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Win Awenen Nisitotung

Official newspaper of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Sault Tribe receives \$2.5M federal HHS grant

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is one of 61 communities selected to receive funding in order to address tobacco free living, active and healthy living, and increased use of high impact quality clinical preventative services across the tribe's seven-county service area. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the grants Sept. 27.

The tribe's Community Health Department will receive \$2.5 million or \$500,000 annually for five years.

"We are honored and thrilled to be given this opportunity to impact the health of our tribal members and all who live within our tribe's service area," said Marilyn Hillman, RN, MPH Sault Tribe Community Health manager. The tribe's service area includes the counties of Chippewa, Mackinac, Schoolcraft, Delta, Marquette, Alger and Luce.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded approximately \$103 million in Community Transformation Grants to 61 states and communities, reaching more than 120 million Americans. The grants will support the planning and implementation of state and community projects proven to reduce chronic

diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer. This funding is available under the Affordable Care Act to improve health in states and communities and control health care spending.

Over 20 percent of grant funds will be directed to rural and frontier areas. The grants are expected to run for five years, with projects expanding their scope and reach over time as resources permit.

According to Hillman, the Sault Tribe's grant project will include working with partner communities and schools to make environmental, program and infrastructure changes that will lead to healthier communities.

"The cost of managing chronic diseases for the tribe continues to grow, and the tribal population has a disproportionate incidence of chronic disease," said Hillman. "In the United States, chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes are the leading causes of death, disability and health care costs, accounting for 70 percent of all deaths each year and 75 percent of all medical costs. Although chronic diseases are among the most common and costly health problems in the country, they are also among the most preventable."

Nationwide, the grants will focus on three priority areas:

tobacco-free living, active living and healthy eating and evidence-based quality clinical and other preventive services, specifically prevention and control of high

blood pressure and high cholesterol.

To learn more about Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' prevention and wellness projects,

visit www.healthysaulttribe.net.

Those wanting to learn more about Community Transformation Grants, visit www.cdc.gov/communitytransformation.



ELK OF A LIFETIME — Russell Hudak Sr. proudly shows off his 660-pound 7x7 bull elk taken this season with a tribal permit. Russell poses with his son, Russell Jr., left, and his nephew, Clarence Hudak, right.

Tribe gets \$1.63 million from Dept. of Justice

Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court received over \$400,000 from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a family healing-to-wellness court and refine the existing criminal drug court, Gwaiak Miicon, according

to Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry.

The Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court applied for a DOJ Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) grant for fiscal year 2011.

This is the second year that the

DOJ combined pre-existing tribal competitive solicitations into one application and thus required only one application from each tribe. This approach provides tribes the opportunity to develop a comprehensive approach to public safety and victimization issues.

For fiscal year 2011, DOJ grants awards under the CTAS totaled just over \$118 million, of which Sault Tribe received \$1,626,564. The Tribal Court, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and the Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) each received separate grant awards under the CTAS. The DOJ awarded the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court \$401,914. This award is supported under the Bureau of Justice Assistance Tribal Court Assistance Program (TCAP) to further develop and enhance the operations of Tribal justice systems over the next three years.

Tribal Law Enforcement received \$710,432 from COPS

Tribal and Advocacy Resource Center received \$514,218 from the DOJ's Office of Violence Against Women.

"This grant will provide funding over a three-year period," said Chief of Police Robert Marchand.

"This funding will enhance our community policing efforts. It will allow our department to provide much needed training, equipment and technology for our officers to keep up with the ever changing world we live in."

Law Enforcement will replace its vehicle fleet over the three-year grant period and purchase a new patrol vessel for conservation enforcement efforts.

Under the grant proposal, Tribal Court will use these funds to establish a family healing-to-wellness court and refine the existing criminal drug court, Gwaiak Miicon. Specifically, funding will be used to hire a part-time employee to assist in administer-

ing drug screens, performing client compliance checks, and transporting clients to court-ordered services. The grant funding also will provide drug screens, emergency assistance, and incentives to healing-to-wellness court families. The Court will also use grant funds to train the drug court team members at the state and national levels.

According to ARC Program Manager Lori Jump, ARC will use its funding for three purposes: contracting with an attorney for prosecution duties, to increase prosecution rates of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence; contracting with two persons — one male and one female — to provide group facilitation services for the men's education group in domestic violence cases; and for two part-time shelter workers to increase coverage of the shelter facility.

The Court will also use grant *See "DOJ grants," page 10*



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Sault Tribe committee openings

The Great Lakes Conservation Committee has one vacant seat for a small boat captain license holder. Interested tribal members should send one letter of intent and three letters of reference to Tara Benoit 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Please call (906) 635-6050 or send email tbenoit@saulttribe.net with any questions.

The Special Needs/Enrollment Committee currently has four vacant seats. Interested tribal members should send one letter of

intent and three letters of reference to Tara Benoit 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Please call 635-6050 or email tbenoit@saulttribe.net with any questions.

Hunting for Heroes— 2011 chili cook off set for Nov. 14

The annual United Way Chili Cook-off will be held Nov. 14 at the LSSU Norris Center from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission is \$6 for ages 13 and up, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and free for children ages 4 and under. For more details regarding

your chili team or general information about this great annual event, check out the chili cook off page on the United Way website, www.unitedwayeup.org.

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Oct. 8

Dave Ripley is undergoing treatments for cancer. A spaghetti benefit dinner to help him through this difficult time is scheduled for Oct. 8. The money raised will help him get the necessary surgery, treatment and medications. The event will be hosted by his family

and friends at the Niigaanagiizhik Building on the reservation in Sault Ste. Marie at 11 Ice Circle. Dinner will be served from 3 to 7 p.m., Oct. 8.

Stop by any time, stay for dinner or get something to go.

For more information, call (906) 253-0320.

Wonderful home for sale, only \$33,000!

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Hessel doings:

Hessel area Youth Education and Activities Program, October dates to remember:

Oct. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mukkwa Giizhik Drum, everyone welcome.

Oct. 20, 5-6 p.m., tribal youth council meeting for students in grades 7-12.

Oct. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mukkwa Giizhik Drum practice.

Oct. 27, 6-8 p.m., talking circle, everyone welcome, Mukkwa Giizhik Community Committee.

Hessel powwow meeting dates to remember:

Oct. 13, 5 p.m., powwow meeting.

Nov. 5, gathering of the pipes.

Nov. 10, 5 p.m., powwow meeting.

Nov. 17, 6 p.m., talking circle, bring a dish to pass.

Dec. 15, 5 p.m., powwow meeting.

Meetings will be held at the Hessel Tribal Center.

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Sault Tribe Housing Authority is having an Open House. **Wednesday, October 12th, 2011** 4:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m
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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.

DEADLINE	PUBLISH DATE
(Tuesdays)	(Fridays)
Oct. 25	Nov. 4
Nov. 29	Dec. 9

Director of DHS meets with Sault Tribe and Bay Mills in the interest of child welfare

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.—Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Maura Corrigan began serving as the Director of the Michigan Department of Human Services in January. Since that time she has made a great effort to bring tribes to the table as peers in the mission of serving Native American children and their families. The Sault Tribe hosted a meet and greet informational meeting Aug. 25 at the tribe's administration building welcoming Corrigan and her staff as new tribal-state partners.

Bay Mills Indian Community Child Welfare Director Christine McPherson also attended the meeting.

"Very refreshing," is how Melissa VanLuven, Child Placement program director of the Sault Tribe ACFS Binogii Placement Agency, referred to Director Corrigan's attitude and approach. Since both ACFS and DHS interact on a daily basis, VanLuven said it really benefits everyone involved for the agencies to have such a good working relationship.

In a speech she gave last April, Corrigan said, "In the last decade, the one issue that has consistently inspired me, frustrated me and ultimately caused me to accept the governor's offer to take the helm



Director of the Michigan Department of Human Services, Maura Corrigan (left center) and some of her staff members met with Sault Tribe and Bay Mills representatives recently for a meet and greet and to review both state and tribal child welfare efforts.

of DHS has been child welfare. I truly believe that this issue is central to our resurgence and to our future."

As part of that commitment, her office has undertaken a number of initiatives beginning with a goal of recruiting 1,000 new child placement services (CPS) and assistance workers by the end of the summer. By the end of August, over 800 had been hired. The ratio of cases to worker was recently reduced by DHS, requiring the need for more CPS workers.

Corrigan said the DHS office of Native American Affairs has

also initiated a training program for new employees to ensure they fully understand the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). She said that her respect for, and recognition of, the sovereignty of Michigan's tribes began long before she became the director of DHS. "In my many years as a Michigan Supreme Court Justice, I wrote opinions regarding the sovereignty of Michigan's tribes," she said.

VanLuven said that having a common understanding is important. "Having DHS representatives sit at the table with tribal representatives lets them hear what tribes

Photos by Brenda Austin



During the meeting, Corrigan (left) signed a consultation agreement between DHS and the Bay Mills Indian Community, giving structure to what is expected of DHS by aligning tribal state goals and responsibilities. Sharon Teeple (right) represented BMIC during the signing of the agreement.

are saying in a way they will probably not hear anywhere else. That will help DHS understand why maybe something is an issue for a tribe and allows them to find some common ground to help resolve those issues," she said. "I think we can take some things from DHS that will help us and I think they can take some things from the tribes that will help them."

Putting the best policies and services the tribes and DHS can offer into motion benefits everyone. "Everybody is looking at how business is done and how we can pool resources," VanLuven said.

"It is opening up a golden opportunity for us to be a true partner."

Of the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan, as of the August meet and greet, 11 had finalized and signed a consultation agreement between DHS and each nation. During the meeting, Corrigan signed the 11th agreement, giving structure to what is expected of DHS by aligning tribal state goals and responsibilities.

VanLuven said she is looking forward to working with Corrigan and her staff in the best interest of Sault Tribe children and their families.

Lori Jump appointed to federal task force

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Lori Jump, program manager for the Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center, was recently appointed to the Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indians and Alaska Native Women by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.

The Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice is required to conduct a national research study on violence against Indian women under Title IX of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005.

Jump said she believes it is important for tribal members everywhere to participate at the state and federal levels when



these opportunities are available. "There has never been any serious research on violence in

See "Lori Jump" page 8

Sault Tribe's toll free phone numbers

Sault Tribe Administration Building
1-800-793-0660

Sault Ste. Marie Employment Office
1-866-635-7032

Contract Health
1-800-922-0582

Sault ACFS
1-800-726-0093

Enrollment Department
1-800-251-6597

Advocacy Resource Center Women's Lodge
1-877-639-7820

St. Ignace Health Clinic
1-877-256-0135

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Tribe's Child Care Center celebrates year's end



Photo by Rick Smith

Dora the Explorer stopped by the Sault Tribe Child Care Center in Sault Ste. Marie to visit with the children during seasonal ending festivities on Aug. 26. Dora's appearance and the face paintings came courtesy of Simply Unforgettable Weddings and Events of Sault Ste. Marie.



Photo by Rick Smith
Terri Yiirs applies face paint to Gabriella Castaneda.



Carter Bailey has completed one year of Head Start.



Kendal King proudly displays her certificate to family members.



Cotton Pages (center) and Ethan Eggert with his prized medallion.



Photos by Brenda Austin
Anna Collins and dad Matt Collins, congratulating her.



Logan Orr and mom Lindsey Hill.



Libby Tobias (left), Jada Hall-Pine and Anna Collins.



Todd, Eleanor and Stephanie Miller.



Jerstin Jones-McLean and mom Ashley McLean.



Kyra Pemberton (left) and Jada Hall-Pine.



Eden Palmer and mom Amanda Palmer.



Maraya Cairns (left), Aubrie and mom Pricilla Pine.

Elder Advisory Committee meetings briefing

July 25 — Bob Menard opened the meeting at 12:27 p.m. and a prayer was offered by Dolores LeVeque. A moment of silence was observed for those of our community who recently walked on and for our armed forces and their families.

Secretary Joan Karlson took the roll. There was a quorum. Nine voting members and two alternate members were present. Those absent were excused. Two guests were in attendance. No one from the Sault Tribe Board of Directors attended. Elder Division Director Sheryl Hammock and Americorp VISTA volunteer Courtney Gervais attended.

The agenda was accepted and the minutes of the June 27, 2011, meeting and the July 12, 2011, special meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Old business — Phil Payment reported there was nothing new to report on the Elder Advisory Committee (EAC) sponsored scholarships but he did ask Sheryl Hammock to verify that all unit subcommittees had sent in their donation to the program. She said everyone was up to date.

Menard reported information he had been given by the Election Committee regarding where a person votes after having moved. Bob was told he still had the wrong scenario. It was agreed someone from the Election Committee should be asked to attend the next meeting.

Menard opened the discussion on the "Meet the Candidate Forum" issue by giving a history of what transpired to date. Then, once again, Menard spent a considerable amount of time engaging the group in a discussion on the significance of the elders having permission to provide such an important benefit to the tribal community. He stressed the fact that if allowed by the board of directors, it would not only greatly benefit the tribal community, it would reinforce the traditional

and cultural role of the elders in the tribal community.

He went over the "Meet the Candidate Forum" document that he had revised to reflect the concerns and suggestions put forth by various board members at the board of directors workshop/EAC special meeting of July 12. Each item was reviewed and agreed upon resulting in the revised document being unanimously adopted on a motion by Jerry Miller and supported by Worley Rittenhouse.

On a motion by Dolores LeVeque, supported by Joan Karlson and carried unanimously, Menard was authorized to present the final, revised document to the board of directors at the board meeting scheduled in the Sault on the following day.

Elders services report — Sheryl Hammock introduced Courtney Gervais who is the new Americorp VISTA volunteer worker.

Menard said he would like to present to the board of directors, in the name of the committee, his set of Lake Superior rocks, which have printed on them the tenants of the Seven Grandfathers. He will ask that they be prominently displayed at each board of directors meeting to convey the essence of the sacred teachings and the spirit of the elders as the board members engage in the business of the tribe. All agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. with the next regularly scheduled meeting to be Aug. 22, 2011.

Aug. 22 — Bob Menard opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. and a prayer was offered by Dolores LeVeque. A moment of silence was observed for those of our community who recently walked on and for our armed forces and their families.

With Secretary Joan Karlson being absent, Judy LaJoie took the roll and notes for the minutes. There was a quorum. Eight voting members and five alternate mem-

bers were present. Those absent were excused. Five guests were in attendance. Acting Chairperson Lana Causley and Director Catherine Hollowell from the board of directors were in attendance along with Health Division Director Bonnie Culfa and executive assistant Sheri Wallis.

The agenda was accepted and the minutes of the July 25, 2011, meeting were approved as presented.

Causley and Hollowell reported on recent issues considered by the board and fielded questions from those in attendance. Culfa reported on issues related to the Health Division and fielded questions from those in attendance.

Old business — Menard introduced Election Committee Chairman Mike McKerchie who explained the policy regarding where a person votes relative to having changed residency. There were some who were skeptical that the policy, as explained, was followed in each case.

Phil Payment reported that the judging process was under way on the EAC sponsored scholarships and the results would be available for the September meeting so the awards can be authorized by committee action.

Menard opened the discussion on the "Meet the Candidate Forum" issue by thanking all the members for lobbying the issue in their areas, which undoubtedly led to affirmation of the proposal by the board of directors.

Bob explained how the voting went and that Mike McKerchie was present and spoke in favor of the proposal. McKerchie said that the window of opportunity to hold the forums is little more than one week and that might cause a logistics problem due to the need to hold a forum in each unit subcommittee area.

Menard said each committee member should go to their next unit subcommittee meeting and discuss who will be the facilitator

for the forum in their area and that information and the logistics of the plan will also be discussed at the September meeting.

Menard also reported the Seven Grandfathers stones were presented to the board in the name of the EAC and will be displayed at each board meeting.

New business — Menard apologized for having sent a letter to the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Public School Academy under the name of the EAC requesting a donation for the MIEA Student Incentive and Scholarship Programs, as had been done last year, but this year without committee action. He explained why he did it and asked for late approval. Consensus was that it was for a good cause and he was forgiven. Menard should

have polled the committee by phone according to the bylaws.

There was no elders services report as Sheryl Hammock was not in attendance.

A question was asked regarding whether either board member knew if the Mackinaw Band was still pursuing recognition separate from the Sault Tribe. Both Causley and Hollowell expressed their opinions on the matter and that if such an effort still exists, both agreed there would be a lengthy process for that to occur. There was no certainty as to the consequences to the Sault Tribe.

On a motion made by Jerry Miller seconded by Brenda Garries and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. with the next regularly scheduled meeting to be Sept. 26, 2011.

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Left to right, Sault Tribe Unit V Representative Joan Carr Anderson, Marine Sgt. Edward Moore (Vietnam), US Navy E-3 Franciene Bebo-Hassman (Hospital Corp Great Lakes, Vietnam Era) and Army SP4 Michael D. Tiernan (Vietnam).

Dear editor,

I am a proud member of our tribe and recently traveled from my home in Waupaca, Wisc., to attend a wonderful dedication to the veterans of Alger County. Most of all, I was not only proud of my own family but of my tribal family's participation in the event.

Celebrating or taking part in the

new AuTrain Veteran's Memorial in AuTrain, Alger County, Mich., were proud Native American Vietnam veterans Marine Sgt. Edward Moore, Army SP4 Michael D. Tiernan and I from our tribe along with Joan Carr Anderson, Unit V director. The Sault Tribe was a large contributor to the construction of the memo-

rial. The committee as well as the Native American veterans of our tribe thank you very much for your support.

Joan Anderson's father, John P. Carr, descendant of Chief Nahbenayashe, was included on this memorial along with my 10 other family members, including my grandfather, cousins and uncles as far back as the Civil War — all Native Americans including Francis X. LaValley, who moved to the AuTrain area in 1850 from the Sault. Ed and Michael's Native roots also descend from the Sault through the LaBattes and LaCoys.

I would also like to thank my aunt, Anita Bebo-Nelson, for all the genealogy work she did for the memorial and the many hours she put in making it the great success it is.

I'm very proud of the way our tribe honors its veterans. I worked with veterans for over 30 years and, believe me, all they ever wanted was the respect and support of others and the benefits they earned. Please continue this tradition.

Franciene Bebo-Hassman
Waupaca, Wisc.

.38 Special set to perform at Kewadin Sault

American rockers .38 Special will perform in the DreamMakers Theater at Kewadin Sault on Nov. 18. Since 1976, the band has released more than 15 albums and from the start they've toured relentlessly, bringing their signature brand of 'muscle and melody' to fans worldwide. While attending to this year's rigorous touring schedule, 2011 will see the band deliver an explosive live set, *.38 Special - Live From Texas*.

Their breakthrough hit, *Hold On Loosely* (1981), was followed up with *Caught Up in You* (1982) and *If I'd Been the One* (1983) which both hit No. 1 on Billboard Magazine's Album Rock Tracks chart. *Back Where You Belong* (1984) continued the annual sequence of radio favorites, and *Second Chance* (1989) was a No. 1 hit on Billboard's adult contemporary chart.

.38 Special was formed by neighborhood friends Don Barnes and Donnie Van Zant in 1974 in Jacksonville, Fla. The band's first two albums had a strong southern rock influence. By the early 1980s, .38 Special had shifted to a more accessible arena rock style without abandoning its southern rock roots.

In 2007, .38 Special was the opening act on Lynyrd Skynyrd and Hank Williams Jr.'s Rowdy Frynds Tour, and on Sept. 27, 2008, they filmed a CMT Crossroads special with country singer Trace Adkins, performing both artists' hits from over the years. In 2009, .38 Special opened for REO Speedwagon and Styx as part of the Can't Stop Rockin' Tour.

Tickets went on sale Sept. 2 for the show on Nov. 18 and are \$35.

For more information, visit www.kewadin.com or call (800) 539-2346.



Boling makes Kewadin Sault team member of the month

Congratulations to Catherine Boling, Kewadin Sault Team Member of the Month for September. She has been working for Kewadin since 2004. Pictured left to right are Sandra Holt, Boling and Carol Eavou.

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McKerchie develops guitar instruction book

By RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Burton S. McKerchie recently completed the development of an instruction and reference book for guitarists. The 93-page book is titled *Playing By the Rules* and is geared toward anyone with an interest in playing guitar whether a beginner or a savvy, seasoned performer.

McKerchie notes that his book offers a fresh, new approach to guitar instruction, setting it apart from other works. He said the material in *Playing By the Rules* is set up to allow for visualizing a sequence of procedures as one complete function. In simple terms, he explained, he offered an example of knowing a route home from work or school. "You think of the route as one total process while the many individual traffic elements involved — stops, turns and so on — are instantly recalled from memory as needed," he said.

In addition, McKerchie established a supporting website, www.indigitec.com, as an online source for subscribers to acquire the book, in either PDF or as a hardcopy, take lessons via Skype or online videos, get reference materials such as chord charts or address any concerns.

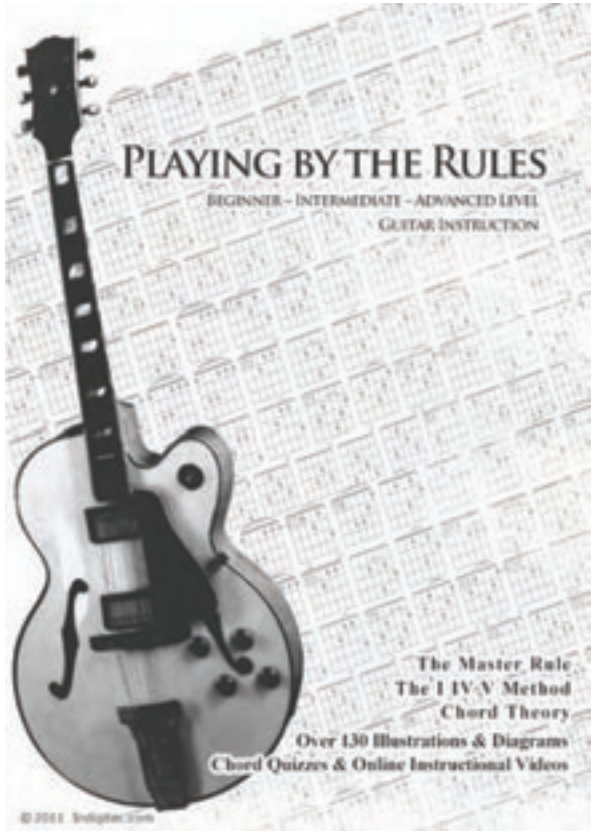


Image courtesy of Burton S. McKerchie
Cover of the guitar instruction book developed by Burton S. McKerchie. The book is intended for use by beginners as well as more advanced guitarists.

Born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, McKerchie began bending guitar strings at the age of 13 and started playing in bands during

his high school years. A stint with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1969 to 1971 took him to Vietnam and, after his release from active duty,



Photo by Rick Smith
Sault Tribe member Burton S. McKerchie recently developed an instruction book and website for learning how to play guitar.

he moved to Minnesota where he continued playing in bands, which included work in Nashville, Tenn., and later started a music

studio in Moses Lake, Wash. He became involved in a broadcast engineering program through National Public Radio (NPR) at Northern Michigan University in 1983. He stayed with the NMU NPR station for 11 years before moving on to other NPR stations in Arizona, including working on the Hopi Reservation for Northern Arizona University where he also worked in video production of instructional videos for schools and universities. Moving on to California, he worked for Radio Billingue, a Hispanic NPR station, and eventually took up consulting and contracting work in Mexico and Central America. He landed jobs with radio stations in Alaska and continues working as a broadcast engineering consultant.

McKerchie left Alaska last December, settling in Redwood City, Calif., to complete the book and concentrate on music production. "The book has been a thought for years; I didn't start on it until about a year ago," he said.

Those interested should follow developments at www.indigitec.com, check online book sources for availability or watch for hardcopies on the shelves of bookstores in Sault Ste. Marie.

Latest Ashley Macklin release: *Make it Out Alive*

By JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Echoes author Ashley Macklin has a new book out that some might call controversial. Titled *Make it Out Alive*, Macklin's new book features a peripheral character from *Echoes*, Kiowa Loonsfoot, who is just trying to make it through his senior year and launch himself into life somewhat intact, considering his home life.

Unlike *Echoes*, this entry doesn't feature the supernatural. In *Make it Out Alive*, Macklin, 25 and a member of the Sault Tribe, examines the issues Native American youth still face today in their own communities and society at large, "growing up Native and dealing with all the stereotypes



that go with it," said Macklin.

Stereotypes and issues Native families face today includes Kiowa's father's alcoholism, drug use, teen pregnancy, depres-

sion, and the friends' lives change and the dynamics of their friendships change along with them. The young people of *Echoes* are evolving closer to the adults they will become.

"I've gotten to know my characters so well," said Macklin. "The book wrote itself because that's what my characters would do, whether I wanted it to or not."

Macklin's last book had a widespread readership — she has something of a following in New Zealand as well as modest sales in Britain and France. "I paid for my book and then some," she said.

Macklin feels her work has improved in this most recent entry. The book teeters between teen and young adult — there's some violence, and mature topics. If it were a movie, she'd rate PG-13, Macklin said.

Kiowa, or "Key," was a side character in *Echoes*, but Macklin knew he'd have his own book. "There's so much going on in Indian Country that people don't now about," she said. In the first book, readers see him in the midst of cultural revival with his family. But in *Make it Out Alive*, Macklin goes deeper.

Macklin said she felt really connected to Key. When she moved to "the rez" in the Sault, her non-Native friends were afraid to get out of their cars when they picked her up or dropped her off. "They wouldn't come into my house," Macklin said. Some of their parents even thought they'd lose their civil rights on the reservation, under "Indian jurisdiction."

"A lot of people in this town don't know what's going on," she added.

The cover art for the last book was Macklin's and a friend posed for her current book's cover. Macklin used to have an issue with self-publishing, specifi-

cally print-on-demand books and eBooks. But the publishing industry today wants to "mess with your book" said Macklin. POD and eBooks do save trees and costs — even though there's nothing like a solid book in your hands, Macklin feels. But that's marketing.

"I do feel a little like I sold

my soul to the devil, though," she laughed.

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Military surplus store opens in Sault Ste. Marie

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Chris Knauf and his business partner, Logan Reed, recently opened the 1st Civ Div Quartermaster Supply Company on Sept. 9 in downtown Sault Ste. Marie at 722 Ashmun Street (across from the Burger King franchise). The new business concern is an independently owned and operated military surplus store. It is the only military surplus store in the city.

Knauf served in supply and logistics operations during a stint with the Marine Corps before enrolling at Michigan Technological University in Houghton where he is in his second year of studies. Reed earned a degree in history from Lake Superior State University shortly before forming plans with Knauf to open the store. The long-time friends share a common long-held interest in military history and artifacts. They were intrigued by some of the concepts practiced by military surplus stores they visited in other towns while traveling with the Sault High varsity rifle team. The exposure allowed them the opportunity to learn about the operations of such businesses.

"I came up with the idea of

starting a surplus business during the fall of 2008. I realized that I needed some help starting it, so I pitched the idea to Logan while I was on leave during the Christmas holidays of 2009," said Knauf. The idea of opening a military surplus store in Sault Ste. Marie took root. Eventually, sensing they have the prerequisite capabilities and seeing no major obstacles to their plans, the partners moved into action.

Although the Quartermaster Supply carries goods ranging from MREs (meals, ready to eat) to assorted headgear to a variety of footwear along with many other items of interest to anyone, especially enthusiasts of outdoor pursuits, they can also order items for customers who may want something outside of their inventory.

"We're willing to search as best we can to find anything someone wants to special order it if need be," said Reed.

Knauf added, "We are always looking for the latest and greatest military gear to supply our area with and we are always happy to search for items that we don't have and bring them in."

Reed will be acting as the primary front man for the shop until



Photo by Rick Smith

Business partners Chris Knauf and Logan Reed stand in front of the recently opened 1st Civ Div Quartermaster Supply Company in downtown Sault Ste. Marie at 722 Ashmun Street. The Sault's sole military surplus store offers wares with appeal to anyone, especially enthusiasts of military or outdoor recreation interests.

Knauf finishes his current academic aims, but Knauf will handle supporting functions to help keep the store operating smoothly.

The partners of Quartermaster

Supply have a standing invitation for those interested to stop by for a cup of coffee and have a gander at the place. Folks might also want to relax in their field

tent lounge set up inside the shop to chat or watch movies involving the world of the military.

Quartermaster Supply is open daily from noon to 8 p.m.

From rags to riches, Sault Tribe member owner of multi-million dollar company - JETA Corp.

BY BRENDA AUSTIN,

Linda Grow was born in Sault Ste. Marie and grew up in the west end of the city, graduating from Sault Area High School in 1962. She is a Sault Tribe member and remembers as a young adult how poverty stricken other Native families were during the '70s and on into the '80s.

Now a successful business woman, she is interested in helping other businesses owned by Native Americans become more visible and have greater access to forming relationships and business partnerships with government contractors and buyers.

Grow was recently asked by the URS Corporation, a publicly owned industry giant with more than 48,000 employees in over 40 countries, to sit on their Native American URS Corporation PTAC Conference Panel. She said the panel will have question and answer sessions with contractors, buyers and URS Corporation themselves, to try and figure out why Native American companies

are not being sought out and offered an opportunity to bid on larger contracts.

Deciding it was time for her to diversify and take advantage of the contracts being offered, she became the proud owner and CEO of JETA Corporation in 2005, with their corporate office located in Neenah, Wis. Her company is a distributor for the energy, construction and industrial markets, including nuclear and fossil fuel energy channels, solar and wind power. Distributing through vendors, JETA does a lot of drop shipping throughout the U.S.

From an initial investment of \$65,000, her company today generates over \$15 million a year.

She said when they started their company only 5 percent of available government contracts were being offered to women-owned minority businesses. "That was really feeble," she said.

"There weren't many minority-owned companies out there that qualified, especially Native American owned companies in

our line of work."

She said she hopes to present a solid picture at the conference that there are Native-owned companies in manufacturing or distribution that can qualify for large contracts through companies such as URS Corporation. "URS is trying to educate their buyers to stop bypassing minority companies. I think this is a good platform to sidestep the rhetoric and politics that are going on within the government. One third of the audience is going to be representatives from large public owned corporations such as URS Corporation and another third will be government agencies that go from state to state holding meetings but not accomplishing anything," she said.

It is hoped the last third will be interested minority business owners who will bring their questions and qualifications to the table.

Grow said she is asking Native American owned corporations and businesses to step forward and contact her. She would like

to hear from them about their services and qualifications and make a list of companies to take to the conference to show there are qualified minority companies who are capable of taking on large contracts and doing a good job. "I think that would have a big impact, we are really serious about this — we are just asking for a chance to bid," she said. "Everybody has the unique ability to fill some kind of niche."

Grow said this is a platform for Native American owned businesses to use to go forward for recognition. "The names of companies who contact me will be part of a list for large companies to recognize that there are minority-owned companies out there in manufacturing and distribution that can qualify. I want to bring these companies extra dollars because they are seeking us out, but they just don't know we are out there. This is going to be important for not just our tribe, but for all tribes."

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Business Advocate for the URS Corporation, Deaun Lone Bear, told Grow, "We were very excited to find out about our prior working connection with your company. Your business is the type of success story that our Small Business Diversity program is looking for. We are happy to invite you to participate on our Native American Business Panel."

The conference will be held Nov. 8, 2011, at the URS Corporate facility in Boise, where government contractors will have the chance to meet with potential vendors. The theme of the conference is, "Creating Business Diversity: a Blueprint for the Future in Native American Economic Development." For more information about the conference, email ec-sblo.info@urs.com. Attendance at the conference is by invitation only.

To contact JETA Corporation CEO Linda Grow and be added to her list of Native American vendors, call (888) 380-0805 or email her at lgrow@jetacorp.com.

Lori Jump appointed to federal task force —

From "Lori Jump" page 3

Indian country," she said. "The statistics are very hard to find when it comes to violence and this research will form the foundation for future funding opportunities and services."

Jump was recommended to sit on the task force by Unit I Director Cathy Abramson and the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approved her recommendation by resolution at a recent board meeting.

The national study will focus on domestic violence against Indian women, including dating violence, sexual assault, stalking

and murder. The effectiveness of federal, state and tribal response to violence against Indian women will be evaluated and recommendations proposed to improve government response. The task force will assist with the development of the research study and the implementation of any recommendations as a result of the completed study.

ACFS Division Director Juanita Bye said that Jump has been instrumental in the development of the tribe's Domestic Violence Program. "Without her efforts, along with the support of the board of directors, our tribe would not have the multitude

of services available to victims of violence," Bye said.

"She has been an advocate for victims of violence for our tribe on a local, state and national level for many years. We are very pleased that her efforts have been recognized at a national level with her appointment to the task force," Bye added.

The task force meets about once a year with its next meeting scheduled for December and includes representatives from national tribal domestic violence and sexual assault nonprofit organizations, tribal governments and national tribal organizations.

Abramson said she is excited that Jump will be representing Native people at a national level. "I have watched her in action at many such meetings and she is not afraid to speak up on important issues in Indian country," Abramson said. "I am a firm believer that our people need to get involved at the highest levels of decision making. Having Lori as an active member of the Violence Against Women Task Force will ensure that our tribe's voice will be heard and will provide us the opportunity to help shape the policies that will be developed for our people."

College and Graduate Horizon workshops

College Horizons upcoming 2012 workshops will be held throughout June. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 6, 2012, and priority financial aid is awarded to applicants who apply on time.

College Horizons is a college admissions program for Native American, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian high school students in 10th -11th grade. The program brings over 40 partner colleges and 100 Native students to each college campus to receive expert college advice and counseling. Each program allows students to work with college counselors and college admissions officers in a six-day college admissions workshop while students get a short preview of dorm life and living in a college environment.

Graduate Horizons is a four-day graduate admissions workshop for graduates who are preparing to apply to graduate school (master's, Ph.D. or professional school). The Graduate Horizon program is only available to grad-

uates every two years and Harvard University is hosting 2012's program. Faculty, admission officers and deans from a selection of 40 graduate and professional schools will be available to assist students with a variety of college choices, such as which programs they are best suited for and how to complete winning applications. The staff is equipped to help students in all disciplines and fields such as law, business, education, public policy, medicine/health sciences, STEM, arts and sciences.

To date, over 2,000 Native students have utilized the program on their pathway to college. For more information about the workshops or an application you may visit their new website at www.collegehorizons.org.

The 2012 schedule is set for June 10-15, College Horizons, Kenyon College (Gambier, Ohio); June 24-29, College Horizons, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Pa.); June 16-19, Graduate Horizons, Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.)

Taylor wins scholarship

Patrick Taylor is the \$1,000 Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship recipient for the amount of \$1,000. He is enrolled in the Michigan Teacher Education Program at Grand Valley State University.

A total of 31 scholarships were awarded by the Sault Tribe Higher Education Department for the 2011-2012 Academic Year with over 100 applicants. The department would like to thank the Scholarship Committee mem-

bers, who dedicated their time to review the essays, as well as the Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Fundraiser committee, generous vendors, and other contributors who have made donations towards our program, which would not be available without their support.

Anyone with questions about Sault Tribe Higher Education may contact Brandi MacArthur at (906) 635-7784 or bmacarthur@saulttribe.net.

Seasons aren't the only things that change

By Dawn L. Terrell

If you receive Social Security benefits, there are certain things that we need to know about you in order to continue paying your benefits. Here is a reminder of some of the most important reporting responsibilities for people who receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income.

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Tapawingo Farms aims to help disadvantaged youth

By Rick Smith

A start-up non-profit corporation in Sault Ste. Marie has the declared intent to “reach neglected, at risk and abused youth in the area using the quiet strength of horses and other animals. We are creating a place of peace for the youth in our community, where they can find respite, hope and safety, no matter what their life’s circumstances.”

Tapawingo Farms incorporated last July and is in the initial stages of development at a 10-acre site along East 3 Mile Road.

Tapawingo is an American Indian term that translates as either a place of peace or place of joy.

Steve and Jessie Beckett, founders of the budding sanctuary, don’t have established hours of operation yet and ask those interested in visiting or using the farm to call in advance. Jessie Beckett said group and individual rides and other activities are planned for the spring. Plans for construction of an on-site indoor arena are in development to allow for year-round operation.

The farm is surrounded on three sides by property owned by Sault Area Public Schools and while within the city limits the land is zoned for agriculture, which allows the Becketts to have livestock. It is just west of hav-

Law Enforcement, courts, ARC get four-year grants

From “DOJ grants,” page 1 funding to form a tribal action plan – the long-term shared vision of sobriety, health and wellness for our tribal community, and make a plan on how that vision can be attained. As the program gets going, the court will be seeking input from the tribal community through forums and surveys as to the most pressing substance abuse problems and potential solutions the tribe can implement to combat those problems.

Finally, the court will use the TCAP funding to enhance the operations of the tribal court by purchasing a new, reliable vehicle, training all staff in their fields of expertise, purchasing traditional furniture and artwork for the courtroom that will create an environment that demonstrates to the community that the teachings of the Seven Grandfathers are integral to the tribal judicial system, and purchasing scanners to assist in electronic storage of all court files.

“In these economic times, we are thrilled to have received CTAS grant funding for the second consecutive year. This funding will be critical in assisting tribal court in our effort to help court clients battle their substance abuse problems and enhance the daily operations of the court to the benefit of the tribal membership,” said Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry.

“We are truly fortunate to have funding opportunities like this,” added Marchand. “This funding allows our department the ability to not only increase the professionalism of the department, but our ability to enhance our law enforcement services to our tribal communities.”



Photo by Rick Smith

Butter, an American paint horse, is one of the six horses of Tapawingo Farms, a fledgling non-profit corporation recently established in Sault Ste. Marie to help troubled youth. Butter, short for Butterscotch, was given the name due to part of his coloring. Standing with Butter is Tapawingo Farms co-founder Jessie Beckett. She said the horses of the farm are selected for gentle dispositions and easy going behavior.

ing placement between the main Sault Tribe reservation and the Odenaang housing site.

The Becketts are reaching out to professionals and agencies in the area involved in helping youngsters to form collaborative relationships. Sault Tribe entities such as the Chippewa Tribal Court, Anishnabek Community and Family Services as well as the tribe’s Education Department would be the most likely candidates to take advantage of the opportunities presented by Tapawingo Farms. The same seems to hold true for counterpart individuals and agencies in the mainstream communities of the eastern Upper Peninsula.

“We are currently working on developing an action plan with Weber and Devers Psychological Services to incorporate the farm into their extensive child psychological treatment programs,” said Jessie Beckett. “We also have several activities planned this fall with various church based youth programs. This summer, we had the opportunity to partner with Youth Works, Inc, another non-profit organization for several weeks.”

She further welcomes the possibility of working closely with Sault Tribe youth programs, Hiawatha Behavioral Health and the Sault area schools, using the farm for both therapeutic and educational purposes. She noted other opportunities include the Dianne Pepler Resource Center and the New Hope House.

“I want this to be a place where kids are the focus, whether it is in a formal instruction setting or just a place for them to be loved and safe,” Beckett added.

Some officials of the tribe’s services have indeed expressed interest in learning more about Tapawingo Farms and the possibilities it poses in enhancing care for youngsters. “We are always open to exploring new methods of working with our youth and assisting them in their healing process,” said Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry of the Chippewa Tribal Court.

Beckett said she has been riding and competing with horses since she was 3 years old and all of her six children are accomplished equestrians. Beckett has been a 4-H leader for five years and her group, Riverside 4-H, provides instruction for youngsters about horses, goats and rabbits.

Her husband, Steve, is an aircraft maintenance engineer who has been involved in aviation since

1989, according to Sault College, where he has been an instructor since 1998. The college lists some of his other interests as private pilot, bowler and scout leader. “We rely heavily on his technical expertise in the day-to-day maintenance of the farm,” Beckett said.

The head trainer at Tapawingo Farms is Suzanne Morisse, a certified trainer in English and west-

ern riding techniques through the Certified Horseman’s Association, a well respected international organization, according to Beckett. She is an accomplished dressage trainer and competitor with over 30 years of experience in teaching students with physical and emotional disabilities. “She and her talented horses regularly visit schools, youth programs and nursing homes to pass joy and hope to others,” Beckett said. Morisse is highly regarded by Walter Zetl, a renowned Olympic equestrian coach, author and trainer. Morisse’s students have won several national titles.

In addition to the horses, the farm has goats, pigs, steers, rabbits, chickens and dogs. Some were acquired for specific therapeutic purposes, some for heritage breed preservation and others for use as 4-H projects.

As with many other non-profit organizations, Tapawingo Farms welcomes volunteers to help carry out the many tasks that go along with operating such a farm. Contributors of appropriate material or funding are also encouraged to help the organization.

“One of our major expenses, especially with our brutal Michigan winters, is our feed costs,” said Beckett. “This would be a great opportunity where individuals can help, even if they are too busy to give their time to our organization.”

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The Great Waters campaign boosts U.P. business

Tourism business in the heart of the state's Upper Peninsula has nearly doubled revenue over 2010 in part due to The Great Waters, a regional economic development plan promoting tourism by creating a brand for the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

The Halfway Lake Resort in Newberry had its single best August in 2011 since opening. "We are up 85 percent for the month of August 2011 compared to 2010 and we've had the second best July ever," said Delain Timm, owner of Halfway Lake Resort in Newberry, Mich.

Not only are their numbers up, but a three-year analysis of Timm's clientele shows a direct correlation between Great Waters advertising campaign targets and clientele's hometowns.

"In 2008, about 30 percent of our business came from states not in our local vicinity. This includes Texas, New Jersey and North Carolina. That has switched. This year, 85 percent of our business comes from these locations," Timm said. This correlates to the advertising campaign of The Great Waters and Pure Michigan, a partner in the initiative.

Great Waters promotes diversified recreational offerings and promotes non traditional silent sports such as snowshoeing, kayaking and bird watching. This is done with the implementation of an overall brand advertising campaign that develops and promotes the region, not just one single area, and the creation of three themed trails anchored by the Great Lakes and 33 waypoints that anchor the trails.

According to Timm, this change in customer traffic is

"Great Waters, Great Wonders . . . Where the Wonders Never End"

directly related to the Great Waters.

"The Great Waters economic development effort was designed to elevate the region's tourism profile, attract new markets, expand the shoulder season, and help even the smallest of communities prosper from increased tourism," said Christine Rector, director of Regional Strategies with Northern Initiatives. "Indeed, since the inception of The Great Waters in 2002, some of the greatest gains have been realized by communities like Newberry, Paradise and Curtis who saw annual tourism revenues raise as much as 20 percent in past years."

The Eastern Upper Peninsula is represented by nearly a dozen tourism organizations, all competing for the same visitors. The Great Waters allows for broad collaboration and for communities to come together as a single regional destination sharing an abundance of resources.

The goal behind The Great Waters is to promote visitors' unique woods and water experience in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. The idea started with the creation of three themed trails that show examples of what people can do in the land of the Great Waters. With the Pure Michigan campaign as their model and partner, The Great Waters developed into a broad branding campaign.

"The advertisements are such great quality. And partnering with Pure Michigan really gave it the extra push, making it a very successful campaign," said Timm. Partnering with Pure Michigan, whose advertising campaigns have



won state tourism awards multiple times, gave The Great Waters a recognizable avenue to promote its program using the Pure Michigan tools, including the michigan.org website, branded advertisements using the voice of Tim Allen and use of the research tools to determine the best way to reach potential travelers.

"The Great Waters is not just about hunting and fishing. It's more than that," said Dave Lorenz, vice president of business marketing for Travel Michigan. "It's about bringing those outdoor activities together with the Native American and Maritime heritage, kayaking, bird watching in the area — in a simple effective brand campaign."

The birth of The Great Waters was a result of the coming together of private and public tourism providers from the region to discuss the possibilities of collaborations and partnerships to promote the tourism industry, a main driver for local economies. Initial funding came from sources such as USDA's Rural Communities Development Initiative (RCDI), Local Initiatives Support Corp (LISC), General Motors Fellowship, The Nature Conservancy and Michigan Council for the Arts.

Additional financial support continues with the development

provided by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Kewadin Casinos when the initial funds were exhausted. The initiative is now funded through each community's local tourism organization, such as Convention and Visitors Bureau, tourism associations, and local visitors' bureaus.

Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula is rich with natural and cultural heritage offerings. It is unique in that visitors can stay in a number of small communities, such as Newberry, Curtis, the Les Cheneaux Islands area, St. Ignace or Sault Ste Marie and be two hours or less from Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Grand Island National Recreation Area, Tahquamenon State Park, the Seney Wildlife Refuge or the abundant recreational offerings in the Hiawatha National Forest. Visitors can experience three Great Lakes within the same day if they choose, see man-made marvels like the Soo Locks, the Mackinac Bridge and over a dozen historic lighthouses.

For most in the business and tourism industries, The Great Waters is the truest form of regional partnership. Allowing agencies such as Northern Initiatives to guide The Great Waters initiative, they are able to take advantage of all the resources in the Eastern Upper Peninsula by bringing together major but often overlooked resources including Pictures Rocks National Lakeshore, Hiawatha National Forest, the US Forest Service, Lake Superior Watershed, Michigan State University Extension Service, the Sault Ste.

Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Travel Michigan all with one goal — the preservation of local economies and the protection of land and natural resources through the promotion of the tourism industry.

"Over time, we want to see a broader ownership of The Great Waters with the end goal of creating a regional brand similar to Door County or the Finger Lakes in New York," said Rector.

For more information on the Great Waters, visit at www.thegreatwaters.com or at www.michigan.org.



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Manistique Farmers' Market takes second place in nationwide and statewide voting

June 1 through Aug. 31, the Manistique Farmers' Market competed in the annual America's Favorite Farmers Market contest sponsored by American Farmland Trust. While Manistique market supporters rounded up 3,208 votes, the market fell short of another boutique size market (15 or fewer vendors) in North Port, Fla.

"I know people were disappointed that we didn't win top honors," said Kerry Ott, market master for the Manistique market. "We did incredibly well for a little market in a small, rural community. We received about one vote for every resident of Manistique."

Overall, the Manistique Farmers' Market finished in second place nationally in the boutique

market category, second place in the state of Michigan (all size markets, and the only boutique market in the top five in the state) and sixth place nationally — all size markets (one of only two boutique markets in the top 10 in the nation).

According to the farmland.org website, America's Favorite Farmers' Market contest aims to "raise national awareness about the importance of buying fresh food from local farms and saving the farmland where it's grown."

"The Manistique Farmers' Market is proud to meet these criteria each and every week of our market season," Ott said. "We may have come in second in the nation, but the farmers, the residents



State Senator Tom Casperson visits with market vendors at the Manistique Farmers' Market, below another view of the market.

of the Manistique area, and the broader community are all winners in this effort to provide an outlet for fresh local foods and to work to keep more money in our local economy."

The Manistique Farmers' Market had partnered with the Rockford Farmers' Market in the lower peninsula in a joint campaign to "Win Two for Michigan." Rockford was able to rally at the end and not only won their small market category (16-30 vendors), but they also won over all size markets nationally.

The Manistique Farmers' Market is a joint project between the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project and the City of Manistique. For more information about the contest or the market, please visit ManistiqueFarmersMarket.com.

Special thanks to State Senator



Tom Casperson for stopping by the Manistique Farmers' Market on Aug. 31 and for his support in the market's efforts to win the national contest.



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Tribe's juvenile detention center in St. Ignace receives federal dollars for expansion projects

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BY BRENDA AUSTIN

ST. IGNACE, Mich. — The Sault Tribe Juvenile Detention Center, located in St. Ignace, recently completed a \$300,000 expansion project funded by the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance.

The funding allowed one of the two classrooms to double in size, the fenced exercise yard to triple in area and the security system to go digital with 10 new cameras and a total equipment overhaul. Sault Tribe Chief of Police, Bob Marchand, said he is grateful for the funding and is happy about the expanded classroom size, which allows the kids access to more computers and educational opportunities.

The facility, which can house up to 25 kids, has consistently scored as one of the highest rated facilities in the state since it opened in April 2004. Used as a model for their approach to education by both the BIA and other state and county detention centers, the center receives weekly calls from other facilities and jails in Indian country asking questions about their approach to counseling and educational services, according to Facility Administrator Dave Menard.

Classes are offered year round at the center by a staff of three teachers and a teacher aide. Menard said one component of the educational program is the web-based Compass Learning



Photos by Dave Menard
The Sault Tribe Juvenile Detention Center, located in St. Ignace, recently completed a \$300,000 expansion project funded by the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance. Right: The center recently purchased two all wheel drive 2011 Chevy Traverses that can carry up to eight passengers each. The vehicles have reflective decals identifying them as Sault Tribe Detention.



Program offered by St. Ignace Area Public Schools.

"Education is crucial for the kids we take into custody. Many times their education has gone by the wayside, we do our best to bring them back up to the grade level they belong in so they can earn their high school diploma or get their GED," Menard said. Two kids have earned their GED while attending classes at the detention center.

The number of Native children within the facility varies from

week to week, and the average number of Native kids at the facility at any one time is about 50 percent.

Marchand said although the center is not a treatment facility, the tribe likes to offer the kids services while they have their undivided attention. Some of those services offered through the tribe's St. Ignace Health Clinic include anger management, substance abuse and mental health counseling, depression, HIV/AIDS and other health aware-

ness topics. Menard said although some of the kids have short stays at the detention center, they provide as many services as they can while that child is there.

There is also a cultural component that was initially funded by the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) project and offered to the kids on a weekly basis.

Menard said having more outdoor space allows the center to offer team sports and team building events to kids within the facility. On nice days youth might

have their counseling sessions outside near the vegetable and flower gardens they helped plant or care for.

In addition to the grant-funded expansion, the center recently purchased two all wheel drive 2011 Chevy Traverses that can carry up to eight passengers each. The vehicles have reflective decals identifying them as Sault Tribe Detention. Menard said having identifying markings on the vehicles helps officers when transporting youth to another police post, court, hospital, or when driving at night. Detention officers also wear black and silver uniforms with a shield on them.

"We are the only juvenile detention center in Michigan that has certified and uniformed officers on the floor," said Menard. "If you go into county- or state-operated facilities their officers are not certified and they don't have uniformed individuals. We get commended time and time again — especially by our state inspector who really likes that we have that distinction between the officers and the kids."

There are 16 staff at the detention facility; 12 federally certified officers including Menard, two lead cooks and two maintenance technicians. Menard said, "I would like to commend our chief of police and my staff for doing an excellent job, because without the officers and all the staff at the detention center doing what they do, we wouldn't be here."

Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program release tournament walleye back into river



Photos by Brenda Austin

WALLEYE TOURNAMENT - More than 100 anglers converged on Sault Ste. Marie the end of August for the Cabela's Master Walleye Circuit hoping for cash prizes and a berth in the organization's \$100,000 World Walleye Championship. Staff from Sault Tribe's Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program and the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department were on hand to release the fish caught by the anglers back into the St. Marys River. Tribal staff also retained samples for lab analysis to determine whether the fish were stocked or natural. Left: Dave Pine, Amanda Handziak, Rusty Aikens and Rich Reining. Above: Dave Pine (right) puts a walleye into a holding tank with others to be returned to the river later. Rich Reining (left) stands by ready to transport fish downstream for release.

WALKING ON ...

VIOLA D. MAGNUSSON

Viola D. (Paquette) Magnusson, 89, of Munising, died under the loving care of her family and North Woods Hospice on Sept. 8, 2011. She was born on Oct. 9, 1921, in Munising (Indiantown), Mich., to the late Theodore and Mable (Carr) Paquette.

Viola was bear clan of the Grand Island Chippewa. Her Native name meant "Bright Star" and she was a descendent of Powers of the Air and her great great grandfather was Chief Nahbenayash.

Viola attended school in Munising and on April 13, 1940, she married her beloved Lawrence Peter Magnusson. They enjoyed bluegrass festivals and traveling across the country in their motor home after retirement. She and Lawrence were married over 69-and-one-half years when he preceded her in death on Oct. 3, 2009. Viola had a beautiful and strong faith. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her daughter, Darlene Matson; five grandchildren, Donna (Jim) Gauthier, Ronald (Kristen) Matson Jr., Timothy (Kathy) Matson, Julie Matson and Troy Magnusson; 13 great-grand children, Alexis Hart, Dylan Matson, Jenna, Megan, Jesse Matson, Katy, Molly and Rick Matson, Ronald Matson III, Chad Gauthier, David and Isabella Magnusson and Derrick Corp; six great-great grandchildren, Caleb and Serena Gauthier and Austin, Isabella, Ethan and Olivia Corp; sister, Pearl (Paquette) Perry; brother, Theodore Paquette Jr.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Viola was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Peter Magnusson; son, Wayne Magnusson; parents, Mable (Carr) Paquette and Theodore Paquette Sr.; grandson Larry "Bubie" Mrowka; son-in-law, Ronald Matson Sr.; sisters, Thelma Peterson, Grace Kaltenbach and Mary Rose Johnson; brother, Joe Paquette Sr.; great-grandchildren, Jamie Gauthier and Faith Marie Matson; and great-great-grandson, Chase Alan Gauthier.

Visitation and services were held Sept. 10, 2011, at the Bowerman Funeral Home, Pastor Jason LaFlamme conducting her Christian service and Joe Scott Masters conducting her Native American service. Escorts were Monte, Bill and Ed Perry, Joe Paquette Jr., Joe Scott Masters and Jim Gauthier. William Perry Jr. served as Firekeeper.

LILLIAN R. WELDEN

Lillian R. Welden, 76, formerly of Vernon Mich., passed away unexpectedly June 15, 2011, in Florida. Lillian was born Feb. 24, 1935, the daughter of Gilbert and Rose Joseph, of Sugar Island, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



She met, then married Thomas (Charlie) Welden and they eventually moved to lower Michigan.

Lillian became a single parent and homemaker, who dedicated her life to raising and loving her seven children. She was a hard working woman who gave all to her family. She was also a firm believer in our Lord. She enjoyed spending time with her loved ones, and at times was known to be a bit sassy. Those who knew her, loved her. In her later years, she would spend the winters in Florida with her children who lived there, then come home to Michigan and spend the summers with her children who lived here. Her grandchildren in Michigan nicknamed her "Mokey." Friends and family in Florida called her "Lou." She will be missed by so many who loved her dearly.

Lillian is survived by her children, Charlene (Donny) Chrzan, Tom (Connie) Welden, George Welden, Tina (Eddie) Smelko, Shelly Hittle, Chuck Welden and Jason Welden; her grandchildren, Chasity, Tommy, Robbie, Veronica, Michael, Krystal, Justin, Dakota, Crystal, Jacob, Kaylee, Ashley, Courtney, Cheyenne, Brittany and Brock; her great-grandchildren, Chelsea, Frankie, (her buddy) Chase, Dominic, Adrien, Julius, Tobias, Cameron, Whitney, Brianna, Makena and Langdon; her sister, Susie Oryall of Green Bay, Wisc.; and many, many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her five brothers.

A memorial was held Aug. 6 at St. Isaac Jogues in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., with a dinner following the service at the community center on Sugar Island. Lillian was laid to rest with her family at Wilwalk Cemetery, Sugar Island.

Forever in our hearts, you are sadly missed, Mother. We will love you always.

PAUL J. MANSFIELD

Paul J. Mansfield, of Indian River, Mich., died Sept. 15, 2011, in Cheboygan, Mich. He was born July 27, 1964, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He retired from the Michigan Department of Corrections in 2008. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and enjoyed boating, fishing, camping and being a dad.

He is survived by his wife, Kristin; daughters, Falyn and Bryana Mansfield; and sisters, Joan Mansfield Wendler and Debbie LaTour. He was preceded in death by his father, John Mansfield.

Services were held Sept. 21 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to the Hospice of the EUP would be appreciated.

MARY ELLEN VALLIER-SADOVICH

Maryellen Vallier-Sadovich passed away in Henderson, Nev., on July 31, 2011. Maryellen, 84, died from complications due to lymphoma. She was born Sept. 29, 1926, in Engadine, Mich., to Edmond and Clara Vallier. She married Earl McWilliams of

Caliente, Nev., in September 2009.

Born into a large family, Maryellen was preceded in death by her parents and eight siblings, Edmond Jr., Bernard, Lawrence, Ken, Shirley, Janice, J. Wayne and Stanley. Maryellen is survived by two brothers, Vince and Francis/John Vallier, and a sister, Rita McAllister. She is survived by her four children, Glenda Hyman, Craig Harris, Joseph Sadovich Jr., and Juliana Sadovich-Campbell; and one grandchild, William Campbell.

Maryellen received her bachelor's degree in romantic languages from the University of Utah and received her master's degree in history from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Maryellen loved history and opened the Box Car Museum in Caliente, which is run out of the box car by the depot. She is the author of *The Mysterious Valley*, a book about history of Caliente and other surrounding areas in Nevada.

She was a dance instructor of mainly ballet and Polynesian styles. Maryellen was the former owner of the Midway Motel in Caliente, which she ran for nearly 40 years. She also became a registered nurse at the age of 60 and worked at the hospital in Caliente.

Maryellen was a loving, kind and generous human being who will be truly missed by all those who were lucky enough to know her. A memorial service will be held in her honor in Henderson at a later date.



ALEXANDREA GHADIA ALLARD

Alexandra "Alex" Ghadia Allard, of Lake Orion, Mich., passed away on Sept. 1, 2011, at the young age of 11. She was born on May 6, 2000, in Dearborn, Mich. She was the daughter of Michael Allard II and the step-daughter of Karen Allard. She was daddy's little girl.

Alex was going into the sixth grade at Waldon School in Lake Orion. She scored the highest in her class in both reading and math. Alex was loved by all of her teachers, classmates and many friends.

She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and loved to dance in the powwows in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

She was dearly loved by her dad, Karen Allard, grandpa, Michael Allard Sr. and grandma, Loretta McGuire. She had many aunts, uncles and cousins who loved her dearly including her step-brother, Brandon and step-sister, Krysten. Her dog, Bella, will



miss her as well.

Alex loved to dance, swim, ride her bike, sing songs and play music with her dad and just to be a kid. Daddy loves you always, misses you and will see you again one day.

She was predeceased in death by her grandparents, Nancy Allard and Thomas McGuire, and her cousin, Devin M. Button.

Her funeral was on Sept. 3, 2011. Her final resting place is the United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth, Mich.

Alex, we love you and think of you every day. You made us so proud and brought so much joy and happiness to our lives. You are our little angel in heaven and we know we will see you soon!

Love always,
Dad and Karen

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Sault Tribe Recovery Walk takes to the streets of Sault Ste. Marie



The Sault Tribe Recovery Walk procession departs the staging area in front of the Sault Area High School en route to the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.



Some of the faces among the participating walkers in support of recovery from drug and alcohol dependency and its many benefits to individuals, their families and communities.



Bawating Drum in tow sounding the heartbeat of Mother Earth and raising their voices in keeping with the occasion.



After the walk, children get to enjoy expending more energy in a bounce house in one of the gyms at Chi Mukwa.



One and all had the opportunity to enjoy some tasty fare prepared and served for the participants. Note the law enforcement officer from the Michigan State Police helping in the serving line.



Close up of Bawating Drum along with accompanying youngsters.



Signing a commemorative poster for the event.



Diners enjoying their selections in an area set up for their convenience.

Staff from the Sault Tribe Chippewa Tribal Court, Behavioral Health and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan invited one and all in the area to promote and celebrate the freedoms and extensive benefits that come with recovery from drug and alcohol dependency. The festive event was the inaugural Recovery Walk in Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 22.

An entourage of walkers accompanied by Bawating Drum under tow were escorted by law enforcement officers from Sault Tribe and the Michigan State Police.

The procession coursed east on Marquette

Avenue from a staging area near Sault Area High School and turned south on Shunk Road, eventually reaching the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center where fun and food awaited the participants.

An array of game stations were erected in one of the gymnasiums for children to enjoy. Each game awarded tickets for successfully meeting challenges, tickets could be redeemed for prizes at a long table bearing baskets of treasures.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, an assortment of salads and sides plus desserts and beverages were served for those who worked up an appetite during the

mass walking excursion.

Speakers were scheduled to address attendees on subjects appropriate to the occasion.

The special event was conducted in observance of National Recovery Month and was sponsored by United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The walk and following family fest recognized that recovery benefits families and their communities as well as recovering individuals.

Watch for notices of annual Recovery Walks around the same time in coming years.



Smiles at the prizes table.

Text and photos by Rick Smith



Strike! A lad sends one right down the middle into the target, winning another ticket for prizes. Note the ball is still partially visible in the hole.



Excitement shows on a young man's face as he hauls in another catch, which entitles him to another ticket for prizes.



Pals obviously enjoying fun, food and each other's friendship at the event.



A couple of girls get directions to the prizes table as a young fellow concentrates on using a steady hand on a game that tests just such abilities.



Lads attempting to earn prize tickets on games fashioned after golf and hockey skills.

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Traditional Shawl Dancers

— Squires hold 50th family reunion —



The Squires 50th family reunion was held in Thompson and Manistique this summer with 127 people attending. Our descendants are from the Thompson and Manistique area. We are members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and can trace our history back to 1747 when Sir Charles Hamelin Sr. came to Michelimackinaw, Mich., from Hamelin, Germany, and married Catherine Mouns, member of the Saulteux Tribe. Our family names are Squires, Tufnell, Peterson and Popour.

On Saturday, Aug. 6, we had a walk through Thompson, our "hometown." We went to each

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GEORGE L. DUFFINEY

George L. Duffiney, 66, of Cheboygan, Mich., passed away Sept. 10, 2011, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Mich.

He was born Feb. 5, 1945, in Cheboygan to George and Marion (Fortune) Duffiney. On April 1, 1967, at St. Charles Catholic Church, George married Barbara Sarrault. George worked for C.J. Rogers Construction Company in Flint for 15 years. In 1984, George and his family moved back to Cheboygan and he went to work at Hi-Q Industries in Pellston and retired in 1989. He was a member of Laborers Union, Local 1075 and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and enjoyed fishing for catfish, hunting, camping, MSU Spartans football and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Barb; four children, Tammi (Joe) Schley, Rob (Delina), Kristi (Don) Gasco and Chad (Marlo), all of Cheboygan; one brother, Roger (Shelly) of Cheboygan; two sisters, Nancy (Ken) Fader of Lachine, Mich., and Carol Duffiney of Cheboygan; his half brother, Eddie Kasprazk; eight grandchildren, Joey, Danielle, Alania, Brenna Jean, Matthew, Lawrence, Kameryn and Myia; his cat, Midnight, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



of our homes in our youth, and visited Thompson School and the township Townhall. What a great memory trip we had! Then we went up to the Thompson Township Cemetery and had a memorial walk, as so many of our family are buried there.

We ended the day at the Indian Lake State Park with a family picnic.

On Sunday, Aug. 7, we went back to the park and had another family picnic, with swimming, games and visiting for the day. A blessing for all of us to be together!

We started our first reunion in 1961 in Utica, Mich. Since then

A memorial service was held Sept. 14 at the Nordman-Christian Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Schaeffer officiating. Memorial contributions in George's name may be directed to his family or the charity of one's choice. Those wishing to sign an online register book are invited to do so at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

DARLENE CECILE STOCKS

Darlene Cecile Stocks, 74, formerly of Harrison, Mich., peacefully passed away Sept. 8 at Roubal Care/Rehab Center in Stephenson, Mich. Born to the late Angela and Fredrick Earls of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Darlene was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians who loved her heritage and was an avid powwow attendee. She married William Stocks on Dec. 29, 1966, in Oakland County.

A very artistic person, Darlene loved painting and was a certified ceramics teacher who ran her own shop for several years in the Harrison area. Darlene enjoyed genealogy research, collecting tribal jewelry and her weekly night out with her son-in-law to the casino, which took precedence over the others.

She is survived by a daughter, Jill; husband, Todd Boulton of Carney, Mich.; son, Robert Reed of Eckerman, Mich.; sister, Elizabeth Mongeon of Harrison, Mich.; several grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, several



we have been all over the state. The last years we have been at Harrison, Mich.

Everyone loved Indian Lake State Park so we voted to come "home" again from now on!

Pictured from left to right are family members Hi Peterson, Manistique, Mich., Sandy Heit, Mesick, Mich., Gary Popour, Port Hope, Mich., Donna Osentoski, Pigeon, Mich., Pete Popour, Orange Park, Fla., Joe Peterson, Manistique, Mich., Sharon Hunter, Hanes City, Fla., Kathy Jones, Slaughters, Ky., and Pearl Carr, Warren, Mich.

nieces, nephews, cousins and a special friend, Sharon Hill, also of Harrison, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband; infant child, Jan Marie Stocks; and beloved son, Kurt Stocks.

The Boulton family extends a special thank you to the entire staff at Roubal Care Center for their compassionate, attentive, loving, and respectful care they provided to our mother and grandmother.

GERALD G. FOX

Gerald G. Fox, of Sugar Island, Mich., died Sept. 15 at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He was born March 30, 1941, in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians who enjoyed spending time with all his friends on Sugar Island.

He is survived by his mother, Agnes Fox; daughters, Tammy Moss of Nevada, Dawn Fox of Florida and Naomi Stevens of Monticello, N.Y.; sister, Patricia Nigro of Nyack, N.Y.; brothers Leonard Fox of Menasha, Wis., Lyle Fox of Suffern, N.Y., Lowell Fox of Kincheloe, Mich., and Ted Fox of Sugar Island; grandchildren, Francis Stevens, Anita Stevens, Jonathan Stevens, Dominique Fox, Pierre and Kimberley Mitts, and Katie Mitts.

He was preceded in death by his father, Reginald Fox, and nephew, Michael T. Fox.

Visitation and funeral services were held Sept. 19 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Father Sebastian Kavumkal officiating.



SAULT TRIBER RON GORDON placed 9th overall in the tournament and won third place Premier honors, along with and Brian Schwiderson (not pictured) at the Cabela's Masters Walleye Circuit's East Division season finale in Sault Ste. Marie at August's end.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Leona Furton was 85 years old on Sept 2, 2011. Everyone gathered at the home of her daughter, Gloria Furton Lowmans, for the celebration. Pictured are Leona Furton of Hesperia, Calif., Edward Furton of Newberry and his son, Dustin, of Buena Park, Calif. Dustin's children are newborn Sophia, 4-year-old Olivia and 2-year-old Elijah. Leona has eight children, 20 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren!

Welsh graduates from medical school



Sault Tribe member Dale Welsh recently graduated from the University of Utah School of Medicine. Dale received his master's of physician assistant degree in May 2011. Dale was awarded a National Health Service Corps scholarship from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Clinical rotations consisted of primary care, pediatrics, women's health, emergency medicine, general and orthopedic Surgery. He performed clinical rotations in the

state of Utah and four months in Alaska.

Upon completion of training, he accepted a physician assistant position in Fairbanks, Alaska. He will practice family medicine at Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center. This center is dedicated to providing quality health services to Alaska Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts and American Indians with an emphasis on health promotion, education and preventative care. He will also be making clinical field trips to assigned remote villages.

Dale is certified with the National Commission of Certified Physician Assistants.

Dale is the son of Sault Tribe member Pat (Harris) Welsh of Bentonville, Ark., and Dale E. Welsh of Gwinn, Mich. Dale is also the nephew of Sault Tribe members Jackie Schulz and the late Kathy Fike.

Dale and his wife, Sarah (Bruski) Welsh, moved to Fairbanks in September.

Tribal members write in —

Elder in Hessel gives thanks

To the Sault Tribe Housing Authority,

I would like to thank you and share my appreciation for the renovations that were recently done to my kitchen. New cabinets were installed, new flooring laid down and a new coat of paint applied. I would especially like to thank resident services specialist Michelle McKechnie, laborer Brian McLeod, painter Chris McKechnie and carpenters John Causley, Joe Causley, Dave Landerville and Shawn Caswell.

I would also like to thank my caregiver Sharon Hawes and my friend Mona Gugin.

Chi miigwech,
**Leona Brown
Hessel**

Naubinway elder thanks Housing and staff

I am writing this letter later than I should have, I guess I'm slower than molasses in January. But better late than never, as I say.

Our mom, dad and family lived in a summer log cabin. As years went on, we lost our dad, sister, and a few years ago, my dear sweet mom. Also, my son was raised in the cabin most of his life.

I had applied for the grant for a possible new home as through the years the weather and wear and tear took its toll. I got a damaged hand and could no longer keep up with painting, caulking, tarring and etc., but I tried. My hopes and dreams were shattered when she passed on, so much hoping if by chance I was approved for the home, mom and I could happily live out our lives together. God's plan was for her to pass on in her home where she wanted to be.

So, through the grace of God, as the old home was going down and bugs, bees, and others were coming in, I received a call that actually changed my life. The tribal Housing Authority called to tell me two wonderful people were coming to check out the old home and take pictures, Joanne Umbrasas and Arlon. I had happy tears as I was told on the phone. And, I can't say enough good things to suit me about these people, all of them have been so thoughtful, caring, helpful and fun.

Our Joanne, she knows her job and how to do it, when you hear "Get 'er done!" That's Joanne and nothing but that. She's a very special person.

Arlon is a quiet guy but knows what needs to be done and it does get done.

Ryan is a special person, also, he sees all the fences are mended!

Bob is a nice inspector that does his job with a smile for me.

Joni is a nice girl with a big smile and has helped much also.

Little Marsha tolerated my phone calls.

Thanks, all of you at the Housing Authority.

Also, thank you to our Sault Tribe Housing for a much needed ramp and nice wide steps on the back porch.

And, last but not least, a thank

you goes Linda of L&M Homes. You helped in many, many ways. I don't know how you kept your ducks in a row — you're a good person, Linda, and thanks to you, Linda, for picking these companies, because every one of them treated me with the utmost respect and friendliness — R&R Excavating (Rob), Electrician Andy Bailey, Foundation Randy McDowell, Mayer Plumbing and Heating, and Earl Wilkins Furnace. Also, the water and sanitation, Joe Nolan, and also, Louies Drilling.

I have been truly grateful and overwhelmed to have the Sault Tribe there for me. To start with, this has really changed my life, to meet everyone and know them. To have this beautiful home is a dream come true. Had I not have gotten this home I would've had to give up my home and property, for the old homestead was coming down slow on me. And who could buy a home at my age.

Thank you again to our Sault Tribe, you cared and gave me something nice to wake up to every day.

Also, thank you to everyone who listened to my hunting stories.

Love to everyone,
**Connie Paquin,
Naubinway, Mich.**

Tribal chair selection: much ado about nothing

To the editor,

Some of the board representatives' comments in the Sept. 2, 2011, issue were sometimes informative and sometimes ingenuous. D.J. Malloy is to be complimented on an extremely well-written discussion of an important issue; however, I believe that this issue was covered in the newest draft of the Constitution, which I further understand that the board has never acted upon. If not, why not?

On the other hand, I find it confusing that one of the board members wants to change the language in the Tribal Code to accommodate his or her current position on the selection of a tribal chief. Do we change laws or codes whenever it is convenient to do so or when it serves our purposes? Oddly enough, some of those so concerned about the rights of the membership on this issue, were opposed to changing the process to allow the elders, described as a political action group by one, to meet the candidates. Thank you to those cooler heads who prevailed!

On the issue of the tribal chief selection vs. election: would it have been fiscally responsible to pay possibly as much as \$40,000 to elect a new interim chief who would only be in office until the next scheduled election in the not too distant future? Was the idea to give the incumbent, whoever that might be, an advantage??

It is difficult to understand why either election or selection consumed so much of the board's attention. Why does any form of government or organization have a president or a chair AND a vice-president or vice-chair? One of the primary reasons is so that the person in the vice position can

assume the responsibilities of the president or chair in the event the former is unable to do so for any reason. They usually preside until the next scheduled election! I do not know personally any of the parties involved, but it sure seemed like much ado about nothing. Except politics, of course!

Thanks for the opportunity to vent!

**Madeleine Prout,
Gwinn, Mich.**

Gchi miigwech to powwow helpers

Chi megwetch to all our Anishinaabe and nikaniss out there in Indian Country who worked so hard to make the Munising's Unit V powwow a success.

Our special thanks to groups and individuals follows: Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for its financial support; Hiawatha National Forest for all its support, assisting with our needs at Bay Furnace Park; Don Corp, who opened the day with prayer; Todd Masters, assistant casino manager, for his leadership in making signs, tents and providing us with the golf cart for transferring people; Lisa Hanson, casino food and beverage manager, for providing delicious food and sending workers to assist; Kathy Archambeau and her husband, who directed traffic into the park; Phil Martin along with security and Deseree Bosley, who worked hard in keeping the cars parked safely; the folks who used their personal cars to shuttle people, Jim Anderson, Phil Martin; the "caretakers" of the park; Ken McNally, whose PA was terrific as usual; Bill Perry for providing the cedar and organizing the flags; our Marquette Unit V elders, who assisted; Scott Mellon for the pork roast; Bob Cornish, Vern and Sue Steinhoff and Patrick Mellon for the fantastic fish fry; not to forget each and every elder who poured their heart and soul into the work as well as the younger folks who assisted without complaints; and donations from the Christmas casino, Steinhoff's Odawa, NAPA, Auto Valu, Putvin Drug and all the vendors.

There are too many names to mention. If we forgot someone, my apologies, it was not intentional. Everyone enjoyed a great time.

**Dolores LeVeque,
Ogima Kwae
Coordinator**

Sault Tribe's Diabetes Day Oct. 30

WHAT: A health fair with information on all things related to diabetes. Visit each booth to get the latest scoop on diabetes, nutrition, traditional medicine, tobacco cessation, traditional foods, neuropathy/head to toe and stress/emotional health.

You can even stop in and get GLUCOSE, BLOOD PRESSURE, AND CHOLESTEROL SCREENINGS. Make sure to GET A FREE FLU VACCINE if you are eligible for services from the Sault Tribe health clinic.

Also take part in GAMES WITH PRIZES from 10:30-11:30 a.m., a FALL HARVEST FEST with TRADITIONAL FOOD SAMPLES from 12-1 p.m., and a vision expert Q&A from 1-2 p.m.

Make sure to enter at the registration table for our GRAND PRIZE DRAWING: a KINDLE with a diabetes cookbook already downloaded! We hope you can join us!

WHERE: Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

WHEN: Tuesday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Rabbit's Back Peak

Member wants protection and preservation of Rabbit's Back Peak

In the summer of 2000, a small group of men and women from throughout the upper Midwest gathered in St. Ignace to learn about the sacred sites and ceremonies of the Sault Tribe. Amidst the cedars we heard legends of Nanabozho, the great rabbit, and the Anishinaabe connection to Rabbit's Back Peak.

As many know, Rabbit's Back is located about one-quarter mile inland from Rabbit's Back Point on St. Martin's Bay, generally southeast of the Sault Tribe reservation north of St. Ignace. Its summit climbs 696 feet above sea level. At that time, the peak and several acres surrounding it were for sale and at possible risk for development. A few of us were so inspired by the beauty and significance of this land, we organized and set out to preserve this sacred place. In fact, the hope emerged that one day Rabbit's Back Peak would be open to all as a natural and cultural habitat.

One woman among us from Columbus, Ohio, took the courageous step to purchase the land and hold it in trust until such time that either the Sault Tribe or others in the area around St. Ignace could raise the funds required to assume ownership from her. By the sum-

mer of 2001 word had begun to spread and local men and women came together to clear trash and debris from the site. Decades worth of litter was removed. A few tribal elders even camped at the base of the peak, sharing native stories and wisdom around a sacred fire. Following the events of Sept. 11, 2001, I returned to the peak to offer prayer and ceremony, remembering how tradition held that the peak was formed by Nanabozho at a time of warring and discord.

Now, 10 years later, the effort to permanently secure and preserve Rabbit's Back Peak has faded. While many of us have returned to the peak several times, there is no local steward for the land or champion for the cause to preserve it for future generations. Just last month a local realtor was contacted by the current owner to see if a process for finding the peak's final owner could begin anew. My purpose in sharing this story is to alert members of the Sault Tribe that this place of supreme beauty and historic significance needs you. Perhaps it is time for this site and its future preservation to rest in tribal hands.

Chi miigwech,
Jim Perry

Girls learn the “ropes” of life skills at camp

BY ANGLEA ELLIS

From Aug. 22 through 25, 10 girls, ages 13-17, and four adults, were challenged to work as a team to accomplish seemingly insurmountable goals while attending a Team Life Skills Camp hosted by Camp Dagget on Walloon Lake near Petoskey.

Karen Marietti, Camp Dagget Adventure Center director, led the group with a consistent message on “Full Value Agreement.” First, work as a team. Second, be physically and emotionally safe. And third, speak up when something is not right.

The group climbed several high and low ropes courses, and while many expressed anxiety, they were encouraged to participate with “challenge by choice.”

“I was here before and did not climb anything because I was afraid,” said one of the participants. “I am going to try this time.” Not only did she attempt every challenge, she encouraged others to try, saying afterward, “I feel great!”

The girls reported that during the camp experience they developed trust for members of the group. All girls were encouraged to solve problems and make tough decisions, while assessing risk-taking strategies. Communication skills were also practiced and improved throughout each day.

Adults and youth participants had many positive comments: “I will try to do things even if I am afraid.” “I am stronger than I thought.” “I do have the power to help others.”

The most common question from participants was, “When can we do this again?”

Overall, the group began to develop and cultivate a new understanding for the word “TEAM” — Together Everyone Achieves More.

The supporters of the Team Skills Building Camp aimed to plant seeds of growth in each member of the group. As the seeds take root and grow, they will encourage our youth to experience confidence, appreciation for other’s need and be able to make healthy choices in the everyday life.

Native culture was intertwined in the group’s experience through time set aside for the group to express their thoughts and appreciation in a talking circle format.

The camp was sponsored by Sault Tribe Behavioral Health program and Pathways/Northcare

Network Substance Abuse Prevention Grant from the state of Michigan and supported by

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities.

Anglea Ellis, LMSW, is a

clinical social worker with the Sault Tribe’s Behavioral Health Program.



Girls safely check harnesses and helmets before starting the second day of high rope challenges. Pictured (L-R) are Samantha Pine-Bennett, Mikaela Pine-Bennett, Jaquelyn Komarnizki, Taylor Bitnor, Alma Sawaski, Leona Ellis, Heather LaFave, Courtney Terpinig, Kendra Becker and Sierra Lyons.



Mikaela Pine-Bennett and Jacquelyn Komarnizki (L-R) they are working together to cross a higher rope course.

Optical Department starts contacts service

It is with great pleasure that the Optical Department announces the addition of contact lens services at our St. Ignace location. This is a one-year pilot program implemented by Chief Optometrist Dr. Krysta Thomsen. If successful, the service will be expanded to include both Sault Ste. Marie and Manistique next year. Appointments can be made starting Nov. 1 for the month of December by contacting the Optical Department at (906) 643-4995.

A contact lens exam will consist of the complete eye health examination, and will include copies of both eyeglass and contact

lens prescriptions. Please note that only the service and copy of the contact lens prescription will be offered. The Optical Department will not be offering the sale or purchase of contact lenses. Contact lens prescriptions can be used to order contact lenses online, via phone such as 1-800-CONTACTS, commercially at Wal-Mart or at private offices.

Thank you to all who took the time to fill out the contact lens surveys requesting the addition of this service. A special thanks to Tony Abramson, Bonnie Culfa, Marlene Glaesmann and the Tribal Board whose support has made this possible.

Hospice of EUP hosting Memory Walk in October

Hospice of the E.U.P. Bereavement Program is hosting its fourth annual Memory Walk on Sunday, Oct. 16 at the First Church of Christ (across from hospital) in Sault Ste. Marie. This event is an opportunity for the community to memorialize their babies and infants who have died through miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death. It is also in recognition of October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Together we will listen to poems, stories

and beautiful music; we will walk in their memory and celebrate their lives. It is a chance to spend an afternoon with others who share your experience and to create a supportive atmosphere as we recognize October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. All are encouraged to attend and make the Memory Walk a celebration of life. Registration is at 2 p.m. with the program starting at 2:30 pm. For more information contact the Hospice office at (906) 253-3151.

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How to stay healthy this season; fighting the flu

By BONNIE CULFA

Boozhoo (Greetings), aniish na? (how are you?)

Dagwaging (Fall) is here and the leaves turning the brilliant colors are much to behold. I felt blessed during my travels to Munising and Manistique this week because of the colors of our woods. The color variations and the cyclic process of the seasons remind me to give thanks to G'tchi Manidoo for the beauty bestowed on the Upper Peninsula we call home. Even with all the beauty that surrounds us I am also reminded that this is the time of year to think about getting my flu shot. Each one of us should take the time to get to one of our flu clinics that are listed in another

article in this newspaper or ask for your immunization when you are in the clinic seeing your nurse and provider. Our flu clinics begin all over the seven-county service area after Oct. 7 when we will have our vaccine at all of our locations.

According to the CDC, here are the three actions to fight the flu:

1. Take time to get a flu vaccine.

The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and foremost important step in protecting against flu viruses.

2. Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of the flu virus.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or

sneeze or cough into the crook of your elbow. Throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands! Wash your hands often with soap and water, and if soap and water are not available use an alcohol based hand rub gel or foam sanitizer. (We have hand sanitizer in all our clinics in the waiting rooms).

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. This is something we are constantly doing all of the time without thinking so you have to focus on not touching your hands to your face.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

If you become sick with flu-like illness, the CDC recommends that you stay home for at least

24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever reducing medicine.) If you call to come in for an appointment, let us know that you have **flu-like illness: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.** People may be infected with the flu and have respiratory symptoms without a fever. Some people also may have vomiting and diarrhea. Calling and letting us know helps us to prepare for you. If sick, limit contact with other people to keep from infecting them.

3. Antiviral medications may be prescribed in some cases by

your provider.

Antiviral medications are different from antibiotics that are prescribed to treat bacterial infections and are prescribed to treat people who are very sick with the flu, such as those who are hospitalized or those who are at increased risk of severe flu illness. Check with your provider if you have flu-like illness and are possibly at high risk because of your other medical conditions.

Stay healthy and enjoy the fall colors, football season, pumpkin carving and all the festivities but in your busy schedule remember to get your flu vaccine.

Baamaapii, Bonnie
Bonnie Culfa RN MSN, is the tribe's Health Division Director.

Sault Tribe community flu clinics for 2011-2012

Tribal flu clinics have started up for the 2011-2012 season throughout the seven-county service area. The vaccine is free to Sault Tribe members and other Natives from a federally recognized tribe; \$10 for non-Native spouses and \$10 for non-Native employees with or without insurance.

Please see the schedule below.

ESCANABA AREA

Friday, Oct. 14, Salvation Army, 18 and over, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Adults unable to attend this clinic can get a flu shot on another Friday by appointment. Children 17 and under can visit a tribal health center or go to the local health departments to be vaccinated free of charge because they are members of a federally recognized tribe.

HESSEL AREA

Tuesday, Oct. 11, Hessel Tribal

Health Center, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 17, Hessel Tribal Health Center, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 24, Hessel Tribal Health Center, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 28, Hessel casino (employees), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

MANISTIQUE AREA

Monday, Oct. 10, Manistique Tribal Health Center (18 and over), 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 17, Manistique Tribal Health Center (18 and over), 10 a.m.-noon.

Monday, Oct. 24, Manistique Tribal Health Center, (18 and over), 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

Children 17 and under can visit a tribal health center or go to the local health departments to be vaccinated free of charge because they are members of a federally recognized tribe.

MARQUETTE AREA

Tuesday, Oct. 11, Salvation Army in Marquette (18 and over),

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Adults unable to attend this clinic can get a flu shot on another Friday by appointment. Children 17 and under can visit a tribal health center or go to the local health departments to be vaccinated free of charge because they are members of a federally recognized tribe.

MUNISING AREA

Friday, Sept. 30, Munising Tribal Health Center (18 and over), 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7, Munising Tribal Health Center (18 and over), 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14, Munising Tribal Health Center (18 and over), 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 21, Munising Tribal Health Center (18 and over), 10 a.m.-noon.

Children 17 and under can visit a Tribal Health Center or go to the Local Health Department to be

vaccinated free of charge because they are members of a federally recognized tribe.

NEWBERRY AREA

Tues., Oct. 11, Newberry Tribal Health Center, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 18, Newberry Tribal Health Center, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 29, Newberry Tribal Health Center, 8 a.m.-noon.

SAULT AREA

Wednesday, Oct. 5, Sault Tribe elder care (elder's only), 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 11, Sault Tribe Health Center (auditorium), 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, Sault Tribe Health Center (auditorium), 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 25, Sault Tribe Health Center (auditorium), 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 29, Sault Tribe Health Center (auditorium), 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Weds., Dec. 1, Vegas Kewadin (employees), 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

ST. IGNACE AREA

Wednesday, Oct. 5, St. Ignace tribal elder care (elder's only), 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, Sault Ignace Tribal Health Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20, Sault Ignace Tribal Health Center, 9:45 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 27, Shores

Casino (employees), 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLINICS:

Hessel Tribal Health Center at (906) 484-2727

Manistique Tribal Health Center at 341-8469 or (866) 401-0043

Munising Tribal Health Center at 387-4721

Newberry Tribal Health Center at 293-8181

Sault Community Health Program at 632-5210

St. Ignace Tribal Health and Human Services at 643-8689.

VA schedules free flu shot clinics for veterans

The Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Mich., has scheduled walk-in clinics for enrolled veterans to receive free flu shots at the medical center and its seven community-based outpatient clinics at the following dates and times:

The VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain: Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 3, 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CDT) each day.

VA clinic in Sault Ste Marie: Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EDT)

VA clinic in Marquette: Monday through Tuesday, Oct. 17 and 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EDT)

VA clinic in Ironwood: Monday through Tuesday, Oct. 17 and 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EDT)

VA clinic in Hancock: Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon (EDT).

VA clinic in Manistique: Thursday, Oct. 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EDT).

VA clinic in Rhinelander: Thursday-Friday, Oct. 27 and 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (CDT).

No appointment is necessary. Veterans may also request the flu shot at their regularly scheduled doctor's appointments. Veterans may call (800) 215-8262 (press "1" and then press "2") to confirm vaccine availability and walk-in clinic dates for Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center and all seven of its community outpatient clinics.

"Everyone six months old and older is encouraged to get the flu vaccination," said Terri BURGELBAUGH, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention program manager at the VA Medical Center. "Especially people who have a chronic health condition like asthma; diabetes; heart, lung or kidney disease; or reduced resistance to infection."

Health care workers and other people who live with or care for high risk people are also highly encouraged to get vaccinated.

"Contrary to what many believe, the flu vaccine is not a live virus, but an inactivated (killed) one," said BURGELBAUGH. "The vaccine cannot give you the flu."



Pictured above are tribal elder Larry McKechnie with youngsters C.J. McKechnie, Austin McClusky and Melanie McKechnie (L-R) shooting a public service announcement (PSA) advocating smoke-free homes. The PSA will be televised all month. C.J. and Melanie are McKechnie's grandchildren, Austin is a friend of the family and all are residents of Kincheloe, Mich.

Family featured in television public service announcement promoting smoke free homes

Sault Tribe elder Larry McKechnie and his grandchildren are featured in a television public service announcement, *Your family deserves a smoke-free home*, running throughout September on 9&10/Fox 32, TV6 and Charter Cable.

The Sault Tribe Community Health Program, in partnership with the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Project and the Sault Tribe Housing Authority, recently filmed the spot focusing on the health benefits of having a smoke-free home. It highlights

health dangers of secondhand and thirdhand smoke and the importance of keeping your family healthy and safe by having a smoke-free home.

The 30-second spot was funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Dates and bag limits for tribal hunting season

Here's a quick rundown on seasons and bag limits for this hunting season:

Small game season started Sept. 1 and runs through March 31, 2012. Hunters can have up to 10 of each species per day and possession (and transport) of no more than 20 of each species.

Species considered small game are ruffed grouse (partridge), ring-neck pheasant, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, black squirrel, fox squirrel, red squirrel, quail, woodchuck, porcupine, sharp tail grouse and crow. Don't forget to keep track of your take for your harvest report.

Deer season starts depending on your gear. Hunters are limited to five deer per tribal member. No

more than two of those five can be antlered (with one antler being at least 3 inches in length).

Bow and crossbow starts on the day after Labor Day through the Sunday of the first full weekend in January (this season that's Jan. 8, 2012).

Firearm early season is the day after Labor Day through Oct. 31. Firearm season starts again on Nov. 15 through the Sunday of the first full weekend in January (this season that's Jan. 8, 2012).

Wild turkey season for fall is Oct. 1 through Nov. 14. Hunters may have two birds of either sex combined. (The spring season shall be April 15 through June 15 for two bearded-birds only.)

Firearm and trapping seasons

for furbearers:

Oct. 1–March 31: Bobcat, badger, grey fox, red fox, muskrat, raccoon and mink.

Sept. 1–March 31: Snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, red squirrel, grey squirrel, black squirrel and fox squirrel.

Oct. 1–March 15: Fisher and martin.

Oct. 1–May 1 in the Upper Peninsula: Otter and beaver.

Oct. 1–April 15 in the Lower Peninsula: Otter and beaver.

No closed season: Coyote, skunk, weasel, porcupine and opossum.

Hunter may have:

Two bobcats per season (only one can come from the lower peninsula);

Three pine marten and fisher per season, only in the upper peninsula;

Three otter per season in the U.P. and one per season in the lower peninsula;

Ten rabbits and squirrels per day (see small game season); and

All other species have no bag limit.

Bear season starts the same day as the Michigan's and runs through the last day of the state's last hunt. Bear hunting is by bear permit only and bear permits are by lottery. The lucky hunters will be informed of the regulations when they receive their permit.

Elk season is also by lottery. The tribes and state set the elk seasons and numbers each year and

the elk are hunted only in designated areas in the lower peninsula.

Migratory bird season starts in September but the date varies by species. Please see the article on Migratory Bird Season this page for specifics.

To learn more about how to apply for a bear or elk permit or to ask questions, contact Rusty Aikens at the Inland Hunting and Fishing Department, aikens@saulttribe.net, (906) 632-6132.

To read more about the tribe's inland hunting and fishing, look on the tribe's new website for inland hunting and fishing regulations, Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code: www.saulttribe.com/government/tribal-code.

2011 regulations set for migratory, waterfowl birds

FROM IFWD

The following regulations are set for the 2011 migratory and waterfowl birds season for Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians members only:

Mourning doves — Season dates: Open Sept. 1 through Nov. 14, 2011. Daily bag limit: 10 doves.

Ducks — Season dates: Open Sept. 15 through Dec. 31, 2011.

Daily bag limits: 20, including no more than 5 canvasback, 5 black duck, and 5 wood duck.

Mergansers — Season dates: Open Sept. 15 through Dec. 31, 2011. Daily bag limit: 10, only 5 of which may be hens.

Geese — Season dates: Open

Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2011. Daily bag limit: 20 in the aggregate.

Coots and gallinule — Season dates: Open Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2011. Daily bag limit: 20 in the aggregate.

Woodcock — Season dates: Open Sept. 2 through Dec. 1, 2011. Daily bag limits: 10.

Common snipe — Season dates: Open Sept. 15 through Dec. 31, 2011. Daily bag limits: 16.

Sora and Virginia rails — Season dates: Open Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2011. Daily bag limits: 20 in the aggregate.

General — Possession limits are twice the daily bag limits except for rails, of which the pos-

session limit equals the daily bag limit (20). Tribal members must possess a tribal hunting permit from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe pursuant to tribal law. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Hunters must observe all other basic federal migratory bird hunting regulations in 50 CFR part 20.

Quality venison begins in the field: How to bring home your deer

It's a lengthy path from woods to the table and how hunters process their game has a significant impact on its palatability. Proper field care of deer is the first step toward a rewarding experience in the kitchen.

Proper field dressing of deer is mostly a matter of paying attention to detail. The first detail is timing; generally, the sooner you can dress a deer — especially in warm weather — the better off you'll be. It's also a lot easier to field dress an animal while it's still warm.

The DNR recommends rubber or latex gloves when field dressing deer, as much for your own sake as for that of the meat. One of the keys to field dressing an animal is to avoid contacting the meat with contaminants, either internal (feces, stomach contents or urine) or external (hair or dirt).

The first step — after you've tagged the deer — is to roll it on its back. Make sure you have a sharp knife (dull knives lead to accidents). Locate the breast bone. Pull the hide away from the carcass (to avoid puncturing any internal organs) and make a small incision in the animal's chest just below the breast bone. Insert your middle and forefingers in the shape of a V and push up against the skin. Insert the knife, cutting surface up, between the fingers and cut through the abdominal wall and down toward the pelvis. By working from the chest toward the pelvis, you are cutting in the direction the hair grows, making it easier to avoid getting hair on the meat (see photo).

If the deer is a buck, cut around both sides of the reproductive organs. Cut between the hams carefully to free a buck's urethra. Cut around the anus. And, if it's a doe, cut around the vaginal tract,



Photo courtesy MJCDetroit

Field dressing a deer in Delta County of the Hiawatha National Forest.

as well. You'll have to cut to a depth of about four inches. Do not sever the rectum or the urethra. If pellets or fecal material are present in the rectum, some hunters recommend tying it shut with a piece of string.

If it's a doe — or a buck and you do not plan to mount the trophy — you can cut up through the center of the breast bone, all the way up to the neck. If it's an old or large animal, a small saw will make it easier to get through the rib cage. If it's a buck that you want to mount, do not cut above the breast bone; reach up into the chest cavity to grasp the windpipe and esophagus. Cut the esophagus and wind pipe as high as you can reach. Pull them down and cut them free.

The DNR does not recommend splitting the pelvic bone, as many injuries occur while doing so. If you insist on splitting the

pelvis, use a small saw instead of a knife. Instead, pull the rectum and urethra from under the pelvic bone into the body cavity. Pull the windpipe and esophagus down and away from the carcass.

Cut the diaphragm as close to the rib cage as possible on both sides, making sure you do not puncture the stomach, intestines or bladder. Roll the body on its side, allowing the entrails to begin falling out of the body cavity. You may have to free the organs from connective tissue with your knife. Keep the liver and heart for the table, if you're inclined.

Prop the body cavity open (a stick will help) to facilitate cooling and allow the blood to drain. Wipe out the body cavity. The carcass is now ready to be transported to where you want to hang it until you're ready to take it home or to the processor.

— From the Michigan DNR

WALL OF FAME

Don't forget to send in photos of your successful hunts — whether it's a big buck or a brace of grouse, we want to see it. Email your photos (and any questions) to jdburton@saulttribe.net.

Tribal Code Ch. 21: Disabled hunter regs

Win Awenen Nisitotung is running excerpts from Ch. 21, our Inland Hunting and Fishing Code, that may be of interest to the readership. See Ch. 21 of the Tribal Code on the Sault Tribe website at: www.saulttribe.com/government/tribal-code.

Excerpt:

21.301 Disabled hunter permits.

(1) A disabled Tribal member may apply for a disabled hunter permit. To be eligible for a disabled hunter's permit, a tribal member must:

(a) Suffer from physical disability or impairment and would face a significant health risk by participating in normal hunting activities;

(b) Find it unduly burdensome to participate in normal hunting activities;

(c) Otherwise be unable to participate in normal hunting activities.

(2) Requests for a disabled hunter's permit shall be submitted to the Natural Resources Department.

(3) A disabled hunter's permit authorizes hunting from a stationary vehicle subject to the follow-

ing conditions:

(a) The roadway cannot be a street or a state or federal highway; and

(b) You may not fill the permit or tag of another; and

(c) The vehicle must have handicapped or disabled license plates; or

(d) You must display a sign provided by the tribe that says "disabled."; and

(e) You must shoot away from, and not across or parallel to the roadway; and

(f) For purposes of this section only, the transportation or possession of a loaded or uncased weapon in a motor vehicle while the vehicle is moving is prohibited at all times.

(4) Assisting a tribe member having a disabled hunter Permit is allowed pursuant to Section 21.1802.

Excerpt:

21.1802 Assisting disabled hunter.

Any individual may assist a tribe member holding a disabled hunter permit, but shall not carry a weapon unless authorized to do so by tribal or State of Michigan law.



Photo by Rick Smith

SIMPLY UNFORGETTABLE — Sault Tribe members Rose Perry and Gabriel Castaneda, co-owners of Simply Unforgettable Wedding and Event Services in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., specialize in planning and providing services for a wide variety of functions from birthday parties to major festivals of all kinds. Simply Unforgettable started about two years ago as a DJ service that evolved earlier this year into a multi-faceted company that can deliver festive, family friendly touches such as bounce houses, foam parties, custom cakes or personal appearances by Spongebob Squarepants or Dora the Explorer. They can be reached at 632-9999 or via Facebook at Simply Unforgettable-Event-Services.



Photo by Rick Smith

KNOTWEED-B-GONE — Staff of the Sault Tribe Environmental Department conducted a Japanese Knotweed collection event along with a party for participants at their office at Portage Avenue and Greenough Street in Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 18. Residents of the Sault area were invited to remove the imposing weed from their properties and deposit them with the department for proper disposal. All together, the staff collected numerous bags of the destructive plant. At the midway point of the three-hour event, Crystal Boles, Kathie Brosemer and Robin Clark (L-R) are seen with some of the collection.

McCoy takes first in nation



Photo courtesy of Debra Mosier

DEBRA MOSIER and her husband spent a recent gorgeous fall afternoon fishing on Higgins Lake, in the Roscommon area, and caught four lake trout. On their way back home, they gave two to a neighbor to smoke and a third to a friend who appreciates the fish because it helps with her diet. While the Mosiers enjoyed fried perch that evening, grilled lake trout was on the menu for dinner on the following day. Mosier's father, Tom Stafford, an elder of the tribe, taught her how to fish when she was 8 years old. "I love to fish and, when I can, share my catch with others and it makes me even happier," said Mosier.



Photo courtesy of Jeremy McCoy

Sault Tribe member Skyer McCoy, 13, recently ranked first in her category in the Amateur Athletic Union national gymnastics championship competitions in Orlando, Fla. Out of four possible perfect scores of 10 in gymnastics performances on vault, bars, beam and floor competitions, McCoy scored 9.175 on vault, 8.150 on bars, 9.425 on beam and 9.600 on her floor presentation for an all around score of 36.350. She placed first in all events except on bars. McCoy is the daughter of Jeremy McCoy and Breanna Weaver and the granddaughter of James and Brenda McCoy, all of Florida. Skyer is pictured above, with some of her medals to the right.



Photo courtesy of the St. Ignace News

HONORS — Bart Stupak was recently honored for his service and support to help fund the construction of Mackinac Straits Hospital. The hospital's front lobby wall is dedicated to "those who have gone above and beyond to make this dream a reality" with Bart Stupak as the first recipient. Stupak was presented with a plaque, pictured here with his wife Laurie, Unit III Director Patrick Rickley, hospital board chairman Ron Mitchell and St. Ignace Mayor Margaret Doud, all there to thank Stupak and his wife for the tireless work they both did to keep the funding for this facility.

Creek draining into Ashmun Bay polluted with E. coli

SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION IN ASHMUN CREEK IS UNKNOWN, STUDIES ARE BEING PLANNED

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Ashmun Creek is in trouble — the state of Michigan has it listed as impaired water under the Clean Water Act.

Many residents of Sault Ste. Marie pass right by it, or over it, on a daily basis and don't realize it's even there. Ashmun Creek begins in the wetlands around Three Mile Road, travels through a ditch and under the road by Wal-Mart. From there, it flows under I-75 Business Spur by the State Police Post where two drainage pipes dump runoff water laden with high levels of E. coli and fecal coliform bacteria into the creek from an unknown source. From there, it travels by Sanderson Field, by the city airport, and beneath the railroad tracks before flowing into Ashmun Bay.

Along the creek's watershed are eight gas stations that at one time had old underground storage tanks that leaked and contaminated the groundwater. Even though the state initiated clean up of those leaking tanks, high levels of petroleum products, including cancer-causing benzene, are still found in the creek, according to Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program Environmental Coordinator Mike Ripley.

What's one little creek and why should you care? Well...the water from the creek empties into the bay, and the bay empties into the St. Marys River, where our drinking water comes from. And, where our kids swim, families boat and fish and tourists come to enjoy our beautiful waterways and up north lifestyle.

There are people who have walked the length of the creek, done studies on it and who want to see it cleaned up and protected. Among those are Binational Public Advisory Council (B-PAC) members, Lake Superior State University faculty, USDA staff and Sault Tribe. These groups and individuals are working to find grant money to repair the creek. Potential projects include cleanup of garbage and debris, locating the E. coli source, repairing stream banks eroded by floodwaters, marking storm drains to prevent dumping of trash and debris into the drains and the construction of hiking trails for use of the natural area.

Another surprising fact that many Sault residents are unaware of is that the city owns a 300-acre natural area, named the Ashmun Creek Bio-Reserve, located approximately between the Sanderson Field runway and I-75 and running from the Cascade Crossing strip mall to the I-500 track. According to LSSU Biology Professor Greg Zimmerman, the university has used the natural area as an outdoor classroom and living lab for ecology and biology classes for many years. Ashmun Creek runs through this area, which holds great potential for our community as an area for non-motorized recreation such as hiking, snowshoeing and Nordic skiing, affording people the opportunity to connect with nature and increase physical activity, right in the middle of town.

Zimmerman received a small



Photo by Brenda Austin

Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program environmental coordinator Mike Ripley kneels on a slab of concrete in Ashmun Creek near where the creek empties into Ashmun Bay.

grant covering the cost of interpretive signage he had installed throughout the Bio-Reserve hiking trail noting points of interest, such as tree and plant types. He hopes to someday see a plan for finished hiking and ski trails, better access to the natural area and improved parking. The area consists of wetlands and a rugged ravine complex, which Zimmerman says is perfect for mountain biking.

Access to the area is limited, with the only easy access off of the snowmobile trailhead at 8th Ave. and 11th St. The other access is by Sanderson Field behind the Hampton Inn on the Business Spur. "The availability of the area needs to be enhanced and the

access improved from both the north and south," Zimmerman said. "Coming in from the snowmobile bridge is like a big mud pit, the trail needs to be built up and some trap rock put in there. A local group is looking into that and the EUP Regional Planning Commission is just starting a non-motorized trail study for the Sault, with that trail being part of the study."

Other negative environmental impacts affecting the creek are snow melt and discharging rain water from streets, parking lots and developments, which often include high levels of winter road salt and trash from parking lots. According to Ripley, studies have shown that some areas of Ashmun Creek are saltier than the ocean.

Erosion of the creek's banks is also a problem in the spring and during high rain events. Because most of the soil is clay and the drainage is poor, high amounts of water flow into the creek very quickly, flushing contaminants and causing erosion.

The creek and natural area is a fabulous resource that many people take for granted, or are unaware of, according to Zimmerman. "Even in a little urban stream, water quality is important because it contributes to the St. Marys River water



Photos by Mike Ripley

South side of perched culverts (upstream) beneath railroad tracks showing cemented banks and debris that is trapped during high water.



Upstream of culverts and behind the Holiday gas station showing large debris and garbage. Water quality in this area is notably degraded.



More trash and debris buildup in what should - and could be - be a pristine natural area along the creek's meandering path.

quality. Our economy depends on a clean St. Marys River. People aren't going to come up here to boat, fish and do their paddle sports if we are on a Great Lakes list of environmental hot spots," he said.

Pat Carr, soil conservation technician for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, a division of the USDA, has been involved with the Sprawl Avoidance and Resource Management Initiative (SARMI), initiated by Sault city officials. One facet of the project is identifying wetlands within the city to help afford them the proper protection. According to Carr, there may be some identifiable sources of E. coli that could easily be taken care of. He said a comprehensive water quality assessment should be done through a qualified agency, consultant, or LSSU, to determine the exact sources of the bacteria.

Maintaining the health of our watersheds and getting the most out of local commerce is doable, according to Carr. "I think the city can accommodate those natural resources and still develop and have effective infrastructure. I don't think we have to build our parking lots right on our creeks — the city now has requirements that the city has to accommodate their own storm water, things like that are good. Sault Ste. Marie is looking at water quality as being very important," he said.

For more information about the 300-acre natural area or Ashmun Creek, contact Greg Zimmerman at (906) 635-2470 or gzimmerman@lssu.edu. Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program environmental Coordinator Mike Ripley can be contacted by calling CORA at 632-0043, or by email at mripley@sault.com. To reach Pat Carr, call 632-9611 ext. 120, or email pat.carr@mi.usda.gov.



R.V. dump along the creek's bank - behind a local gas station - with a sign that warns people the water is not safe for drinking.

Learners make quill boxes at immersion camp

Preserving the language of our elders for future generations of learners

By **THERESA LEWIS**

Aanii, Boozhoo! Tanes Otowadjiwan ndizhnikaaz, name ndoodem. Hello! My name is Theresa Lewis and I am from the sturgeon clan. As a 'Nishinaabe, I want to retain my cultural identity with the language of our elders. The 'Nishinaabe language is very important and is recognized while practicing our sovereignty in our First Nation communities. Unfortunately, the population of our fluent speakers is becoming less and less with each passing year as they walk on into the spirit world.

An effort to practice and preserve the language of our elders

The ANA Baawting Language Immersion Camp is a program where our language students have been participating in preserving and revitalizing our language.

On Aug. 18 through 21, the language program had its fourth language immersion camp, the theme was learning how to make quill boxes. I found making the quill box very tedious because of the small porcupine quills (gaawiyak), which I had to thread through birch bark (naabdoo'wan wiigwaas). I



Photos by Theresa Lewis

Irene Makadebin shows Mike Sagataw and Clifford Shigawadja the art of quilling.

now have a better appreciation of the work involved, of the patience and the meticulous nature of the crafters who make the quill box. A mentor at the camp said that a quill box is also called a semaa mkakoonhs (tobacco box). There were nine fluent mentors, speakers who were very helpful in answering all my language questions.

At language camp, there was a sense of community. The camp was attended by other language students from the seven-county area we service, who are as inter-

ested in learning the language as I am. The age range of the students varied from 10-year-olds to elders. We would sit together reviewing our 'Nishinaabe words and phrases during the daily activities.

This was one of the phrases that I practiced often: Wiingezin, giishkaa-yezhgan ka zgo'ik (Be careful, a quill tip will hook onto you) while working on my semaa mkakoonhs (semaa box).

In the kitchen, language mentors were there to help me speak the language during meal times

and cleaning duties. I especially tuned in when fluent speakers spoke with each other during conversations. I had a slight understanding of words spoken.

In the evening, I also had the opportunity to speak the language while playing bingo and calling the numbers all in the language. This was an exciting time because the winners had to call back their winning numbers to me all in the language. I said, "Nishin!" (Good job!) In the end it was all fun because they won sweet goody

prizes!

I feel fortunate to take part in this language exercise, to be able to practice with language learners at the camp and to have fluent people mentor me.

The task is great with many hours of commitment devoted to preserving the language of our ancestors, but the rewards are even greater!

Other language learners

Here is how some of the other students felt about the camp:

Carol Eavou — "I loved the quill camp because, for me, it accomplished so many things. Not only did it help us learn to speak new words, it helped to preserve a dying art. Now more people are aware of the art of quill work and how it's done. Now they can share those teachings with others.

"It reconnects us to our history and culture. To be able to say, 'I made this beautiful quill work,' gives me a good feeling. Aapiji ngchi nendam gii zhaa'aanh."

Mike Sagataw — "The class was awesome! I made my first quill box and enjoyed working with the quills and the birch bark. I spent quality time with the fluent speakers and learned a lot of my language and culture. Thank you all."

Allison Krebs — "Gchi miigwech for the opportunity to take part in the Sault Tribe language immersion quill work camp. It was so beautiful to see how our language, 'Nishinaabemowin, brings us together and holds us together."



Bea Leighton made a strawberry design with quills.



Gerry Blanchard makes an interesting quill box.



Dolly Keway designed a complex scene.



Jackie Gravelle's first quill work.



Paul Blondeau quilled a beaver on his box.



Mentor Doreen Peltier makes a quill design for a band.

Chairman: tribe earns millions in grant monies



JOSEPH EITREM, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aanii,

This month we headed back to school and back into the cooler weather that we're all used to. While we had several things to be excited and proud of during the summer months, as with the turning of the season, the fall brings new opportunities and enjoyment for our tribe and its membership.

I have been in the chairman's position for just over a month now and the transition has been very smooth. At the board meeting on Sept. 27 we took nominations from board members for the open Unit I seat. We currently have three nominations. At our meeting on Oct. 11 we will again take additional nominations from those board members who were not present at the Sept. 27 meeting and vote on the board's recommendations.

We have many things to be excited about this month. Our staff works hard researching and applying for as many grant opportunities as they can. This not only supplements our tribal budget, but it brings more opportunities to serve our membership.

This month, I am happy to report that our health, housing, court, law enforcement, Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) and planning and development divisions were all awarded grant funds.

Our community health program was one of 61 communities selected to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This Community Transformation grant is in the amount of \$2.5 million or \$500,000 annually for five years. The project's community health will work with partner communities and schools to make environmental, programmatic and infrastructure changes that will lead to healthier communities.

For the fiscal year 2011, the Department of Justice awarded the Sault Tribe just over \$1.6 million under the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. The Tribal Court, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and ARC each received separate grant awards. Tribal Court received \$401,914, Tribal Law Enforcement received \$710,432 and Advocacy Resource Center received \$514,218.

And, the U.S. Department of Energy awarded the tribe two

grants this month. One funded at \$55,748 will provide infrared camera training, blower door analysis and building-as-a-system training and certification, and building envelope training and certification, for at least 10 staff members. The other grant was funded at \$75,509 will allow for energy audits of 16 tribally-owned governmental buildings.

Our Housing Authority also received a grant to renovate housing units in Newberry. This included insulation, vinyl siding, automatic foundation vents, window wells, vapor barriers which will help make the homes more energy efficient. Housing units in Escanaba, Wetmore, and Hessel also received this type of renovation during the month.

Culture is an important part of who we are and our culture includes our language. Earlier in the month I attended a feast to acknowledge the hard work and efforts the Cultural Department put forth to make the language

preservation program a successful year. It was the end of the first year of an ANA grant that they received to provide various programs to members educating them on our language. I was very happy to attend and believe strongly in the preservation of our language. I sincerely applaud the efforts of the cultural department for making this grant successful.

A few notes as I close: please feel free to explore our new website located at www.saulttribe.com. Also, as the cold weather returns and winter is just around the corner don't forget to get your flu shot. A schedule of tribal flu clinics has been released and can be viewed either on the website or our Facebook page.

If you would like to call me, contact the office at toll free at (800) 793-0660 or locally at 635-6050.

Respectfully,
Joe Eitrem

Vice chairwoman reports on Greektown lawsuits



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

I would like to start out my report letting all in Newberry know how thankful I was to attend such a welcoming powwow this past September. This powwow started out very small just a few years back and it has grown to be one of the very best in our area. Miigwech to Shirley Kawalk, Lois Bryant and the committee for all they do to get this ready for us. The elders are very active in that community as well and events like this show the pride in our people.

This past week we had a budget resolution presented to us to increase the Elders Health Fund by \$99,400 due to spending out the current 2011 budget for direct services to elders. I supported this increase. The increase was needed due to the number of tribal elders reaching the age of 60 and those who use the program.

The Elder Services Division had also recommended a modification to the Elder Health Fund policy to implement some cost saving strategies and to accommodate the increase in the number of elders served. I didn't support the new changes in the policy but understand we must do something. The new policy will serve the neediest elders and utilize other programs that offer the same service. We have been told there is no loss of service to our elders but some changes will occur — let me say we are not cutting any funding, just trying to spread it out farther. But, we need to make sure our departments make sound

plans to sustain the increase. I did not support the change because I firmly believe if we seriously sit down and prioritize our needs we could come up with other action. If you have any problems with any change, please contact our Elder Division so that accurate information is given.

Since the last report, we have settled two imperative cases that would have negatively affected our tribe. First is a case we settled out of court that pertains to Greektown. WE prepared a lawsuit against Greektown for computer misuse. After much preparation, we did make a case that was in favor of us. For this one lawsuit, Greektown will be obligated to settle with us in the amount of \$125,000. That's a first and I'm glad this one ended as it did; it's small but nevertheless IN favor of us. As for the much larger lawsuit from Greektown, the only update at this time is that there will be

another hearing at the end of October and we continue to stand our arguments.

We were also in a major dispute at the federal level with the Carrciera case, which brought in question lands that the government held into trust as Indian lands. We acted quickly and diligently retaining our most senior outside council Bruce Greene, with his advice and our own legal department, we prepared reports, arguments and statements and prevailed. Our Indian lands will not be affected by this lawsuit any longer, other Tribes continue to have to fight this case and I hope they all prevail as we have. Reporting both these outcomes does my heart good as our continued effort to protect our Tribe is the most important priority personally for me.

Also at this past weekly business meeting with the board we were presented the 2012 Indian housing plan. I'm impressed with

the plan and want to say miigwech to our administration and our grant specialist for all the work — also our construction and work crews! The homes look awesome and people are happy. With our 2012 plan we will build addition housing for elders, rehabilitate homes on trust land, assist with down payments, repair our existing facilities, upgrade water heater and furnaces and assist those that rent off reservation. I know many tribal members need housing and many ask why we just don't use all money to build new, it's very important for us to maintain the large amounts of unit we have now and good job too our department for all that's planned, all housing sites will be affected with our 2012 plan.

As we move forward with our planning, we do have economic development endeavors on the horizon that the tribe is pursuing. I will continue to act cautiously

and be a voice for "lessons in past mistakes" but also understanding we must diversify.

Director Hollowell and I will be holding a unit meeting at the Newberry Tribal Center on Oct. 17 at 5:30 p.m. We plan to hold the next in DeTour; please watch for notices on our new website and in local papers as well.

In closing, I would like to invite all to our first *Gathering of Pipes* fall feast. The ceremony will take place and pipes will be lit at noon on Nov. 5 at the lodge, located on the Hessel powwow grounds. We will have a feast and please bring a dish to pass if you can. Our community does this on its own and its another old custom that helps all of us on our path.

Please contact me personally at (906) 4842954 or lcausley@saulttribe.org if you would like to talk or meet with me. Baamaapii.

Lana Causley,
Vice Chairwoman



State Representative Frank Foster and Don Gustafson, Superintendent of St. Ignace Schools (L-R) drop in to visit the Sault Tribe Head Start Center in St. Ignace.



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Tribes working to stop taxation of honorariums



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Recently, the IRS has increased audits throughout the United States of educational and cultural benefits provided to tribal members by their tribal governments. This has caused a lot of issues with our cultural events and activities such as powwows and other gatherings. Let me emphasize: This is **NOT** a procedure that originated from our tribal Accounting Department. **It origi-**

nates from the IRS.

It is now a requirement that all arena staff, head dancers, head drums, judges, etc., fill out IRS forms. These include W-2 or 1099-MISC forms. The tribe is required to obtain Social Security numbers or tax identification numbers prior to making any payments. If this information is not obtained before payment, accounting has to withhold at the back withholds rate of 28 percent. This is just an example of what is being done and it causes us great hardships and hard feelings in planning and recruiting people for these events.

Our tribe is working with the National Indian Gaming Association and Congressman Devin Nunes (R-CA) to draft legislation that will ensure these benefits are not subject to individual income tax. Director Pine and I are working on a resolution supporting these efforts. This will be submitted to United Tribes, Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes and to National Congress of American

Indians. This one will not happen overnight but we must start so that this does not continue.

I had the privilege to testify on behalf of our tribe before the state's Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Standing Committee during a meeting that was held at Lake Superior University on Sept. 23. The chair of this committee is State Representative Frank Foster and his office called to ask me to participate in their fact finding efforts of the issues with our St. Marys River.

They were specifically interested in the Canadian sewage problems that flow into the river and on to the beaches of our Sugar Island residents. Canadian officials continue to deny that this is coming from their sewage plant. The E. coli count remains high and sanitary products continue to wash up on the shores.

I presented them with a 2009 report compiled by Mike Ripley, our environmental coordinator at CORA, on the conditions in the

river. It documents all the efforts made by citizens and elected officials at all levels to address the problem, reaching a peak in 2006 with a petition, a lawsuit, a letter from Sen. Carl Levin to the EPA and from Ontario's Tony Martin to the Canadian Environmental Minister. With all the effort within the last five years, little has been accomplished. I thanked them for listening and emphasized that we must work together to get this done.

If you would like a copy of the report, please contact me and I will see that you get one.

Soon members living in the seven-county service area will be receiving a survey in the mail from our Traditional Healthy Environments Grant Project. Please make sure that you fill this out and send it back. Your input is important for future direction of our programming.

I would like to take the time to congratulate Lori Jump on being appointed to the National Tribal Advisory Committee on Violence

Against Women. The honor of one is an honor for us all. I know that she will represent us well. Please take the time to congratulate her.

I would also like to congratulate Dr. Bruce Anderson, our very own tribal dental program manager, who received the 2011 Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition Award from the Academy of General Dentistry. We are so fortunate to have Dr. Anderson working for our tribe and I am grateful for all the efforts that he has done to build our high quality dental program.

Our Law Enforcement, Health, ACFS, Tribal Court and Facilities staff continue to write and receive much needed funding to provide for services to our tribal members. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Congratulations and keep up the great work!

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

Cathy Abramson

Tribe needs a financial blueprint for the future



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

We've gotten a lot of work done since I came on board in July 2010. Now, the field is beginning to clear, so that we can focus our efforts on strategic planning: a financial blueprint for the future.

Our various funding sources—IHS, BIA and other federal revenue along with our own tribal corporate tax contribution—dictates that we utilize three separate budget schedules: January to January, July to July and October to October. We are currently reviewing the third and final budget schedule for 2012. By and large, we should not see any major budgetary cuts in 2012.

It is within this financial framework that improvements—in both service to our tribal citizens and our workforce—have to be made. The truth is, we have a lot of challenges to face and solutions will have to be found within the realities of the resources available to us.

Commitment to debt reduction: Fiscal discipline to our debt reduction plan must remain a priority. I am happy to report that we retired our debt on the tribal health center one year ahead of schedule, realizing a savings of \$55,000.

Efficiencies: Preserving or increasing services across the board will require partnering with our employees to identify savings. For example, the retrofitting of energy efficient lighting throughout all tribal facilities is beginning

to realize a significant cost savings in utility expenditures.

Savings and investment: Disciplined savings and investment is a cornerstone to our future prosperity. Regardless of current revenue, budget expenditures and long term debt, we must remain committed to a disciplined plan of savings and investment. Our investment in Indian Energy LLC was a decision I thoroughly supported because the projected return on investment (ROI) will contribute a significant source of revenue with annual dividends of \$8.5 million—almost half of our current out-of-pocket (corporate tax) operating expenses. It's a long term investment, with returns projected to be realized in seven to 10 years. But this investment decision was made with thorough due diligence, transparency, and most importantly the support of our tribal citizens via a referendum election.

Indian Energy LLC submits a comprehensive monthly report to the tribe as well as a bi-annual in-person presentation to ensure contractual benchmarks are being met. I'm happy to report that two significant accomplishments have been achieved: A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with a major west cost power utility provider; and a major 8(a) partnership with a federally recognized tribe in order to take advantage of sole source government contracts. I will be able to provide more detailed information in my next unit report. But, I will say that the Sault Tribe needs to get serious about achieving our own 8(a) certification in order to partner and develop opportunities that will translate into jobs for our own tribal citizens.

As we go to press, you may be hearing rumors about gaming efforts downstate. Chairman Eitrem has said it best: "We will explore any and all business and development opportunities that offer the potential to help us

achieve our goals." I support that sentiment but will remain vigilant that we respect our fiduciary obligation as trustees.

We've had a beautiful autumn season. Blue skies, warm weather, spectacular fall foliage. The Newberry (Honoring the Waters)

powwow was an especially good time for all. Thank you to all the drums, dancers, vendors and community who volunteered their time to make it so special. The elders in the Naubinway area have been out gathering cranberries and everyone seems busy with harvesting, can-

ning and setting in for winter—a good time for feasts of thanksgiving for our blessings from Mother Earth.

As always, please contact me with your questions, concerns and assistance:
(906) 484-6821

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Miller reports overall board October snapshot



**TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR,
UNIT IV**

Another month and the cold is drawing ever closer. Enjoy the warm days that we have left. The board of directors has been busy with the normal items of oversight and policy responsibilities. We have made some code changes that will allow the Elders Advisory Committee to hold candidate forums in each of the unit areas.

We are still working on the job description and hiring of a tribal administrator to assume the duties separated from the chairman's position by the constitutional amendment.

The board of directors appointed Joe Eitrem to serve as tribal

chairman for the remainder of the vacant term, which expires in 2012. I believe Joe will do an excellent job and help to stabilize the situation and allow the board to focus on policy and oversight. But, as a result of Joe Eitrem assuming the chair's position, we now have to appoint a person to take Joe's vacant Unit I seat. By the time you read this report, there will be approximately nine months left in that term. My suggestion is appoint the next highest vote getter in Unit I in the most recent election. We are working on it.

The announcement for one of the major economic development

projects that has been monopolizing my time for the past two years will be put out there soon. If these projects become a reality, it will help to generate the revenue that we need to provide services to our membership. With proper budgeting, deficits would be a thing of the past. The projected deficit is a constant in the budgeting process, with the CFO diligently working on ways to bring it down as much as possible.

The fishing issue in the Bay de Noc area continues with two tribally-licensed fishermen sitting in the county jail. I cannot emphasize the importance of the tribe object-

ing to the state of Michigan and its intrusion into our treaty fishing rights. Denise Chase and myself continue to work with the board to get this addressed.

The JKL fiduciary board continues to work with the JKL Bahweting Public School Academy on the prospect of building a new school that would hold up to 600 students.

This is a snapshot of what the board is working on for the membership. Have a very good October and stay healthy. If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 644-3334 or on my cell (906) 322-3827.

Board vacancy procedure: 'how' trumps 'who'



**DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I**

far there have only been nominations made, and nothing voted on. My belief was, and remains, that in the absence of the membership being allowed to elect someone to the vacated seat, that the person with the next highest votes in the last election be appointed. This was my motion in our last meeting, and was intended to put in place a process so that anytime we find ourselves in this circumstance, we would be able to validate your vote. My motion failed.

In the absence of a process like this, the board will be able to appoint your representative from a list of their choosing. That means there is the opportunity to appoint someone who will align themselves politically with board members. My contention is the

appointment shouldn't be about "who." It should be about "how." Appointing someone who ran in the last election, passed the background check and received the next highest number of votes would be a reasonable process to set in place. It also eliminates the politics of "who," while at the same time validating the vote of the people. But there will be no such process for this appointment.

Our general counsel did find a process for us to follow in the absence of the aforementioned. The process is found in Robert's Rules of Order under "Nominations." In this method, each board member is allowed to nominate one person and one person only. Those names would then be voted on individually and

the person who can attain seven votes will be appointed to fill the seat. I hope it doesn't take the board as long to fill this vacancy as it did that of the chairman's seat.

There is some good news to report. The board meetings are now able to be viewed online. The new website design is up and running. It is quite different, and as creatures of habit, some of us are having some difficulty finding the things. You can find the video at this web address www.saulttribe.com/government/board-of-directors and click "board meeting video" on the left hand side menu. This service, the board meeting video, has been restored to the membership after a long absence and will be of particular

use to those of you who live outside the service area or find it difficult to travel to the meetings for whatever reason. I began making inquiries to have it reinstated last fall and with the advent of a new digital camcorder (courtesy of the Communications Department) and the new site, we are once again able to keep you better informed of board actions. I would also like to thank Jennifer Dale-Burton for her work loading the video for all to view! Miigwech, Jen!

If you have questions, comments or just want to discuss an idea, please feel free to contact me at (906) 440-9762 or by emailing me at djmalloy@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully submitted,
DJ Malloy

Unit V busy with meetings, issues, powwows



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

Eitrem. Congratulations, Joe, you are doing a good job.

Most of us were busy with all our powwows. I attended our powwow, which was held at the Bay Furnace, on the shore of Lake Superior across from Grand Island. This is where our first Natives lived in a small village. At our powwow, this gave me a great feeling of spiritual fulfillment and comfort to know we were honoring our people of long ago. My heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped and attended.

I attended the elders' picnic in Ishpeming and also had all my regular meetings in my unit and the Sault.

This month (September) we started out busy as usual, attending board meetings and discussing

concerns. Some of these concerns are budgets, housing, health, elder care and membership for Unit I. We are trying to fill another board seat for Unit I.

In September, the board met in Munising, in our Unit V area. We had our regular workshop and then our meeting for our members and their concerns. I was happy to see our members attend and ask questions.

Some of my concerns are:

- Tribal Health Center—what to do with it. This is located in Wetmore and I do not have a lot of suggestions and the board is involved in this also.
- What to do with the third floor as it was designed for in our tribal center in Munising.
- We will have to fill the Unit I director position on Oct. 11, 2011.

I would like to fill you in on other things I have attended this month.

• I attended the Our Veterans Memorial in AuTrain, Mich. This was funded (\$10,000) from our 2 percent monies that go back to our communities from the casino takes. This memorial made me very proud to give back to all our veterans for this project from Sault Tribe. They in honor, thanks to us, had a paver put down with the Sault Ste. Marie logo put on it. At this time I also want to thank all involved in the project.

Among the other things I attended to are:

- Munising meetings
- Unit meetings
- Health meeting
- Casino meeting for employees
- Visited the home bound

- Tribal funerals
- Checked out new siding for houses in Wetmore
- Answered all phone calls, letters and emails
- Checked on health for audiologist in the western area
- Transportation in the western area. We have a new driver, Richard Nickunen, so if you need a ride to the Sault, here is the number to call: (906) 635-4971.

As of right now, sometimes it seems like there is not enough time in the day to get all this done, but if you cherish what you are doing for your members it makes a difference, and I do.

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Elder health fund principal dwindles



**BERNARD BOUSCHOR,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

The tribal board in 1998 approved the establishment of the Elder Health Self-Sufficiency Trust Fund of \$3 million. The original intent was to use only earned interest to fund the elder health care program that was established. The program includes dental, optical, life line, medical equipment and other benefits. It is unfortunate that the earnings (interest on investments) have not provided enough funding for the program and principal of the trust has also been used. The current balance of the trust fund is \$1,678,288.

The tribal board has appro-

riated \$4,098,486 interest and principal to fund the elder health care program since its inception. The tribal board at our last meeting amended the policy and procedures of the elder health care program and approved an additional \$99,400 from trust fund principal to continue funding for the remainder of 2011.

The tribal board has declared that a vacancy exists in Unit I as a result of board member Eitrem's appointment as tribal chairman. The tribal Constitution requires that the board of directors shall appoint a tribal member to fill the vacancy on the board of directors.

This is on the agenda for our next board meeting.

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors passed a resolution in support of the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA). Tribal staff has been working with the other tribes and state legislature on proposing the legislation. The proposed act seeks to protect the rights of Indian children in Michigan and build on the protections afforded under the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act, 25, USC 1901-1963.

Thank you,
Bernard Bouschor,
Tribal Council member

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Joan Jett and the Blackhearts

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