferry, Park Inn, Glen's County Market, Indo China Gardens, Dondee Lanes, Antler's Restaurant, Country Kitchen, Goetz's Lockview Restaurant, Palace Saloon, Little Caesar's Pizza, Ace Parker Hardware,

Applebee's Grill and Bar, Arby's, Wendy's, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Alpine Chocolat Haus and Pizza Hut. Special thanks to all of the members of the Family Celebration Planning Committee for all of their hard work and dedication to the event and to the vendors and participants who make the event what it is. Spending time with your family is the most special time you can spend. Be sure to celebrate your family every day and to make each moment count. On behalf of our committee, thank you.

— *Jessica Gillotte, ACFS*

Area farmers' markets starting season

The Sault Ste. Marie farmers' market was in the Bayliss Library for the winter. It headed back outside on April 27 and set up on Ridge Street across from the firehall.

Newberry's first farmers' market opens May 12 in the American Legion parking lot. Locally produced items available will include tomatoes, cucumbers, bread, whitefish, candies, eggs, jams, jellies, handmade artisan products and more. According to the Newberry Farmers Market

Workgroup, over the course of the summer more products will be available, such as specialty peppers, organics, berries, herbs, flowers, syrup and squash. Parties interested in selling at the Newberry market are asked to contact Jessica Price at 293-5031 and fill out a vendor agreement.

The workgroup is starting a special events calendar. Group fundraisers and business promotions are offered on table per week for special groups. We are also

looking for organizations or individuals to conduct educational demonstrations, provide community education or entertainment such as music, face painting, fitness demonstrations, or arts and crafts. According to the workgroup, leadership of the Newberry Farmers' Market is by MSU Extension in partnership with the Strategic Alliance for Health Coalition and the LMAS District Health Department. Find the Newberry Farmers' Market on Facebook.

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

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Newspaper deadlines

Below is the Win Awenen Nisitotung production schedule for the rest of 2011. If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Dale-Burton at (906) 632-6398, ext. 26073, or e-mail jdburton@saulttribe.net.

DEADLINE DATE (Tuesdays)	PUBLISH DATE (Fridays)
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Tribe recognized by ANG 1437th MRBC

By Rick Smith

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians received a Distinguished Center of Influence Award from the Army National Guard 1437th Multi Role Bridge Company during the unit's Freedom Salute Campaign ceremony at the armory in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on April 1.

According to the National Guard Virtual Armory, the Freedom Salute Campaign is one of the guard's largest recognition endeavors in history, designed to publicly acknowledge soldiers, their families and major community supporters during operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The Freedom Salute Campaign began December 2003 and has recognized over 100,000 members of the National Guard, family members, friends, employers, organizations and others for supporting contributions since Sept. 11, 2001.

Before the 1437th left for overseas deployment in 2009, Kewadin Casinos contributed to the morale of the guard members and their families through the Kewadin Cares Campaign by providing bus transportation for guard members in training at Fort McCoy,



Photo by Rick Smith

(Left to right) Kewadin Casinos COO Tony Goetz, Army National Guard Brigadier General Michael Nevin, Sault Tribe Board of Directors Chairman Joe McCoy and Army National Guard 1st Lt. Alex Wilson after Sault Tribe was presented with a Distinguished Center of Influence Award in a ceremony at the Army National Guard armory in Sault Ste. Marie on April 1.

Wisc., so families could spend the Christmas holiday together. The casino also donated snack bags for the troops going on deployment, set special hotel room rates for them for a week

before deployment and contributed complimentary hospitality packages for them to enjoy the amenities of the Sault casino's hotel, restaurant and theater.

Sault Tribe Board of Directors Chairman Joe McCoy and Kewadin Casinos Chief Operating Officer Tony Goetz

accepted the Distinguished Center of Influence Award from Brigadier General Michael Nevin on behalf of the tribe's members and staff. The award itself is a 17-inch statuette of the famous Concord Minute Man of 1775 statue sculpted by Daniel Chester

French and erected in 1875 in Concord, Mass., on the grounds of the Minute Man National Historical Park.

In addition, individual guard members who deployed last year received recognition during the ceremony and were presented with folded flags in decorated display cases along with individual commemorative medallions and certificates.

Families of the guard members were presented with handsome table clocks in appreciation for their sacrifices and support.

Michigan American Legion Post 3 of Sault Ste. Marie received an Outstanding Center of Influence Award for activities in support of the troops, a framed and matted photo mosaic partial image of the American flag made up of small photos of National Guard members.

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May 13-14
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- Plus -
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Hessel Tribal Center (next to the casino)

Online tribal leadership course offered at NNI

Course is open to anyone enrolled in a federally recognized tribe interested in leadership roles

By Rick Smith

Enrolled members and leaders of American Indian tribes may be interested to know about a new online course developed and conducted by the University of Arizona Native Nations Institute (NNI) for Leadership, Management and Policy. The course is designed for those who are presently serving or have a goal of someday serving in tribal leadership roles. The course is titled *Rebuilding Native Nations: Strategies for Governance and Development*.

The Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation founded the institute in 2001 to serve as a resource for American Indian governments in developing self-determination and self-governance. The course was developed by the institute with the cooperation of an array of experienced Indian Country leaders and experts and opened online last November.


According to an overview by the institute, the course series "examines the critical governance and development challenges facing Native nations and surveys the breadth and diversity of Native nation-

building efforts across Indian Country. Sharing lessons learned from more than two decades of community-based research by NNI and its sister organization the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, it explores what is working, what isn't and why as Native nations work to reclaim control over their own affairs and create vibrant futures of their own design."

Subjects covered in the course options are approaches to economic development, constitutions, justice systems, tribal administration, intergovernmental relations, leadership, and rebuilding American Indian nations.


The introductory stage of the three-level course is currently functioning and has an "estimated learning time" of four to six hours. The second level is due online this spring and the third level should be ready this summer.

Those interested in learning more about the course, costs or the institute should visit www.nni.arizona.edu and open *Course Rebuilding Native Nations*.

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Allen G. Cadreau
Owner/CEO, Indian Energy LLC

Indian Energy would like to thank all tribal members who voted to approve our Tribal Board of Directors decision to purchase a 15% equity position in Indian Energy. As a tribal member, I can appreciate the constitutional right of the "Referendum Process" and support that process. The membership listened, asked questions, separated fact from fiction and voted to move forward.

These are very challenging times for both our leadership and our members. We are continually being asked by our Federal and State officials to do more with less, regardless of their treaty obligations. Becoming truly self-sufficient is our only long-term solution.

As a tribal member, I have longed to assist the tribe and help in the diversification of tribal revenues. Renewable energy on Native lands has the potential to dwarf our current gaming revenue streams. As a leader in the energy sector, I can tell you there is a very exciting future for our people in renewable energy. I am humbled, honored and grateful to have the opportunity to partner with our tribe in this very exciting market niche. I am committed to improving our Elder's quality of life, our Seventh Generation's future and maintaining our traditional way of life. Together we can all make a difference. Chi Miigwetch!



INDIAN ENERGY TO PRESENT SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW IN JULY

Officials from Indian Energy will be presenting a Semi-Annual Review to the Tribal Board of Directors, as well as attending Elder Luncheons and General Membership Unit Meetings during the month of July. We will be working with the Board to schedule the meetings and publish the dates and times well in advance, so as many members can attend these meetings. We look forward to presenting the membership with the status of our project pipeline as well as answer any questions the membership may have regarding the company, renewables, or the energy sector.

As a full service utility-scale renewable energy development company, our success is directly tied to the success of our clients. The company continues to develop the Laguna Salada Renewable Energy Park for the Cucupah Nation (Baja, Mexico) as well as meet with other Native Tribes interested in renewable development.

The company is also moving forward with its vision of providing services to the United States Department Of Defense, which consists of providing renewable energy services to U.S. Military bases under 8(a) sole-source, no-bid contracts. The company has been approached by multiple tribes requesting presentations about 8(a) partnership opportunities with Indian Energy.

Please check our website for information regarding the upcoming meetings. Indian Energy will also provide the meeting schedules in the next two editions of the Tribal Newspaper. We look forward to coming back to meet with the Board, Elders, and Members; as well as attend the Sugar Island Pow Wow. We hope to see everyone at the meetings. Miigwetch!

INDIAN ENERGY SEEKS APPLICANTS

As Indian Energy continues to develop the company's project pipeline, there will be a need to fill consulting positions as they become available with qualified tribal members who are interested in a career in the energy sector. Tribal members who own their own businesses who are interested in becoming supply chain partners will also be needed as we continue to develop our projects and grow. We are committed to identifying tribal members who have the skills, experience, or products that will help Indian Energy succeed.

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To upload resumes, or supplier product sheets via the internet:

Go to www.indianenergyllc.com

Select from the right menu, the "Sault Tribe Area" option

In the login section enter the username and password. Username = saulttribe, Password = chipp3wa

Tribal members then have the ability to upload resumes and other documentation in the Employment and Supplier Opportunities. Members can read up on the Talking Circle and ask questions also. Various documentation regarding the company and the Tribe's due diligence is also available for reading in the Available Documents section.

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MacArthur joins Higher Education team

Sault Tribe member Brandi MacArthur was recently hired as an administrative assistant in the Sault Tribe Higher Education Department.

“Educational experience allows for us as individuals to grow so that we can work towards and achieve our dreams,” MacArthur said. “I am blessed with this great job opportunity that allows me to be working in the education department because education plays a huge role in our everyday lives.”

Working for the tribe since high school, MacArthur started out as a secretary for the tribal prosecutor, funded by the Sault Tribe WIA and JTPA programs.

MacArthur attended JKL Bahweting Anishnabe PSA where she learned about tribal



Brandi MacArthur

traditions at a young age. Her father, Chip MacArthur, Sault Tribe Facilities Management, taught her things she didn't learn in school, like how to hunt and fish. “Hunting deer is my

ultimate favorite!” she said. “I get excited every year when it comes time to start prepping my hunting area and baiting the deer. My dad always taught me to say a prayer and to put down tobacco every time I enter the woods, and I appreciate being able to experience hunting first hand. I think dad likes to share the tales with his friends because I am a girl and I can hunt, gut, and process a deer.”

Her boyfriend, Sault Tribe Zamboni driver Matthew Roy, taught her how to pick sweet-grass, wild berries, leeks and how to collect sap for maple syrup.

MacArthur spent a few years working at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center concession stand and helped fill in as needed for skate patrol and recep-

tion. She also helped prepare snacks used for the children's summer recreation and after school programs and is remembered for her awesome popcorn.

MacArthur's career path changed when she joined the Sault Tribe Behavioral Health team as a clinical administrative assistant. “I loved working with such a variety of team members and clientele. The program made some major changes while I was there, such as merging Mental Health and Substance Abuse into Behavioral Health,” said MacArthur.

MacArthur's computer skills will come in handy inputting students' Higher Education applications for the upcoming 2011-2012 fall semester. “I am excited about our Higher

Education database. It's less than a year old so there a few minor bugs, but MIS has been great about helping us. The accounting department has been super friendly and helpful with assisting our department process over 590 checks from 2010-2011 fall students.”

If you are interested in applying for any Higher Education grants, scholarships, or awards, contact Brandi MacArthur at bmacarthur@saulttribe.net, (906) 635-7784 or toll-free at (855) 635-7784.

MacArthur said the tribe's Educational Departments would like to say chi miigwech to Barb Christie for all of her years of hard work and dedication as the previous administrative assistant to the Higher Education Department.

Dutcher joins tribe in new coordinator post

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Marine, safety officer, college student, defense specialist — Joleen Dutcher has done a lot in her 35-year life, and now she is the tribe's new emergency preparedness coordinator. Dutcher will plan and conduct drills, exercises and trainings to keep the tribe prepared for emergencies and work with outside agencies to keep the tribe coordinated.

“I credit my interest in emergency management to my experience in the Marine Corps. I enjoyed the camaraderie that came with preparing for the worst,” said Dutcher. “I enjoyed



Joleen Dutcher

the social environment of training others. I enjoyed the thrill

of being were the action was.”

The emergency preparedness coordinator works under the Health Division umbrella and Dutcher answers to Manager of Operations Joel Lumsden.

The Cedarville resident was born in Anchorage, Alaska, and was raised with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. During her stint with the USMC, she specialized in nuclear, biological, and chemical defense. Settling in Cedarville, she worked in risk management as a safety officer before going back to school.

Dutcher both broadened her perspectives and got back to her

roots at Bay Mills Community College and while there, she spent three years learning about college life and the “joys of tradition and community” while earning a business administration management degree.

She participated in the American Indian Higher Education Consortium while at BMCC and with that leadership and encouragement, she went to Davenport University based in Grand Rapids for public safety and security management, as well as the 2009 Philip Hubbard Law School Preparation Program.

She is just finishing up her

bachelor's and is looking forward to her new work. Her first big event is this year's Rural and Ready Symposium.

“Save the date,” she said. “June 7.”

Perron takes executive director post

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

In what might seem like a big career change, Sault Tribe member Amy Perron was recently named executive director of the Diane Pepler Resource Center.

In her prior position, Perron worked for Tribal Prosecutor Eric Blubaugh, and helped develop the victim's rights code, the process of informing victims of each step in the criminal case, and apprising them of available services.

Perron has seen laws passed to protect victims over the past 20 years that have made a big difference. “It's good to see the law moving forward and to see our country and our laws change for the better,” she said.

After college she went to work for then Chippewa County Public Defender Bruce Cranham as a paralegal. She was there at a time of tremendous change as state friend of the court guidelines improved. On the criminal side, she worked with perpetrators after their arrests, opening their cases and interviewing them at the jail.

Perron then went to Bay Mills Indian Community to build its Compliance Department and she is very proud of that work. “IGRA (Indian Gaming Regulatory Act) passed and tribes had to set up commissions and regulatory



Amy Perron

teams,” she said. “I hired and trained tribal members. We conducted background investigations and stayed in compliance with new laws, of which there were many.”

After her youngest child was born, she decided to become a stay-at-home mom for him and his two older sisters, Eva and Isabelle. With Willem now in school and costs rising all around her and her husband, Kurt, she decided it was time to go back to work. She had two jobs lined up when she was offered the job in the prosecutor's office, and she immediately took the position. Then an opportunity to do even more knocked.

“I am happy here and I'm

focused on helping people,” she said. “I really liked my job at Sault Tribe, but I have another 20 years in the workforce and I want to do more to make a difference.”

She spent the past few weeks training under former Executive Director Doreen Howson, who is retiring to travel with her husband. Perron's office is attached to the resource center. “The center tries to give victims the tools to empower themselves, take care of themselves and regain control over their lives,” she said.

The center is open to victims of domestic violence, sexual violence and sexual assaults. As of May 1, the center can help victims under age 12 thanks to a new grant.

Perron's role is to supervise, administrate, work with the community and find funding. “Diane Pepler is a beloved organization in the community,” she said. “I'm really proud and glad to be here. We have two satellite offices, one in Luce County and one in Mackinac County.”

Because of tight times across the country, charities are down. “Next year is projected to be a hard year for us,” she said.

But Perron is up for the challenge, already plugging her first fundraiser: “Hoedown at the Elks on Saturday, May 14, beginning at 6 p.m with cock-

tails, dinner, music and dancing, silent auction, and prizes for best costume, best line dancing and best couples two-step. Tickets are \$15 per person, available at the Elk's Lodge and Edward Jones in Sault Ste. Marie. A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Diane Pepler Resource Center.”

G'tchi miigwech

On behalf of our mother, Rose Menard, we would like to say chi miigwech for all of the support that was provided during her brief illness. The way our community pulled together in support of her was truly amazing and touched her immensely. Thank you for all of your monetary donations, the hard work making pasties, the wonderful meals, the donated leave, your words of encouragement and your prayers. We are also very grateful for the support that was given to us during her funeral. Thank you all so much for helping us honor and celebrate our mother's life.

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State Rep. Frank Foster visits Sault Tribe



BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Michigan's 107th District Representative Frank Foster has a firm grip on issues, understands and supports tribal sovereignty and treaty rights, and looks forward to what Michigan can be (rather than what it has been) for all his constituents in Chippewa, Mackinac and Emmet counties, Tuscorara and Kohler Townships in Cheboygan County.

As a member of the next generation that has been making itself known in leadership circles, Foster is a well-rounded thinker, listener and talker who takes science and technology for granted as much as he does politics and business. He decided to run as a Republican because the party is a better fit with his economic principles and his main focus on job creation, he said.

The state rep said the important thing to remember is the budget time line is very short and it must be responsible. Then, he will work with small family businesses to help them and help create jobs.

As a finance student at Grand Valley College, Foster was elected student body president and began to fight for education. He interned with the city of Grand Rapids and went

on to work for former U.S. Representative Pete Hoekstra in Washington, D.C. His Lansing office is friendly and young with an open door policy and open information, he said.

Foster comes from a family that has been working and living in the northern Michigan community for over 100 years. As someone who wants to live here and raise a family here, Foster is interested not only in improving and reforming taxes, regulations and the small business environment, he insists that it be a concrete plan to get it done in a timely manner, before Michigan loses another generation to work in other parts of the U.S.

"It's a turning point in time for our state. We have to move forward," said Foster. Unless Michigan's economy turns around, it will lose another generation to work outside of the state, he added. And, Michigan's aging population only makes the situation more difficult.

Foster also believes in the Bill of Rights, and the principles behind freedom of speech and the right to bear arms. "The United States is unique," he said. "We have grown a lot as a society, but those principles still remain true, at least in my mind."

Foster understands the trea-

ties the United States made with Indian tribes, how they are derived from the U.S. Constitution, and sees them as a commitment made by the United States government that's still in force.

"I'm a firm believer — if you make a commitment, you honor it," he said. "We need to honor that commitment."

Foster likewise believes that the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver is a commitment made. If it is funded, it should be funded fully, he said, and he supports it. He also supports more overall college attendance.

Having said that, Foster understands the MITW is a burden and he is trying to work through the funding issues with the state.

The tribes will play a role in the state's turnaround. Foster acknowledges that Indian gaming is part of "who we are" as a state, along with other tourism and recreational opportunities and jobs. As chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation, and someone who has family here, Foster considers activities appropriate as long as they are responsible, as the tribes have been with gaming, and fishing management.

Right now, Foster has a

Above, Rep. Frank Foster (center) pays his respects to Michigan tribal leaders, including Sault Tribe Chairman Joe McCoy (right) at an Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Inc. meeting. All Michigan tribes except Little River Band belong to the council. Below, Foster chats with Kewadin Casinos VP of Hotel Operations Carol Eavou (left) and administrative assistant Sheri Wallis (right) during lunch in which Foster and tribal officials talked about current issues.



Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton

hunter heritage bill in motion that will teach young kids hunting and fishing skills, not only to extend our heritage, but also keep kids healthy.

Other legislation he is part of is language to keep open the 23

state campgrounds targeted for closure by the DNR by offering them to local units of government. And Foster thinks the tribes should be eligible as long as the public retains access and is looking into the possibility.

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How to write an effective letter

Elected officials take letters from their constituents very seriously. This is especially true when individuals have taken the time to sit down and write a letter in their own words. Elected officials pay the most attention to letters from voters in their own districts, not voters outside of their districts.

Here are some tips for making your letters the most effective:

1. Write a letter you would like to receive; use a factual, professional tone, don't exaggerate and avoid name-calling or making threats.

2. Write legibly. Only use a typewriter or computer when your handwriting is difficult to read. Be sure to include your name and address.

3. Limit your letter to one page and stick to a single topic. First, state that you support or oppose a position or piece of legislation. Refer to bills and resolutions by number if possible.

4. Then, list the reasons for your support or opposition. Last, ask your representatives to write back explaining their position on the legislation.

Communities dump leftover medications

By RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe recently took its first foray into providing three regional depositories for a nationwide move to reduce dangerous surplus pharmaceuticals in communities.

In all, our tribe helped to safely convey 35 pounds of excess prescription drugs from the homes of people who delivered the medications to three sites in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Manistique.

The U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) coordinated with state, tribal and local police departments to conduct the National Take Back Initiative on April 30.

The Office of Diversion Control for the Department of Justice describes the initiative as a measure to address vital public safety and health issues. According to the office, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration conduct-

ed a survey in 2009 that indicated more than seven million Americans abuse prescription drugs. The Partnership for a Drug Free America reports that, each day, about 2,500 teens get high for the first time by the illicit use of prescription drugs acquired from homes, relatives or friends.

The DEA began a coordinated free program to collect excess pharmaceuticals last September that encouraged people to anonymously discard unused prescription drugs by dropping them off at participating police stations across the country. The program was deemed a huge success in eliminating potential dangers to communities posed by errant controlled medications, around 3,000 participating police stations nationwide collected about 121 tons of pills.

People who take advantage of the program to properly dispose of unwanted prescription pills prevent the possibility of

theft and abuse of medications in their homes, accidental overdoses and drug contamination in sewer and water systems.

This year, Sault Tribe joined the program with drop off sites at its medical facilities in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Manistique. Police from the City of Sault Ste. Marie also participated this year and the Michigan State Police continued participation.

Police Chief Bob Marchand said it is too early to tell if or when another collection will take place. "It's a good program," he said, "getting just one pound of prescription drugs would be considered successful. I think the DEA will support continuing the program."

People in Chippewa County interested in doing more to prevent harm from stray medications may visit Chippewa County Against Abusing Prescription Drugs on Facebook for networking, information and meeting announcements.



Photo by Rick Smith

Left to right, at the halfway point of the four-hour collection period on April 30, Sault Tribe law enforcement personnel Mike Pins and Bob Marchand along with Joel Lumsden of the Sault Tribe health services staff display an estimated 10 to 15 pounds of unwanted pharmaceuticals people dropped off for disposal at the tribal medical offices building in Sault Ste. Marie. Medications turned in at three tribal sites were turned over to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for proper disposal. Sault Tribe Law Enforcement worked in conjunction with the Sault Tribe Health Division in hosting the tribe's participation in the National Take Back Initiative. The initiative works free of charge with no questions asked and promotes safety in homes and communities.

Abramson recognized as distinguished alumna

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Lake Superior State University's School of Business has presented its first distinguished alumna award to Cathy Abramson, board secretary to the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The award recognizes Abramson's continuing work for her tribe and community, and for groundbreaking work in growing LSSU's chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), that still flourishes today.

She received the alumni awards from retired LSSU economics and data processing professor Charles Meiser during the school's annual recognition dinner at the Sault Country Club on April 16.

"Cathy demonstrated her leadership and teamwork skills as a member of the Lake State SIFE team," said Meiser during the introduction of his former student. After graduating for the second time, Cathy continued her involvement as a member of the LSSU SIFE business advisory board. Her support of SIFE and her outstanding professional achievements were recognized in 1997 at the SIFE National Expo in Kansas City when she received both the Outstanding Business Advisory Board member and the Outstanding Alumna award. It was the first time anyone had received both awards."

Abramson is a woman of many accomplishments. Her involvement in tribal government began in 1996 when she was elected to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians board of directors. She has been reelected to the board since, and currently serves as tribal secretary.

Abramson is also active with the United Tribes of Michigan and the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes. She serves on Sault Tribe's traditional living and foods program planning

committee; participates in the Sault Ste. Marie cultural screening committee and has served on the higher education committee, the conservation committee and as an advisor for the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Youth Council.

Recently Abramson was liaison between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Board of Directors and the Head Start Policy Council. She is also on

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HSS) secretary's tribal advisory committee, and has membership in the national Tribal Leader's Diabetes Committee, the HHS Tribal Consultation Workgroup and the Agency for Children and Families Tribal/Federal Workgroup.

She was elected chair of the National Indian Health Board during its Jan. 17 meeting in

Washington, D.C.

Abramson offered an Ojibwe Anishnaabe word for thanks — miigwech — as she received her citation from Meiser. "I am honored to accept this award from a school that I always held dear to my heart."

It was at Lake State that she met her husband Tony. The Abramsons have three children: Lisa, Laura, and Tony Jr. Cathy supported Tony as he pursued his education in the medical arts. As the children got older, Abramson returned to Lake State to obtain a Bachelor of Science in business administration degree.

"LSSU's campus is where my ancestors lived; maybe this is why I've always felt welcome," Abramson said. LSSU's hilltop campus overlooks the St. Marys river, long a source of food, transportation and trade for Native Americans. Recent

campus archeological studies have found evidence of Native settlements that date as far back as 7,000 years.

"Charlie (Meiser) always said that if you find a job that you love you would never have to work for the rest of your life. I've found a job that I love, as I love to fight for and help our tribe while educating various people about who we are as a tribal nation," said Abramson, referring to her work both locally with the Sault Tribe and nationally on Native American issues.

Abramson joins 10 others who have received the School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award, which includes corporate presidents, partners and executive officers engaged in finance, manufacturing, banking, insurance and energy sectors throughout the United States and Canada.



Photo by John Shibley, LSSU

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA — Lake Superior State University's School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Cathy Abramson receives her citation from mentor and retired LSSU professor Charles Meiser. Abramson, who returned to finish a bachelor's in business administration after raising a family, received the honor — the first presented to a woman — during the school's annual graduate recognition dinner at the Sault Golf and Country Club in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on April 16. Abramson has served on the board of directors for the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians since 1996. Meiser was a Sam Walton Free Enterprise Fellow for Lake Superior State University's chapter of Students In Free Enterprise, SIFE.

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Blog invites postings about St. Marys River

BY RICK SMITH

The folks who recently launched a new blog about the St. Marys River invite readers and writers everywhere to enjoy or share personal recollections and reflections of the magnificent waterway.

Brought online by the Binational Public Advisory Council for the St. Marys River Area of Concern and Lake Superior State University, www.writing-the-st-marys.blogspot.com is a place where anyone may post creative non-fiction works that celebrate life and times on or along the river. It is hoped that, eventually, the posted works will instill an appreciation for the river in people who will, in turn, work to conserve it.

"We're welcoming the stories and reminiscences from everyone so we can get a whole picture of what the river means to everyone in the area," said Jilena Rose, creative writing instructor at LSSU and editor of the blogsite. She indicated an anthology of posted works may be possible some time in the future.

Works posted onto the blog remain the property of authors



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Contributions to the blog should

be sent to stmarysriver@gmail.com and all posted works will be attributed to the authors.

According to its website, the

Some folks may question why no apostrophe is used in the name of the St. Marys River, in accordance with proper English punctuation. Credit that oddity to the United States Board on Geographic Names, a little known body of the U.S. Geological Survey of the U.S. Department of the Interior. The federal government created the board in 1890 and it evolved into its present form in 1947. It was established to develop and maintain uniformity of geographic names and end inconsistencies and contradictions among many names, spellings and applications that posed serious problems to surveyors, map makers and scientists who required standard nomenclature. Whatever form the board decides becomes the officially adopted form of geographic names in this country.

The reason why the apostrophe is not present in the name of the St. Marys River is lost to antiquity, but it is one of five known cases in the United States where apostrophes are inappropriately missing in geographic names, another example is Pikes Peak in Colorado.

St. Marys River Bi-National Public Advisory Council formed on Nov. 13, 1988, as an advocacy group for the river by interested citizens, property owners, tribes, elected officials, health units, municipal staff and university staff from both Canada and the United States. The council's mission is to assist government agencies responsible for preparing a remedial action plan for the St. Marys River and environs. The council strives to keep appropriate agencies informed on public

views and opinions regarding restoration and maintenance of the St. Marys River area and pushes projects to reach restoration goals. Overall, it is dedicated to improving and protecting the river's water quality and ecosystems for all to enjoy.

Those interested in keeping abreast of news and information about the river or the council should visit www.lssu.edu/bpac.

The Lake Superior State University campus is in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., overlooking the upper St. Marys River.

Students win state competition, bound for nationals in D.C.

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Three Sault Tribe members who are students at Sault Area High School will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to take part in the national competition of the Business Professionals of America (BPA) held May 4-8.

Those students are sophomores Alyssa Holt, Emma Harrington and senior Tasha Opalka. According to Native American Student Services Coordinator Patti Oshelski, the Title VII Indian Education Parent Committee has donated \$600 to each student to help finance their trip.

"The Title VII Parent Committee is committed to improving the education of our Native American students while attending Sault Area Public Schools. Our goal is to assist our Native students through their school years and to do what we can to help them obtain their high school diploma," Oshelski said.

In order to attend the national

competition, the students first competed in the BPA State Leadership Conference held March 24-27 in Grand Rapids. Forty-six students from the Sault Area High School Career Center participated in the state competitions, 17 placed in the top seven in their competition bringing home 22 awards.

Of the 17 award winners at the state level, 11 students qualified for the national competition in Washington, D.C. All 46 students are members of the BPA and 14 of those are tribal members.

Throughout the regional, state and national conferences, students compete in events such as computerized accounting, financial math and analysis, web page design, global marketing and individual presentation management — students also showcase their skills and knowledge of business.

For 35 years, Sault High has been a part of the BPA, which now has more than 51,000 students and teachers as mem-

bers and boasts about 2,300 chapters across 23 states. BPA introduces students to careers in business management, information technology, office administration and related career fields.

Three Sault High teachers are leading their BPA chapter through the national competition: Diane Harrington, Heather Suggitt and Cynthia Zain, who teach business management, accounting and information technology.

Harrington said, "I think the BPA is a great extra curricular activity for students. Competing against other kids is not easy; it's great to see so many find success. Students learn confidence and job skills from this experience and hopefully something to put on a resumé."

For more information about the BPA, go to www.bpa.org for the national site or www.michiganbpa.org for the state site. To contact any of the Sault High BPA advisors, email dianeh@eup.k12.mi.us or hsuggitt@eup.k12.mi.us.



Left to right, Amanda Neve, Mackenzie Gimple, Sam Scott, Katlyn Moran, Alyssa Holt, Andre Jacques, Anna Olson, Brenna Moher, Tanner Howell, Jerome Gervais, Emma Harrington, Jacobi Vaughn, Kali Brosco, Adam Terwillinger and Don Hank.

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Council uncertain about old school's future

FROM THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE

MT. PLEASANT, Mich. — After careful consideration and a great deal of discussion, on April 20 the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Council voted to accept conveyance of approximately eight acres of the former Mt. Pleasant Center and Michigan Industrial Indian Boarding School properties as well as the Mission Creek Cemetery. This approval came with the understanding that the tribe would be able to secure an appropriate amount of set back property to successfully execute any plans to mitigate, improve or develop the properties in the future.

Several months ago, the council assembled a team of elders, administrative staff, council members and various experts to research and assess the conveyance from the

State of Michigan and make recommendations. The research team looked at the viability of the six historic buildings involved, the condition of the cemetery property and stumbling blocks that could possibly impede the transfer. Dee Ann Bosworth, senior measurement and evaluation consultant with the University of Michigan, was retained to lead the research team and collect information from tribal community members on their perspectives, along with information on the relevant legal, environmental and historical considerations with regard to the properties.

Research reviewed by the team revealed that the entire 300-plus acre area is adjacent to two known American Indian archeological sites. There is a possibility that as many as 116 children, who perished

at the boarding school during its operational years, may be buried somewhere on site, as was common practice during that era. The tribe reached out to City of Mt. Pleasant officials to discuss these concerns and share environmental information. During the discussions, the City of Mt. Pleasant offered to work collaboratively with any future plans for further development of the entire 307-acre conveyance of the Mt. Pleasant center property.

Tribal Chief Dennis Kequom reflected back on the days when tribal members, including his grandmother, attended the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School. "It would be nice to reestablish an educational component to that property. Many children who attended that facility were forgotten. Perhaps now we have an opportunity to create

something that remembers their existence," he said.

The tribal community is not sure what the future will hold for the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School and how best to revitalize the grounds. There is an overwhelming sense that action is needed, specifically

doing something that reflects the historic significance of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School and what that means to American Indian communities throughout Michigan and to those who have not yet heard this controversial chapter of American history.

Duncan seeks Indian Country education improvements

BY RICK SMITH

Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, Arne Duncan, told the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE) that he wants plenty of recommendations to make significant improvements to Indian Country schooling opportunities for young and old. Duncan made his request on April 19 at a council meeting in Washington, D.C.

According to a departmental legal assistant, Arne told the council, "If we give our Native American young people a great education, I'm wildly optimistic about what they can accomplish."

The council consists of 15 American Indian leaders from across the nation. It is the responsibility of the council to advise the secretary on matters concerning the department's

Indian education programs. In addition, the council submits annual reports on its activities to Congress along with making recommendations for improvements of federal education programs. The council also serves as a consulting body for the Interagency Working Group for information and advice on American Indian education.

Echoing similar sentiments he expressed at a meeting last year, Duncan said, "I encourage NACIE to be bold in their recommendations to the Department of Education. I'm not interested in incremental changes; I'm interested in exponential changes, and if we don't see improvements in the academic achievement of Native students during my time as secretary, I will feel personally accountable for that."

The president of the United States appoints council mem-

bers from lists of nominees furnished at intervals by American Indian tribes and organizations. The 15 members represent different geographic areas of the nation. According to the council's web page, the members serve as special government employees who are "asked to provide their own best judgment without representing any particular point of view, group or special interest and, more importantly, in a manner that is free from any conflict of interest." Advice and recommendations from the council members are based on their own expertise and experience.

Current council members hail from Montana, Oklahoma, Michigan (Peshawbestown), Virginia, North Dakota, South Dakota, Arizona, Oregon, Maine, Idaho, Illinois and Washington.

SBA expands women's federal contracting opportunities

BY RICK SMITH

A policy change by the U.S. Small Business Administration recently went into effect to expand opportunities for businesses owned by women to land contracts with the federal government. The new Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Federal Contract Program allows agencies to set aside contracts for businesses owned by women and economically disadvantaged businesses owned by women.

Those interested in learning more about the program or want to access participation instructions and applications should visit www.sba.wosb. The agency announced the program will be fully implemented over the coming months and expect the first federal contracts to be awarded by the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2011, when the largest percentage of contracts are awarded.

In order for businesses to qualify as a WOSB in the eyes of the Small Business Administration, they must be at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more women, and primarily managed by one or more women. Those women must be U.S. citizens and the firm must be considered small according to the agency's standards. To be deemed "economically disadvantaged," business owners must meet specific financial requirements as noted in the program's regulations.

The reason behind initiating the program is the agency found the number of small businesses owned by women participating in opportunities for 83 different contract classifications are very low.

Under the program, federal contracting officers may set aside contracts in those categories if it can be reasonably expected that at least two

businesses owned by women will submit bids and can fulfill contracts at fair and reasonable prices. The anticipated contracts prices under the program will be no greater than \$5 million for manufacturing contracts and no more than \$3 million for other types of contracts.

Elders' rummage sale May 13

The Unit I Sault Tribe elders are having a rummage sale May 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nokomis-Mishomis Building, 2076 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie. Come and find some great deals. Baked goods, gently used items and even a few surprises will be in store for you. Donations are welcome.

NASO announces 2011 outstanding student



Photo by Rick Smith


The 2011 Outstanding Graduating Native American Student was named at the Lake Superior State University Native American Center (NAC) on April 20. Engineering senior Raymond Greensky was honored as the recipient and environmental biology senior Carla Marcellas was also recognized as a nominee. Pictured at the celebration for the event are (left to right) Marcellus, Consolidated Community Schools GED Program Manager George Snider, NAC Director Stephanie Sabatine, Vice President of Student Affairs Ken Peress, Greensky, area substitute teacher Judy Hill and LSSU President Tony McClain. Both students are slated to begin careers in their respective fields upon graduation. The celebration featured some tasty home made victuals and live music.

Sarah Deer recognized

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sarah Deer was recognized by Attorney General Eric Holder at an April 8 awards ceremony hosted by the Department of Justice for dedicating herself to addressing and ending the crime of sexual violence against Native women.



Deer, a law professor at the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn., is a member of the of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma and a recipient of the National Sheila Wellstone Award for leadership in the field.



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Veterans organization seeks federal charter

By RICK SMITH

The National American Indian Veterans (NAIV) is closely tracking the progress of a bill in Congress that would grant the advocacy organization a federal charter to serve American Indian military veterans. A charter would give the NAIV equal footing on Capitol Hill to serve a group of veterans whose unique needs are neither wholly understood nor met by mainstream veterans organizations.

U.S. Senator Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) introduced the bill to the 112th Congress on April 5 and it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

According to the organization's website, the concept of the NAIV was formed in July of 1996 by Indian military veterans in Flandreau, S.D., who later merged with an inter-tribal veterans council in Arizona representing 23 tribes and began

the development of an organizational constitution and by-laws.

In April 2004, over 600 indigenous veterans representing 44 tribes signed the organization's charter and became recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. A few months later, the NAIV incorporated as a non-profit organization with headquarters in Baton Rouge, La., and the first legislative action to acquire a federal charter was initiated with the endorsement of the National Congress of American Indians and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.

The primary mission of the organization is to provide representation, advocacy and support for American Indian, Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian and American Samoan military veterans in improving the quality of their lives and the lives of their families.

At this time the organization is growing a network and acquiring infrastructure to help carry out its responsibilities and objectives. Among its aims are to assist and help the passage of legislation to acquire or expand benefits for Indian veterans and their families. Other goals

are to train service officers for local areas to personally help veterans filing claims with the Veterans Administration, maintaining a national website (www.naivonline.org), distributing a newsletter covering the status of VA programs and other matters of interest at the state

and national levels.

The organization is working on developing chartered memberships, lodges and auxiliaries in local areas to provide a gathering site for local NAIV members and their families or guests to conduct business or social activities.

Tribe supports veterans memorial initiative

We were there... Raising the American Flag at Iwo Jima, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War and current conflicts in Iraq & Afghanistan.



Why Aren't We Here?

Introducing The Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative

Federal court rules on possession of eagle feathers

By RICK SMITH

A federal appeals court recently ruled against several claims that federal laws violate religious rights by excluding anyone other than American Indians to possess eagle feathers for ceremonial purposes.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, Colo., handed down a ruling on March 29 on 10 cases involving possession of eagle feathers by people with ancestry other than American Indian, including one individual who claimed honorary membership in an American Indian tribe.

According to court documents, Samuel Ray Wilgus of Utah complained that the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act violated his rights under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993.

Essentially, Wilgus argued that protections afforded eagles under the first act, violated his rights to possess eagle feathers granted under the second act.

Wilgus is not an American Indian and was raised as a Baptist. Court records indicate he moved to Utah in the mid-1980s and lived with enrolled members of the Southern Paiute Nation.

He eventually became a "blood brother" with the Indians and was given a number of eagle feathers by Paiutes and members of other tribes.

While some of the feathers were given only as gifts, the court record shows it is undisputed that, at the very least, the intent in giving the first feather was for religious purposes.

A Utah Highway Patrol officer pulled Wilgus over for a traffic stop in 1998 and found 137 eagle feathers in his possession. A search at his home later produced four more feathers.

While Wilgus maintained he was an adopted member of the Paiutes and consequently entitled to have the feathers, he couldn't produce a proper federal permit for their possession. In addition, the chairman of the tribe told authorities that Paiute law does not allow the adoption of anyone who is not American Indian into their tribe.

The court tried to answer whether allowing only members of federally recognized American Indian tribes to acquire permits to possess eagle feathers was in the government's interest in promoting American Indian religion and culture.

The court found no simple resolution and wrote in its findings, "Native American religions are neither hierarchical nor homogenous, and there is considerable disagreement among tribes holding eagle feathers sacred regarding the appropriate role — if any — of persons who are not tribal members in tribal worship. While some tribes welcome non-Native American adherents in their worship, others regard members of other races 'playing Indian' as a threat to Native American culture."

The court found that whatever policy it chose, the government's interest in protecting tribal religions would be advanced with some tribes and frustrated with others.

In the end, the court found that the protection of eagles and American Indian religious practices would best be served by upholding the district court conviction of Wilgus for possessing the eagle feathers.

Further, the court declared the conviction did not violate his rights under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993.

By BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Tribe Board of Directors signed a resolution at a recent board meeting supporting the addition of a Native American to the current three servicemen statue at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Heading up the effort is Seminole Tribe of Florida Chairman Mitchell Cypress, who is himself a Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Army. The initiative will honor Native Americans who have served in all branches of the armed forces, including those who served in Iwo Jima, WWI, WWII, the Korean War, Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Sault Tribe is joining others across the nation in calling upon the U.S. and the National Park Service to include a Native American soldier along with the African American, Asian and Caucasian soldiers

currently represented on the National Mall.

Tribal Vice-Chairwoman Lana Causley heard Mitchell Cypress speak at a conference in March about the initiative and the need for others to join him in supporting the cause. She said, "It was inspiring to hear a tribal chief and veteran speak about the people that are the keepers of our freedom and the need to have them equally recognized on the National Mall. We all have loved ones that are away, that we know or that we have lost that sacrificed for us. To be able to bring home a request to support the initiative at the federal level was an honor. Miigwetch to the Seminoles for taking the lead in this and to our tribe for their support."

Historically, Native Americans have the highest record of military service per capita when compared to other ethnic groups, according to the

Department of Defense.

Cypress said the effort will include lobbying and public relations programs and will reach out to U.S. senators, representatives and their staff, the Obama administration, and members of the government entity that oversees the design and placement of memorials in Washington, D.C. - the National Capital Planning Commission.

According to the initiatives website, Cypress said, "Long before an official organization of our country's military, Native Americans have always served as stewards of our homelands."

"We were there during conflict, fighting for our country and as Native Americans, when we look at the beautiful statue that depicts true and brave warriors, we wonder why we were not included. We were there too!" he said.

To show support for the initiative, or for more information, visit www.thenavmi.com.

Are you interested in free suicide prevention training?

From "Prevention Plan," pg. 1 many gifts and talents."

During the conference, STAY staff also showcased the Building Circles of Support training curriculum they developed under the grant program. Forty volunteers attended a week-long training to further develop the curriculum and become proficient in teaching it. The training highlights such topics as bullying, suicide prevention, identity and awareness. The STAY Project is spon-

soring its second Warrior Camp, Ogichidaa Bimaadiziwin Kinoomaagewin, open to all male youth ages 12-16 who are members of a federally recognized tribe. The camp is scheduled for July 11-15 and is being held at Boedne Bay. Hosted by the Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program, participants will learn about healthy lifestyles, natural life skills, leadership skills and participate in physical activities. For more information or to register,

contact Laura Collins at (906) 632-0236 or Peggy Hemenway at 632-0220.

Smutek said any organization or school within the seven-county service area interested in suicide prevention training by STAY staff can contact her for more information and to schedule a training event. She can be reached at 635-8629, ext. 26316, or bsmutek@saulttribe.net. You can also visit the STAY website at www.stayproject.org.

REO Speedwagon performing at Kewadin

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – American rock band REO Speedwagon is performing at Kewadin Casinos on July 21, 2011. During their last stop at Kewadin, the band played to a sellout crowd.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the chart topping album *Hi Infidelity* by hit makers REO Speedwagon who have been touring the country and entertaining fans nationwide for decades.

Hi Infidelity is the group's most commercially successful album, selling over ten million copies and charting four top 40 hits in the US.

Over the course of its career,



the band has sold more than forty million records and has charted thirteen top 40 hits including *Time for Me To Fly*, *Take It On The Run*, *Can't Fight This Feeling*, *Roll With the Changes*, *Keep on Loving You*, *I Needed To Fall*, *Smilin' In The End*.

Tickets for the show went on sale April 20 and are \$42.50.

Call the box office at 800-KEWADIN or click www.kewadin.com for more information.

Visit the band's official website: www.reospeedwagon.com or on MySpace at www.myspace.com/reospeedwagon.

Kewadin Casinos' team members of the year

Carol Jasmin: Kewadin Manistique Team Member of the Year

Carol Jasmin is the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Manistique.

The team member of the year is selected by their peers and receives a personal plaque; \$200, entertainment tickets, din-

ner, and a hotel stay along with a plaque that is located in each casino. lives in Manistique with her boyfriend, Rob Lockwood, and son Terry. She has two children, Sara and Terry, and one grandchild. Sara lives in Manistique with her husband, Kendall, and son Karter.

Kewadin Casinos, with locations in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique and



St. Ignace Team Member of the Year, Ashley Paquin (center, right), General Manager Steve Sprecker (left), Assistant Manager Sheryl McKerchie (center, left), and Hotel Manager Lisa Sawruk (right).

lead server and as concessions beverage supervisor. "I think my favorite part of my job is working the outdoor events," said Mary. "I really have always liked my job here at Kewadin, in very position I have worked. I just enjoy meeting different people and experiencing all the different personalities."

Co-workers and supervisors can't say enough good about her. "Mary is an invaluable employee," said Janice Frye, food and beverage director. "She works independently, is trustworthy and is a hard working employee. Her staff respects her and I consider her a very valuable employee in my department. Her absence would be very noticeable."

Mary lives in Sault Ste. Marie with husband Pat and has three children and four grandchildren.

Ashley Paquin: Kewadin St. Ignace Team Member of the Year

Ashley Paquin, Kewadin hotel front desk team member, was recently selected as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin St. Ignace.

The team member was chosen by peers for this award and will receive a personal plaque; \$200, entertainment tickets, dinner, and a hotel stay along with a plaque that is located in each casino.

"Ashley is a great front desk employee," said Lisa Sawruk, Kewadin St. Ignace hotel manager. "She has taken on responsibility, helps train most of the new staff who join the front desk and continues to keep all of our hotel staff up to speed on new items."

According to employees working with Ashley, she goes out of her way to make guests feel welcome so they come back to stay with Kewadin.

"She is a great worker, friendly and is always here and ready to do her job," said Steve Sprecker, casino manager.

Ashley started with the tribe in the Summer Youth Program in the summers of 2006 and 2007. In October of 2007, she started at the Lakefront, as a front desk clerk. In the November of 2009, she accepted a position at the St. Ignace on-site hotel as a front desk clerk. "She has always been willing to help with any department that has needed it, such as making beds, checking rooms, valet and tour host and she still helps with the Lakefront Inn when needed," said Sawruk. "It would be nice to have a full

staff of employees like her!"

Jimmy Lockhart: Kewadin Hessel Team Member of the Year

Jimmy Lockhart, security, was recently selected as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Hessel.

The team member was chosen by peers for this award and received a personal plaque; \$200, entertainment tickets, dinner, and a hotel stay along with a plaque that is located in each casino.

Jimmy, who has worked with Kewadin since 1997, was nominated because of his positive and "can do" attitude. "Jimmy is not only an asset to the security department, but to our entire organization," said his supervisor, Jackie Minton.

Casino manager, Tel Fox, agreed. "He covers all areas when needed, goes out of his way to help new team members, and has a positive outlook that rubs off on everyone he comes into contact with," she said.



Jimmy with his award.

Jimmy lives in Hessel with his wife, Krista, and children Travis, Tracy and Avery.

Jimmy enjoys hunting and fishing. Co-workers of Jimmy say he is very friendly and goes out of his way to give good service and is willing to help out in other areas when needed.

"I really enjoy work at the casino and was surprised to receive this award," said Jimmy. "It's a great place and encouraging that I have seen so many positive changes over the years I have worked here."



Left to right, Jim Ailing, security director; Lisa Fisher, casino manager; Team Member of the Year Carol Jasmin, security supervisor; and Geoff Vallier, assistant casino manager.

ner, and a hotel stay along with a plaque that is located in each casino.

She started working in the Security Department in April 1997 as a security guard; she is now the security manager. According to fellow team members, Carol is an outstanding employee with a heart of gold who is always there when needed.

"She is always positive, smiling and maintains professionalism at all times," said co-worker Wanda Rogers.

Those sentiments are felt by Carol's supervisor as well. "Carol is an asset to Kewadin," said Lisa Fisher, Manistique casino manager. "She takes the initiative to help co-workers, and customers in any way she can and provides outstanding customer service." Her ability to multitask in an organized manner is superb. "On New Year's Eve, Carol organized the parking lot, served customers their drinks stayed to help clean the facility. She takes the initiative on a daily basis, to go above and beyond her job duties, whether it is to help another department, team member or a customer. Big, small or complex, Carol will take on any task that needs to be completed."

She is the daughter of Carol and the late Jim Herro. Carol

Christmas, has been in operation for 25 years and employs approximately 1,000 team members.

Mary Enos: Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie Team Member of the Year

Mary Enos, Kewadin Casino bar supervisor, is the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie.

The team member was chosen by peers for this award and will receive a personal plaque; \$200, entertainment tickets, dinner, and a hotel stay along with a plaque located in each casino.



Kewadin Casinos Sault Ste. Marie Team Member of the Year, Mary Enos (center) with Tony Goetz (left), Casino COO and Janice Frye (right), food and beverage director.

Mary started working with the casino in the bar beverage department in 1994. She has worked as a bar server,

www.kewadin.com

The added value of living in tribal housing

BY JOANNE UMBRASAS

Tribal income-based rental housing provides a home that is well-maintained, safe and affordable. Approximately one-third or less of a family's monthly income should be allocated to housing needs. However, if a person is earning substantially less than his neighbor but occupies similarly priced housing, it puts the individual at a distinct disadvantage and may place a great financial strain on a family. The Sault Tribe Housing Authority currently has 417 income-based rental units. There are housing sites located in Sault Ste. Marie, Kincheloe, Hessel, St. Ignace, Newberry, Manistique, Wetmore, Escanaba and Marquette. Each site has a variety of homes.

Nine elderly rental homes are planned for construction this year at the Odenaang Housing site located between Shunk and Seymour Roads outside the city limits of Sault Ste. Marie.

During the past two years, the Housing Authority has been working on extensive upgrades to each of the rental homes. Many homes have received new high-efficiency heating systems, along with a new water heater. New Energy Star windows have also been installed to ensure that our residents get the lowest utility bills obtainable. Another energy saver was the installation of new exterior doors on all of the homes.

These types of upgrades will continue to take place in 2011 at the Kincheloe site, Escanaba



Photos by Brenda Austin

Many of the older homes on the tribe's reservation are receiving new kitchen cabinets and flooring.

and Wetmore. This will translate into a warmer, more comfortable home and at the same time save on heating costs. With the rising costs of heating and electricity, it is more important than ever that the homes be reasonable to heat.

Many of the homes are receiving new kitchen cabinets. Once this is completed, all of the older homes will have received new cabinets along with kitchen flooring.

One of the most observable changes from the outside is the new vinyl siding. With the exception of Kincheloe, all of the homes on all sites will have vinyl siding—a very attractive addition to the homes.

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority continues to work

hard to make living in income-based housing more than just a cost savings. With the help

families and elders by providing support in a variety of ways. A monthly newsletter



One of the homes on the tribe's reservation off of Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie.

of the Resident Services staff, the Housing Authority tries to reduce the stress on our tribal

is sent to residents that offer many money saving tips, as well as other services that may

be available. Playgrounds are maintained to allow children a place to play that is safe and clean. Resident Services coordinates with many other tribal programs to bring community events and activities to all housing sites, such as safety fairs and gardening, to name a few.

The cost of renting a three-bedroom home in the fair market averages \$500 to \$700 monthly and most times does not include the cost of utilities. An income-based three-bedroom rental unit has a monthly rent maximum of \$425 plus utility costs. That is the most a family with a higher income, but still within income guidelines, would pay to live in an income-based home.

Additionally, rent payments are calculated using a utility allowance that is subtracted from the end of the rent calculation. An allowance averaging \$154 to \$241, depending on the housing site, reduces the final rental payment the family pays.

Living in tribal housing allows families an opportunity to do more than just live — it gives them the opportunity to be a part of a community. A community that has supportive services, a top notch maintenance department that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, when an emergency happens, and clean, safe, healthy homes.

If you or someone you know would like more information about living in an income-based tribal home, please contact the Sault Tribe Housing Authority at (800) 794-4072.

Sault Tribe member Stacy Bohlen heeds mother's words, works hard for her people

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sault Tribe member Stacy A. Bohlen thought she had the answer to her mother's quiet question, "When are you going to do something for your people?" when she took a job with the American Osteopathic Association in Washington D.C.

"I thought that as a young American Indian person who was doing well, that was enough," Bohlen said. "I never really thought about what her words meant."

Today, Bohlen is the executive director of the National Indian Health Board and spends much of her time strongly advocating on behalf of tribal governments, their members and Alaskan Natives in their efforts to provide quality health care for tribal peoples.

Her feet started on the path to D.C. at the age of 23 when her employer, Congressman Bob Traxler, invited her to work for his staff in Washington. Since that time she has spent all but two years in Washington, where



she previously served as the Director of Federal Relations for the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC).

During the two years she was gone from D.C., she worked for a graduate medical education consortium in New York City. "I was there when 9/11 happened," she said. "I had several friends who were very traumatically impacted by that. My mother's words rang in my head and I thought it could have been me that lost my life in this enormous tragedy; there is a reason that

I didn't. I have a chance to be alive and share the gift the Creator gave me. I don't believe those gifts were meant for anything other than helping our people."

She decided at that time to move back to D.C. and apply for jobs only in Indian Country. It was at that time that she interviewed for and accepted the position with the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. "I was really blessed to start on a path that would be of service to all of us," she said. After spending a few years as their director of federal relations, she was recruited by the NIHB to work for them as their legislative director. A year later she was named executive director.

Bohlen was born in Saginaw, Mich., and raised in Birch Run. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Oakland University in Rochester Hills and has finished all but her thesis for her Master's degree in government from John Hopkins University in Washington, D.C. With more than 20 years

of national level legislative, policy and advocacy experience, she said it is important to remember that American Indian people work in a culture that is not theirs.

"In order to bring good things back for American Indians, we have to be able to work in a culture that is very different from ours and bring the strengths of being a Native person to the table to work with the dominate culture. It's an incredible blessing and opportunity to be a servant for my family, my people and all American Indians and Alaska Natives," she said.

The NIHB recently hosted a tribal summit on the implementation of health care reform. Bohlen said the real story is what happens next. "We created a tool kit for tribes to use to help advance the top six issues in the Affordable Care Act," she said. "The tool kit will be online but the most helpful thing I believe that came out of the conference is not only the content, which we will reproduce and have online as well, but it's the action that

tribes can take to strengthen their own health care systems."

Bohlen said she is grateful to the people who have walked with her and helped her on her journey, especially her mother, Joan Terrian Bohlen of Bay City, Mich. Her father is Jim Bohlen. "I would never have realized that I had something to share with our people if she hadn't keep encouraging me to do something for them, for us."

Applauding Sault Tribe Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson's leadership abilities, she said, "I am really grateful for her; she continues to teach me a great deal — she is strongly balanced and leads by example. To be of service is a constant challenge, you must remember you are serving and do that with a good heart and the right motivation."

The NIHB was established in 1972 by the tribes as a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening health care for all American Indians and Alaskan Natives. For more information visit www.nihb.org. Bohlen can also be contacted by phone at (202) 680-2800.

Three out of four Sault Tribe health centers participated in *National Drug Take Back Day*

BY BONNIE CULFA, RN, MSN, HEALTH DIVISION DIRECTOR

In April the Sault Tribe health centers participated in the National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at three of our locations in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Manistique.

The Health Division partnered with Sault Tribe Law Enforcement to host this event.

The purpose was to collect prescription medications that are unused, leftover, beyond the safe use date and taking up space in our medicine cabinets just in case we may need them.

This effort and goal was to get unwanted and unused medications out of the homes and have them properly disposed of to keep them from being misused and off of the streets, out of the environment and water systems and out of harm's reach from accidental use by our children and grandchildren.

I want to thank all of you for making this effort a success. Removing even one bottle off of the streets and out of our environment is a measurement of success. We all have these bottles of partially unused meds collecting at home and often the

thinking is I will keep these in case I need to take them again. Well, I have seen some cases where years go by and the person never used the medication again and the medication is far beyond its potency date and is decomposing in the bottle. I myself have been guilty of this because I did not want to flush them down to get into the water system or just throw them out in the trash and risk having someone or an animal take them and be harmed, so they have accumulated in a container in my main bathroom.

Our Community Health

nurses see this all the time when assisting patients with their medication set up when they receive home services.

My suggestion to everyone is to add this annually to our spring cleaning to do lists. Just go through our medicine cabinets and collect up all unused and outdated medication and bring it by during the National Drug Take Back Day each April 30. We plan on making this an annual event.

We are working with Sault Tribe Law Enforcement to see if we can do our own Drug Take Back Days on a quarterly

basis and hold the events at the elder meal programs and other gatherings so we have a place to take them all year long so we do not just have the annual event to focus on. When we get this set up, we will advertise the place and date in the tribal newspaper and on the websites.

Prescription drug abuse is a problem in Indian Country and in our tribe and local communities and this is a small way that all of us can become involved to turn in our unused medications. We all want to make all of our communities safer.



Photo by Brenda Austin

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Advocacy Resource Center held a walk April 20 to raise awareness about sexual assault issues in our community. This year's walk had the most participants of previous walks and originated at the tribe's administration building. (See photo at top of pg. 1.)

Connecting to older Americans

BY DAWN L. TERRELL

Older Americans Month is an occasion to show appreciation and support for our seniors as they continue to enrich and strengthen our communities. This May, the theme — Older Americans: Connecting the Community — pays homage to the many ways in which older adults bring inspiration and continuity to the fabric of our communities and highlights how technology is helping older Americans live longer, healthier and more engaged lives.

Social Security uses technology to make dealing with Social Security easier for seniors. We offer a variety of services at www.socialsecurity.gov. Just look at the "top ser-

vices" column to the left of the page to see the wide range of services that technology allows us to offer online.

Social Security has a special relationship with American seniors since we pay benefits, at one time or another, to just about every one of them. Nine out of 10 Americans aged 65 or older receive Social Security benefits.

Here are some more statistics to consider. Among older Social Security beneficiaries, 52 percent of married couples and 72 percent of unmarried persons receive half or more of their income from Social Security. Older Americans are a growing group, too. Life expectancy continues to rise, and by 2035, it's estimated that there

will be twice as many older Americans as there are today.

Older Americans (as well as people who don't expect to retire anytime soon) who use Social Security's website give it consistently high customer satisfaction ratings. Right now, you can get an estimate of your future retirement benefits, plan your retirement, even apply for retirement benefits right over our website. Visit us online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Learn more about what you can do to celebrate Older Americans Month by visiting www.olderamericansmonth.org.

Dawn Terrell is the Social Security Operations Supervisor for Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Pena's No Mercy on sale now

FROM PUBLISHER SUMMARY

Sault Tribe member Marianne Pena's adventure novel, *No Mercy: Whispers from Hell*, is an action-filled story about novelist Grace Morgen, who must decide if her vigilante quest to stop animal abusers is getting out of control. Desperate to put an end to the pitiful sounds of the helpless animals she hears in her head, Grace is getting more emotionally unstable.

Jack Adams, who owns a private investigation company, is a friend of Grace who helps her to get the abusers. In the beginning, he helped only when she got in too deep but now he does it to be close to her. In their most recent case, a particularly violent abuser killed his girlfriend's little dog, Pepper. He spent a year in jail for that crime, but Grace doesn't believe it was adequate punishment. After Grace's mother died,

she found her father's notes. Although he died 17 years ago in a car accident, Grace now thinks his death may not have been an accident. With the help of a reporter, a cop and a tattooist, Grace tries to put together the pieces to take down a Nazi scientist, a gunrunner and his psycho girlfriend.

No Mercy can be ordered in hard cover, soft cover and as a digital download. The ISBN is 1450208665.

POWWOW TRAILS

Ed. Note: Please send your powwow announcements to jdburton@saulttribe.net.

Sault Tribe Gathering of the Clans Powwow June 11

The fifth annual Sault Tribe Manistique area Gathering of the Clans Powwow is June 11-12 at the Manistique Tribal Community Center on US-2 next to Kewadin Casino. Grand entries are Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at noon. Crazy auction Saturday after the feast, and Sunday's feast will be at 5 p.m.

Admission is free, no drugs or alcohol allowed. Also, no dogs or other animals are allowed unless they are service animals on a leash. Please bring a dish to pass for the feast on Saturday.

Vendors, traders or the public can call Viola Neadow at 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137 for further information.

Right Way Youth Sports Club mini powwows June and Aug.

The Seven Teachings Powwow, June 3-4, Elk Rapids, Mich., grand entry 2 p.m.

Right Way Youth Sports Club Harbor Days Festival Aug. 4, 2011, Veterans Park, Elk Rapids 2-7 p.m.

Find Right Way Youth Sports Club's on Facebook or register at (231) 709-2936.

Sugar Island Traditional Powwow July 15

Spiritual gathering, Friday, July 15; powwow July 16-17.

Tribe consolidates motor pool

From "New Property," Page 1 months," said Eavou.

The tribe has over 71 vehicles in the motor pool fleet housed in three locations, according to Eavou. "It's a win-win situation," she said. "By consolidating the three locations we now use for motor pool into one building, we will be better able to manage our tribal and casino resources more efficiently and effectively."

The fleet includes casino busses. "Kewadin Travel is an important part of our gaming revenues; our eight motor coaches for Kewadin Travel are repaired and maintained by our

Grand entries Saturday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. Drums and delegates to be announced.

Campers and vendors welcome. Save the date and reserve your space.

Many hands make light work. If you are interested in helping, contact committee members Les Ruditis, chairperson, (906) 632-0031, leslieruditis@yahoo.com; Elaine Young-Clement, 322-3961, eclement@saulttribe.net; or Cecil Pavlat, 635-6050. Miigwech.

Michigan AIM Sundance this July 6-17

Sugar Island, Sault Ste Marie. July 6 opening prayers; July 7-9, youth and elders' teachings; July 10-12, warrior teachings; July 13, tree day; July 14-15, sundance; July 16, sundance and community healing day; July 17, sundance and community feast.

Sundance Chief Dennis Banks, Leech Lake Ojibwa. Visiting dignitaries, Eddie Benton-Benai, grand chief Midewiwin Society, Lac Courte Oreilles; Chief Harry GoodWolf Kindness, Oneida; Chief Terry Nelson, Roseau River First Nations Ojibwa; visiting from Japan, High Priest Yamamoto; head female dancer, Lyna Hart, Manitoba Cree First Nations; head male dancer, Sam Dunkley, Red Lake Ojibwa.

For more information, contact Patrick McCoy, (906) 630-3075 or Firstwolf2000@yahoo.com.

motor pool staff," said Eavou. "The coaches require a lot of space when they are being worked on and this building will allow us to do maintenance and repairs more efficiently."

According to Holt, the tribe has followed all necessary steps in the properties purchase, including having an environmental study completed and approved. The old bingo building that currently houses Motor Pool, Holt said, is in dire need of some extensive repairs or demolition. "The BOD will decide the continued use of the former bingo building," he added.



JKL's Mrs. Purple and her class visit the Sugar Island sugar bush.



IS IT SYRUP YET? The boiling maple sap gets the spoon test to see its thickness.



Checking the bags, hung from trees to collect sap.



Schoolchildren from DeTour Village visit the sugar bush.



Hand drills are used to tap the sugar maple trees.

“Ninaatgwa Maple syrup time siiwagmide”

FROM THE CULTURAL STAFF

We had an excellent year for sugar bush. All the hard work from the maple trees, staff, community service workers, elders, community members and the students made it a superb, memorable year. We boiled an estimated 350 gallons of sap, which gave us 13 gallons of pure, sweet, maple syrup. We began sugar bush preparations in mid February by cleaning and preparing our supplies and tapping trees.

In March, we hosted JKL Bahweting sugar bush, where participants experienced both traditional and modern tree tapping techniques, collecting, hauling and storing sap. They then listened to elders Leonard Kimewon and Mick Ferchette tell sugar bush stories in Anishinaabemowin. After the stories, the participants created their own story by adding one sentence at a time, which was later transcribed into

Anishinaabemowin by Leonard Kimewon. Mick gave a demonstration on how to make birch bark sap collection containers and conducted a nature trail tree identification tour. In April, sixth graders from the school in Ms. Purple's science class came to collect, taste, boil sap and take a nature trail walk where Lori Gambardella and Randy Menard gave a tree identification tour.

The DeTour/Drummond Island Title VII Program coordinated with YEA staff to venture out on a class trip to experience collecting, tasting and boiling sap. Camp staff provided a tree tapping demonstration. The entire student group enjoyed a walk through the nature trail where they too took part in a tree identification seminar.

Miigwech to the following visitors: Leonard Kimewon and Mick Ferchette for their guidance, knowledge and wisdom throughout the entire sugar

bush season; Joe and Rose Menard for their thoughtfulness in checking on us and sharing their teachings, advice and stories about Sugar Island history; Graz Shipman for tending fire and Roger and Bernadette Azvedo for bringing down some of their maple taffy. Miigwech to Burt and Tonya Menard for their warm, welcoming and late night company; Tessa Laaksonan of the Sault Tribe's STEP Program and its participants for their assistance in gathering and hauling the wood from the bush. Last, but not least, miigwech to our maintenance technician, Randy Menard, for his hard work and dedication during sugar bush season. Sugar bush has been a significant, cultural activity for all Anishinaabeg communities, and the Mary Murray Culture Camp program. This has been a great year for maple syrup and we look forward to next year's sugar bush season.



Elders recreated the old sugar bush method, where a tree was scraped for sap collecting in a birchbark container designed to hold liquid. A piece of bark protects the flowing sap.



Students get a chance to tap trees.



An elder shows the kids how to make a birch bark container.



Kids gather round to learn about sugar bush.

Maple syrup another “superfood”

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON
Anishinaabeg have been producing maple syrup for centuries. The important food was one of the few carbohydrates and sweeteners to be had. Up here in the northwoods, many of us still hold our annual “sugar bush” to gather the sap of the sugar maple and boil down to delicious syrup. It was hard work back then, and it’s hard work now. But gathering has its own rewards. Like many other foods in traditional Anishinaabeg diet, maple syrup has been revealed as a “superfood” in a recent and ongoing study.

University of Rhode Island researcher Navindra Seeram, a pharmacist who studies plant-based foods, recently announced his results — maple syrup is a “champion” food with 54 beneficial compounds, five completely new to scientists.

Seeram found several of the compounds possess “anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, which have been shown to fight cancer, diabetes and bacterial illnesses.” Among the new compounds is “Quebecol” — named after Quebec — a compound created when water in maple sap is boiled off to get maple syrup.

“I believe the process of concentrating the maple sap into maple syrup is what creates Quebecol,” Seeram said in his release. “There is beneficial and interesting chemistry going on when the boiling process occurs. I believe the heat forms this unique compound.”

Seeram’s findings will be detailed in his article, “Quebecol, a novel phenolic compound isolated from Canadian maple syrup,” recently accepted for publication in the *Journal of Functional Foods*, along with additional work on diabetes and maple syrup.

Maple syrup joins the list of Anishinaabe traditional foods that have been “discovered” by scientists as “superfoods.” Blueberries and other berries, Lake Superior whitefish and other freshwater fish, wild rice, and cranberries among many other foods, are all nutritionally superior, not to mention gourmet: chanterelles and morels.

That anyone would eschew these foods for “MacCuisine” is ironic — here we have foods for free that others would pay big bucks for as gourmet superfoods while we can gather them as our reserved right.

Maple syrup time

One day I walked in the woods and the sun was streaming through the trees. Then I saw a great, gracious maple tree standing tall. I looked down at the bottom of the trunk and noticed a great swelling. The swelling was as big as a pumpkin. The woodpecker landed on the swelling and pecked a hole. Sap started to pour out of the hole. I was so happy that it was maple syrup time. I heard something crunching in the snow. It was coyote and he had a plan. The coyote wanted to drink the sap. So he did. Then, I asked if he could share what he was drinking? He said no and then gobbled it up. So I had to go look for another maple tree. I found another maple tree and birch bark container for collecting sap. And I took the sap I collected and brought it home to boil the sap. I took the maple syrup outside and tasted it. Meanwhile, coyote could smell something sweet cooking, and I turned around to a familiar crunching in the snow. Coyote wanted the maple syrup. I told coyote I would share my maple syrup and explained that sharing was a very nice thing to do.

— THE END —

Transcribed into Anishinaabemowin:

Ninaatgwa siiwagmide

Gwading giisgak giibaamsiy mtigwaakiig. Giisis giibi siibaa-aasige mtigoong. Giinaajwewak ninaatgok gaa-badaksigig. Mcheying giinaap miidas giwaamak Chi-baagshnit wa-mtik, Kosmaan megwaach engookwaak miuwenik gaa Baagshit Baapaase das giibiboonii seyi-baagshit wa-mtik. Miidas giibi bgwanewaait Ne-Baagshnit. Miidas giibagoonesit wa mtik, Miidas ziisbaakdaaboo giimaajii Jigaamgak. Aapji giikchinindam maajii schgaadek ninaatigo-ziiwaagmide. Wayii das giinodwaa goonan bi-madwesihkwat, Mhiingan das gi-aawi Miin waas giikindan waayaag. Ziisbaakdaaboo wiinekwen, miidas Gwa gaasigetech Genii na gwa aanin daamikwen Ziisbaakdaaboo. Kaa giikida, Miidas kina Giimikwet. Giibaadoowaamaan miwaa bisik ninaatik, Giimkoowaan gwa. Miinwaagwa wiigaassi kik, waanakaasyaan wii aadoowaan ziisbaakdaaboo. Giine giiwedoo miidas gi-samaa ziisbaakdaaboo ninaatgwa siiwagmide giyaan Kwajiig das giimaajiidan Wiijipdamaa. Mhiigan giibiichmaandaan waasgabog gaamadik. Biimskwa gaabweyaa miwaa Giinodwook goonan waya bi madwesihkwat Mihiigan miinwaa wiyaan Ninaatgwa Siiwagmide. Giwiindmoowaadas Mhiigan gadaamiinin gwa ninaatgwa ziiwagmide Kaawiidmoon das esinising waya gigoomiinin Aaji nishin Maahookiinyin Miinwaa nadoodowaa kwiiijimaadziik.

—MIISAWI—



An elder scraps bark off to get sap.



Drilling can get tiring after a while.



Cleo Cornbite, 15, keeps an eye on the maple sap boiling down at Mike and Jennifer Burton’s house.

Waabigonigiizis Mazina'igan

Aaniin Abinoojiinyag miinawaa Weniijaanisijig!

Hey kids and parents!

Amy McCoy indizhi-wiinigoo.

My given name is Amy McCoy

Miskwaanakwadookwe dash indizhinikaaz.

But my name is Miskwaanakwadookwe.

Aamoo indigoo gaye.

They also call me Bumblebee.

Oshkagoojin wa'aw giizis!

It is a new month!

Mii azhigwa waabigonan ji-maajii-baashkimagakin.

Now is the time for the blooming of flowers.

Mii iw wenji-izhinikaazod "Waabiwanigiizis" noongom a'aw giizis omaa Baawating.

That's why it's called the Flowering Moon now here in Sault Ste. Marie.

Nashke, yo'ow! See, this!

Giishpin nagamoyeg giniijaanisag igaye giin, gidaa-gagwejitoon ji-ojibwemoyeg!

If you all sing, your children and you, you can learn to speak Ojibwe!

(Sing to the tune of head, shoulders, knees and toes)

Nishtigwaan	Indinmaagan	indig miinawaa nizid	miinawaa nizid.
My head	my shoulder	my knee and/also my foot	and/also my foot.

Gidaa-nandawaabandaanan onow gojiing ziigwang:
You can search for these outside when it's spring:

- Zhagaagowanzh (iik)**.....wild leeks(s)
- Waagaagan(an)**.....fiddlehead ferns(s)
- Waabigwan(iin)**.....flower(s)
- Waabigon(iin)**.....flower(s)
- Miinikaanens(an)**.....seed(s)
- Mitig(oog)**.....tree(s)
- Gitigaan(an)**.....Plant(s)



← **Waabigwaniin**

Zhagaagowanzhiik ↑

Ataadidaa!

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

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|--------------|---------------|
| Gitigaan | Waabigwan |
| Miinikaanens | Waagaagan |
| Mitig | Zhagaagowanzh |
| Waabigon | |

P J S L O V M G M L N L R
S F A G I T I M I T A M V
D C X S K V Q K I G G L Y
W A A B I G W A N Y A L L
A U M A Z L N D I U A E H
V M A I T P O Y K Z G X T
H Z N A W O G A A G A H Z
Q A F I F X I N A F A D R
J E G M N K B L N K W M F
V P Q E T E A I E S P K P
T B P B L Z A Z N Q O G S
G K Y U F R W R S P C L K
I G N A A G I T I G H Z Z

Ojibwemowin Pronunciation Key

Short vowels (are said short, or quick)
/a/ = "uh" like u in up
/i/ = "ih" like i in sit
/o/ = "oh" like o in wrote
Long Vowels (must say twice as long, or just longer)
/aa/ = "ah" like a in father
/ii/ = "ee" like ee in keep
/oo/ = "oo" like o in nope also "ou" in soup
/e/ = "eh" like eh in get

As you read a word, look for syllables with (Consonant+Vowel) or (Consonant+Vowel+Consonant) combinations.

For example:

word	meaning	pronunciation
Babaa	About, around,	Ba + baa
here and there		(Buh + Bah)

***Nandawaabandan Biidaasigekwe odibaajimowinens ge-agin zod Iskigamizigegiizis. Look for Angeline Williams' story when it will be the Strawberry Moon.

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Sault Ste. Marie
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Johnson-McCary Wedding



BRAYDEN LEE GREEN

Justin Cody and Christy Green are proud to announce the birth of their son on Jan. 7, 2011, at 3:45 a.m.

At almost five weeks early, he was born a small but healthy 4 pounds, 11 ounces, and 19 inches in length, and never spent a moment away from mommy and daddy in NICU.

Present for Brayden's arrival were Justin, Dr. Bump and too many nurses to mention except Sarah Rooks, who was there all the way.

Maternal grandparent is the late beloved Debra Barth, who passed 10 years ago, she would have loved all of her new

babies. Paternal grandparents are Barbra (Rich) Woodruff from Kalkaska and Chuck (Mary) Green from Interlochen. Great-great-grandparents are Harold and Opal Green from Cadillac and Garold Myers and Marlyn Hughes from McMillan. His sisters are Jordan (Chris) Johnson from Traverse City, Mich., and Rachel Marie McCary, also of the Traverse City area.

He was welcomed home by grandma and grandpa Rich, Jordan, Rachel, his new big brother Chris and of course his littler big brother Kaidyn.

Welcome home, we all love you so much.



Christopher and Jordan were joined in wedlock on Nov. 20, 2010, before Justice of the Peace Cydney Fritz. Maid of honor was Megan Dixon, flower girl was Eliaana Debra Johnson with Franklyn Lee McCary Jr. walking her down the aisle and Franklyn Jr. and Christy (Justin) Green giving her away. Family included, but not forgetting anyone, I hope, Franklyn Lee McCary Sr. and Suzanne; all siblings on Jordan's side, Rachel, Taylor, Madyson, Kaidyn and Brayden, plus aunts Cassie and Morgan. After that, way too many to mention, except Brooke, who made the beautiful cake. This was a small ceremony in Traverse City, with the reception following at the new couple's home. We are all so proud of you both.



ELIAANA DEBRA JOHNSON

Christopher and Jordan (nee McCary) Johnson announce the birth of their daughter, Eliaana Debra Johnson, the namesake of her beloved great-grandmother, Debra Barth, on the 10th anniversary of her passing.

She was born by Cesarean section on Sept. 14, 2010, at 4:43 p.m. Eliaana arrived weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21.5 inches in length.

Present for the birth were Christopher and grandma (Nana) Green. Great-grandma is Suzanne McCary; maternal grandparents are Franklyn Lee McCary Jr. of Traverse City and Christy (Justin) Green from Frankfort, Mich.

Grandpa Justin and uncle Kaidyn waited in the waiting room for two days to see our baby. And paternal grandmother is Michelle Johnson, from Ohio. The great-grandparents are Franklyn Lee McCary Sr., and Suzanne. Great-great-grandmother is Maxine Redfield.

Eliaana was welcomed home by her aunts (Rachel, Taylor, Madyson and Shawna) uncles Kaidyn and soon to be Brayden. And not to forget her most wonderful gift of all, her big brother Caleb. Christopher and Jordan reside in Traverse City, Mich., as well.

Congrats on our new baby girl. We are very proud of you.

Garlinghouse-Scott engaged



Tylor Garlinghouse, son of Mark and Lori Garlinghouse of Sault Ste. Marie and Bandy Scott, daughter of Madeline King and Wesley Gassman of Bay City, Mich., together with family and friends, are happy to announce their engagement and thier coming marriage in the month of August 2011. Two hearts joining as one in a lifetime of happiness.



Pictured above at the Carney-Nadeau Feb. 5 Homecoming is King Sebastian Kirkpatrick and Queen Karli Boulton. A Sault Tribe member, Karli's parents are Todd and Jill Boulton of Carney, Mich. She is a senior at Carney who plans to attend Bay Community College for nursing. Sebastian topped off the evening with a 68-43 win over Mid-Peninsula.



ALEXXYSS LYNNE-RENEE WOODHALL was born on April 1, 2011, at War

Memorial Hospital to proud parents of Amy Clampitt and Dennis Woodhall of the Sault. She weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces and was 18.75 inches in length. Grandparents are Gina and Ron Smith of Kincheloe, Muriel Lynne Evans of the Sault and the late Denny Woodhall. Great grandparents are the late Marcia Wells of Kincheloe and Ronald J. Lane, and the late Muriel M. Lane of the Sault. Great great grandparents are Iva and John Riggins of Washington.



Winter homecoming candidates Dillon Cook and Dorothy Karr received the most votes to become king and queen for 2011. They are both seniors at Munising High School and were crowned during the halftime of a girls' basketball game. Dorothy is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

WINNER

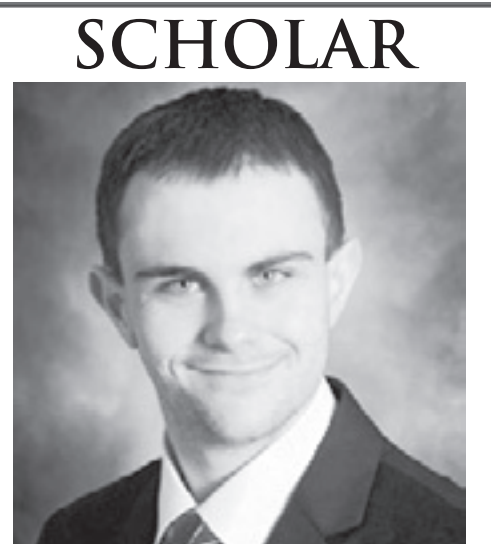


Courtesy Linda Hammonds WCC Lightweight Champion with another win under his belt — Travis McLeod "The Native Warrior," undefeated with a 3-0 record, won the first round of King of the Cage within the first minute, after tapping Adam Foor out. He loves what he does and doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon. Being in the UFC has always been a dream of his and he hopes to make it happen one day.

Nelson named Skier of the Year



Drew Nelson was named Skier of the Year at the Minnesota-based Courage Center's annual ski banquet. Nelson participates in the center's adaptive ski and snowboard program in Minneapolis. He also practices archery and wheelchair softball. Nelson, 15, lives in Ham Lake, Minn., and is a freshman at Blaine High School. He is the son of Rex and Kimberly Nelson, grandson of Jim and Juanita "Punky" Hill and great-grandson of Marie DeMerse and the late Bernard DeMerse. Below, left, Nelson gears up.



SCHOLAR

Sault Tribe member John Tufnell Jr., 18, has been awarded a Gates Millennium Scholarship. He graduates this spring as valedictorian from John Glenn High School in Westland, Mich. He is the vice president of John Glenn's National Honor Society and was chosen by Channel 7 news of Detroit as one of the "best and the brightest." Tufnell plans to attend Oakland University next fall and his chosen field is health care. He attends Crosspointe Community Church.



TEARY-EYED — Liz Wall, right, from Sault Tribe's front desk reception has left the building. For years, she was one of the first faces and voices tribal members and other visitors would see and hear. Administration staff threw her a surprise party to show their appreciation. Above, left to right, administrative assistant Daraka Hudacek and receptionist Carol Pavlat present Liz with a cake and card. She also received a birchbark basket from executive secretary Joanne Carr at the party, among other gifts. Baamaapii, Liz. Below, she shares her goodbyes.

Baamaapii from Liz

I just want to say a few things about how much I loved working for Sault Tribe administration. All the friends I made — just to let you know that you all are going to be missed.

To those in the Legal Department: I had good laughs with some of you, especially Melanie Lyons who followed me from Bay Mills. You know, she could not stand being away from me. I enjoyed working with you in both places, Melanie.

And in Communications, there is Sherrie, who I just love but she never took my advice — did you ever get that lavender oil yet, Sherrie?

And there is Education — those ladies are the bomb, Laura Porterfield, who I got to know; Barb Smutek who I had fun with at the concert and her birthday party; Angeline Matson who I thought was so serious until I got to know her.

Then there is Joanne in administration, who in my eyes should have been on the board a long time ago — she is such a fantastic woman, mother and wife — chi miigwech to you.

People in the Language Department are great to work with, too. I will always remember Orien and Leonard who helped me with my language. Every time they come in I would have to figure out what they were saying and I'm getting pretty good at that. I will have to take the class online from now on.

Now I can say Mindy is a pretty darn good supervisor, she even made me laugh at times and when I needed to be disciplined she would let me know — chi miigwech to you for teaching me how to be a better person.

And now the lady who I just love to make laugh, my co-worker Karol Pavlat, who has been such an inspiration to me. When she is on vacation it seemed like I lost a friend. She kept me on my toes. When I left stuff lying around the desk area she'd let me know — it's like working with your mother, if you know what I mean. Her husband, my cousin Cecil, took care of me when I fractured my hand. He also gave me advice when I needed it — love you, cousin.

And, Ashley, I still want that book you wrote and it was fun sitting with Nina and Tonks. Peace and love to you.

And then there are the maintenance men, who just like giving you a hard time — ha, ha. I could go on and on and thank a lot of people. You will all have a special place in my heart and I will continue to say prayers for everyone.

Chi miigwech from the bottom of my heart, everyone.

— Elizabeth Wall



From the Kitchen of Bob Flowers

Wonderful yellow rice pilaf

Many people are a little afraid of rice as it can be tricky to get just right. This recipe makes it easy. Plus, you can use the same technique to make a hundred different rice dishes. Serve this flavorful side dish with grilled chicken and a great tossed salad to please everyone in the house.

- Ingredients:
- 1 cup jasmine rice
 - 1.5 cup water
 - 2 tbs. low sodium soy sauce
 - 1/8 tsp powdered ginger
 - 1 light dash Chinese 5-spice powder
 - 1 medium onion, diced
 - 1 stalk celery, sliced

- 4 oz. fresh mushrooms, chopped coarsely
 - 1 tbs. olive oil or butter
 - 1/8 tsp. powdered turmeric
 - 1 tbs. chicken soup base
- Heat the oil or butter in a two quart sauce pan. Add the onion and celery. Sauté until lightly softened. Add the rice and stir over medium heat until the rice turns solid white. Add the water and remaining ingredients. Stir and bring to a boil. Just as the mixture starts boiling, turn down the heat to its lowest setting. Cover the pot and simmer for 20 minutes.

Remove the lid, making sure that you lift the side furthest

from you to prevent the hot steam from burning you. Test the rice. It should be soft, but not mushy. If it still has a bit of crunch, put the lid back on and cook for five more minutes. Retest. When the rice is done well enough for you, fluff with a fork and serve piping hot and enjoy.

And if you're looking for something light and fun to read, check out the new blogs you can find online at www.gwnorthespeciallyfordads.wordpress.com and www.gwnorthsfamilycookin.wordpress.com.

ROBERT L. OBEY SR.

Robert L. Obey Sr., 80, passed away May 15, 2010, at home. He was born March 31, 1930.

Robert lived in St. Helen since 1988, formerly of Hazel Park, Mich. He enjoyed riding his dune buggy, woodworking, and taking care of and spending time with his family. He was a veteran from the Korean War. He was a Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indian.

Robert is survived by son, Robert Jr. (Sue) Obey of St. Clair Shores; son, Michael (Anna Jackson) Obey of West Branch; son, Jim (Beth) Obey of Hazel Park; daughter, MaryAnn (Mike) Aaron of Madison Heights; son, Ronald (Mary Lemorie) Obey of West Branch; son, Joey Obey of St. Helen; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Marie (Doug) Boucher of Sterling Heights; and brother, Frank (Lavern) Obey of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, in 1999, and granddaughter, Jamie Obey.

DONALD LLOYD KILLIPS

Donald Lloyd Killips, 76, of Ludington, Mich., passed away at home on April 3 with his family by his side after many years of failing health. He was born on May 2, 1934, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., son of Edward and Thelma Killips.

Don graduated from Sault Ste. Marie Loretta Catholic High School in 1952 and attended Lake Superior State College.

He married Joan Louise Routhier in February of 1954 in Sault Ste. Marie at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Don was a long-time resident of Ludington and worked for the Park Dairy before becoming an owner of the Tri-County Dairy Distributorship for 30 years prior to retiring in 2001.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the American Legion. Don was a member at Lincoln Hills Golf Club and enjoyed golfing.

He played hockey for many years and loved hunting and fishing. Don liked watching sports as well, especially the Green Bay Packers.

Don is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joan; children, Rob (Denise) Killips, David (Wanda) Killips, Larry (Robyn) Killips, Brenda (Tim) Massie, Steve (Angie) Killips, and Cinda (Dean) Whipple.

He is also survived by 20 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; his three brothers, Richard, Frank and Paul; and his three sisters, Margaret, Mary and Nancy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his four brothers Edward, Harry, Bernard and Jack and his sister, Patricia.

The family will hold a private memorial service. Arrangements are being made by Oak Grove Funeral Home in



Ludington. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be directed to Hospice of Michigan or the West Michigan Regional Cancer and Blood Center.

WILLIAM F. GRAVELLE

William F. "Chuck" Gravelle, 57, of Brimley, Mich., died April 10, 2011, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He was born Dec. 23, 1953, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Chuck seemed larger than life when he entered a room. He loved golfing, music and playing his guitar.

He is survived by his wife, the former Helen Mourufas; three sons, Hank Gravelle, Derek Causley and Nick Allie; three daughters, Denise (David) Andrews, Rachel Causley and Alicia Krull; four sisters, Grace 'Betsy' Gravelle, Susan Kinney, Cathy Moiles and Margaret Gravelle; five brothers, Clyde Gravelle, Phillip Gravelle, Ronald Gravelle, Donald Gravelle and Edward Gravelle; grandchildren, Christopher Causley, Mercedes Causley, Dorian Causley, Mary Andrews, Olivia Andrews, Grant Andrews, Nathan Piche, Alyson Piche, Dorian Allie and Kali Allie; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation with Sunset Ceremony was held at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Building with a service there the following day, Brother John Hascall officiating.

His final resting place will be Wilwalk Cemetery, Sugar Island, Mich.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

PAMELA MAE (VISNAW) ST. CYR

Pamela Mae St. Cyr passed away, Friday, Feb. 18, 2011 at her home in Norfolk, Va. Pam was born June 4, 1954, in Escanaba, Mich., the daughter of Willie (Elaine Dupont) Visnaw. She was raised in Gladstone.

Pam married Frederick (George) St. Cyr on June 12, 1972, in Escanaba. He preceded her in death July 18, 2005, in Norfolk.

Pam was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Pam is survived by her son, Jacob St. Cyr of Norfolk; granddaughter, Vanessa Myers of Norfolk; sisters, Judy Minkin of Marquette, Sandra King of Gladstone, Mary Eva (Richard) Krouth of Perkins, Charmaine (Peter) Ellis of Gwinn and Rose Young of Sulfur, La.; brothers, Anson (Connie) Visnaw of Escanaba and Vern (Arlene) Visnaw Hawley of Harding, Mont.; one aunt, Theresa Culliton of Gwinn; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her husband, Pam was preceded in death by her parents; brother-in-law, Edward King; and her nephew, Willie Valiquette.



Altmeyer Funeral Home Southside Chapel of Norfolk handled the arrangements. All services were private. Memorial donations to assist the family may be mailed to 110 Gatewood Street, North Charleston, SC 29418.

GAIL ANN GUETZKA

Gail Ann Guetzka passed away Saturday, April 9, 2011. She born July 22, 1945, in Cheboygan, Mich., to Bert F. Jewett and Florece E. (Charboneau) Jewett, where she lived until the family moved to Pentwater.

After high school, she received her CNA certificate and worked at Hart Hospital and Oceana Medical Care as well as other medical facilities.

She enjoyed caring for patients and helping people in general. She had many interests including landscaping, home interior decorating, ceramics, flower arranging, and last but not least, camping with family and friends. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren and her entire family.

Gail is survived by her husband of 42 years, Harvey Guetzka; her daughters, Dawn Voorheis and her children, Alexander and Breanna; Heidi (Todd) Foster and their children, Matthew Foster and Morgan (Dale) Lifer, and their daughters, Mackenzie and Kennady; grandchildren, Rachel (Armando) Felix and their children, Jordyn, Dana, Paige, Grace and Isaac and Nichole Guetzka; and Gail's brothers, Russell (Jan) Jewett, Richard and Dale Jewett.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bert and Florence; brother, Bernard Jewett; sons, Darrian W. and David J. Guetzka; and granddaughter, Dana M. Guetzka.

The funeral service was held April 14 at First Baptist Church in Pentwater with Pastor Mark Lillie officiating. Condolences may be left for the family at www.harrisfhome.com.

THEODORE JOSEPH VALLEE JR.

Ted was born to Lavina and Theodore J. Vallee, Sr. on Sept. 12, 1920, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. and died Feb. 5, 2008, at the age of 87 at Lancaster Community Hospital, Lancaster, Calif.

He resided in Palmdale, Calif., was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a World War II veteran having served in the Navy. After the war he worked as a bridge painter for the railroad and then as a truck driver and cabinet maker for the lumber industry until his retirement.

Ted loved fishing, boating, hunting, cooking, gardening,



to travel and was also an avid reader.

Ted leaves behind his former wife, Anna Blomquist, and their children, Nancy Pelczar of Connecticut, Sylvia Vallee of Nevada, Patrician Greenwood of Vermont, and Cynthia (William) Carroll of N. Dakota. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Nancy's son, Edward Pelczar Jr.; Sylvia's children, Stanley (Lisa) Chrzanowski IV and Shelia (Michael) Newcomb; Cynthia's children, William Carroll Jr., Bethany Carroll, Gillian (Elijah) Newman and Anna Carroll; and great grandchildren, Stanley V and Veronica Chrzanowski, Ana and Lily Newcomb, Monte Carroll and Alfred Newman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and all of his siblings; Ted was the youngest of 10 children.

A funeral service with military honors was presided over by Monsignor Paul Montoya followed by interment at Eternal Valley Memorial Park, Newhall, Calif.

EMMA G. BRONTE

Emma G. (Carr) Bronte of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away at War Memorial Hospital on April 13, 2011. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Dec. 18,

1919, to Fred and Mary (Brassar) Smith.

Emma was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Emma loved to sing and was a member of the Sweet Adelines when she lived in Arcadia, Calif.

She lived for her kids and loved nothing better than the backyard picnics when everyone was home. She also loved going to the casino and was a club member of the Beetles machines.

Surviving Emma are her sons, Frederick (Joanne) Carr, Brian (Gail) Carr, and Terry Carr, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; daughters, Pat (Jim) Langendorf of Sugar Island, Mich., Janice (Tony) Mavretic of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Candace (Lee) Blocher of Dafer, Mich., and Colleen Carr of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; sisters, Gloria (Ed) Cowen of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Francine Buechler of Virginia. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Emma was preceded in death by her son, John L. Carr II, her brother, Herbert Smith, her parents, and John L. Carr Sr.

Visitation was held at the Niigaanagizhik Cultural Building April 15, 2011. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 16 with Brother John Hascal as Celebrant. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery at a later date.

Hovie Funeral Home assisted the family.

EARL GURNOE

Earl Simon "Semo" Gurnoe, 80, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away Jan. 9, 2011, at

War Memorial Hospital. Semo was born on July 7, 1930, on Sugar Island, Mich., the son of the late Joseph and Bertha

(Shannon) Gurnoe. On Aug. 2, 1952, he married Juanita Franklin in Sault Ste. Marie. He was employed by the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Semo was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed playing his guitar and listening to country music. He also enjoyed working on cars and was known as a fix-all handyman.

Semo is survived by two sons, Mel (Brenda) Gurnoe and Carl (Lauretta) Gurnoe, both of Sault Ste. Marie; seven grandchildren, Sarina, Samantha, Miranda, Christopher, Eric, Jennifer and Michaela; and one great grandson, Zander. He is also survived by a brother, Clayton (Jean) Gurnoe of Washington; and a step-sister, Alice (Bob) Denstedt of Lansing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Juanita; three sisters, Bertha Merchberger, Nina Rolston and Emma Kay; and a brother, Stanley Gurnoe.

Visitation was held at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagizhik Building from Jan. 11 until the time of the funeral service on Jan. 13. Brother John Hascall and traditional pipe carriers officiated the services together. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery later this spring. Memorials may be left to the Sault Tribe Niigaanagizhik Building (Cultural Center).

C.S. Mulder Funeral Home handled arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.csmulder.com.

MARGARET ANN BENOIT

Margaret Ann "Cha-mag" Benoit of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away at home surrounded by her family and friends. She was born on Sugar Island, Mich., on June 22, 1933 to Peter and Philomen (Rickleby) Causley.

Margaret loved to be with her family and friends and adored her many grandchildren. In her spare time she enjoyed garage sales, Bingo, going to the casino to "push" as she called it, arts and crafts and traveling with the Bay Mills Elders. She was fluent in her native Ojibwe language and helped authors revitalize it. She was a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community. Margaret was also a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Surviving Margaret are her husband of 58 years, Louis Benoit of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; son, Harold (Peggy) Benoit of Rexton, Mich.; daughters, Carol Benoit, Brenda (Stephen) Kwiatkowski and Deanna Benoit, all of Sault Ste. Marie; brothers, Raymond and Frank Causley of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Louie A. Benoit, Nicole Benoit, Adam Benoit, Stephen Kwiatkowski II, Sara Kwiatkowski, Jamie

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Benoit, Heather (Rory) Haskins, Tamara (Chris Bjork) Benoit, Brittany Benoit and Kristi (Jason) Barnett; great grandchildren, Allysia Haskins, Logan Haskins, Radley Kinney, Summer Kinney, Gabrielle Barnett, Bradley Barnett, Madalyn Barnett, Ian Barnett, Takota Hauri, Sawyer McKecknie and Ashlynn Miklusicak.

In addition to her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by son, Jerry Benoit; her brothers, Peter Causley, Jack "Jocko" Causley and Melvin Causley; and great-grandson, Michael Barnett.

Visitation was held at Hovie Funeral Home April 18. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church on April 19 with Father Sabastian Kavumkal as Celebrant. Burial was at Wilwalk Cemetery. Memorials may be left in care of the family of Louis Benoit.

FREIDA MAY ROBINSON

Freida May (LaPointe) Robinson, 77, of Drummond Island, Mich., died April 8, 2011, at Hospice House in Cheboygan, Mich. She was born Sept. 22, 1933, on Drummond Island, the daughter of Richard Joseph and Louesa May (Anderson) LaPointe.

Freida grew up on Drummond Island and then graduated from Sault Ste. Marie High School. After she graduated in 1951, her family moved to Port Huron, Mich., where she met William "Bill" Robinson. They were married on Sept. 20, 1952, at St. Christopher's Church in Marysville, Mich. After Bill trained and apprenticed as a mason, they moved their young family back to Drummond Island where they have lived ever since.

Freida was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the St. Florence Catholic Church and Guild, the Drummond Island Homemakers and the Drummond Island and The Rock golf leagues. She taught 4-H classes and private oil painting lessons for a number of years.

Freida was a talented, self-taught artist of oil paintings. Over the years, she was very generous with her art and donated paintings for various benefit fundraisers. She enjoyed fishing, cooking, and visiting with friends and family. She also liked to crochet and made many blankets, hats and mittens to give away. Freida especially loved every precious moment spent with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Freida is survived by her husband, Bill; one daughter, Bonnie (John) Tucker of Drummond Island; two sons, Vincent (Nicole Mills) Robinson of Drummond Island and Martin (Shaney) Robinson of Kalamazoo, Mich.; nine grandchildren, Stacy (Eric) Christensen, Michelle (Patrick)

Henry, Matthew (Michele) Robinson, Marie (Timothy) Luchenbill, Bethany Robinson, Elizabeth (Jarret) Geering, Justine Robinson, Jacqueline Robinson and Dustin Carl; and 13 great-grandchildren, Landen, Delaney, Tyler, Hailey, Nicholas, Jada, Jake, Haidyn, Timothy, James, Lilly, Emily and Abigail. Also surviving is her sister, Beverly Doerr of Drummond Island.

Freida was preceded in death by her parents; son, Jay Robinson; and brother-in-law, Bruce Doerr.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 12 at St. Florence Catholic Church on Drummond Island, with burial in Drummond Island Cemetery.

LAWRENCE H. BOSLEY

Lawrence H. Bosley, 72, of Marshfield, Wis., died on April 4, 2011, at his home.

Lawrence was born on March 9, 1939, in Sault Ste Marie, Mich., to Carl and Elizabeth (Oberlin) Bosley. He was a 1958 graduate of Sault Ste. Marie High School where he participated in football and in track and field. He and Sandra K. Rohland were united in marriage on May 29, 1971, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Owen.

Larry was employed for the Soo Line Railroad working in Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin. He worked in Marshfield for a number of years until it was taken over by the Canadian Pacific Railroad. He then worked in the Twin Cities until his retirement in 1999.

He enjoyed working on his family genealogy and in his younger years enjoyed wood-working. He liked to build model trains and to work with model airplane engines. He enjoyed telling jokes and photography and conversed with family and friends on Skype almost daily. His granddaughter was the apple of his eye, and he was a great uncle. A member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, he was proud of his Ojibwe heritage. Also, his faith and devotion to God was very important to him.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy, and their children, Christopher (Laura) Bosley of LeRoy, Minn., and Jennie Bosley of Marshfield; and by a granddaughter, Caitlyn. He is also survived by four brothers, Ray (Ruth) Bosley of Painsdale, Mich., Carl Bosley of Gwinn, Mich., Walter (Nancy) Bosley of Sault Ste. Marie and Rick (Cheryl) Bosley of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, including nephew, Ruben M. Kangas Jr.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Donna Kangas; brother, Teddy; great nephew Michael James Kangas and great great niece, Meadow Kangas.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 8, 2011, at St.

John's Catholic Church in Marshfield, with Rev. Charles Stoetzel officiating. Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery in Withee.

Condolences may be left online to www.rembsfh.com.

CLAYTON C. GURNOE

Clayton (Clay) C. Gurnoe passed away at home on March 30, 2011, after completing his second round of chemotherapy. Clay was born on Aug. 29, 1937, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and eventually followed his beloved wife, Jean, to Washington State in 1968. Jean and Clay were married for 48 years.

In addition to Jean, Clay is survived by his beautiful daughter, Samantha Williams, whom he proudly boasted would always be his little girl; her husband, Dave; his amazingly gifted granddaughter, Savannah; his sister, Alice; and nephews Leroy, Melvin and Carl. Clay had a special place in his heart for his nephew Carl, whom he adored and thought of more like a son.

Clay was preceded in death by many relatives, but the closest to his heart was his son, Charles. The two of them shared a love for classic cars and Charles reveled in the fact that he managed to get his dad to scream like a girl the day they did motorcross together. Knowing that they will be together again is the only comfort of such a tragic loss.

There are not enough words to describe how much Clay will be missed or the lives that he touched. He carried himself with pride, in both his heritage as a Chippewa Indian and in the life he lived. He was industrious and hardworking. It was an honor for him to have worked for the same company for 40 years and the friends he made along the way, he cherished. He loved to make things work, even if for all purposes they shouldn't. He even made rain-boots out of trash bags so he could go clamdigging with his family. The money he saved on boots he gave to them, which was his way. Clay loved his dogs and he delighted in taking care of them. Those he left behind will carry his memory like a treasure and he will not be forgotten.

The memory of Carl's life was celebrated at Mills & Mills Funeral Home in Tumwater on April 10. Clay is dearly missed by his nephew, Carl.

LEROY L. CURRIE

LeRoy Laclon Currie, 79, of Hessel, Mich., died March 17, 2011, in Gaylord, Mich. LeRoy was born Feb. 12, 1932, in Cheboygan, Mich., the son of Roy G. Currie and Rose Marie (Kush) Currie.

LeRoy spent the first 12

years of his life in Cheboygan and then moved with his family to Hessel, where he went to work in the woods with his father. LeRoy worked his entire life as a lumberjack. He met Stella Aibens in Indian River, Mich. They were married Sept. 8, 1975, and they settled on Simmons Road. Except for some periods of time spent in other areas of Michigan to follow the wood cutting jobs, they raised their family in Hessel.

LeRoy most of all loved to spend time with his grandchildren. He always had some candy for them or would bake his cookies, with a secret ingredient, that were the best around. He was an accomplished storyteller, especially about the days of his youth. He liked to garden and spend time watching the birds and deer. He enjoyed taking pictures and videos of his family and wildlife. LeRoy loved his cats and always had pet cats since he was young. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

LeRoy is survived by his wife, Stella; three sons: Ryan Leonard Currie, of Kinross, Mich., Michael Roy (Jennifer Nye) Currie and Dustin Ronald Currie of Hessel, Mich.; one daughter, Lori (Tim Huffman) Currie, also of Hessel; and 15 grandchildren, Dillion Lachlon Currie, Keith Wayne Bouschor Jr., Serena Mary Currie, Sienna Rose Huffman, Michael Roy Currie Jr., Tyler Melvin Currie, Dae Shawna Nye, Nadijah Nye, Chandler James Michael Currie, Charles Thomas Currie, Alize Pierre, Kewadin Kilo Currie, Migizi Mukwa Currie, Ogima Joseph Currie and Azhani Currie. Also surviving are one brother, Gary (Nancy) Currie of Oconto Falls, Wis., and sister-in-law, Dorothy Currie of Hessel.

Preceding LeRoy in death were his parents; his son, Charles LeRoy Currie; two sisters, Margaret Ann Currie and Barbara Lee Currie; brothers, Robert and Walter Currie; and infant brothers, Ronald, Donald, Raymond, Ryan and Charles.

Services were held March 23 at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Mich. Burial will be in the spring at Rockview Cemetery.

Condolences may left for the family at www.reamergalerfuneralhome.com.

DEBRA E. ARNTZ

Debra Elizabeth Arntz, 51, passed away on April 4 after a long illness; she was at home surrounded by her family.

Debra was a surrogate mother to nephew Kyle Gierok of Chicago and took care of her grandmother, Ovenia Provost (Sammy), a retired nurse from Flint, for 15 years. Debby drove long distance semi-trucks to put her husband Edward through nursing school, home schooled her two boys and worked at Bortz Health Care in Rose City as a nursing assistant. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and

one of Jehovah's witnesses in Hale and Sault Ste. Marie. There is a hole in our family no one else can fill.

She is survived by her mother, Eve Koch, a retired nurse from Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., now residing in the Sault. Her father is Robert Koch, active in the Marietta, Ga., Lion's Club. Her mother-in-law is Joyce Thompson, a retired nurse from Flint, Mich. She and husband, Ed, lovingly cared for Debby during her illness, helped by Deb's son, Jimmy, and sister Sheila. Deb's father-in-law, Robert Arntz, passed away in December.

Ed, her beloved husband of 18 years, works at Tendercare in the Sault as a nurse. They have two sons, James, 17, who is preparing for college as a nurse, and Allen, 11, who plans to continue his education in piano and the arts. Finally, Mugsy, the pug dog Debby raised and trained, faithfully never left her side during the final months of her life when she was so painfully ill.

She also leaves her brothers, Danny Gierok (Sherry), who works at Munson Hospital in Traverse City, Mich., James Gierok (Jennifer), Nathan Davis and John Gierok (Wanda Lautner), all of Traverse City, as well as brother Robert Gierok of Florida and sister, Anne Loan of Marietta. Debra's must loved little sister, Susie Koch, lives in Marietta with her father. Also surviving her are brother-in-law Raymond and Lulla Arntz, of Flint, Mich., and sisters-in-law Sheila Tobias of Grand Marais, Mich., and Billie McComb of Flint.

Her brother, William (Billy) Gierok, and sister, Kimberly Davis, preceded her in death.

The family wishes to thank Hospice for their excellent care. They also want to thank the Sisters and Brothers of the Kingdom Hall for the meals, which were brought to the house every day for months. They also want, out of their heart, to thank the Sault Tribe for all their help. Debra had no insurance.

LAWRENCE T. VALLIER

Lifelong Engadine resident, Lawrence T. Vallier, 86, died April 18, 2011, at his daughter's residence surrounded by his loving family.

Born December 17, 1924 in Engadine, son of the late Edmund & Clara (Proton) Vallier, Lawrence was a 1943 graduate of Engadine High School.

He enlisted in the United States Army and received his basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and was later assigned to Fort McClarlen, Ala., to train with the 82nd Airborne in the 508th Regiment. His orders took him to Ardennes, Belgium, where he was involved in the Battle of the Bulge. During combat, Lawrence was wounded in the line of duty and, following his recovery, was

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Sault Tribe memorial/tributary scholarships for 2011

FROM THE SAULT TRIBE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Deadline is June 1, 2011. Please submit the following:

1. Cover letter stating for which scholarship(s) you are applying.
2. Higher Education Application for 2011-2012 school year.
3. W-9 Taxpayer ID form for 2011-2012 school year.
4. Copy of Sault Tribe identification card.
5. Essay (300-500 words) answering this question:

“How will accomplishing my educational goals allow me to give back to my tribe?”

Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship, 10 at \$1000 each, any field of study, any undergraduate degree, any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

John P. Carr Scholarship, one at \$1,000. Must be a permanent resident of Unit V, any

field of study, any undergraduate degree, any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

Don Corp Scholarship, one at \$1,000. Must be pursuing undergraduate degree in history, historical preservation, museum studies, or other history-related field at any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

Pamela Cable Gershon Scholarship, one at \$150, must be a 2011 graduating high school senior with a minimum 2.50 GPA. Must reside within the tribe’s seven-county service area and accepted into a two or four-year college or university in any field of study.

Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship, one at \$1,000, must be at least one-quarter Indian blood quantum (verified by the Tribal Enrollment Department) enrolled in a Michigan public

college or university in a teacher education program. Must be at least a college junior. Full-time status with a minimum 3.00 GPA cumulative (submit transcript).

Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship, one at \$1,000, must be at least one-quarter Indian blood quantum (verified by the Tribal Enrollment Department) in any field of study at any accredited college or university. Must be at least a college junior. Full-time status with a minimum 3.00 GPA cumulative (submit transcript).

Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship, one at \$1,000, must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree in social work, social services or related human services field of study at any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

Vic Matson Sr. Tributary Scholarship, one at \$1,000,

must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree in fisheries or natural resources management or related field of study at any accredited college or university. Full-time status.

George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship, one at \$1,000, must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree in tribal law, law enforcement, legal studies, political science or public administration at any accredited college or university in the United States. Must be at least a college sophomore with full-time status in good academic standing (submit transcript).

June Curran Porcaro Scholarship, one at \$1,000, must have been homeless, displaced or in the foster care system during your lifetime or be pursuing a degree in the human services field with a career goal to work with such individuals. Must demonstrate

financial need. **Special Needs Scholarship**, four at \$1,000 (two awards for age 18 and older, two awards for under 18), must have a documented physical or emotional disability (submit letter from physician, mental health provider or special education professional). Must indicate educational purpose for which the scholarship will be used and an itemized list of expected costs.

Mail all items to:
ATTN: Scholarships
Sault Tribe Higher Education Program, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
or
email as pdf documents to highereducation@saulttribe.net
or
fax to (906) 635-7785.

It is recommended you save documentation of the date, time and content of paperwork sent to Higher Education Program.

Nancy Hahn memorial scholarships available

The family of Nancy Hahn has generously donated \$1,600 to the Sault Tribe to provide for eight scholarships in the amount of \$200 each for members attending college during the 2011-2012 academic year. Eligibility criteria: Undergraduate or graduate students, any accredited community college or university, any field of study, full-time student

in a degree-seeking program, and minimum 3.00 grade point average overall.

Students should submit an essay by June 1 of 300-500 words answering, “How will accomplishing my educational goals allow me to give back to my tribe?”

Nancy Hahn was a Sault Tribe member who passed away. She always appreciated

and felt honored to be a member. She enjoyed reading about the history of the tribe and dancing at powwows. Her family would like to honor her by assisting college students in her name.

For more information, contact Education Director Angeline Bouley at abouley@saulttribe.net or (906) 635-4944.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Please note the essay question for the 2011 scholarship competition has CHANGED. You must answer the NEW essay question in order to compete for a scholarship this year.

“How will accomplishing my educational goals allow me to give back to my tribe?”

REMINDER: DEADLINE IS JUNE 1

NASA visits JKL Bahweting



Photo by Brenda Austin

Sonya Williams (right), aerospace education specialist with NASA, spoke with students at JKL School about careers in science, technology, engineering and math and opportunities at NASA. Above, Williams demonstrated how an electric current travels through a closed circuit, in this case student’s bodies. Left to right: Tre Lizzamore, Alexis Blattner, Kelsey Smith, Meghan Land, Tristan Bouschor, Sage Sawyer and Austin Visnaw.



From “Vallier” pg. 20 stationed in Frankfort, Germany, where he served as a member of President Eisenhower’s personal honor guard until his honorable discharge on Jan. 17, 1946. Among his many decorations and citations were three bronze battle stars and the Purple Heart of Valor.

He returned to Engadine and, on Nov. 29, 1947, married the former Betty Smith. Lawrence was employed as a truck driver for Emmet Vallier and later with I.L. Whitehead Construction, traveling all

over the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Michigan. He continued employment with the Mackinac County Road Commission until his retirement. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 8372 in Engadine and enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening, woodworking and fixing snowmobiles.

Lawrence was a devote Catholic and member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Engadine until its closing. He continued attending at St. Stephen’s Catholic Church in Naubinway and St. Gregory’s Catholic Church in

Newberry. In addition to his parents, Lawrence is preceded in death by his wife Betty on Jan. 20, 2006, daughter Christine Mary Vallier, granddaughter Nicole Raye Vallier, son-in-law Patrick Vallier and siblings Bernard, Wayne, Shirley, Janice and Kenneth.

Survivors include his children, Lawrence (Linda) of Wyoming, Charlie (Marilyn) of Engadine, Stanley (Jean) of Big Rapids, Cindy (Chris) Johnson of McMillan, Joseph (Melanie) of Washington, Thomas (Linda) of Marquette,

Patti Vallier of Vicksburg and Mary Beth (Kevin) Dennis of Engadine; 41 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; siblings Maryellen Sadovich of Nevada, Rita McAllister of Saginaw, Vince (Rose) Vallier of Saginaw, John “Francis” Vallier of Portland and Nancy Vallier of Arizona; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Stephen’s Catholic Church in Naubinway on April 25, 2011, with Fr. John Vallier, of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in

Grand Rapids, and Fr. Frank Ricca, co-celebrating. Rite of Committal with military honors followed at the Engadine Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Michigan Chapter Upper Peninsula Region, 710 Chippewa Square, Suite 201, Marquette, MI 49855, in memory of Lawrence T. Vallier.

Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieu-funeralhome.com. Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family.

Let's Get Moving community challenges underway

The communities of Kinross, Manistique, Munising, Newberry, St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie have issued challenges to each other to determine which community's residents can log the most wellness miles from June 4 through July 29, 2011. The Let's Get Moving community challenge 2011, sponsored by the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, encourages residents to be more physically active, while helping each community vie for financial prizes.

The six prizes of \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,250, \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 are to be used by each community to make changes or improvements that will increase access to physical activity. Some possibilities the communities are considering include acquiring bike racks, bike lockers and signs to help pedestrians and bikers reach points of destination.

The prize money will be awarded based on each community's average wellness miles per participant.

In the 2010 Let's Get Moving community challenge,

more than 500 participants logged more than 116,000 wellness miles.



In 2011, we have added two Strategic Alliance for Health partnering communities — Newberry and Kinross — to the challenge and will have weekly farmers' market prizes for active participants.

All residents in the six communities are encouraged to participate in the Let's Get Moving community challenge.

Registration begins May 15. For registration information, please contact the Strategic Alliance for Health Coordinator for your community or log on to www.healthysaulttribe.com.

In Kinross, contact Donna Norkoli, 635-8844 or email dnorkoli@saulttribe.net.

In Manistique, Kerry Ott, 341-9561 or kott@saulttribe.net.

Munising, Randy Sundell, 387-4721 or rsundell@saulttribe.net.

Newberry, Donna Norkoli, 635-8844 or dnorkoli@saulttribe.net.

St. Ignace, Jeanette O'Rourke, 643-8689 or jorourke@saulttribe.net.

Sault Ste. Marie: Michelle Conway, 632-5255 or mconway@saulttribe.net.

Walk and Roll to Work, School or Play on May 20

The Walk and Roll to School, Work, and Play event will take place on Friday, May 20, in Sault Ste. Marie and is being sponsored by the Chippewa County Building a Healthier Community Coalition and the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project as part of their effort to encourage people to use active transportation on their way to work, school or for errands and trips of one mile or less. Part of this event is the Commuter Cup Challenge, a friendly work-

place competition to encourage co-workers to bike or walk to work. This type of commuting benefits your health, improves the environment and saves you money.

The Commuter Cup Challenge is open to all workplaces in Chippewa County and a trophy will be awarded to worksites in four categories: mini, small, medium and large. The worksites with the largest percentage of total employees who walk, bike or roll to work on May 20 will win the

Commuter Cup.

The winners of the Commuter Cup Challenge for 2010 were JKL Bahweting PSA, large worksite; Sault Tribe Housing, medium worksite; Sault Tribe Accounting, small worksite; and Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission and Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank, mini worksites.

Worksites wanting to form teams are invited to a team captain's lunch on May 6 at 12

p.m. at the Chippewa County Health Department. You will receive materials and great ideas to promote this event at your worksite. To register, please call Clara James at

the Chippewa County Health Department at 635-3578 or Michelle Conway at the Sault Tribe Health Center at 632-5255. Please register by May 3 to attend the lunch.

Bike Festival to follow May 21 Fun Run

SAULT STE. MARIE — JKL Bahweting Safe Routes to School has teamed up with the Soo Bike Club to hold a Spring Bike Festival. The Spring Bike Festival will be Saturday, May 21, following the Fun Run at Chi Mukwa, starting around 11 a.m.

The bike festival will include safety training for young bikers including how to ride, using hand signals and where to ride. Stop by for a chance to receive a helmet, learn rules of the road, participate in a bike ride and lots of fun.

A local band will be performing, as well as an exhibition BMX rider, and booths

from local agencies will be on display.

Cycling is a great way to have fun and be active while enjoying the outdoors. Cycling can also be dangerous, that is why it is important we teach our youth to ride safely.

"This is a great community event to encourage us to get outside and learn to ride our bikes safely," said Greg Chromy, JKL physical education teacher.

For more information contact Michelle Conway, Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health coordinator, mconway@saulttribe.net, 632-5255, or Dulcey Garber, Soo Bike Club, 440-2261.

Sell your goods, take Michigan cottage law class set May 14 in Pickford

Those interested in making and selling jams and jellies, homemade fruit pies or other baked goods, can take a class discussing the new cottage food law the state of Michigan enacted last year. The class will be on Saturday, May 14, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Pickford Historical Museum. The \$10 fee covers materials, a certificate and coffee. Participants

will learn about the requirements of the law, what can be made for sale, how to appropriately label your items, food safety practices and marketing ideas.

While you are thinking about your coming personal or community garden plot, you may want to think about trying a couple new items you are not used to enjoying. I have been

using parsnips in my classes lately and am surprised to find many people have never tried this carrot look alike. Parsnips are root vegetables and look like a white carrot. The flavor is a bit different and this healthful vegetable can be boiled with potatoes or alone, roasted in the oven, grilled or used raw in salads or as part of a relish tray.

ACFS Family Celebration events a huge success

BY JESSICA GILLOTTE, ACFS

The 14th annual Family Celebration was on March 22 at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

The event was in honor of "March is Parenting Awareness Month," for awareness of all aspects of parenting. The celebration has enjoyed much success since its start. This year's event proved to be one of the most successful with over 400 attendees.

The free event is hosted by Anishnaabek Community and Family Services, Chippewa County Council for Youth and Families, Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District, Sault Tribe Housing Authority, Chi Mukwa and the Sault Tribe's Youth Education and Activities Department. Information tables from the helpful services in Chippewa County along with family-oriented activities are offered.

The highlight of the event tends to be the large variety of door prizes and random draws for many of the great prizes.



The prizes are provided by the hosts and many donations from local businesses. Everyone is guaranteed to have a great time and spend quality time with their families.

The eighth annual Family Celebration took place in St. Ignace on March 26 at the Little Bear Arena.

Shirley Goudreau spent many long hours planning and prepar-

ing the event, which has been very successful in the straits area. Anishnaabek Community and Family Services along with Sault Tribe Housing, 1st National Bank, Central Savings Bank and the U.P. State Credit Union donated funds to help with the cost of the event.

Pat Rickley and Keith Massaway were generous enough to donate bicycles as



Photos courtesy ACFS

Left, Susan Giles, George Tessier and George Jr., enjoy their family time at the Sault Ste. Marie celebration at Chi Mukwa. Above, various arts and crafts at the St. Ignace event kept the kids busy.

two of the many prizes to be given away at the event. The celebration also provides a wealth of information for parents and families from local services and businesses to aid families with their needs.

The Manistique area hosted a breakfast with the Easter Bunny in their recognition of Parenting Awareness Month.

We would like to remind you that you don't have to wait for March to recognize the importance of parenting. Parenting is the most important job you can have. Take the time to spend quality time with your children and give them the your best.

They only get one childhood, make it great.

Coldframe has many uses, inexpensive to make

CHIPPEWA COUNTY MSU EXTENSION

If coldframes aren't making a comeback, they should be. These workhorses of Victorian gardeners are easy and inexpensive to make and they give the gardener who doesn't own a greenhouse a good place to start transplants, root cuttings, store bulbs for forcing and even grow salad crops when it's too cold to garden outdoors.

Gardeners can buy coldframes ready to assemble or build their own from easily obtainable materials. A pile of old wooden windows with a "FREE" sign on it may provide the lid; the sides can be as simple as a few bales of straw or as sophisticated as a masonry wall or wood on a block foundation.

The back is usually higher than the front so that rain and snow roll off the lid, McLellan notes. The lid frame may hold

glass or fiberglass or clear polyethylene, which lets in sunlight for warmth and plant growth.

The best place to put a coldframe depends on what you intend to use it for, according to Mary McLellan, Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University. The usual location has a southern or southeastern exposure and a windbreak on the north and west sides. A wall on the north side reflects additional heat and light. Such a coldframe is great for starting seeds and raising transplants or hardening bedding plants. A site with a western exposure is good if you want a place to protect plants during the winter and a northern or northeastern exposure is recommended if your coldframe is to be a hospital for stressed plants.

Good drainage is essential. So is ventilation, which is nec-

essary to keep coldframes from overheating and cooking plants on sunny days. This can be automated, McLellan said, so that folks who aren't at home all day to monitor a thermometer and raise the lid by hand don't have to worry about overheating.

Adding bottom heat turns a coldframe into a hotbed and makes it even better for starting seedlings, McLellan said. "The traditional way is to dig a pit and start manure and shredded plant material composting in it, then build the frame over the pit and cover it with soil," she said. "When a thermometer shows that the temperature in the compost has stabilized around 80 degrees, plants can be set directly into the soil."

Another approach is to use waterproof heat cables to warm the soil. In this case, a couple inches of potting soil covered

by a screen of quarter-inch hardware cloth are recommended to protect the cable from the activity of trowels and other tools.

Gardeners can sow seeds directly into the soil in the bottom of the frame or set flats

or pots in it. Plant pots can be insulated with shredded leaves or compost. Straw bales stacked around the side walls and an old blanket or piece of carpeting over the lid will further insulate the plants inside in unusually cold weather.



An example of a well placed coldframe.

Fish & Wildlife declares Eastern cougar extinct

BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) recently declared eastern cougars extinct. In March 2 announcement, the agency noted eastern cougars were on the endangered species list since 1973 but even then it was questioned if they still existed. The service removed the animal from the endangered species list and concluded the eastern cougar is extinct after conducting a lengthy formal review of available information. The agency indicated the animal has likely been extinct since

the 1930s.

However, some believe eastern cougars are still out there. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources insists the cats still roam its province, though the agency has not been able to photograph one for several years with cameras placed around the province. The USFWS notes that at least 108 unconfirmed sightings of eastern cougars were reported from 1900 to 2010, but the official view is that most likely those cats were migrating western cougars.

Black ash tree surveys

BY ROBIN CLARK

Boozhoo, spring is definitely here and the ash trees are beginning to flower (see photo). We are on the lookout for black ash and other ash trees all over the eastern Upper Peninsula, to map them and go back to them in the fall and collect their seeds. If you know of locations where native, wild black ash trees are growing, or if you'd like to go out in the bush and help identify and GPS trees, please let me know.



Photo courtesy Bill Cook, MSU Extension

Close-up of black ash bark.

Last month, staff from the environmental and Inland Fish and Wildlife departments had the opportunity to go out with David Osmak, a BIA forester, and do a quick forest inventory on tribal lands. We found a lot of black and green ash. This inventory is the very beginning of developing a forest management plan for our tribe so that we can best care for our forested lands. This month, I hope to head out with some different consultants to improve on that inventory. Watch for more info on that.

We also held the first Seeds, Weeds And Trees (SWAT) team meeting last month. The students in the tribal youth council came and we talked about the emerald ash borer, identifying ash trees, natural resource

careers and just plain being out in the woods. I had a great time being with those young leaders and hope that they and other community members will come out and volunteer with the Environmental Department this summer. We're also working with the culture camp to put on a black ash and emerald ash borer camp on July 15-16. Please call or email me with any ideas, information, or questions at 632-5575 or rclark@saulttribe.net.

Robin Clark is the Environmental Department's black ash seed technician.

2011 Sault Tribe Elk Application

The 2010 Elk application period will run from May 1 - May 31 2011. All applications must be received by the Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Department before 5:00 PM on May 31, 2011. A lottery will be conducted at the June Conservation Committee Meeting.

First Name Middle Name Last Name
 Address City State Zipcode
 File Number (Red # on Tribal ID) Phone Number
 STS # Date of Birth Sex email address

There is a \$4 application fee. Each elk application must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$4. Elders (60 and older) and youth (16 and under) are not required to pay application fees.

Please send all applications to:

IFWD Elk Application
PO Box 1829
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

For questions, please contact the Sault Tribe Inland Fish & Wildlife Department @ 906.632.6132

2011 Sault Tribe Bear Application

The 2010 bear application period will run from May 1 - May 31 2011. All applications must be received by the Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Department before 5:00 PM on May 31, 2011. A lottery will be conducted at the June Conservation Committee Meeting. Please be sure to indicate which Bear Management Unit you are applying for (see map below).

First Name Middle Name Last Name
 Address City State Zipcode
 File Number (Red # on Tribal ID) Phone Number
 STS # Date of Birth Sex email address

Please select **one** of the following Bear Management Units. Please note that all Sault Tribe bear permits are only valid with in the 1836 Ceded Territory. See map for generalized boundaries of each Bear Management Unit

Upper Peninsula	Lower Peninsula
<input type="checkbox"/> Newberry	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Oak
<input type="checkbox"/> Gwinn	<input type="checkbox"/> Baldwin
<input type="checkbox"/> Baraga	<input type="checkbox"/> Gladwin
<input type="checkbox"/> Drummond	

There is a \$4 application fee. Each bear application must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$4. Elders (60 and older) and youth (16 and under) are not required to pay application fees.

Please send all applications to:

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PO Box 1829
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For questions, please contact the Sault Tribe Inland Fish & Wildlife Department @ 906.632.6132

Husband and wife get jail time for selling eagles and eagle parts

YAKIMA, Wash. — Ricky S. Wahchumwah, 39, and his wife, Victoria M. Jim, 40, both of Granger, Wash., were sentenced April 13 for conspiring to sell bald and golden eagle parts in violation of federal law.

Both are Yakima tribal members.

According to a September 2010 release from Michael C. Ormsby, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, a jury found Wahchumwah guilty

of conspiracy, three counts of selling or offering to sell eagle parts and one count of selling wildlife in violation of the Lacey Act. Jim was found guilty of conspiracy, two counts of selling or offering to sell eagle parts and one count of acquiring wildlife in violation of the Lacey Act.

Wahchumwah was ordered to serve one month in jail, three months of home confinement, followed by two years of court supervision. He was

ordered to pay a \$425 penalty. Jim was ordered to serve two weeks in jail, three months home confinement, followed by two years court supervision. She was ordered to pay a \$325 penalty.

The illegally possessed parts were forfeited to the United States along with several firearms and a Chevy Suburban automobile.

Wahchumwah and Jim had been illegally acquiring eagle parts since at least April 2008.

Joe McCoy reports to tribal membership



DARWIN "JOE" MCCOY
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii!

I hope this report finds you well and enjoying the warm weather we've all been waiting for!

April has been busy as always! I was asked to give the welcoming speeches at two events held this month. The first being the Michigan Indian Elder Association conference, around 200 elders from all different tribes gathered to discuss culture, language and to keep paving the way for future gen-

erations. It was amazing to see so many people dedicated to preserving our culture. On that note, I also had the pleasure of meeting with our Newberry and Naubinway elders this month. I'm always grateful for their commentary and questions concerning the goings on of our tribe. As the backbone of our culture, their voices should always be heard.

The second was the Empowering Lives conference hosted by the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project. Over the two-day conference, attendees heard about the dangers of bullying, suicide and risk and protective factors. Suicide and drop out rates are particularly high in Indian Country. Thank you to the STAY Project for keeping vigilant and educating others on how to recognize the symptoms of these terrible instances.

Tony Goetz, manager of the Sault Kewadin Casino, and I were on hand at the Freedom Salute awards ceremony hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie National Guard. We were honored to

accept the Minute Man statue that is given to those who went above and beyond the call to contribute to the families of local soldiers during their last deployment to the Middle East. Throughout history soldiers have served our country in the most noble way a person can, I am proud to see that the families who serve with them are not forgotten.

On to new business: I'm happy to announce that our health centers are almost fully staffed now, and due to an implementation of more precise scheduling techniques we've been able to make appointments available to more members than ever.

In other news, starting this month the Sault health center will be offering acupuncture and chiropractic services. Please check in with your local health center to schedule an appointment. Also as you have noticed, there is construction going on at the Sault Health Center. This new 'pod' will house a nutritionist,

podiatry chair for diabetic foot care, a physician and assistant. In hopes of taking a team approach to health care, enabling patients to work with a team of providers in the event that their primary provider is not available on short notice, there will be someone available that is familiar with the patient's health status.

Concerning the River of History Museum, I had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Tony Bosbous, City Manager Spencer Nebel, President Tony McLain of Lake Superior State University and other city and tribal representatives to re-establish an agreement with the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Lake Superior State University and Sault Tribe to help fund a director for the museum.

This person, traditionally, was a jack of all trades. They would work for Lake State as an adjunct professor, historian for Sault Tribe and also do archeological work for the city when called upon. Without such a person the museum can-

not continue to operate. Please check back for updates on this matter as we continue to meet and work towards the end goal of hiring a new director for the River of History Museum.

The last topic to touch on is the recent tribal-city liaison meeting. Extending city water and sewer services out to the possible site of JKL Bahwating School at Odenaang was discussed with the understanding that they would pay city rates for the services. The repair of the system would be the tribe's responsibility and would have to comply with city specifications. Also discussed was city sprawl, in which we talked about what wetlands and what tribally owned property rested along the I-75 developmental sites.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please call my office toll free at (800) 793-0660 or locally at 635-6050.

Sincerely,
Darwin "Joe" McCoy
Tribal Chairman

Tribe opposes Kinross wood-to-ethanol plant



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I

KINROSS PLANT

Frontier Renewable Resources (Frontier) has proposed to install and operate a 42.5 million gallon per year wood-to-ethanol facility in Kinross, Mich. This project would require a massive amount of hardwood — 3,620 green tons per day, or the yearly growth from over 1 million acres of hardwood forest per year.

The hardwood forests targeted by Frontier include our maple, birch, oak and other tree species that our people have relied on for generations to provide food, medicines, wildlife habitat and materials for housing and daily life. Frontier proposes to use timber from a 150-mile radius around Kinross, making a circle that closely aligns with the 1836 Treaty ceded territory and includes 80 percent of the public lands within the ceded territory. The tribe has reserved the right to hunt, fish and trap on public and tribal lands within 1836 Treaty ceded territory.

I am worried about the impacts of this new, vast forest product user, along with other proposed biomass projects, on ceded territory forests.

The ethanol facility would use more energy in the form of biomass, liquid fuels, and natural gas for facility power and wood material transportation than will be produced in ethanol energy equivalents. The facility would also be a new and major source of air pollutants. For these and other reasons, our board just recently passed a resolution opposing Frontier Renewable Resources. Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA), which oversees Great Lakes fishing in the 1836 Treaty ceded territory, had passed a similar resolution against the ethanol facility, and Sault Tribe natural resources staff had commented on the air permit for the facility asking that the permit be denied. Our tribe has come out strong against the facility due to the risks to our natural resources, our treaty rights and our future generations.

Jennifer Dale-Burton and Pat Egan, activist and businessman who sits on the LSSU Board of Regents among many other committees and boards, will be presenting to our elders and other various communities to educate everyone regarding the facts of this project. Director DJ Malloy and I will be joining them. With us, we will bring letters addressed to U.S. Senator Stabenaw and U.S. Congressman Beneshik that we hope that you will sign so that we may send them to our Washington representatives. Please join us in opposing this venture!

Please contact Gov. Rick Synder at (517) 373-3400; Carl Levin at (202) 224-6221 or levin@senate.gov; debbie stabenaw at (202) 224-4822 or stabenaw@senate.gov and Dan benishek at (202) 225-4735 or



Photo courtesy STAY

Traditional Medicine staffer Laura Collins, Survivor fan favorite Rupert Boneham, Unit I Director Cathy Abramson, and Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) administrative assistant Tony Abramson Jr. stop for a photo at the recent STAY Empowering Lives — Empowering Communities conferences in the Sault and Marquette. Boneham is a motivational speaker who works with youth. STAY is the tribe's suicide prevention program.

benishek@house.gov. Congratulations to grads!

It's that time of year where we will be celebrating the graduates of Head Start, JKL Bahwating eighth graders, high schools and universities. Congratulations to all students and their families for reaching a new milestone in their lives. I will see you at the celebrations!

STAY CONFERENCE

As I write my unit report I am attending the STAY Project's Empowering Lives — Empowering Communities conference. This event has been powerful. The STAY Project staff and Seven Feathers Partnership Board have collaborated to make this conference a success. It was a

two-day conference, held two days in Sault Ste. Marie and two days in Marquette. The focus was to empower the suicide prevention efforts of the professionals, community and our youth.

Powerful workshops — Anishnaabeg teachings of our tribe's culture and traditions, youth-led presentations for anti-bullying campaigns for schools, QPR trainings for community suicide awareness, and much more — were offered to those who attended this terrific conference. Speakers Tina Meier on cyber-bullying, Terry Wise on surviving suicide and Rupert Boneham on youth empowerment were all very powerful. All of the speakers brought an

important message and I was very impressed with Rupert Boneham, in particular. You may have seen him on TV's Survivor as the fan favorite.

The STAY Project and Seven Feathers Partnership Board did a wonderful job preparing and coordinating the conference. A lot was learned by our communities, youth and the professionals who often serve our people when we are in need. It is very important that we stand behind our youth and empower their lives as much as possible. G'tchi miigwech to the STAY staff and Seven Feathers Partnership Board for their efforts in helping raise awareness for suicide prevention! Keep up the great work!

Tribal members voted to hire a tribal CEO



**DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I**

It is the responsibility and sworn obligation of the board of directors to follow the Constitution of the tribe and to implement such changes as voted on by the membership. Seems pretty cut and dried right? Well, not so much. An overwhelming majority of this tribe's membership voted to separate the chairman and CEO positions. Yet, to date, the will of the people and the new law has yet to be put in place. Why? Because there is a difference of opinion as to what you meant when you voted for this amendment to our Constitution.

I, along with a few others on the board, have tried to put this

duty on the table several times and to hire a tribal administrator to take over the duties and responsibilities of a CEO. We have been met with opposition stating that all the people really voted for, was to take those three letters (CEO) out of the description of the chairman's duties. "They didn't really mean that the chairman no longer had that authority."

We have pointed out the message that was sent out in several publications of the tribal newspaper regarding the intent of the referendum. That being that separation of these duties would provide for an apolitical position to run the day-to-day affairs of the tribe. Another benefit is separation of the duties would provide for continuity during and in between elections, eliminating the fear of employees and management to do their jobs without reprisal from elected officials.

However, those board members opposed to actually putting your vote in place and hiring a tribal administrator, are of the mind that when you voted, all you really did was remove the acronym, CEO, and left the duties intact under the responsibility of the chairman. And

to date, the chairman is free to oversee the day-to-day operations of the tribal government and enterprises. He makes decisions consistent with the CEO of a corporation and is backed by fellow board member's interpretation of what you really voted for.

How can that be? In my opinion, the board has taken up the task of interpreting your message and has chosen an interpretation that best serves their needs and ideas. Never mind that even the current chairman campaigned on this division of duties and power. Never mind that all of the information provided to the membership prior to the vote, explained the benefit of such a separation. Never mind what the people voted to put in place, we know better than you do. This is how we have been dancing around the will of the people. We take what you give us, read it over, put a spin on it that best suits us at the time, and tell you what you really meant... isn't what you said. This has led to a yearlong stall on enacting your Constitutional amendment.

We hire people, professionals, to do a job. We look at their experience, education and

expertise. We decide on who is the best candidate for the job and put them in place. But then, we have the tendency to not only tell them what to do, but what tools they can use, what hand to hold the tool in, and which way to turn the tool while using it. Then, when the work doesn't turn out as well as we wanted, we blame the person we hired for doing a bad job. The truth is, we never allowed them to provide us the benefit of their skills. Board members are not professionals in every aspect of tribal operations and business. We just aren't. And we have no business dipping our fingers into the works and directing staff. It is counterproductive and creates a workforce who is afraid to do the job they were hired to do, or the way they were trained and educated to do it. You don't see the president or congressmen going into the U.S. Post Office and telling the postmaster or letter carriers how to do their jobs. They give them the budget and strategic plan and turn them loose to get the job done.

Posting and hiring a tribal administrator (CEO) would comply with the Constitutional

amendment you voted for. It would serve our government, casino and enterprise operations by insuring a qualified non-political employee was at the helm. It provides departments and divisions with a single point of contact, accountability and direction. This type of management is the norm for most tribes and corporations.

The only way this is ever going to change is if you, the people who voted to change the Constitution, stand up to be heard. Call your board members, your chairman. Write letters, send email. If you do not speak up, there are those who will speak for you. If I am wrong and your intent was to spend all that time, effort and money just to remove those three letters but leave the duties intact, I will step back and respect that. But I refuse to accept any interpretation of your will from anyone other than you.

Thank you once again for allowing me the honor of serving you. As always, you may contact me at djmalloy@saulttribe.net or by calling me at (906) 440-9762.

Respectfully,
DJ Malloy

Tribe must adopt "best business practices"



**DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I**

Wimno giizhegat gwa naangwa — It's going to be a good day, when the tribal board passes the following: **ADOPTION OF BEST BUSINESS PRACTICES** (Folks, this is important. Please take the time to read it through).

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors is the governing body of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Tribe to adopt the following **BEST BUSINESS PRACTICES** for the benefit and protection of tribal assets; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this document to provide a vehicle with which each business venture that is presented to the board is fully screened, and adequate due diligence is conducted so as to allow the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Board

of Directors to make informed business decisions to the benefit of the tribal organization; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby adopts the following **BEST BUSINESS PRACTICES** for the benefit and protection of tribal assets and for the benefit of the tribal membership and it's goal of self sufficiency, economic development and economic diversification:

1. Any business venture that the board finds to be appropriate and has the potential to benefit the tribe economically shall go through the process of due diligence **BEFORE BEING BROUGHT TO A VOTE OF THE TRIBAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

2. Any business contracts shall have the opportunity for negotiation and input by **ALL MEMBERS OF THE SAULT TRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

3. Ten (10) business days shall be allowed for comment by the board of directors after such business contracts have been presented at workshop and careful consideration is given to move ahead with Financial and Legal analysis.

4. Financial analysis of the business venture shall be presented to the full board for consideration. This analysis shall be done in a timely fashion with consideration to time constraints depending upon the business venture **BEFORE BEING BROUGHT TO A VOTE OF THE TRIBAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** Tribal CFO and tribal accounting staff shall have adequate time to gather and compile information for the benefit of

the board to allow for an information driven decision to be made on any new business ventures.

5. Legal analysis of the business venture and presented business contracts shall be presented to the full board for consideration. This analysis shall be done in a timely fashion with consideration to time constraints depending upon the business venture **BEFORE BEING BROUGHT TO A VOTE OF THE TRIBAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** Legal analysis shall not be rushed and the Sault Tribe Legal Department shall be given adequate time to gather and compile pertinent information in order to assist the Sault Tribe Board of Directors in making an information driven decision as to the ability of the new business venture to benefit the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

6. **ALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS SHALL BE TRIBAL CODE COMPLIANT.**

7. **ALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS SHALL HAVE A 30 DAY WAITING PERIOD WRITTEN INTO THE CONTRACT AND BEFORE BEING LEGALLY EXECUTED DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF REFERENDUM BY THE MEMBERSHIP.**

8. When the Board deems appropriate to launch the new business venture, the Board of Directors shall conduct information sessions for the benefit of the membership. These information sessions shall be conducted at the various tribal buildings within the seven-county service area. Information shall be published in the tribal paper for the benefit of the tribal mem-

bership.

9. Projected cost of implementation, start up or building costs for the new business venture shall be attached to the final due diligence report before being brought to a vote of the Tribal Board of Directors.

10. All of the above shall be incorporated into the Gaming Authority and its code and bylaws.

11. All of the above shall be incorporated into the Economic Development Commission Code and bylaws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman is authorized and directed to execute and implement the above effective date of this resolution.

(End of resolution text.)

Tribal member, I ask you to call your unit representative and advocate that is to be adopted and implemented.

I introduced this at the last tribal board meeting on April 26, 2011, and the six of the 11 of us that were there tabled it to workshop (Chairman only votes if there is a tie). I had a number of board members and audience members comment at how great the document was, yet it was tabled.

Behind closed doors, decisions are being ramrodded through without proper due diligence. One business venture and one legislative effort with potential economic benefit, were walked properly through their paces. That pace included running membership forums so as to give membership the proper information and to include them in the decision making process. One was decided by the membership to move forward via referendum. The other, the membership made the

decision to hold no referendum there by giving the board it's blessing to move forward with no opposition. Why? Because we took the time to properly communicate with the membership each time.

Section 8 of this proposed solution makes this a permanent part of the process so there will be no more surprises for the membership to stomach. Nine months ago, I made the decision to run and my decision was based primarily on the fact that I just could not stomach the bad business decisions that had and were being made at the time of my election campaign.

This, my Anishnaabeg (People), is a step in the right direction and if you do not want a repeat of Greentown, call and encourage the other board members to adopt this and stop repeating the same mistakes of the past!

Sincerely,
Debra-Ann Pine
440-1334

debrapine@yahoo.com

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services is in need of tribal foster homes in our seven-county service area. Please contact ACFS offices if you are interested in becoming a foster parent: (906) 632-4001 or (906) 495-1232.

MAST unites to fight for health care funds



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

As reported in the last paper, I, along with directors Pine and Massaway, attended the Midwest Alliance for Sovereign Tribes (MAST) impact week in Washington, D.C., this March.

We held a two-day formal meeting to discuss the needs of our people in the Midwest. Lack of health care funding was once again the area that needs our attention.

After much discussion and preparation for our site visits on Capital Hill, Michigan United Tribes Executive Director Frank Ettawageshik and I drafted a formal resolution to the MAST board, which is comprised of 36 tribes in the Midwest area. Below is the actual resolution as I presented to the MAST board. We received unanimous

support from the tribes in attendance to take this formal resolution as an educational piece to be used in our talks with officials in Washington as well as being passed on the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) to assist them in all their continuous efforts. NIHB Executive Director Stacey Bowen did an outstanding job educating and informing all our brother and sister tribes facts and history that could be used to speak with officials. Miigwech to Stacey for her expertise and efforts and to directors Massaway and Pine for bringing the resolution and all our issues to Capital Hill for discussions.

Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes
*Resolution No. 02-11
Bemidji Area Indian Health Care Funding Disparity*

WHEREAS, the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) is an intertribal organization representing 36 federally recognized tribes in the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Iowa, each Tribe having sovereign authority to govern its' own affairs; and

WHEREAS, MAST's mission is to "advance, protect, preserve, and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign nations of

the Midwest;" and

WHEREAS, the United States is obligated to provide treaty-based funding for health care to tribal citizens. The United States Indian Health Service is divided into regional areas for the provision of these services, with the Midwest being the Bemidji area; and

WHEREAS, it is now and has always been the position of the MAST tribes that funding for Indian Health Services should be at 100 percent of the level of need for all tribes in all areas; and

WHEREAS, the current funding for all areas of Indian Health Service is at an average of 55 percent of the level of need as compiled by the Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, the tribes of the Bemidji area have historically been funded at levels well below the average level of all IHS areas and significantly below the actual level of need, in some years as low as 34 percent of the level of need; and

WHEREAS, a round number estimate of the increase in permanent funding necessary to bring the Bemidji area tribes up to the national average funding level of 55 percent of the level of need is \$38 million.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes

urges the provision of at least \$38 million in new permanent funding for the Bemidji area to bring these tribes up to at the average funding level of the other Indian Health Service areas; and further the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes urges the president of the United States and the United States Congress to work to meet their treaty obligations by securing funding for all tribes at 100 percent of the level of need.
(End of resolution text).

With sad regret, the board of directors was informed in the middle of March that our general council would be resigning his position. Mr. Dorwin was with our tribe for approximately a year and a half and has accepted a position in Washington with the Department of Justice.

Our tribe has many legal issues on the forefront and we acted immediately to recruit for a new general council. This past week, the board received

many applicants and we will be interviewing in the near future. I was very concerned as to all our issues and we have assigned all cases to in-house and outside council until we secure the position.

I will be holding office hours at the following locations in May:

Hessel Tribal Center, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., May 17;
Newberry Tribal Center, 1-3 p.m., May 21;
Naubinway Snowmobile Museum, 4-6 p.m., May 25

Powwow season is here and all the communities will be starting to hold their meetings and starting to plan. My granddaughters will be just starting to walk this summer so we will begin them dancing for all our ancestors, too! I look forward to seeing you.

Please contact me at (906) 484-2954 anytime if you would like to meet or discuss any issues or concerns. Baamaapii, Lana Causley

Let's protect our natural resources



PATRICK RICKLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

Aanii all,

First off, I hope everyone wintered well and is ready for spring in good health. In Unit III, we had one of the best smelt runs in years. It was nice to hear people reminisce about the old days (back then they were just days) and their experiences with friends and family down by the river. Well, April showers are upon us and by the time you finish reading this, the morels ought to be ready for picking. I hear everyone had a good sugar bush this year.

At yesterday's board meeting, our biologist, Eric Clark, brought forth a resolution to oppose the proposed wood-to-ethanol facility in Kinross. If this proposal passes, the Frontier Renewable Resources plant would be allowed to harvest timber within a 150-mile radius from the plant and a majority of that land is public land within the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory. I feel that, if allowed, the effect to our hunters, gatherers and fishers would be devastating; our air quality would be threatened from the toxins emitted from the plant.

If you enjoy sugar bush, morel hunting, hunting for sus-

tenance and just plain old walking in the woods, opposing this plant would be in your's and the tribe's best interest. We must be the ones to preserve our natural resources. The promise of a few jobs and a better economy doesn't outweigh the health effects of poor air quality and the lack of the natural resources our members have come to rely on every day. Imagine the price of firewood to heat your home, if you would still be able to get it.

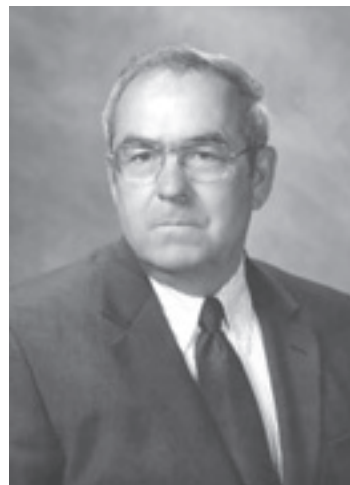
On a positive note, in Unit III, Sault Tribe Housing has been refurbishing the homes on the rez. To date, all units have new kitchen cabinets, sinks, countertops and flooring. Nearly all units have new exterior doors, vinyl siding, exterior insulation and fascia. It was nice to ride around the rez and see all the crews working when so many are laid off. It was a much-needed makeover. Good job to all who took part in that project.

While cruising the rez, I ran across Susan McCoy, Veronica Hickman, officer Pins and Isaac McKechnie, surveying the lay of the land to determine the best place to install the emergency warning systems the tribe had received from a grant. After watching all of the devastation and destruction around the country from floods, tornados, earthquakes, tsunamis and whatever else gets thrown at us, I feel we are very fortunate to live where we do, but any advanced warning system in place will be a plus for us.

Well, that's about it. I would like to say happy Mother's Day and have a good Memorial Day weekend to all and a big thank you and prayer for all of our veterans. G'tchi miigwech.

Pat Rickley,
(906) 440-5149

We must face challenges head on, collectively



JOSEPH EITREM, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Over the course of the past month, the board has been dealing with a variety of issues ranging from ensuring proper adherence to NAHASDA guidelines, future development within our tribal school and the lingering effects of the Greentown bankruptcy. While some issues are less controversial, working together we will be able to effectively address the issues that face the tribe.

The tribal board is comprised of 12 elected representatives and a chairman. The actions taken are the result of decisions based upon a majority affirmative vote of the overall board. While there have been times that a vocal minority have delayed actions of our board, it is imperative that individuals respect and adhere to the rules and procedures that have been

adopted to ensure that our tribe operates in a progressive manner and does not miss out on opportunities to enable growth.

In addition to the issues listed above, we need to continue to ensure that we as a tribe are communicating and providing information in a timely manner. Within the tribe, it is imperative that information is shared. Leadership needs access to information to assist them in making the best decisions on behalf of the membership of this tribe. Employees need information to do their respective jobs correctly. The membership needs information to understand what is happening, and how they can ensure that we are doing our jobs.

We as a tribe have had many issues to overcome in the recent past and the tribal board continues to work on establishing efficient structures to ensure the health and prosperity of our tribe. It is imperative that we develop and adopt legislation and policies that ensure protections for our members and employees and enact measures that demand responsibility and accountability.

As I have stated in the past, we, as tribal leaders, must continue to focus our energies on developing new processes, and approaches, as well as new revenue streams for the benefit of our tribe. Our tribe utilizes federal appropriations, grants and revenues generated by our busi-

nesses (including our casinos) to fund all of our services and programs. It is essential that we strive to diversify our economic base to ensure the stability and continuity of our tribal services and programs.

While the economy is much better than it has been in the past few years, it is imperative that we maintain a fiscally responsible approach. For the most part, the tribe's financial turmoil had been attributed to the many excesses in regards to past overstaffing and over expenditures. We must continue to ensure that our tribe remains fiscally sound for the membership. We cannot afford to repeat the mistakes of the past.

As a tribe, we will constantly face external obstacles to our success. There are no easy paths — all opportunities come with challenges. Working collectively, the tribal board will be able to face challenges head on and move our tribe forward.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Tom Dorwin, our former general counsel, for his service to the tribe and wish him well in his new position within the federal government.

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

Sincerely,
Joe Eitrem
Unit I board representative
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Constitutional amendment must be honored



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

This time last year the Bureau of Indian Affairs conducted a secretarial election wherein our tribe passed an amendment that removed the phrase, "perform all duties consistent with the office as chief executive officer of the tribe" from Article II (Duties of Officers) Sec I of our tribal constitution.

I did not vote to support this amendment because no policy analysis or plans for implementation had been conducted prior to the election. It was another example of putting the

cart before the horse. But, that is beside the point now. The amendment was approved and we have an obligation to follow through. Failure to act has created a climate of uncertainty for our workforce and the adverse consequences are plain to see.

I do believe, at this time, there is enough common ground agreement at the board level to enact the fundamental change the constitutional amendment implies: creation of a position with the responsibility and authority for day-to-day operations of our tribal organization.

Gaming Authority

Unlike the bi-monthly board of director's meetings, your elected representatives convene Gaming Authority meetings when necessary—to deliberate and vote on initiatives related to gaming and other economic projects. Decisions made in meetings of the Gaming Authority are "closed door" and protected from the citizen's right of referendum. There is little communication and no

tribal input. Non-disclosure may be necessary in order to conduct economic business, but tribal citizens are totally reliant on their elected representatives to do what's best for the tribe.

Although I am not at liberty to discuss economic projects under consideration, I can let you know that I am opposed to recent decision made within the Gaming Authority. I accept that my position is the minority viewpoint. But I think you deserve to at least know my reasoning:

- I support economic activity outside the seven county service district.
- I support current project in theory and in concept.
- I can support appropriate managed risk.

But the devil is in the details and I cannot support fiscal or legal recklessness.

I object to the tactics of certain board members who bring forward contracts that have not been adequately reviewed by board members or legal and immediately "call for the vote"—confident in their

seven-vote majority.

As one of the majority board members stated, "That's the beauty of democracy." True enough. But it's also thuggish behavior and is not in the legal best interest of the tribe.

Come and Learn Anishinaabemowin!

The Baawting Language Immersion Camp Project schedule has been set for 2011: June 23-26, Aug. 18-21 and Nov. 17-20.

Fluent mentors will be on hand to help learners practice and communicate in the language. Various activities held to coordinate with the seasons. All camps will be at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island. Lodging and food will be provided for all participants. There is a nature trail on the property for those interested in walking.

I plan to attend the Aug. 18-21 camp and do hope to see some of our Unit II members there as well. Please contact Cheryl Bernier at (906) 635-6050 to obtain an application.

Dept. of Energy (DOE)

The DOE tribal summit is May 4-5. I will be attending this summit next week along with staff and Indian Energy LLC.

The summit will build on continued commitment to partnering with Native Americans to support the development of clean energy projects on tribal lands, which will help reduce energy use, limit carbon pollution, and create new jobs for tribal communities across the country.

The event will gather American Indian and Alaska Native leaders, Obama Administration officials, Senior DOE officials and members of Congress.

A heartfelt thank you for the well wishes for Richard's recovery. It was a very hard winter but thanks to your prayers we can praise the Creator and celebrate the glory of spring!

As always, I look forward to hearing from you: (906) 484-6821; Unit2tribal@gmail.com.

How the Sault Tribe was reaffirmed in 1972



**BERNARD BOUSCHOR,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Dear tribal member,
As the oldest serving member on the tribal council I have participated in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians reaffirmation of its

status as a federally recognized Indian tribe.

The tribal elders of the community first attempted to organize under the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of 1934 and we were not successful. The federal government decided that enough tribes or bands had been recognized and those groups that were still seeking recognition could join those that had recognized by the United States. This was what happened to the Sault Bands — the BIA said members could be included with Bay Mills Indian Community. The government had acquired land on Sugar Island for Sault Band members to live. The property was owned by United States in trust for the benefit of

Bay Mills Indian Community members. Our members did not become members of the Bay Mills Indian Community and only a few our members moved to the Sugar Island Reservation.

The elders and leadership of our tribe for the next 40 years continued to plead our case in Washington D.C. seeking acknowledgement from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) that the federal government had made a mistake. That the BIA should have allowed Sault Bands to organize in the '30s. Their efforts were finally successful in 1972 with a recognition letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Sault Tribe Chief. This was the beginning of the federal

recognition under the IRA for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The chiefs of our community since 1950 have been Fred Hatch Sr. (1950-1970), James Perry (1970-1971), Joseph K. Lumsden (1972-1987), Bernard Bouschor (1987-2004), Aaron Payment (2004-2008) and Darwin (Joe) McCoy (2008-present).

The Sault Tribe needed to complete five major tasks: first, a tribal roll of members; second, acquire property to be declared our reservation; third, a tribal constitution; fourth, an election to ratify or reject the constitution; and fifth, a general election of leadership.

The tribal rolls were prepared with 3,500 members. The

second item of acquiring land was accomplished when we purchased 40 acres for our initial reservation on Sugar Island in 1974. The third requirement of drafting a tribal constitution by elders, leaders and community took months, with draft after draft being reviewed. I recall over 18 different constitutional drafts and meetings that lasted all day. As a very young man, I participated with the elders, leaders and community and understood the meaning and intent of each part of our constitution. The final item the election of our government occurred in 1975. Joseph Lumsden was our first chairman (chief).

Bernard Bouschor,
Tribal Council Member

Gathering of the Clans powwow June 11-12



**DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR,
UNIT IV**

The fifth annual Sault Tribe Manistique area Gathering of the Clans Powwow is being held June 11-12 at the Manistique Tribal Community Center on US-2 next to the Kewadin Casino. Grand entries are Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at noon. There will be a crazy auction Saturday

after the feast, and Sunday's feast will be held at 5 p.m.

Admission is free, no drugs or alcohol are allowed. Also, no dogs or other animals are allowed unless they are service animals on a leash. Please bring a dish to pass for the feast on Saturday.

Vendors, traders or the public can call Viola Neadow at 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137 for further information.

Spring 2 percent down

The spring distribution of 2 percent funding available for Unit IV area requests is really low this year. The amount we have available is \$33,773.

I, and Tom Miller, will be reviewing the applications. Unfortunately, there is not enough funding available in the spring distribution to cover all the requests.

We will ask that they be held and reviewed in the

fall distribution cycle. There were 16 applications submitted totaling over \$442,000 in requests.

Some of the requests submitted were for:

- Upset fleet funding, \$29,000;
- emergency rescue equipment, \$26,500;
- body armor, \$250,000;
- building enhancement, \$250,000;
- fire fighting equipment, \$9,000;
- Christmas baskets, \$3,402;
- outdoor play equipment, \$4,705;
- various school requests, \$51,084;
- community building, \$25,000;
- used fire truck, \$35,000

Tribal business

At a recent workshop, the board and Human Resources representatives reviewed the appeal policy and procedures for governmental and casino employees who are terminated due to alleged violations of tribal policies and regulations.

Staff were directed to come back with the recommended changes and input from the board and it will be reviewed again at another workshop in the near future.

The Down Payment Assistance Program applications are available through May 13. If interested in applying, call Dana Piippo at (800) 794-4072. If you are eligible and meet the program guidelines, you could receive up to \$9,500 for a down payment or closing costs to help purchase a home.

At a recent board meeting, the board approved procedures for issuing docking permits at Whitefish Point Harbor in Lake Superior.

Parents, it is extremely important that you enroll your children with the tribe's Enrollment Department. In planning for the expansion

of various services like tribal schools, Head Start and child care centers in the outlying areas, we must make sure our children are accurately counted.

In a recent workshop we were told that the number of children in the outlying areas is not high enough to be considered for the expansion of services like this. They get their statistics from Enrollment. So please, make sure your children and grandchildren have their tribal cards and are enrolled with the tribe.

I, and Tom Miller, now have office space at the Manistique Tribal Center. We will be scheduling office hours throughout our unit and will post days and times in the paper.

If you need to meet with us call me at 341-6783 or (888) 667-3809.



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