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Sault Tribe Police get Mobile Data Terminals; to take over commercial fishing licensing

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Sault Tribe Law Enforcement recently installed top-of-the-line Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) in all law enforcement vehicles. The terminals will increase officer safety and allow officers almost instant access to information that was previously routed through central dispatch.

Chief of Police Bob Marchand said Sault Tribe Police worked with Chippewa County prior to purchasing the Panasonic Toughbooks to make sure the new equipment was compatible. Every tribal, county and city police car will be equipped with the same MDTs, including law enforcement in St. Ignace and Mackinac County.

Marchand said an MDT is a secure wireless device used to communicate privately with Central Dispatch; police scanners will not be able to pick up the transmissions.

Eventually the high tech terminals will be used for computer-aided dispatch, meaning each unit will be equipped with GPS, allowing the dispatcher to see which vehicle is closest to the location and sending a message directly to that car — speeding up response



Photo by Brenda Austin

Chief of Police Robert Marchand shows off one of his departments new MDTs — wireless devices that communicate privately with Sault Tribe's Central Dispatch.

time. The terminals also have card swipes that in the future will be used to run drivers licenses on the spot.

“Right now if I stopped you in your car and wanted to find out if you have prior speeding tickets, a criminal history or a war-

rant, I would have to call it in to Central Dispatch and they would run it through their computer,” Marchand said. “We are bypassing that with these laptops.”

Tribal codes and treaty maps are installed on each laptop, allowing officers quick access to that information.

The potential for expansion is tremendous, Marchand said. Eventually officers making a traffic stop will be able swipe a driver's license, press a button and have a ticket printed with all the necessary information already on it. Officers will also be able to write reports in their car and upload them into the system.

“This technology is going to allow us to streamline our ability to do things more efficiently with less room for error. Coordinator for Central Dispatch, Tim McKee and Coordinator Bryce Tracey from Mackinac County 911, worked together to get everybody on the same page when it comes to officer safety — having instant access to information, using the same report writing and information systems all goes a long ways to making that a reality,” Marchand said.

The data terminals were purchased with monies from a COPS

grant. Mackinac County included tribal police cars in St. Ignace in one of their grants, allowing them to be outfitted with terminals as well.

The Sault Tribe Police Department has also been undergoing some renovations to accommodate the move of commercial fishing licensing from Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) to Sault Tribe this winter. An office donated by tribal court, located just outside the main entrance to the police department, is being fitted with a reception counter and window.

The switch is expected to happen this December, after the department receives some training from CORA and hires an additional person to help with issuing the licenses. “Issuing commercial fishing licenses to Sault Tribe fishermen has been something that the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority has done, and done well. I think that by bringing the commercial licensing back here, that will allow CORA to focus more on other things,” Marchand said.

Marchand said that Law Enforcement already issues inland hunting and fishing licenses and subsistence cards for the Great Lakes, including subsistence netting.

Elders explain candidates' forums

BY BOB MENARD, ELDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE COORDINATOR FOR THE MEET THE CANDIDATE FORUM PROJECT
On July 26, 2011, the tribal

board of directors adopted Resolution No. 2011-174 permitting Elder Advisory Subcommittees to conduct “Meet the Candidate Forums” during

upcoming election cycles. A forum will be held in the area represented by each of the 11 Unit Elder Advisory Subcommittees just prior to the mailing of the primary election ballots. They will occur from April 26 to May 3, 2012, with exact dates for each area to be announced closer to that time.

What the elders are trying to do with this initiative is to provide the voting members of the tribe with an opportunity to get to know the candidates better...before they cast their vote. Up until now, other than knowledge developed from personal relationships and by word of mouth, you got to know only what the candidates wanted you to know by way of newspaper articles, mailings and in some cases, candidate sponsored meetings. These forums will provide a structured, unbiased setting where voters will have the opportunity to ask non-personal questions of the candidates, hopefully resulting in each person being able to evaluate where a candidate stands on issues that are important to the questioner and perhaps get some idea of a

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Abigail Lovin, 10, found a FIVE-leaf clover in the vicinity of 12 Mile Rd. near Dafter last September. Clovers usually sprout three leaves and four-leaf clovers are considered rare and lucky omens. Other family members have found four-leaf clovers in the same yard where she found this first five-leaf specimen. (Photo courtesy Randy Menard.)

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Photo by Michelle Bouschor

Congratulations to Kim Russo (middle), Kewadin Sault's team member of the month! Posing above with Banquets Manager Barb Willis and Administrative Asst. Rachel McKechnie (L-R), Kim works in the Banquets Department and has worked at Kewadin since 1992. Way to go, Kim!

— ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS — ACFS awaits LIHEAP \$

The LIHEAP heating assistance program opened up to eligible tribal members on Oct. 1, 2011. The LIHEAP program is designed to assist low income tribal members with heating costs.

As of today, ACFS has not received the award letter from the funding source. Therefore, it is unable to process applications. ACFS will continue to accept applications and process on a first-come, first-served basis when funding becomes available. ACFS staff apologize for the delay and will work diligently to process all eligible applications when the funding is received. In the meantime, other possible resources are your local Salvation Army, Community Action or Department of Human Services.

Thank you for your patience.

Ojibwe Culture & Language Teacher Wanted

JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School is accepting applications for the position of full time Ojibwe Culture and Language Teacher. JKL is a K-8 system serving approximately 465 students. Candidates must be willing to work as a team member in curriculum development and integration of technology. Interested individuals must complete the electronic application available on the website: www.jklschool.org and clicking on employment opportunities. You must include a minimum of: letter of interest, online application, current resume, copy of teaching certificate (if applicable) and transcripts. Only electronically filed applications will be considered. Application deadline: November 10, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Employment at JKL is considered "at-will." JKL is an equal opportunity employer.

Elementary Teacher Wanted

JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School is accepting applications for the position of full time Elementary Teacher. JKL is a K-8 system serving approximately 465 students. Candidates must possess a valid Michigan teaching certificate, teaching experience preferred, and willingness to work as a team member in curriculum development and integration of technology. Applicants should complete the electronic application, which can be found at www.jklschool.org by clicking on the "employment opportunities" button on the home page. You must include a minimum of: letter of interest, online application, current resume, copy of teaching certificate, transcripts, and a copy of MTTC results or proof of Highly Qualified status. Only electronically filed applications will be considered. Application deadline: November 18, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Employment at JKL is considered "at-will." JKL is an equal opportunity employer.

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Newspaper deadlines

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

Munising and Hessel Elder Subcommittees need help

Sault Tribe members (age 60-plus) are sought to fill two openings on the Munising Elder Subcommittee.

Sault Tribe members and non-Native spouses (age 60-plus) are sought to fill two openings on the Hessel Elder Subcommittee.

Interested members must reside in the unit for which they are applying and should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation to Sheryl Hammock, Elder Service Division, 2076 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie,

MI 49783.

For questions, call (906) 635-4971 or email Sheryl Hammock at shammock@saulttribe.net.

One vacant seat on Great Lakes Conservation Committee

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 email tbenoit@saulttribe.com with any questions.

Four seats to be filled on Enrollment Committee/Special Needs Committee

The Enrollment Committee/Special Needs has four vacant seats. 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 email tbenoit@saulttribe.com with any questions.

Win up to \$5,000 in ARC 50/50 raffle

It's that time of year again ... for the ARC 50/50 Raffle! The Advocacy Resource Center is once again holding its Christmas Raffle where one \$10 ticket could win you up to \$5,000! Purchase tickets by contacting ARC staff at 632-1808.

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold and tickets can be payroll deducted for Sault Tribe employees. First Prize is 50 percent of the proceeds, up to \$5,000. Second Prize is a one night stay, dinner and entertainment tickets for two at Kewadin Casino, DreamCatcher

and DreamMakers Theatre! Third Prize is a \$50 gas card from MidJim.

The winning tickets will be drawn 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 Kewadin Casino's Northern Rewards. You need not be present to win. (License STR-023-11.)

Hospice adult grief support group to begin

Passages, an adult grief support group, will begin Nov. 7 and run through Dec. 12.

This group meets for six consecutive Mondays 6:30-8 p.m. in the St. Marys Room at the Chippewa County Health Department, 508 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (Use the

back alley entrance).

The group is open to all adult members of the community free of charge.

Passages is designed both for those who have experienced a recent loss and those struggling with unresolved grief feeling from the death of someone special

long ago. The group can become a source of emotional support and help through education and sharing.

Please call the Hospice office at 253-3151 to register for the group.

Hospice of Chippewa County is a United Way Agency.

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Tribal Court welcomes new adult probation officer

FROM TRIBAL COURT

Tribal Court hired new Adult Probation Officer, tribal member Samantha Wyers, on Oct. 6. As the adult probation officer, Wyers assists the court in managing defendants' risk to the tribal community by enforcing court orders, affording opportunities for positive change and requiring law-abiding behavior and personal accountability from defendants.

"I am excited and thankful to be here," said Wyers. "One goal I've always had is to help other people and I feel like I've been given this opportunity to be successful in my goal."

Wyers supervises adult criminal defendants' compliance with



Samantha Wyers

the terms and conditions of their court-ordered probation. This

involves monitoring defendants' progress with behavioral health appointments, their payment of fines, costs and restitution, and their completion of community service hours, among any other conditions of their probation. Wyers also assists probationers with finding employment or continuing education and reports their progress regularly to the judge at review hearings.

Wyers also conducts pre-sentence investigations of some defendants who plead guilty or are found guilty of criminal offenses. A pre-sentence investigation is a background check and social history Wyers compiles prior to sentencing, and includes

her recommendation for an appropriate sentence based on the defendant's risk and needs. The pre-sentence report is provided to the judge, prosecutor, and defense attorney and is used by the court to assist in determining an appropriate sentence in a case.

Wyers is originally from St. Ignace, Mich., and graduated from LaSalle High School in 2006. In high school, Wyers was an active band member, drama club member, and played basketball, volleyball and softball. She was involved in the tribe's YEA Program and was a member of the first Teen Court program at Tribal Court. Wyers is a member of Zion Lutheran Church of St.

Ignace and was president of her youth group.

While earning her degree in Criminal Justice and Corrections from Lake Superior State University, Wyers interned with the Juvenile Probation Office in the Chippewa County Probate Court. She was a member of the Criminal Justice club, Psychology club, and vigorously participated in activities offered while in college.

Tribal Court personnel are thrilled to have Wyers join the staff, and are looking forward to the enthusiasm and excitement she brings to the position of adult probation officer.

Recovery Walk thanks

SUBMITTED BY JULIE A. MCKELVIE

The Sault Tribal Court, with the support of the BJA IASAP 2010-AC-BX-0024 Prevention Grant and Sault Tribe Behavioral Health program, would like to send out a big thank you to all those who made our first annual Recovery Walk and Celebration a huge success on Sept. 22:

- Brother John Hascall for sharing his recovery story
- The Bawehting Singers and the Eagle Lodge for their beautiful songs
- The board of directors for supporting this event in our community
- The fine staff at the Big Bear Arena for hosting us
- Sault Tribe Police and State Trooper Bitnar for managing traffic for us
- Bud Biron for the opening prayer and blessing

- The Sault Tribe Cultural Department for helping so much
- Kewadin Casino and Midjim for their donations
- Sault Tribe marketing for making our banners
- Allstar Graphics for the great job on the t-shirts
- We thank all of the hands that helped make this event happen
- We especially thank all of the tribal employees and individuals who came out to walk with us in the rain!
- Thanks to all those who weren't able to be there, but wanted to be—we know you were with us in spirit.

It was truly inspirational to celebrate the recovery that is taking place in our community! Chi Miigwetch!!

Julie A. McKelvie, MSW, CADCR is a Sault Tribe Behavioral Health clinical social worker.

GRAND VALLEY FILLING TWO BUSINESS TRIBAL CONSULTANT POSITIONS IN U.P.

Grand Valley State University is seeking two Business Tribal Consultant (Adjunct AP) positions to be located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan. The positions fall under the university's Seedman College of Business MI-Small Business & Technology Development Center Business Tribal Consultant (Adjunct AP) - MI-SBTDC 2 positions.

Business Tribal Consultants would partner with Michigan universities on class projects where appropriate; serve as link to qualified business support service providers and provide training in designated topics in areas of expertise or knowledge.

The position would:

- Provide skills in one of the following areas: identifying and determining new markets, business start-up requirements, financial issues, operations, and human resources.

— Provide specialized skills in at least one of the following areas: SBA 8(a) certification, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or Women Business Enterprise certification, and SBA HubZone certification.

— Develop networks to identify and recruit companies.

— Apply basic business knowledge in areas of: operations, finance, marketing and human resources utilizing regional and statewide expertise.

— Understand financing through SBA, Bureau of Indian Affairs, financial institutions, and other options for debt and equity.

— Work with clients to monitor and implement decisions.

— Utilize MI-SBTDC specialists for financial analysis and other areas of expertise.

— Track work completed with companies and economic impact through CenterIC (client management system).

Preferred qualifications and education are:

- Ability to interact with American Indian communities
- Own a small business
- Prior consulting experience

Required qualifications and education are:

- Bachelor's degree
- Three years business experience

Job classification/range is \$45,000 - \$50,000.

The position was posted to the web Oct. 20. Information review will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled in all locations.

Applicants must include a cover letter, resume and list of references. (The online system will allow you to attach these documents electronically.) If you have any questions please contact Human Resources at (616) 331-2215. Grand Valley State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution.

Chippewa County Prescription Drug Task Force update

BY RICK SMITH

The Chippewa County Health Department recently provided an update on action and plans of the Chippewa County Prescription Drug Task Force. The task force is composed of professionals in the fields of health services, human services, law enforcement and education as well as interested members of the general public. It is engaged in developing awareness and installing measures for the safe control and disposal of prescription drugs in homes and elsewhere.

According to a communiqué from Karen Senkus, prevention coordinator for the Chippewa County Health Department, billboard space rotation throughout the county has been arranged through Jan. 31, 2012. Billboards will feature two versions advocating the message *Monitor, Secure, Dispose*. In addition, radio and television announcements were

created which will air in the area through December.

Other measures to keep the message in the public eye include creating placemats and table tents for display in restaurants, bathroom notices for restaurants, bars, schools and other places along with adding links and other material on their Facebook page at Chippewa County Against Abusing Prescription Drugs.

Another avenue will be taken with letters and flyers carrying the message to all pharmacies throughout the county. Senkus indicated the goal is to personally deliver the letters and flyers by mid-November and volunteers are welcome to help deliver the information.

Chippewa County Prosecutor Brian Pepler has been making rounds with senior groups throughout the county and Senkus noted the response has been very positive. The task force created a

brochure for seniors distributed by Pepler during his presentations. Pepler would like to reach seniors in all assisted living homes or other multi-unit housing. In order to reach everyone, Senkus asks the general public to inform her of any similar seniors' residences that might not have been included on Pepler's tour.

The task force plans to initiate outreach efforts with groups in the general community such as service organizations, advisory boards and so on. Again, Senkus invites the public to inform her of any groups interested in having Pepler coming for a speaking engagement.

Providing education about prescription drugs and passing the *Monitor, Secure, Dispose* message to school personnel and students is under study by the task force. They are looking at learning what schools need and how to reach the students and educate their parents.

The task force is also interested

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in developing a support group for families who have lost loved ones to prescription drugs.

In order to build the task force into a well-rounded coalition of representatives from all facets of the community, all Chippewa County residents are invited to join.

Senkus said, "Right now we have representation from medical personnel, human services, law enforcement, family members and general community members. We are missing faith-based representation and youth."

People interested in joining may contact Senkus directly at the Chippewa County Health

Department at 253-3103 or via email at ksenkus@chippewahd.com. In addition, meetings have been scheduled for 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every other month at the Chippewa County Health Department beginning on Nov. 16. Those interested may call Senkus for further information or visit the Facebook site.

Sault Tribe Behavioral Health started this movement about a year ago, according to Senkus. Later, momentum was built through the prosecuting attorney, county medical examiner and the Facebook page developed and maintained by Jessica Gillotte of Sault Tribe.

Sault Ste. Marie man sentenced for sexual abuse of a minor

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Joshua Ronald Ferra, 19, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was sentenced to five months in federal prison, reported U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis in an Oct. 24 statement.

In addition to the prison term,

Senior U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar ordered Ferra to serve five years of supervised release following his release from prison, to pay a \$100 special assessment, to have no further contact with the victim, and to register as a sex offender,

according to Davis.

On Aug. 4, 2011, Ferra pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with sexual abuse of a minor. The charge stemmed from an incident on May 13, 2011, during which Ferra, who was on proba-

tion for an unrelated state charge, engaged in sexual intercourse with a 13 year-old girl, who is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, according to the statement.

The case was prosecuted by

Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul D. Lochner and investigated by Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Law Enforcement, the Michigan State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Marquette Field Office.

Tribe's optometric services conducts contact lens pilot program at St. Ignace clinic

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Sault Tribe Director of Optometric Services, Krysta Thomsen-Hinman, O.D., has been providing eye health services to Sault Tribe members for the past year in the St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie clinics.

Enthusiastic, outgoing and talented, Thomsen-Hinman has a passion for diagnosing and treating ocular disease, of which she says the tribal membership seems to have a higher incidence.

Driving every day from her home in Indian River, she divides her time between the two clinics. She spends Wednesdays, Thursdays and every other Friday in the Sault, and Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Fridays in St. Ignace.

"I have been really happy here; it's exactly what I wanted to do," she said.

Thomsen-Hinman is moving forward with a one-year contact lens pilot program in the St. Ignace clinic. Optometry will be scheduling appointments Nov. 1 for the month of December.



Sault Tribe Director of Optometric Services Krysta Thomsen-Hinman, O.D., is celebrating her one-year anniversary with the tribe.

She said if it is as successful as they anticipate it to be, they hope to expand it to include Sault Ste. Marie and Manistique.

Some tribal members have questioned her about having the trial at the St. Ignace location. Thomsen-Hinman said the newer facility in St. Ignace has about three times the space as the Sault Clinic, giving them more room

to store contact lens trial kits and other supplies. "For space considerations, it was the more practical place to begin," she said. "Also, we have Dr. Baker in Manistique and Dr. Lozan in the Sault and I wanted to be able to take the brunt of the new program in St. Ignace by myself and iron out any kinks over the course of the year so when we do expand to the other locations, everything will already be in place for them."

The St. Ignace clinic recently hired an additional technician who will assist new contact lens wearers and has been trained in the insertion and removal of contact lenses and in performing contact lens classes.

Tribal members don't have to live in St. Ignace to take advantage of the contact lens program, but many members will have a little more travel time to deal with until the program expands.

Thomsen-Hinman said eventually she would like to see all the clinics open five days a week with a doctor present. "If we continue to see growth because of the contact lens program, it could

actually improve access for other patients in years to come. If the patient volume is there, that will allow us to have our doors open more."

Graduating from the Ferris State College of Optometry Program in 2003, Thomsen-Hinman completed her rotations in Detroit area hospitals. She has also done some educational public speaking about diabetic eye disease at Cheboygan Memorial

Hospital and geriatric eye disease for District Health Dept. #4.

She also volunteered free eye examinations for the following organizations in the past: Cheboygan Lions Club, Northern Care Clinic, Tendercare Health Center and Project Insight.

For those wishing to make an appointment for a contact lens examination, call the St. Ignace Sault Tribe Optometry Department at (906) 643-4995.

Hospice House breaks ground

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.— Tracey Holt, Executive Director of Hospice of the EUP, reported that the local Hospice board approved the building of the new Hospice House in the Sault. "We have raised enough donations, volunteer commitments and pledges to start construction," said Holt.

The ground breaking was set for mid-October. The Hospice House project has drawn support from throughout the EUP. Hospice has \$225,000 cash in hand toward the house. Some \$90,000 has already been paid on the project

and \$600,000 still needs to be raised to build the Hospice House.

It will take eight months to build the house on the corner of West 12th Ave. and Ryan Ave. The 7,700 square-foot facility will have six patient beds. Once the "home environment style" house is finished 150 more volunteers will be needed. Community members will assist with cooking, cleaning, tending flower gardens, services to patients, reception, office work, and patient care. During the building process local volunteers will help with a host of projects.

Those interested in supporting Hospice can mail a check to Hospice of the EUP, 508 Ashmun St., Suite 120, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or to volunteer with Hospice, call (906) 253-3151.

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If you are a Native American Farmer or Rancher

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The claims-filing period is about to end.

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Tribal member Richard Fleek named Dearborn's Veteran of the Year

DEARBORN, Mich. – The Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council (DAWVC) has selected the 2011 Dearborn Veteran of the Year: United States Navy veteran Richard Fleek.

Fleek, a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, will be honored during the City's official Veterans Day ceremony, at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, in the City Council Chambers at Dearborn City Hall, 13615 Michigan Ave. The public is invited to attend.

Fleek said he is humbled by those who nominated him and thanks the DAWVC Veteran of the Year selection committee for the recognition.

"I'm awestruck and speechless at the honor," he said. "I became active in veterans organizations initially because I missed the camaraderie — missed fellow vets who shared my own experience.

"By the time I was 21 years old, I'd walked on four continents: Africa, Asia, Australia and the United States. Just to see how other countries lived brings home what we take for granted. That isn't something you forget," he said. "It changes you."

The selection committee, comprising past DAWVC Veterans of the Year, cited Fleek's many efforts to honor veterans and improve their quality of life.

Committee member Gary Tanner, 2009 DAWVC Commander and 2008 Veteran of the Year, said, "We look for qualities such as honor, leadership, compassion, and commitment. As part of the DAWVC Ritual Team, Richard makes sure that our veterans receive the honor and dignity befitting their selfless service in our nation's military.

"After the Missing in America project was launched

around the country and State Representative Gino Polidori penned the legislation required to adopt MIAP in Michigan, Richard was adamant that this should be incorporated into our Memorial Day ceremonies," Tanner said.

"He assembled a committee to make it happen and raised \$10,000 in donations for the Military Caisson," he said. "Richard continues to seek out leadership roles in the various veterans organizations he belongs to and continues to advocate for veterans causes and for those in need."

Volunteering for Veterans

Among his other volunteer contributions, Fleek is the commander of the VFW Lt. Archie Kelly Post 2107, serves on the executive board of the American Legion Post 364, is a member of the Catholic War Veterans and is the adjutant for the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council. In 2009-2010, he served as the DAWVC Commander.

In honoring a Veteran of the Year, the DAWVC raises awareness of the tireless volunteer efforts of local veterans and thanks them in a meaningful way through mentor, peer and community recognition.

Ted Gagacki, who nominated Fleek and is the 2003 Veteran of the Year, said of his fellow veteran, "I've known Rich since he first walked into the Legion. I like the way he conducts himself. He is a calm professional who steps up and works for the betterment of his family and our post. He's dedicated many hours towards veterans' causes.

"Rich's heart has always been with the veterans he serves," Gagacki continued. "He's raised



money and morale and changed the community for the better by the introduction of the dignified and long deserved Memorial Day funeral procession for veterans who died without resources and whose ashes were left sitting on the shelves of local funeral homes. I'm impressed with how he and others continue to work tirelessly for that cause."

Military Service

Fleek served in the Navy, both active duty and reserve, from 1985 to 1992.

The military was a family calling. Fleek's great grandfather was in WWI and two grandparents served in WWII. One was on the USS Missouri when the Japanese signed the peace treaty. Another serving in the Army was shot in France. Fleek has his uniform hanging in his closet.

As for his own service, "I was on the USS Carl Vinson, out of Naval Air Station (NAS) Alameda, California. I was a yeoman for the

air boss on the largest ship in the fleet. It was breathtaking."

Fleek remembers being at sea for seven months in the Western Pacific.

"On the way back from the Indian Ocean, at the end of the Cold War, we got orders from President Reagan," said Fleek.

"He wanted to prove that the United States military could go anywhere at any time. He sent us to the Aleutian Islands to flex some muscle," he said.

Fleek later was honored by the president with the Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon.

Fleek's ship, the USS Carl Vinson, has a decorated history. It launched the first wave of attacks against the Taliban in Afghanistan and transported Osama bin Laden's body for burial at sea. Lighter moments include the filming of the movie Top Gun, which took place on the Vinson while Fleek was serving on it.

The USS Carl Vinson is also where on Nov. 11, for the first time on a Navy ship, a big sports game will be played, already dubbed the "Carrier Classic." Michigan State and North Carolina kick off the college basketball season on the ship's deck.

Connected to veterans

Fleek, who is a network IT coordinator at L&W Engineering, credits his wife, Brenda, with encouraging him to seek out other vets.

He says he was hooked when he walked into Post 364 and immediately people introduced themselves, hugged and thanked him.

The first activity he got involved with was the Ritual Team. "I remembered my combat

vet grandfathers. I felt every time I performed a funeral service I was honoring them.

"Our country is basically in two or three wars. Some of these men and women have been deployed six times. They must live with the physical and mental scars of that for the rest of their lives. We veterans want to thank these young people coming home and make them feel welcome at our posts."

Fleek continued, "I know how important it was for me to stay connected. I lost track of one of my good military friends for 20 years. Finally I found this website Together We Served and found out he was still in the military. Three months later he retired. I loaded my kids in the car and went to his retirement ceremony in Virginia Beach, Virginia. I felt I needed to be there. That's what veterans do."

Ceremony

Fleek will speak at the 11 a.m. Nov. 11 Veterans Day Ceremony.

"I'll remember my grandfathers. I'll honor veterans. I'll encourage civilians to visit a veterans' hospital. I'd like to see everyone take two hours, even just one time, and talk to these veterans," he said.

Tanner echoed that sentiment.

"This is a great opportunity to pay tribute to our veterans and our military service members," said Tanner.

Fleek said he thanks his wife, Brenda; his children Hayley, Savannah and Jason; his mom, Muriel, who passed away at a young age; his dad, Norman; and his veteran grandfathers Merle Karr, who served in the United States Army Old Hickory 30th Division; and Norman Fleek, who served in the United States Navy on the USS Missouri.



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Deployment a rewarding experience for Pine

BY TOM BLACK
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Deployment to Afghanistan has been a rewarding and enlightening experience, said two Detroit District employees currently serving there. Mark Kirkendall and Doug Pine are deployed in Afghanistan Engineer District – North. Both said there are positive things going on in the country, and those developments ought to receive more attention back home. Below, Kirkendall and Pine provide insights into their deployment experiences.

MARK KIRKENDALL

“When someone tells you the Afghans are backward people; they’re not,” said Kirkendall, a construction control representative with the Detroit Resident Office at TACOM. “The Afghan people I have met here are some of the kindest, most caring people. The Afghan engineers we work with could rival many I’ve dealt with in the states.”

The fulfillment and new friendships resulting from deployment help explain why Kirkendall has committed to a second deployment in Afghanistan after his current one concludes in April 2012.

“I’ve been frustrated, bored, angry, and tired but there must be some reason why I’ve put in to do a second year here,” he said.

Kirkendall works in quality assurance for the Mazar-e Sharif Area Office. He helps mentor dozens of Afghan quality assurance representatives at construction projects located in various remote areas. Four of the projects, for the Afghanistan National Army, are valued at \$92.3 million; three others are for the Afghanistan National Police and are valued at \$118.5 million.

A U.S. Army veteran and long-time Detroit District employee, Kirkendall has deployed several times in the past. He appreciates the support his wife and three sons have given him, and his co-workers for their encouragement and support. He emphasizes how



Sault Tribe member Doug Pine is deployed in Afghanistan, overseeing projects and mentoring others.

important it is for those who are deployed to stay in close touch with family and friends.

He also encourages his coworkers to consider deploying for more than just the extra money. They must “believe in what we’re doing here” and toughen up for a challenging assignment, Kirkendall said. His experience in Afghanistan has been enriching, Kirkendall said, as he’s gained much knowledge of the Afghan culture and helped Afghans learn more about American ways.

“All the memories I take away from here are great. The people I work with are a lot of fun. We’re a team here.”

DOUG PINE

Pine, a lock and dam operator at the Soo Area Office, agrees Afghanistan has been a great experience. He has deployed numerous times despite the personal sacrifice of being away

from his family and giving up the comforts of home. Serving at the Mazar-e Sharif office, he wears many hats, performing the duties of a senior quality assurance representative, engineer tech, project engineer and project manager. He oversees projects worth more than \$40 million.

Pine mentors other employees and said he strives to lead by example. Deployment, he said, gives him a greater appreciation for the high quality of every day life in America — such little things as walking to a neighborhood store, watching a favorite TV program, or driving on

*Postcard from Afghanistan 2011
Douglas Pine - Detroit District*

I began my work here in October 2010 as a construction representative/engineer tech in the Mazar-e Sharif Off-Shaheen Resident Office. I have also stepped up to fill in for the project engineer while on leave and I have also been a project manager to develop the scope of work for our billets expansion. Since my arrival, I have partaken in more than 80 missions outside the wire. I have managed more than \$40 million worth of projects at one time. Things happen fast here! I volunteered because, as a medically retired U.S. Marine, I wanted to do something more to service my country. It seemed that this deployment was my opportunity.

I have been here at Afghanistan Engineer District-North for almost one year now and my reasons for deploying have expanded. I have a stronger appreciation for our own great country and the privilege of

being an American. Working here in Afghanistan, I also get to see Americans at their best through their work for Afghanistan and its people. The Afghans aren’t much different than us; they want to work to make the best life for their families, to educate their children, and to not have to live in fear. They may not have much to give, but everyone that I have met would do anything or give you anything they had.

Their idealism and drive are truly an inspiration. I will remember them long after I leave here. There is no part of my deployment that I regret. The Afghans, and all others I have had the opportunity to work with, have made sure that my time here has made a difference. I will never forget the people of Afghanistan or the work I have done here. I do want to say thanks to all my friends, colleagues and especially to my family back home. Deployments require the love and support of the entire family. I love you and can’t wait till I see you soon!

smooth roads. Still, he has fond memories of his interactions with Afghans and colleagues from other countries. He recalls one time when he and a project engineer were walking down a road at a project site and many local children began leaving their homes and following the men.

“I think at one point there were 50 or 60 kids following us down the road and just so interested in what we were doing,” Pine said. Although he acknowledged the kids might have hoped the men planned to distribute candy, he also believes the youngsters were

genuinely interested in the work they were doing.

Plenty of good things are happening in Afghanistan, Pine said, and he hopes more effort will be made to publicize the positive developments. Stressing that he is thankful “to my loving wife, Dana, and my 7-year-old daughter, Yvonne” for their support, Pine also thanked other relatives and his co-workers for their support during his absence.

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VA holds listening session



Photo by Rick Smith

Representatives of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and collaborating organizations met with military veterans at the Sault Tribe Health Center in Sault Ste. Marie on Oct. 11.

The event, referred to as a tribal veteran listening session, took place to discuss veterans benefits and possible improvements in providing services in the region. The session was sponsored by the Indian Health Service and the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Mich.


While the turnout of veterans was light, the representatives anticipate more listening sessions will be scheduled sometime in the future. Interested veterans should watch for announcements.

Pictured above, left to right, back row, Joe Zimmerman, strategic planner for the VA Veterans Integrated Service Network; Brad Nelson, public affairs officer for the VA medical center in Iron Mountain; Bill Caron, associate director of the Iron Mountain medical center; Larry Heers, health sys-

tems specialist at Iron Mountain; George Hyde, Sault Tribe member and one of the attending veterans; and James Shogren, Chippewa County Department of Veterans Affairs counselor. Seated, left to right, Marcia Perkins of the VA medical outpatient clinic in Sault Ste. Marie; Stephanie Birdwell, director of the VA Office of Tribal Government Relations; Mary Beth Skupien, director of the VA Office of Rural Health; and Laura Thompson, medical case manager for the Sault Tribe Health Center.

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BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Sault Tribe member Noah Leask is having a very good year. Not only has his corporation, Ishpi Information Technologies, Inc. (ISHPI) garnered another prime contract, made Inc. magazine's 30th annual Inc. 500, and has just been named a "Top Business in America" in several categories, Leask himself was appointed to the board of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of The Carolinas (AICCC).

ISHPI is a capability driven SBA and Diversity Business award winning American Indian and Service Disabled Veteran-Owned 8(a) Small Disadvantaged Business. It is a premier provider

of information and cyber dominance with core capabilities in information operations, information warfare, information assurance, electronic warfare, cybersecurity, and cyberwarfare. ISHPI is conducting operations throughout the United States and overseas in theater supporting the intelligence community, Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Defense ensuring information superiority.

The company is going to finish this year with 20 percent growth and is poised to double next year to \$14 million.

Leask, originally from Cheboygan, is ISHPI's co-founder, chairman, CEO and president. He follows the teachings of the seven grandfathers and his guiding principles are integrity, excellence and devotion, which he applies to his business.

In Anishinaabemowin, ISHPI means "advanced." And, Ishpi's motto is, "advanced technology, native know-how."

ISHPI's most recent contract was awarded by the Coast Guard Command Control, Computer,



Noah Leask

and Communications Information Technology Service Center. According to Leask, the contract is a small business set-aside competitive award totaling over \$34 million over five years. ISHPI will be supporting the Coast Guard's Computer Incident Response Team, Coast Guard wide certification and accreditation, Secure Communications Services and training.

"This is another very important

win for ISHPI as we endeavor to ensure our clients are as secure as they can be in cyberspace and dominate the information and electromagnetic spectrum," said Leask. "The Coast Guard's mission is vital and we are proud to be supporting them and their cyber assets."

On Aug. 23, Inc. magazine ranked ISHPI 304 on its 30th annual Inc. 500, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. The list represents the most comprehensive look at America's independent entrepreneurs. Companies such as Microsoft, Zappos, Intuit, Jamba Juice, Zipcar, Clif Bar, Vizio, Oracle, to name a few, gained early exposure as members of the Inc. 500.

Diversity Business has recognized ISHPI as a "Top Business in America." The 11th annual business survey results recognize companies that have successfully differentiated themselves at both the national and state levels. Over 750,000 businesses are eligible for participation in the selection process.

ISHPI was selected as a winner in several categories including: Top 100 Native American Owned Businesses in the United States, Top 500 Veteran Owned Businesses in the United States, Top 100 Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses in the United States, Top 100 8(a) Businesses in the United States, Top 50 Diversity Owned Businesses in South

Carolina, and Top 100 Privately Held Businesses in South Carolina.

"The recognition of ISHPI as a 'Top Business in America' is truly an honor," said Leask. "The awards are validation of ISHPI's principles of delivering superior quality services and technical support while maintaining the highest business ethics standards, hiring and retaining the best people, and developing a corporate culture of integrity, excellence and devotion to our customer's mission."

Last but not least, Leask was recently asked to serve on the board of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of the Carolinas, which he "gratefully accepted."

The AICCC is a 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) nonprofit corporation fully chartered by the state of South Carolina. According to Leask, the AICCC works to "enhance access to the business industry for public and private agencies, to promote commerce opportunities, business education, mentorship programs, and public policy affecting American Indian commerce and development." The chamber also strives to develop public awareness programs that foster tourism through American Indian hospitality, culture and recreation opportunities for business networking, recognition and publicizing American Indian entrepreneurship and personal business activities, Leask said.

Zalac founds billing biz

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Tribal member and Marquette native Cindy Zalac is the proud proprietor of Professional Billing Services, a new business that bills mental health claims and clients, follows up on unpaid accounts, generates weekly or monthly reports, and offers other personalized services. Her motto is "Experienced and Cost Effective."

Zalac, 53, was born and raised in the U.P. and has worked in the specialized field of mental health services billing services for over 11 years. As office manager for Bell Behavioral Services and business coordinator for Great Lakes Recovery Centers, Zalac got to know the "business of mental health services in the U.P. and the challenges that the therapists face in managing their practices and collection of revenues," she said.

"One of the obstacles that is a constant in the mental health field is getting credentialed and then timely reimbursement from the many insurance carriers and clients," Zalac added. "It is an area that I am very comfortable with and knowledgeable in."

After doing some research, talking to local therapists and other billers in the U.P. and downstate, Zalac decided that she would



Cindy Zalac

like to "work out of my home helping other therapists with what I know and also being able to better prioritize and balance work and raising a 10 year old child."

Zalac developed an office space in her home with computer equipment and the specialized supplies and software she would need for billing and tracking accounts receivables. Last April, she started

with one client who was getting set up in private practice and has been billing successfully ever since.

"I'm ready to add more therapists to my business, since I have established systems that are running smoothly," said Zalac. Her fee is based on revenues billed or collected and as agreed upon for other needs or special projects.

She plans to work alone for now, and offers billing 'professional' claims for mental health services, assisting therapists with credentialing and getting set up in business, generating of business forms, and other special projects to help them better manage their business.

"I will verify client insurance and benefits, submit claims, follow up on past due or denied claims, bill clients as needed and generate monthly reports," she added.

Zalac said she would like to work with local therapists across the U.P. so that she can "establish a close working relationship with them — meeting face to face periodically and setting up systems so they can get their billings to me daily with minimum disruption to their client time."

She will also consider other billing services that are within her knowledge base.

Zalac has lived in the U.P. since the tender age of 3, first in Naubinway, then St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie and then to Marquette where she has remained since she was 8. Her mother, Yvonne (Vallier) Rieckmann, is also a Sault Tribe member and her father, the late Thomas Zalac, was a chemical engineer from Grand Rapids. She has five brothers and sisters, a son, Sam Sherbinow, and a "wonderful grandson, Alex, who lives with me as I am helping my son raise him," said Zalac.

Anyone interested in Cindy Zalac's professional billing services can reach her at cindyzalac@att.net or (906) 228-4703.

Chi Mukwa Pro Shop hires asst. manager

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Derek Stabile says he is happy to offer advice to parents of first time hockey players. He wants to help parents find the best equipment for their fledgling hockey stars — and their budget — so everyone leaves happy and thinks of the Chi Mukwa Pro Shop as the place to shop for their hockey needs.

Stabile was recently hired as the assistant manager of the Pro Shop, after spending the past year working as an events coordinator for Chi Mukwa. Stabile has extensive experience in hockey from childhood to adulthood.

The Pro Shop offers hockey enthusiasts their choice of over 400 sticks, a wide variety of skates, lots of equipment, plenty of clothing and accessories and services such as blade sharpening and repair. Staff are trained by the professionals at Bladmaster in sharpening techniques. Stabile said they hope to be a one-stop shop for local hockey players. Stabile will also be handling team orders and special requests for products and services.



Stabile has a degree in business with a concentration in sports management from Becker College in Worcester, Mass., where he was recruited to play hockey. Prior to moving back to Sault Ste. Marie, he completed an internship with a semi-professional baseball team, the Worcester Tornados. He is a graduate of Sault Area High School.

Stabile's parents, Don and Karen Stabile, are Sault residents.

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Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project extended

BY BARB SMUTEK, STAY PROJECT DIRECTOR

The Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project is happy to announce that it has been granted a 12-month extension from its granting agency, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Originally funded in 2008 as a three-year project, the grant was scheduled for completion in September of this year. However, the STAY Project has been granted additional time to finish up the remaining goals and objectives of the grant using unspent funds from the prior years.

The STAY Project staff will continue to participate in activities, such as giving awareness presentations or providing informational materials at local events, throughout the year. Also, many successful programs like bullying

prevention programs, Building Circles of Support training, and gatekeeper training will continue. The Seven Feathers Partnership Board has agreed to continue to meet on a monthly basis. In addition, the main goals and objectives of the year will primarily emphasize reaching and increasing involvement by the foster care system, teachers and future teachers, other Native American tribes, Native youth in the 18-24 year old age group, raising awareness of the new suicide prevention media guidelines and substance abuse.

More exciting news! The STAY Project has been selected by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) to participate as a "Community of Practice" to address lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, and two-spirit (LGBTQ2-S) issues. Only 28 grantees, includ-



ing four tribes, were selected to participate over the next nine months. The purpose is to build knowledge and ideas to address current on-the-ground challenges, and share expertise on issues that LGBTQ2-S youth face as it relates to suicide prevention. This will greatly help our program and our tribe to learn how to address these issues by connecting with others

across the United States who are tackling similar suicide prevention challenges.

Also, the STAY Project has been making its voice heard on a national level through an intense stakeholder survey that is helping set a National Suicide Prevention Research Agenda. The survey is a project developed by the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention Research Task Force (RTF). It is important to participate in the survey process to contribute to the conversation about suicide prevention with a different point of view to make sure that our local and unique needs are included on the national agenda.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact us or visit our website. Phone: (906) 635-7010; e-mail: stayproject@saulttribe.net; Website: www.stayproject.org.

If you are currently suicidal, we strongly urge you to seek appropriate care at the nearest Emergency Room (ER).

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You will reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, a service available to anyone.

You may call for yourself or for someone you care about.

All calls are confidential.

Elders implement new tribal election candidate forums —

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candidate's leadership skills and abilities.

As a bonus, each person who attends a forum can benefit from the questions asked by others. Ideally, an informed electorate will vote for the best candidate.

Candidate participation is voluntary! Candidates who decide to participate pretty much take their future into their own hands by taking advantage of priceless exposure with a unique opportunity to sell their qualifications to many of their unit constituents. Conversely, should a candidate decide not to participate in their unit's forum, without good reason, it could be viewed negatively by the voters, conceivably indicating a reluctance or inability to answer tough questions.

The forums will not be a debate. A question will be asked, an answer will be given and the facilitator will move on to the next question. The same format will be followed at each forum. It makes good sense then that those who ask a question use this unique opportunity wisely, not only to become better informed, but to possibly establish a basis for accountability, should a candidate be elected.

Included as a major condition of the board approval of the Meet the Candidate Forum initiative is a comprehensive set of guidelines. Everyone reading this piece should familiarize themselves with the approved guidelines. They are printed here for your review. In the next edition of this newspaper we will talk about them in depth.

MEET THE CANDIDATE FORUM GUIDELINES

1. Each candidate will be given a number determined by lottery (see # 6 below) and up to three minutes to summarize their candidacy, #1 candidate first, # 2 candidate second and etc.

2. After candidates have made their presentation, voting members in attendance from the host Unit Subcommittee will be given 10 minutes to formulate and write their question/s down, one to a sheet and to submit them.

While members from a Unit Subcommittee other than the Unit Subcommittee hosting the forum may attend, they may not submit questions. A member of the host Unit Subcommittee will be available to assist anyone needing help to write their question down.

3. The questions will be placed face down and shuffled, then the facilitator and a designated member of the Unit Subcommittee will screen each one to determine if a question is personal in nature and therefore not acceptable, is a duplicate, or near duplicate of one that has already been submitted, and any such question will be set aside not to be asked. The decision of the two people doing the screening shall be final as to what constitutes a qualifying question. All rejected questions shall be saved for the record.

4. All qualifying (non-personal, non-duplicate) questions will be asked of each of the candidates in the order determined by the shuffling and screening process, except that, in the case when a question is directed to a specific candidate,

only that candidate answers the question.

5. Each candidate will be given one opportunity, up to two minutes, to respond to every qualifying question. No interaction with the audience will be allowed. This is not a debate.

6. The numbers, referenced by item #1 above, will be used to determine the order in which the candidates make their presentation and respond to the questions. # 1 will answer first, # 2 two next, and etc. On the second question, number # 2 will answer first and then the others in succeeding order and so on.

Approved by unanimous vote of the Elder Advisory Committee on July 25, 2011 and included as an Attachment to Resolution No. 2011 - 174.

Northern Michigan community lender receives \$725,000 federal award to assist local entrepreneurs

NSLF serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse and Kalkaska counties

HARBOR SPRINGS — Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. (NSLF) was one of only 35 organizations nationwide to receive an award through the fiscal 2011 round of the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Fund's Native Initiatives Financial and Technical Assistance component of the Native American CDFI Assistance Program (NACA Program), announced by the U.S. Department of Treasury in August 2011.

NSLF was also one of only 10 Native organizations to receive

the largest funds individually at \$725,000, as well as the only Michigan native CDFI to receive the financial assistance.

"Receiving this large award through the Financial Assistance component of the NACA Program FY 2011 Round allows us to increase our lending maximum limits per client from \$15,000 to \$100,000, enabling us to assist a wider base of Northern Michigan entrepreneurs who are unable to obtain conventional loans to successfully operate in Northern Michigan," said Lisa McComb, NSLF Executive Director.

"This award is a result of years of hard work by numerous volunteers and staff in building a strong foundation for NSLF, said Laura

Blumberg, NSLF Chair. "I would like to thank the NSLF Board of Directors; Pat Dyer-Deckrow, Sue Goddard and Chasity Savage along with Lisa McComb, the NSLF staff and numerous Committee members for their continued contributions to NSLF."

The U.S. Department of Treasury's CDFI Fund awarded \$11.85 Million to Native CDFIs in the fiscal 2011 round of the NACA program. Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. received its first financial assistance award in this round and will now be able to make an

even larger impact than it already has in the communities it serves by strengthening its economic development outreach through increased lending services and financial product development.

Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. has successfully loaned approximately \$100,000 to local entrepreneurs and assisted over 200 entrepreneurs with business education since opening its doors in 2008. NSLF is incorporated under the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and serves Antrim,

Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse and Kalkaska counties. NSLF provides business loans as well as business education services to both Native and non-Native entrepreneurs starting a business or who have an established business.

If you or someone you know is an entrepreneur in Northern Michigan and needs financial or business education assistance contact NSLF at (231) 347-6753 for an appointment. For more information, visit the NSLF website at www.northernshoresloanfund.org.



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SUBMITTED BY LAUREN EVELEIGH, COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR

Quitting smoking has many health benefits for men and women of all ages. In fact, the benefits begin right away and last for a lifetime! If you or someone you know is thinking about quitting, join thousands of people across the country in making November 17 the day to make a plan to quit for good, during the American Cancer Society's 36th annual Great American Smokeout. The purpose of the Great American Smokeout is to bring aware-



ness to the dangers of smoking, the benefits of quitting, and the resources available to help people quit.

There is no safe form of commercial tobacco. Cigarettes, cigars, spit tobacco, and other types of smokeless tobacco all pose serious health risks, such as an increased risk for cancer and a number of other health problems including heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. The toxins in cigarette smoke also pose serious health risks to those exposed to it.

Need more motivation to quit? It takes just minutes for your body to start healing after

you quit smoking. You can look forward to better circulation and lung function and an improved sense of taste and smell. Additionally, by not buying packs of expensive cigarettes, you'll also be saving money – and in these times, every penny counts.

The nicotine found in all commercial tobacco products is very addictive, and quitting smoking can be difficult. For some people, it takes multiple attempts before they quit for good. The most important thing for people who use commercial tobacco is to keep trying until they succeed. Resources and support are available to increase your chances of

quitting successfully.

When a person quits smoking, they are also helping to keep their loved ones healthier by protecting them from the dangers of second-hand and thirdhand smoke. The term thirdhand smoke refers to the toxins left behind on surfaces after the smoke settles. Making your home and car smoke-free are easy steps toward keeping your loved ones healthy and safe.

For more information on how to quit smoking and stay well, visit www.healthysaulttribe.com or contact the Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program at (906) 632-5210 or call your local Sault Tribe Health Center.

Don't lose sight of diabetic eye disease - Natives at risk

FROM THE NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

Thousands of Native American adults are at risk of losing their vision as a result of complications from diabetes

Diabetes affects nearly 26 million people in the United States. In addition, another 79 million people are estimated to have prediabetes, a condition that puts people at increased risk for diabetes. All people with diabetes, both type 1 and type 2, are at risk for diabetic eye disease, a leading cause of vision loss and blindness.

"The longer a person has diabetes the greater is his or her risk of developing diabetic eye

disease," said Dr. Suber Huang, chair of the Diabetic Eye Disease Subcommittee for the National Eye Institute's (NEI) National Eye Health Education Program. "If you have diabetes, be sure to have a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year. Diabetic eye disease often has no early warning signs, but can be detected early and treated before noticeable vision loss occurs."

Diabetic eye disease refers to a group of eye problems that people with diabetes may face as a complication of the disease and includes diabetic retinopathy, cataract and glaucoma. Diabetic retinopathy, the most common diabetic eye disease, is

the leading cause of blindness in adults ages 20 to 74. According to NEI, 4.1 million people have diabetic eye disease and its prevalence is projected to increase to 7.2 million by 2020.

While all people with diabetes can develop diabetic eye disease, African Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Hispanics/Latinos and older adults with diabetes are at higher risk of losing vision or going blind from it. All people with diabetes should have a dilated eye exam at least once a year to detect vision problems early. In fact, with early detection, timely laser surgery, and appropriate follow-up care, people with

advanced diabetic retinopathy can reduce their risk of blindness by 90 percent.

Clinical research, supported in part by NEI, has shown that maintaining good control of blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol can slow the development and progression of diabetic eye disease. In addition to regular dilated eye exams, people with diabetes should do the following to keep their health on TRACK:

- Take your medications.
- Reach and maintain a healthy weight.
- Add physical activity to your daily routine.
- Control your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol.

— Kick the smoking habit.

"Don't lose sight of diabetic eye disease," added Dr. Huang. "Don't wait until you notice an eye problem to have an exam because vision that is lost often cannot be restored."

In the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' seven-county service area, contact your tribal health care provider for diabetes testing or an annual eye exam.

For more information on diabetic eye disease and tips on finding an eye care professional or financial assistance for eye care, visit www.nei.nih.gov/diabetes or call NEI at (301) 496-5248.

Thirty-three apple trees planted on reservation housing sites

CONNIE M. WATSON, HEALTH EDUCATOR

The Traditional Foods Grant program, in collaboration with Sault Tribe Housing Authority, purchased and planted on tribal reservation sites 33 apple trees throughout the 7-county service area. The trees will provide apples for the housing residents to enjoy throughout the year; fresh apples during harvest season and canned and preserved products for winter months.

Apple workshops have been held in Sault Ste. Marie and Munising. The next apple workshop is scheduled for Manistique on Tuesday, November 22, from 9-3 p.m. at the Manistique Tribal Center. Participants learn how to make applesauce and apple pie filling.

Canning and preserving workshops are free to tribal members and are made possible with funding from the Traditional



Pam Reffruschinni of Marquette, lifts a jar of apple pie filling out of the water bath canner. Pam is a regular participant of canning and preserving workshops offered at the Grand Island Center in Munising.

Foods Grant Program. If you are interested in workshops, please contact Connie Watson (906) 632-

5211 or www.healthysaulttribe.com for the most current list of classes in your area.



Participants of the apple workshop in Munising gather for a group photo showing the days production. (left to right) Katherine Kolbus, Angela LeVeque, Pam Reffruschinni, Marilyn Milatovich, Gail Cromell, Kathy Smith, Shirley Petosky and Gloria Brown. The group canned 68 quarts of apple pie filling. All workshops are hands-on and participants share the products to take home.



The McCoy sisters Shelby, age 3 and Grayce, age 6, water an apple tree located at Odenaang. Traditional Foods grant program purchased 33 apple trees. In collaboration with Sault Tribe Housing Authority, the trees were planted at 11 different tribal housing locations throughout the tribal service area.

Manistique Farmer's Market receives USDA funding

The USDA recently fully funded Manistique's Farmers' Market Promotion Program with \$62,671!

According to Kerry Ott, the money will be used to develop a market system that is "easily sustainable" for the City of Manistique with "very little cost." Ott is the Strategic Alliance for Health Manistique community coordinator.

Highlights of what the money will be used for include:

- Membership in the Michigan Farmers' Market Association
- Training of two community members as Certified Market Masters (through MIFMA)
- Purchase of 20 EZ-Up canopies
- Purchase of easily transported eight-foot folding tables
- Light pole banners promoting the Manistique Farmers' Market
- Signage for the farmers to

use at their stalls to promote their farm and their products available on market day.

The Manistique Farmers' Market started as part of the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health project in partnership with the City of Manistique. "Being awarded this USDA grant will help tremendously in making sure the Manistique Farmers' Market is sustainable long after SAH grant funding has ended," said Ott.

Language Department holds ANA Acknowledgement Feast

STORY & PHOTOS FROM LANGUAGE DEPT. STAFF

On Sept. 16, an acknowledgement feast was held at the Sault Tribe's Cultural Center, the Niigaaniigizhik building. The feast was held to show our appreciation of the language learners and mentors for their participation in the Baawting Anishinaabemowin Immersion camp project. We feasted for the participants and mentors who have completed the first year of the project. It was a special event that was attended by approximately 50 people.

The participants and mentors received certificates to acknowledge their participation in the project. The evening showcased the crafts and language learned at the four various camps held this year. Learners brought their various leatherwork such as moccasins and mittens; beadwork included

barrettes, medallions, bolo ties, lanyards; black ash baskets and quill boxes to display.

The project provides an excellent opportunity to learn Ojibwe language and to learn various crafts.

There were lots of language resources that were given away during the evening as door prizes and as giveaway items.

A special thank you goes out to Rene Shipman for writing the grant that makes this immersion program possible.

Thank you to Barb Willis from Kewadin Banquets for her assistance in making the evening so spectacular. The room was decorated with cloth linen and beautiful table arrangements. Thanks to Mario from Shipping and Receiving for his help in preparing the room with the banquet tables and chairs. Thank you for the Pavlat family for providing such a delicious meal.



Elizabeth Young



Cecil Pavlat hands out certificates.



Mike Frechette and Leonard Kimewon (L-R).



Catherine Hollowell and Hilda Lewis (L-R).



Alaysia Brewer receiving giveaway poster.



Jackie Gravelle receiving giveaway poster.



Nswi Kwezenhsak - "three little girls."

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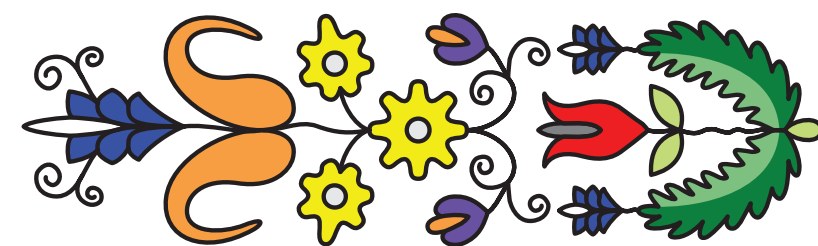
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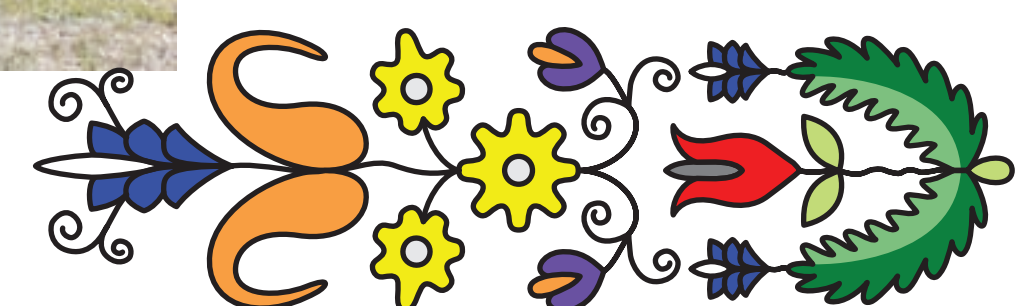
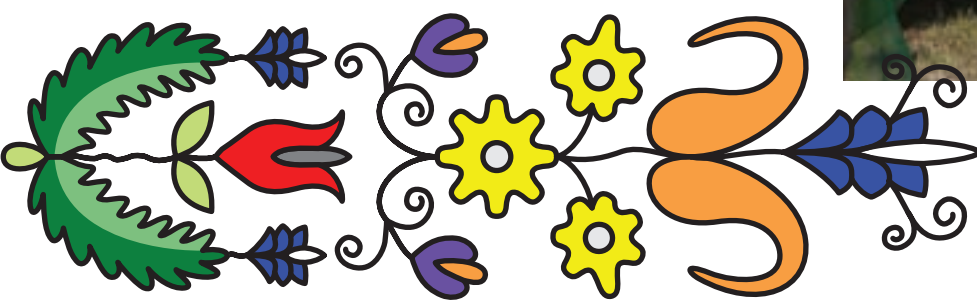
Fifth annual Newberry Powwow - biggest & best yet!



The fifth annual Newberry Powwow was held on Sept. 10. Newberry powwow committee members are Barb Sharp, Shirley Kowalke, Lois Bryant, Kathleen Egert, Darlene Blackmer and David and Michelle Derucha. It was a beautiful September day with temps in the '80s. Seven drums attended the event. Different dance styles were represented by hoop dancers, jingle dress, traditional, shawl and fancy dancers. Vendors were selling Indian tacos, food and refreshing drinks. The powwow had a really good turnout and was enjoyed by everyone there. The powwow committee would like to thank everyone for their donations and all the help setting up, taking down and cleaning up.



Photos by Nina Purtee



Menards celebrate wedded bliss, 65 years later

Alvin J. and Pearl T. (nee McCoy) Menard celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 17, 2011. A mass was held at Holy Angels Catholic Church on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011, officiated by Fr. Sebastian Kavumkal and Brother John Hascall.

They were the first couple married by the late Fr. Joseph Lawless SJ in Holy Angels Catholic Church on Sugar Island back in 1946. Their bridal attendance: Dolores (nee Menard) Young, sister of the groom, Melvia (nee McCoy) Menard, sister of the bride, the late Philip Menard, brother of the groom and the late David McCoy, brother of the bride.

The couple has 10 children: the late Antoinette Menard, David (Leona) Menard, Terry (Debra) Menard, Bud, Irene and Fred Menard, all of Sugar Island, Mich., Ann (Don) Smith of Covington, Ind., Sue (Jim) Young of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Michelle (Mike) Hults of Long Island, N.Y., and Catherine (Dan Erickson) Menard of Kincheloe, Mich.

They have 20 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.



Pictured to the left, Alvin and Pearl Menard were married on Aug. 17, 1946, at Holy Angels Catholic Church. Right: This year they celebrated 65 years together.



The couple celebrated after mass with their immediate family followed by a cook-out at their Sugar Island home.



Rutts, McCoy and Leask families gather for reunion



Members of the Rutts and McCoy families gather for a group shot during the Leask family reunion at the Armory. The photo below includes 61 of 68 family members of Joyce Leask-McCoy and the late Arthur McCoy of Sugar Island. Joyce's children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and their spouses were home for the Leask Family Reunion held on July 30-31, 2011 in Sault Ste. Marie and Sugar Island. Photos submitted by Luanne McCoy-Rutt.



Mission Creek in trouble from contamination and beaver activity, solid waste dump site

SAULT TRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM PLANNING TO CONDUCT WATER QUALITY TESTING

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Mission Creek is in trouble. The small creek located within Sault Ste. Marie has two branches. The southern branch runs along the northwestern edge of the Sault Tribe reservation behind the Kewadin Casino parking lot, and the northern branch runs behind the nature trail at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center.

Mission Creek empties into the St. Marys River southwest of the Sugar Island Ferry, or west of islands 1, 2 and 3 on local maps.

According to Sault Tribe Environmental Program Manager Kathie Brosemer and Environmental Specialist Crystal Bole, in addition to being landlocked by the casino and surrounding parking lots, the creek was an unauthorized dumpsite for many decades around the turn of the century. In addition to household waste, people also disposed of the waste from outhouses at the site.

The stream is also impacted by industrial sources such as the Union Carbide waste piles, which have been stabilized and re-vegetated but were never removed. Bole said that preliminary investigations have revealed household refuse at various points and severe bank erosion. Brosemer found an old ink bottle from the turn of the century that is misshapen due to the tremendous amount of pressure it was under at the old dump



LSSU intern Shawna Ward sampling for macroinvertebrates this summer in Mission Creek.

site until it eroded from the creek's bank and became visible.

The creek also flows past residential housing, including Sault Tribe residential housing. Brosemer said water samples would be collected at the tribal housing site to determine the status of the water, allowing remediation planning to begin as indicated by results of the testing. Sediment samples will also be collected to determine the possible chemicals and substances in the creek bed and banks.

No official sampling of the creek has been done yet. However, LSSU intern Shawna Ward, who held an internship with the

Environmental Department over the summer, sampled macroinvertebrates in both Ashmun and Mission Creeks and is still working on the results with Ashley Moerke, Ph.D.; although what she has found so far indicates that Mission Creek has very poor water quality.

Brosemer and Bole also said the creek has a problem with beaver dams. This past summer they worked with the Sault Tribe's Natural Resources Department and broke apart three beaver dams, which had caused the trapped water to stagnate. Brosemer said that a tribal member with a trapping license has been watching the

creek and helping to keep it clear of beavers.

The environmental duo said the creek is potentially impacted by leaking septic systems, runoff from backyards containing dog feces, parking lot run off, the lime piles and the old dump site. "There is room to improve and we hope the casino is interested when we are ready to make some suggestions. If they happen to be redoing a certain area of the parking lot we hope they would welcome some ideas," Brosemer said. "There is a lot of advanced stuff out there now that wasn't used much when the casino and its parking areas were built. At that time, things that are commonplace now would have been right on the leading edge. We wouldn't have expected the casino to put a lot of effort and thought into rain-gardening, which is a way of catching the runoff from parking lots and driveways and putting it into a small wetland area so it is treated before it goes into the surface water."

Brosemer said sediment samples would show what is under the creek and how deep the old dumpsite goes. She hopes to use that information to form a remediation plan to cap the dumpsite or remove it. "The dump was capped before the parking lot was built, but it wasn't completely dealt with properly, otherwise we wouldn't be finding solid waste from the old

dump in the creek. I'm sure it has helped, but it is not adequate when we see stuff like this 100-year-old glass inkbottle coming out of it and into the creek. Once we have some water quality parameters, we can start to address what the actual issues are. If all we have is glass, then we remove the broken glass and that's it. But if we have problems in the water itself — chemicals and biological contaminants — then we have to figure out something else to address the issue," she said.

Brosemer said she wouldn't be surprised to find the water emptying into the river from the creek is contaminated with E. coli. "The way we live impacts our surroundings. And that in turn impacts us. If you want to be healthy, then it is important to try and keep the environment healthy. That includes the streams, the way that you deal with your lawn and garden, your car... it is really important to not pour antifreeze or motor oil on the ground. It is important to pick up dog waste and put it in a compost so it doesn't run off into the ground water. These things are important and if everybody did them the whole planet would be healthier. If just one person more does it today than yesterday, we will all be a little bit healthier."

For more information, call Sault Tribe Environmental Program Manager Kathie Brosemer at 632-5575.

Save money on your water bill, starting today!

BY CRYSTAL BOLE,
ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST

Many things you can do to save water are small changes you can make in your daily habits. It's hard to change habits, but if you just take it one day at a time it's possible to make these small changes to save you some money and to help out our environment. If you make that effort to do some of these things around the house, you will be amazed by the difference it makes in your budget!

FIX THAT DRIP

A dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day! A leaking toilet can waste 90,000 gallons a month! If you have a hot water faucet or appliance that is leaking you save double by fixing it, because you are also saving the energy it takes to heat it.

SHORTEN THAT SHOWER

Cut just 5 minutes off your shower time and save up to 25 gallons a day!

SLOW THAT FLOW

Inexpensive faucet aerators can save gallons of water per person every day! Faucet aerators, which break the flowing water into fine droplets and incorporate air into the flow while maintaining wetting effectiveness, are inexpensive devices that can be installed in sinks to reduce water use. Aerators can be easily installed and can reduce the water use at a faucet by as much as 60 percent while still

maintaining a strong flow. More efficient kitchen and bathroom faucets that use only 2 gallons of water per minute — unlike standard faucets, which use 3 to 5 gallons per minute — are also available.

TURN OFF THE TAP

Turn off the water when you're not using it, like when you're brushing your teeth, shaving, in between rinses when washing dishes and save up to 8 gallons a day!

GO LOW FLOW

Replace your old shower head with a low-flow model and cut your water use by 20 percent or more every time you shower. Showers account for about 20 percent of total indoor water use. By replacing standard 4.5-gallon-per-minute showerheads with 2.5-gallon-per-minute heads, which cost less than \$5 each, a family of four can save approximately 20,000 gallons of water per year. Although individual preferences determine optimal shower flow rates, properly designed low-flow showerheads are available to provide the quality of service found in higher-volume models.

UPDATE APPLIANCES

When it's time to update your appliances, go for a front-loading washing machine and a water-efficient dishwasher. You'll save both water and energy.

REPLACE OR MODIFY THAT

WATER-GUZZLING TOILET

If possible, replace your old toilet with a modern, water-efficient one and use about half the water per flush. Don't forget that there are many rebates that are offered for water efficient toilets and if you can take advantage of these it won't cost you too much and possibly nothing. If buying a newer water efficient toilet is not a possibility, there are things that you can do to modify your toilet to make it use less water! Place a plastic container in the tank of your toilet (such as a milk jug) weigh it down with water or pebbles, this will take up some space in the tank so that the tank fills faster, with less water and uses less water to flush. Plastic containers come in all sizes enabling you to choose one that will not interfere with the flushing mechanisms and giving you options on the amount of water you are using to flush, more than 1 gallon of water can be saved per flush! A toilet dam can also be used. A toilet dam holds back a reservoir of water when the toilet is flushed. Toilet dams result in a savings of 1 to 2 gallons of water per flush. Toilet dams can be purchased online at a variety of sites including Amazon.

IN THE KITCHEN

In the kitchen, 10 to 20 gallons of water a day can be saved by running the dishwasher only when it is full. If dishes are washed by

hand, water can be saved by filling the sink or a dishpan with water rather than running the water continuously. An open conventional faucet lets about 5 gallons of water flow every 2 minutes.

IN THE BATHROOM

Water can be saved in the bathroom by turning off the faucet while brushing teeth or shaving. Water can be saved by taking short showers rather than long showers or baths and turning the water off while soaping. This water savings can be increased even further by installing low-flow showerheads, as discussed earlier. Toilets should be used only to carry away sanitary waste.

IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM

Water can be saved in the laundry room by adjusting water levels in the washing machine to match the size of the load. If the washing machine does not have a variable load control, water can be saved by running the machine only when it is full. You can also save on your energy bill by using cold water in your wash. If washing is done by hand, the water should not be left running. A laundry tub should be filled with water, and the wash and rinse water should be reused as much as possible. This is considered grey water and can even be used to water your lawn, or wash your car, any outdoor use.

SAVE THE SALT

Use a broom or rake to clean off

those walkways and driveways, not your hose, no need to waste that water. Salt is not the only thing that can be used to help with the ice on your walkways and stairs. Sand or sawdust will work just as well, without adding the unnecessary salt into our waterways and drinking water. Tons of salt is used each year to keep motorists safe but everything that is on our streets goes into our water and salt in large amounts can be toxic to both aquatic life and humans. Salt makes its way into our lakes and rivers and our drinking water so there is no need to add to it.

KEEP OUR STREET NEAT

Everything you put on the street or down a storm drain eventually ends up in our water, the water that we all drink. So please remember not to dump anything down those storm drains, and clean up pet waste. When it rains everything gets washed into our waterways, everything in your yard and your neighbors yard, so if you want clean water to swim in and clean water to drink, help us all out and clean up that waste.

WINTERIZE

Time to put away that garden hose, don't forget to shut off that valve so you have a less likely chance of your pipes freezing. It's also time to bring in those empty rain barrels and store them in your garage or basement so they don't crack over the winter.

Tribal code: Chapter 21 — hunting bear, baiting & dogs

Win Awenen Nisitotung will be running excerpts of Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code: Hunting and Inland Fishing. If there's anything you want to know about, please email jdburton@saulttribe.net.

21.705 BEAR.

Bear may be harvested with a bow and arrow, cross bow, rifle, shotgun or muzzleloader subject to the following.

- (1) Bear season shall commence on the same day as the State of Michigan's first bear season and shall end no later than the last day of the State of Michigan's last bear season.
- (2) The hunting of bear shall be authorized by a Bear Permit.
 - (a) A Tribal member shall not hunt bear without having on their person a valid Bear Permit.
 - (b) The number of Bear Permits available for each year's hunt shall be determined by the Department.
 - (c) The Committee may

authorize the transfer of an issued Bear Permit to another Tribal member.

- (d) Permits shall be restricted to stated geographic boundaries.
- (e) No Tribal member shall engage in hunting for bear outside the geographic area designated on their Bear Permit.
- (3) No Tribal member may disturb a bear den or harass a bear in its den.
- (4) No Tribal member may take a cub or a sow accompanied by a cub.
- (5) Tribal members may use bait subject to the following.
 - (a) Bait may be used from July 1 to October 26;
 - (b) Bait may be hung from a tree or placed on the ground;
 - (c) Bait may be placed in a barrel or other container intended to hold bait so long as the barrel or container is fastened to a tree or other immovable object

in a manner that prohibits a bear from carrying off the barrel or container away from the baiting site;

- (d) Bait in a TB zone must be presented in a manner that renders it inaccessible to deer or elk.
- (e) There is no limit on the type or amount of bait.
- (f) Containers used to transport bait to a baiting site must be removed from the baiting site and disposed of properly.
- (6) Tribal members may use dogs subject to the following.
 - (a) No more than eight dogs may be run as a pack during season or training season.
 - (b) All dogs must be immunized.
 - (c) No Tribal member shall train a dog on a captive or otherwise restrained bear.
 - (d) No Tribal member may use dogs to hunt bear one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.



Eric D'Autremont sent in a photo of the buck he harvested on Sept. 16.



Sault Tribe member in Arizona, Nathan LaCost, seen above with his 2011 bear, holds the world record (127 1/8) in Non-Typical Coues' Deer. He's going for a record elk and promises to send photos.

Make your own snowshoes at Tahquamenon Falls Dec. 17

Tahquamenon Falls State Park will offer a snowshoe making workshop on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Tahquamenon Falls Brewery and Restaurant, located at the park's Upper Falls parking lot.

Participants in the one-day workshop will weave a pair of traditional white ash snowshoes, choosing from three available styles: Ojibwe, Cross Country and Green Mountain.

The workshop registration fee of \$170 includes all materials and equipment needed to make one pair of snowshoes. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required before Wednesday, Nov. 30.

To register for the workshop, call the park at 492-3415. For more information about the workshops, go online to www.michigan.gov/dnrvisitorcenters and click on Tahquamenon Falls Education Program.

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Births ...

JUDE CAMPBELL CARLSON

Jude Campbell Carlson was born to Todd and Lindsey Carlson June 17, 2011, at Bell Memorial Hospital in Ishpeming, Mich. She weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20.5 inches in length. The proud grandparents are Jim and Lynn Garipey of Munising and the late Clyde and Florence Carlson of Richmond.



COLE W. CORBIERE

Cole William Corbiere was born Sunday June 5, 2011, in Toledo Hospital to Jon and Sarah Corbiere of Toledo, Ohio. Cole weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches in length. Grandparents are Alan and Donna Byron of Venice, Fla., and William (Joe) and Carol Corbiere of Sylvania, Ohio. Cole is the great grandson of the late William (Teepee) Corbiere.



MAKENIZE RENEE JACKSON

Makenize Renee Jackson was born to Howard and Leah Jackson on Sept. 14, 2011, at Lima Memorial Hospital in Lima, Ohio. She weighed 8 pounds and was 19 inches in length.

Grandparents are Sandra Koch of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Howard and Terri Jackson of Waynesfield, Ohio. Great grandmother is Eva Allen of Wapakoneta

and great great uncle is Fred Aslin of Charlotte, Mich.



Potvin makes Dean's List seven times

Sara L. Potvin has achieved Dean's List seven straight semesters at University of Southern Maine. She is the daughter of Terrence Potvin and Debrah Long.



WAY TO GO SARA!

In loving memory of Frances Causley Smith

In Loving Memory of our dear mother Frances "Causley" Smith. It has been 10 years (October 24) since you left us.

Dear Mom,

You left when I remember specifically telling you to "be good." I want you to know that I have forgiven you for leaving.

I hope you knew how much we loved you, we weren't always good at saying it.

If you need any of us to get a message to someone, please feel free to stop in. We would love to see you.

For the most part we are all still getting along pretty good. We

would like you to tell dad, Dode, Becky, Bill and grandma we all said "hi" and we miss them each and every day.

There are so many more that we would like you to say "hi" to for us, but this sheet of paper isn't big enough. You know who they are, so please tell them.

If heaven is as beautiful as I imagine it is, I am so happy for you.

Would you tell God thank you for giving us the best mother in the world. If I have forgiven you, then why is my heart still hurting?

Love - Tad, Maggie, Bev, Nancy, Betty, Freddy and Patty

Walking On ...

JOHN H. MCNEIL

John H. McNeil, 66, of St. Ignace, Mich., died Wednesday morning at his home surrounded by family. He was born July 22, 1945, in Gould City to George and Jennie (Newton) McNeil.

John graduated from Engadine High School in 1963 and served in the US Army. He has been a self-employed carpenter all his life, living in Galveston, Texas, for 28 years, moving back to Gould City in 2002, then to St. Ignace this past year.

He is a member of Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and was active in the Pool League in Gould City. He had a great sense of humor, according to his family.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; twin son and daughter, Russell (Jan) McNeil of Castle Rock, Colo., and Carol (Nelson) Breaux of LaMarque, Texas; step-son William (Scooter-Bill)

and Michael DeWilt of Dallas, Texas; brothers and sisters, James Newton of Gould City, Mary Helen and Jerry McFarland of Milford, Mich., George (Connie) McNeil of Gould City, Aurilla Peterson of Riverside, Calif., Harry and Gail McNeil of Grand Rapids; and grandchildren Jarad, Amber, Tyler and Hunter along with step-grandchildren Kolton and Kendall.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 3 p.m. at the Gould City Town Hall with Pastor Earl Bercott officiating. Burial was in Gould City Cemetery. Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

MARIE M. QUAY

Marie M. Quay, 99, of St. Ignace passed away peacefully Saturday evening, August 27,

See "Walking On," Page 18

Skyler Gray shares essay

Fourth-grader Skyler Gray, 10, received an "A" on the following essay:

BY SKYLER GRAY

I hate when people smoke. The smoke gets in my face, I agree to ban smoking from all bars and restaurants.

If you smoke it just seems fine for you, but for others it's harmful for them to breath it in. Smoking causes cancer and lung cancer. Secondhand smoke kills people every year, also people's lungs dry up and they can die. 75% of people want the ban in Michigan,

20% do not want to ban smoking.

Life means you are alive so if you smoke you may not live longer, because it can cause cancer also lung cancer.

I agree with the law of banning smoking from all bars and restaurants. So I agree.

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First Sault Tribe police chief, Jon Johanson, walks on

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe's first police chief, Jon Brian Johanson, walked on last Sept. 26 at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He was born into the Cherokee Nation on April 21, 1943, in Mount Pleasant, Mich., and was chief of the Sault Tribe Police Department from 1983 to 1991.

Johanson applied for a position with Sault Tribe as a law enforcement officer in 1983 after having acquired considerable training and experience in the field. His training included attending the United States Indian Police Academy in Brigham City, Utah, where he was commissioned as a U.S. deputy special officer for the Department of the Interior. He returned later and studied supervision of police personnel. He received certification as a Michigan law enforcement officer at the Wayne County



Sheriff Police Training Academy through the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council and acquired advanced

certification from Kirtland Community College through the Clare County Sheriff Department.

His experience with public safety stems from a stint in the U.S. Navy as an airman covering details involving security, fire-fighting and flight deck operations and rescue. He was self-employed for several years and also worked in a couple of positions with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, including as captain of their then fledgling police department. Later, he accepted a post as a deputy sheriff with the Clare County Sheriff Department in Harrison, Mich.

Perry Cushman was a detective with the Chippewa County Sheriff Department and a friend of Johanson. They sometimes worked alongside each other during the developmental years of the Sault Tribe Police Department.

These days, Cushman is with the Mackinac County Sheriff Department in St. Ignace, Mich. He characterized Johanson as someone who cared about the best interests of everyone.

"He was willing to listen to anyone, to try and help them with their problems," Cushman said. He indicated a similar observation when it came to managing the tribe's police department, "He always tried to make things better for people to do their jobs." Johanson was a member of American Legion Michigan Post 3, Moose Lodge 717 and the Disabled American Veterans who enjoyed traveling, hunting and fishing. He was a continuing student of sociology, psychology and the rights of American Indians.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Marjorie L. Hartwig; son, Brian J. (Amber) Johanson

of Bedford, Texas; daughters, Amy A. Johanson of Sault Ste. Marie and Jennifer R. Johanson of Brimley; sister, Charlene Woodbury of Mount Pleasant; and eight grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Casey, Michael, Shelby and Kaleb Johanson, Joshua Messer, Haley Brown and Zoey Parrish.

Services for Jon Johanson were conducted on Oct. 1 in Sault Ste. Marie and his final resting place is in the Mission Hill Cemetery in Bay Mills, Mich.

A move is in progress to have a yet to be defined commemorative fixture installed in the tribe's George K. Nolan Judicial Building in Sault Ste. Marie in recognition of Johanson's pioneering place in the history of the Sault Tribe Police Department. Those who want to support the project may call Margie Hartwig at (906) 253-0443.

Walking On...

From "Walking On," Page 17 2011, surrounded by her family. She was born June 19, 1912, in Alpena to Joseph and Helen Winifred (nee Chase) Paquin. Mrs. Quay spent much time in Detroit with her husband, Harold. The couple was married April 5, 1932, in St. Ignace by Father Holland. In Detroit during World War II, she made bandages for overseas delivery for the troops with other ladies of her church. She moved back to St. Ignace in 1966. She was an active member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church and St. Anne's Altar Society. Mrs. Quay worked for the Indian Village and other gift shops and did not retire until she was 86 years old.

She loved working on dinners for the church, and her favorite thing was playing Yahtzee with her nieces, great-nieces and great-nephews. She also loved to get her tokens at the casino and have lunch with friends and relatives. Mrs. Quay was a member of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, Leonard and Sally Valentine, Bobby and Yolanda Lounsberry, Fred Paquin, Mary Jo Paquin, Cathy Paquin, John and Linda Curtis; and many great- and great-great-nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold, who died October 11, 1965; nieces and nephews, Fred Lounsberry, Helen Howarth, and Linda Bigger; three sisters and two brothers, Helen Mailhot, Bernice Carlisle, Margorie Richer, Joe Paquin, and Fred Paquin.

Mass of Christian burial took place Aug. 31 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church with Father Pawel Mecwel officiating. Burial will be in St. Ignatius Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice House in Cheboygan with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home, which assisted the family with arrangements.

ROBERT BYNOE II

Robert H. Bynoe II, 43, of Mackinac Island, died unexpectedly Aug. 20, 2011, at his store in

Mackinaw City.

He was born Dec. 17, 1967, in Southfield to Robert H. and Judith Ann (nee Dufina) Bynoe.

Mr. Bynoe was graduated from LaSalle High School in St. Ignace in 1986, and from Parks College, St. Louis Missouri University in 1991 with a degree in ANP and Aero Maintenance Management.

He was a private pilot and worked at Great Lakes Air for a season. He has owned Oak Tree Gifts on Central Avenue in Mackinaw City since 1997, which is the store that burned in 2008, and he rebuilt and reopened it in 2009.

Mr. Bynoe was a master of many trades, especially remodeling his mother's home on Mackinac Island and his sister's home in Petoskey. He was a member of Ste. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island and a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Mr. Bynoe is survived by his mother, Judy Bynoe of Mackinac Island; a brother, Jamie Bynoe of Mackinac Island; three sisters and their families, Katie and Randy McKay of Chassell, Patti Schoenborn of Petoskey, Peggy Bynoe of Grand Rapids; aunts and uncles and their families, Dorothy and Don Diaz of Northville, Margie DuBach of Brownsville, Mary Ann and Dr. Richard Tirrell of Ealego, Calif., Ron and Mary Dufina of Mackinac Island; nieces and nephews, Riley, Kaitlyn, Dawson, and McKenna McKay, and Lily Schoenborn; and his paternal grandmother, Frances Bynoe of Southfield.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert H. Bynoe, Sept. 8, 2001.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 24 at Ste. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island with Father Jim Williams officiating. Burial will be in Ste. Anne's Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Ste. Anne's Church Stained Glass Fund or the Mackinac Island Community Foundation Music Fund with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home, which assisted the family with arrangements.

DAVID FLICK JR.

David "Detroit Dave" Flick Jr. passed from this life Oct.

7, 2011, in Durant, Okla. at the age of 52 years 10 months 15 days. He was born on Sunday, Nov. 23, 1958,

to David L. and Gladys (Taylor) Flick Sr. in Detroit, Mich. He was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

David was a truck driver and enjoyed seeing America from behind the wheel of his trucks.

Mr. Flick is survived by his wife, Diane L. Flick of Durant; mother, Gladys Platt of Kincheloe, Mich.; daughter, Lisa J. Flick of River Rouge, Mich.; sisters, Roberta Curtis of Rubyard, Mich., and Jacqueline Peltier of Herron, Mich.; brothers, Bill Dessenberg of Louisiana, Nicholas Flick of Florida; grandchildren, Cameron (Destiny) Haywood of River Rouge, Makyla Jean Williams of River Rouge and Zachary S. Clinton of Pulaski, Tenn.; 14 nieces and nephews and nine great-nieces and nephews as well as many other relatives and friends.

David is preceded in death by his father, David L. Flick Sr.

A memorial service was held Oct. 9 at Holmes-Coffey-Murray Funeral Home in Durant with Rev. Wanda Johnson officiating.

Family and friends may send online condolences and view tributes at www.coffeymurray.com.

FRANK F. WARD

Frank F. Ward was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on July 7, 1932. He was the youngest of 11 brothers and sisters, all of whom have passed away before him.

After serving in the U.S. Navy,



he moved to Melbourne, Fla., in the 1950s as his brother, Hank Ward, did. He learned land surveying and retired in the 1990s.

He left behind a daughter, Donna Cramer; sons, Stephen F. Ward and Matthew H. Ward; six grandchildren; and many family members in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was a proud Chippewa. Until we meet again, dad, we love you and will miss you dearly.

Any family members can contact Matthew H. Ward at rightcut61@hotmail.com.

MARGUERITE LOUISE POUNDERS

Marguerite Louise Pounders, 89, of Fair Grove, Mo., passed away Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, at the James River Care Center, Springfield. Marge was born on Jan. 7, 1922, in Detroit, Mich., to Harry and Ethel (Davis) Hicks. She was of the Baptist faith and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Michigan. She was married to Oather "Oat" Pounders on April 7, 1939, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 15, 2000. She loved to go to garage sales and was

always looking for the next great bargain.

Surviving are four sons, Don Pounders and wife Marilyn of Grants Pass, Ore., Dennis Pounders of Branson, Lance Pounders and wife Kathy of Boling Green and Paul Pounders of Springfield; four daughters, Virginia Casterton of Branson, Sharon Horn and husband Ron of Rogersville, Velma Ingersoll and husband Bill of Branson and Cynthia Preston and husband Jim of Rogersville; one sister, Virginia Bruder of Cheboygan, Mich.; two sisters-in-law, Hazel Hicks of Cheboygan, Mich., and Elizabeth Hicks of Clawson, Mich.; 15 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

Marge was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Albert Pounders; daughter, Judith Lynn Baney; two grandchildren Renee Kidwell and Joey Casterton; her three brothers, Busie, Harry and Don Hicks.

Funeral Services were Oct. 17 at the Preston-Marsh Funeral Home, Rogersville. Burial was in the Fordland Cemetery, Fordland, Mo.

— SIMPSONS —



Evelyn J. Simpson with her beloved husband, Gordon A. Simpson.

Tribal Elder Evelyn J. Simpson, 84, went to be with her beloved husband Gordon A. Simpson on July 26, 2011.

Surviving her are three sisters, Virginia Vanderstar, Doris Beaune and Joyce House, as well as nieces, nephews and many cousins.

Evelyn was cremated and her remains will join Gordon's in the Gulf of Mexico. Thank you to everyone who sent such beautiful cards and remembrances.

Higher Education awarded 112 grants for fall semester

By BRANDI MACARTHUR

Every year the Sault Tribe Higher Education Department offers a grant program for full-time students who are attending a two-year or four-year public college or university and who demonstrate an unmet financial need as determined by their college's financial aid office.

Students were required to submit a Higher Education Assistance Application, an updated W-9 form and a copy of their Sault Ste. Marie of Tribe Chippewa Indians membership card to Higher Education by July 1. They also completed their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

Once students' forms are processed, the Higher Education Department requires students' college or university to complete a Higher Education Assistance Grant form, which determines each student's direct education costs, such as tuition, college fees, books and supplies, and room and board.

It also includes the anticipated student resource amounts such as family contributions, Pell grants, Michigan Indian Tuition Wavier, college work study, Michigan competitive scholarships, private scholarships, university grants, supplemental education opportunity grants and any other free student assistance that the student is not required to pay back. The Higher Education Department then calculates the student's financial need for the grant program based on direct education costs minus the student resources.

For the Fall 2011-2012 aca-

demical semester, Sault Tribe Higher Education was able to award grants to 112 students attending 22 Michigan public community colleges and universities. The maximum award amount per student was \$750. These funds are sent directly to each school's financial aid office. Students who applied for the program will be notified via a letter to the address listed on their W-9 form whether or not they were awarded grant money for the Fall semester. The same students who applied for the Fall grants will be eligible for one more semester of grant money for the 2011-2012 academic year as long as they are still enrolled full-time at a two- or four-year public college or university within the state of Michigan and still demonstrate an unmet financial need as determined by their college's financial aid office.

The Higher Education Department will offer the grant

program again next year. Students will be required to complete their FAFSA by March 1 even if they are not going to college until the winter semester. The FAFSA is free and is required for any federal student assistance. You may download a free application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students will also be required to submit an annual Higher Education Application, W-9 Form, and a copy of their tribal card between January 1 and July 1, 2012. Due to limited funding we cannot accept late applications.

For more information about Sault Tribe Higher Education grant programs, you may contact Brandi MacArthur, Administrative Assistant, at (906) 635-7784 or bmacarthur@saulttribe.net. You may download a current Higher Education Assistance Application or W-9 form at www.saulttribe.com under the Education page's download section.

Clement and McCoy honored for years of service to Head Start



Brandy McCoy and Elaine Clement.

Elaine Clement and Brandy McCoy were honored for their years of service to the Sault Tribe Head Start and Early Head Start Program. Clement and McCoy each volunteered three years of their time as members of the program's Policy Council.

Policy Council is a required committee for all Head Start programs. It is comprised of Head Start and Early Head Start parents and community members. The Policy Council is responsible for making decisions that guide and direct their local programs. There is a three-year term limit for members of the council. Both Clement and McCoy served as parent representatives.

Clement said, "It's been a privilege and honor to serve on this committee, to help serve our children and families in the community. I would encourage parents of Head Start or Child Care Center to get involved with these programs. The programs are very progressive in educational activities and it has been a pleasure working with the staff."

McCoy added that serving on the Policy Council for Head Start has been very enjoyable. "I am very pleased to be a part of the policy council; we have a big impact on what goes on in the Head Start with approving policies and such," she said. "Not to mention the lunches are very good!"

Tribal Energy Program college student summer internships available

Current college upper-classmen and graduate students, who are familiar with Native American culture and tribal issues, are needed to support Tribal Energy Program efforts with technical project tasks. College students are needed to assist a cross-disciplinary team to perform specific tasks at Sandia National Laboratories. Interactions will be with Sandia's renewable energy staff, Native American tribes interested in renewable systems, and Sandia's American Indian Outreach Committee. Travel will be required, including field visits to renewable energy

projects.

REQUIREMENTS

The student applicant must be a U.S. citizen and a Native American, defined as a member of a federally recognized tribe, Alaska Village, or Alaska Corporation (excludes state-recognized tribes; bands or groups; and first peoples of Guam or Hawaii). Specific interest in renewable energy is required.

APPLICATION PROCESS

For information on the application process, contact Sandra Begay-Campbell at (505) 844-5418 or skbegay@sandia.gov.

Apply now for Higher Education Self-Sufficiency Incentive Awards!

REMINDER: There is still time to apply for the Sault Tribe's Higher Education Self-Sufficiency Incentive Awards!

In order to be eligible, students must submit a 2011-2012 Higher Education Assistance Application, W-9 form, copy of their Sault Ste. Marie of Tribe Chippewa Indians membership card and a copy of their grade report for the Fall 2011-2012 semester. Their grade report must include the student's full name, college's name, term, number of credit hours and the grades received in each class. We recommend that students use either an unofficial transcript or

official transcript. Grade reports must be submitted between Dec. 1, 2011 and Jan. 31, 2012.

Due to the high volume of incoming student grade reports during the months of December and January, please submit your application, W-9 form and copy of your tribal card prior to Dec. 1. Grade reports may be faxed directly to Brandi MacArthur, Administrative Assistant for Higher Education, at (906) 635-7785, emailed to bmacarthur@saulttribe.net or mailed to Brandi MacArthur at 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. We recommend that students keep a

copy of their confirmation emails or the fax transmission sheet verifying that the student's records were received in our office. Due to our limited funding we cannot accept late applications or grade reports.

For a 2011-2012 Higher Education application and W-9 form, you may visit our website at www.saulttribe.com and visit our Education page where the forms are available in the download section. For more frequent updates, you may visit our FaceBook page: Sault Tribe Higher Education.

Udall Foundation taking applications for scholarships and internship

The Udall Foundation is taking applications for 80 scholarships and a congressional internship.

The \$5,000 Udall Scholarship is awarded to 80 undergraduate sophomores and juniors pursuing careers related to tribal public policy, native health care, or the environment.

Applicants must be a Native American/Alaska Native to be eligible in the first two categories.

Udall scholars also attend the Udall scholar orientation and are

immediately plugged into a growing and active alumni network.

The deadline is March 5, 2012.

The Native American Congressional Internship is a 10-week summer internship in Washington, D.C. for Native American and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about the federal government and issues affecting Indian Country.

The internship is fully funded. The Foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem for food and incidentals and a

stipend at the close of the program. Undergraduate seniors and juniors, graduate students, law students, and recent graduates are eligible to apply. The deadline is Jan. 31, 2012.

More information is available at <http://www.udall.gov>.



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Elders: don't forget to send back dividend form



JOSEPH EITREM, TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii,

As the last of the leaves begin to fall we're reminded that the holiday season is quickly approaching. Thanksgiving is the first to arrive at the end of this month, I hope you all have the opportunity to show gratitude to those who

matter most in your lives.

With that in mind, one group who I am thankful for is our elders and the wisdom they give us. We will celebrate with them at our annual elder holiday lunch which will be held at our Kewadin Sault.

Another message to our elders: please remember to send back your elder dividend form. These forms were mailed on Oct. 19 and must be returned by Nov. 15. If you have not received a form by Nov. 1, call the Enrollment Department at 1-800-251-6597 or (906) 632-8552.

We provide a variety of programs for the elders of our tribe including in-home services, medication delivery, non-emergency medical transportation, a bi-monthly newsletter, meal program and an annual payment from the tribe's Land Claims Fund. The amount elders receive in the elder

dividend payment varies each year based on the interest earned from the Land Claim fund and the number of eligible elders. Like populations across the state and nation, each year, we see the number of eligible elders increase while the interest available remains relatively constant.

I attended the United Tribes meeting in Manistee this month and was reminded that the challenges we face as a tribe are faced by many other tribes in this state. We need to remember to work together on issues — to band together as one — to make our voices heard. Some of our board will discuss national issues with tribes throughout the country at an upcoming National Congress of American Indians conference. I look forward to hearing what was discussed and what we can do together when they report back to the board.

Our Chi Mukwa facility is performing very well this year. All areas have shown an increase in net profit or a decrease in loss compared to the same time frame in 2010. I'd like to thank all the staff involved for their great work in making many improvements to this facility.

As I have written previously, the tribe is constantly looking at new opportunities and cost saving measures that could improve our financial stability. Recently, we were made aware of some opportunities we could take advantage of by switching insurance carriers. As of the first of the year, we will switch our insurance carrier from Blue Cross Blue Shield to NGS. The new carrier will work with us on cost containment measures and gives us more control over our health plan, which ultimately will benefit our employees.

Our Unit I board seat is still

vacant. We have voted twice on three nominations we currently have, but have not come to a majority agreement. Nominations were first taken on Sept. 27, and voted on at our Oct. 11 and Oct. 18 meetings. We will continue this process until we have a representative to fill the seat. It is our duty, as spelled out in the tribal Constitution, to vote in a unit representative when a seat is declared vacant.

In closing, I would like to thank the Unit III St. Ignace Elders Sub Committee and Phyllis Colegrove for welcoming me at their meeting and presenting me with an eagle feather. I was honored and humbled to receive such a noble gift.

If you would like to call me, contact the office at toll free at 1-800-793-0660 or locally at 635-6050.

Respectfully,
Joe Eitrem

Vice chairwoman reports on 2012 budget items



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

As reported, we have reviewed and discussed many of the budgets for 2012. We have yet to finalize them, as the board has not supported all presented. We have been in the reviewing stage of wage and job description grids, which will increase pay for some positions, while decreasing in areas as well. We have yet to decide how to plan for the increase needed as well as NOT decrease any employee. We are attempting to bring wages where

they should be for ALL employees. This has been done in stages throughout 2011 and an amount needed will have to be included in our 2012 budget. We have also budgeted a 3 percent increase (cost of living) for all employees.

Human Resources has also been taking suggestions and preparing policy changes to our employees policies. Some simply do not work, while others, simply don't make sense. I've been diligent at keeping this process moving and believe we have many changes to make.

Director Hollowell and I continue to be in support of securing the constitutional amendment and pursue a CEO for our tribe; the discussion is difficult because not all agree that we even need one. We are in a place where the authority and accountability lies with the whole board and that only adds to the confusion and direction. I simply do not want the authority at the board level, it does not work and many hours are spent "micro-managing." The top executive staff should be held responsible and if things

aren't getting done, there lies the accountability and it can be held as such. The way we are going is a free-for-all. Legislation, strategic planning, reform and policy should be the major items our board should pursue for our government and businesses. We will continue to place this on our agenda until we come to a resolve. We also have many more items that are being added.

I'd like to remind everyone that we still hold by weekly quarterly reviews for the membership. This was implemented about two years ago and started out very well. Members were invited to hear directly with the board reports from each department within our tribe. I encourage members to attend so they may see how each department is doing as well as ask questions that you may have. The schedule is posted on the website or call 1-800-793-0660 for the dates.

We held a unit meeting in Newberry this past month and I'd like to thank those who attended. The meeting was not well advertised but was in my last report

and posted at the tribal center. In the future we will also post it on our website and send elders a notice.

Below is a summer program available to college students; this kind of information can always be obtained by contacting our Education Department. I receive many calls about summer programs available to tribal members. Those who live outside the service area are in need as well. If you have questions about national programs our Education Department is here to service and provide resource information so even if you don't live here, we can still assist.

DOE's Tribal Energy Program is seeking current college upperclassmen and graduate students for summer 2012 internships. Students must be U.S. citizens and Native Americans (defined as a member of a federal recognized tribe, Alaska Village, or Alaska Corporation) with specific interest in renewable energy.

To apply, see the website listed below <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/internships.cfm>.

I will be attending the National Congress of American Indians conference this coming week. Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf of tribal governments, promoting strong tribal-federal government-to-government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights. Our tribe will be sponsoring resolutions and I will be prepared to present those items on our behalf. I will be in working session all week on the final documents as others tribes may have input, so a full report of my participation and outcome will be in my next report.

As always, if you would like to meet or contact me please call or email. (906) 484-2954 or lcausley@saulttribe.com.

Baamaapii,
Lana Causley,
Vice Chairwoman

Miller reviews snapshot of Sault Tribe affairs



TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

By the time you read this, we may be seeing the temperatures dropping and the possibility of a few snowflakes falling.

The Board of Directors (BOD) continues to do the policy and oversight duties that keep the

inner workings of the tribe proceeding smoothly.

Work continues in the effort to fill the vacant position in Unit I. The BOD seems to have a problem in deciding who would be the best person to fill the vacancy. This is why I believe that a mechanism needs to be put in place, in case this happens in the future, where the next highest vote getter in the most recent election is automatically put in place. This takes the BOD politics out of the process and assures that the voters of that particular unit have decided who fills the position in a timely manner.

I do not feel comfortable in deciding who is seated in the Unit I position due to the fact that I am not from that unit and do not vote in the unit. Unless

someone changes their mind, I do not see us filling this position before the next election.

Two percent applications have been reviewed and funded and, as always, there were many more applications than there were available monies. This year's fall amount was \$74,941.

The BOD is working with the tribal administration to keep the budget process under control and on target, while providing the maximum amount of services to our membership. This is a continuous process throughout the year.

This brings to me another subject and that is the recent change of our health insurance provider from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to our former Tribal Programs Administrator, NGS.

This was done in an effort to

remain within the budget and to avoid the projected deficit that would occur if we stayed on the present path. Let us hope that the level of health service continues. The BOD will be monitoring the new service to ensure this.

BOD members are attending several meetings that allow us to get input that will affect legislators and the laws they write. By splitting the duties among the board members, we can attend more of the important meetings. We must stay vigilant, and protect tribal interests, both at the state and federal levels.

On the local level, our two commercial tribal fishermen continue to be incarcerated in the Delta County Jail on state charges and conviction. Once again, I am very alarmed with the apparent lack of concern at

the board level. Tribal sovereignty and rights are being stepped on in this move by the state legal system. I will continue to revisit it as often as needed until action is taken.

The possibility of the JKL Bahweting school expansion continues as committees meet and try to determine the best avenue to allow for an increase in student enrollment.

Several economic development projects are being looked at by the tribe as we attempt to increase our revenue sources. We have some viable projects that are being reviewed and considered for possible action.

Once again, enjoy the remainder of the fall months and stay healthy. If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 644-3334 or cell (906) 322-3827.

H.R. 1505 is a direct threat to tribal sovereignty



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

The icy cold winter is knocking on our door! Enjoy what's left of our beautiful but short fall days! Our Annual Veterans' Pow Wow will once again be held at the Kinross Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011. I hope to see you all there! Come out to honor our men, women and their families who have given their lives to keep our country free! They have sacrificed so much and continue to do so. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families and don't forget to say an extra special thank you to our warriors and their families.

Speaking of our veterans, I had the opportunity to spend time and attend an Indian Health Service and Department of Veterans Affairs Conference with our very own Mary Beth Skupien, Director of the VHA Office of Rural Health and Ms. Stephanie Birdwell, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the partnership between Indian Health Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs, efforts accomplished in Michigan, and opportunities for the future. Also discussed were how VA could reach out to tribal governments and increasing access to VA resources for Veterans in Indian Country.

Included in the presentation were top staff from IHS and VA Directors from Saginaw and Iron Mountain. Also included were rural health coordinators and consultants. We discussed VA programs, sites-tertiary sites, medical centers, CBOC's, points of contact, eligibility, referral process care coordination/care choice and outreach.

John Drumsta of the Veterans Benefits Administration discussed VA benefits and individuals signed up for workgroups to discuss how to better serve our people.

We have awesome opportunities to partner with the Veteran's Administration in an effort to provide better outreach services to our tribal veterans. This is a service that we just don't have right now. I will keep you informed of progress being made as I plan to stay closely involved with this development. What I am very interested in is obtaining funding for a VA tribal coordinator position.

We have already made plans to hold next year's meeting in Sault Ste. Marie and will be inviting all Michigan leaders and health directors to attend. The purpose of this

meeting will be a follow up to this meeting to make sure that progress is made for our veterans. We are very fortunate to have Mary Beth and Stephanie, two strong Native women, at such high levels in the Veterans Administration. They are looking out for us and will make sure that the VA staff does their very best to improve access to our tribal veterans.

United Tribes Meeting

While attending the United Tribes meeting this past Tuesday (Oct. 25), Executive Director Frank Ettawegishik brought forward an emergency draft resolution titled, "Oppose the National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act, H.R. 1505."

It reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act (H.R. 1505) prohibits the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from impeding, prohibiting or restricting the activities of the Secretary of Homeland Security on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture that are within 100 miles of the international land and maritime borders of the United States; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1505 authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to have immediate access to public land management by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture within 100 miles of the international land and maritime borders of the United States for purposes of conducting activities that assist in

securing the border;

WHEREAS, H.R. 1505 enables the Secretary of Homeland Security to immediate access to these lands for the purpose of maintaining and constructing roads, fences, and infrastructure, and using vehicles to patrol, and setting up monitoring equipment; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1505 waives the application of thirty six (36) environmental laws on these lands managed by the Interior and Agriculture departments, including National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act and the Administrative Procedure Act; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1505 use the terms "federal lands," "public lands" and "land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture," alternatively and without reference to specific definitions;

WHEREAS, H.R. 1505 may apply to tribal lands within the 1,000 mile zone around the international and maritime borders of the United States; and

WHEREAS, if passed H.R. 1505 may enable the Secretary of Homeland Security to have immediate access to these tribal lands and engage in the aforementioned activities without the consent of

tribal governments and without having to comply with 36 federal or tribal environmental laws; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1505 is a direct and profound threat to tribal sovereignty, including the territorial and jurisdictional integrity of tribal lands and the protection of tribal environments, natural resources, sacred places cultural activities, subsistence practices and tribal lifeways; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

The resolution was unanimously approved by the leadership at United Tribes. I fully support this very serious issue! Because this directly affects our tribe, we were asked to sponsor this resolution at the up and coming National Congress of American Indians Conference to be held in Portland, Ore. As our delegate, Director Causley will co-sponsor this along with Chairman Finley of the Colville Business Council. I'm sure they will do well and NCAI leadership will pass this resolution.

Register to Vote!

Our elections will soon be upon us and it is always important that you register to vote. You may register any time now and if you haven't, please do so.

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

Departments' quarterly reports worth attending



KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

Having our division directors give quarterly reports to the board of directors and to the members is an integral part of our tribes

disseminating information. The board does show up on these published dates but rarely do any of our members. It may be because the meetings are during the day or it may be that members are not aware of the dates but if we can make them easier to attend I would like to see that happen.

In our last quarterly division reports, the Cultural Division explained repatriation of our grandfathers. Many institutions are now returning remains from our area to the local tribes. These remains are honored and in a culturally respectful manner reburied as close to the area they were disinterred from. Hundreds of remains were placed back in our hands this year, mostly from Michigan universities. Some

were buried in Hessel and the Sault areas. Some were places on Mackinac Island but none were reburied back in St. Ignace. The reason for that is that no formal Native burial grounds have been established here. A large percentage of the remains come from St. Ignace but are buried elsewhere. I ask the tribal residents of St. Ignace what their thoughts are on this. Do we want to rebury our ancestors back here? Can we find a suitable plot of land to repatriate these remains to? All of us should work to make this happen. Land donated to the tribe would be held in the Trust Land bank and would forever be a place to bring back our lost grandfathers. If you have any thoughts or suggestions please call or write me and we will dis-

cuss the possibilities.

In another review we discussed our Purchasing Department of the tribe. These reports are very in depth and very complete. Six years ago the tribe did not try to standardize the products they purchased but now we have a complete system to run all our expenses through so we maximize our buying power. We have even used this process and tied three or four other tribes in Michigan together to purchase in such large bulk that we have dramatically reduced the price for all the tribes involved. Our tribe came up with and instituted these programs and procedures that many tribes now participate in.

In a lot of instances, the members only hear of the tribe's

mistakes, its losses, its failures, but what you should also hear is our great successes. There are programs that are used as national examples. Our Head Start program is one of these. Our law enforcement and our social services programs are one of the most recognized in Indian Country. Other programs like Housing, Eldercare and Healthcare are unrivaled.

So many people of our tribe work so hard to raise the standard of our people it makes me proud to be a part of it all. Thank you for all the cards and phone calls. I enjoy hearing from you all.

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How to Write an Effective Letter

Elected officials take letters from their constituents very seriously. This is especially true when individuals have taken the time to sit down and write a letter in their own words. Elected officials pay the most attention to letters from voters in their own districts. To make your letters the most effective:

1. Write a letter you would like

to receive. Use a factual, professional tone, don't exaggerate and avoid name-calling or making threats.

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

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

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

Elders, education remain tribe's first priorities



BERNARD BOUSCHOR,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Dear Member,
In 1976, the Sault Tribe
partnered with the University

of Michigan School of Public Health to do a comprehensive needs assessment. The survey of membership identified as priorities education and elders. The data provided the blueprint for future development of our tribe.

In the area of education, our tribe works in partnership with the Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools, EUP Intermediate School District, JKL Bahweting School, Sault Tribe JKL Fiduciary Board, Sault Tribe Tribal Board, Sault Tribe Housing Authority and City of Sault Ste. Marie on development of a new tribal school. In the past month, JKL School and JKL Fiduciary have issued an RFP for feasibility study and agreed to share the cost. The information will provide the necessary data for

final determination as to the scope of school development and provided the information necessary for numerous applications we will be submitting for funding.

A subcommittee of Cathy Abramson, Deb Pine and I have been meeting with Sault Area School Staff getting updates as academic performance of tribal students. A need was identified for additional staff for the Malcolm School complex. The school has about 100 students with two thirds being Native. The Sault Tribe Fiduciary Board has approved funding for the additional teacher.

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority continues to work on solving the water and sewer issues at Odenanaag housing site by modifying an existing grant for

water extensions from the City of Sault Ste. Marie and additional funding to cover the total project cost. An application for a sewer extension will also be submitted, which would provide the funding necessary to connect to the city sewer system.

The tribal elders are a priority of the tribe and Tribal Council (Board of Directors). The U-M survey of membership in the '70s identified elders as a priority. The tribe pursued the settlement of a treaty claim against the federal government. This was finally settled in 1998 with the passage of Michigan Indian Land Claim Settlement Act. The tribe conducted a survey of the membership and results were clear — the tribal priority was

to help elders. The tribal board established the land claims fund for the elders. The tribal board in addition established elderly tribal self-sufficiency funding (revenue from Kewadin Casino) for health and funeral assistance. The tribal board authorized funding received from Greektown be added to land claim funds for the benefit of the tribal elders. The surveys of membership, the establishment of land claim fund and the allocation of additional Greektown Casino funding, the establishment of elder self-sufficiency funds are a clear indication that the membership and leadership continue to follow the belief that our elders are a priority.

Bernard Bouschor,
Tribal Council, Unit I

Asserting your voting rights is crucial to tribe



DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I

One of the most precious rights we have is the right to vote. This right separates citizenry from membership (rights from privileges). Yet nearly 40 percent our voting age citizens remain unregistered to exercise that right. In the hope of increasing the number of registered voters in our tribe, I am providing you all with some information that will assist in registering yourselves, your families, and your friends.

To follow is the Sault Tribe Election Code (with my bolds on 6 and 7):

"10.109 Registration of Voters.

(1) Any Member, eighteen (18) years of age or older on the date

of the election as determined in Section 10.105 shall be eligible to register to participate as a voter in tribal elections.

(2) The Election Committee shall conduct registration drives each June in the year prior to the Chairperson's Election Cycle by mailing voter registration forms to all unregistered Adult Members.

(3) The Election Committee shall maintain open voter registration at all times. Voter registration forms shall be available in the tribal enrollment office for unregistered Members who are within six (6) months of being an Adult and who will be Adults on or before the next regularly scheduled election. Registration forms shall also be available on the official tribal website.

(4) Resident Members shall automatically be registered within the election unit in which they maintain residency. Non-resident members shall select the election unit in which they will participate for election purposes. Registration forms must be filled out completely to become registered.

(5) Once a Member has Registered, the Member's registration status is permanent and shall not change, subject to

Subsection (4) and Subsection (6).

(6) A resident member who loses their resident members status by moving out of an election unit must register pursuant to subsection (4) above.

(7) In order to be eligible to participate as a voter in an upcoming election, the Member must be Registered at least ninety (90) days prior to the election. Only Registered voters shall receive Ballots.

(8) Voter registration rolls shall be certified by the Election Committee and maintained by the Tribal Registrar."

If you are curious as to whether or not you are currently registered, you should contact the Enrollment office at 1-800-251-6597 or locally at (906) 632-8552. The tribal registrar keeps these records and will be able to tell you whether or not you are registered. If you are not registered, below you will find a copy of the voter registration card. Fill it out and send it in. In order to register, you must complete and return a voter registration form to the: Tribal Election Committee, P.O. Box 102, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Then, if you are unsure your voter registration

request has been received and your packet sent out, you can call the tribal board office and ask for Tara or Joanne at 1-800-793-0660 or locally at (906) 635-6050.

The Enrollment Department is also the place you should call to change your address. All communications to members, including the newspaper, are sent via the database from enrollment. (The newspaper and some notices are sent "one per household" and therefore will not be addressed to everyone within your home). If you have not received your paper, ballots or notices from the tribe, or to be sure all persons within your home are listed, PLEASE call Enrollment and make sure they have your current address! Changing your address at the Health Center or Tax Office does not change your address at Enrollment. Laws prohibit sharing this information. If I could stress the most important place to change your address, it would be with Enrollment! It is their database that creates all mailing lists! Please call the Enrollment office at the numbers given above.

Not everyone or every household will receive this newspaper. Not everyone has a computer with

the internet to access this article... so it is important we share this information with our tribal friends and family. Please pass this information on. If you know of someone who has not received a ballot, a paper, or has moved, please give them this article or information.

Without a tribally-based voter registration drive, it is up to us as citizens to make sure we have secured our right to vote by keeping our address current with the Enrollment Department, and making sure we have registered to vote.

On another note... if you have minor children and have not enrolled them with the tribe, you should think about doing so. Once a minor turns 18, they are no longer eligible to enroll themselves. You may be receiving services for your enrollment eligible child, but once they turn 18, if they are not enrolled they will not qualify for any services. Just something to think about.

As always... I am available to take your comments or answer questions. You may contact me at djmalloy@saulttribe.net or (906) 440-9762.

Respectfully,
DJ Malloy

SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

Non-resident Members must choose one of the five election units in order to vote in Tribal Elections. They should consider selecting the unit in which they have the closest ties and indicate below the unit they select. Registration is permanent unless you move in/out of an election unit. This form must be received by the Tribal Election Committee ninety (90) days prior to a general election in order for the registration to be valid. The address to which my ballot should be sent is:

Please Print

NAME _____ MAILING ADDRESS _____

STREET (PHYSICAL) ADDRESS _____

CITY & STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

To verify identity, please include last four numbers of your social security: - - -

I understand that this voter registration card must be completed and received at least 90 days prior to a general election to be eligible to vote in Tribal Elections.

I register to vote in Unit _____ SIGNATURE _____

(Must have signature to be Valid.)

Gathering Rites: Fall Mushrooms Fair and Foul

All of these mushrooms look tasty at first glance, but one of them is deadly poison — read below to find out which one! It was a good year for some mushrooms but not others. Some years we get lots of spring mushrooms but not fall mushrooms. Other years, summer mushrooms are plentiful and so forth. It's a trade off on the weather.



Baby Lion's tooth mushrooms taste like melted cheese.



These are lemon boletes, popular but not to my taste.



Several varieties of chanterelles, a gourmet mushroom.



Shaggy manes are probably my favorite mushroom. Here they are in various stages the oldest being inedible.



Here's how shaggy manes look on the inside. They are very good with tomatoes, tomato sauces and on pizza.



Meadow mushrooms taste a lot like the button mushrooms in the store. Here they are in different stages of development.



Apricot gels are supposedly edible.



A coral mushroom called a cauliflower mushroom. They even taste like cauliflower.



Another kind of coral mushroom. Don't eat corals growing off of wood.



If you guessed this mushroom to be the poisonous one, then you're wrong. These lobster mushrooms have a meaty texture and hold up well in stews. They are the product of a fungus parasitizing a russala mushroom.



On the left is a normal russala mushroom, and on the right, one that has been parasitized by the fungus.



Here's the poisonous devil! Amanitas come in yellow, red and white, the white also known as the destroying angel. The caps open and form parasol shape as they mature.

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