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## Tribes stock 730,000 walleye fingerlings

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – Multiple Michigan inland lakes along with Great Lakes waters and tributaries recently received an infusion of more than 730,000 walleye fingerlings raised under a program administered and funded by Indian tribes.

The program was assisted by the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR). “We are very appreciative of this ongoing offer from the tribes to help assist the state in enhancing not only the important Great Lakes walleye fisheries in northern Michigan, but also our inland lakes that traditionally have been a magnet for walleye anglers, like Brevort and North Manistique lakes,” said Jim Dexter, acting chief for the DNR’s Fisheries Division.

The fingerlings were raised by the Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program (ITFAP) based in Sault Ste. Marie. The program is administered by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and also receives funding from the Bay Mills Indian Community and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Sites walleye fingerlings were stocked:

- Grand Traverse Bay (132,000)
- Epoufette Bay (63,000) in Lake Michigan
- Brimley Bay (100,000) in Lake Superior
- St. Martin Bay (55,500) in Lake Huron
- St. Marys River (324,000)
- Brevort Lake (22,000) in Chippewa County
- North Manistique Lake (18,000) and Millecoquins Lake (18,800) in Luce County

“We were pleased to be able to provide surplus walleye fingerlings for stocking in inland lakes again this year,” said Lana Causley, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians vice chair-



**Pictured are the two-inch walleye fingerlings delivered to their new home in the St. Marys River this June. Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program stocked 730,000 walleye fingerlings this summer. The fingerlings went to sites on lakes Michigan, Superior and Huron and the St. Marys River with a surplus going to Brevort Lake, North Manistique Lake and Millecoquins Lake.**

woman. “The Sault Tribe has many members who fish inland lakes, such as Brevort Lake, under the Inland Consent Decree. The fingerlings will help boost future fishing opportunities for tribal and non-tribal fishers alike.”

DNR Fisheries Division staff collected walleye eggs in April from Little Bay de Noc, and provided some of those eggs to ITFAP for stocking back into Lake Michigan or inland lake locations. ITFAP collected walleye eggs from the St. Marys River for stocking in Lake Huron and the St. Marys River. The ITFAP-reared fingerlings that were stocked in inland lakes were in excess of the tribes’ annual Great

Lakes stocking targets and, as part of an ongoing cooperative walleye stocking partnership, were offered to the state for stocking in inland waters important to both the tribes and the state.

“As we reinitiate our walleye stocking program, the assistance from the tribes couldn’t have come at a better time, since this type of cooperative effort will help us meet everyone’s goals and objectives for healthier fisheries in Michigan,” Dexter said.

Cooperative walleye rearing and stocking work between the



Photos by Brenda Austin

**ITFAP Fisheries Enhancement Manager Greg Wright scoops a few stray fingerlings as the Sault Tribe’s walleye rearing ponds yield over 730,000 of the 2-inch fish.**

DNR and ITFAP has been ongoing for several years. According to ITFAP, the partnership is an example of how the tribes can contribute to the walleye fishery on lakes important to tribal members, while also benefiting non-tribal anglers.

“We have built a successful history of cooperative Great Lakes walleye stocking through the mutual sharing of eggs, fry, fingerlings and technology,” said ITFAP Director Tom Gorenflo.

In the past few years, ITFAP has produced fingerlings in excess of its Great Lakes stocking targets, providing the surplus to DNR for stocking in inland waters and Bay

de Noc on an ad hoc basis.

This year, ITFAP and DNR were able to develop a tentative stocking plan for surplus fingerlings in advance of this walleye rearing season. “We are excited about the opportunity to broaden our future walleye stocking efforts to include inland lakes or additional areas of the Great Lakes such as Bay de Noc, in years when we have excess fingerlings, added Gorenflo. “These waters are important fishing areas for the tribes, and the amount of surplus fingerlings we were able to provide this year should help boost those walleye populations.”



**The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians’ language program had the third of 12 language immersion camps at the Mary Murray Culture camp in June. Irene Makadebin (above) from Sagamok First Nation in Ontario, Canada, was the main facilitator. She demonstrated to camp participants how to test a black ash tree for its suitability for basketry making. See more on page 16.**

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# Cancer prevention exhibit comes to Sault Ste. Marie



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The much-larger-than-life Prevent Cancer Super Colon exhibit came to Sault Ste. Marie on July 26 and was open to the public for six hours next to the tribal health services facility on Ashmun Street. The exhibit is an interactive educational tool for spreading the word that colorectal cancer is a major cause of death that can be prevented, treated and defeated. It came to the Sault through cooperative efforts of the Prevent Cancer Foundation, the Inter Tribal Council of Michigan and Sault Tribe. The centerpiece of the exhibit is an inflatable representation of a colon that allows visitors a close-up, walk-through look at healthy tissue, non-malignant colorectal diseases and tissues with varying stages of colorectal cancer. Visitors learn the risks and symptoms of the colorectal diseases as well as the importance of prevention, early detection and treatments.

# Tribe pays boat launch fees



Photo by Brenda Austin

Sault Tribe donated \$15,000 in 2 percent funds to the city of Sault Ste. Marie to cover the cost of boat launch fees for local residents at all city boat launches and the cost of dredging around the launch areas. Left to right, City Manager Spencer Nebel, Unit I Director Cathy Abramson, Sault Mayor Tony Bosbous, Unit I Director Bernard Bouschor, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Wyers and Unit I Director Debra Pine.

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## Fundraiser to support troops

Support our troops at a fundraiser scheduled at the Kewadin Sault Woodlands Room on Aug. 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Indian tacos and a beverage for \$6. Orders to go available, call 630-7442 on the day of the event.

Proceeds to benefit equipment upgrade acquisitions for Staff Sgt. Shawn Menard and sniper team for coming deployment to Afghanistan. Any support will be appreciated.

## Tribal enrollment notice

Do you need to enroll your minor child, under the age of 18? The membership rolls are only open to the minor biological children of full bona fide members. Parents who are Sault Tribe members need to fill out application forms available for downloading from the tribe's website or by request from the Enrollment office. A copy of the courthouse birth certificate needs to be submitted with the application. The information can be mailed, faxed, emailed or dropped off in person to the Enrollment Department. There is no fee. Please allow one to two weeks for children's cards to arrive in the mail. Call 635-3396 or toll free at (800) 251-6597 with any questions or to update your address.

## Community Health presents

Aug. 16, 1-2:30 p.m. — *COPD and Traditional Foods*, preservation presentation, Jeopardy game, prizes. B/P screening, spirometry testing and more. Food samples and snacks provided.

Aug. 26, 2011, 12-1:30 p.m. — *Heart Failure and Traditional Foods*, preservation presentation, Jeopardy game, prizes. B/P screening and more. Lunch provided.

Sept. 21, 12-1:30 p.m. — *Hypertension and Traditional Foods*, preservation presentation, Jeopardy game, prizes. B/P screening and more. Lunch provided.

## Newberry family fair coming

The Newberry Tribal Health Center and Sault Tribe Housing Authority are co-sponsoring a health and safety fair, *Exploring Health and Safety- Hands on Learning through the Ages*, to foster healthy families and communities. Initially, this was to be a kids' fair. However, whatever efforts are made to educate children will be reinforced if they involve the whole family. And since our families are made up of different people from varied backgrounds — single and multi-parent, multi-generational, tribal and non-tribal — this will be a community event, open to the public.

We will have learning experiences for everyone. Some organizations collaborating with us are the MSU extension office, STAY program, Newberry schools, LMAS District Health Department and YEA, just to name a few. And what is a fair without fantastic food, arts and crafts, games and prizes? Please join us Aug. 10, 3-7 p.m. on the grounds of Newberry Tribal Health Center for an afternoon of fun. This event will take place rain or shine, so please pray for a sunny day.

## Mary Murray Culture Camp events

A young environmentalist camp facilitated by the Sault Tribe Environment Program is scheduled for Aug. 10-11 at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island.

We will open those purple triangular boxes hanging in ash trees and see what's inside and learn about native and invasive plants and helping to protect our native species.

Permission forms are available through the Cultural Department by contacting Jackie Minton or Lori Gambardella at 635-6050 extension 26144, [jminton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jminton@saulttribe.net) or [lgambardella@saulttribe.net](mailto:lgambardella@saulttribe.net).

Transportation is available on a first-come, first-served basis. A van will leave the Niigaanihiizhik Building at 8:45 a.m. Aug. 10 and return at 12 p.m. Aug. 11.

Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

A corn camp is slated for Aug. 26-27 at the camp. Learn

traditional knowledge about corn, including the story of and how corn was given to the Anishinaabek.

See a presentation on how to dry corn and all participants will take part in shucking the corn and learning the traditional process of turning dried corn in to hominy.

Anishinaabek elder George Martin will facilitate the camp. Registration forms are available by contacting Jackie Minton or Lori Gambardella, 635-6050 extension 26144.

Transportation is available. Children aged 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## 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, extension 26073, or email [jdburton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdburton@saulttribe.net).

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# Massaway chosen as alternate representative on national tribal advisory committee

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently announced changes in the membership of the SAMHSA Tribal Technical Advisory Committee. Two new members are being added to the committee — Martha Interpreter-Baylish of the San Carlos Apache Tribe representing the Phoenix Area and Joe Garcia of the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo representing the Albuquerque Area. SAMHSA looks forward to working with these newest members who will bring a wealth of information and experiences from Indian Country to the committee.



**Keith Massaway, Unit III Director**

2008 to enhance the government to government relationship by

serving as an advisory body to SAMHSA. Representation on the committee is drawn from the geographic regions served by the Indian Health Service and from two national American Indian and Alaska Native organizations.

SAMHSA also welcomes two new alternate representatives to the committee, Keith Massaway from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for the Bemidji Area and Sherri Lee Williams from the Lummi Tribe for the Portland Area.

SAMHSA expresses its gratitude to two departing members of the committee — Isidro Lopez from Tohono O’odham Nation and Gary

Batton from Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, for their exemplary service and commitment to the behavioral health needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The departure of these members opens up two vacancies on the SAMHSA Tribal Technical Advisory Committee and SAMHSA is seeking committee nominees. Nominees must

be elected or appointed tribal representatives from the Tucson and the Oklahoma Indian Health Service regional areas.

Persons interested in requesting information on the nomination process and the committee should contact Sheila Cooper, SAMHSA senior advisor for tribal affairs at (240) 276-2005 or at sheila.cooper@samhsa.hhs.gov.

## Werner receives PHS promotion

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The United States Public Health Service recently promoted Sault Tribe Medical Director Dr. Rebecca Werner from her rank as commander to captain. She has been serving Sault Tribe members for the past 11 years as a family physician, and has been our medical director for the past two. She still sees patients regularly at the Sault Tribe Health Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Sault Tribe Health Division Director Bonnie Culfa said, “A promotion to captain is one that is based on leadership qualities that Dr. Werner has demonstrated while working for Sault Tribe. She was instrumental during our water damage crisis, with the month-long relocation and set up to another building near the casino, which fully utilized our emergency operations plan. She has been a leader in the Health Division and can be relied upon to make sound



**Dr. Rebecca Werner, USPHS**

judgments and decisions whenever the need arises. It is wonderful working with her in her capacity as the medical director, and more importantly working with someone who is a caring, compassionate person who strives for excellence in whatever she is doing.”

# JKL Bahweting PSA receives new superintendent

BY RICK SMITH

Theresa Kallstrom began her new position as superintendent of JKL Bahweting Public School Academy on July 1 and is excited about working and living in the eastern Upper Peninsula as well as getting acquainted with folks in the area.

Kallstrom was born in Texas but moved to Rockford, Ill., as a child where she was raised. Along with raising a family of her own including eight children, she earned a doctorate degree in education from Northern Illinois University in educational administration in 2010. She also holds a certificate of advanced study degree in educational administration from National Louis University, a master’s in special education from Rockford College and a bachelor’s in political science. She has attended numerous workshops and is trained in data analysis, differentiated instruction, best practices and standards-aligned instruction.

The new superintendent has 15 years of experience in academia in the Rockford School District. She taught special education in elementary and middle schools for five years before serving a year as



Photo by Rick Smith

**JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Superintendent Theresa Kallstrom.**

an assistant principal at a middle school for two years, then as an elementary school principal for one year and a middle school principal for the last seven years. She also served a brief stint as the acting superintendent for the school district just prior to taking the post in Sault Ste. Marie.

“I think this is a great school and they’ve done a wonderful job with the kids in making sure their test scores are high and that students are getting a wonderful education, but there is always room for improvement,” said Kallstrom. “So, what I would like to do is continue to build with the

parents, the community, the board of education and all of our staff on what’s been done.”

She further indicated she has a desire to continue the school’s strong relationship with Sault Tribe as well as the school’s Anishinaabe cultural features. “I see no reason, if we continue to work hard, why we can’t be the number one school in Michigan,” she added.

Kallstrom is also an antiques dealer and, in her spare time, enjoys oil painting. She and her husband look forward to buying a house and becoming part of the community.

# Capriccioso takes home NAJA award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rob Capriccioso, Washington, D.C., bureau chief for Indian Country Today, won two Native American Journalists Association awards in July, presented in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The awards were for best environmental story for his news item titled *Snowy Relations On Sacred Site Development* and a feature titled *Obama Failed to Connect Through Native Media in Election Season*.

Capriccioso has received several NAJA awards since 2004. He is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

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## Elders’ powwow raffle winners

Prize winners for the July 3 Unit I elders powwow raffle: 50/50 drawing, Robert Anquilm; first place prize of \$250, Emily Boker; second place prizes of two-nights stay at Kewadin Casino and Hotel and dinner for two, David Gravelle; third and fourth place prizes of a men’s ribbon shirt, girl’s traditional dress and fan, Barbara Wilson; fifth place prize of Lisa Dietz painting, Al Thibodeau; and sixth place prize of a handmade wooden breadbox, Pam Frazier.

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# State Senator Tom Casperson visits Sault Tribe

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

State Senator Tom Casperson (R-Escanaba) and the Sault Tribe leadership came to a meeting of the minds July 21 with fundamental agreement on sustainability.

The state senator met with tribal officials to get acquainted and find common ground. The group saw eye-to-eye on the concept of balance, wise use of resources and protection of the resource from water diversions and exotic species. They discussed treaty rights, the treaty fishery, and began a dialogue for information, education and cooperation, as well as alliance.

“We have to stop just meeting, and start doing,” Casperson said during his visit where he toured the JKL Bahweting School and tribal health center, met over lunch and sat down for an interview with the tribe’s newspaper.

Casperson’s hometown is Escanaba, where he grew up in log trucking. He’s been appointed to the standing committees of Transportation, Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes, Outdoor Recreation and Tourism and Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing. He chairs two committees, Transportation along with Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes.

In 2010, following a six-year stint as state representative for Delta, Menominee and Dickinson counties, Casperson made a successful bid for state senate seat for the 38th District, which covers the Upper Peninsula except for Chippewa and Mackinac counties, representing much of the tribe’s seven-county service area.

He shares a passion for natural resources, education and jobs with his Michigan peers, State Sen. Howard Walker and State Rep. Frank Foster, and works with them on numerous issues, including water quality and invasive species like the Asian carp, state campgrounds and the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.

Casperson’s Great Lakes National Forests Conference in the western U.P. on July 19 went well, he said. The conference focused on lack of timber harvest for the mills with about 120 in attendance. Casperson said Michigan’s timber industry has sustainability, certification and supply issues. He helped bring certification to loggers, but it hasn’t helped sustainability as it was meant to, he said. A bigger issue is the national forest. Casperson said out of private, state and federal timber, the national forest is holding on to its timber.

“A lot of people don’t think harvest is good for the forest. If you do it right, it can be very healthy,” he said “Letting forests stagnate can be very unhealthy.”

The senator used the example of an experimental forest he saw near Lake Tahoe. In one part of the forest there was selective harvest followed by a prescribed burn. When Casperson saw it two years later it was beautiful. In another part of the forest there was no activity at all and when it was struck by lightning it burned so intensely the nutrients were even burned out of the ground.

“It was rehabilitated and will still need the next 20 years to recover,” said Casperson, who saw

it as a waste.

“Not everything man does is evil,” he said. “Controlled management can be good.”

Casperson thinks that humans and resources are here to use, not just look at — if we do it right. “When we take timber for homes, we make sure we do it wisely,” he said. “Timber is renewable, especially with wise management.”

The Kinross wood-to-ethanol plant planned by Frontier Renewable Resources is not only a supply issue, but also a feasibility issue. “Look at corn. Are we doing the same thing? It created problems with other industries, so we need to know more,” said Casperson.

The Kinross plant, and the industry as a whole, is being debated, said Casperson. Not only the feasibility of the industry and the supply of hardwoods, but the standards being set to regulate it. “Standards have been set, then changed to ‘raise the bar,’” said Casperson. “How far should we raise the bar? I think we are approaching that point.”

He added, “If we don’t balance this thing out, there will be no jobs. So, we are debating standards right now.”

Casperson filters out viewpoints that oppose out of personal dislike rather than science. “In some cases, I have a viewpoint — an industry I don’t like — so I just keep raising the standard,” he said. “We need to do it the right way — a safe but not a continuous push for higher standards.”

That’s what Casperson is doing on the Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing Committee. Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville formed the committee after last November’s elections. Casperson said the committee is about regulatory issues.

“It will dictate how we move forward, reforming and restructuring the government,” he said. “It will deal with a lot of environmental regulations.”

Although Casperson is not that versed in working with tribes, he is “absolutely willing.” He believes the country has to live up to the treaties, but it goes both ways. “Regardless of the treaties we have to live together and respect each other,” he said.

On the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, he has “no reason not to support it,” adding that he and Sen. Howard Walker were meeting to discuss “how we can come together and speak in one voice on that.”

Although the senator has no stance on Indian gaming, he thinks that as long as we have it, both sides should be able to benefit from it. But, he doesn’t see it happening because gaming has to go through the local community.

Casperson wants to work with tribes on cormorants. There are 600,000 of them in the Great Lakes and they each eat 1.5 pounds of fish daily. “You do the math,” he said, describing the devastation to not only the fisheries but also small islands for their rookeries.

“This needs to be addressed,” he said. “The cormorant is a migratory, protected bird, but our resources are valuable, too. Tribes and the state could work together on it.

“We should be forming more alliances here than anything,” Casperson said.



**VIP VISIT** — State Senator Tom Casperson of the 38th District visited Sault Tribe on July 21 and toured the K-8 JKL school and the Sault area health center. Above, left to right, clinic operations manager Joel Lumsden, Casperson, clinic coordinator Tony Abramson Sr. and Dr. Styer talk about the newly renovated space for diabetes patients. Right, Casperson gets a computer lab lesson from JKL curriculum director, Carolyn Dale. Below, left to right, Abramson, Unit I Director Bernard Bouschor, Casperson, Lumsden and Unit I Director Debra-Ann Pine stop in the health center lobby for a photo.



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# Bill would help prosecute violence against women

BY RICK SMITH

White House advisors and an associate attorney general of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) recently announced proposed legislation to help American Indian tribes prosecute perpetrators of violent crimes upon women. The proposal must acquire support from the U.S. House and Senate

before President Barack Obama can sign it into law.

The proposed laws come in the wake of discussions and consultations with officials of Indian tribes about the best approaches to curb violence against female members of tribal communities. Tom Perrelli, DOJ associate attorney general, said the new

measure would close gaps in legal jurisdiction so that, regardless of whether or not suspects have tribal affiliations, certain tribes would have criminal jurisdiction over domestic violence cases and be endowed with the resources and authority to pursue cases of violent crimes against women in their communities.

Involved officials made the announcement in anticipation of an approaching reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

Additionally, tribal courts would have full jurisdiction to issue and enforce protection orders involving any person, Indians or others, and stronger sentencing guidelines for domestic violence ranging from one to 10 years of incarceration for assaulting women, depending on the degree of severity endured by surviving victims.

"We believe that enacting reforms along these lines — dealing with tribal jurisdiction over crimes of domestic violence, tribal protection orders and amendments to the federal assault statute — would significantly improve the safety of women in tribal communities and would allow federal and tribal law enforcement agencies to hold more perpetrators of domestic violence accountable for their crimes," said Perrelli.

Kimberly Teehee, White House senior policy advisor for Native American Affairs, said tribal governments with police, prosecutors and courts should be essential elements in addressing

domestic violence in their own communities. She indicated tribal courts now have the authority to sentence Indian offenders for up to three years for each offense if defendants are given proper legal protections, but still have no authority over non-Indians even if living on reservations and married to tribal members.

White House advisor on Violence Against Women, Lynn Rosenthal, said the proposal is part of the commitment that spans the Obama administration to combat violence against women and places particular emphasis on addressing violence in the most vulnerable communities.

A week before announcing the proposed legislation, Perrelli testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs at a hearing titled *Native Women: Protecting, Shielding and Safeguarding our Sisters, Mothers and Daughters*. "Removing these legal roadblocks will improve public safety for women in tribal communities and allow federal and tribal law enforcement and prosecutors to hold many more perpetrators of domestic or dating violence accountable for their crimes," he told the committee.

## Ethanol plant: more problems, no benefits

To the editor:

As everyone in the world tries to tighten their financial belts, and Washington, D.C., tries to dig out of trillion dollar holes, we receive news that a hazy, crazy project in Kinross just landed \$59.5 million in free money.

The Frontier Renewable Resources "project" had already landed at least \$20 million in Michigan free money, and another \$25 million grant in New York State, plus more millions in research and public relations money.

That's more than \$100 million in free tax money for a project promising 50 to 70 jobs (the project has been scaled back twice, so no one knows how many jobs there might actually be). All of this information can be found in this most recent Department of Energy (DOE) grant.

I could pay 200 people a half million dollars per person to sit in my backyard and watch a Coleman lantern burn and it would create four times more jobs and just as much net energy as this ethanol project.

The owners/investors of this project apparently have no money of their own, but they have been paying public relations people

(Acuitas in Lansing) — so people of the Eastern U.P., beware. We've seen this movie before.

If this project goes ahead, and now that it has this grant it likely will, a couple of things will and won't happen.

It will burn up millions of tons of trees and yet, after all the work, it will have created less energy than it burned up in the process. And thanks to local county officials, it will not contribute a thing to the local tax base. It gets a 15-year, \$40 million property tax-free pass, and another \$20 million waiver in state taxes. Nothing for roads, schools, EMT, anybody.

Every timber sale in the Eastern U.P. is already successful, so this will bring a new competitor to people who are already making a living in the woods and using timber. We can expect to see U.P. sawmills, strand board, and possibly even paper mills shut down if costs of trees go up. And costs will when this monster comes to the dinner table.

And Kinross, lucky you. According to the DOE, you get 60 to 70 pulp trucks every day of the year. You get a refinery in your backyard, with smells and bad air, and any number of new breathing issues. You donate two million

gallons of water a day, and you get to clean up the bad water. And when this little project shuts down — and it will — you get the trash. As I mentioned above, we've seen this movie, under-capitalized owners with all the right political connections.

This refinery will be built by out-of-state companies bringing in their refinery specialists. We might get a few quick jobs in the construction, but likely this is more a motel owner's dream than an electrician's.

So, thank you to the lawmakers who supported this. Where can the rest of us get in line?

Pat Egan,  
Brimley, Mich.

## Rosemary Gaskin scholarship for \$1,000 announced

Rosemary Gaskin is remembered by many for her activism and advocacy of issues of racial and gender equality, Native American rights, education and her dream of a revival of Native American cultural and spiritual beliefs (Anishinabe-bii-maadziwin).

In honor of Rosemary's memory, Sault Tribe member Aaron Payment founded a scholarship fund through the Sault Area Community Foundation, now the Chippewa County Community Foundation to award at least one scholarship annually in the amount of \$1,000 to a Sault Tribe member who attends (either full-time or part-time) any trade school, vocational school, community college or university. Depending on available funds, additional book scholarships have been awarded to finalists.

Applicants must submit a copy of their Sault Tribe membership card and a 500-word essay on any one or a combination of the above causes that were dear to Rosemary's heart. The application deadline for the 2011 is Sept. 30 to accommodate late college applicants. All essays are read without names by a scholarship selection committee, which consists of one representative from

Rosemary's immediate family. The individual(s) selected will be notified shortly thereafter with excerpts from Rosemary Gaskin scholarship essays appearing in print to carry on Rosemary's good works.

Explaining the motivation for creating the scholarship, Aaron Payment said, "Rosemary mobilized our community when we had nothing. She volunteered her time to give Indian youth opportunities. She promoted education and helped to see beyond our conditions and circumstances — to dream and become anything we set our minds to. So it is fitting we honor her memory and continue her good works."

The Rosemary Gaskin Memorial Scholarship Fund is managed independently by the Chippewa County Community Foundation; a Michigan 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization which publishes annual fiscal reports on endowments they manage. Those interested in making a donation may contact Teresa Dwyer-Armstrong, CCCF executive director at the Chippewa County Community Foundation, (906) 635-1046, cccf@lighthouse.net, 511 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, www.cccf4good4ever.org.

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# Saving seeds of your favorite garden varieties

BY LARRY DYER

A few months ago I talked about planning for seed saving. Now it's time to think about doing it. So, which seeds can you save? It will depend a bit on what varieties you planted in your garden. I'll cover a few favorites here.

First, if you planted hybrid varieties, don't bother saving them. Hybrids have two different varieties for parents. The result is a nice variety for you to plant, but the next generation will be variable and unpredictable.

Some of your crops may be cross-pollinated by other varieties, so you may not know what the seed will produce next year. Sweet corn pollen is carried by the wind, so if there is another corn crop within 600 feet it may have cross-pollinated your crop. If you want a really pure seed your sweet corn may need to be separated by two miles or more.

The ears can be left on the stalk until they are dry or they can be picked after the husks have turned brown and dried off the stalk. Just pull back the husks, tie them with twine and hang them until they are dry.

Squash can be tricky because the varieties fall into several different species. Acorn squash, pumpkins, zucchini, yellow summer squash and many gourds are all in the species *Cucurbita pepo*. If you've planted more than one of these varieties they may have cross-pollinated one another. But Hubbard squash is a different species (*Cucurbita maxima*) and so is butternut squash (*Cucurbita moschata*), so they won't cross-pollinate. Cucumbers (*Cucumis sativus*), melons (*Cucumis melo*) and watermelons (*Citrullus lanatus*) are also different species, so they can be grown together with the squashes. For all of these squash family varieties wash the seeds

to clean off all the of the sticky, sweet material and let them air dry.

Some vegetable crops are self-pollinating and their seeds can be more easily saved. Beans and peas are self-pollinating, usually before the flower even opens, so even if they are visited by bees and other pollinators they won't usually cross. But peas and some beans — lima, broad and runner — can be cross-pollinated by bumble bees. Separating them by 100 feet will keep them safe from cross-pollination. Beans and peas are simply left on the vine until they are dry, then "shelled" — removed from their pod.

Tomatoes are mostly self-pollinating, so you can save seed from a number of varieties even in a small garden. But a small amount of crossing does occur, so if you want greater purity it's best to separate them by 30 feet. To collect the seed, crush the fruits

into a pulp then let it ferment at room temperature for two to four days, stirring at least twice daily. The pulp around each seed will change to a thin liquid and the seeds will sink. Add water, stir, let the seeds sink then pour off the liquid. Repeat until the seed is clean then spread on a cloth or screen to air dry.

Be sure the seed you have collected and cleaned is good and dry before storing them. A rule of thumb is when the seed feels dry to the touch, let it air dry for two more days. After that seeds should be stored in relatively steady cool, dry conditions. Freezing doesn't hurt the seeds, so that can be a good way to store them. Most seeds keep better in a sealed container, but beans and peas need a more open container — an old coffee can or even a paper bag.

A good source of information about seed saving is a book by

Susan Ashworth, *Seed to Seed*. Johnny's Seed Company sells a very practical book, *Growing Garden Seeds*. A very thorough and useful website is [www.howtosaveseed.com](http://www.howtosaveseed.com).

A note on selecting seed: save fruit from the best plants in your garden. If you forgo eating some of the very best fruits and save them for seed you will, year after year, select for the best varieties for your own garden. There is a great sense of self-reliance and satisfaction to be had when the seeds that you saved from a previous year come poking up through the soil. I hope you give it a try, and let me know how it works.

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## Styrofoam – the product that won't go away

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Styrofoam, also known as polystyrene, could remain on Earth forever, even if we all stopped using it today.

When you unpack your new microwave or TV and throw away the packing material, usually in the form of chunk or expanded polystyrene, it will still be in that landfill in its original form when your great grandkids have grandkids.

According to Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Lake Superior State University, Derek Wright, Ph.D., there are no known organisms that can eat polystyrene. "You have to recognize that if you are going to purchase and use Styrofoam products they will be on Earth for a very long time. There are more environmentally friendly alternatives, such as paper plates and other

types of plastics that may be more easily recyclable," he said.

Polystyrene foam is also a major component of plastic debris in the ocean, where it becomes toxic to marine life. Foamed polystyrene blows in the wind and floats on water, and can be found almost anywhere in the outdoor environment.

Some recycling centers will take chunk or expanded polystyrene and compact it until they have enough to sell by weight. Since Styrofoam is very light for the volume it occupies and is inexpensive to make, it is not very economical in most cases to recycle it.

One of the most common plastics found worldwide, polystyrene can be found in cups, plates, boxes, packing containers, insulation, CD and DVD cases, plastic model kits, test tubes, Petri dishes,



Packing peanuts

es, packing peanuts, Styrofoam coolers, foam insulation and napalm.

There have been ongoing debates within the scientific community about the safety of polystyrene, with some studies finding there are no detectable problems

with polystyrene when used as a food container, and other studies contradicting that finding. Those studies suggest that polystyrene in food containers can react chemically with food or liquid, causing contamination to the contents stored inside.

It's hard to know what to believe and it can get confusing, but recycling and purchasing green products is the more

responsible alternative.

There are some instances, such as purchasing a new item packed in expanded polystyrene, that we don't really have an option other than to throw it in the trash. There are other times we do, such as

choosing to purchase recyclable materials over Styrofoam products, or using paper products.

Kathie Brosemer, Sault Tribe Environmental program manager, said the best alternative for campers is to bring their own cups and dishes and wash them when they are done. "That is the traditional way and it makes sense to do it," she said. "We choose the throw-aways because it gives us a quick clean up and a minimum of mess but when you look at your community or the planet as a whole, the disposables are what causes the clean-up headaches and big mess."

For much more food for thought, visit [EcoVillageGreen](http://ecovillagegreen.com/welcome/) at <http://ecovillagegreen.com/welcome/> to read about recycling, plastics and lots of practical tips.

## Japanese Knotweed-B-Gone Sault area event

Ever heard of Japanese Knotweed? The Sault Tribe Environmental Department staff want you to know all about it — and they're hosting Sault-wide event and barbecue to help fight this invasive weed.

Japanese knotweed was brought here by settlers and it's a highly destructive invasive plant. Once established, it is almost impossible to destroy. Its roots are strong enough to crack pavement and building founda-

tions — and it crowds out native plants that our ecosystems depend on. Many properties in the Sault and Chippewa County have it, and the tribe is working with the Conservation District to educate property owners and try to get rid of it, or at least stop its spread.

One of the biggest problems is composting it. Composting of yard wastes is a great way to reduce garbage and re-use materials for gardens and other projects. But this plant spreads viciously and its roots won't be killed during the composting process. Composting the plant will allow it to spread to other people's gardens and yards. So, we really want people avoid composting Japanese Knotweed.

That's where the city-wide event and barbecue come in. Between Sept. 8 and 18, city and county residents can pick up heavy-duty plastic bags and information on exactly when and how to cut this plant for most effective control at the Sault Tribe Environmental office, 206 Greenough; County Conservation District office, 2847 Ashmun; or



Japanese Knotweed

Sault Tribe administration building, 523 Ashmun. Residents will also be given the opportunity to schedule a free professional herbicide treatment of the Japanese knotweed on their properties by Conservation District staff on Sept. 16.

Participants are asked to drop off the bags of knotweed at

the Sault Tribe Environmental office by Sept. 18, so they can be weighed and sent for proper disposal. Then, come for the fun from 12 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 18. Food, drinks and prizes will be given to participants.

For more information, please call the Sault Tribe Environmental Program staff at 632-5575.

## Help LSSU Atlantic salmon tagging study

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Lake Superior State University's Aquatic Research Laboratory is working with four area fishing guides in a study that will attempt to track the movements of returning Atlantic salmon in the St. Marys River, the only area in the upper Great Lakes where the salmon are stocked and return in good numbers.

The study, which has the guides tagging and releasing Atlantic salmon that their clients have been catching, will hope to discover the size of the Atlantic salmon population returning to the river, the extent to which the salmon move around the river and

how long they stay in the river, whether individual fish are caught multiple times, how much the fish grow through the summer, and more. There is very little information on Atlantic salmon in the upper Great Lakes, so it is hoped that this study will provide insight into a fishery that has been growing in popularity since the LSSU lab started stocking Atlantics in 1987.

Area anglers who catch a tagged Atlantic salmon are encouraged to report the tag number and location caught to the LSSU lab staff. Each tag will have the lab's phone number on it: (906) 635-1949.



# Tribal youth in St. Ignace Circle of Life summer program learn organic gardening and responsibility

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

ST. IGNACE, Mich. — For the past six summers, Sault Tribe students participating in the Circle of Life Summer Program have been caring for a large organic garden behind the St. Ignace Elementary School.

During the spring and fall months, students in kindergarten through sixth grade tend the plants, learn about collecting water in rain barrels, composting, conserving water and invasive plant species. The garden is 90 by 60 feet and has an area for endangered Michigan plants such as columbine, bee balm and mandrake. Herbs and spices also find a home there, in addition to a raspberry and blueberry bushes, rhubarb, strawberries, potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, beets, annuals and an apple tree.

The kids have used the produce from the garden to make lunches for workshop participants and have learned to can and



Kids from the Circle of Life summer program tending to the organic garden located behind the St. Ignace elementary school.

make freezer jam. They have also donated food raised in the garden to local agencies.

Sault Tribe Youth Services Coordinator Sue St. Onge said the garden is a hands-on learning tool

for the students, an edible landscape to teach environmental and social responsibility as well as fitness and nutrition.

Traditional Foods Grant Program Project Coordinator and Sault Tribe Health Educator Connie Watson and MSU liaison and Horticulturalist Larry Dyer



Left: Madeline Smith, Taylor St. Onge and Kennedy Kammers spend time helping with the garden.

also use the garden for workshops throughout the summer months.

Funding for the project was originally provided by the YEA Program, but since that time it has received grants from outside sources such as Captain Planet and most recently from the National Gardening Association, in collaboration with the Home Depot. The project was one of

100 selected for the award out of over 1,200 gardening programs from across the country. St. Onge said the students will use the \$500 Home Depot gift card to build hoop houses to expand their spring and fall growing seasons.

Students also plant and learn about a variety of traditional medicinal plants and how they are properly used.

## Learning about gardening

Michigan State University Extension Educator Larry Dyer will be conducting gardening classes this summer in the Sault Tribe community garden on the Sault Tribe reservation in Sault Ste. Marie east of the elders' center. The classes meet briefly in the elders' center then move to the garden with hands-on activities appropriate to the season. What better way of learning about gardening than by doing it?

While all classes meet from 1 to 3 p.m., the remaining class on the schedule is for Thursday, Aug. 25. The class will focus on harvesting, saving seeds and cleaning up the garden.

Larry Dyer's office is at the Emmet County MSU Extension office in Harbor Springs.

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## Resident tribal member status

From the Tribal Tax Office

Since the new tax exemption policy came into effect, there seems to be a lot of confusion regarding not only the certificates, but the original requirements and responsibilities in regards to the State-Tribe Tax Agreement. The State-Tribe Tax Agreement went into effect in April 2003. The procedure for tribal members to receive their resident tribal member (RTM) status is through the submission (to the Tribal Tax Office) of an address verification card along with the supporting documentation to verify that their address is within the agreement areas. No matter how long a member has resided in an agreement area, they MUST be registered with the Tribal Tax Office before their RTM status becomes valid. Without registering with the Tribal Tax Office they are not considered a resident tribal member. This status is not based upon being an enrolled member of the Sault Tribe.

### CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

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

- Vehicles, recreational vehicles, modular and mobile homes, watercraft, etc.
- Building materials: Lumber, siding, flooring, windows, etc.

When an RTM is planning on purchasing a vehicle, etc., the following information must be sup-

plied by the RTM to the Tribal Tax Office in order to receive a certificate of exemption:

- Year, make, model, VIN or serial number.
- The seller's name and address.
- Names listed on title and last four numbers of social security number.
- RTM phone number. When an RTM is planning on purchasing building materials, the following information must be supplied by the RTM to the Tribal Tax Office in order to receive a certificate of exemption:
  - Name and address of the supplier of the materials.
  - Name and address of contractor if applicable.

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

The certificates of exemption are processed as they come into the office. Reasons for delayed processing is lack of information or incorrect information, such as:

1. Missing contact phone numbers or fax number.
2. RTM address does not match address listed in tax database.
3. Name does not match. (for example, RTM may have been married and did not notify office to submit change of name.)
4. Item is not exempt or questions arise concerning item.

## Use caution around salmon nets

From the beginning of August through the end of October, boaters in northern Lake Michigan and Lake Huron should be aware of the possible presence of tribal commercial salmon fishing nets. During their recreational boating and fishing activities, boaters should exercise caution during low-light or bad weather conditions when navigating this area. Posters depicting what the nets look like,

the general areas they could set and contact numbers for help have been displayed at nearby launch sites.

Each net has 6-by-14 inch large orange floats spaced at interval of 300 feet or less. The license number of the tribal fisher is on the net. Net ends are marked with a staff 5 feet above the water surface, colored with at least 50 percent reflective orange coloring and a 12-by-12 inch orange flag on top.

CORA strongly recommends that boaters navigate around the nets they encounter rather than between the staff buoys set at the nets ends. These salmon nets may be set at the surface and are composed of thick twine.

Fishers from the CORA tribes are all required to uniformly mark their nets in the above manner. For more information contact CORA at (906) 632-0043.

## Free pickling class in Pickford

Michigan State University Extension, the Pickford Farmer's Market and the Friends of Pickford Library are sponsoring two pickling classes on Saturday, August 13, at the Pickford Town Hall Kitchen.

We are excited that this event will be listed with other events celebrating National Can It Forward Day. From 9 a.m. until noon, we will be making Dilly Beans, and from 1 p.m. until 4

p.m., we will be making Pickled Baby Carrots.

Participants will be learning the basics of boiling water bath canning and pickling and will be able to take information and the "pickles" of their labor home with them.

The class is free, and limited to the first 20 persons to sign up for the classes. We are requesting you bring some healthy canned fruits or vegetables from the store

to donate to the food pantry as part of this national event about canning. Examples include fruit canned in juice or low sugar and vegetables canned with no or low sodium. Limit your donations to these types of items, please.

Since class size is limited, please pre-register. Contact either Sheila Bergdoll, 647-8500, or Janet Rathke at MSU Extension in Chippewa County, 635-6368 or [rathkej@anr.msu.edu](mailto:rathkej@anr.msu.edu).

## HACCP training held this winter

A Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Training will be held December 6-8, at the Odawa Hotel in Petoskey.

Tribal commercial captains from the five Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority's (CORA)

member tribes interested in obtaining HACCP certification, contact CORA at (906) 632-0043 prior to 4 p.m. on Nov. 18.

Ask to speak to Beverly Aikens, Deanna Bowen or Jane TenEyck to receive an application.

CORA will pick up the training fee and manual expense for 15 CORA member tribal commercial captains (three individuals per tribe). All other expenses (hotel, gas, meals, etc.) are the individuals' responsibility.

## Upcoming traditional foods workshops

The following workshops are made possible by Traditional Foods Grant Project. For more information or to register, contact Connie Watson (906) 632-5211, [cwatson@saulttribe.net](mailto:cwatson@saulttribe.net).

Canning and preserving workshops in Sault Ste. Marie:

- Wednesday, Aug. 24: carrots, 9 a.m.-noon; green beans, 1-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 31: beets, 9 a.m.-noon; blueberries, 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 7: peaches, 9 a.m.-noon; pears, 1-4 p.m.

All workshops will be at the Sault Tribe training kitchen, USDA Food Distribution site, 3601 Mackinaw Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Class size is limited to the first 12 participants registered for each workshop.

Canning and preserving workshop in Manistique: Tomatoes and salsas, Tuesday,

Aug. 30, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Manistique Tribal Health Center kitchen and community room. Free class, limited to 12 individuals.

Come and enjoy a feast of foods grown and produced in your community on Monday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m., at the Manistique Tribal Health Center community room.

The following is an excerpt of the tribe's annual financial report presenting a discussion and analysis of the tribe's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on Dec. 31, 2010.

### Financial highlights

■ The tribe's total governmental assets increased to \$90.02 million or 2.66 percent over the course of this year's operations while total assets from business-type activities increased to \$16.62 million or 5.07 percent. Total primary governmental assets increased \$2.95 million or 2.84 percent.

■ Total liabilities in governmental activities decreased \$3.07 million or 4.77 percent and total liabilities in business-type activities increased \$0.53 million or 59.05 percent. Total primary governmental liabilities decreased \$2.54 million or 4.00 percent.

■ During the year, the tribe's expenses were \$5.21 million less than the revenues generated by grants and other revenues for governmental activities.

■ In the tribe's business-type activities, total revenues increased by \$1.7 million while total expenses increased by \$1.33 million.

■ Dollars spent on member services increased \$2.81 million or 5.74 percent while grant revenues increased \$6.15 million or 16.81 percent.

■ The General Fund reported a decrease of \$0.158 million for the year due to losses associated with the bankruptcy of the Greentown Casino and an increase in debt service payments.

■ Major capital projects included equipping the new Tribal Health and Human Services Clinic in St. Ignace, demolition of a tribal building in St. Ignace to make way for two tribal homeownership houses, purchase of equipment at various building sites and improvements and modifications of a number of software programs throughout the organization.

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### Overview of the financial statements

This annual report consists of four parts — management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information and other supplementary information that presents combining statements for non-major governmental funds, internal service, enterprise and fiduciary funds. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the tribe.

### Government-wide statements

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

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

— Over time, increases or decreases in the tribe's net assets are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

— To assess the overall health of the tribe you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the gaming industry regulations and changes in federal law.

The government-wide financial statements of the tribe are:

■ **Governmental activities** — Most of the tribe's basic services are included here, such as health & welfare, public safety, education, and recreation and culture. Taxes, federal revenue, state revenue, and charges for services finance most of these activities.

■ **Business-type activities** — The tribe charges fees to customers to help it cover the costs of certain services it provides. The tribe's Gaming Authority and businesses should be included here.

### Fund financial statements

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

Some funds are required by Federal law and by bond covenants.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian's Board establishes other funds to control and manage grant money for particular purposes (Head Start, Fisheries, Sanitation, etc.)

The tribe has three kinds of funds:

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

■ **Proprietary Funds** — Internal services for which the tribe charges internal customers a fee

Figure A-2  
Major Features of Tribe's Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Scope	Government-wide Statements	Fund Statements		
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
	Entire Tribal government (except fiduciary funds) and the Tribe's component units	The activities of the Tribe that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as public safety, health & welfare, and public works	Activities the Tribe operates similar to private businesses: Gaming Authority, Midjim, and Northern Hospitality, etc.	Instances in which the Tribe is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources such as the retirement plan for Tribal Employees
Required Financial Information	Statement of net assets Statement of activities	Balance sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances	Statement of Net Assets Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets Statement of Cash flows	Statement of fiduciary net assets Statement of changes in fiduciary net assets
Accounting Basis and Measurement Focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of Asset Liability Information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term
Type of Inflow/Outflow Information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during year regardless of when cash is received or paid	All revenues and expenses during year regardless of when cash is received or paid

Table A-1  
Tribe's Net Assets

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities (excluding gaming authority)	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Current and other assets	\$ 40,820,785	\$ 36,803,090	\$ 4,309,209	\$ 2,813,953
Capital assets	49,203,836	51,078,007	12,308,702	13,002,408
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 90,024,621</b>	<b>\$ 87,881,097</b>	<b>\$ 16,617,911</b>	<b>\$ 15,816,361</b>
Current liabilities	\$ 21,078,744	\$ 14,993,012	\$ (365,331)	\$ (892,160)
Long-term debt outstanding	40,262,005	49,419,003	-	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>61,340,749</b>	<b>64,412,015</b>	<b>(365,331)</b>	<b>(892,160)</b>
Net assets				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	35,426,589	34,346,888	12,308,702	13,002,408
Unrestricted (deficit)	(6,742,717)	(10,877,806)	4,674,540	3,706,113
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$ 28,683,872</b>	<b>\$ 23,469,082</b>	<b>\$ 16,983,242</b>	<b>\$ 16,708,521</b>

are generally reported in the general fund. Proprietary funds, like the government-wide statements, provide both long and short term financial information. In fact, the tribe's enterprise funds (one type of proprietary fund) are the same as its business-type activities, but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. We use internal services for the tribe's other programs and activities — such as the fiduciary funds.

■ **Fiduciary Funds**— The tribe is trustee, or fiduciary, for its employees' pension plans. It is also responsible for other assets because of a trust arrangement — can be used only for the trust beneficiaries. The tribe is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in the funds are used for

their intended purposes. All of the tribe's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net assets and a statement of changes in fiduciary net assets. We exclude these activities from the tribe's government-wide financial statements because the tribe cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

### Financial analysis of the tribe as a whole

Net assets. The tribe's combined governmental and business-type net assets increased by 13.66 percent between fiscal years 2010 and 2009 to \$45,667,114.

(See Table A-1.)

Net assets of the tribe's governmental activities increased 22.22 percent to \$28.68 million. \$35.43

million of governmental assets are invested in capital assets (buildings, equipment, and so on). The tribe's business-type activities net assets increased to \$16.98 million or 1.64 percent.

Changes in net assets. The tribe's total revenues from primary activities (excluding special items) increased by 7.54 percent to \$86.41 million. (See Table A-2.) The tribe's revenue comes mainly from charges for services, taxes and federal sources.

The total cost of all primary activities increased by \$6.65 million or 9.02 percent due primarily to increased services to tribal members, increased operating costs in both the governmental and business-type activities.

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

**Governmental and business-type activities**

— Revenues for the tribe's governmental activities increased 6.39 percent, while total expenses increased 8.56 percent.

— Revenues for the tribe's business-type activities increased 14.04 percent and expenses increased 11.45 percent.

**(See Table A-2)**

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

- The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$67.4 million.
- The cost of those services was paid from the following:
  - Taxes of \$17.54 million
  - Charges for services of \$8.66 million
  - Operating and Capital Grants of \$42.72 million
  - Interest, dividends and other revenues of \$3.66 million

**Business-type activities**

Revenues of the tribe's business-type activities increased by 14.04 percent to \$13.825 million, and expenses increased 11.45 percent to \$12.954 million. (Refer to Table A-2). Factors contributing to these results included increases in costs of sales, salaries, wages and other operating costs in 2010.

**Financial analysis of the government's funds**

As the tribe completed the year, a combined deficit fund balance of \$33.65 million, an increase in combined fund balance of \$122 thousand from 2009. The primary reason for the increase in fund balance is highlighted in the analysis of governmental activities. In addition, these other changes in fund balance should be noted:

- Debt service expenditures were \$5.25 million.
- \$5.97 million was transferred out to other activities from the General Fund, an increase of \$4.85 million from 2009.

**General Fund highlights**

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

- Original budgets are approved by the board prior to the beginning of the program's fiscal year.
- Amendments and supplemental appropriations are approved as needed by the programs during the course of the fiscal year.
- Year end modifications are made during the calendar year as needed for programs with non-December year ends.

Even with these adjustments, actual expenditures were \$1.28 million less than the final budgeted general fund amounts. The actual excess of expenses over revenues was \$.158 million more than the final budget anticipated. This is due, in part, to greater fund transfers than the final budgeted amounts.

The most significant variances were as follows:

- Tax collections were greater than expected.
- Operating expenditures were less than budgeted amounts.
- Other financing uses of funds were greater than anticipated thus decreasing amounts available for appropriation.

**Capital assets**

At the end of 2010, the tribe has invested \$113,516,341 in a broad range of capital assets, including land, machinery and equipment, buildings, roads, and vehicles. (See Table A-3.)

The principal change in capital assets consists mainly of equipment purchases. More detailed information about the tribe's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

**Capital outlay**

This year's major capital asset additions included:

- Tribal business equipment and improvements of \$100,457.
- All Governmental and Tribal Internal Service Funds of \$2,451,843.

The tribe's fiscal year 2011 capital budget projects spending another \$1.5 million for non-gaming capital projects. The tribe plans to finance these projects with its excess cash reserves.

**Long-term debt**

At year end, the tribe (excluding gaming authority) had \$13,721,483 in bonds, notes, other obligations, and leases outstanding, a decrease of \$2,962,520 over the last year.

**Table A-2**  
Changes in Tribe's Net Assets

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities (excluding gaming authority)	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
<b>Revenues</b>				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 8,660,815	\$ 14,144,650	\$ 13,813,804	\$ 12,102,353
Operating and Capital Grants	42,720,243	36,570,974	-	-
General Revenues:				
Taxes	17,542,049	17,448,862	-	-
Interest/Dividends	59,502	146,882	10,356	11,715
Other	3,603,969	(81,436)	1,140	8,313
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>72,586,578</b>	<b>68,229,932</b>	<b>13,825,300</b>	<b>12,122,381</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Other	-	-	12,954,383	11,623,679
Judicial	904,400	1,196,377	-	-
Education	8,369,233	8,004,345	-	-
Health & Welfare	36,741,070	34,108,810	-	-
Recreation & Culture	2,158,186	2,135,281	-	-
Public Safety	3,613,918	3,528,742	-	-
General Government	10,626,327	8,357,052	-	-
Public Works	1,043,173	711,352	-	-
Interest Expense	3,944,424	4,043,435	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>67,400,731</b>	<b>62,085,394</b>	<b>12,954,383</b>	<b>11,623,679</b>
Excess (deficiency)	5,185,847	6,144,538	870,917	498,702
Transfers	28,943	922,833	(54,143)	(922,833)
Taxes	-	-	(542,049)	(448,862)
Changes in net assets	5,214,790	7,067,371	274,725	(872,993)
<b>Net Assets – Beginning</b>	<b>23,469,082</b>	<b>16,401,711</b>	<b>16,708,517</b>	<b>17,581,510</b>
<b>Net Assets – Ending</b>	<b>\$ 28,683,872</b>	<b>\$ 23,469,082</b>	<b>\$ 16,983,242</b>	<b>\$ 16,708,517</b>

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

At the end of 2010, the Tribe has invested \$113,516,341 in a broad range of capital assets, including land, machinery and equipment, buildings, roads, and vehicles. (See Table A-3.)

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

	Governmental	Business-Type	Governmental	Business-Type
	Activities	Activities (excluding gaming authority)	Activities	Activities (excluding gaming authority)
	2010	2010	2009	2009
Idle Property	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 726,204	\$ -
Land and improvements	14,690,083	2,095,377	14,690,083	2,095,377
Buildings and equipment	77,658,302	19,072,579	75,196,649	19,034,086
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 92,348,385</b>	<b>\$ 21,167,956</b>	<b>\$ 90,612,936</b>	<b>\$ 21,129,463</b>

Government debt decreased by \$2,341,178 or 16.39 percent to \$11,942,606. More detailed information about the tribe's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

**Economic factors and next year's budgets and rates**

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the General Fund budget for fiscal 2011. An amount appropriated in the General Fund budget for operations is \$7.50 million, which is a decrease from final fiscal 2010 budget. The tribe will use its revenues to finance current and

expected future programs, program expansions into outlying areas, and the expected impact of inflation on those programs.

The largest fiscal 2011 budgeted expenditures are for Direct Services, Consulting / Subcontracting, and expansion of member services. If these estimates are realized, the tribe's budgetary General Fund balance is expected to remain steady by the close of fiscal 2011.

As for the tribe's business-type activities, we expect that the 2011 results will also improve based on these items:

- Reduction in operating

costs.

- Increase in operating margins.

**Contacting management**

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

*Kewadin Casinos hosted a festival in honor of its 25th anniversary in 2010.*



# Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians buildings

Please note that the telephone area code for the entire seven-county service area is 906.

## SAULT STE. MARIE AREA

### Kewadin Casino

2186 Shunk Rd.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
1-800-KEWADIN  
Sault Ste. Marie Employment Office 635-7032 or toll free (866) 635-7032

### Min Wabab Dan (Pleased With It) Sault Tribe Administration Complex

523 Ashmun St.  
531 Ashmun St.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
635-6050  
toll free (800) 793-0660  
Board of directors  
Chairman's office  
Legal  
Budgets  
Accounting  
Payroll  
Cultural Division  
Planning and Development  
Transportation  
Executive Office of Membership Services  
CFO offices  
MIS  
Telecommunications  
Insurance  
Tax Agreement  
Facilities  
Gaming Commission: 635-7042  
Communications Department: 632-6398  
Education Department: 635-7010  
STAY Project 635-8629,  
Workforce Investment Act 635-4767,  
Adult Education 632-6098,  
Higher Education 635-7784,  
YEA Program 635-7010

### The Dawn M. Eavou Child Advocacy Center

2163 Migisa Ct.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
632-4001

### Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center

2 Ice Circle  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
635-RINK (7465)  
After School and Summer Recreation Programs  
Events Management  
All-in-One Fitness Center  
Concessions  
Pro Shop  
Tribal Recreation  
Blades Sports Bar  
Physical Therapy

### JKL Bahweting Public School Academy

1301 Marquette Ave.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
635-5055

### Fred Hatch Building

206 Greenough Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Environmental Department 632-5575

### Miskeke Gamig (Medicine Lodge) Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center

2864 Ashmun St.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
632-5200  
Laboratory  
Medical  
Medical Billing  
Medical Records  
Radiology  
Administration  
Dental 632-5260  
Patient Registration 632-5200  
Optical 632-5218  
Pharmacy 632-5226  
Behavioral Health 632-6075  
Community Health 632-5210  
Audiology, Traditional Medicine, Nutrition, home health aid, HIV coordinator, diabetes coordinator, occupational health nurses  
Contract Health toll free (800) 922-0582 or 632-5220

### Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building

11 Ice Circle  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
632-0239

### Mary Murray/Bonnie McKerchie Building

2218 Shunk Rd.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Child Care Center 632-5258  
ACFS 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093

### Chippewa Service

916 Ashmun Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
632-6077  
Facilities Management

### Northern Hospitality

827 Ashmun Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
635-4800

### Mary Murray Culture Camp

266 Homestead Road  
Sugar Island, MI 49783  
635-5604

### Powwow Grounds

10 Ice Circle  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

### Nokomis/Mishomis Building

2076 Shunk Rd.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Eldercare Services 635-4971  
Sault Tribe Head Start 635-7047  
Early Head Start 635-7047

### Enrollment Department

2428 Shunk Rd.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
635-3396  
(800) 251-6597

### George K. Nolan Judicial Building

2175 Shunk Rd.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Sault Tribe Law Enforcement/Conservation 635-6065  
Tribal Court 635-4963  
Inland Fish and Wildlife Department 632-6132

### Youth Education and Activities Program

2469 Shunk Road  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
253-1321

### Big Abe Building

179 W. Three Mile Rd.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority 632-0043  
Inter Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program 632-0072

### Sault MidJim

2205 Shunk Road  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
635-4782

### Sault Tribe Construction

3375 M-129  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
635-0556

### USDA/Food Distribution

3601 Mackinaw Trail  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
635-6076

### Advocacy Resource Center

2769 Ashmun Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
632-1808 or toll free (877) 639-7820

### Shedawin Building - Empty

2158 Shunk Road  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Behavioral Health uses

### Somes Building

1022 Portage Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

### Bi-Bagi (Call, Cry out or Shout)

2151 Shunk Road  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

### Motor Pool

199 Three Mile Road  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

## KINCHELOE AREA

### ACFS Kincheloe Office - Child Placement

60 Kincheloe  
Kincheloe, MI 49752  
495-1232

### Sault Tribe Housing Authority

154 Parkside Drive  
Kincheloe, MI 49788  
495-5555  
Administrative Office  
Construction – Kincheloe  
Maintenance  
Home Improvement Program  
Modernization Program

### Resident Services Building

10 Woodlake  
Kincheloe, MI 49788  
495-5555  
Occupancy/Applications Department  
Home Ownership  
Resident Services Department

### DeMawating Development

42 Woodlake  
Kincheloe, MI 49788  
495-2800

### Youth Education and Activities Program

Rudyard/Kinross  
Rudyard Schools  
11185 2nd Street  
Rudyard, MI 49780  
487-3471 ext: 228

## ST. IGNACE AREA BUILDINGS

### Kewadin Shores Casino

3015 Mackinac Trail  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
643-7071  
1-800-KEWADIN  
St. Ignace Employment Office  
643-4176

### Kewadin Shores (Vacant)

3039 Mackinac Trail  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
Casino Storage

### St. Ignace Health Clinic

1140 N. State Street  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
643-8698 or (877) 256-0135  
Administration  
Medical  
Nurses  
Dental  
Hygienist  
Traditional Medicine  
Community Health  
Nutrition  
Behavioral Health



Optical  
Medical Billing  
Medical Records  
Pharmacy

**Lambert Center**

225 WaSeh Drive  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
Head Start 643-9733  
STAY Project (No phone. Call  
Sault Ste. Marie office at 635-  
8629.)

**Enji Maawanji' Iding**

(Former McCann School)  
399 McCann Street  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
643-3189  
Elder Meals

**Sault Tribe Youth Facility and Law Enforcement**

1130 N. State Street  
St. Ignace, MI 49781

**Kewadin Casino Lakefront Inn**

1131 North State Street  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
643-8411

**MidJim St. Ignace**

3045 Mackinac Trail  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
643-9906

**YEA Program St. Ignace**

(Not owned by Sault Tribe)  
Lasalle Middle School  
860 Portage Street  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
643-7262

**HESSEL AREA BUILDINGS**

**Kewadin Casino**  
3355 N 3 Mile Road, PO Box 189  
Hessel, MI 49745  
484-2903  
1-800-KEWADIN

**Hessel Tribal Center**

3535 Nopaming Drive  
P.O. Box 130  
Hessel, MI 49745  
484-2727  
Community Health  
Elder care services lunches  
ACFS on occasion  
Youth Education and Activities  
Program: 484-2298

**MANISTIQUE AREA BUILDINGS**

**Kewadin Casino**  
5630 US 2 E., Rte. 1,  
Box 1533 D  
Manistique, MI 49854  
341-5510  
1-800-KEWADIN

**Chigibig Ningabi An (Near the Western Shore) Tribal Community Center**

5698 W US-2  
Manistique, MI 49854

341-8469  
toll free (800) 401-0043  
Fax 341-1323  
Administration  
Sault Tribe Law Enforcement  
Elder Meals  
Health Center: Medical, nursing,  
dental, hygienist, optical,  
pharmacy, Community Health,  
nutrition, patient registration,  
Behavioral Health and Traditional  
Healing  
Maintenance  
ACFS 341-6993 or toll free (800)  
347-7137

**Housing Authority**

(For Escanaba, Newberry,  
Manistique, Wetmore and  
Marquette)  
1176 North Chitoma Drive  
Manistique, MI 49854  
341-5145

**YEA Program**

174 Zhigag  
Manistique, MI 49754  
341-3362

**ESCANABA AREA BUILDING**

1226 Wigob  
Escanaba, MI 49829  
Youth Education and Activities  
Program: 789-0972  
Stay Project 789-3192

**NEWBERRY AREA BUILDINGS**

**Health Center and Community Building**  
4935 Zee-Ba-Tic Lane  
P.O. Box 155  
Newberry, MI 49868  
293-8181  
Community Health  
Satellite Direct Services

**MUNISING AREA BUILDINGS**

**Kewadin Casino**  
N7761 Candy Cane Lane  
Rt. 2 Box 223  
Christmas, MI 49862  
387-5475  
1-800-KEWADIN

**Victor Matson Sr. Community Center**

**Grand Island Chippewa Center**  
**Gchi-Minis Ednakiiyaany Gamig**  
**Munising Tribal Community Center** (Health and Human Services programs)  
622 W. Superior Street  
Munising, MI 49862  
387-4721, 387-4614, and (800)  
236-4705  
Fax 387-4727  
Health clinic: Administration,  
medical, nursing, medical  
records, reception and  
Behavioral Health  
Data entry

Board of directors office  
Elders office  
ACFS  
Community Health, traditional  
healers' office, health educators

**YEA Program**

(Not owned by Sault Tribe)  
Mather Middle School  
411 Elm Street  
Munising, MI 49862  
387-2251

**MARQUETTE AREA BUILDINGS**

**K.I. Sawyer**  
**Sawyer Village/Eagle Ridge**  
250 Voodoo Ave.  
Gwinn, MI 49841

**GAS STATIONS**

Tribal-owned gas stations offer  
gas and cigarette discounts  
**MidJim Convenience Store**  
2205 Shunk Road  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

**MidJim Convenience Store**

3045 Mackinac Trail  
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Mainstream stations offering gas  
discounts only

**Kinross BP**  
4440 Tone Road  
Kincheloe, MI 49788

**Cedar Pantry**

159 W M-134  
Cedarville, MI 49719

**Newberry BP Express Mart**

13975 M-28  
Newberry, MI 49868

**White Pine Lodge**

7889 E. W. M-28  
Christmas, MI 49862

**Freedom Value Center**

501 W. Washington Street  
Marquette, MI 49855

**Manistique Oil Company**

216 Deer Street  
Manistique, MI 49854

**Carnes BP**

2300 Ludington Street  
Escanaba, MI 49837

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES**

**George K. Nolan Judicial Building**  
**Sault Tribe Law Enforcement/Conservation**  
635-6065  
2175 Shunk Rd.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

**Law Enforcement Satellite Offices**

**Kincheloe Public Safety**  
Not a tribal law enforcement  
office. There is an officer for the  
tribe on duty at this location.  
4884 W. Curtis  
Kincheloe, MI 49752  
495-5889

**Sault Tribe Youth Facility/Law Enforcement**

1130 N. State Street  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
643-0941

**Sault Tribe Law Enforcement**

Manistique Tribal Community  
Center  
5698 W US-2  
Manistique, MI 49854  
341-8317



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faucets, plumbing fixtures. **TIN**  
/ **STEEL:** used stoves, washers,  
dryers, metal shelving, car body  
parts, metal fencing, construc-  
tion steel/tin. **MUST BE CLEAN.**



# Pages accepts Adult Ed management position

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Consolidated Community School Services (CCSS) recently hired Tanya Pages as its new Adult Education program manager, succeeding George Snider who recently retired.



Pages has been employed for the past five years by the Sault Tribe as a teacher for the Adult Education evening program offered by CCSS at JKL Bahweting School. She also teaches adult education pre-GED classes for CCSS at Michigan Works.

Sault Tribe and CCSS collaborate to offer the evening GED classes at Bahweting School free of charge to anyone in the com-

munity. Pages travels between her offices at the tribe's downtown administration building and the Michigan Works office. Having worked with Snider for over five years, Pages said it was a natural transition to her current position.

"I really enjoy interacting with the students as a teacher," she said. "The coordinator position is new to me, but I think it will balance out nicely with the teaching."

Pages said she works with people who were not successful in the traditional school environment. "Often people come in with a negative impression of anything to do with schooling or education," she said. "Adult Education is very different than traditional classroom instruction and whatever concerns they may have encountered in the traditional school setting very likely will not be an issue in the GED classes."

Pages said they have students from their late teens and into their 60s. "I have students who are parents who come back to school, often mothers who dropped out of high school and had children, and get their GED. I have students who have graduated with their GED and gone on to Bay Mills Community College or LSSU and been successful," she said. Classes begin Sept. 12 at JKL Bahweting School and run Monday through Thursdays start-

ing at 6 p.m. To register for classes, all you need to do is show up during class with a driver's license or other photo identification. Pages said that although enrollment is ongoing throughout the year, it is best to enroll as early as possible.

Anyone can register for the classes; you don't have to be a tribal member to participate. Pages said the program offered in the Sault is very unique in that it is not fee based. "Many adult educa-

tion programs are fee based, or sometimes the classes are free but there is a fee for each test," she said.

Something to note for those who have taken some of the GED tests but still have a few to go, the test format is changing in 2013 and those who haven't completed their tests by that time will have to start over. Pages said, "If there are people in the community who have completed any number of the

five tests, it would benefit them to finish any test they have remaining before that time."

Pages has a bachelor's degree in business management and a secondary teaching degree and certificate, both from Lake Superior State University.

For more information about adult education classes, call Tanya Pages at the Sault Tribe, 632-6098 or at Michigan Works at 635-1752 ext. 137.

## Polzin in national initiative



Students of American Indian descent learn about health careers in the annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native Youth Initiative. Above are the participating students for 2011 event.

American Indian and Alaska Native high school students were selected from across the nation to attend the 14th annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native Youth Initiative (NNAYI) in Washington, D.C., June 18-26. The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) sponsors the program to educate and encourage more Native students into health professions.

Sault Tribe member Kyleigh Polzin was one of those students. She said she was thankful for the opportunity to gain the knowledge and experience of tribal health care issues. "The Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative provided an active learning opportunity in the health science program," she said. "This program provided me with professional development and personal

growth in the health science programs. These are valuable skills that will serve me well throughout my life."

The students were taken on field trips that included tours of the National Institutes of Health, George Washington University School of Medicine, Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Sciences, American University, U.S. Capitol Building and agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services, such as the Office of Minority Health and the Indian Health Service.

Students attended a series of lectures and interactive workshops that featured guest speakers who are physicians, researchers, and educators in the field of medicine.

"It's important for the students to hear from these health

care professionals. They're successful Native Americans who serve as role models and mentors. They inspire our students to continue their education and set high goals," said Lucinda Myers, Health Careers Student Programs director.

The initiative was created in 1998 to increase the number of Native students entering health professions and biomedical research. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for admission to college and professional schools. Students also receive information regarding financial aid, counseling, and other college-related assistance.

For more information, visit [www.aaip.org](http://www.aaip.org) or call the AAIP Student Programs at (800) 943-4299.

## Scholarship deadline extended

Sault Tribe Higher Education Department extended the deadline for the \$1,000 Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship. Eligible applicants are one-quarter Indian blood quantum (as verified by the Sault Tribe Enrollment office) and enrolled full-time in a teacher education program at a Michigan public college or university. They must be at least a college junior with a minimum 3.00 GPA cumulative.

All interested students must

submit a 2011-2012 Higher Education application, W-9 form, a copy of their tribal card and an essay. The essay must be 300-500 words about the topic, "How will accomplishing my educational goals allow me to give back to my tribe?"

The new deadline is August 31, 2011.

Students may contact Brandi MacArthur, at (906) 635-7784. Email or send forms facsimile to [bmacarthur@saulttribe.net](mailto:bmacarthur@saulttribe.net) or faxed to (906) 635-7785.

# Announcing scholarship winners for 2011-12

The Sault Tribe Higher Education Department named its 2011-2012 scholarship recipients. Scholarship Committee members David Houghton, Barb Smutek, Angeline Bouley and Dan Adams volunteered their time to review and rank the essays submitted by applicants.

"There were almost 100 essays submitted this year. The essays were really well-written, which made it harder for committee members to choose the winners. To ensure all students were given an equal opportunity I blacked out personal identifying information from the essays prior to being reviewed by the committee members," said Brandi MacArthur, Higher Education administrative assistant.

The Special Needs Scholarships were awarded to four lucky recipients in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Higher Education staff would like to thank all of the students who applied for the Scholarship Program. "We would also like to give a special thank you to the Scholarship Committee who

dedicated their time to review our essays. We would also like to thank the Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Fundraiser Committee, our generous vendors and other contributors who have made donations towards our program, which would not be available for our students without their support," said MacArthur.

Higher Education and the Scholarship Committee congratulates the following students on their awards and the great essays that were submitted.

**Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship (Ten recipients at \$1,000 each)**

Emily Leask, law student at Michigan State University College of Law.

Rachel DeRusha, senior at University of Michigan studying for her Spanish, math and teaching certification.

Nicholas Cushman, senior at University of Michigan studying brain behavior and cognitive science.

Nicole Hoglund, freshman at Bay Mills Community College studying social science.

Joshua Drier, sophomore at North Central Michigan, studying to become a pharmacist.

Jacob Ellis, junior at the U.S. Naval Academy studying aeronautical engineering.

Venessa Jenerou, sophomore at Northern Michigan University studying to become a cosmetologist.

Alexandria Chase, freshman at Syracuse University studying art photography and photojournalism.

Alexandra Myhal, sophomore at University of Minnesota studying biology.

Tyler Smith, freshman at Ferris State University studying digital animation and game design

**John P. Carr Scholarship (\$1,000)**

Ian O'Neill, sophomore at Northern Michigan University studying pre-engineering.

**Don Corp Scholarship (\$1,000)**

Amanda Weinert, junior at Northern Michigan University studying art history.

**Pamela Cable Gershon**

**Scholarship (\$150)**

Chelsey Thorne, freshman at Northern Michigan University studying special education.

**Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)**

Alicia Gervais, junior at Northern Michigan University studying fine arts.

**Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship (\$1,000)**

Rebecca Patzward, graduate student at Michigan State University studying to become a social worker.

**Vic Matson Sr. Tributary Scholarship (\$1,000)**

Cory Forgrave, graduate student at Colorado School of Mines studying mineral and energy economics.

**George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship (\$1,000)**

Kalvin Hartwig, graduate student at Yale University studying international relations.

**June Curran Porcaro Scholarship:**

Catherine Nash, junior at Bay Mills Community College studying early childhood education family services.

**Nancy Hahn Memorial Scholarship (Eight recipients at \$200 each)**

John Michael Dorner, freshman at Lake Superior State University studying to become an Internet and networking specialist.

Catherine McClellan, freshman at Bay Mills Community College studying for a Bachelor's of Science in nursing.

Jessica Stone, senior at Michigan State University studying elementary education.

Patrick Harrington, sophomore at Jackson Community College studying radiography.

Christen Adams, graduate student at University of Michigan working toward a Master of Science.

Samantha Dinnan, junior at Saginaw Valley State University studying elementary education and special education.

Kelsey Francella, freshman at Syracuse University studying communication design.

Allissa Haney, sophomore at Lake Superior State University studying forensic chemistry.



# Youth council reps ride in Bike the Sites 2011

By LISA BURNSIDE, YEA

On June 16, the Maamwi Niigaanziwag Grand Tribal Youth Council, which includes representatives from Munising, Escanaba, Kinross, Manistique, St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie and Hessel, along with members and administrators from the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project, gathered at DonDee Lanes in Sault Ste. Marie to begin a 47-mile bike ride along Mackinac Trail to raise awareness of childhood obesity, healthful lifestyles and to promote positive self-esteem with suicide prevention.

The Bike the Sites Project began in 2009 as part of a grant received from the United National Indian Tribal Youth Celebrate Native Health Project, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, to raise awareness about childhood obesity. Even though the grant funding was completed in 2009, the project continued with support from the STAY Project and the Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities program to not only raise awareness about childhood obesity but to promote positive self-esteem and exercise as part of suicide prevention.

Since the first year, the number of bikers completing the 47-mile trek increased from seven to 35. This year about 50 people departed on the trek from DonDee



Lanes. For the 2011 awareness project, police escorts were provided by the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and the Mackinac County Sheriff's Department, ensuring safety for bikers and motorists. The Sault Tribe Housing Authority provided a driver with a truck and trailer for bicyclists who needed a break along the route. First aid was provided by the Tribal Health Department. The council raised funds for brightly colored t-shirts for all participants and STAY supported the event by bicycling with the young participants to lend support and encouragement along the way.

The trip took five hours to complete with breaks every six to seven miles. Lunch was served at the Rudyard Park. At the ride's conclusion, a whitefish feast was enjoyed by all participants prepared by YEA staff and council

members in St. Ignace. A chi miigwech to the Maamwi Niigaanziwag Grand Tribal Youth Council members from across the eastern Upper Peninsula for keeping the Celebrate Native Health and Suicide Prevention Awareness Campaign going.

Chi miigwech to all tribal organizations and the Mackinac County Sheriff's Department for their help in ensuring a quality



ride and safety for our bikers and motorists, and to the Rudyard Park for opening its doors to the bicyclists.

To LeBlanc Fisheries, chi miigwech for the donation of whitefish for the feast.

A special thank you to all community members who supported this project with their pledges and show of support along the route.

This is an annual event that is

usually scheduled for the second week of June. As decided by the council, the 2012 bike trek will kick off at the St. Ignace Midjim and finish at the DonDee Lanes in the Sault.

If you are interested in participating, please contact your youth education coordinator or the main office at (906) 635-7010.



# Young Sault Tribe members selected to attend 2011 National Intertribal Youth Summit in N.M.

Ethan Matson, Dylan Moiles and Madeline Smith will attend the 2011 National Intertribal Youth Summit. The three Sault Tribe members are among 150 young men and women from across the country chosen for the weeklong conference in Sante Fe, N.M., on July 24-28, featuring administration officials from the White House and the departments of Justice, Interior, Health and Human Services and Education.

U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis proudly made the announcement

July 21, saying, "We applaud all the students joining this summit for their commitment to improving their communities. Tribal governments face unique challenges, and the importance of getting our youth involved in securing a bright future for themselves, their friends, families, and neighbors can't be overstated."

During the leadership conference, the students will have the opportunity to engage with other Native youth through

special sessions targeting leadership development and critical youth issues such as healthy relationships and lifestyles, education, substance and alcohol abuse, cultural preservation, community development and protecting the environment.

The summit also provides an opportunity for Obama administration officials to hear directly from youth in Indian Country. The administration and federal agencies have made a commitment to building healthier and safer communities through strengthened coordination and collaboration with tribal governments and partners.

Chaske Spencer, star of the *Twilight* movie series, and pro-golfer Notah Begay also plan to make appearances at the summit, which is focused on youth voices. During the weeklong session, participants will have the opportunity to create a public service announcement to run in their communities. In a special session called Voices of Youth, participants will share thoughts, concerns and recommendations on ways to address public safety and positively impact the lives of youth across Indian Country — providing a platform for honest dialogue with federal officials. Additional workshops will provide the youngsters with knowledge and skills in leadership development and strategies for achieving academic and career success.

Selectees were nominated for the 2011 summit by their tribal

youth program coordinators and submitted applications to attend. The Department of Justice's Office on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs and the Office on Violence Against Women made the final participant selections.

Other students from the EUP area are Jalyan LeBlanc, Valencia

Lyons, Darcey Parish and Delaney Walden from the Bay Mills Indian Community, and Sierra Ayres and Savannah Dakota from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

For more information and a schedule of events, visit [www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/2011youthsummit](http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/2011youthsummit).

# Affirmative Action upheld on appeal

A July 1 Appeals Court decision allows public universities and public employers in Michigan to continue to use affirmative action to ensure a diverse student body and workforce. The 2-1 decision strikes down a 2006 amendment to the state constitution, which prohibited all affirmative action policies including those previously upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Proposal 2, the so-called "Michigan Civil Rights Initiative" voted into Michigan law in 2006 banned schools from considering race, ethnicity or gender in college admissions.

The lawsuit was filed in federal court in 2006 on behalf of 18 students, faculty and applicants to the University of Michigan by a group of civil rights organizations that includes the ACLU of Michigan. "Through this lawsuit, we set out to level the playing field so that racial identity is not treated as irrelevant or meaningless in this state. Today we are one step closer to realizing that goal," said Kary L. Moss

ACLU of Michigan executive director in a statement.

In its 59-page decision, the court decided that Proposal 2 violates the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution by creating a double standard in university admissions:

"Ensuring the fairness of political processes, in particular, is essential, because an electoral minority is by definition disadvantaged in its attempts to pass legislation; and 'discrete and insular minorities' are especially so given the unique hurdles they face. Ensuring a fair political process is nowhere more important than in education. Education is the bedrock of equal opportunity."

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission agreed with the court: "The 6th Circuit today reminds us that minority rights cannot properly be determined based solely on popular vote. The decision is a truly appropriate way to begin the Independence Day weekend," it said in a statement.



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# 15th annual Sugar Island Traditional Powwow observed



Above and above right, fancy dancers.



*To all involved, however  
you were involved,  
chi miigwech!*

Text and photos by Rick Smith

The 15th annual Sugar Island Traditional Powwow was conducted in the spirit of Honoring Our Ancestors from Friday, July 15, through Sunday, July 17.

Although six drums were invited, seven drums performed in the shade of the arbor in the center of the powwow arena. The event featured a hand drum contest and an appearance by hoop dancers.

Feasts for all took place all three days and included a breakfast on Sunday. "One thing about the Sugar Island powwow," the master of ceremonies announced to the crowd. "They feed us good."

Many people brought their own tents with see-through mesh walls for shade and protection from mosquitoes and other pests. Some people erected their tents on the perimeter of the powwow arena for first-rate viewing of the proceedings.

One of the vendors ringing the arena represented the recently concluded Longest Walk III awareness campaign for reversing diabetes. They stopped to take part in the powwow while returning from Washington, D.C., to their homes. They sold freshly made kettle corn by the bag and other items.

Other than vehicles registered in Michigan, some vehicles were seen bearing registration plates from California, Colorado, Tennessee, Florida, New York, Bay Mills and, of course, Ontario.



Vendors visit on their way home from the Longest Walk III.



Left and right, shawl dancers.



Traditional dancer.



Dancers traditional and jingle.



Fancy dancers' bustles.



Traditional dancers.



A few of the many blossoms surrounding the Sugar Island powwow grounds.



Making a technical difficulty look good.



One of the ring-side tents with fine mesh walls, shade and shelter from pesky insects.

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# Learning Anishinaabemowin by immersion

By **ORIEN CORBIERE**

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' language program conducted its third of 12 language immersion camps at the Mary Murray Culture Camp in June. The main purpose of the immersion camp is to provide a learning environment where the language learners practiced the language with a mentor. The camp provides an environment where the learner gets to hear Anishinaabemowin spoken by lis-

tening to fluent people converse. Learners also practiced their language skills by conversing with a fluent speaker.

The camp took place on June 23-26. Participants arrived on the day before the camp started and settled in. Most of those who attended stayed at the camp for the duration. The camp was attended by families as well as individuals, 27 participants registered.

The theme of the camp was "kokbinaagnikeng" (basket mak-

ing) black ash basketry. All the participants made at least one basket, some made two or three baskets. Irene Makadebin from Sagamok First Nation in Ontario, Canada, was the main facilitator, she was assisted by her daughter Leona Sinobert, also of Sagamok First Nation.

Irene demonstrated to the camp how to test a black ash tree for its suitability for basketry. This test was done in the woods on Mick Frechette's property. Irene demon-

strated and gave instruction on the process of preparing the black ash wood strips. First she instructed on pounding the log, then pulling the strips off the log then preparing the strips for weaving. The basket making workshop went on from Thursday through Sunday.

The immersion camps are not done in series, they are run individually, therefore there is no progression from one camp to the next, hence attendees start fresh at every camp.

The camp was staffed by the language program instructors and by partnering organizations from Manitoulin Island, the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation and the Wikwemikong Heritage Organization.

The next immersion camp theme is quill box making, scheduled for Aug. 18 to 21. To register, please call Cheryl Bernier at the language program, (906) 635-6050. We hope to see you there.



Bernadette Azevedo kinoomaage.



Irene Gaashkbijge



Kwezens with her finished basket.



Irene Gaashkbijge and Paul naankbjigeook



Kokbinaagan



Grace Gravelle finishing her basket.



Attendees of the third of 12 Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe language) immersion camps at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island, Mich.



# Sault Tribe Ojibwe language instructors lead first of tribe's Anishinaabemowin conferences

By Rick Smith

The first Sault Tribe Anishinaabemowin Conference, intended as annual events in coming years, took place on the reservation in Sault Ste. Marie from July 7 to 9. Registration began late in the afternoon of Thursday, July 7, and featured a complimentary feast spread shortly afterward. Registrants were given sturdy cloth handbags that contained needed materials and information for participation in the conference workshops.

Registration continued on the following morning accompanied by a sumptuous continental breakfast spread and an opening ceremony.

Participants began to congregate in two large tents erected on the powwow grounds to provide shade and wind shelter in outdoor settings to conduct the workshops. Among the eight subjects covered in the workshops were an introduction to Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe language), basic sentence structure, word studies, numbers, story and dialogue, and songs.

Sault Tribe language instructors Cecil Pavlat, Theresa Lewis, Orien Corbiere and Leonard Kimewon were among the nine people who conducted the workshops. Other conductors of workshops were Clifford Shigwadja from Newberry, Doris Boissoneau from Ontario, Howard Webkamigad from Sault, Mich., Terry Spanish from Petoskey, Mich., and Mabel Lewis from Ontario.



Photo by Rick Smith

**Sault Tribe language instructors at the convention (left to right) Orien Corbiere, Cecil Pavlat, Theresa Lewis and Leonard Kimewon. Other instructors at the conference were Clifford Shigwadja from Newberry, Doris Boissoneau from Ontario, Howard Webkamigad from Sault, Mich., Terry Spanish from Petoskey, Mich., and Mabel Lewis from Ontario.**

Pavlat said the modest number of registered participants for the inaugural event was a good start and anticipates future conferences will see increased numbers as word about the annual opportunity spreads. Participation is free for Sault Tribe members and \$25 for all others.

The Sault Tribe language instructors have a variety of backgrounds in Anishinaabemowin.

Pavlat indicated he has been studying the language since 1996 and graduated in 1999 from the first Ojibwe language instructors' program at Bay Mills Community College.

Lewis took classes at Bay Mill Community College and participated in Sault Tribe Anishinaabemowin classes at intervals for much of her adult life. She concentrated her focus

on the language in the last three years and set a goal to complete her studies in the next three years. She also has a bachelor's degree in teaching from Lake Superior State University. Originally from the Lansing area, she teaches the Ojibwe language at the three early childhood education programs in Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace.

The Ojibwe language is the first-learned language of Leonard

Kimewon, originally from Wikwemikong on Manitoulin Island, Ont. For him, he noted, English is a frequently used secondary language. He retired from General Motors in 2004 and taught Ojibwe language briefly in Mount Pleasant, Mich. He took Ojibwe language instruction at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ont., and has been an instructor with Sault Tribe for the past four years.

Commenting on the inaugural conference, Kimewon said, "It's kind of scary when you start doing something like that but, in all, we had some very good instructors." He added that everything about the event went well and expressed optimism for an increase in attendance next year.

Corbiere is also a lifelong Anishinaabemowin and the language is the primary language of his family on Manitoulin Island, Ont. As well, English is used as their secondary language. After logging 18 years, he enrolled in a Native language instructors program at Lakehead University, eventually enrolling as a full-time student where he earned a bachelor's degree in Native studies, another bachelor's in education plus a master's in education. He came onboard as a language instructor for Sault Tribe two and a half years ago.

Watch for notices about next year's Sault Tribe Anishinaabemowin Conference in the pages of *Win Awenen Nisitotung* and the tribe's website.

# What is the Sault Tribe Housing Commission?

By Brenda Austin

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Tribe Housing Commission is comprised of seven members whose job it is to set goals and priorities for the Housing Authority.

Additionally, they hear and adopt policies governing Housing Authority operations, hear grievances, approve housing plans, budgets and assist in writing and approving by-laws, which then go to the Sault Tribe Board of Directors for approval.

The commission follows regulations set by the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), requiring all Housing Authorities to adopt policies, including those for admission and occupancy, eligibility, maintenance, management, rent payments, procurement and Indian preference.

Sault Tribe Gaming Commission Executive Director and Housing Commission Chairman Ken Ermatinger said, "We have a variety of people on the commission from different backgrounds. We are here for the people; not only do we deal with finances and planning, we hear complaints about the Housing Authority and appeals — anything from barking dogs to not paying rent and being evicted."

Housing commissioners are Chairman Ken Ermatinger (Unit II), Vice-Chairman Shirley Goudreau (Unit III), Secretary/Treasurer Debra Pine (Unit I) and commissioners Kevin Kolbus,



Photo by Brenda Austin

**The Sault Tribe's Housing Commission (L-R): Chairman Ken Ermatinger (Unit II), commissioners Kevin Kolbus, Bernard Biron (Unit I), Secretary/Treasurer Debra Pine (Unit I), Vice-Chairman Shirley Goudreau (Unit III) and Carol Strauser (Unit IV).**

Bernard Biron (Unit I), Heather Alstrom (Unit I) and Carol Strauser (Unit IV).

Commissioner Heather Alstrom, a former Housing Authority employee, has been on the commission since April. "I thought that having a background in housing would help, but there

is so much more. This is the entire picture instead of just the one part I did as an employee," she said.

"Helping tribal members is why we are all on the commission. The policies and procedures that are in place are there for the overall well being of the housing communities that we serve."

The commissioners do not serve in a management capacity; that's the duty of Housing Director Joni Talentino.

Kevin Kolbus has been a commissioner for about seven years. Kolbus said he wanted to help people become more self-sufficient by giving them an oppor-

tunity to take advantage of what the Housing Authority has to offer and become more involved in their community. "I am very impressed with the Housing Authority staff and how knowledgeable they are of the policies and NAHASDA, they know what's going on. They are incredible people and make a great team," he said.

Commission meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Monday of each month at the Housing Administration building, located at 154 Parkside Drive in Kincheloe. Meetings begin at 10 a.m.



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## Birth announcements

### BRANDON CHARLES ASH

Brandon Charles Ash was born at the Bronson Methodist Hospital of Kalamazoo on April 30, 2011, 23 weeks premature, to B.J. and Kelly Ash. He weighed 1 pound, 4 ounces and was 11.5 inches in length. As of July 20, he weighed 5 pounds and was 15 inches in length.

Grandparents are Barb and Joe Schneider of Newberry and Fran and Sue Freberg of Menominee.

Great-grandfather is Charles Jerrick of Newberry; and uncle, Robert Ash of Ohio.

### LIAM LAVANIS COLLINS

Liam Lavanis Collins was born on June 13, 2011, at Southshore Hospital in Trenton, Mich., to parents Sean and Laura Collins of Taylor, Mich. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 21 inches in length. He joins sisters Abigail, Savannah, Sophie and

Laci.

Grandparents are Michael and Deanna Collins of Monroe and Marilyn and the late Roger "Bobby" Potter of Romulus, Mich. Great-grandparents are Maryann Collins of Riverview, Mich., and Francis Szablewski of Monroe.

### BRADEN RANDALL VANDERMATE

Proud parents RJ and Jenna (nee Cairns) Vandermate of Holland Mich., are pleased to announce the birth of their first son Braden

Randall Vandermate. Born Friday, May 27 at 1:02 a.m. at Holland Hospital, he weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and 21 inches in length.

Grandparents are Jeff and Kim Cairns of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.,

and Randy and Carol Vandermate of Rudyard, Mich. Great-grandparents are Clayton and Marna McGahey of Sault Ste. Marie and Wilma and the late John Cairns of Sugar Island, Chuck and Judy Vandermate of Rudyard, and Bill and Tena Docter of Grand Rapids, Mich. Proud uncles are Justin and Keane Cairns of the Sault Ste. Marie and Daniel and William Vandermate of Rudyard, one aunt, Ellie Vandermate of Rudyard and many great-aunts and uncles. Mom, dad and baby are doing great.

### JACKSON GARY JONES

We are very proud to announce the birth of Jackson Gary Jones born on April 25, 2011. Jackson weighed 9 pounds 10 ounces and was 21.5 inches in length. He is the first child of Eric C. and Amy L. Jones. He is the grandson of the proud grandparents Tom and Kathy Ferrence.

## Kyle Wagner enters USCG



Kyle Leslie Wagner entered the U.S. Coast Guard and completed basic training at the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, N.J., on May 13, 2011. He was promoted to Fireman Apprentice upon completion of training.

He is stationed at Coast Guard Station Belle Isle, Detroit, Mich. Wagner is a 2008 graduate of Sault Area High School and is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He is the son of Dennis and Carmen Wagner of Sault Ste. Marie.

## Burns makes list again



Sault Tribe member Jacki L. Burns made the president's list at Baker College for the second consecutive semester.

She carries a 4.0 GPA despite a degenerative joint disease that necessitated 11 surgeries.

She earned an associate's degree in surgical technology and is pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in criminal justice.

"Through all my surgeries, I still maintain a 4.0. Nothing is impossible, and you are never too old to learn," Burns said.

# Sault Tribe community members walk on . . .

### VIRGINIA BARRAS

Virginia "Ginny" (nee Goetz) Barras, 62, of St. Johns, Mich., loving wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, sister and friend, died July 9, 2011, after a short, courageous battle with lung cancer.

Ginny was born on April 22, 1949, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the daughter of Peter R. and Audrey (nee Nielson) Goetz.

She worked for and retired from Fifth Third Bank after 33 years of service and was a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns. Ginny loved Christmas and other holidays, traveling, long walks, dancing, singing, bowling, boating, fishing, snowmobiling, bonfires, gambling, bird watching and watching all kinds of wildlife and nature, her swimming pool and most of all her family, friends and her faith.

On July 30, 1966, she married George J. Barras Jr. and they have shared 45 wonderful years together.

Surviving is her husband, George; daughters, Lori (Chip) Keilen and Kim (Brad) Smith; son, Brad; grandchildren, Lindsey and Drew Keilen, Mitchell and McKenzie, Hilley, Paige and Kaylie Smith; mother, Audrey Goetz; mother-in-law, Ellen Barras; sisters, Linda, Brenda, Susan (Eric) and Peggy; and brothers, Peter (Julie) and Steven (Amy) Goetz.

She was preceded in death by her father, Peter R. Goetz; father-in-law, George J. Barras Sr.; and brother-in-law, Ron Barras.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on July 13, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns with Rev. Fr. Eoin Murphy as celebrant. The family received

relatives and friends and held a vigil service at Keck-Coleman Funeral Home, St. Johns.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3100 West Rd., Bldg. B, Ste. 110, East Lansing, MI 48823 or Hospice of Lansing Stoneleigh Residence, 3411 Stoneleigh, Lansing, MI 48910.

Ginny's family would like to extend a special thank you to all the staff at Stoneleigh Residence for all their loving support and care.

### JAMES H. GREENLY

James H. Greenly Jr., 93, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died July 9, 2011, at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, Mich.

He was born Oct. 20, 1917, in Detroit, a son of the late James H. and Cornelia (Ragan) Greenly Sr. James was a WWII veteran, serving in Army Air Force as an airplane mechanic in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre.

He was employed for many years at the Ford Motor Company in Detroit. He was a member of the DAV of Lenawee County.

James resided in Sault Ste. Marie with his wife Alice until he entered the D.J. Jacobetti nursing facility. James and Alice recently received a gift of a great, great granddaughter that he thought was very special.

James is survived by his wife, Alice L. Greenly of Sault Ste. Marie; children, James Greenly of Colorado, Jack Greenly of Newberry, Mich., Terri Greenly and Marie Smyrse; stepdaughter, Sharon Barnett of Sault Ste. Marie; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a son, Charles Greenly; and stepdaughters, Lucille Easley and Lorreen Smith.

Honoring James' wishes, there were no services.

The Canale-Tonella Funeral

Home is assisting the family where memories can be shared at [www.canalefuneral.com](http://www.canalefuneral.com).

### MARJORIE KELLY

Marjorie E. Kelly, 75, died Monday, July 25, 2011, in Bay City, Mich., following her courageous battle with ALS. She was born on Sept. 24, 1935, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to the late Harold and Mary (nee Doyle) Mullen.

Marjorie was employed with Kroger Grocery for 26 years and retired as head cashier. She was a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, K of C 4102 Auxiliary, Eagles Aerie No. 1010 and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Marjorie was married to Alphonse B. Kelly and he died in 2002.

Surviving Marjorie are her four children, Melanie (Tom) Nosker of Denver, Colo., Christine (Don) Levi of Owosso, Mich., Eugene Kelly of Bay City and Timothy (Lynn) Kelly of Denver, Colo.; nine grandchildren, Allison, Joel and Keith Nosker, Sara and Ryan Levi, Bryan and Jason Kelly, Melissa and Ashley Kelly; her sister, Shirley Cameron of Sault Ste. Marie; and two brothers, Harold "Bud" Mullen of Midland and John "Bob" (Theresa) Mullen of Sault Ste. Marie.

Besides her husband and parents, Marjorie was preceded in death by a brother, James Beaumont.

Visiting hours and a memorial service were on July 28 in the W.A. Trahan Funeral Chapel with Deacon Stan Kuczynski presiding. Memorials may be directed to ALS of Michigan or McLaren Visiting Nursing and Hospice.

For online condolences: [www.trahanfc.com](http://www.trahanfc.com)

### VIOLA L. THOMPSON

Viola L. Thompson of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died July 24, 2011, at Hearthside Assisted Living. She was born May 8, 1943, in Bruce Township, Mich.

She is survived by two sons, Barry J. (Jacque) Thompson of Deltona, Fla., and Bryan P. Thompson of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Steven Thompson, Jenna Thompson and Kristopher Thompson; sisters, Fauncy Sawasky of Sault Ste. Marie; Loretta Smith of Redford, Mich., and Dorothy Gervais, Grace Sauro and May Lockhart, all of Sault Ste. Marie; and brothers, Walter Aikens of Livonia, Mich., Bernard Aikens, Ted Aikens, Paul Aikens and Lou Aikens, all of Sault Ste. Marie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilfred and Genevieve Aikens; brothers, Glen Hatch, Leo Hatch, Speedy Aikens and Lenard Hatch; and sisters, Jean Perrault and Evelyn Berkland.

Visitation and funeral services took place July 26 at the Sault Ste. Marie V.F.W. with Deacon Bill Piche officiating.

Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of the EUP would be appreciated.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Home assisted the family with arrangements.

### GERALD LEVEILLE

Gerald Francis Leveille, 74, of Hahira, Ga., died Friday, July 1, 2011, at the Langdale Hospice House.

He was born May 31, 1937, in St. Ignace, to Charles Henry and Frances May Cloff Leveille.

Mr. Leveille had lived in Hahira for many years. Mr. Leveille was a member of the Forrest Park Church of Christ and the Sault Ste.

Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and an avid sports fan. He had been employed with Lowe's and Prinsho Products.

He is survived by his wife, Nell Boykin Leveille of Hahira; six children and their spouses, Lynn and Tyson Heard of Valdosta, Ga., Gerald "Sonny" Leveille of Valpariso, Fla., Gerry and John Renfro of Valdosta, Johnny Ray Luke of Hahira, Maxine and Robert Lott, and Clark Shiver, all of Valdosta; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother and his family, Larry and AraJean Leveille of St. Ignace; four sisters and one brother-in-law, Ursula Smith of St. Ignace, Betty and Paul Vigneaux of Rudyard, Barbara Barends of Tawas City, Sharon Brown of Anderson, S.C.; and several nieces, nephews, and the Boykin family.

Services were July 3, in the chapel of Martin/McLane Funeral Home with Ray Joyner, Wayne Boykin, and Bill Ward officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant Cemetery in Berrien County. The family received friends at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to help defray funeral expenses or to Langdale Hospice House, P. O. Box 1727, Valdosta, GA 31603.

*Visit Ask Medicare at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov), a new website that provides information and support for caregivers. A few resources include basics, paying for care, condition-specific information and other support for caregivers.*

# Over 16,000 pounds of casino tokens scraped

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Kewadin Casinos shredded over 16,000 pounds – 1.5 million promotional tokens recently. The process was completed by Secure Metal Destruction of Las Vegas, NV. Once destroyed, the metal can be recycled.

“With all slot machines in the industry going to ticket in ticket out (TITO), we don’t have the need for as many tokens,” said Kent Artley, cage director for all five casinos. In addition, the casino is converting many of the token programs to a new Kewadin Credit system. “We have done this three times in the past six years and anticipate having to do it again as more of our Kewadin machines convert to TITO and as more of our promotions convert to using Kewadin Credits instead of tokens.”

Secure Metal Destruction is a licensed organization that specializes in token destruction. They travel across the United States performing these services for casinos.

Kewadin Casinos has over 2,000 slot machines. In the Sault Ste. Marie casino, 83 percent of the slot machines are TITO, St. Ignace 76 percent, Manistique 42 percent, Christmas 36 percent and Hessel 18 percent.



Tokens are securely taken from the casino’s cage to an area outside of the casino.



Tokens are put into one of four metal bins.



The bins are taken by forklift to the semi which holds the machinery.



Tokens are dropped onto a conveyer belt and lifted up into the semi.



Tokens are chopped in the semi. Chipped pieces of the destroyed tokens are put on the conveyer belt and put into boxes.



Final product – chipped/destroyed tokens bound for recycling.

## Gold Wing Riders rumble into St. Ignace

ST. IGNACE — For the 13th year, Kewadin Casinos proudly joins with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) to raise awareness and funds to support the fight against juvenile diabetes on Aug. 20.

During the weekend, nearly 900 riders participate by driving from Grand Rapids to St. Ignace and enjoy a host of activities that are held to accompany them into the area on their annual ride.

On Saturday morning, riders are welcomed with a hot breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m. Vendors will be on site and a barbeque will take place from 3-6 p.m.

Proceeds from both events are given to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation thanks to Kewadin Casinos sponsoring all costs of the event.

Based on the premise of fun, safety and knowledge, GWRRA, an international association for Gold Wing and Valkyrie motorcycle riders, co-riders and associate members, was started June 4, 1977, by seven people with a common interest in riding their motorcycles.

Over 30 years later, the association continues to grow and flourish. Today there are 80,000 members spread across the United

States and 52 other countries. There are over 800 chapters where members gather to have fun and live the motto of “Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.”

Every year Chapter Mi-G of the GWRRA organizes this large motorcycle ride, called the Midnight Ride, during which T-shirts are sold and donations are collected. The ride is done annually on the third Saturday in August, and runs from the Grand

### Queen of rock ‘n’ roll coming to DreamMakers Theater

Joan Jett, the queen of rock ‘n’ roll is coming to Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater on Oct. 21.

As the leader of the hard-rocking Blackhearts, she’s had eight platinum and gold albums and nine top 40 singles, including the classics *Bad Reputation*, *I Love Rock ‘N’ Roll*, *I Hate Myself For Loving You* and *Crimson and Clover*.

She sits at the head of her own independent label, Blackheart Records. Jett has acted in movies, including 1987’s *Light Of Day*, and in a Tony-nominated

Rapids area, across the Mackinac Bridge and into St. Ignace leading to the Kewadin Casino.

Since the ride started, a total of \$360,000 has been raised by the group for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, the worldwide leader in funding research to cure type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disease that strikes children and adults suddenly and lasts a lifetime.

Broadway musical, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

Since co-founding the Runaways, the pioneering all-girl punk quintet, at age 15, Jett’s determination and drive have kept her in the public eye. This year, however, her profile skyrocketed yet again, with the release of

both a long-awaited feature film telling the story of the Runaways and a new, two-disc greatest hits collection. The Runaways, based on lead singer Cherie Currie’s book, *Neon Angel*, stars Kristen Stewart as Jett, and her fellow A-lister, Dakota Fanning, portrays

Each year, more than 15,000 children and 15,000 adults — about 80 people each day — are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in the U.S. A new case of diabetes is diagnosed every 30 seconds; more than 1.9 million people are diagnosed each year.

For information on the Gold Wing ride, please visit [www.gwrra-mi.org](http://www.gwrra-mi.org), for information about the foundation, visit [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org).

Currie. Jett was close to the project, she served as an executive producer on the film.

The two discs of the greatest hits set, meanwhile, present 20 blazing tracks from Jett’s three-decade-plus career. It’s a comprehensive look at one of rock’s most iconic figures. Of course, the hits collection was released through Jett’s own Blackheart Records, a label she founded with long time songwriting partner and producer Kenny Laguna, in 1980 — which made her the first female artist to own and operate an independent record company.

Tickets for the show go on sale July 29 at 8 a.m. and are \$44.50. For more information, visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com) or [www.joanjet.com](http://www.joanjet.com).

### Team Member of the Month



Photo by Michelle Bouschor

**Congratulations to Jason Sheber, Kewadin Sault Team Member of the Month! Jason started working for Kewadin Casinos in 2006 in the Food and Beverage Department. He was raised in St. Ignace and now lives in the Sault with his wife, Annette, and children Malyh and Carl.**

### Sawyer Brown Christmas show tickets on sale

Sawyer Brown is coming to Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater on Dec. 17, 2011 for a one time only Christmas show.

An American country music band, Sawyer Brown has released 20 studio albums, of which three have been certified gold in the U.S. More than 50 of their singles have entered the U.S. Billboard hot country songs charts, including three number one singles.

Tickets for the Christmas show go on sale July 29 at 8 a.m. and are only \$34. For more information, visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com) or [www.sawyerbrown.com](http://www.sawyerbrown.com).





# Safe driving with mobile technology in the Motor City

By **BOB MORRISON**

The development of new technologies has made travel easier and more enjoyable. But the use of mobile devices while driving can be dangerous to drivers and others on the road.

Since July of 2010, it has been illegal to text or use mobile email while driving in the state of Michigan. The law prohibits reading, typing or sending text messages or emails using a wireless two-way communication device in a person's hand or lap while driving a vehicle. However, it is still legal to use a GPS or make calls while driving. Motorists need to be cautious of partaking in these actions while driving because distractions and accidents can easily occur.

According to a study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, motorists who engage in texting while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in an accident, or near-crash event, than those who are not distracted. It has been said that texting while driv-



ing is more dangerous than drunk driving. And while it might be hard to believe, in the four seconds that a driver glances at their cell phone, they could have traveled the length of a football field – with their eyes off of the road, not aware of what is ahead of them.

By following these suggestions about mobile technology, including cell phones, GPS systems and music devices, drivers and pedestrians can remain safe from mobile

distractions.

- Cell Phones – Calls and Texting: Stop your vehicle to place a call or send a text. It is illegal to text or email on a mobile phone while driving in Michigan. Pulling over will reduce the likelihood of becoming distracted while driving. In fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that 20 percent of all injury crashes in the United States in 2009 involved distracted driving and in the same year, 5,474 persons were killed and 448,000 injured in crashes involving distracted driving.

Use a hands-free vehicle kit. Many new vehicles and cell phones offer Bluetooth capability. If a vehicle does not have this option, systems can be installed to provide the driver with hands-free voice communication. There are also apps available that will read text messages and email aloud in real time and respond without drivers touching the mobile phone. If there is a passenger in the vehicle, ask them to control the mobile

phone while you are driving.

Avoid stressful calls while driving. Mental and emotional distractions can increase the likelihood of an accident.

Turning off a mobile phone while driving is safest option.

- GPS systems: GPS systems can be just as distracting as cell phones and text messages. Touch screens and multiple menu options can draw your eyes and attention away from the road.

Program the travel destination before putting the vehicle in drive. If the destination needs to be cancelled or changed, pull over in a safe area or ask a passenger to make the changes. Some GPS navigators have optional settings that will prevent address input while the vehicle is in motion.

Rely primarily on the voice directions, not on the map feature. Mount the GPS away from important sight lines. It is usually easiest to position a GPS near the dashboard.

- Music devices – Radios, iPods, MP3 players and others:

Do not wear headphones while driving or play music excessively loud. You may be unable to hear if someone is honking or if sirens are blaring.

Use an audio adapter cord to connect the MP3 or iPod to the vehicle's audio system. The music can be heard through the audio system and with some systems, controlled with voice activation. Create a music playlist before putting the vehicle in drive so there is no distraction. Avoid reaching to change a radio station in the vehicle so that your hands and eyes stay where they should be – on the steering wheel and the road. Newer vehicles have radio controls on the steering wheel.

Whether you are just learning to drive or have been behind the wheel for years, it is smart to follow these basic tips for mobile technology while driving.

*Bob Morrison is the Vice President and General Manager at AlliedBarton Security Services, provider of highly trained security personnel to many industries.*

## Internet safety — are your children safe from predators?

Unfortunately the same advances in computer and telecommunication technology that allow our children to reach out to new sources of knowledge and cultural experiences are also leaving them vulnerable to exploitation and harm by computer-sex offenders.

While online computer exploration opens a world of possibilities for children, expanding their horizons and exposing them to different cultures and ways of life, they can be exposed to dangers as they hit the road exploring the information highway. There are individuals who attempt to sexually exploit children through the use of online services and the Internet.

Some of these individuals gradually seduce their targets through the use of attention, affection, kindness and even gifts. These individuals are often willing to devote considerable amounts of time, money, and energy in this process.

There are other individuals, however, who immediately engage in sexually explicit conversation with children. Some offenders primarily collect and trade child-pornographic images, while others seek face-to-face meetings with children via online contacts.

It is important for parents to understand that children can be indirectly victimized through conversation, i.e. "chat," as well as the transfer of sexually explicit information and material. Computer-sex offenders may also

be evaluating children they come in contact with online for future face-to-face contact and direct victimization.

Parents and children should remember that a computer-sex offender can be any age or sex — the person does not have to fit the caricature of a dirty, unkempt, older man wearing a raincoat to be someone who could harm a child.

Children, especially adolescents, are sometimes interested in and curious about sexuality and sexually explicit material. They may be moving away from the total control of parents and seeking to establish new relationships outside their family. Sex offenders targeting children will use and exploit these characteristics and needs. Some adolescent children may also be attracted to and lured by online offenders closer to their age who, although not technically child molesters, may be dangerous. Nevertheless, they have been seduced and manipulated by a clever offender and do not fully understand or recognize the potential danger of these contacts.

**Signs your child might be at risk online:**

- Your child spends large amounts of time online, especially at night.
- You find pornography on your child's computer.
- Your child receives phone calls from men you don't know or is making calls, sometimes long distance, to numbers you don't

recognize.

- Your child receives mail, gifts, or packages from someone you don't know.
- Your child turns the computer monitor off or quickly changes the screen on the monitor when you come into the room.
- Your child becomes withdrawn from the family.
- Your child is using an online account belonging to someone else.

**What to do if you suspect your child is communicating with a sexual predator online:**

- Consider talking openly with your child about your suspicions. Tell them about the dangers of computer-sex offenders.
  - Review what is on your child's computer. If you don't know how, ask a friend, coworker, relative, or other knowledgeable person.
  - Use the Caller ID service to determine who is calling your child.
  - Monitor your child's access to all types of live electronic communications (chat rooms, instant messages, etc.), and monitor your child's e-mail.
- Should any of the following situations arise in your household, via the Internet or online service, you should immediately contact your local or state law enforcement agency, the FBI, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:
- Your child or anyone in the household has received child por-

nography;

- Your child has been sexually solicited by someone who knows that your child is under 18 years of age;
  - Your child has received sexually explicit images from someone that knows your child is under the age of 18.
  - If one of these scenarios occurs, keep the computer turned off in order to preserve any evidence for future law enforcement use. Unless directed to do so by the law enforcement agency, you should not attempt to copy any of the images or text found on the computer.
- Minimize the chances of an online exploiter victimizing your child:**
- Communicate, and talk to your child about sexual victimization and potential online danger.
  - Spend time with your children online. Have them teach you about their favorite online destinations.
  - Keep the computer in a common room in the house, not in your child's bedroom.
  - Utilize parental controls provided by your service provider or blocking software. Use of chat rooms, in particular, should be heavily monitored. While parents should utilize these mechanisms, they should not totally rely on them.
  - Always maintain access to your children's online accounts and randomly check their e-mail.
  - Teach your child the respon-

sible use of the resources online. There is much more to the online experience than chat rooms.

- Find out what computer safeguards are utilized by your children's school, the public library and at the homes of your children's friends.
- Understand, even if your children were willing participants in any form of sexual exploitation, that they are not at fault and they are the victim.

**Instruct your children to:**

- Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they met online.
- Never upload (post) pictures of themselves onto the Internet or online service to people they do not personally know.
- Never give out identifying information such as their name, home address, school name, or telephone number.
- Never download pictures from an unknown source, as there is a good chance there could be sexually explicit images.
- Never respond to messages or bulletin board postings that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, or harassing.
- And, that whatever they are told online may or may not be true.

For further information, please contact your local FBI office or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at (800) 843-5678.

(Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation)

## White House launches website for Indian Country

By **RICK SMITH**

The White House brought www.whitehouse.gov/nativeamericans online last June 7. The website page is designed to provide a web link between the White House and the folks of Indian Country.

Those who visit the site, titled *Winning the Future: President Obama and the Native American Community*, can expect to find blog posts from high level cabinet officials such as U.S. Department

of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs Kimberly Teehee and even from folks who live in Indian Country. Photo galleries and archives are available for perusal as are videos, live streams and podcasts. Visit the "Briefing Room" for the president's weekly address, schedules, speeches, remarks and White



House disclosures.

Clicking on the Issues link takes you to the White House position and progress on an array of 23 issues such as civil rights, education and poverty.

One link provides introductions of the Obama administration from the president to members of his advisory councils. The White House link gives interactive tours of the White House, biographies

of past presidents and first ladies, Air Force One, White House fellows and internship programs plus much more other information. An Our Government link offers a bounty of knowledge about the functions of the U.S. government.

In essence, as noted on the site, one may "learn how America's federal, state and local governments work to enact the will of the people and how President Obama and his admin-

istration collaborate with the Legislative and Judicial branches to govern the United States."

According to a June 28 blog entry from Charles Galbraith, associate director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement, tribal leaders asked for a centralized list of federal offices involved with serving Indian Country under federal trust responsibilities and the new website page resulted from that request.

# STAY led to SAMSHA alternate appointment



**KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

The appointment has been made final and my name has been added as an alternate to the Tribal Technical Advisory Board to SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration). SAMSHA is a federal board who works to improve the quality and availability of substance abuse prevention, alcohol and drug addiction treatment and mental health services. I am very honored to have this opportunity to give input on these extremely important topics on a national level.

In recent years the tribe has tackled many of these problems head on. Suicide has always been prevalent in our communities and our tribe. SAMSHA awarded a \$500,000 grant for three years to the tribe. With those funds a very comprehensive plan was put into place. The tribal leaders along with community leaders, tribal and non-

tribal residents and health professionals gathered to form a coalition board and produced the STAY (Sault Tribe Alive Youth) Project. The grant is administered by the tribal Education Department.

This was my introduction to SAMSHA. It became a very important objective of mine to work towards educating our people on the dangers and pitfalls in ignoring these problems we may have. In the hopes of getting more of our concerns heard on a national level the tribe endorsed my candidacy for the Technical Advisory Board. Now our tribe will be in the forefront of the fight in combating many of the problems that affect our people.

Bringing it closer to home, a tribal delegation went to the first tribal summit with Governor Snyder. Attending were Vice Chair Lana Causley, Deb Pine, Pat Rickley, Tom Miller, John Wernet and myself. Having attended summits before with Governor Granholm we watched for similarities or differences in how they conducted the meeting. The most notable difference was how Governor Snyder engaged the tribes. He encouraged a dialogue that encompassed ideas and conversation that centered on finding suitable economic stimulus to sustain growth, to develop new paths and not stand still. One instance would be how almost every tribe commented on how well the Pure Michigan campaign is working and that funding should continue. He added his

agreement to that assumption but then asked how it could be better. He said we show water, sunsets and fishing but we need to show more and asked the tribes for input on what the ads were missing or how could we improve the message. That brought a burst of items that could be highlighted and should be explored. The tribes comments and information were written down and

that was something that we had not seen before from our state leadership. It is not an epiphany but it was something encouraging.

Bringing it a little closer to home again, Pat Rickley and I had the pleasure of cooking for our elders at their annual picnic. We both look forward every year to this event. Talking and eating is always the best way to share our-

selves with each other. We thank the elders for all their wisdom and knowledge they share with us and all the great treats they make for desert.

Thank you again for all the cards and e-mails.

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## Meeting with Governor Rick Snyder promising



**DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Mino Gezheb kina gwaya! (Good morning to everybody!) This unit report will be fairly short due to the fact that I just got off the road with Cathy Abramson. She and I along with Lana Causley, Keith Massaway, Tom Miller, John Wernet and

Pat Rickley were in Lansing to meet with Governor Snyder. I am glad to report I am optimistic our relationship with the new governor should be a prosperous one. With Michigan being in a 10-year slump, our message to the new governor was "We as tribal nations are an asset to Michigan and we bring with us solutions to the economic problems of Michigan."

I personally conveyed to the governor that anywhere our tribes have moved into, any area we have developed, whether it be health, education, enterprises or gaming, we brought with us economic growth to that community that benefited not just us, as tribal nations but the whole area. Native and non-native alike prospered from our efforts. I look forward to working with this new Governor in reinventing our beautiful state

of Michigan.

After the meeting, Cathy and I traveled to Traverse City and attended a CORA meeting. Admittedly, this was my first CORA meeting but not my first tribal conservation meeting.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the elders for getting the code changed that would allow them to hold election forums on tribal property. I supported this effort due to safety issues when people are running in tribal elections. I, as a woman, had some scary situations where forums held outside of the tribe were less than safe to attend by myself. I believe the elders' intent is good and I wish them the best of luck in their efforts.

Sincerely,  
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## Addressing the vacant chairman's position



**TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

Well, we were wishing for summer and it certainly is here. I hope everyone is holding up under the extreme heat we are having. Enjoy it because all too soon we will be complaining about the cold weather. In our tribal business, we continue to work to address the vacant chairman's position. It is quite clear that there will not be an advisory election. The next step to be taken will be that of appointing a tribal member to fill the remaining year. I have brought this up for action twice and it has not been acted on by the Board. If that doesn't happen, things will

remain as they are, with Lana Causley filling in as directed by the board of directors. Budgets as usual are a major concern and we are working to limit or eliminate our projected deficit. The board is working diligently on accessing additional revenue sources. The board recently approved a request by the elder advisory group in which they want authorization to hold candidate forums. Under the present and prudent rules established, this cannot be done. With the board's approval, some of the code and processes will be changed to allow this to

take place. My main concern with this action is that you now have a political action group within the tribally funded governmental organization. No other tribal members who want to do a like candidate forum will have this funding or advantage. Major problems are on the horizon when you attempt to allow entities of the tribal government the ability to affect the political process. Any community member can hold any type of forum with any candidate at any time, location and on any issue. The treaty fishing rights case (Jensens conspiracy) contin-

ues to be a major concern of some of the board in that we see the state slowly exerting control over our treaty rights. We need to take this to the highest court necessary or risk having a new tribal member called the State of Michigan. They are part way to the table as we speak. For those elders' groups I have missed meeting with in the last month, I have been called to some critical meetings on possible economic development opportunities for the tribe.

If you have questions, please call me.

Enjoy the summer.

## Anishinaabe nation holds third water forum

**BY ALEXANDRA SYRETTE, BFN COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR**

July 18 saw the first session of the *Honouring the Waters Indigenous Water Conference 2011*, with approximately 200 delegates consisting of First Nations leadership (ogimak) from across the Great Lakes area gathered to address the quality of the waters. Chiefs, grand chiefs and various tribal leaders came from Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Quebec, Manitoba and Ontario in the name of continuing a forward path to protect the water.

Chief Dean Sayers of Batchewana First Nation spoke on the policies surrounding the water, specifically that of the

United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Rights (UNDRIP). Within the document it references that, "Indigenous peoples have a profound relationship with their environment. This includes their distinct rights to water. The permanent forum urges states to guarantee those rights, including the right to access safe, clean, accessible and affordable water for personal, domestic and community use..."

During the four-day gathering the ogimak (leaders) aimed to educate and empower both first nations citizens and mainstream society with regard to history, jurisdiction and rights as Anishinaabeg. They are working to manifest a plan of action that

ensures water quality for the next seven generations.

The conference continued throughout the week at the Comfort Suites and Conference Centre in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., with dialogue on history, jurisdiction and rights, healthy waters and a push for each tribe and nation to conduct its own water ceremonies. Youth, and community members joined in the discussions to educate and empower all people on the significance and importance of the water, specifically that surrounding us in the Great Lakes Basin.

The event was live streamed at [www.indiancountrytoday.com](http://www.indiancountrytoday.com) and will be archived.



**Bay Mills Environmentalist Dan Tadgerson, United Tribes Executive Director Frank Ettawageshik and Unit I Director Cathy Abramson take a break from community water forum discussions July 21.**



# Michigan tribes have roundtable discussion



**LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II**  
Aanii!

The board and I, along with all the fellow Michigan tribes, were honored to sit and have a roundtable discussion with Governor Rick Snyder this month. This was mainly an introductory meeting for the governor to meet us and for all tribal leaders to make their connections with him and his key tribal staff. There are numerous issues that face our tribes including:

- Maintaining the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver,
- Funding of tourism promotion programs with a focus on northern areas (to enhance and maintain our revenue stream at our casinos),
- Community health dollars specifically for U.P. programs,
- Restoration of elder funds,
- No expansion of non-Indian gaming,

- The president's health care bill,
- Setting up of the state's health exchange and making sure the tribal requirements are met, and
- Fair and equal treatment of tribal members from the DNR.

We look forward to working with Governor Snyder and David Murley, the governor's deputy legal counsel and point person for tribal affairs, to work on these issues cooperatively and for an ongoing agenda.

The tribe is still involved in litigation stemming out of the bankruptcy of the Greektown Casino. U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Shapero is still considering the tribe's argument that it is immune from these lawsuits as a sovereign nation. The court holds monthly status conferences on this lawsuit. The next one is scheduled for Aug. 17. We remain hopeful that we will receive a final ruling on our arguments during this hearing. I will keep you informed.

In late July, Senator Tom Casperson came for a visit to our tribe. We had a great meeting with the senator and were able to give him a tour of our health facility in the Sault. During our visit we talked at great length with the senator about the tribe's respect for our natural resources and what Mother Earth gives us. The senator is the chairman of the Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes Senate Committee, so it was extremely important to get our needs and

expectations to him directly. Thank you to our staff who took the lead on this and for your help, it's very important for us and I'm thankful that you were involved. I am excited to see the good direction that will come from this relationship.

Education of our tribal youth is very important. In July we held our 11th annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic event and raised over \$65,000! We have given away more than 170 scholarships to date with this scholarship and continue to raise more money through this event. I'd like to thank our Golf Scholarship Committee and Education Department for their hard work on this event.

Below is a list of our coming powwows. This time of year is when we see and visit our loved ones who live away and rekindle friendships around the fire. Please bring your families. The Sault powwow was a good time for many and many people have been thanked and acknowledged because there is so much hard work to do to get these times ready. At this time I'd like to personally say miigwech to Graz and Adrian Shipman and Cecil Pavlat for taking the time to get our community ready with a ceremony and fire, offer prayers for our past chiefs, leaders and our community. These are the traditional ways that all don't see; they teach us not to forget to practice our traditions. Powwows would not go well without those people get-

ting us fed and lighting that fire. They don't ask for recognition or advertise but all of you need to know, our tribe is very blessed to have individuals who take care of us in that way. Miigwech.

- Rexton — Youth Education and Activities Youth Empowerment Powwow Aug. 6. Information: Dee Eggert, (906) 635-7010; Patty Teeple, 341-3362; Lisa Burnside, 484-2298.

- Hessel — 19th annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow, Aug. 19-21. Information: Lisa Burnside, (906) 484-2298 or 484-2239.

- Munising — Kitchi Miniss Powwow, Saturday, Aug. 20 in Munising at Bay Furnace across from Christmas Casino on M-28. Opens at 12 p.m. Grand entry 1 p.m. Feast meal 5 p.m. Any dish to pass is welcome. Native vendors only; contact Anita Nelson at (906) 387-4763; other information, contact Dolores LeVeque at 387-3370. Public Invited. Free admission. No drugs or alcohol.

- The Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow historical encampment with narration will be held Aug. 27-28 at the New France Discovery Center at the Father Marquette National Memorial, St. Ignace. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for elders and students, children under the age of 12 are free. This is a family event and is alcohol and drug free. For more information, contact the St. Ignace Events Committee at (906) 643-8717 or Darryl Brown at 984-2083.

- Newberry — 4th annual Newberry Powwow, spiritual gathering Sept. 9 and powwow Sept. 10. Information: Shirley Kowalke or Lois Bryant at (906) 293-8181.

In closing, at the last board of directors meeting, Director Hollowell brought forward an item to schedule a "time certain" to appoint a chairperson per the tribe's Constitution. We need to keep the discussion on the agenda and our focus on track. She and I will also be requesting and scheduling the CEO item so that all will be in place for stable government. Please contact your board members so they can have your thoughts and input on the job requirements and description of the role as you see it for the CEO. We have been busy and continue to try to increase meeting time so that we may address many of the items that the board must discuss as well as items they feel are a priority. We are getting ready to review and discuss the budgets for 2012; we need to keep focused on spending levels that will maintain what we have now as in the services to the members. There is no plan to cut any services.

Hope to see many of you this summer at the powwows and elders' meetings.

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

Baamaapii,  
Lana Causley

## Attending the United Tribes meeting in Lansing



**PATRICK RICKLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Aanii all, I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. On the 15th, Director Massaway and I attended the elders' picnic, where we cooked burgers, brats and hot

dogs, people brought dishes to pass, prizes were awarded. I think it was an event enjoyed by all, I know I had fun.

Not really much to report this month, some of the board members, including myself traveled to Lansing for a United Tribes meeting. It entails the 12 federally recognized tribes of Michigan, I liken it to a big tribal board, they disperse conducive information and pass resolutions that benefit all the tribes. One resolution I was honored to be in attendance for was to honor Fred Dakota for taking the initiative in 1983 to secure a casino license from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community that had, in 1974, adopted its first federally approved tribal code. That license afforded Fred the right to open up a full scale casino in Indian

Country that included blackjack, craps, pulltabs and more. That action alone opened the doors for every tribe in the country to prosper and become more self-sufficient and maybe gain a level of integrity for the Anishinaabe people, that maybe at the time, things looked a little bleak for some. So it's only fitting that United Tribes and everyone knows Fred Dakota as the "Father of Indian Gaming."

Fred is a friend of mine and it's been a privilege to know him.

Also while in Lansing, we attended the state summit meeting with Governor Rick Snyder, a meet and greet session with all the tribes affirming that we are sovereigns and should be considered as such and that we may do things differently. Our main objective is about making a healthier,

economical society for the people of Michigan and that the tribes contribute more to all of our local communities than just the tribes themselves. So it behooves the governor's office to try and maintain an open dialogue so, that by having a healthy government to government relationship, we can maybe all help in resolving the

issues out there that affect us, such as invasive species, water issues, clean air issues and the many other things that pose a threat to us all!

Well, I hope August is a comfortable one and that everyone is safe, it seems as though summer goes too fast, so enjoy. Until next time, baa maa pii.

Pat Rickley, Unit III



Michigan Governor Rick Snyder shakes hands with Unit III Director Patrick Rickley at a tribal-state summit, Sault Tribe's first summit with the new governor.



St. Ignace elders went on a sweetgrass expedition recently and found plenty of the medicine plant.



# Miigwech to all bringing teachings to our youth



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Rather than continuing on finances in this report, I would like to focus instead on the appointment of an interim chairperson. I promise to get back to Kewadin finances next month.

As you know, former Chairman Joe McCoy resigned suddenly last May, leaving vacant the chairmanship of our tribe.

Article VI Sec. 2 of our tribal Constitution states, "The board shall by majority vote, fill vacancies by appointment of a voting member of the tribe to fill the unexpired term of the departed official."

After some initial procedural maneuvering, it is time to carry out our responsibility to fill the unexpired term of the chairman. I am hopeful that we can come to an agreement about how to conduct the appointment process in the next two weeks and that we can appoint a new chairman by the end of August. We should not delay because uncertainty is difficult for our tribal citizens, our workforce and our external relationships.

I hope we can proceed with good faith, patience and a willingness to consider each others views and concerns, including every

board member's recommendation on the same voting docket. Even with all that, the decision process will be a challenge.

As your Unit II representative, and after considerable discussion with members throughout our community, I would like to inform you that I will be recommending Vice Chair Causley for appointment to fill the chairperson's seat. And I would like to explain why:

- **Stability:** Since there is no plan of succession articulated, common sense and precedence should be considered. One year ago, the currently composed board of directors took as their first official action the appointment of Director Causley to a second term as Vice Chairman. As a newly elected board member, I had my concerns. However those concerns have proven to be immaterial.

- A much larger concern should be enacting the 2010 constitutional amendment to separate CEO duties from that of the Chairman. Vice Chair Causley has publically stated that she will provide the leadership required to legislate the structural implementation of the position of Chief Executive Officer. To the best of my knowledge she is the only board member—under consideration for the appointment to interim Chair—willing to carry out our constitutional duty to enact this amendment.

- The demise of Greektown casino is a sad affair and unfortunately, it's not quite over yet—as we brace for some final litigation under way. To be sure, every administration since Greektown's inception back in 2000 has some responsibility for how things

turned out. To date, Vice Chair Causley is the only elected official who has publically acknowledged responsibility for the decisions she made as they relate to Greektown. I appreciate her candor that mistakes were made. As the saying goes, "Hindsight explains what foresight could have prevented" I am therefore more likely to trust her insight moving forward.

I do want to state that whoever is ultimately appointed to the chairmanship, I will support and assist their leadership for the betterment of our tribe as a whole. Factionalism and the impasse it creates is holding us back as a tribe. We can't afford to continue in such a way.

Words alone cannot express my thanks to the elders, cultural leaders and staff who work so tirelessly to provide traditional teachings and opportunity to our youth. Miigwech to everyone.

A reminder that the Rexton Youth Empowerment Powwow is Aug. 6; Dee Eggert (906) 635-7010, Patty Teeples 341-3362, Lisa Burnside 484-2298.

And, checkout our tribal website for other ways to participate, learn and have fun:

- Youth Education and Activities Program; St. Ignace community garden runs throughout the summer and fall. Call 440-7667.

- Cooking classes for kids ages 6-12 will be held on the last Saturday of every month at the Sault Tribe USDA office on

Mackinaw Trail. The first class will be held July 30 at 11 a.m.

- A young environmentalist camp is being held Aug 10-11 at the Mary Murray Culture Camp, facilitated by the Sault Tribe Environment Program. They will be opening those purple triangle boxes hanging in ash trees to see what's inside. Call 635-6050.

- A corn camp slated for Aug. 26-27 at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island. Come learn traditional teachings about corn,

including the Anishinaabe creation story and how the gift of corn was given to the Anishinaabeg. There will be a presentation on how to dry the corn and all participants will take part in shucking the corn and learning the traditional process of turning dried corn in to hominy. Call 635-6050, extension 26144.

Please call anytime to share your thoughts and concerns. Have a safe, happy and healthy summer. (906) 484-6821  
Unit2tribal@gmail.com



## Kitchi Miniss Powwow Jingtamok

Sat., August 20,  
Munising



Bay Furnace across from  
Christmas Casino  
Follow the Signs

Public Invited • Free Admission  
NO Drugs or Alcohol

Doors Open at 12 p.m. noon  
Grand Entry: 1 p.m.  
Feast Meal: 5 p.m.

Native Crafters Only  
No Food Vendors,  
Table Space: \$15  
Contact Anita Nelson  
at 906-387-4763

Any Dish to  
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Master of Ceremonies: Cecil Pavlat  
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Host Drum: Bahweing  
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Eagle Staff Carrier: Les Ailing  
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Fire Keeper: Mel Dunn  
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For information contact Dolores LaVeque at 906-387-3370

## On the road again



**JOAN (CARR) ANDERSON,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Here it is one year since I have been elected as a unit director and I would like to thank everyone again. I hope I am making the right decisions and voting for what is best for our tribe, even though we can't win them all.

During the meeting on July 26, I was very impressed to see that our Elders Advisory Committee passed changes to their bylaws and the election ordinances, which allows them to have meetings to "Meet The Candidate." This was spearheaded by Bob Menard and his advisory committee, the lawyers, the election committee and the board of directors. Great job to all that were involved. I think "Meet The Candidate" will be an

asset for those who are running for office in the next election. This will help the people know who they are electing.

REMEMBER without our elders we would not be organized as we are today, starting with the cultural and knowledge of our tribe. So many of us forget.

Moving on to Unit V activities:

Aug. 1: Munising meeting and dinner.

Aug. 4: Marquette meeting and dinner is cancelled.

Aug. 11: Unit V members meeting.

Aug. 14: Marquette picnic (12-3 p.m.), for more information call Joe Gray (906) 240-3303

Aug. 15: Munising dinner.

Aug. 20: Munising powwow, Bay Furnace Park, Christmas, Mich. (across from Kewadin Casino) 12 p.m., grand entry 1 p.m., feast at 5 p.m.—if you wish, bring a dish to pass. For more information, call Dolores LeVeque, 387-3370, or Anita Nelson, 387-4763 (vendors).

Sept. 2: Dedication of veterans memorial, AuTrain, 2 p.m.

Don't forget I will answer your calls and I will always follow up on your concerns as they are my concerns, too.

Joanie Carr Anderson  
(906) 387-2802  
littlefoot@jamadots.com

# 19th Annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow August 19-21

**Hessel Casino Campground**

**Friday August 19**

Spiritual Gathering with Pot Luck Dinner

**Saturday August 20**

1 p.m. Grand Entry

5 p.m. Feast Feast Dish to Pass

7 p.m. Grand Entry

**Sunday August 21**

1 p.m. Grand Entry

Head Veteran: Gene Reid

Head Male Dancer: Tim Archer

Head Female Dancer: Sarah Archer

Traders Welcome

Sponsored by:

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians &

Muk kwa Giizhik Community Committee

Information: Lisa Burnside, (906) 484-2298 or 484-2239





# UN to commemorate first anniversary of historic human right to water resolution

NEW YORK, NY — UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon and Bolivian President Evo Morales addressed the United Nations General Assembly July 27 to commemorate the one year anniversary of the adoption by the UNGA of an historic resolution

recognizing the human right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation.

The same day, the Council of Canadians released the Canadian edition of its report, *Our Right to Water: A People's Guide to Implementing the United Nations'*

*Recognition of the Right to Water and Sanitation*, available at [www.canadians.org](http://www.canadians.org).

"The struggle to achieve this milestone was a long one and blocked for years by some powerful corporations and governments who favor water as a private com-

modity to be put on the open market for sale," said Maude Barlow, Council of Canadians chairperson and senior advisor on water to the 63rd president of the UN General Assembly, in a press release.

"Now there is no longer any doubt that water and sanitation are human rights and all levels of government, communities and individual must recognize what happened at the UN last year. The resolution adopted by the general assembly and the follow-up resolution by the UN Human Rights Council are now legally binding in international law," Barlow added.

"Too many First Nation communities and citizens do not have access to safe drinking water or proper sanitation facilities," Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo said. "Our leaders have long called on Canada to live up to its treaty and international obligations to work with us to ensure all of our citizens have access to clean water.

According to Atleo, chiefs at the recent annual general assembly directed the AFN to continue

to work towards the application of the UN General Assembly Resolution on the Human Right to Water and Sanitation. "Respect for human rights and individual dignity are values we must all embrace, along with the collective rights of indigenous peoples and our territories, including the waters," Atleo added.

The second resolution passed in September 2010 at the UN Human Rights Council gives legal force to the resolution passed at the UN General Assembly. Together the two resolutions represent an extraordinary breakthrough in the international struggle for the right to safe clean drinking water and sanitation and a crucial milestone in the fight for water justice.

For more information, contact Anil Naidoo, Blue Planet project coordinator, Council of Canadians, (613) 882-4405, [anaidoo@canadians.org](mailto:anaidoo@canadians.org); or Dylan Penner, media officer, Council of Canadians, (613) 795-8685, [dpenner@canadians.org](mailto:dpenner@canadians.org).

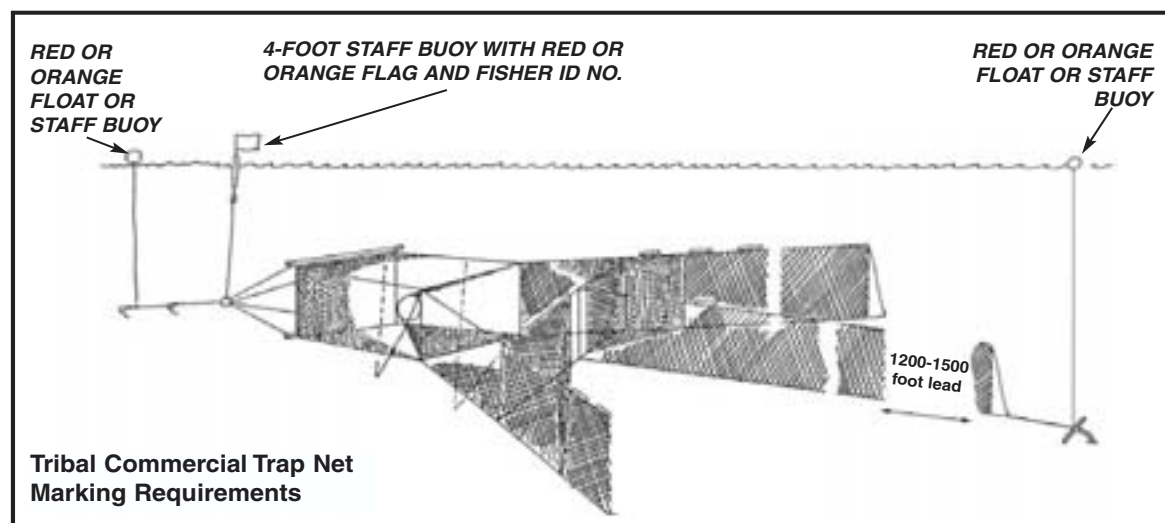
Twitter: @CouncilofCDNs



Batchewana Council member Harvey Bell, Batchewana Chief Dean Sayers, and Batchewana Council member Greg Agawa take a break between community water discussion July 19. Tribes and first nations of the Great Lakes met for their third water forum to see what can be done to restore and protect the Great Lakes. Several in camera sessions were held with tribal community members between rounds of presentations. Participants signed a declaration to take responsibility for the Lakes, which will be published next month. (See story pg. 21.)

## NOTICE TO BOATERS

### COMMERCIAL TRAP NETS in northern Lakes Michigan & Huron



Tribal Commercial Trap Net Marking Requirements

See [www.1836cora.org](http://www.1836cora.org) under net marking for maps and other information.

- Vessel Operators should NAVIGATE AWAY from all markers and REMAIN 1,500 FEET AWAY from any staff buoy or jug markers.
- Please EXERCISE CAUTION while boating in these areas. Visibility will be limited during low-light or bad weather conditions.
- WARNING: Tampering with these or any other legally set nets is a violation of State and Federal law.

## Gathering now and to come in the U.P.

Blueberries are just coming on in the eastern Upper Peninsula and the crop promises to be abundant. In sunny places blueberries may be sooner but not as large as berries in more shaded areas, so get out those buckets and start picking.

Raspberries are also beginning to ripen and should be ready soon. A few ripe berries are ready but the picking will not be as productive as in a week or so.

From this one can time the blackberries as not far behind, especially with the hot weather. If the rain keeps up, of course. Right now, the fruits are green.

Mushrooms to be had right

now are mostly chanterelles, rusas, and lobster mushrooms. This means boletes are not far behind.

After these harvests, start keeping watch for hazelnuts. They ripen, it seems overnight and all the wildlife is posed to grab them all up in just a couple of days, so be ready. Also stake out these nice bushes for later partridge hunting.

Soon everyone can start looking for meadow mushrooms and then horse mushrooms.

If rain continues to be adequate, this should be a good year for delicious shaggy manes up until frost — a favorite on pizza and in spaghetti sauce.



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For information contact Dolores LaVeque at 906-387-3370

#### For more information contact:

CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE AUTHORITY  
179 W. Three Mile,  
Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783  
906-632-0043

#### Report unmarked nets:

LOCAL, STATE or TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS or Michigan DNR RAP Hotline  
1-800-292-7800



**JOHN E. "JACK" LEASK, SR.**

John E. "Jack" Leask, Sr., 77, of Alpena, passed away on June 27, 2011, at Tendercare of Traverse City following a lingering illness. He was born on Aug. 23, 1933, in Cheboygan to Thomas H. and Adelaide A. (nee McCoy) Leask.



He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1951 and spent four years in the Air Force from Nov. 21, 1951, until Nov. 20, 1955, and spent two years in the reserves.

He worked for Higgins Industry in Cheboygan for three and a half years, while attending County Normal. He received a Bachelor's of Arts degree from Central Michigan University in 1963 and his Master's of Arts degree in 1976. In 1963 he went on to teach at Anna Besser School in Alpena; Lincoln School from 1964 to 1965. He worked as community school director from 1965 until 1977 at Hinks School, Maple Ridge, Ella White and Alpena High School. In 1977 to 1980 he was principal at Maple Ridge School. He taught sixth grade from 1980 at Anna Besser School until retiring in June 1993.

John loved the outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, bird watching and picking morels with his family and friend. He was also quite a rock collector and enjoyed playing harmonica and table tennis. He played pool for the Hideaway Bar in Long Lake, was president of the Long Lake Association and a member of American Legion Post 0065 and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by his wife

of 54 years, Patricia (Laurence) Leask of Alpena; children, Col. John (Jane) Leask Jr. of Holt, Roger (Bev) Leask of Traverse City, Ken (Becky) Leask of South Carolina, Steve (Kelli) Leask of Grandville, Marc (Pat) Leask of Houghton Lake, Dennis (Bobbi) Leask of Manawa, Wis., and Lisa (Frank) Fico of Interlochen; grandchildren, John Fico, Paul Fico, Jessica and Matt Luckey, Jack and Regina Leask, Matthew Leask, Anna Leask, Ben Leask, Kate Leask, Samantha Leask, Alec Leask, Caden Leask, Chad Leask, Nathan Leask, Breanne Leask, Joshua Leask, Sara Leask, Emily and Matt Smith, Shayna and Matt Deschler; Liam Steffen, Calli Steffen, Ned Thompson Cole Thompson, Pam Miller, Nicki and Stan Blume, Maxine and Jim Velas; great grandchildren Preston and Kendall Luckey, Roman and Quinten Leask; brothers, Orville and Lorraine Leask, Angus "Skip" Leask; and sisters, Monica (Lawrence) Vallance, Gerry (Tim) Bussler and Judy (Fred) Maxwell.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Grace Doyal in 1965, Dorothy Spray in 2001, Wanda (Tina) Foley in 2005, Joan Stevens in 2006 and Leora (Lee) Sunderland in 2008.

**JAMES "SKIP" MCKERCHIE**

James "Skip" McKerchie of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. passed away unexpectedly at his home on July 6, 2011. He was born March 23, 1950, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to James and Della (nee Lewis) McKerchie. Skip was there to help anyone who needed it. He was employed as a bus driver for Community Action for many, many years.

Surviving Skip are his brothers Don (Sheri Ermatinger) McKerchie of Sault Ste. Marie, Ron (Holly)

McKerchie of Georgia, sisters Patricia (Jerry) Pelky of Honor, Mich., Linda (Larry) Duncan and Diane VanHouton both of North Carolina. Also surviving are his six stepchildren, many grandchildren, and several great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Skip was preceded in death by his wife Patricia in 2001, and his parents James and Della McKerchie.

A private gathering will held in Skip's honor. In lieu of flowers memorials may left to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements are in the care of Hovie Funeral Home.

**JADEE SUE TAYLOR**

Jadee Sue (nee Bellmore) Taylor, 27 of Ishpeming, walked on during a surgical procedure on March 22, 2011, at Marquette General Hospital. Jadee was born Aug. 1, 1983, in



Marquette, the daughter of Jimmy Allen and Janet Sue (nee Brusseau) Bellmore. Jadee was raised in Marquette and, at age 17, was a 2001 honors graduate of the Marquette Senior High School. She continued her education in Flint at the University of Michigan, receiving a Bachelor's of Science degree in sociology, ranking in the top 10 of her class. On May 31, 2008, she married Scott E. Taylor in Davison and together the couple established a home in Flint.

In 2010, the couple moved to Ishpeming, with Jadee making plans to enroll at Northern Michigan University to earn her teaching certificate. She loved learning and often remarked that a career as a professional student would suit her. Open minded, headstrong, kind, giving and compassionate, Jadee was a hard worker and was an inspiration to others who were proud of her accomplishments and studies. Since her days

as a sophomore in high school, Jadee was in the habit of prioritizing her life and used her organizational skills in helping others. She was very passionate about women's rights and issues and also the rights and issues of minorities. Family and friends always came first and in her leisure she enjoyed camping, watching movies, especially comedies and romantic films, and was an avid reader.

For the past five and a half months, she and Scott were absorbed with their infant son, Keagen Dain Taylor, whom she absolutely adored and cherished. Jadee was a part of a large and loving family that included the Bellmores, Perrys, Paquettes, Taylors, Newsomes, Prices and the Sholes. She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered.

Survivors include her husband, Scott; son, Keagen Dain; father and step-mother, Jimmy and Lynn Bellmore of Ishpeming; mother, Janet Bellmore of Ishpeming; paternal grandmother, Sandy Bellmore of Marquette; paternal great grandmother, Pearl Perry of Marquette; her in-laws, Vicky and Tom Taylor of Davison; brother-in-law, Jace Sears of Flint; grandmother-in-law, Jerry Taylor of Davison; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins, among them special aunt, Shelly Bellmore of Crandon, Wis.; special nephew, Dawson Sears of Kingston; special cousin, Cory Bellmore of Oconto Falls, Wis.; cousin and best friend, Dessa LaLonde of Marquette; best friend, Josie Case of Flint; and her beloved dogs, Scrappy and Luxy. Jadee was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Richard Bellmore; and paternal great grandfather, William Perry.

Jadee was a proud member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians through the Grand Island Band of Chippewa. She was bear clan. Her lineage could be traced to Chief Nah-ben-ay-ash, Caroline Blair, Emma Betsy Blair Carr and Mabel Carr Paquette. At a family gathering, Jadee's great uncle, Billy Perry, and cousin Joe "Scotty"

Masters played a traveling song for her. Jadee was also given her Anishinaabe name, Wa-Say-Ya, which means "to be sunny, happy and bright." Jadee was definitely wa-say-ya all of her life.

Honoring Jadee's request, a private celebration of her life was held. Jadee was a Gift of Life donor. The Fassbender Funeral Home served the family.

**"JimDaddy"**

Memories of you, gone three years past, will have to hold me till I'm with you at last.

Remembering times when you were just little, playing with hot-wheels in the sandpile or playing Monkey in the Middle.

Your friends were here or you were there, I miss the noisy kid chatter that filled the air. David, Adam, Frank, Mike and John, your friends all miss you but their lives go on.

Dennis and Stef, your cousin and wife, still can't believe you're no longer part of their life. And their boy Evan, he's oh so sweet, for only a short time did you and he meet.

When you got older your nickname was given, JimDaddy, from Too Short, the rapper musician. You liked the rap and you loved the bass, that Dodge of yours thumpin all over the place. The gas tank always empty, the seats always full, every one of your friends knew about the right-sided pull.

Thoughts they come, fast and furious.

Does your energy still flow? I'm so very curious.

If a Red Feather happens to come my way, I smile and think to myself "The Creator blessed me today."

I miss you so much, James Hilton Denman, but it puts me at peace knowing you're in Heaven. Each day is less only by one, but it's one day closer till I'm with you, my son.

*Written with a heart full of love thru infinity by mom.*

**Derwin garners Roger H. Lynch Outstanding service award**



Sarah (nee Derwin) Willoughby has been awarded the Roger H. Lynch Outstanding Young Public Health Service Engineer Award. This award recognizes exceptional and dedicated work as one of the key factors in job satisfaction and helps to build a strong and productive workplace. The Engineers Professional Advisory Committee (EPAC) and the United States Public Health Service Chief Engineer present the award annually.

A member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Willoughby is the daughter of Tom and Karen Derwin of Munising. She has been working in the Rhinelander District Office of the Indian Health Service since 2002, serving the tribes by consulting and planning future developments

and infrastructure, designing and managing numerous sanitation facilities projects and assisting with operation and maintenance of existing systems. Willoughby was presented the award in New Orleans.

EPAC provides advice and consultation to the Chief Engineer, who in turn reports to the Surgeon General on matters relating to the professional activities and personnel issues affecting PHS engineers and acts in the interest of Civil Service and Commissioned Corps engineers and architects.

Pictured left to right are Rear Admiral Robert C. Williams, Sarah Willoughby, and Rear Admiral Sven E. Rodenbeck, Chief Engineer Officer of the U.S. Public Health Service.

**Request For Bids**

The Sault Tribe Purchasing Department will be accepting **Sealed Bids** for the purchase and removal of a log building & ramp located in Wetmore, Michigan.

- 1) Building 30x68
- 2) Enclosed Ramp 5x135

Address of the said building is E10442 State Highway M-28 Wetmore, Michigan.

A walkthrough of the building is scheduled for **August 15, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Minimum bids will start at:

- 1) \$ 10,000.00 for the building
- 2) \$ 1,000.00 for the ramp

A **10% deposit** of proposed bid, a letter of Credit from a financial institute and a proof of insurance must be included with the Sealed Bid.

Successful bidders will be responsible for all costs associated with removing the building(s) from the land.

Deposits will be returned to the un-awarded bidders.

**Sealed Bids** will be due no later than August 29, 2011 @ **2:00 p.m.** Interested bidders may contact Tamara Roche @906-635-7035 for more information.

**\*\*NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME\*\***

**Sealed Bids** must be sent to:

Sault Tribe Purchasing Department  
Attn: Tamara Roche/Wetmore Building  
2186 Shunk Road  
Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783

Sault Tribe Purchasing reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.



# Housing fairs offer fun and good information



Leading off some photos of the Sault safety and health fair on July 27, left to right, Gary Johnson and Layla Krull enjoy fun and food.

Once again, the Sault Tribe Housing Authority took advantage of the summer by conducting safety fairs near all tribal housing sites.

“We mail flyers to residents of all nine of our housing sites for the safety and health fairs that take place at their respective sites. We invite tribal departments that can help promote health or safety awareness in the communities. Tribal police and local fire departments bring vehicles, boats, trucks and so on for the kids and the fairs feature games, prizes and snacks as well,” said Cathie Menard, resident services specialist for Sault Tribe Housing Authority.

The Sault safety fair took place on July 27 and featured an assortment of information displays from tribal agencies along with games, food and prizes for youngsters. Similar safety fairs were conducted in Manistique on July 28, Escanaba on July 29, Marquette and Wetmore on Aug 5.

Safety fairs remain scheduled for Newberry on Aug. 10, 3-7 p.m.; Hessel, Aug. 19, 1-3 p.m.; St. Ignace, Aug. 25, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (906) 495-1450 for more information on the coming fairs.

*Text and photos by Rick Smith*



Numerous program brochures and bags of information were available for families to pick up and read at their leisure.



A youngster examines one of the many children’s prizes for some lucky winners.



Left to right, Sault Tribe dieticians Stacy Storey and Kristy Hill offer some healthful goodies along with information and tips on prudent eating.



Left to right, Jill King and Melissa Evans promoting Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities opportunities.



Advocacy Resource Center legal aid attorney Justin Derhammer chats with a hidden individual at the Sault Tribe Alive Youth display.



Sault Tribe Police Department officers George Parish and Sam Gardner help Olivia Dawn Sprecker-Limonez select a free toy just right for her.



Intern Makaila Talentino at the Uniting Three Fires Against Violence display ready to help folks learn about the organization and how it may help.



Anishinaabek Community and Family Services



Environmental Department



Mary Murray Culture Camp



Registration



# Sault Tribe elders celebrate 50th wedding anniversary



The children of Richard (Dick) and Sandra (Sandy) Ulasich would like to wish them a happy 50th wedding anniversary. Dick and Sandy, Sault Tribe elders, married on Aug. 19, 1961, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lake Orion, Mich. The couple resided in West Bloomfield and Clarkston, Mich., where they raised five children — Michael of Clarkston, Michelle of Philadelphia, Pa., Annette of

Cheboygan, Mich., Lorette of San Diego, Calif., and Alesha of Grand Blanc, Mich.

Dick and Sandy now have five grandchildren with a sixth grandson on his way. The couple enjoy their golden years traveling the United States in their RV with their dog, Muffin. They typically spend the winters in the warmth of Texas and summers in Michigan. Congratulations, mom and dad.



# Masta reunion

A Masta reunion was recently held at the Nigaanaghiizhik Building with family coming from Milwaukee, Wisc., Maryland, Texas and Michigan, including Phyllis Greg and her daughter from Dafter.

Pictured below is the whole family attending. Pictured at left are Kenny and Novella Masta from the Sault with their grandchildren. Kenny passed away shortly after the reunion.

— Jack and Betty (Masta) Majestic



## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

### \$15,000 Poker Blast

Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie  
August 5-7, 2011

### \$15,000 Video Poker

Kewadin St. Ignace  
August 12-14, 2011

### \$8,000 Spin to Win

Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie  
August 26-28, 2011

### \$8,000 Spin to Win

Kewadin Hessel  
September 9-11, 2011

### Slots of Fun

2-7 p.m.  
Mondays - Hessel & Christmas  
Tuesdays - Manistique

## POKER MANIA

### Weekly Texas Hold'em Poker

Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie  
Every Sunday 4 p.m.

Kewadin St. Ignace  
Every Wednesday 6 p.m.

Call 1-800-KEWADIN or check [kewadin.com](http://kewadin.com) for details.

# KEWADIN KLASSIFIEDS

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## 2nd Annual Michigan Paranormal Convention

Friday & Saturday, August 12-13  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI  
SyFy Channel's Steve Gonsalves & Dave Tango & Dustin Pari.  
More than ten special guests from the Paranormal community



## Whitesnake

Friday, August 26  
at 7 p.m.  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Michigan

## Kevin Costner

Thursday, September 8  
at 7 p.m.  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Michigan



## YOU COULD WIN GAS FOR A YEAR

Watch for our exciting new Monday Promotion beginning August 1, 2011!

Kewadin St. Ignace, Christmas, Manistique and Hessel

- You could WIN GAS FOR A YEAR!
- PLUS random \$50 draws for Cash for Gas each Monday!

We're giving away over \$175,000 from August to December!

## MANISTIQUE'S CUSTOMER APPRECIATION

Kewadin Manistique  
August 6, 2011

- Random cash draws from 5-11 p.m.
- Cookout 3-5 p.m. (while supplies last)

## DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

All Kewadin sites  
August 20, 2011

- Random cash draws from 5-11 p.m.
- FREE Hotdogs from 7-10 p.m. (while supplies last)

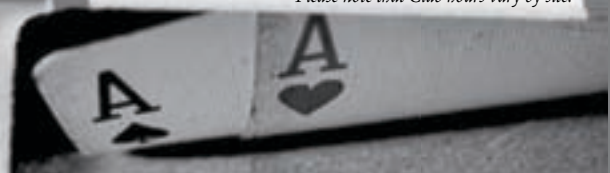
## LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

Live Entertainment Fridays and Saturdays  
Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Manistique starting at 9 p.m.

Comedy Night Wednesdays in St. Ignace and Thursdays in Sault Ste. Marie.

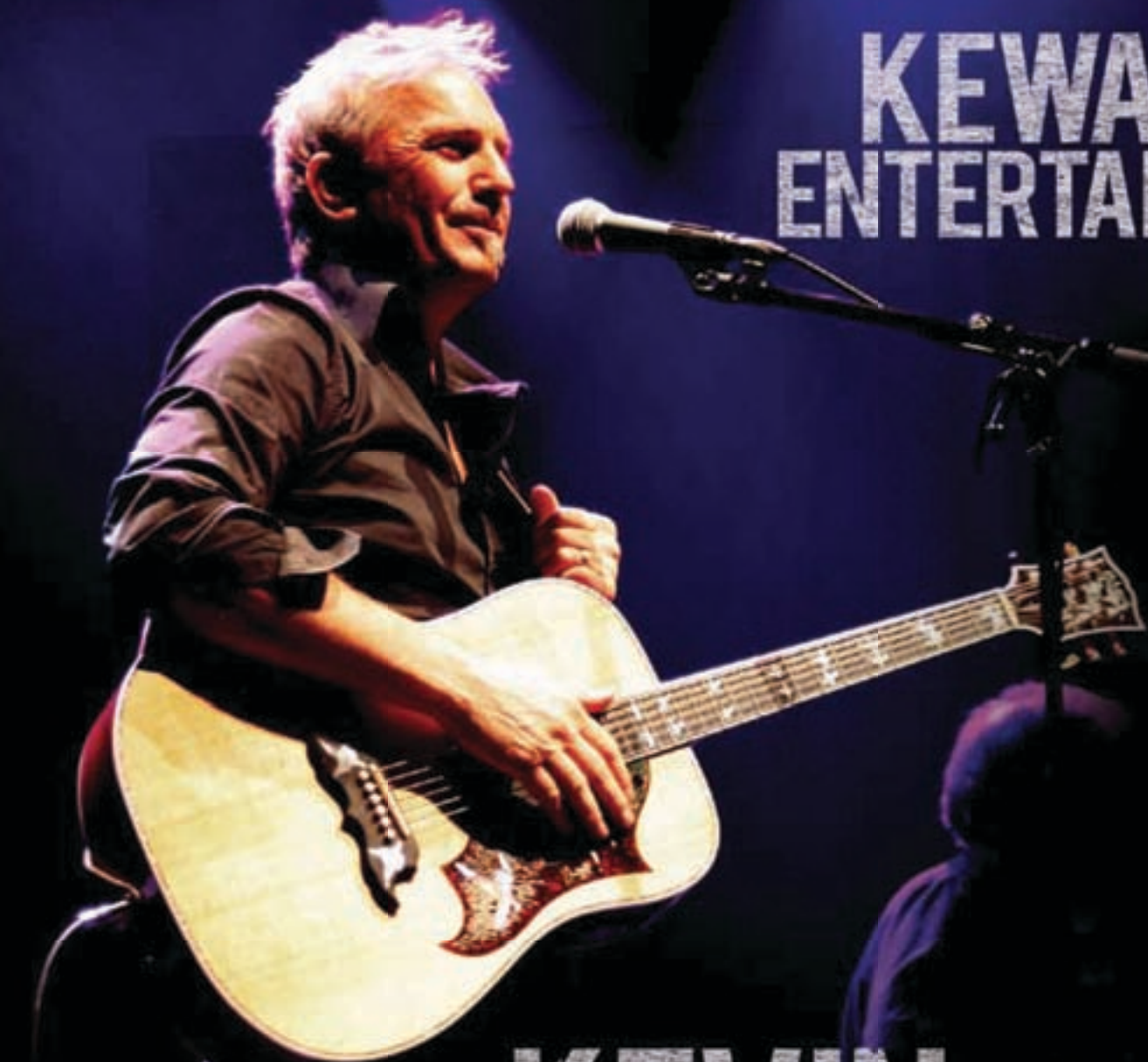
Visit [kewadin.com](http://kewadin.com) for complete schedule of performers.

\*Please note that Club hours vary by site.





# KEWADIN ENTERTAINMENT



October 11th | 7 p.m.

Ticket price \$45

# KEVIN COSTNER AND MODERN WEST

## August

### 2nd Annual Michigan Paranormal Conference

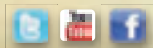
12th-13th | Friday-Saturday | On Sale Now  
\$60 Conference + \$80 Conference with Dinner  
\$25 Readings + Tours \$10

### Whitesnake

26th | 7 p.m. Thursday | \$54.00 | On Sale Now

To purchase tickets

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## September

### Kevin Costner

6th | 7 p.m. Saturday | \$48.50 | On Sale Now

## October

### Bill Cosby

1st | 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. Saturday | \$52.00  
On Sale Now

### Glen Campbell/Ronnie Milsap

13th | 7 p.m. Saturday | \$45.00 | On Sale Now



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