

# Bawating Anishinaabeg “Idle No More” on capitol steps

BY JACKIE MINTON, CULTURE DIVISION

On Jan. 28, the Idle No More movement held an International Call to Action Day in conjunction with Canadian members of Parliament returning to the House of Commons. It was called to peacefully protest attacks on democracy, indigenous sovereignty, human rights and environmental protections.

Flash mob/round dances were held on every continent, and a special call to all jingle dress dancers was made to dance for the healing of our water and Mother Earth. Fifty Sault Tribe members traveled to Lansing to attend a flash mob/round dance and speaker event on our capitol's front steps. Singers and drums from Kitchitikipii and M'kwa Giizhik stepped up to sing for the people. Jingle dress dancers also went down to dance for healing of our waterways.

Over 30 of our own tribal youth took part and stood supporting our Mother Earth by either singing with the Kitchitikipii and M'Kwa Giizik Drums, dancing, or holding a sign that they will not be idle in their communities any longer.

Speakers educated participants

on the matters not only our relatives in Canada are facing with their national governing system, but also on those we face here in Michigan.

Our chief, Aaron Payment, spoke on the passing of a law by the Michigan legislature to hunt the wolf, which has been on the endangered species list for the past 50 years. Right now there are fewer than 700 wolves in Michigan and their numbers are only just starting to recover. The state has spent hundreds of thousands in money for their recovery only to turn around and allow people to kill them for sport through this law. It is legal to shoot a wolf that is attacking livestock or our dogs so it really is just for trophy or “sport” to kill wolves. We do not eat wolf, so it does not make any sense. It is part of our teachings that Ma'iingan was Nanaboozhoo's partner who walked with him as he named everything in Creation and whatever would happen to ma'iingan would happen to the Anishinaabeg.

Speakers also talked about banning “fracking” in Michigan so that our Great Lakes and waterways are not turned into toxic, radio-active, carcinogenic

chemical sludge.

Protection of our women was also discussed and asked to be supported with the reintroduction of the Violence Against Women Act in the 113th Congress.

I would like to thank our chief, Aaron Payment, not only for his support but for coming down there with us and speaking for the wolf in Lansing. I would like to say miigwech to our tribal council-board of directors for being so supportive that they made sure a bus was available for us through Kewadin Travel to make the trip.

But first and foremost I believe that we as a tribe must thank our youth and participants that stood in the cold rain and wind to let the world know that — WE ARE IDLE NO MORE. Our youth and those willing to stand up for Mother Earth have an active role and voice in shaping the policies and laws concerning the respectful care for our mother. We also will have a positive impact in our communities so that our women and waters are protected and treated with love, care, and thoughtfulness, which is our way. Miigwech, miigwech, miigwech, miigwech!



Sault Tribe Chief Aaron Payment, Jackie Minton, Unit I Director Cathy Abramson are “Idle No More” in front of Michigan's Capitol Building. See more photos on page 14.

# Coalition launches petition drive to stop wolf hunting

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Keep Michigan Wolves Protected recently announced a broad-based steering committee in its referendum campaign to reject the new Public Law 520 that classifies the wolf as a game animal, thus paving the way to establish a wolf hunt.

On Jan. 17, the State Board of Canvassers approved petition language to stop wolf hunting. Grassroots organizing meetings are being held across the state to train volunteers to gather petition signatures.

Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron A. Payment is a member of the steering committee overseeing the

effort. The Sault Tribe is based in the eastern Upper Peninsula and its members exercise their reserved right to hunt fish and gather in their treaty ceded territory, which takes up a substantial portion of the Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan.

“We support the effort to stop the planned killing of wolves in Michigan,” Payment said. “This matter is all about the wolves and does not involve Michigan's long tradition of hunting. American Indians are proud hunters for sustenance and not sport. A sacred animal to Native Americans, the wolf is just making a comeback and with so few in numbers, there

is no rational justification for killing wolves.”

Payment urges anyone who opposes wolf hunting to make sure they sign the petition. For more information, to volunteer, or obtain a petition, visit [keepwolvesprotected.com](http://keepwolvesprotected.com). Sault Tribe has petitions ready for signature. Call (906) 635-6050 or stop in at a tribal center.

Keep Michigan Wolves Protected is a coalition of animal welfare organizations, conservation groups, Native American tribes and religious leaders who are working to gather 225,000 signatures of Michigan voters by late March to qualify for the November 2014 general election ballot. The coalition is gathering signatures in response to the Michigan legislature's last-minute approval of a bill during the lame-duck session that paves the way for the trophy hunting of wolves in Michigan for the first time in nearly 50 years.

State legislation reclassifying the gray wolf into a game species, SB 1350, was signed into law Dec. 28. The new law, Public Act 520, allows the state's Natural Resource Commission (NRC) to create a gray wolf season in Michigan. PA 520 also establishes a wolf hunting license and sets fees for resident and non-resident licenses.

The Michigan tribes, individually and together under the United Tribes of Michigan, along with Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and the



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Humane Society of the United States, are all formally opposed to wolf hunting. The tribes do not consider broad-based population control measures such as hunting an ineffective method to manage habituated individual wolves or individual wolf packs.

Sault Tribe is “unequivocally opposed” to any recreational hunting of wolves in the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory.

In 2012, Wisconsin and Minnesota instituted a wolf season over tribes' objections. In Michigan, Sen. Tom Casperson introduced legislation to reclassify the wolf a game species, citing problem wolves on the Upper Peninsula's west end.

Sault Tribe is opposed to wolf hunting for three equally important reasons. First, the gray wolf is an important cultural and spiritual species to Anishinaabe people. Second, the gray wolf

was delisted in the Great Lakes in 2011 after a long recovery period and the Endangered Species Act requires a five-year post delisting monitoring period. Three, lack of meaningful consultation called for in the 2007 Inland Consent Decree.

The Anishinaabeg consider the wolf our brother — our oldest and original companion sacred to us. According to oral tradition, Nanaboozhoo (Original Man) and Ma'iingan (Wolf) were close companions until the Creator told them to go their own ways. But they would always be connected — what happened to one would happen to the other.

Because of state agencies — Wisconsin, Minnesota and now Michigan — allowing hunting of a species that was recently listed as endangered, the tribes have concerns regarding the long-See *See, “Wolf Petition,” page 13*

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# Employees eligible for natural gas discounts

**Natural gas discounts available to Sault Area Chamber of Commerce members and employees; all Kewadin Casinos and other Sault Tribe employees are eligible for discounts**

The Sault Area Chamber of Commerce teamed up with Integrys Energy Services-Natural Gas LLC to help area businesses — and their employees — save money on natural gas bills.

Businesses that belong to the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce and receive natural gas utility service from DTE Energy can select Integrys Energy as their supplier through the Michigan Gas Choice Program and be eligible for a special discount off of Integrys' standard rates.

Employees of Chamber-member companies can also take advantage of the Chamber discount to save money on their household natural gas bills. This

includes all Kewadin Casinos and Sault Tribe employees.

Participants can enjoy great natural gas rates and Integrys' friendly 24/7 service, while also supporting the local Sault Area Chamber of Commerce which, in turn, strengthens the business community. For each enrollment, Integrys Energy Services will donate \$25 to the Sault Area Chamber cause.

Customers who switch to Integrys Energy Services' natural gas supply will experience a seamless transition. DTE will continue to deliver natural gas using their current meters and will handle calls for outages, emergency services, and questions about residential service.

Customers will still receive their monthly bill from DTE, and it will show Integrys Energy Services' lower natural gas supply charges.

"The Sault Area Chamber of Commerce is very excited to offer this program that helps reduce costs to our member's natural gas bills," said Al Case, Chamber executive director. "This partner-

ship helps us continue to add benefits to our members and increase the value of membership. Enrolling with Integrys Energy is one more way local businesses and residents can enjoy the benefits of membership with the Sault Chamber."

Those interested in learning more about the program can visit [www.integrysenergy.com/sault](http://www.integrysenergy.com/sault),

call Teresa Louys at (906) 396-4148, or call the Integrys dedicated enrollment helpline at (888) 302-5076.

Enrollment is simple and takes less than 10 minutes. All that is required is a current utility account number, matching service address and an account in good standing with the utility.

## Current opening among Sault Tribe committees

The **Sault Tribe Higher Education Committee** has five vacant seats. Selected candidates will help review scholarship essays for the annual scholarship competition and review and recommend policies regarding the Higher Education Program. Preference will be given to individuals who have either completed a higher education program or have a child currently enrolled in a higher education program. Interested Tribal members should submit one letter of intent, including why you would like to be appointed, and three letters of recommendation to Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Please call (906) 635-6050 or email [tbenoit@saulttribe.com](mailto:tbenoit@saulttribe.com). net with any questions.

The **Special Needs/Enrollment Committee** has one vacant seat. Interested tribal members should send one letter of intent and three letters of reference to Tara Benoit 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Please call 635-6050 or email [tbenoit@saulttribe.com](mailto:tbenoit@saulttribe.com)

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The **Great Lakes Conservation Committee** has three vacant seats for a Large Boat Captain License Holders. Interested tribal members should send one letter of intent and three letters of reference to Tara Benoit 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Please call 635-6050 or email [tbenoit@saulttribe.com](mailto:tbenoit@saulttribe.com) with any questions.

The **Child Welfare Committee** currently has two 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. Please call 635-6050 or email [tbenoit@saulttribe.com](mailto:tbenoit@saulttribe.com) with any questions.

The **Inland Conservation Committee** 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. Please call 635-6050 or email [tbenoit@saulttribe.com](mailto:tbenoit@saulttribe.com) with any questions.

## Lester benefit dinner March 2

A benefit dinner for Mary (nee Neadow) Lester is set for the Manistique Tribal Center on US-2 next to the casino on March 2, 2 to 8 p.m. Spaghetti, salad and dessert, \$6 per person, children 3 and under free, includes an auction and bake sale.

Mary is a lifetime community member and a Sault Tribe member diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer who has been traveling to the Mayo Clinic and Escanaba for treatment. This benefit will help with travel costs for her treatments.



## STLE holding community forums; open to all Sault Tribe members

**SUBMITTED BY ROBERT MARCHAND, CHIEF OF POLICE**

As part of Sault Tribe Law Enforcement's (STLE) goal to strengthen our community policing efforts, we would like to invite our tribal members to a community forum on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at 6 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, 2186 Shunk Road, in the Whitefish Point Room. Representatives from the Sault Tribe Housing Department will also be on hand.

Our goal is to hold these forums in the following locations over the next few months: Kinross (March 13, 6 p.m., at the Kinross Recreation Center); St. Ignace (March 20, 6 p.m., Casino Event Center); Hessel (March 28, 6 p.m., Tribal Community Center); Manistique (April 10, 6 p.m., Tribal Community Center); and Munising (April TBA).

These forums are the first step toward creating a cooperative relationship between Sault Tribe

Law Enforcement and the tribal communities we serve. We would like input from our community members on ways that we, STLE, can better serve our members residing within our jurisdiction. We are also looking for ideas and suggestions on how you, our community members, can assist us in our efforts to keep our communities safe and free from crime and disorder.

We are looking for input on not only our public safety duties, but our conservation enforcement efforts as well. We would like to gather input from our members who can help us identify concerns, set priorities and assist in finding solutions to the problems our members are seeing throughout our reservation lands and the 1836 Treaty area.

STLE has been tasked with the responsibility and authority to serve and protect our tribal communities; this is a responsibility that we take very seriously. We know we cannot do this without

community involvement. To provide the services and protection our members deserve, we invite you to attend these forums and offer input, information and suggestions. Our hope is that strengthening our relationship with community members will allow us to better serve you.

This will be an informal meeting with the initial goal of establishing more open lines of communication between STLE and the members we serve. We will provide general information regarding what we do, who we are, share some statistics as far as the different types of calls we respond to with any trends in the type, and thoughts on what you can do to assist us in our efforts to keep our communities safe.

Working together, we can provide safe neighborhoods for our members and their families, and preserve and protect our natural resources so they are here for future generations.

## Sign up for emergency alerts via cell phone

Sault Tribe members and employees can now sign up for Sault Tribe Emergency alerts and notifications via text messages. Text "STEM" to 888777 to receive emergency notifications via cell phone from Sault Tribe Emergency Management.

Notifications and updates will be sent only during an emergency, such as messages informing members and employees of hazardous weather conditions with regard to road and building closures.

Early notification keeps people off the road, and therefore safer, according to Chief of Police Robert Marchand.

Any member or employee with a work or personal cell phone can sign up for the free

service.

The new system is made possible by Nixel, a service that helps communities across the country stay connected to their police departments, schools and agencies. Once you are in STEM's system, you will receive any alerts and emergency notifications it sends out. For those with privacy concerns, Nixel does not track its users. Some carriers have difficulty with short codes like 888777. So if you get an error, please contact your carrier to enable the code.

Because Nixel is now available does not mean other more traditional notifications will stop — TV, radio, Internet and other media will still be used. But Nixel is an early response system

that will inform members and employees as early as possible to help keep them as safe as possible and therefore everyone is encouraged to use it.

## Indian Energy to present report March 26

Indian Energy is scheduled to make a presentation at 1 p.m. on March 26 during the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors workshop at the Sault Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. Tribal members are welcome to attend.

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# EUP school suicide prevention campaign begun

The Chippewa County Suicide Prevention Coalition is coordinating presentations of the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program in eastern Upper Peninsula schools in January and February. The Yellow Ribbon program was created in 1994 by Dale and Becca Emme, after their son, Mike, died by suicide.

The Emmes wrote words of hope and help on bright yellow ribbons pleading with others to ask for help rather than end their life. Within three weeks, word was received that a young girl was saved when she used the bright yellow message to ask for help. Since then, the message "Ask 4 Help!" has been felt

around the world.

The Yellow Ribbon Program teaches people how to recognize signs of suicide and how to ask for help. Yellow Ribbon cards are passed out at each presentation and participants are instructed to hand their card to someone if they feel that they need help. Participants are also asked to stay with a person and call for help if they are handed a Yellow Ribbon card.

The Chippewa County Suicide Prevention Coalition has been in place for 11 years and has made it a goal this year to spread the message of hope to as many youth and community members in Chippewa County as possible. In

November of 2011, 13 individuals in Chippewa and Mackinac counties received training presented by the Yellow Ribbon Program.

This year's Yellow Ribbon campaign is being coordinated by Barbara Weber of Weber and Devers Psychological Services and by Mark Clymer, chairperson of the Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens (LIFT) of Mackinac County. Presenters include state trooper Ailene Bitnar, Kristina Beamish of War Memorial Hospital, Mark Clymer of LIFT and community member and survivor Linda Christie.

It is the mission of the coalition to educate community members on the fact that suicide is

preventable. Between 2008 and 2011, Chippewa County alone confirmed 29 deaths by suicide and dozens more attempted suicide.

"It is said that one completed suicide affects six people; we would like to create an awareness in this community in which people immediately know how to help someone who is experiencing suicidal thoughts," said Karen Senkus, coalition chairperson.

American Indians are especially affected by suicide. According to the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, from 1999 to 2004, American Indian males in the 15 to 24 year old age group had the highest suicide rate in the

U.S., and suicide ranked as the second leading cause of death for those aged 10 to 34.

Community members are encouraged to join the Chippewa County Suicide Prevention Coalition. Regular meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at Hiawatha Behavioral Health.

If you know of a community group that is interested in a Yellow Ribbon presentation or other suicide prevention presentation or information, please call Karen at (906) 253-3103.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, please call the National Suicide Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK.

# January winter survival camp



This year's winter survival camp took place on Jan.18-19 at the Mary Murray Cultural Camp on Sugar Island. Group leaders were Hunter Captain, Julian McGinnes, Dale Teeple and Rita Devoy. Camp participants were Samantha Grossett, Jocelyn Nystrom, Jon Daley, Gabriel Mckerchie, Andrew Benoit, Nathan Benoit, Sara Weber, Madison Weber, Zachary Bruce, Ashley Hackworth, ValJean LaTour, Morgan McQuston, Gregory Currie, Mathew Landerville, Sara Landerville, Anthony King and Taylor Causley.

# February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

What a healthy relationship should have:

- Trust
- Respect
- Support
- Independence
- Love
- Friendship

What an unhealthy relationship has:

- Disrespect
  - Name Calling
  - Emotional Badgering
  - Isolation
  - Physical Abuse
  - Sexual Abuse
- AND, in more cases than not,  
- DEATH

As teens develop emotionally, they are heavily influenced by their relationship experiences.

Healthy relationship behaviors can have a positive effect on a teen's emotional development.

Unhealthy, abusive or violent relationships can cause short-term and long-term negative effects, or consequences to the developing teen.

Victims of teen dating violence are more likely to do poorly in school and report binge drinking, suicide attempts and physical fighting. Victims may also carry the patterns of violence into future relationships.

If you feel your teen may be a victim or perpetrator, there is help. Contact the Sault Tribe's Advocacy Resource Center today at (906) 632-1808. The Advocacy Resource Center offers community education, advocacy, shelter services and crisis counseling for victims of domestic assault, sexual assault, stalking and teen dating violence.

*Did you know the federal government has an auction website? Shop for anything from homes to computers and jewelry at [www.govsales.gov](http://www.govsales.gov).*

# Sambrano, Brown join ACFS staff based in Kincheloe

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Nicole Sambrano recently joined the staff at Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) as a case aide for Child Placement Services.

She is based out of the ACFS office in Kincheloe and will be supervising visitation between tribal children in foster care and their parents, and coordinating which parent will be picking the children up.

Prior to being hired by ACFS, Sambrano was a medical assistant doing Hospice work for 20 years and the past 18 months she has been an employee of the Sault Tribe Day Care Center as a teacher's assistant.

Most of her work for ACFS will be focused on the eastern end of the tribe's service area - from St. Ignace, Kincheloe and the Sault - to occasionally Newberry.

She said she is looking forward to helping tribal families and has now come full circle - from working with the elderly to children and now being in a position to help support families. Sambrano is from White Lake, although her father was born and raised in the Sault and she still has family in the area.



Nicole Sambrano, new case aide for Child Placement Services.

Sambrano has three sons, her oldest, 22, remains in White Lake, while her two younger



Amie Brown, new caseworker for ACFS based in Kincheloe.

sons, 18 and 16, attend Rudyard High School.

Amie Marie Brown is a new

caseworker at ACFS, offering support services to families in the Kincheloe community. She has been on the job since Jan. 2, and loves her new job.

Brown, 34 was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie and lives near Hessel with her husband and two sons. She graduated from LSSU with a bachelor's in Human Services and obtained a bachelor's and master's in psychology from Grand Canyon University.

Prior to her present position, Brown spent five years with the Child and Family Services Decisions to Actions program.

Brown and her family greatly enjoy the outdoors, especially kayaking. She's taken them down the Pine, Waishkey, Rifle and Manistee rivers, to name a few.

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# Stay warm and safe with some winter-wise tips

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Elders, did you know that you don't shiver from the cold like you did when you were younger until it's almost too late? That surprising piece of information comes from Sault Tribe Emergency Manager Matthew Carpentier. By the time you do start shivering you will be almost hypothermic with fingers or toes that are beginning to get frostbite and turning pretty shades of red, blue or purple.

So, the next time you walk out to your mailbox don't try to be a tough Yooper and go outside in your t-shirt and mocs, put on a coat, hat and gloves! Yes, for the minute or two you will be outside it seems like a lot to ask, but it really isn't. If you have a scarf handy you may as well tie that around your head and over your mouth and nose; you won't be breathing in cold winter air and your neighbors won't hear the muffled comments you are making about your hat hair.

Yes, you have lived in the cold

all your life and you've heard it all before. Since some people are stubborn or have a hard time believing these concepts can apply to themselves, let's say anyone over 65 should take heed. If you are younger and feeling the cold in your bones then apply this to yourself as well, practice makes perfect and makes sense.

Get used to pampering yourself more and informing your family or friends where you are going and what route you are taking in case your car slides off the road. That way they will know where to look for you when they don't hear from you, or you don't show up where you were expected.

Of course if you keep your cell phone handy, maybe in your coat pocket, you will be able to call for help. Don't put your phone somewhere in your car so if you have to slam on your brakes or slide into a snow bank it will go flying out of reach.

And if you do slide into a snow bank and are unable to get out of your car, or are on a rural road

with no houses in sight, you could reach into your winter emergency kit on the floor behind you (if you had one there) and pull out a wool blanket and if it's dark, your flashlight. Maybe even a candy bar or can of tuna to snack on while you are waiting.

Other things your emergency kit would be thankful to have include a first aid kit, warm clothing, booster cables, a windshield scraper, shovel (just a small one, they even have ones that fold), rock salt or cat litter, can opener (unless you buy cans with pull tabs) and a container of drinking water.

When you get back home and are stepping out of your car, be aware of where you are putting your feet. Has the driveway been cleared and salted or are you about to step on ice hidden under the snow? If shoveling is too difficult for you, ask a family member, friend or local organization for help. Those winter boots you bought last fall with the non-skid soles will come in handy and

if you use a cane, then you must have already replaced the worn smooth rubber tip with a new one that has that little ice-pick attachment on it to help keep you from slipping.

When you are safely inside your house and have all your winter clothing off and realize you are a bit chilly, here are some do's and don'ts to remember: Do be careful with space heaters and make sure they are at least 3 feet away from anything that might catch fire. Do keep a fire extinguisher in areas where you use fireplaces, wood stoves and kerosene heaters. Do keep a window cracked open when using a kerosene stove. Do have your chimneys and flues inspected yearly and cleaned when necessary. And, for safety's sake, do use smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Keep them in areas where you use fireplaces, wood stoves or kerosene heaters. Do not ever try to heat your home using a gas stove, charcoal grill or other stove not made for home heating.

Now that you've heard it all

again and most of it you already knew, it's time to put it into action! It will be too late when you are sitting on the side of the road with the front of your car in a snow bank and you don't have a candy bar behind your seat to eat or a cell phone in your hand because it flew across the passenger seat and landed on the floor. Then, when you finally get out of that mess and back home, because the tip on your cane was smooth or you didn't look first before taking that step, you fell! What a day! So, start your day out right and when you head out to get your mail, bundle up and be safe.

And what can the under 65 crowd do to help? Offer a hand when it's needed, open a door, offer a ride, or shovel or plow a sidewalk or driveway. Our elders ask for help? The last time I checked they were all still 39!

For some good informative emergency and preparedness reading, visit Sault Tribe Emergency Management's Web page (blog) by going to: <http://stemergency-management.wordpress.com>.

## Tribal Court juries: Important membership responsibility

SUBMITTED BY JOCELYN FABRY, CHIEF JUDGE

Parties involved in certain Tribal Court cases have the right to a jury trial when requested, pursuant to Tribal Code and the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, 25 U.S.C. §§ 1301 et seq. In either a criminal or civil case, the role of the jury is to render an impartial verdict on questions of fact officially submitted to them by a court. The judge's duties, in turn, are to interpret the appropriate law and instruct the jury accordingly.

Pursuant to Tribal Code §70.126(2), juries in Tribal Court consist of tribal members over the age of 18 who reside in Chippewa County and who have not been convicted of a felony. The Tribal Court jury pool is selected randomly each year. Tribal MIS randomly selects 300 names from a list obtained from the Enrollment Department.

Once the Tribal Court receives the list of names, the Court will mail out a notice of selection for the jury pool along with an attached questionnaire. Candidates for the jury pool must return the questionnaires within the requested timeframe, or risk being called to court for a show cause hearing to explain to the court why they did not return their questionnaires and why they should not be held in contempt.

As the Tribal Court schedules jury trials, 60 names will be randomly selected from the pool of eligible candidates. The selected individuals will receive a letter with the schedule of the jury trial and instructions to follow. On the day of the trial, the judge will randomly seat potential jurors from the pool, and the attorneys in the case will have the opportunity to ask questions of the potential jurors — a process known as voir dire. In criminal cases, "each party shall have the right to challenge an unlimited number

of jurors for cause on the basis of lack of qualifications, partiality or otherwise acceptable reason. Whether or not cause exists shall be determined by the Judge in all instances. In addition, each party shall have the right to a maximum of three peremptory challenges for jurors, for which no reasons need be given and which the Judge shall not refuse to grant." §70.126(3).

Six jurors serve in most cases, with a seventh person selected as an alternate.

After hearing the evidence presented at trial, the jury receives instructions from the judge. Then the jury privately convenes in a separate room, appoints a jury foreperson, and begins deliberations. After reaching a decision, the jury returns to the courtroom and the foreperson reads the verdict aloud. Tribal Code provides that those who serve as jurors at trial will receive limited funds to help compensate for the time spent away from personal affairs and travel expenses to and from court. §70.126(6).

It may seem inconvenient to serve jury duty. However, it should be viewed as a chance to actively participate in allowing other tribal citizens the basic freedoms to which they are entitled. If you are required to serve on a jury in Tribal Court, you become, along with the lawyers and the judge, an officer of the court, a party of the judicial system with an important responsibility to your tribe and your fellow tribal members. Obviously, the Court cannot conduct jury trials unless tribal members are willing to perform this duty. Jurors are essential to the administration of justice.

Recently, Tribal Court has sent out the 2013 Jury Selection letters and questionnaires, yet there are many individuals that have not returned them to the court. If you have recently received a jury

questionnaire, please fill out both sides and return it to the Tribal Court. If you have any medical or mental conditions that may keep you from sitting as a juror please attach documentation. All requests to be excused from jury duty are reviewed and ruled upon by the judge. In addition, in order to ensure an efficient process, please keep your address up to date with the Enrollment Department.

If you have any additional questions about jury duty or the processes of jury pool selection, you are welcome to contact the Tribal Court at (906) 635-4963.

## Elder committees meetings for February and March

Sault: March 6  
Hessel: Feb. 18 and March 18  
Newberry: Feb. 15, March 15  
Naubinway: Feb. 27, Mar. 27  
St. Ignace: March 8  
Manistique: March 13

Escanaba: Feb. 21 and March 21  
Munising: Feb. 18; March 4, 18  
Marquette: March 7  
Elderly Advisory Committee Meetings: March 25

## Board appoints appellate judges to tribal court

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors reappointed Donelda Harper to a four-year term as appellate court judge in the community member position. The board appointed William Dyke

Justin and Chad DePetro to three-year terms as reserve appellate judges. Both are attorneys, Justin in private practice and DePetro with Bay Mills Indian Community.

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# NCAI, Sault Tribe onboard with Idle No More

BY RICK SMITH

The Idle No More grassroots movement, born of American Indians in Canada in defense of treaty rights, continues worldwide and is growing more sophisticated in the realm that facilitated its birth: cyberspace.

Visitors of the website [www.idlenomore.ca](http://www.idlenomore.ca) will find news of current events related to the movement as well as a copy of its manifesto and vision statement along with biographies of its founders. People interested

in finding Idle No More events that they may be able to attend can peruse a listing of Facebook links to events in states and cities, mostly in the United States and Canada, where activities are taking place. The website hosts many other features as well.

The movement declared Jan. 28 as a day of action to peacefully protest “attacks on democracy, indigenous sovereignty, human rights and environmental protections when Canadian members of parliament return to

the House of Commons.”

A contingent of Sault Tribe members traveled to Lansing to conduct a rally and round dances in front of the state capitol building on Jan. 28. According to a schedule from event organizer Jackie Minton, at least one bus departed from the Nigaanigiizhik Ceremonial Building about 6:30 a.m. with stops in St. Ignace and Gaylord

before dropping off folks at the front steps of the capitol shortly after noon. The travelers conducted dances and listened to speakers before leaving to return home at about 4:30 p.m. Minton also coordinated an Idle No More rally in Sault Ste. Marie on Dec. 27.

The National Congress of American Indians officially weighed in the issues surround-

ing the movement on Jan. 10 supporting the Assembly of First Nations and the rights of Canada’s First Nations for government-to-government consultation and called on the Canadian government to uphold the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, a document adopted by both the United States and Canada according to the NCAI.

## McPherson is tribe’s new executive director

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Christine McPherson began her new position as the Sault Tribe’s Executive Director of Membership Internal Services Jan. 22, after an impressive career in Indian Child Welfare management and reform, earning a master’s degree, taking part in a prestigious fellowship opportunity and executive level work in the social services and health care fields.

Those accomplishments, she said, have made her confident that taking on the challenges of executive director of the Sault Tribe will allow her many great opportunities to make a lasting difference by implementing good policies, institution and infrastructure — not just here and now, but also with an eye to the tribe’s future and the ever present seventh generation.

McPherson is highly regarded for her work with Indian tribes nationally, at the state level and locally, where she grew up and began working for the Sault Tribe at the age of 20.

The first in her family to attend college and earn a degree, McPherson graduated in 1980 after just three years with a degree in social services from Ferris State College. Realizing that to accomplish the goals she had set for herself she needed further education, she returned to the classroom and graduated in 1994 with a Master’s in Business Administration from Lake Superior State University. Three years later she added an Economic Development Finance Professional Certificate from the National Development Council to her portfolio and then in 1997, a certificate from the University of Missouri’s Executive Program in Managed Care.

Shortly after graduating with her master’s degree, McPherson was named a fellow of the Annie E. Casey Foundation in 1995 and entered an intensive program designed to provide a unique opportunity for professionals whose work affects the lives of children and their families.

As the executive director of Membership Internal Services, McPherson has oversight of tribal internal services such as Planning and Development, Human Resources, Communications and MIS — departments that serve as support and provide services to the tribe. She will also be overseeing membership services such as Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS),



**Christine McPherson**

Elder Services, Culture Division, Education and Chi Mukwa Recreation Center.

“I am really looking forward to doing this job,” she said. “I worked 27 years as a division director and I also worked with the management team and was right here when this tribe started. I have seen the tribe grow and struggle, get new programs and have watched it develop and feel that I know the history — the institutional problems and successes that we have struggled through. I have been a part of that and feel I have a lot to add to help the tribe continue to grow and get resources to the members.”

Beginning her work with the tribe in 1980, she spent 15 years building and implementing a tribal child welfare system to help keep tribal children in their own communities instead of being adopted or fostered out to non-Native caregivers. Working with county, state and federal agencies she accomplished her goals using the federal Indian Child Welfare Act as a reference to develop the state-licensed Binogii Child Placement Agency where she worked as a caseworker supervisor for two years before being named ACFS division director and the executive director of the placement agency in 1987.

As the ACFS division director, she was responsible for an annual budget of over \$6 million and over 60 employees working for the tribe’s comprehensive social services system that provided help to tribal members across seven counties in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

After her fellowship with the Annie E. Casey Foundation in 1995, she returned and directed the Superior Health Alliance and the growing ACFS and Binogii Child Placement Agency. In 2005, she served as both the ACFS division director and as an interim

See “McPherson,” page 1

## Support for First Nations of Canada and Idle No More

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a sovereign Nation whose Board of Directors is authorized to enact legislation under the authority of our Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is empowered to Act by Resolution to declare support for or in opposition of other entities, as well as to voice the position of the Tribe regarding various public welfare matters, including support for the inherent rights of other Native Nations, both in the United States or abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is comprised of members who descend from Anishinaabeg who have occupied this land since time immemorial and have relations where the only thing that separates us is a narrow body of water known as Baawiting. And have ourselves entered into a Water Accord Treaty and a Treaty of our four familial Nations through the Anishinaabeg Joint Commission comprised of Garden River First Nation, Batchewana

First Nation, Bay Mills Indian Community, and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe and its members find the enactment of Bill C-45 by the Canadian government diminishes the sovereign authority of First Nations by diminishing protection for sacred lands, water and other resources in and around First Nations’ lands; those lands and waterways that we share with the our Clan Relatives and First Nations; and

WHEREAS, leaders and citizens of First Nations have inspired Indigenous People around the world to have joined this social movement commonly referred to as “Idle No More,” seeking to have the Canadian government and the Crown honor treaty relations with First Nations and recognized their sovereign authority; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians as well as other Tribes have participated in the

“Idle No More” movement and have expressed solidarity with First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians supports the full exercise of all Indigenous Nations to their sovereign rights for development of their own natural resources for the benefit of their own national interests as opposed to the National Interest of the Recognized Governments of the United Nations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians declare support for Idle No More and call for a meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Stephan Harper and the Honorable Chief Spence as well as other First Nations Leaders in support of the efforts of First Nations, and their Citizens, as they seek a restoration of their sovereign rights and a strengthening of their nation-to-nation relationship with all Indigenous Nations throughout Turtle Island and with the Nation of Canada.

## Open Enrollment

### Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School 2013-2014 School Year Open Enrollment & Lottery Information



Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School is holding Open Enrollment for the upcoming 2013-2014 School Year. Only those who fill out an enrollment application during the Open Enrollment period will be considered for the lottery. The Open Enrollment dates are from March 5, 2013, through March 19, 2013, with evening hours from 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6. Applications may be picked up from the school office or from the school website at [www.jklschool.org](http://www.jklschool.org) beginning **March 5, 2013.**

**All applications must be received by the school office by 4 p.m. EST on March 19, 2013.**

The lottery will be held in the school cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2013, for those wishing to attend. Attendance at the lottery is not mandatory.

Those selected from the lottery will be eligible to attend the 2013-2014 school year provided they respond within three (3) school days of notification. If the deadline is not met, those children will be dropped from next year’s roster and the next name on the waiting list will be accepted.

# Tribe participating in USDA food program study

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is working on a national study of the characteristics of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) and the Sault Tribe is one of 25 tribes across the country chosen to participate.

The study is an effort by FNS to learn what it can do to continue to improve USDA tribal food programs by identifying the needs of the participants, identifying ways to make the program more beneficial to participants and to provide knowledge from the surveys that can be shared about tribes and their food programs.

To consult with the tribes and gather survey results, FNS hired nonprofit research organization Urban Institute, survey research organization NORC at the University of Chicago, and Indian-owned research firm Support Services International Inc.

"One of the questions that the FNS is asking is, 'What is stifling participation in the programs?'" Sault Tribe USDA Food



Distribution Program Director Tony Nertoli (above) said.

According to Nertoli, the tribes contend that it goes back to the program being authorized under the same federal register codes as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP). The tribe can't give the same breaks — a housing allowance and a deduction for medical expenses — to people applying for the tribal food program as SNAP does, said Nertoli.

Three tribal consultation sessions were held recently in regards

to the study in California, South Dakota and Oklahoma. Nertoli attended the consultation session held Dec. 12-14 in San Francisco. Participating tribes also took part in a conference call and webinar in January.

Nertoli says tribal food programs should be regulated at the same level of allowances and deductions as the SNAP program. "New regulations were published in the Federal Register and they took comments," he said. "It was supposed to be approved last April but officials haven't signed off on it yet."

Of the 25 tribes participating in the study, 17 will be chosen for on-site visits lasting two to three days in length. Nertoli said during those visits, the study team will look at the entire food distribution program — certification, issuing and ordering foods, nutrition education and administration.

Nertoli said that because the Sault Tribe USDA Food Distribution Program is a direct supplier to the tribal membership, they are in a handful of tribal food

programs that he says are unique. "We all do what needs to be done," he said. "Even though I am the director I also work on the line or certify people on the phone or who walk in when additional help is needed."

The Sault Tribe USDA food program offers over 100 choices of foods, including fresh, canned, boxed, refrigerated and frozen. The Sault Tribe food program also offers nutrition education, cooking demonstrations, canning classes and fun programs for youth. Another difference between the tribal food programs and SNAP in addition to the regulations is the food itself. "You have to know how to cook and prepare the food you get through our program," Nertoli said, "as opposed to SNAP where you can buy frozen meals, chips and pop."

Some of the key topics the study will be addressing within the 25 participating tribes are: demographic characteristics, household composition, employment, economic hardship and eligibility. The study will also address food storage

and preparation, program accessibility (distance and transportation), the FDPIR contribution to the food supply, other sources of food assistance and reasons for participation in FDPIR and similar programs. A final report of the study is due in late 2014 and will be posted on the FNS website.

Tribes will be working with the study team to determine which head of households receiving tribal food assistance will be asked to participate in the study. About 32 interviews will be completed per site, either in person or by phone. Survey topics will include access to food stores, facilities for storing and preparing food and client perspectives on the food program.

According to FNS, survey participants will be kept confidential and anonymous and will be offered a \$25 incentive to participate. The interviews will last about 30 minutes.

Interviews and data collection are expected to begin this August.

For more information on the study, see [www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/fdpiir/](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/fdpiir/).

## USDA signs tribal consultation policy

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack signed a departmental regulation on Jan. 31 that "establishes over-arching department-wide guidance" concerning consultation and coordination with Indian tribes.

"This regulation is intended to ensure that American Indians and Alaska Natives have full access to the programs and services offered by the department," said Vilsack. "To achieve this goal it is essential that all agencies of USDA engage with tribes in timely and meaningful consultation on policies that directly affect one or more tribes."

The regulation implements President Obama's 2009 Memorandum to Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies on Tribal Consultation, which directed "complete and consistent implementation" of Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Tribal Governments.

As approved by the Secretary, the departmental regulation directs USDA and its agencies to provide federally-recognized tribes the opportunity for government-to-government consultation in policy development and program activities "which have direct and substantial effects on their tribe." The intent is to ensure that tribal perspectives be heard and fully considered "on the social, cultural, economic and ecological aspect of agriculture, as well as tribal food and natural resource priorities and goals."

The policy sets forth criteria that all USDA agencies will use to identify actions that require the extension of an invitation to a federally-recognized tribe to engage in consultation. It sets minimum requirements for consultation and coordination, holds agency heads accountable and affirms that each USDA agency is responsible for appropriate consultation and collaboration with

the tribes.

The regulation also specifies that "each USDA agency shall provide an opportunity for tribes to participate in policy development to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law" and it notes that, "All USDA agencies and personnel shall respect and uphold the sovereignty of all federally-recognized tribal governments." Under the regulation, each USDA agency and office shall maintain an accountability process and "administrative records shall be retained by the pertinent agency and entered into the USDA Tribal Consultation Database, once it is established by the Office of Tribal Relations."

Since 2009 USDA has stepped up tribal consultation, holding more than 2,000 meetings with tribes each year. USDA has consulted with tribes on more than 100 new USDA rules and regulations. For example, since 2009, the department has worked with more than 270 tribal governments to provide healthier food for more than 250,000 low-income tribal citizens. Additionally, USDA has partnered with tribal colleges to enhance community gardening efforts and improve nutrition education.

In 2010, USDA reached an historic settlement to provide compensation for tribal producers who were wronged in the past, and today we are strengthening our outreach for the future. Last year, Secretary Vilsack appointed a Council for Native American Farming and Ranching to advise USDA efforts in tribal communities. In addition, USDA entered into new agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs that will improve access to USDA programs on tribal lands.

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# Haynes directing Soo Cooperative Pre-school

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Krystle Haynes earned a degree in Early Elementary Education, along with an endorsement for Early Education, allowing her to teach kids from pre-school up to sixth grade along with Language Arts to middle school students. She graduated from Western Michigan University in 2009 and on Feb. 1 of last year gave birth to her first child, Bella.

With good jobs hard to come by, she decided to move back home where she had the support of her family and community. She applied for two positions at Soo Cooperative Pre School, as a teacher and as the school's director.

She said she was excited and very surprised when she was offered the director position. "I love working with kids and have since I was young," she said.

Haynes had some financial help along the way from Sault Tribe Higher Education. She received incentives from the Self-Sufficiency fund, a few small scholarships, and, because she is tribal, applied for and received a Martin Luther King Diversity Scholarship from WMU.

In addition to her duties as



Two morning classes at Soo Cooperative Pre-school with decorated Pink in the Rink ribbons.

director, she teaches a morning class of 3-year-olds three days a week and an afternoon class for 4-year-olds four days a week. "I love being in the classroom doing activities and talking with the kids," she said. "I enjoy hearing their stories and watching them learn new concepts and ideas. The school is a great place for kids to come; we focus a lot on academics. I also have a wonderful staff, they have been a big help to me."

Registration for next year is already underway, said Haynes. The first week of February is for currently enrolled students, the second week is for parents who have had other children previously enrolled at the school who have a new student to register and the third week of the month is open enrollment. Parents are welcome to stop by the school located on Seymour Street and pick up a registration packet. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Haynes said her parents have been a great support system for Bella and her. "I love them; they have been unbelievable in helping me this year, it's been a rough couple of years," she said.

Her parents are Dennis and Carmen Wagner of the Sault.

# Zumbatomic classes taught in Anishinaabemowin

Sault Tribe member Amy McCoy Sayers holds Zumbatomic® classes in Ojibwe. It's fun, kinetic, immersion — and it's based on joy.

Zumbatomic® fitness is for children, using Latin music, dance and games for kids' fitness. Flashy, bright, happy colors, happy music and "kids are full of joyful energy," said Sayers, who holds two evening classes in Batchewana First Nation communities. Each group is 15 to 17 children ages 7 to 13, plus one adult who also wants to learn.

Sayers developed the idea for the class in reaction to teaching Ojibwe language within a public school curriculum in a public school setting. "I felt the requirement to have kids be quiet, sitting, working, doing schoolwork

was shortcutting the ability to foster love of learning our sacred language and culture," said Sayers.

So, she created a program centered on pure joy. "The class has with no standards outside of our own Anishinaabe ways of being and knowing," she said. "I wanted something that looked at the whole child — fostered their wholistic development and not just Ojibwe words equated to English language."

At class, the children start out with a healthy snack of fruits and vegetables. They work on their coordination and learn to speak Ojibwe. They learn about taking care of their body, such as feeding it right and warming it up before exercise. They learn about the importance of breath-

ing. They learn about the physical and cultural importance of water. Anishinaabe teachings are infused in the class, said Sayers.

After their workout and cool down, Sayers gives the children language lessons while the kids make their own healthy lunch for the next day of school.

Sayers offers incentives to speak the language by holding

a drawing for dance CDs at the end of each class. All active participants get in drawing. They get two entries if they bring back their lunch container and three depending on how much language they use.

She does not make lesson plans. Her classes are "spontaneous and serendipitous, depending on the day, the kids and how they

are reacting," she said. "If it's not working, I kick it up a few notches in whatever direction is needed."

Sayers aims to instill a love of who we are and she feels really good teaching the class. "They cheer when I come in the class sometimes," she smiled. "All kids are different — they all have something different to offer."

# Renovation complete

DreamCatchers restaurant inside Kewadin Sault re-opened Jan. 18 after a three-week renovation project boasting a fresh look including newly upholstered booths, carpeting and updated wall coverings. "We had a quick turn around on this project thanks to everyone who was involved," said Food and Beverage Director Janice Frye. "There were so many people who helped, including Jeff Behling and his crew at Northern Hospitality, Nick Louricas, Chris Homminga, John Laitinen and Dick Kurtz and all the maintenance staff, MIS and Melody Belanger for making sure the terminals and phone lines were all moved around, John Cleary and his wonderful crew of housekeepers, and finally the Food and Beverage staff from all areas, who jumped in to clean, paint, scrub, move, whatever it took to transition us over to Woodlands and then back to DreamCatchers in record time."



## Kindergarten Open Enrollment



Joseph K. Lumsden  
Bahweting Anishnabe School

### Kindergarten Enrollment, Screening and Orientation 2013-2014 School Year

Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe School is holding Open Enrollment for Kindergarten for the upcoming 2013-2014 School Year. Only those who fill out an enrollment application during the Open Enrollment period will be considered for the lottery. The Open Enrollment dates are from March 5, 2013, through March 19, 2013, with evening hours 5-6 p.m. on Thursday, March 6. Applications may be picked up from the school office, or from the school's website, [www.jklschool.org](http://www.jklschool.org), **beginning March 5, 2013.**

**All applications must be received by the school office by 4 p.m. EST, March 19, 2013.**

The lottery will be held in the school cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2013, for those wishing to attend. Attendance at the lottery is not mandatory.

The parents of those children selected from the lottery will be notified by phone to set up the appointment for the screening and orientation. The dates of Kindergarten Screening and Orientation are set for April 16 and 17.





Photos by Lori Jodoin

Experienced dancers/JKL students Alaysia Brewer - 8th grade, Gizheday Matriouis - 4th grade and Ashley Hackworth - 8th grade help Culture Director Dr. Chris Gordon teach those present at the Drum Dance Celebration about regalia, dancing and cultural traditions.



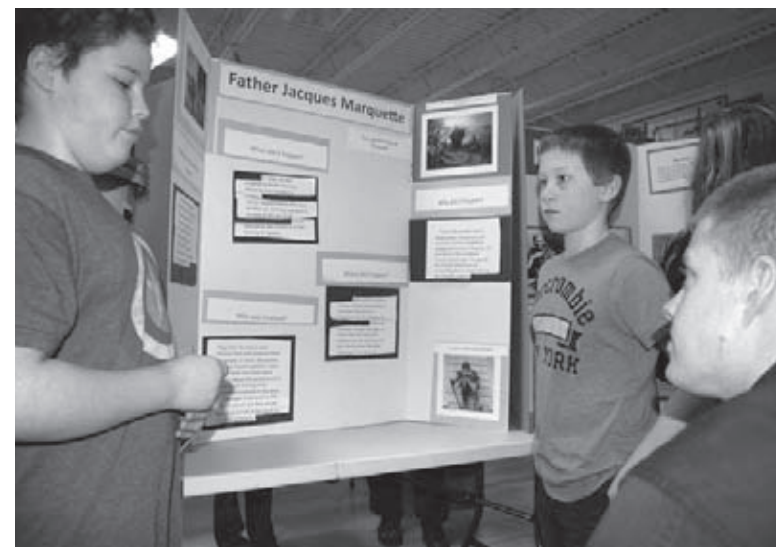
In addition to doing well in academics, kindergarten student Samantha Grossett has gained a lot of confidence since the beginning of the year. For the first drum dance social she was still shy, but for the second one she put on her regalia and rarely stopped dancing. Her beautiful smile never left her face.



Kara Batho, Cody Batho, Isabella Stratton, Ginger Stratton, Tiffeney Stratton and Abbie Church were sure glad that they didn't let the cold weather keep them at home and cause them to miss what was a great evening of fun sledding.



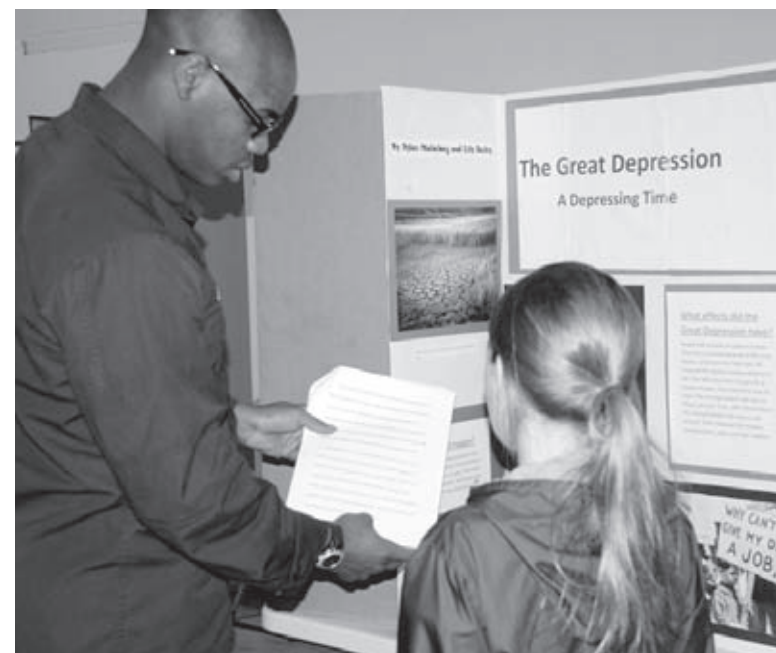
As part of Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) at JKL Bahweting School, students earn rewards by reducing the number of behavioral referrals from month to month. As a reward for accomplishing this from November to December, the students earned a dance held on Jan. 11. Lower elementary, upper elementary and middle school classes each got to spend an hour at a dance held in the school gym. Left to right: Third graders Mariam Clark, Lili McKee and Allisayah Bumstead.



U.S. Coast Guard personnel from Sault Ste. Marie served as judges for JKL School's Social Studies Fair last month, taking a shine to the students and their work.



JKL School Superintendent Theresa Kallstrom served as a Social Studies Fair judge, scoring students presentations.





# Training program benefits older military vets

BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) opened the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) last May 15 to help older qualified military veterans get up to 12 months of retraining assistance for employment purposes in over 200 high demand positions. The program is open to veterans who are unemployed, at least 35 but no more than 60, have discharges other than dishonorable, ineligible for any other VA education benefits, not receiving VA compensation as unemployable individuals and not enrolled in a federal or state job training program.

Qualified veterans may receive up to 12 months of assistance equal to the full-time Montgomery GI Bill active duty rate of \$1,564 per month and the

U.S. Department of Labor will offer employment assistance to every participating veteran upon completion of the program.

Veterans who desire to participate in the program must enroll in a VA-approved course of education offered community colleges or technical schools. The courses must lead to the acquisition of associate degrees, non-college degrees or certificates and train veterans for a high demand occupation as listed at [www.benefits.va.gov/vow](http://www.benefits.va.gov/vow) links to a listing of high demand occupations.

What's more, according to the VA, unemployed veterans with a service-connected disability may qualify for additional vocational rehabilitation and employment benefits. In order to qualify, veterans must have previously completed a VA vocational reha-

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bilitation and employment program and apply within six months of exhausting initial claims for unemployment compensation by March 31, 2014.

Further, the VA offers financial incentives to encourage employers to hire and train the VA program participants for those who applied and qualified for VA vocational rehabilitation benefits prior to hiring. Employers may receive up to half of the veterans

annual salary for six months or longer, giving veterans a very appealing edge with employers.

Veterans in Michigan who wish to start exploring the VA retraining programs might be able to do so through county veterans service officers. Most counties in Michigan have veterans services officers who are specially trained and accredited counselors who have the responsibility of helping veterans and their families in getting any and all county, state and federal benefits to which they are entitled. Office hours vary from county to county and they are list-

ed with their contact information in alphabetical order by the counties they serve at [www.macvc.net](http://www.macvc.net).

Another source for veterans to get help with VA programs is through veterans service organizations such as the American Legion and others that have service officers who visit the organizations' posts on a regular schedule.

The VRAP is a component of the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) to Hire Heroes Act of 2011. Learn more at [www.benefits.va.gov/vow](http://www.benefits.va.gov/vow) or call (800) 827-1000 toll free.

# VA, state reaching out to vets

BY RICK SMITH

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the State of Michigan are trying to develop closer relationships with military veterans of all ages and from all eras. They especially want to find those veterans in need of services for mental and physical health, education or training, housing, rehabilitation and employment among other benefits; and that goes double for veterans discouraged by past attempts in working through the VA bureaucratic maze.

Historically, as many veterans know, acquiring veterans' benefits involved navigating cumbersome processes and often included long distances from VA offices and services. Further, many veterans leave the military without a clear understanding of their benefits earned as a result of their time in service.

In recent times, the VA began taking measures to better help military veterans get the benefits they earned, and the State of Michigan is forming an agency to counsel veterans and help them get their earned benefits.

Last December, for example, the VA announced a new policy to eliminate paperwork, which allows the agency's staff to focus on eliminating the backlog of existing, unprocessed compensation claims. The new policy eliminated the annual eligibility verification form and the VA now works with the Internal Revenue Service and the Social Security Administration to verify continued eligibility for pension benefits. The VA is using modern



technology to expedite services for veterans in many ways.

Another example is the tele-health systems that allow veterans access to major VA hospitals from satellite offices near their homes.

Back in 2011, the VA started a campaign geared for veterans and their families who might not even be aware they could use some help. Make the Connection is the name of the campaign and it is easily found online at [www.maketheconnection.net/resources/va-information](http://www.maketheconnection.net/resources/va-information). Visitors to the site will find a home page with a listing of information and resources. The page also has a menu bar of helpful features, including a video gallery where over 350 veterans from all branches of the services tell about their experiences in dealing with various conditions and finding help. "When you hear someone you don't know describe exactly what you are experiencing, it gets your attention," said one veteran who observed some of the videos. Make the Connection can be found on Facebook as well.

General veterans benefits information and guidance can be found at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

va.gov.

Meanwhile, Governor Rick Snyder recently announced the creation of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, scheduled to open March 20, which will function as a coordinator between individual military veterans and the government officials responsible for providing veterans services. The state recently received VA accreditation to take actions in the interest of veterans and the new agency will have access to appropriate data bases plus the authority to supervise processing of individual cases.

Veterans' service organizations, such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and county veterans service officers continue providing help for local veterans in filing claims for benefits. Veterans service officers act as counselors for individual military veterans trying to navigate the VA bureaucracy. The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency will work with those service officers to streamline the process for applications.

Anyone interested in finding a county veterans service officer in the state of Michigan may go online and visit the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors at [www.macvc.net](http://www.macvc.net) to see a listing under the link named County Counselors or check your local telephone book listing under the appropriate county.

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# POSREP: New app for military vets

BY RICK SMITH

Military veterans who have embraced modern social networking gadgetry might be inclined to review POSREP, a new social networking mobile application that enables veterans to locate and communicate with other veterans and other resources in their surrounding areas.

"POSREP" is U.S. military vernacular for "position report." It is especially used in radio communications and refers to the precise location, usually in latitude and longitude or in distance and direction, of individual or massed personnel or mobile mechanized ground, aviation or waterborne units.

POSREP can be downloaded free of charge via links at [www.pos-rep.com](http://www.pos-rep.com) on iPhone operating systems now and will soon be available for Android and other systems.

The app features RADAR for finding veterans and resources in one's area where pop flares bring attention to you. Another feature, SITREP, allows users to "sound off," participate in "crowd sourc-

ing" and monitor "squad chatter." A capability called SQUADS allows users to stay in touch with former units or commands after leaving the service. Service Record and Badges, SRB, allows postings of military resumes with photos and CHAT organizes communications traffic between veterans, rally points and squads. Other features are in development as well.

People trying to access POSREP must contact one of four partners from the POSREP website, [www.pos-rep.com/partners](http://www.pos-rep.com/partners), to obtain a veteran verification code. Links lead to the partners, which are veterans organizations authorized by POSREP to issue veteran verification codes. The Pat Tillman Foundation, Team Rubicon, Veteran Artist Program and Veterans Green Jobs are the authorized POSREP partners.

Organizations that assist veterans reintegration are also invited to fill out partnership applications on the partners link.

POSREP is also on Facebook and Twitter.

# VA optical services now in Manistique

The Manistique Tribal Health Center Optical Department is now accepting appointments for eye examinations for ALL military veteran patients including those who are non-tribal. This has been a long (almost a two-year long process) of working with the VA in Iron Mountain to accomplish this. It is a tremendous victory for all United States veterans in our rural northern Michigan community.

More to follow, that is all for now.

# Learn about the VA benefits you've earned

If you served in the active military, naval, or air service and were honorably discharged or released, you may qualify for VA health care benefits, including hospital services. Certain reservists and National Guard members may also qualify. Check your eligibility easily by answering a few questions at [www.va.gov/healtheligibility/library/tools/quick\\_eligibility\\_check](http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/library/tools/quick_eligibility_check).

If you qualify, you can apply online or by phone, mail, or in-person. Learn more about all the ways you can apply.

For more information, visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

**Sault Area Public Schools**

**Kindergarten Round Up for the school year 2013 – 2014**

Sault Area Public Schools Kindergarten Round-Up for the school year 2013 – 2014 will be held in the Library of the Sault Area Middle School on March 12, 13 and 14, 2013.

Parents will need to bring: an official birth certificate, immunization record, social security number, and of course, your child. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Patti Oshelski at 635-3839, ext. 5033.

# American Indian governments may now seek disaster aid directly from president's office

BY RICK SMITH

After more than 10 years of pushing by Indian Country for a more appropriate process in getting federal natural disaster aid and, more recently, gaining support of the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), President Barack Obama signed a \$50.5 billion emergency measure to help victims of Superstorm Sandy, which included a provision that American Indian tribes now have the option of seeking federal disaster aid directly from the president of the United States.

Before passage of the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 on Jan. 29, which provides a legislative change to amend the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, American Indian governments

depended on declarations of disaster by state governors and received aid through the states. Tribes now have the option of applying directly to the White House or relying on state declarations.

Tribes seeking aid directly from the White House must meet certain requirements such as having disaster plans in place and the ability to produce a percentage of aid amounts in matching funds.

During the White House Tribal Nations Conference in December of 2011, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate announced that the Obama administration supports an amendment to the Stafford Act to allow tribal governments to make direct disaster declaration requests.

"Amending the law would enhance FEMA's working rela-

tionship with tribal governments and improve emergency and disaster responsiveness throughout Indian Country," said Fugate in an official release at the time. "We look forward to actively working with our tribal partners and members of Congress to support and facilitate the passage of such a change in the law."

When the president of the United States declares a stricken area a disaster area, it expedites over 60 different forms of emergency assistance from 17 federal agencies in response to 15 natural or man-made types of disaster covering needs from immediate adequate sustenance and shelter to getting emergency loans.

Deputy director of the National Congress of American Indians, Robert Holden, told the Minneapolis Star-Tribune that the

measure is a boost to tribal sovereignty and will help eliminate delays in responding to emergencies.

In recent years, American Indian tribes have been hit hard by natural disasters such as winter storms, flooding and fires, three types of disasters covered under a declaration of disaster by the president. Native nations throughout the country, especially on the Great Plains and the Gulf Coast, have experienced catastrophic blizzards, floods, fires and other incidents.

The Stafford Act, as it was written, left Indian Country with a needless loss of valuable response time in seeking federal assistance, according to the NCAI. In 2011 alone, American Indian tribes suffered disasters that resulted in losses amount-

ing to millions of dollars in tribal government infrastructure and personal property.

"Just like states, when disaster strikes, tribal nations must act swiftly to respond to protect and secure lives, infrastructure and public health," NCAI President Jefferson Keel noted last October about the then proposed measure. "These changes will also provide tribes and states critical flexibility in responding to catastrophic events when communities need it most."

The U.P. homeland of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is chiefly susceptible to winter storms, fires and flooding.

The governor declared a state of emergency for Sault Ste. Marie in the winter of 1995 after the city was buried in six feet of snow.

# Map shows names of tribes' in their own words, populations and locations before Euros arrived

BY RICK SMITH

It is widely known among our tribe's members that while many refer to us as Chippewa or Ojibwe, we call ourselves Anishinaabe. The situation is the same for many other nations; Germans call themselves Duetsch, Navajo refer to themselves as Dineh and so on. In fact, most American Indian tribes are better known by names bestowed upon them by others rather than by the names they call themselves.

Years ago, Aaron Carapella realized no maps existed that use the self-originated names of tribes in depicting Indian Country before the arrival of Europeans. At the age of 19, he started working on a project to develop a map employing the names of tribes as they call themselves. Further, he determined such a map would, in some way, indicate the sizes of the populations and regions inhabited by the indigenous nations. It would take him about 14 years, spending thousands of hours off and on in research through books, library resources, Internet and traveling to different reservations and museums.

"Many of the names on this map are not accessible in either books or online, so I had to make a lot of phone calls or find them in very small local museums," said Carapella.

Carapella designed and laid out the map with some technical consultation and printing by Overdrive Media and Printing



Photo courtesy of Aaron Carapella

Aaron Carapella displays a copy of one version of the Native American Nations: Our Own Names and Location map.

of Flagstaff, Ariz. The map uses differing sizes of typeface to indicate the relative habitat ranges

and populations of American Indian nations at about the year 1490 in what is now known as

the United States. It also features insets for more detail on certain areas and some photos placed in

appropriate areas highlighting regional artifacts, dwellings and clothing.

It is the first map of its kind, according to Carapella. He indicated his map is the first of such a map to be copyrighted and the curator of the Navajo Nation Museum told the *Navajo Times* that she never before saw a map similar to Carapella's.

The map is titled *Native American Nations: Our Own Names and Locations* and it comes in five optional versions with varying information and construction. Some versions feature the self-originated names only while other versions also include the names that originated from others outside the particular nations. Construction options range from basic bond paper to canvas. The sizes of all versions of the maps are 35 by 54 inches. Costs range from \$89 for the basic map on bond paper to \$349 on canvas. Certain discounts apply.

The maps became available last December. "Sales have started to pick up. I have sold some to tribal colleges, museums, individuals and for use in tribal administration buildings," said Carapella. He added that he is working on expanding the idea behind the map into other maps and products as well.

Those interested in learning more may visit online at [www.aaron-carapella.squarespace.com](http://www.aaron-carapella.squarespace.com) or call (949) 415-4981.

## Applications sought for Combined Federal Campaign

Applications to be a part of the UP-NORTH Michigan Area Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) are being accepted from local nonprofit organizations. Approved organizations will be listed in the 2013 fall CFC brochure and eligible for designations from federal employees.

Applications must be post-marked by April 1, 2013, to United Way of the EUP, PO Box

451, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. The mission of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is to support and promote philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

Organizations must have a strong local presence, IRS Tax Determination Letter, filed an IRS

990, and audited by a CPA. The UP-NORTH Michigan Area CFC covers the following counties: the entire Upper Peninsula and all of the counties north of and including Iosco, Manistee, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Roscommon and Wexford counties. For a copy of the application contact Barbara Reed, United Way, at (906) 632-3700, email [barb@unitedwayeup.org](mailto:barb@unitedwayeup.org), or visit [www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc).

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# Sault Tribe Baawting Anishinaabemowin Language Immersion Camp Project update

BY SAULT TRIBE LANGUAGE PROGRAM STAFF

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' "Baawting Anishinaabemowin Language Immersion Camp Project" is a three-year project funded by Administration for Native Americans (ANA) that began in 2010. The project came about through the vision of Orien Corbiere, who was our language instructor and had been working with our tribal communities providing Native language class instruction. While teaching the language he listened to his students and heard their frustrations at not being able to truly communicate with one another and began to think about the best approach to help them use the vocabulary they were learning to develop and communicate complete thoughts.

For a year, Orien and his co-worker, Leonard Kimewan, who taught the classes with him and is another of our language instructors, began having discussions with the students at the end of each weekly class. Both instructors were fluent first language speakers and shared a sincere dedication to teaching our Native language.

Together they began to document the class discussions and realized that the students wanted more immersion style language activities, so they informally assessed each student to determine if they were ready to advance to a higher level. They were very excited when they realized that a good number of the students were indeed ready to participate in immersion.

They conducted a survey to identify how the students and community felt about their Native language learning experience and got excellent feedback



Language mentors and students from the Baawting Anishinaabemowin Language Immersion Camp Project celebrated 2012 camps with a feast.

to understand the struggles and frustrations of the students in learning Anishinaabemowin and provided suggestions for language programming. The survey also helped to track the condition of our tribal language and locate individuals interested in learning.

Their classes took them throughout the tribe's seven-county service area and so they had a lot of time to talk. They used that travel time to develop a strategy that would help the students advance from building their vocabulary to developing and communicating thought.

The idea of relating language while the activity was occurring led to the concept of culturally related crafts and life-skills development while internalizing language. The need for language resources and the difficulty of serving a seven county area led to the idea of recording the immersion activity on DVD to serve other members who could not attend classes or camp.

By conducting a camp, students from throughout the service

area could attend. The strategy also took advantage of the weekly tribal language classes by utilizing the existing classes to provide language lessons to correspond with upcoming camps and prepare students for the immersion experience.

Immersion can be very stressful, so it was felt that because we are fortunate to have many fluent first language speakers in nearby First Nation communities, it would be extremely beneficial to have a high fluent mentor to student ratio. We partnered with two native organizations to help recruit and contract fluent speakers who had traditional craft and life-skills and knowledge.

Adrienne Shipman, a tribal member who had written and managed a three-year ANA grant in 2001 and was familiar with the history of the tribe's language revitalization efforts and ANA proposal criteria, had begun working in another department within the Cultural Division as a Culture Camp coordinator. Noticing the effort of the lan-

guage staff, she offered to help to put the project together and write the proposal. Working together, Orien, Leonard and Adrienne, along with the Cultural Division and dedicated language students, developed the project.

Currently, the project's key staff members are Cecil Pavlat, grant administrator; Cheryl Bernier, ANA Language Project manager; Theresa Lewis, language instructor/videographer trainee; and Leonard Kimewan, language instructor.

Immersion camps are held at the Mary Murray Culture Camp located on Sugar Island in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The Mary Murray Culture Camp is situated in our historical territory and the land was donated by a tribal elder for the purpose of providing cultural teaching to our children, so they would always be proud and knowledgeable of their ancestry. The tribe serves approximately 13,600 tribal members who are residents of our seven-county service area, out of our total enrollment of almost 40,000.

The project goal is to increase the number of students who can speak conversational Anishinaabemowin through the accomplishment of three objectives: 1) Conduct four immersion camps annually for a total of 12 camps and gradually increase the language skills of 30 language students from novice high to intermediate high. 2) Produce 12 one-hour immersion activity DVDs and distribute to camp participants and language mentors as well as tribal centers located throughout our service area and make available on the Tribal Internet Language Class website.

The ANA Baawting Anishinaabemowin Language Immersion Camp Project has ben-

efited our community in a variety of ways. We now hear our language being used and the development of cultural skills taught in our language has increased the awareness of how much knowledge is contained in our language. You can see a sense of pride in participants when they show what they made at camp and are able to acknowledge it in their ancestral language.

The Mary Murray Culture camp provides monthly culture camps where the language is incorporated as much as possible. We are also interested in further development of the dedicated participants who have achieved their goal of intermediate fluency to train and certify them as language instructors so we will have teachers to continue the work of the elders.

In planning or implementing a similar project we offer this advice: Take advantage of existing resources (especially ANA pre-application training and technical assistance), they are all around. Always draw from the past and keep an eye to the future. Listen to your community, they have so much to offer and can make things happen. Actively and personally recruit volunteers and encourage participation. And finally, don't give up! We have had to overcome some hurdles and major barriers but the end result is worth it.

Sadly and unexpectedly, Orien Corbiere, our language instructor and language camp director, was killed in an accident in the second year of the project and we would like to acknowledge his vision, dedication and contribution to native language survival and feel his spirit continues to help us to continue to face this great challenge of saving our language.

# First American Indian women's color guard honored to attend inauguration ceremonies

## NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN WARRIORS RAISING AWARENESS FOR FEMALE VETERANS

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The nation's first all female Native American color guard marched in President Obama's Inaugural parade after being chosen from about 2,800 groups that had also applied to be a part of the festivities.

Wearing their matching jingle dresses with emblems displaying their branch of service, 10 women from across the country marched as one to the cadence called by CSM (ret.) Julia Kelly, vice president of the Native American Women Warriors (NAWW) and an Army veteran of 28 years.

Kelly said the group wore the Ojibwe jingle dresses for the healing powers they represented. "It was hard to keep looking forward because you really wanted to turn your head and wave, but you couldn't," said Kelly. "I was thinking when I was calling cadence that the president was looking on us and saying, 'Wow, that's a group of Native American



Courtesy of Julia Kelly

The nation's first all female Native American color guard marched in President Obama's Inaugural parade.

women veterans."

Although the women couldn't turn their heads while they were marching, she said they were able to see the president out of the corners of their eyes. "We had one

auxiliary woman that was behind us that was hand-fanning and she was able to look over and see the president and she raised her fan to salute him as he was waving hello. The two ladies that were in

front of us with hand-fans were my arm bearers, they also raised their fans in honor."

Mitchelene BigMan is the group's founder and president, Kelly said. Sgt. BigMan served 22 years in the Army as a mechanic, including two tours in Iraq. The NAWW got their start

in 2010 at the Denver March Powwow, when three woman veterans representing the Crow, Northern Cheyenne and Navajo nations, were preparing to join the grand entry during which color guards honor veterans.

Among them was BigMan, See "Color Guard," page 12



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# Documentary filmmaker profiling history of tribal treaty fishing rights struggle in Michigan

ADDITIONAL PROJECT WILL HIGHLIGHT INVASIVE SPECIES IN GREAT LAKES AND IMPACT ON TRIBAL FISHERMEN

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Michigan native and California resident T. Lindsey Haskin is a documentary filmmaker who is working on two projects involving the Great Lakes and area tribes.

Haskin made a documentary a number of years ago titled, "Freshwater Seas: The Great Lakes," a two-hour program that aired on public television about environmental issues and tracking the relationship between people and the Great Lakes ecosystem. Now he's aiming to tell the story in, "Scales of Justice," about the struggle in the mid-'70s and early '80s between the federal government and the state of Michigan over tribal treaty fishing rights.

Haskin said as he learns about the *U.S. v. Michigan* struggle, he has come to realize there is a lack of understanding about the significant changes caused by the case. "To me, it's an amazing story that is very significant and consequential; a milestone U.S. federal case that opened the door for bigger things for tribal communities afterwards. It was the first time the U.S. government was on the side of tribal com-



Documentary filmmaker T. Lindsey Haskin

munities in a treaty rights case," he said. "Tribal communities won and fishing rights were affirmed and it was a win in federal court that tribal communities were able to build on — including other federal court cases that led to the Indian Gaming Rights Act."

Haskin grew up in the suburbs of Detroit and spent time as a child and young adult with

his family in their cabin north of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. It was there and near his home in Berkley that he learned how to hunt, fish and boat and where he developed an affinity for nature and water.

"Growing up in a region which has the greatest amount of surface fresh water in the world has given me a keen awareness of the

uniqueness of the Great Lakes. There are incredible stories that need to be told. I came to realize how little is known or appreciated about the Great Lakes region both in the U.S. and around the world," he said.

He is also in the early stages of another idea he hopes to put into words and capture on film on the most talked-about issue facing the Great Lakes right now — invasive species. "Invasive species are a real significant issue for tribal fishermen," he said. "When I was working on 'Scales of Justice,' I sat down with Tom Gorenflo [Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program director] and he felt the time was right to start talking about invasive species. One of those is the Asian carp, which has become more significant and decisions are being made to potentially block the Chicago River to keep the carp from entering the Great Lakes through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. Invasive plants have also become a huge story, especially in the lower Great Lakes. Invasive species are also making an impact on the food chain," he said.

Haskin said invasive species are one of the big challenges being confronted as part of Great Lakes restoration work being funded by the federal government.

Area tribes have been very helpful he said in telling their stories and putting him in touch with the right resources and people. "The Bay Mills Indian Community was the first tribe I worked with on my first film," Haskin said. "Their tribal chairman, Kurt Perron, has been supportive, and Attorney Candy Tierney was involved in the *U.S. v. Michigan* case and has been a great source of information," he said. "People at the Grand Traverse Tribe have been very helpful. Hank Bailey has been helping me, as has their attorney Bill Rastetter who was involved in the case and I have a nice letter of support from the tribal chairman. Aaron Payment, chairperson at the Sault Tribe, was kind enough to have a resolution of support passed and has been very helpful as well. John Lufkins from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan sent me a nice letter of support." *See "Documentary," page 13*

# First American Indian women's color guard

From "Color Guard," page 11 whose jingle dress represented her status as a veteran of the U.S. Army. When a woman elder asked BigMan why they were not with the other color guards she explained to her they were not official color guards. Kelly said the elder and BigMan agreed the jingle dresses, with large emblems of their branch of service on the back, looked like they belonged in the color guard procession. And so the NAWW was born.

The non-profit group has traveled all over the U.S. in the two years since their inception, taking part in the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual NYC Veterans Day Parade of 2010 and as part of the "Band of Pride Tribute" presented the colors in Times Square while in regalia in 2011. The group also appeared at the White House for the National Tribal Summit held on Dec. 5.

"Being in the inaugural parade

was exhilarating," Kelly said. "It was hard to believe we were there. I had goose bumps and was honored to participate and represent our tribal nations and bring honor to our veterans and our Native women veterans."

Just prior to the group leaving for their trip to D.C., Kelly's father passed away. She said the family knew he was getting ready to go so she had a conversation with him, received blessings from her family and went to her clan fathers. She did her mourning before she left, she said, so that she didn't have to wear black and be in mourning still while she was trying to honor her family and tribe. "He passed away on the Tuesday before we left," she said. "After I did all the traditional things I was supposed to do I felt good about it — I knew I was doing the right thing. My dad was a veteran and my brother had found his original flash with



Courtesy of Julia Kelly

Native American Women Warriors during the inauguration ceremonies. Below, left: Julia Kelly with her father, who was a veteran paratrooper in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division. He passed away the week before the ceremonies and Kelly wore his flash with his Airborne wings on it attached to her jingle dress and carried his picture and her children's pictures in a little billfold she hung around her neck while she was marching.

his Airborne wings on it, so I wore that on my dress the whole weekend and I carried his picture and my children's pictures in a little billfold I hung around my neck while I was marching. I kept thinking about why I was out there — to honor them and bring honor to all those women veterans and the awareness that we are out here."

Kelly's father was a paratrooper in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

BigMan and Kelly have been attending events with NAWW at least two times a month over the past two years and Kelly said they are currently working to set up chapters across the country in different regions that will have

teams of Native women warriors to travel to events within each region. NAWW has 36 members but that number, Kelly said, is growing rapidly since they marched in the inaugural parade.

NAWW hopes to be able to assist Native American women veterans empower themselves to take on challenges they often face, such as transitioning from the military to civilian life, employment, education, housing, VA benefits awareness, locating child care and domestic violence. The group's goal is to eventually have their regional centers be places that Native American military women can go to receive services.

Kelly said as they continue to

organize and grow, they will form committees for different purposes such as regalia making and fund raising. "I have to make sure I have financial assistance to pay for the equipment, such as flags, poles, harnesses and gloves," she said.

If you would like to donate to the NAWW fund, it has an account at Wells Fargo Bank under the name "Native American Woman Warriors," or visit the NAWW website at: [nativeamericanwomenwarriors.org](http://nativeamericanwomenwarriors.org). NAWW can also be contacted at its Facebook page with email contacts and a mailing address for those wishing to send checks or money orders.



# Filmmaker profiles history of fishing rights struggle

**From “Documentary,” page 12** support. I also got to know Tom Gorenflo and Mark Eberner at the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, who were very helpful as well.”

Haskin said the people at CORA have been kind enough to consider giving him some development support for the “Scales of Justice.”

Gorenflo said he believes the “Scales of Justice” will be a great tool. “We have run into user conflicts with the sport fishermen versus commercial tribal fishermen. We have a renegotiation of the Great Lakes Decree coming up — the current one expires in 2020. That seems like a long time away, but we will be talking about it in 2017 and start gearing up for it in 2016. The ‘Scales of Justice’ is the kind of PR tool that

was always lacking before,” he said.

In developing the story behind “Scales of Justice,” Haskin said he is focusing on the original *U.S. v. Michigan* litigation, which involved the Bay Mills, Sault Tribe and Grand Traverse Band. “The consent decree governing Great Lakes tribal fishing continues to be reviewed and revised,” he said. “Prior to the 2000 revision, two additional treaty area tribes, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians were federally recognized [1994], joined the suit, and participated in the 2000 renegotiation. Much has changed in the Great Lakes region since litigation of *U.S. v. Michigan* came to a close.”

As the story behind the

“Scales of Justice” develops, he will be reaching out to other tribes to tell the story of what has taken place since those turbulent times. “It’s about the history and some really amazing people — on both sides of the case — who stood up for something and just wouldn’t take no for an answer,” Haskin said. “It’s a story of tenacity and is a very inspiring tale — and a very American tale. People fought a very tough fight and hung in there and ended up being validated.”

As for the invasive species project, Haskin said, “That project — with a working title of ‘Great Again’ — got its start about three months ago. We are developing story lines and just getting started with that one.”

Haskin is asking for the

public’s help with the tribal fishing rights project. He hopes to find old home movies or photos from the ’70s and ’80s, or earlier, depicting the change that was taking place in tribal communities in the U.P. “A lot of the old pictures and videos are still in people’s hands as opposed to any kind of central repository,” he said. “If there are people in the communities who have pictures from when those treaty rights struggles were going on that show what life was like in tribal communities at that time I would love the opportunity to see and perhaps scan them. One of the stories I heard was about the drive-in bingo games that Abe LeBlanc ran in Bay Mills, but we can’t find any photos of that.”

If you have old pictures, home

movies, or videos you would like to share, contact T. Lindsey Haskin at: lh@cinigroup.org or by calling (619) 985-8605.

Haskin has been a professional director, writer and producer since 1982. He received his undergraduate education at the University of Michigan and the University of California at Berkley.

He founded CineGroup in 1986, a company specializing in educational and documentary films. As an independent producer, he has worked on more than 100 programs exploring topics such as environmental issues, defense technologies, finance, energy, medicine and industry, according to his website. For more information, visit: www.freshwaterseas.org.

## Letter: Sault Tribe shows leadership in fight against commercial tobacco

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Chippewa County Health Department and the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition, we would like to commend the leaders of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for adopting a resolution that has designated three of their restaurants as smoke-free. Since June 15, 2012, DreamCatchers

Restaurant in Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, Horseshoe Bay Restaurant at Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace, and Mariner’s Cove Restaurant at Kewadin Casino Manistique have all been designated as non-smoking.

Commendation is also due for their leadership in designating all of their health center grounds as commercial tobacco-free.

Effective, Jan. 1, 2013, Sault Tribe health center campuses in Sault Ste. Marie, Newberry, Hessel, Manistique, and Munising were designated as commercial tobacco-free, joining the St. Ignace Tribal Health Center and other healthcare organizations in Michigan that already have a tobacco-free campus policy in place. These policies are certainly a step in the right direction, promoting wellness and disease prevention while raising awareness about the health dangers of commercial tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke.

This is not the first time that the Sault Tribe has been a leader in health initiatives for their people and other community members. In 1996, the Sault Tribe designated the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center as smoke-free upon opening and all health centers in the seven-county service area were designated as smoke-free in 1999. In April 2010, the Sault Tribe Housing Authority adopted a smoke-free multi-unit housing policy for designated buildings in Kincheloe and for new Senior Housing built in 2011 in Sault Ste. Marie. In April 2011, the Sault Tribe Housing

Authority also adopted a tobacco-free playground resolution, which designates all playgrounds located on Sault Tribe Housing Authority properties as tobacco-free. And, last, but not least, the Sault Tribe Community Health Program offers one of the best tobacco cessation programs in the area — providing services to their tribal members, employees, and their family members who are trying to break free from nicotine dependence. These policies are all “steps in the right direction” to protect and promote good health.

Throughout the past 15 years, Sault Tribe Community Health staff has been a strong, steady partner of the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition, and this collaborative partnership has resulted in public health benefits to residents of Chippewa County and beyond. Steady progress is being made in increasing awareness about the health dangers of tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure in addition to increasing the number of smoke-free and tobacco-free environments in our communities. Keeping the health of tribal members, community members, and their families at the forefront, Tobacco-Free Living

Coalition partners work diligently to organize and implement programs, and carry out initiatives that prevent and reduce chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, and diabetes. Together, we are making a difference in promoting tobacco-free living, wellness, and good health.

The leaders of the Sault Tribe are taking a step in the right direction to protect the health of their people and other community members. Tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure remain the two leading causes of disease and premature death in Michigan. Nearly 13,000 Michigan residents die each year from disease caused by tobacco use and 1,740 people die from disease caused by secondhand smoke exposure. With this in mind, it is our hope that the Sault Tribe leaders will continue to take steps in the right direction, and ongoing progress will be made on these community health initiatives.

Sincerely yours in health,  
Julie K.O. Trotter, CPS-M,  
LBSW, CCHD Prevention Services,  
Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition  
Karen Senkus, CPS-M, LBSW,  
CCHD Prevention Services,  
Community Prevention Coalition

## From, “McPherson,” page 5 —

Health Division director.

McPherson then made the decision to leave the tribe to assist other tribes and agencies on a national level by accepting the position of managing director of the Indian Child Welfare Program for Casey Family Programs and making the move to Seattle, Wash. After spending almost three years with the Casey Family Programs, she moved back to the U.P. and became the assistant Health and Human Services director for the Bay Mills Indian Community, where she also managed its social services program.

Over the length of her career, she has served on many boards

and committees and acted as a trainer for the Midwest Area Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Indian Child Welfare Association and many other seminars and conferences.

Coming full circle, she is quietly spending time in her second floor office overlooking Ashmun Street getting organized and meeting with the board of directors and chairperson.

“I believe that work experience and life experience is ongoing — and I enjoy that. All of that has led me to want to take on the challenge as executive director of the tribe. I believe there is a lot of opportunity for us to really make a difference,” she said.

## From “Wolf Petition,” page 1 —

term viability of wolf populations within the 1836 Ceded Territory. The tribes want the federal government revisit the 2006 post-delisting plan to ensure that tribes share management authority over wolves within their ceded territories and states are held accountable for the sustainable management of wolves based on sound wildlife management principles. The post-delisting plan should have appropriate population goals based on contemporary wolf abundance and distribution estimates for each state in the Great Lakes region as well as acceptable population goals for each ceded territory.

Although it’s already legal in Michigan to kill wolves to protect livestock or dogs, proponents of the new law say it’s necessary to stop wolves from preying on livestock. The bill’s sponsor, Sen. Tom Casperson, had posted on his website at press time, “As season parameters are developed with the potential for a hunt in the fall of 2013, I will help ensure that U.P. residents, who actually live where the wolves are, are

included and heard.”

John Vucetich, associate professor of the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science at Michigan Technological University and director of the Isle Royale Wolf Moose Project, said there is no scientific evidence that wolves need to be hunted. “It’s not common sense to spend decades bringing the wolf back from the brink of extinction only to turn around and allow them to be killed for sport,” he said.

Other steering committee members are George F. Schultz, Hunters to Keep Wolves Protected; Aaron Winters, executive director for Kalamazoo Humane Society; Vicki Deisner, state legislative director for the Midwest region of ASPCA; and James N. Bull, Ph.D., board member of the Detroit Audubon Society.

For more information, to volunteer, or obtain a petition, visit keepwolvesprotected.com. Sault Tribe has petitions ready for signature. Call (906) 635-6050 to learn how to sign.

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# Sault Tribe shows support for Idle No More in Lansing



Photos by Jackie Minton

Tribal Members Jane Cadreau, Joe Causley, Virginia Manitowabi, Michelle Becker, Corey Shipman and Brendan Shipman are "Idle No More" Jan. 28 at Michigan's Capitol Building.



Jasmine Williams and Jackie Minton holding their sign "Bawating – IDLE NO MORE – Protect our Great Lakes and Brother Wolf."



Sault Tribe members and other participants show support for the Idle No More movement.



Sault Tribe member Wayne Hardwick holds the All Nations Veterans' Council Eagle Staff.

## JKL Bahweting School - support for zero tolerance for bullying



In a show of support for JKL Bahweting's zero tolerance policy for bullying, students and staff wore shirts to let everyone know that "Bullying doesn't make you cool" and will not be tolerated at the school. Pictured are (front row L-R) first grader Taryn Pratt, second grader Ava Donmyer, first grader Grayce McCoy, third grader Taylor Pratt and Kindergartener Maraya Cairns. (Middle L-R) Special education teacher Elfie Schwiderson and fifth grader Sydney Kuenzer. (Back row L-R) Kindergarten paraprofessional Jennifer Picotte Elementary School Principal Lynn Methner, second grade Paraprofessional Jessica Fellows, eighth grader Ashley Hackworth and Middle School Principal Ken Sherman.



Photo by Lori Jodoin

JKL Positive Behavior reward - Annabelle Fazzari helps her shy kindergarten friend Mitchell Bumstead see how much fun dancing can be.

# Unit IV 2012 children's Christmas memories



We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our Christmas parties for the children of Manistique and Escanaba. We had great turn outs. Many children attended with their parents and grandparents. Unit IV reps would like to thank the volunteers who helped out with each of these events: Levi Morrow, Jesse LeClaire, Patty Teeples and the YEA youth group, Deb Gierke, Jessica Beckman, Janet Kruger, Viola Neadow, Mar Chase, Lona Brown, Jenna Chase, Brooke Chase, Alley Sayers, and Angela and Rob Johnson. We would also like to thank Manistique Kewadin Casinos and our tribal chairperson, Aaron Payment. Thank you,  
*Denise Chase and Darcy Morrow*



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## Birth...

ADELYN GRACE  
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Proud Parents RJ and Jenna (Cairns) Vandermate, and big brother, Braden, of Holland, Mich., are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter and little sister, Adelyn Grace Vandermate. She was born on Dec. 27, 2012, at 10:42 a.m. at Holland Hospital. She weighed 10 pounds and was 20.5 inches in length. Grandparents are Jeff and Kim Cairns of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Randy and Carol Vandermate of Rudyard, Mich. Great grandparents are Clayton and Marna McGahey of Sault Ste. Marie and Wilma and the late John Cairns of Sugar Island, Chuck and Judy Vandermate of Grand Haven, Mich., and Bill and Tena Docter of Grand



Rapids, Mich. Proud uncles and aunts are Justin Cairns of Sault Ste. Marie and Keane Cairns of Walker, Mich., William and Ellie Vandermate of Rudyard and Daniel (Erika) Vandermate of Grand Rapids, along with many great aunts and uncles.

## In memory of Betty Willis

The Family of the late Betty Willis wish to express their deepest appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support, phone calls and messages of sympathy and comfort during this difficult time. We especially wish to thank Kim and Tammy Russo and Barb Willis for putting on such a wonderful luncheon after the services. Thank you to all those who donated and brought food. And thank you to Clint Mulder and his staff for helping us with the arrangements.

Sincerely, Basel, Rod and Renee, Jack and Carol, Dave and Diane, Cheryl and Joe, and Chris and Tom

### Congratulations ...

... to Wade and Andrea Thibert on the great news that they will soon be welcoming a baby. I'm so happy for you. Love, your mom.

# Little Rapids project to help restore river fishery

BY MIKE RIPLEY, ITFAP

When European explorers first came to the Lake Superior region back in the 1600s, they encountered a pristine river and roaring rapids where the water from the big lake flowed through numerous small islands on its way to Lake Huron. For the Anishinaabe ancestors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, Batchewana First Nation and Garden River First Nation, the rapids provided an incredible fishery that sustained them throughout the year. So great was the supply of whitefish in the cold, clear rapids that other bands of Indians would come here in the summer from great distances to rendezvous in this place known as Bawating.

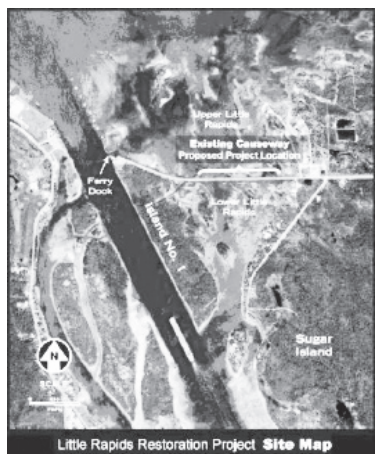
The shallow, fast-flowing water of the rapids was the perfect habitat for many species of fish that require such conditions for their eggs to develop. Newly hatched fry would be swept down the rapids into calm areas ringed by wetlands that provided food and hiding places for the tiny fish to develop.

In the past 150 years, however, development of hydroelectric plants, the locks for shipping navigation and the construction of compensating gates have led to the destruction of most of the remaining rapids in the St. Marys River. Today, over 90 percent of the water flowing from Lake Superior is diverted around the rapids to the hydroelectric plants

## DePlonty makes dean's list at LSSU

Nicholas DePlonty of Sault Ste. Marie has been included on the dean's list for the 2012 fall semester at Lake Superior State University.

To make the dean's list, stu-



**The project is looking at the feasibility to restore flow to the Little Rapids by replacing the small, inadequate culverts beneath the causeway by the ferry dock with larger culverts or a bridge.**

for generation of electricity. Pollution and destruction of the remaining wetlands associated with the big rapids also depleted populations of fish in the upper river.

The big rapids that we associate with the locks and International Bridge were not the only rapids in the river. The "Little Rapids" were located between Sugar Island and what is now Rotary Park in Sault, Michigan. These smaller rapids were mostly destroyed when dredging for navigation and construction of the causeway leading from the ferry dock greatly reduced the flow in that area. From 1928 until about 1960, there were three cuts, each about

dents must achieve a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

DePlonty is majoring in criminal justice and law enforcement at LSSU. He is the son of Connie and David DePlonty of the Sault.

# Pvt. Sanders awarded coveted streamer for platoon's banner

Pvt. Colton C.J. Sanders started his Army training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina where he won their overall pugil fights out of four platoons by beating five other soldiers with one knock out.

He was awarded a coveted streamer for their platoon's banner and a half-hour phone time to call home for his whole platoon (which was greatly appreciated).

He finished his training at Virginia Beach and is now stationed at South Korea in the 602nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Pictured with him is his great-grandfather and tribal elder, Don Corp, who is also an Army vet from the Korean War. Both are very proud members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

**Right, Pvt. Colton C.J. Sanders at Fort Jackson, where he won their overall pugil fights out of four platoons by beating five other soldiers with one knock out.**



**Above, Pvt. Colton C.J. Sanders and his great-grandfather and tribal elder, Don Corp, who is also an Army vet from the Korean War.**



30 feet wide, in the Sugar Island ferry causeway. These openings, which allowed water to flow from the north side to the south side of the causeway, had bridges across them for traffic. The openings were plugged in about 1960, replaced by the two culverts still there today, which allow for a much reduced flow. A project is underway right now to see if it is feasible to restore the Little Rapids and possibly gain back some of the prime fish spawning habitat that was lost by the destruction of the big rapids.

The current project being managed by the Eastern U.P. Planning and Development Commission, is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and is looking at the following goals for res-

toration of the Little Rapids:

— Hydrologic reconnection: By supplementing the existing undersized culverts along the causeway between Sugar Island Ferry and Sugar Island with more appropriate structures, water flow will increase and flow will be restored to approximately 45-55 acres of rapids habitat in the St. Marys River, providing habitat for a variety of fish and other wetland-dependent fauna.

— Fish habitat: The project will improve 45-55 acres of foraging, spawning, and nursery habitat for a wide variety of fish species. In particular, this project will be designed to benefit fish species such as walleye and whitefish to needed rapids habitat, which is especially important as these species have declined in the St. Marys River, due, in part,

to a loss of rapids.

— Great Lakes area of concern habitat and population restoration: By increasing flow to the Little Rapids, this project will address the loss of fish and wildlife habitat by restoring 45-55 acres of rapids habitat in for aquatic species that depend on the river for all or part of their life cycle. This is an important step in the delisting of the St. Marys River as an area of concern.

Several options for design are being studied right now and input from the community including Sugar Island Township has been sought through several public meetings at the township hall and LSSU. You can view the various design options and provide feedback by visiting online at [www.eup-planning.org/current-projects/little-rapids-noaa-project](http://www.eup-planning.org/current-projects/little-rapids-noaa-project).



**Whitefish were so abundant in the original "Big Rapids" that Anishinaabe fishers would use long polls with a round net at the end to scoop up whitefish. A good fisher could fill his canoe with fish in a few hours.**



**MARY JANE WESTER**

Mary Jane Wester, 63, of Shoreland, Ohio, passed away Jan. 22, 2013, in the Toledo Hospital after a courageous battle with scleroderma. Mary was born April 30, 1949, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Lloyd and Alice Pigeon Riddle.



A member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Mary moved to Toledo when she was 2 years old. She graduated from Scott High school in 1967 and married Bill Wester Oct. 29, 1969, in Rosary Cathedral. She will be remembered as a doting mother and grandmother "GiGi" who loved traveling across the United States to visit her grandchildren as well as spending time in various casinos.

Surviving are her loving husband, Bill; her children, Bill Jr. (Wendy Cole-Wester) Wester and David (Iksayana) Wester; her sister, Sandy (John) Szymanski and brother, Jack (Karen) Riddle. Also surviving are her four grandchildren, Bianca, Isabella, Penelope and Josie Wester.

Visitation with the Rosary took place Jan. 24 and Jan. 25 at the Urbanski Funeral Home and a Funeral Mass Jan. 26 in Regina Coeli Catholic Church with Rev. James Auth officiating. Interment followed at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Toledo, Ohio.

Contributions may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation. Online condolences may be offered at [urbanskifuneralhome.com](http://urbanskifuneralhome.com).

**YVONNE J. O'ROURKE**

Yvonne J. O'Rourke, 89, of St. Ignace, passed away Jan. 15, 2013, at Evergreen Living Center. She was born July 31, 1923, to Alfred and Rose (nee Sharboneau) Goudreau. She attended the Ursuline Academy in St. Ignace through the 10th grade, and was graduated from LaSalle High School. She was also a graduate of Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, where she earned a degree in nursing. She married Clyde O'Rourke July 7, 1945, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church.



Mrs. O'Rourke was one of the first people hired at Mackinac Straits Hospital in 1954, and she worked as a registered nurse. She also worked for Dr. Shafloe, specializing in home deliveries of babies.

She was an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and proud of her heritage.

Her family and friends would describe her as a fine lady, who addressed everyone as Mr. or Mrs. She was a devoted mother and she attended St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, where she was a member of St. Ann's Altar Society.

She is survived by her children and their families, Kathleen and Eugene Sweeney of Northport, Fla., Dan and Carol O'Rourke of Oneida, Wis., Fred and Jeanette

O'Rourke of St. Ignace, Thomas and Lynn O'Rourke of Fowler, Timothy and Barbara O'Rourke of Dyer, Ind., William and Karen O'Rourke of Bellvue, Rose and Eban Mackey of Marshall, and Clyde Jr. and Beth O'Rourke of St. Ignace; more than 20 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and seven siblings, Vincent Goudreau, Leonard Goudreau, Father Bill Goudreau, Alfred Stephen Goudreau, Clarice Sirmeyer, Lucille Mosack and Laura Herman.

Visitation was held at Dodson Funeral Home Jan. 18. A mass of Christian burial was Jan. 19 at St. Ignatius Church with Father Pawel Mecwel, Brother Jim Boynton and Father Jim Williams officiating. A luncheon followed and was served by St. Ann's Altar Society.

Interment will be in the spring in St. Ignatius Cemetery, beside her husband.

Pallbearers were Ericka Rhinehart, Megan Mackey, Kelly Jung, Angie Gillmore, Macaela O'Rourke, Molly Page, Steve O'Rourke, Aaron Sweeney, Patrick O'Rourke, Ken Gillmore, John LaChapelle and Tony Frazier.

Memorials may be directed to the Jesuits or to the family.

**PAULINE C. HALBERG**

Pauline C. Halberg, 71, of St. Ignace, passed away Dec. 31, 2012, at her home following a lingering illness.

She was born in St. Ignace Sept. 13, 1941, to Frederick "Gunny" and Elizabeth (nee Cadreau) Cadotte. She spent much of her early life on Mackinac Island, one of 18 Cadotte children and graduated from high school on Mackinac Island.

She married Allen Green Sr., who died in 1982.

She married Ronald Halberg April 3, 1986. She was a housekeeper on Mackinac Island for many years, and a cook at the Galley Restaurant in St. Ignace. She also was a cook in Cedarville while living there. She worked for a time as a nurse's aide.

Mrs. Halberg was an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a member of Ste. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island.

She is survived by her husband, Ron; three sons and their families, Samuel Paul Green of St. Ignace, Daniel and Tracy Green of Watersmeet, and Raymond and Carol Halberg of St. Ignace; two daughters, Christine Sutter and Lois Green, both of Goetzville; a brother, Jeff Cadotte, of St. Ignace; sisters, Christine Johnson of Manistee, Mary Baugh of St. Ignace, Lois Maki of Iron River; Janet Sutter of Pickford; 26 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband; a daughter, Sonya Sayles; a son, Allen Green Jr.; and siblings, Joseph, James Robert, James Arthur, Kenneth, Charles, John, Edward, Phoebe Wilkins, Elizabeth Gallagher and Loretta Sweeney.

At her request, no services are planned at this time. A family gathering will be held later. Dodson Funeral Home assisted

the family with arrangements. **ALLISON BOUCHER KREBS**

Allison Boucher Krebs of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., walked on Saturday, January 26, 2013. Ally, also known as Chi-Gaume-Kwe, was born Sept. 8, 1951, in Washington, D.C., the daughter of Annette Claire Boucher Krebs and William A. Wallace Krebs Jr.



A great-great granddaughter of Chief John Boucher, known as "the Rapids Pilot," Ally was related to the Cadottes, Cadreaus, Piquettes, Hascalls and Eames, as well as other families across the river in Canada and on Sugar Island.

While a high school student at Newton High School outside Boston, Ally founded the Freeport halfway home for troubled teens. Years later, while raising her young boys in the Sault, she served as director of the Sault Tribe's Youth Education & Activities program (YEA), from which many young tribal members have benefited.

Ally was an adventurer and scholar. She photographed and documented Mayan hieroglyphics in the jungles of Central America, looking under each rock and leaf, carefully turning over a stone to photograph it, then carefully returning it to its original location. Today, her photos are in museum collections at the Metropolitan Museum in New York and the Peabody Museum at Harvard University. She was in the first class of women undergraduates ever admitted to Yale University. A lifelong learner and published poet, Ally returned to academics later in life, getting a Master's in educational technology at University of Arizona's Knowledge River program, and was completing her PhD in indigenous information ecology at the University of Washington in Seattle.

As a researcher and activist, Ally participated in indigenous information conferences around the world, in places like Australia, New Zealand and Canada. She recently returned to the land of her ancestors, where she focused on her own tribal language and culture and its preservation through research and archiving. She first studied her Native language Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) at Bay Mills Community College, then later was mentored by individual scholars and gifted Native speakers. Ally also spoke Arabic, French and Spanish.

Mother, sister, friend and mentor, Ally will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched. "Baamaa pii miinwaa ka-waab-min."

Ally is survived by her two sons, Adam and Zachary Khalil of Brooklyn; her two brothers, Tony Krebs of Seattle and Chris Krebs of Boston; a sister, Stephanie Krebs of Sault Ste. Marie; brothers-in-law Richard Lewis of Sault Ste. Marie and Gary Atkins of Seattle; and sister-in-law Carin Roberge Krebs of Boston. She is also survived by many dear cousins, including Pauline and Dana Andrews, Priscilla Eames, Scott and Sally Boucher, Susie and Mike Chieppo and Carlye

Runyon. Traditional services took place at Niigaanagiiizhik Ceremonial Building on Jan. 30. In lieu of flowers, gifts in her memory may be sent to the American Indian Graduate Center ([www.aigcs.org](http://www.aigcs.org)) or to UNITY-United National Indian Tribal Youth ([www.unity-inc.org](http://www.unity-inc.org)). Condolences may be left at [csmulder.com](http://csmulder.com).

**BETTY M. WILLIS**

Betty Marie Willis, 89, of Barbeau, Mich., passed away Jan. 4, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.



Betty was born Aug. 8, 1923, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to the late Otto and Cecilia (Johndrow) Krull. She graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1941. On Jan. 13, 1962, she married Basel G. Willis in Sault Ste. Marie.

Betty enjoyed cooking and doing all kinds of crafts. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and going fishing. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and belonged to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Betty is survived by her husband, Basel Willis; five children, Jack (Carol) Hutte of White Pine, Mich., Christine (Tom) Moran of Sault Ste. Marie, David (Diane) Hutte of Park Falls, Wis., Cheryl (Joe) Mahoney and Rod (Renee Peterson) Hutte, both of Sault Ste. Marie; two step-daughters: Barbara Willis of Los Angeles, Calif., and Janis (Steve) Whitten of Dallas, Texas; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Madge "Connie" Schmitt and Grace Solberg, both of Sugar Island, Mich.; two brothers, Otto "Abby" Krull of Sugar Island, and Albert "Charlie" Krull of Sault Ste. Marie, and several nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Kenneth Hutte; four sisters, Mildred "Dingy" McKelvie, Ethel "Tweet" Parks, Cecilia Belanger and Loretta Key; and five brothers, Floyd Cook, Clayton Cook, Roy Krull, Ronald Krull and Bernard Krull.

Visitation was held at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home Jan. 8. A funeral mass was held 11 a.m. on Jan. 9 at Holy Family Church in Barbeau with Brother John Hascall as celebrant. Burial will be at Pine Grove Cemetery later this spring.

**DONNA CREGAR**

Donna Cregar, 75, of Caro, Mich., passed away on Jan. 11, 2013, at Rendon's Young at Heart AFC Home in Caro. She was born July 4, 1937, in Cheboygan,

Mich., the daughter of the late Andrew and Unice (Hudson) St. Amour. Donna was united in marriage with Glen H. Cregar on Feb. 11, 1956, in Otisville. He preceded her in death on May 27, 2001.



Donna enjoyed working out in the yard and gardening.

She is survived by one son and his wife, Glen R. and Debora Cregar of Caro; nine grandchildren, Christy Jackson, Sonya Putman, Justin Cregar, Ashley Cregar, Candace Cregar, Jessica Cregar, Sierra Cregar, Stephanie Zahernika and Stephen Zahernika; 16 great-grandchildren; six brothers and sisters, Joanne, Dave, Jack, Sharon, Marg and Dale; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Donna was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters, Carol, Don, Bill, Duane, Virginia and Dorothy.

In respect of her wishes, cremation has taken place.

Arrangements were made by Ransford Collon Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc.

**BEVERLY J. LAFRENIER**

Beverly Jean LaFrenier (nee Donnas), of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died Jan. 14, 2013 at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie. She was born Sept. 28, 1950, in Sault Ste. Marie.



Beverly liked doing word search puzzles and listening to solid gold oldies. She belonged to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She is survived by her son, Paul Joseph LaFrenier; her daughter, Corrina Jean LaFrenier; sisters, Francis Hamel, Margret (Henry) Rounds, Betty (Ken) Smith and Patty (Mike) Chambers; her brother, Fred Smith; grandchildren, Krishell and Colby Harmon; and her life partner, Louis "Bud" LaFrenier.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Francis Smith; sisters, Mary Ellen (William) Albert and Becky Smith.

Traditional services were held Jan. 16, 2013, at the Niigaanagiiizhik Ceremonial Building with Brother John Hascall officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to the Sault Tribe elders.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and Cremation Center assisted the family with arrangements.

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## MARGARET M. STEELE

Margaret "Mickey" M. Steele, 72, peacefully completed her earthly journey Dec. 22, 2012, in Titusville, Fla. with her husband and children at her side. She was born Nov. 10, 1940, in Detroit, Mich.



Mickey worked in oncology nursing and was a member of the Parrish Medical Center Auxiliary in Titusville. She was the beloved wife of Samuel, devoted mother of Charles (Patricia), Christopher (Mary Beth), Kathleen (Craig Evans) and Matthew; loving grandmother of Danielle, Margaret, Jessica, Emma, Samuel and Jacob; and dear sister of Daniel, Dennis, Kathleen, Patricia, Maureen and Timothy.

Visitation took place Dec. 26 at North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville. Services were held Dec. 29 at St. Thomas More Church in Troy, Mich. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested memorials to Angels of Hope, a family cancer foundation ([www.angelssofhope.org](http://www.angelssofhope.org)).

## HOWARD P. QUANTZ

Howard P. Quantz, 89, of Pinellas Park, Fla., passed away Jan. 1, 2013, at home. He was born and raised in Marquette, Mich., where he and his



wife spent their summers for the last 15 years, and moved to Florida in 1979 from Colombia, South America, where he served as a Missionary. He attended Park Place Wesleyan Church in Pinellas Park.

Howard enjoyed so much knowing and meeting with tribal members from Unit V at Marquette.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Vivian E. Quantz; one son, Phillip (Stephanie) Quantz of Cambridge, Ohio; five daughters, Beckie Carroll of St. Petersburg, Berty Walker, Gigi (Leif) Laursen, Ruth Lee, all of Pinellas Park, Georgia Blanchard of Gilbertsville, Pa.; 15 grandchildren, Christine, David, Timothy, Patricia, Amber (Steve), Brandon, Heather, Heidi, Eric, Elissa, Athea, Kaylin, Victoria, Eddie, Daniel; and 12 great grandchildren.

Visitation was held Jan. 3 at E. Dale Gunter Funeral Home in St. Petersburg.

There will be a burial service in the spring in Skandia, Mich.

## VIVIAN STEWART

Vivian "Gonnie" Elizabeth (Causley) Stewart, 75, of Sault Saint Marie, Mich., passed away in the early morning of Sunday, Jan. 20.

She was born Nov. 18, 1937, in Barbeau, Mich. She was the daughter of the late Louis



Captain and Marion Causley.

Vivian had been a loving homemaker who took pleasure in going shopping. She also enjoyed surrounding herself with lucky trinkets while playing bingo.

She is survived by her sister Eleanor "BeBe" Belanger; her three daughters, Debra Stinehart, Bonnie Mayer and Mary Stewart; her son, Richard Stewart; her 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Vivian was preceded in death by her brother John Causley.

A service will be held to honor Vivian in the spring time at her final resting place on Neebish Island.

*God saw you getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be.  
So He put His arms around you  
And whispered "Come to Me."  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
And now you are at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.*

## VIRGINIA L. BRUDER

Virginia L. "Ginny" Bruder, 88, of Cheboygan, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, walked on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan, surrounded by loved ones.

Ginny was born Dec. 12, 1924, in Detroit to Harry and Ethel (Davis) Hicks. On Jan. 31, 1945, Ginny married Donald E. Bruder, who preceded her in death in



1996.

Ginny had worked at Community Memorial Hospital as a nurses' aide for some time. She then retired from the B&C Restaurant after working as a cook until 1975. Ginny was very active in the Ladies Guild at St. John Lutheran Church in Cheboygan. She also enjoyed bowling (on four different leagues until she was 80 years old), cooking, creative arts and taking care of her family. Up until the passing of her husband, she enjoyed traveling in the motor home with Don and Bob, going all points north, south, east and west.

Survivors include her four children, Harry Bruder of Cheboygan, Margaret "Peggy" (Donald) LaRocque of St. Ignace, Robert Bruder of Cheboygan, and Kathleen Bruder of the Republic of Ireland; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; her half-brother, Harold; her half-sister, Gerri; and two sisters-in-law, Hazel Hicks of Cheboygan and Elizabeth Hicks of Clawson. Besides her husband, Don, she was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Buster, Harry and Don; and one sister, Margaret Pounders.

Visitation and the funeral have taken place. There will be a short ceremony prior to burial in the spring.

## LINDA FERRIS

Linda Ferris passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, surrounded by her family. She was born on Aug. 3, 1961.

Linda was a wonderful woman

who loved to be with her grandkids. She enjoyed playing bingo, cribbage and being with her family. Linda had many accomplishments. She went to school and received her corrections certificate. She worked at the casino for more than 19 years. She had 27 years of sobriety. She was proud of her family and her heritage. She was always helping people, putting her needs behind just to help someone in need.

Linda is survived by her loving husband, Larry Annand; her four children, Larry Annand (Lisa Vore), Sumiko Ferris (Oren Harmon), Caryn Ferris (James Adkins) and Carolyn Annand. Linda is also survived by her two brothers, Del Ferris (Kathy Ferris) and Clyde Ferris (Chris Fanger); a sister, Nora Nelsen (John Nelsen); and a special aunt, Dianne Calder (Matt Calder). She had 12 grandchildren and two on the way, including Deyanna McMillian, Kaylee Annand, Kyra Annand, Kelub Ferris, Oren Harmon III, Marquis Harmon, Robert Ferris, James Adkins, Joseph Adkins-Annand, Addison Adkins, Donovan Heath, and Serenity Annand. Linda is also survived by many aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews and a dear friend, Sophia Lewis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Delbert Ferris and Sumiko Ferris; and brother, Charles Ferris.

Services were held Jan. 8-9 at the Niigaanagizhik Cultural Building. Hovie Funeral Home of Sault Ste. Marie assisted the family with arrangements.

## TOURNAMENTS

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# Avon Breast Health Program awards grant to Sault Tribe Health Center breast cancer program

The Avon Breast Health Outreach Program has awarded a \$45,000 one-year grant to Sault Tribe Health Center to increase awareness of the life-saving benefits of early detection of breast cancer. It is the fifth year that the program has received funding from the Avon Foundation for Women to support its work on this important health issue, and in recognition of the program's excellence.

The breast health program, Get on the Path to Breast Health, at Sault Tribe Health Center will educate Eastern Upper Peninsula area women and refer them to low-cost or free mammograms and clinical breast exams in their own communities. The vital program will also provide navigation services for tribal patients receiving care within one of the Sault Tribe clinics.

Since January 2009, the Women's Health Program at Sault Tribe Health Center has reached more than 5,334 women with information about the importance of early detection of breast cancer and has referred almost 3,941 women for mammograms and clinical breast exams and has diagnosed 19 cases of breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women in the United States, and the leading single cause of death overall in women between the



Photo by Brenda Austin

Left to right, radiology staff Avon grant administrative assistant Holly Bishop, mammographer Missy Halabrin and radiology supervisor Mickey Bickham.

ages of 40 and 55. According to the American Cancer Society, 8,140 new cases of breast cancer will be detected in Michigan this year and 1,360 lives will be lost. Nationwide, there is a new diagnosis every 3 minutes and a death from breast cancer every 14 minutes. While advances have been made in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure, early detection still affords the best opportunity for successful treatment. Programs such as Get on the Path to Breast Health help ensure that all women have access to early detection information and options, even poor and medically underserved women.

"We are proud to be able to partner with the Avon Foundation

for Women and that they have chosen to support our program. With these funds we will be able to assist Native American women with important screening and the necessary follow-up treatment," said Michele Bickham, Radiology Supervisor, Sault Tribe Health Center.

Since 1993, the Avon Foundation has awarded 1,550 grants to community-based breast health programs across the United States, including Get on the Path to Breast Health at Sault Tribe Health Center. These programs are dedicated to educating underserved women about breast cancer and linking them to early detection screening services.

THE AVON FOUNDATION

## FOR WOMEN AND BREAST CANCER CRUSADE

The Avon Foundation for Women, an accredited 501(c)(3) public charity, was founded in 1955 to improve the lives of women and today is the world's largest corporate-affiliated philanthropy focused on issues that matter most to women. The Avon Breast Cancer Crusade, which observed its 20th anniversary in 2012, has placed Avon at the forefront of the fight against breast cancer; today, Avon is the leading corporate supporter of the cause globally. In the more than 20 years since the Crusade's launch, Avon breast cancer programs in 58 countries have donated more than \$780 million for research and advancing access to care, regardless of a person's ability to pay.

Avon raises funds for the Crusade through the sale of Avon "Pink Ribbon" products, and through events and walks, such as the U.S. Avon Walk for Breast Cancer series, which is the Foundation's largest fundraising source. The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians sponsored Virginia (Missy) Halabrin, RT(R)(M), in the Chicago Walk last year, raising over \$1,800 toward the Breast Health Outreach Program.

AVON BREAST HEALTH OUTREACH PROGRAM  
The Avon Breast Health

Outreach Program is administered by Cicatelli Associates Inc. to support community-based, non-profit breast health programs across the country. The Fund's National Advisory Board selected Get on the Path to Breast Health at Sault Tribe Health Center as one of 100 grant recipients nationwide in the 2013 cycle of Avon Breast Health Outreach Program grants. These organizations were chosen based on their ability to effectively reach women, particularly minority, low-income, and older women, who are often medically underserved.

For more information on this local program at Sault Tribe Health Center, please call Michele Bickham at (906) 632-5237. For more information about breast cancer, call the American Cancer Society at (800) ACS-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), or the National Cancer Institute at (800) 4-CANCER or [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov).

To learn more about the Avon Foundation for Women, call (866) 505-AVON or visit [www.avonfoundation.org](http://www.avonfoundation.org), where you can access free printable Breast Health Resource Guides. For information or to register or support the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer events, visit [www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org) or call (888) 540-WALK.

# February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

What is teen dating violence? Teen dating violence occurs when one partner verbally, emotionally, sexually or physically assaults their partner.

- According to a fact sheet from the CDC published in 2010:
- 72 percent of 8th and 9th grade students are dating.
- One in four adolescents report abuse within a relationship.

In America, over a period of 12 months, 10 percent of all students had been abused by an intimate partner, i.e., sexual, emotional, verbal and physical.

Typically, teens are emotionally and mentally unprepared to deal with the consequences of being in an abusive relationship. Teens often want to show their parents that they are mature and can handle being in an emotional relationship with another person. However, most teens do not have experience with dating, and accept intimidating/abusive behaviors as normal.

## Kinross residents to participate in online survey

Kinross Charter Township and Building a Healthier Community Coalition is working with the EUP Regional Planning and Development Commission to draft a plan for sidewalk repair and construction, cross-walk improvements, bike lane improvements, and non-motorized trails and paths. This project is made possible through funding by the Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project.

The Kinross Charter Township Non-Motorized Transportation

There are many signs of being a victim of teen dating violence. Often, teens show signs of:

- Depression
- Isolation
- Anger
- Alcohol use
- Pregnancy
- Lack of interest in school
- Emotional distress

\*Information adapted from the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence newsletter, Winter 1999.

Teenagers from any social class, race, or religion can become a victim of teen dating violence. However, there are higher risk factors for teens who:

- Have peers who are involved in a teen dating violence relationship
- Teens who have lack of parental supervision
- Teens who are having behavioral difficulties in other areas of their lives
- Teens who drink alcohol

Plan will document the vision of the people to make the community a place where citizens of every age can safely bike or walk and to entice more people to the area by creating a destination that promotes active lifestyles.

An online survey and map editing tool has been made available for easy public input until Feb. 28. Hard copies of the survey can also be picked up at the township offices, recreation center and at various businesses around the community. A link

— Teens who accept teen dating violence as acceptable

\*Information adapted from [www.acadv.org/dating.htm](http://www.acadv.org/dating.htm).

The teen years can be complicated and difficult for many teens even without dating. Teenagers can have healthy relationships when they realize they have self worth and self respect. Teen dating violence can be prevented by talking to your teen about the risk factors of intimate partner violence. There are many resources available for both parents and teens today.

Here are some safety guidelines for dating:

- Go on a double or group date for the first few dates.
- Always let someone know where you are and who you are with.
- Leave behind a number and address of where you will be.
- If your "gut" tells you something isn't right, listen to it!
- Be honest with yourself.

to the survey and on-line map editing tool can be found on the township website at [www.kinross.net](http://www.kinross.net).

The public is invited to attend an event to be held at the township offices, 4884 Curtis St., on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 from 4-6 p.m. where those who attend will see the progress to date, survey results and have an opportunity to view maps, provide input and talk with community planners. The project is expected to be completed in June.

If you feel you, a friend, or your teen is a victim of teen dating violence, TELL SOMEONE.

If you or someone you know is a victim of teen dating violence, there is help. You can call the Advocacy Resource Center today and speak with one of our trained staff. We offer an array of services, such as, advocacy, domestic violence education, teen dating/healthy relationships education, Keeping Kids Safe,

crisis counseling, assistance with personal protection orders, legal aid, crime notification, residential emergency shelter, criminal justice support and safety planning. You can call 632-1808 or toll free (800) 639-7820 today.

You can find us on the web at [www.facebook.com/AdvocacyResourceCenterSSMTribeOfChippewaIndianst](http://www.facebook.com/AdvocacyResourceCenterSSMTribeOfChippewaIndianst) and [twitter.com/#!/SaultTribeARC](http://twitter.com/#!/SaultTribeARC).



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# High flu activity continues nationwide

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What is the flu?

Influenza, commonly called the "flu," is a contagious viral infection that affects the respiratory system – your nose, throat and lungs. Symptoms of the flu can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people may also have vomiting and diarrhea. Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently.

What can you do about the flu?

The 2012-2013 influenza season started early and activity remains high in the United States. This may continue for some time.

With that in mind, there are steps you can take to protect yourself and your family from the flu. The CDC recommends a three-step approach to fighting influenza.

1) Get a flu vaccine. 2) Take everyday preventative action to stop the spread of germs. 3) Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.

Who is more likely to get seriously ill from flu?

While the flu can make anyone sick, some people are at greater risk for serious flu-related complications like pneumonia. These groups include children younger than 5, especially children younger than 2; adults 65 years and older; pregnant women; and people who have certain medical conditions including asthma, neurological and neurodevelopment conditions, chronic lung disease, heart

disease, blood disorders, diabetes, kidney disorders, liver disorders, metabolic disorders, people with cancer, people with weakened immune system; people younger than 19 who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy; people who are morbidly obese.

How can I stop the spread of germs?

Everyday preventive actions are steps the people can take to help slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory illness, like flu. They are not a substitute for vaccination. Such preventative actions:

– Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

– If you or your child gets sick with a respiratory illness, like the flu, limit contact with others as much as possible to help prevent spreading illness. Stay home (or keep child home)

for at least 24 hours after fever is gone except to seek medical care or for other necessities. Fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.

– Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, this will block the spread of droplets from your mouth or nose that could contain germs.

– Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based hand rub.

It's not too late to vaccinate!

The latest reports show early signs of increased flu activity in the United States. Since it takes about two weeks for the body to develop an immune response, now is the ideal time to get a vaccine and be protected before flu activity begins or increases in your community.

Your best defense against

influenza and its possible complications is to receive an annual vaccine. The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older get an annual flu vaccine.

Call your local tribal health center to make an appointment to get vaccinated. For more information, please call one of the following clinics:

Hessel Health Center at (906) 484-2727

Manistique Tribal Health Center at (906) 341-8469

Munising Tribal Health Center at (906) 387-4614

Newberry Tribal Health Center at (906) 293-8181

Sault Community Health Program at (906) 632-5210

St. Ignace Tribal Health and Human Services at (906) 643-8689

Source: Centers for Disease Control

# Traditional Foods Grant Project highlights

CONNIE WATSON, HEALTH EDUCATOR, TRADITIONAL FOODS GRANT COORDINATOR

The Traditional Foods Grant Program began in the fall of 2009 with grant funding from the Center of Disease Control (CDC). The main focus of the grant project is to increase the use of traditional or locally grown foods, physical activity and social



and Munising. MFP Workshops are planned in Rexton, Mich., April 2013 and Sault Ste. Marie,



Housing and tribal buildings, 11 raised beds were constructed and planted in Hessel, DeTour, Newberry, Manistique and Escanaba.

Youth Education and Activities Coordinator Sue St. Onge (above, center) provides gardening education at a garden workshop at the community garden in St. Ignace. Traditional foods grant project held a variety gardening workshops in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Hessel. The Sault Ste. Marie community garden (formally the elder's garden) is located on Shunk Road across from the Elder Center. The St. Ignace garden is located at the St. Ignace Middle School. The Hessel garden is located at the Hessel Tribal Center. Each garden is maintained by area residents and tribal members. Garden workshops included Preparing your Garden for Planting, Water, Weeding, and Mulching, Harvest Production,



Weed Control and Preparing your Garden for Winter.

A group of ladies from Munising (below) show off their apple pie filling. Several canning and preserving workshops are offered throughout the tribal service area. Workshops include blueberries, cranberries, salsas, venison, apples, carrots, beets, green beans, and jams and jellies to name a few.

Laura Collins with daughters



Anna and Eva (above) during the third annual snowshoe moonwalk in Sault Ste. Marie in January. The snowshoe adventure took place at the nature trail near the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, where the Traditional Foods Grant Project purchased snowshoes available for a small rental fee.

For more information on the snowshoe rental program please contact Chi Mukwa, 635-RINK.



support to reduce the incidence of obesity and diabetes in our tribal community.

Master Food Preservation (above) is a three-day workshop, in collaboration with Sault Tribe Traditional Foods Grant Program and MSU Extension Chippewa County, learning safe and healthy techniques canning (pressure canning and boiling water bath), freezing, and drying food. Since the beginning of the Traditional Foods Grant Project, six MFP workshops have been held in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique

June 2013. Pictured are Master Food Preservation Workshop graduates (front row, from left) Dorothy Bell, Elizabeth Eggert, Dee Eggert, Kristy Hill, Cassie Britton, Janet Rathke, (back row, L-R) Connie Watson and Norma Castro at the USDA Training Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Robin LaTour and Lisa Burnside (above, left) work the soil in a raised garden bed at the Hessel Tribal Center. This raised garden bed is used for sage and sweetgrass. In collaboration with Youth Education and Activities,



# Through with Chew Week

Despite the name, smokeless tobacco comes with a firestorm of health risks. Smokeless tobacco, also referred to as spit tobacco, chew, snuff, pinch, or dip, is a concentrated and dangerous form of tobacco and is not a safer alternative to cigarettes. These products contain 28 known cancer-causing agents as well as high levels of nicotine which can lead to cancer, heart disease, and stroke. Smokeless tobacco is highly addictive, with an average size dip containing three to four times the nicotine of one cigarette.

Through with Chew Week is the week of Feb.17-23. This

annual weeklong educational campaign is designed to raise awareness of the dangers of spit tobacco, prevent people from starting to use and encourage users to quit. The Sault Tribe Community Health Program, Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project and the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition have joined forces again to recognize this important event.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), cigarette smoking among high school students has continued to decrease in recent years, but an increasing number of students are using

smokeless tobacco products. In fact, 15 percent of high school males in the U.S. reported using smokeless tobacco in 2009. A combination of new products and advertising aimed at young people has contributed to this rise. In response to both declining cigarette sales and tougher smoke-free air laws around the country, tobacco companies are creating new and addictive alternatives that the tobacco industry portrays as potentially less harmful.

For information on how to quit smokeless tobacco, call Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5280 or visit [www.healthypopcommunities.com](http://www.healthypopcommunities.com).

# Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program mails participant survey

FROM JOCELYN SAWASKY,  
HEALTH EDUCATOR

The Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program is sending out another survey to program participants that received help quitting smoking or chewing commercial tobacco products. The survey is used to help identify patient needs and evaluate our program. Participants are asked to fill out the survey and return it by March 12.

Those who complete and return the survey will be entered into a drawing for several \$25 gift cards. Winners will be con-

tacted no later than March 30. This survey is completely voluntary and all answers will remain confidential.

The Nicotine Dependence Program offers one-on-one visits to help establish a quit plan which includes planning and problem solving, managing habits, stress and triggers, support and access to tobacco cessation medications.

Interested in quitting or finding out more information about the program? Call (906) 632-5210 or contact your local tribal health center.

# Gardner receives \$5,000 Coca Cola Scholarship – again

Bay Mills Community College student and Sault Tribe member Francis Gardner is the recipient of the \$5,000 Coca Cola scholarship for 2012-13, awarded through the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC).

This is the second time Gardner has won the scholarship. To qualify, Gardner has to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA and

demonstrate strong participation on campus and in the community. He had to be the first generation of his immediate family to attend college.

“As the TRiO advisor for Francis, I have observed that this outstanding student has shown the ability to lead and take part in events and programs at the college,” wrote TRiO advisor Floyd Perry in the BMCC Jan.

15 newsletter. “He volunteers his time working the AIHEC lunches and attends school sponsored workshops both on and off campus. He has run for office on the student council and is always willing to help a fellow student if he can.”

Gardner lives in the Sault with his wife Vicki. He has two

sons, Brian and Jonathon, and four daughters, DeLynn, Ashley, Jennifer and Jessica. He and his wife also have nine grandchildren. Gardner is a social science major with plans to go on for a psychology degree with minors in Native studies in the hope of serving the tribal communities and helping others not to make

some of the poor choices he has made in his life. A favorite quote he tries apply to everyday life is “endeavor to persevere” by Chief Dan George.

Gardner said this is what all Native life has always been about — the effort to overcome or rise above the challenges life puts in front of us.

## Jobs for interested youth, returning military vets

By RICK SMITH

The U.S. Department of the Interior recently announced the formation of a national council to guide the development and implementation of a conservation corps geared to employing the country's youth and returning military veterans in restoring and protecting America's natural splendors.

The 21st Century Conservation Corps (21CSC) is part of the America's Great Outdoors initiative outlined in 2010 by President Barack Obama.

Along with the Department of the Interior, other agencies on the national council are the U.S. Department of Agriculture, White House Council on Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Labor, Department of the Army, Department of Commerce and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The corps will be focused on helping young people, regardless of economic or academic background, gain valuable training and work experience while simultaneously conducting conservation and restoration works needed on public lands, waterways and heritage sites. It incorporates existing partnerships with youth conservation corps throughout the country.

In addition to expanding employment opportunities for young people, the corps will tap into the leadership skills of military veterans returning to civilian life.

A federal advisory committee recommended forming the national council in December 2011. The council will work with the federal agencies to support the corps through partnership enhancements with existing programs around the nation, encouraging existing and new public and private partnerships and aligning current federal government resources. The senior leaders of each of the eight federal agencies will serve as representatives on the council. The secretaries of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture will serve one-year terms as co-chairs and succeeding co-chairs will be selected by consensus of the council members.

The Department of the Interior also announced the formation of the 21st Century Conservation Corps Advisory Committee, which will work with the council on building the corps. The committee is composed of representatives from conservation, public service and workforce development groups along with representatives from federal agencies.

## Infinity of Nations fun learning

By RICK SMITH

The National Museum of the American Indian hosts an online, interactive opportunity for youngsters to learn about American Indians from the Arctic to Patagonia from their earliest history to current times. The program is called the *Infinity of Nations Culture Quest* and is found at [www.nmai.si.edu/exhibitions/infinityofnations/culture-quest](http://www.nmai.si.edu/exhibitions/infinityofnations/culture-quest).

Access to the site may also be gained by going to [www.kids.usa.gov](http://www.kids.usa.gov) and following links indicated as Teens Grade 6-8, History, U.S. History and Culture and Ethnic Groups, scroll down to Native American and enter Culture Quest. Taking this route also exposes youngsters to other

links involving art, exercise and healthful eating, government, math, music, money, online safety, reading and writing, science, social studies and other subjects.

Whichever route one takes, visitors will come to the *Infinity of Nations* page. According to the website, the phrase, “infinity of nations,” was used by French colonists in the early 1600s recognizing that the “New World” was populated by many separate and distinct tribal peoples with their own languages, histories, laws and territories that were separate nations. The page soon dissolves to display the options of exploring the objects gallery, viewing contemporary American Indian art or playing Culture Quest.

When the option to play Culture Quest is selected, an outline of the Americas appears featuring 10 regions visitors may select to engage to learn about the indigenous nations of those regions in addition to some lessons on the environments, geography and cultural artifacts. The regions are indicated as Arctic, Northwest coast, Woodlands, California, Plains, Southwest and so on.

When players complete the activities for each region, they earn badges as a show of the knowledge learned about each region.

The National Museum of the American Indian is a component of the Smithsonian Institution.

## Nominations now being accepted for LSSU Outstanding Native American Student Award

The Native American Student Organization of LSSU is now accepting nominations for the Outstanding Native American Student Award. This award will be given to a graduating senior at LSSU who has shown remarkable character during their time at LSSU.

Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by a peer. The nomination packets must include GPA, at least one letter of recommendation explaining why the candidate is an outstanding student, any activities in which they participate on or off campus, tribal affiliation

(Canadian students may apply); and a brief letter stating goals after graduation. Nominations can be hand delivered, mailed, or faxed to LSSU, Attn: Stephanie Sabatine, Director, Native American Center and Campus Diversity, 650 West Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; phone (906) 635-6664 or fax (906) 635-2848. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 8.

The Native American Center Award Committee is looking forward to choosing the recipient for this award and wish all applicants the best of luck.

## GRANITE applications being accepted for 2013

Applications for the Lake Superior State University GRANITE Program are now being accepted. Application deadline is March 1. LSSU received a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to provide career exploration and preparation activities for Native American students, but is extended for a fourth year.

This project promotes the

study of the Earth and career opportunities for minority students within the geosciences.

LSSU Geology Professor Paul Kelso and the GRANITE staff have taken students on a two-week field excursion exploring various sites of interest to local Native Americans out to the Black Hills of South Dakota and back for the past three summers.

During the two-week sum-

mer field excursion, students studied interesting geologic sites along the route. This program targets Native American students currently in grades 10 and 11, although students in other grades and of other backgrounds may apply.

This summer's field excursion is tentatively scheduled for July 10-24. Students may request an application from Stephanie

Sabatine at 635-6664 or Paul Kelso at 635-2158, or the forms may be downloaded from the GRANITE website at [www.nac.lssu.edu/geology/main.htm](http://www.nac.lssu.edu/geology/main.htm).

Completed applications may be mailed to 650 West Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, e-mailed to Stephanie Sabatine at [ssabatine@lssu.edu](mailto:ssabatine@lssu.edu) or Paul Kelso at [pkelso@lssu.edu](mailto:pkelso@lssu.edu), or sent via fax to (906) 635-2848.

## Kohl's Cares scholarship program accepting nominations through March 15 for outstanding young volunteers 6-18

Kohl's is honoring more than 2,300 youth 6 to 18 who have made a positive impact on their communities with more than \$425,000 in scholarships and prizes. Top winners receive \$10,000 each.

The Kohl's Department Stores Kohl's Cares® Scholarship Program will award more than \$425,000 in scholarships and prizes this year. Ranging

from \$50 Kohl's gift cards to \$10,000 scholarships, more than 2,300 young volunteers who have made a positive impact on their communities will be selected. Nominations for kids ages 6 to 18 will be accepted Feb. 1 through March 15 at [kohlskids.com](http://kohlskids.com).

To nominate volunteers ages 6 to 18 for a Kohl's Cares scholarship, visit [kohlskids.com](http://kohlskids.com).

Nominators must be 21 or older.

Two nominees from each of the more than 1,100 Kohl's stores nationwide will win a \$50 Kohl's gift card and more than 200 will win regional scholarships worth \$1,000 toward post-secondary education.

Ten national winners will be awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships for post-second-

ary education, and Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on each national winner's behalf.

Since the Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program began in 2001, Kohl's has recognized more than 17,000 kids with more than \$3.4 million in scholarships and prizes. In 2013, Kohl's celebrates its 13th year of rewarding young volunteers.

## NARFE scholarship announced

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Scholarship is called the Paul Davis Scholarship after an influential member of NARFE. The annual scholarship application is now available.

To apply, students must have a family member who is active in a Michigan NARFE chapter. The applicant may be a child, grandchild, or great grandchild of an active member. The scholarship is to help students in their first, second, third, or fourth year of college or in graduate school. Individual scholarships are for \$1,000. There will be six scholarships awarded this year.

To receive an application or more information, contact Ollie Boynton at (906) 643-8852 or Edna Henderson at 632-7806. The deadline for submitting applications is April 1, 2013.



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# Sault Tribe establishes new youth mentor program for inland hunting, fishing and gathering

The Sault Tribe Inland Conservation Committee developed a tribal youth mentoring program as a means of passing on hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering knowledge. They could learn within the tribe's Code, exercising both our reserved rights to hunt, fish and gather, along with our responsibilities to honor and protect the natural resources.

The tribe's board of directors recently approved the program.

The program is for tribal children 9 and under. The mentor may be a parent or guardian or, with permission of the parents, another adult at least 21. Fully informed parents, parent-mentors

or non-parent mentors and youth must sign the Youth Mentoring license application.

The youth license is a package deal allowing youth to hunt small game, turkey and deer, trap furbearers, fish all species and gather under Sault Tribe regulations.

The main goal of the Youth Mentoring Program is to pass on our Anishinaabe culture to our youth. Teachings on the spiritual aspects of hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering are welcome. Mentors are encouraged to teach the youth to always respect the land, animals, plants and other beings while hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering.

The teaching, "giving in return for what we receive," from Cultural Division is offered with the license.

Mentors are responsible for what happens during mentoring. It is up to the mentor to ensure the youth are safe and all regulations are observed. A booklet to assist mentors is provided with the license.

After two years in the mentoring program, children are expected to take a hunter's safety course.

For questions about the new tribal youth mentoring program, please contact the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department at (906) 632-6132.



WAN file photo

After two years in the new mentoring program, youth will be required to attend a hunter's safety course, like the one above. Youth are engrossed in this 2011 hunter safety course learn proper gun handling how to conduct themselves on a hunt. the course was conducted by Sault Tribe Officers Allan TenEyck and Sam Gardner in the JKL School cafeteria.

## Tribal members can train to become nature reporters

Earn \$50! The Sault Tribe Environmental Department is hosting a one-day tribal education workshop on invasive pests and plants, and attendees will receive a \$50 honorarium for their participation.

Funding is provided by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

What it's about:

The Environmental Department is organizing this training to provide qualifying tribal members the information and skills to identify non-native invasives throughout the Upper Peninsula. The intent is to establish a network of trained individuals who are willing to report their observations to the

Environmental Department so the Department can check them out and take action if required.

The workshop will be on a Saturday in March 2013 (tentatively March 23), at the Environmental Department Building, 206 Greenough Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Participants must plan to attend the full day, roughly 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A good attention span and a positive attitude are the only requirements for the event itself; all other materials (and food!) will be provided. Space is limited to 24 people, who will become the first group of trained ecological observers for the tribe.

How it works:

Fill out and mail or email the

following application form to the Environmental Department, 206 Greenough Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or email [tzimmerman@saulttribe.net](mailto:tzimmerman@saulttribe.net). Applications must be received by March 7, 2013.

Applications will be ranked according to eligibility, location, how often you will be able to observe, skills and willingness. Observers must be residents of or very frequent and regular visitors to the seven-county service area.

Successful applicants will be contacted with details (date, time) of the event at least two weeks in advance.

The honorarium will be distributed at the end of the workshop.

Teachings of our Anishinaabe culture are welcome and encouraged during youth mentoring. If not spiritual teachings, then the practical aspects of responsibility and respect toward our resource can be imparted.

### *Giving in return for that which we receive*

As Anishinaabe, we understand ourselves to be a sacred part of creation, not above or below any other beings, our relatives, here on Mother Earth.

We understand that all of our relations, not just the two-legged, but all: the winged, the four-legged, the swimmers, the crawlers, the plants, the soil and all else that Mother Earth is made of, to have equal right of existence and respect.

So, when we harvest any of our relations we are reminded to give thanks. We can do this by placing asemaa (tobacco) down in return for what we receive and saying, "miigwech."

Asemaa is one of our original gifts from Creator and is representative of the eastern direction as one of the four sacred medicines.

Asemaa or semaa (say-ma) was the first gift given to Anishinaabe, it was given with the teaching that whenever we as Anishinaabe ask for or accept a gift (something from creation), we need to honor that gift by giving something in return. Often times what we give in return is asemaa.

When we talk about accepting a gift, we are speaking of anything that creation provides for us. Because, we are the youngest brothers and sisters of creation, the rest of creation takes care of us.

All things in creation were given their "original teachings," all things in creation remember their original teachings except us, the two-legged, we have strayed the furthest from our original teachings.

When we harvest anything they, our relatives, give willingly to us, their youngest relative. When we pick medicine, that medicine knows its purpose in creation, it knows why and for what reason it is being used. So when we harvest that medicine, we ask it for its life and in return we leave asemaa acknowledging that teaching of giving for that which we receive.

When we hunt or harvest any kind of food, that animal or plant life gives to us to nourish our physical needs, it isn't that we take those things; they give willingly of their lives for us. Again, we give asemaa for their gift to of their life for us.

There is much more that could be talked about regarding this teaching and this is only sharing of what has been taught. There are many other teachings that others may have, it doesn't make this teaching the only or right teaching, just one that has been shared.

**Application for tribal education workshop:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (phone or e-mail): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Sault Tribe member? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, are you a member of a Sault Tribe household? \_\_\_\_\_

In what county do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

During the appropriate seasons, how many times a week do you hunt, fish, or gather food or medicine plants in the seven-county service area? \_\_\_\_\_

Throughout the year, on average, how many times a week do you hike, walk outside or swim in lakes or streams in the service area? \_\_\_\_\_

When appropriate, how many times a week are you out in your garden or yard? \_\_\_\_\_

In what county or counties do you conduct your outdoor activities? \_\_\_\_\_

How many species of trees do you think you can identify? \_\_\_\_\_

How many invasive plants can you name? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to notify the Environmental Department in the event of seeing a potentially invasive pest (insect, plant, or other) or another unusual sighting? \_\_\_\_\_



Tribal members can train to become part of the department's network of trained observers. The Japanese knotweed above is one of the exotic invaders Environmental would ask its new observers to watch for.

# TAKE MY MEMBERS' PRIORITIES SURVEY & ENTER TO WIN \$1,000!



**Aaron A. Payment, MPA**  
Tribal Chairperson  
"Representing All Members Everywhere"

## THE PUBLIC POLICY CHALLENGE

The public policy challenge for any elected official is representing your interest. In earnest, it is a challenge to know what it is that the diversity of citizens want and need. How do we know? Do we listen to the loudest? How about those in our immediate environment? Do we surround ourselves with others who think exactly as we do? What about 'yes people' or those who tell you only what they think you want to hear?

During the 2012 Tribal elections, I surveyed the Members on key issues? Of course, with only those few thousand emails I have (that Members have provided over the years or those emails that other Tribal Members have provided me) the data I collected cannot be argued to be a representative sample. But, it is clearly better than simply guessing off the top of your head what people "want" or "need." Some elected officials may rely on just the few folks they come in contact with. Good leaders take the time to go out and about to talk with folks and ask their opinions; others only come around at election time, but

have no problem representing their version of your interests.

Below are two charts from data I collected in 2012. Chart 1 shows respondents' issues while Chart 2 shows how respondents felt about decisions made by the Board. Take a moment to see how these responses stack up to your preferences. Don't worry if they do not match, the focus of the report and an up coming survey will be to collect this information more broadly from the entire Membership.

## CURRENT CHALLENGE

I will be collecting your preferences as they relate to the work we have done on a new constitution since the 2012 Tribal Election including the joint effort between the Tribal Board of Directors, Elder Advisory Group and the Tribal Constitutional Convention Committee. Remarkably, some Board Members continue to insist this is not an important issue. Some insist that Members do not value changing the constitution. On the other hand, others insist that a separation of powers or lack thereof is what prevents us from being a real government.

So what is your view? What do you think about the direction of the Tribe? This is your chance to sound off and give your direct input on what we are doing. Rather than a passive approach with Board members (or the Chair) representing your voice, however, I will collect the data using the wonders of technology and summarize the results for publication in this paper and for the Board's review.

Hopefully, it will make a difference. If we have several thousand responses, then maybe it will matter to a majority of the Board. I will sort the information by voting unit and geography so Board Members are well informed.

## \$1,000 INCENTIVE

I feel so strongly in gauging your opinion, I am putting up a draw chance reward of \$1,000 for you to take a few moments to fill out an on-line survey. During my doctoral studies this time around, I learned about data collection and analysis at a level I did not even know existed. I reported last month that I requested the Board to fund this effort internally but met with resistance so I decided to go it alone and pay for the data collection and analysis on my own. I am happy to do so.

The survey is anonymous and confidential. To ensure the privacy of your results, complete the survey and go to the last frame where you will be given instructions of how to enter the \$1,000 draw chance. Hint: You cannot get there without first filling out the survey. Your survey responses and your email will

### You may access the on-line survey in one of two ways:

- The easiest way would be to send me an email and I will send you a reply link to the survey. Then, just click on the survey and it will take you directly to it.

[aaronpayment@saulttribe.net](mailto:aaronpayment@saulttribe.net)

- Another way is to simply type the survey link address exactly as it appears below in your web browser and it will take you to the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SaultTribe>

not be matched up so your identity will remain private. No one will know how you replied. You will only be able to enter one survey per individual and only one draw chance entry per person. **The deadline is March 15th.**

## Maeungun (Wolf) REFERENDUM PETITION

Please locate the article within this edition of the Sault Tribe News to find out how to lend your signature (MI Residents only) to compel a vote on whether or not to hunt wolves. Culturally/Spiritually, Native Americans did not hunt wolves. Please help us to protect wolves against a recreational or trophy hunt in Michigan.

## Historic SAULT TRIBE MEMBER MEETING IN LANSING 2-20-13

By the time this reaches you, mostly likely our historic Member meeting in Lansing will have occurred. I am grateful the Board of Directors has agree to host this meeting. It is my hope that the Board will see that our 'At Large' Members simply want to feel as though they belong. My uncle is a full blooded Tribal Member from Sugar Island. He is no less Indian that anyone else in our Tribe simply because he lives in lower MI. I hope that this meeting will lead to a new beginning and not be the last.

## TRIBAL COMMITTEES ON WHICH I SERVE:

- Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority
- Great Lake Resource Committee
- Inland Lands and Wildlife Resources Committee
- JKL Fiduciary
- United Tribes Delegate
- Mid-West Alliance of Sovereign Tribes Delegate
- National Congress of American Indians Delegate
- Ad hoc Health Access Exploratory Group
- TAP to Combat Substance Abuse
- Gaming Commission Chair
- Kewadin Gaming Authority Chair
- KNB/Lansing Committee
- Community Care Clinic Board
- Community Action Board of Directors
- Constitutional Review

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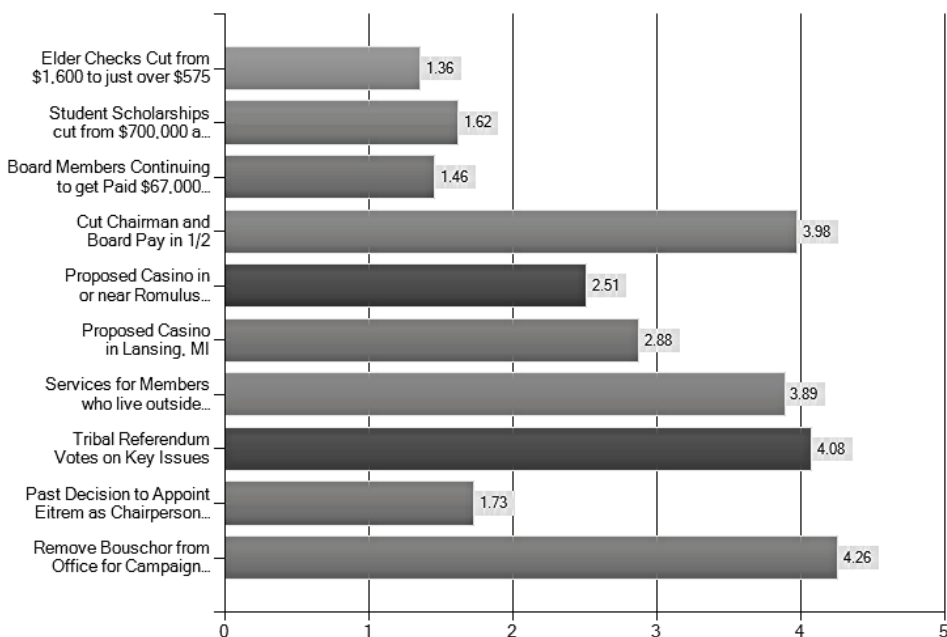
**Aaron**

Office: 906-635-6050

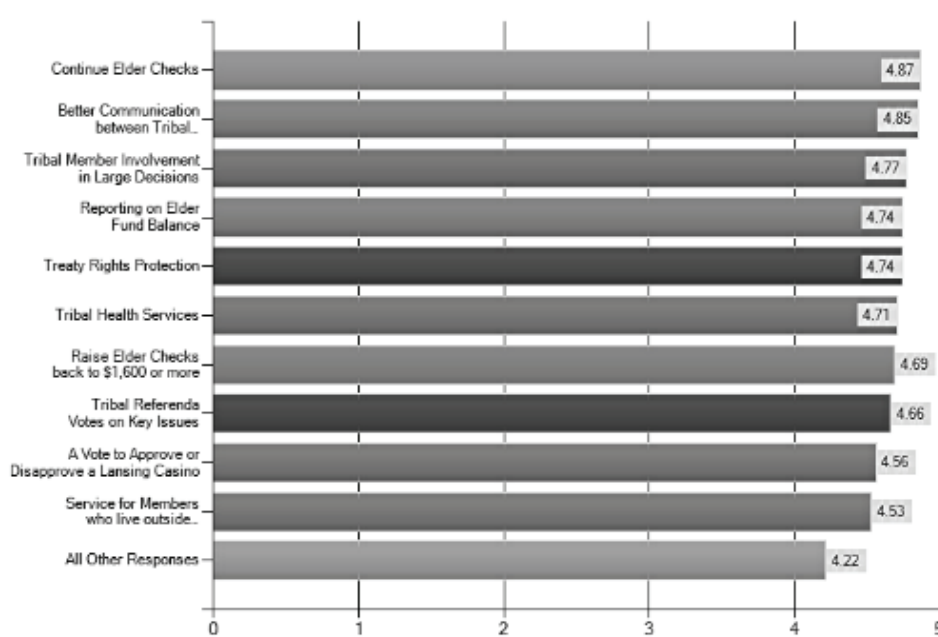
Cell: 906-440-5937

Email: [aaronpayment@yahoo.com](mailto:aaronpayment@yahoo.com)

From the following list of proposed/ actual decisions made by the Tribal Board, please rate whether the level to which you agree or disagree with their decision(s): 1 = strongly disagree with decision or proposal; 5 = strongly agree with decision or proposal



There are many issues of concern to Sault Tribe Members. First, we would like to know how important the following issues are: First Please rate the level of importance of each issue. 1 = Not Important; 5 = Very Important



# Intense debates can lead to the best decisions



**JENNIFER MCLEOD, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin!

January has been an eventful month. In addition to the regular and special board meetings, I have also participated in numerous staff meetings, financial reviews and also had the opportunity to directly help tribal members rebuild their lives and protect their families. It was a good, productive month. But there was something that bothered me. During this past month, I have heard from many members who were all looking for the same thing... HOPE. Hope for a better future for our people. They want to hear good news. They read the papers, the Internet and unit reports, but they expressed a deep-

er concern about where is our tribe going? What's the future going to bring? The concerns I heard were not just about programs or benefits, it was about tribal government and the people. I tell them that things are changing.

I believe that there is very good news concerning the tribe's board of directors. This board has been together for six months now, and one of the greatest things that I have seen has been their commitment to doing things in a thoughtful, purposeful way. I am especially proud of their strength when they are subjected to harsh treatment and intense negative political pressure. They stand up and cast their votes based on what they feel is best for the tribe. They are not afraid to say "no." Because of this strength, tribal debt continues to be reduced, budgets and spending are being tightly controlled (much to the chagrin of some who want fast spending decisions) and new ways of doing things are being explored.

There is a leadership being developed that in my mind more closely resembles our old way of doing things: No "one person" is in control, rather it is the culmination of 13 leaders, chosen by their

people to represent the unique needs and perspectives of their communities. To be sure, we do not always agree, and that is not necessarily a bad thing because, if in the end it results in a good decision, it is worth it. Each member of the board excels at representing the needs of the community they were elected to represent. Unit advocacy oftentimes creates intense debate, but that does not mean that there is a divided board, it means that there are strong leaders sitting at the table. But rest assured, this board does not lose sight of the fact that their decisions are for the entire tribe. This board is working toward a shared vision for our people, one that includes everyone. John Wooden tells us, "Don't look for the big, quick improvement. Seek the small improvements one day at a time. That's the only way it happens — and when it happens it lasts." I think there is wisdom in his words. This "shared vision" will not happen quickly, but it is happening, one discussion at a time, one decision at a time.

There are tremendous growing pains as the board works to bring the tribe out of very difficult financial situations, and finds the

path that leads to the "perpetuation of our way of life, and the welfare and prosperity of our people." Even though much of the funding the tribe receives for various programs has restrictions placed on it, and the poor national economy has affected our revenues, this board explores better ways of doing things. The excuse it "has always been done this way before" just is not good enough.

I also see this board working hard to go back to the way of our ancestors, a way that sought out what is best for all, not just the majority. This is no easy task because our people live in many different communities. Every community has different needs. The needs of our people living in west side of the Upper Peninsula are very different than those in the east. The needs of our people in the lower Peninsula are very, very different than those in the Upper Peninsula. This makes for some very long discussions. But the good news is the discussions are happening! Sometimes this may delay decision making, but we move fast when we have to. I believe that this board is not afraid to take the time necessary to "do it right" instead of "fix it later." I

have faith in what I see and experience at the board level. We are not perfect, I am not perfect, but the Creator's plan for us is perfect, and I believe that we are seeing it being revealed.

That is my good news! I am only speaking for myself, and I mean no disrespect to those who served before. But this is a time of change for our tribe! This is a dynamic, hardworking board, and I am blessed to be serving with them. So to our members who have been looking for hope, perhaps you will find some in my words. Choose to look past the angry remarks, hostile actions, and distortions of data by some people. Lasting change is coming through small improvements, one day at a time. You have elected a good board who are doing good things, and for that I say miigwech — Thank you.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached through my personal phone, email or Facebook. If you are in the Sault area, perhaps we could sit and chat!

Bamapii,  
Jen, (906) 440-9151; email at Jennifer.mcleod.2012@gmail.com

## Service area's west end needs offices, clinics



**DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

I attended the first Ad hoc Health Access Exploratory Group Meeting. Director Morrow and myself are voicing the needs of our unit. We are constantly reminding the chairperson, board and committee members that the rural areas are still underserved.

EsCANABA needs its community tribal center and health office restored. Currently, we have staff (a CHN and CHT) working out of their vehicles since the clos-

ing of the tribal center in 2008. Much of their workweek is spent traveling and making home visits to Escanaba, Marquette and Manistique areas. The number of tribal members they serve while making home visits is extremely small compared to the stats generated prior to the 2008 office closure.

Marquette also needs a tribal office so members can access direct services staff and get medicines.

Since the closing of these two tribal centers, our members living in these areas cannot receive, if needed, mental health or substance abuse services locally. They have to travel to Manistique, or Munising to access these services.

We have also requested a look at the possibility of partnering with Marquette General and or St. Francis Hospital for urgent care access/after hours/walk-in clinic.

This is a high priority on my

list for our unit. Chairperson Payment promised the elder committee in Escanaba and Marquette right after the election that he would work with directors Anderson, Morrow and myself to replace these lost services.

### Gathering of the Clans Powwow June 8-9

It's already February and the second weekend of June will be coming before we know it. The planning committee will be starting our meetings soon. We are very lucky and thankful to have such a dedicated powwow committee and advisor. We couldn't put on such a huge gathering without them.

Elders heating assistance was designed to assist elders who are not eligible for assistance from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The elder heating program runs from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 as long as funding is available. This program helps tribal elders 60

years and older who are in need of heating fuels. Disconnect notices are not required.

LIHEAP helps assist low-income tribal households meet their home heating energy needs. The program started Nov. 1, 2012, and will be available until Sept. 20, 2013, or as long as funding is available. If you are in need of financial assistance for your fuel bills or for more information, call Viola Neadow at 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137, or ACFS – Sault Ste. Marie at (800) 726-0093.

Director Morrow and I will be attending MAST Impact Week Feb. 10-13 in Washington, D.C.

The following are some of the committees I am appointed to, attend, or serve on:

- Cultural screening Committee
- KNB/Lansing committee
- Ad hoc Health Access Exploratory Group
- Garming Commission

— Manistique Powwow Committee

— Unit IV Elder Committee Escanaba

— Unit IV Elder Committee Manistique

— Marquette Elder Committee Unit V

— Manistique Children's Christmas Committee

— Escanaba Children's Christmas Committee

— TAP to Combat Substance Abuse

For December and January, over 357 hours were spent on the road traveling and attending board meetings, workshops, financials, etc. This does not include the phone calls, emails, face-to-face contact with constituents and time spent on reading materials.

Please contact me with any of your issues, or concerns at the number below:

Thank you,  
Denise Chase, vice chair  
(906) 341-6783 or 322-3819

## Trying to get the most bang from our budget



**DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

*"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."*

—Jimmy Dean

The winds of change within the tribe are sometimes no more than a wisp of a breeze. Change takes

time, and I find I must remind myself to adjust my sails rather than wish for gale force winds. Last month my report reflected my sense of defeat in effecting change. I have since taken time to sit and reflect on the advice I received from tribal members and friends. I will make an effort to keep in mind what is important and set my sails accordingly.

### Budgets

We continue to look for ways to get the most bang for the buck while trying to "right size" our tribe. We consider what provides the most service as opposed to the most jobs, as well as the number of people being served for the size of the budget. While "right sizing" continues to be on our radar, we haven't made much progress toward the goal. I'm trying to be

patient while not losing persistence.

We are also looking to increase the scope of funding sources to take advantage of private benefactors and philanthropic agencies looking to fund some of the programs that meet the criteria identified by each funding source. On Feb. 5's agenda, I have placed a resolution that passed in 2007 that creates a 501(c)3 status for the tribe. This resolution has remained on the books, but to date has not been completed. I am looking to amend the completion date to allow us 501(c)3 status qualifying us for private funding. This funding can supplement aspects of current programs, as well as perhaps create new areas of service.

### Constitution proposal

The Constitutional review process of the document presented

to the board in 2007 continues with a large panel made up of the board, the Elder's Advisory Board and community members. Staff is participating in so much as to provide a sense of cost, manpower, code changes needed, and the like. While this too is slow going due to the sheer volume and breadth of the document, it is moving in a forward direction of review and modification. At the core of the document is the separation of powers, an independent court with elected judges, expansion of unit representation through the creation of three units in lower Michigan (where at least a third of our tribal members reside) and defining the role and pay of board members. The entire progression will take months to complete before the board will be required to make a decision as to whether

or not it goes out to a vote of Sault Tribe citizens. Time will tell.

### Membership meeting

There is a membership meeting scheduled for Feb. 20 in Lansing. The meeting will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Lansing Center, 333 East Michigan Ave., Lansing, Mich. Also, from 12 to 7 p.m., the Enrollment Department will be doing updated tribal ID cards for members! Please mark your calendars and I hope to see you there!

In closing, I once again thank everyone who called or wrote with advice and sentiments. I can't tell you how much I appreciate you all. Please feel free to contact me at (906) 440-9762 or dmalloy@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully,  
DJ Malloy



# Are constitution review and costs worthwhile



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

On Jan. 7-9, we met to continue our review of the new proposed constitution. We had lengthy discussions of the three “at large units” in lower Michigan. When the original Constitution Committee met they had concerns with the growing number of members who lived outside the seven-county service area and their impact on voting within those five units when they did not reside within the units. The idea was that any member living outside the service area could choose one of the lower Michigan units — VI, VII or VIII. Currently, anyone living outside the service area gets to choose one time in which unit to vote. If this was changed they would only be able to vote in units VI, VII or VIII. Other ideas that came up were to have just an “At Large” in Cheboygan and everyone could vote in that

unit. Another idea was to have everyone living outside the service area to only be able to vote for the chairman.

I know there are some concerns over representation but I do not understand how someone who lives in lower Michigan will be better able to represent you than the current board members. For example if you live in California or Florida or another state, what would be the difference?

One concern I do have is that we had budgeted \$5,000 last fall to cover expenses for reviewing the proposed document. We spent that money and have only met for two sessions. I asked at the Newberry meeting on Jan. 2 if we were going to discuss how we were going to pay for the upcoming review in January and was told that we will cover it later. That does not set well with me. We make all of our divisions do budget modifications to expend money that was not budgeted previously. To me, it is like bouncing a check.

We had originally spent \$500,000 and the committee spent two-and-a-half years writing this document. The original resolution was to review and amend the current constitution. I would love to hear from members how much you are willing to spend on this document and how much time should be spent. I will continue to attend these reviews but I do feel that we really need to put more time and effort into our businesses

and expansions. Our casinos need our attention and we spending three days a month on a document that does not pay our bills.

If the document is sent out to the membership for a vote and is passed, we would need a plan in place. When the membership voted to separate the chairman and CEO there was never a plan to carry this out. We still do not have a CEO nor do we know where to get the money to pay for one.

On Jan. 21, nine board members, the chairman and a group of staff from the health center met to discuss expanding services that were lost in 2008 and the possibility of establishing agreements with local hospitals to offer after-hours care. The health center is compiling statistics so we can continue exploring needs and concentration. This ad hoc health committee will be meeting every two weeks to try to come up with a plan of action. I am really hoping for a future agreement with Mackinac Straits Health System to provide after care hours much like the services provided by War Memorial Hospital to our members in the Sault.

One statistic is that 41 percent of members in our service area do not use our clinics. I hope that we can survey the 41 percent to find out why, so we can service more of our members. I believe one reason is that if they have medical insurance they sometimes use other clinics. If members who have insurance used our clinics,

then our health centers can generate revenue by billing their insurance company. These revenues help our health centers become self sufficient. Non native spouses are still allowed to use the clinics but are no longer offered a discount.

On Jan. 22, during our workshop we met with a group from Travois to discuss housing tax credits and how we are going to use this process to build the 20-unit elder complex in St. Ignace on the old casino property. The cost of the project is estimated at just over \$5 million. The housing commission will put in about \$275,000 and the investors will put in the remainder. The investors will either be a large commercial bank or an insurance company that will buy our tax credits, which are taken at dollar value. We will need to maintain the units and keep low income tenants in the units to remain in compliance. The building will be two stories with 20 two-bedroom units with an elevator. The old casino will be demolished this year.

Travois also presented a new market tax credit program that could be used for economic development. This program can be used to build schools, libraries, museums, wellness centers, hospitals, government buildings, manufacturing, energy infrastructure and purchase farming equipment. For more information go to travois.com.

On Jan. 23, 11 board members

and the board secretary met to discuss concerns with our casinos and improvements we would like to see. We had a very productive day and will continue to move forward on making our casinos “the entertainment destination.”

Also on Jan. 23, the tribe closed on our purchase of the Frazier property in Epoufette. This property was purchased with the Fisherman’s Fund and will be used as a much needed access site on Lake Michigan. The Great Lakes Conservation Committee and ITFAP Director Tom Gorenflo are working on applying for grants to make the access site more user friendly.

On Jan. 24, the Drug Task Advisory Board met to establish a list of questions to be asked to focus groups and community forums. Some of the questions will be tailored to our youth groups.

On Jan. 25, the Drug Task Advisory Board, local school personnel and health care professionals met to be trained on conducting focus groups.

The process seems long but we are moving forward with the first forums to begin this month in Hessel. When dates for other areas are decided we will publish them.

I would love to hear from members on how they feel about any of the things I discussed in this article or anything you may want to comment or question. You can email me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net or my personal email Bridgett91@yahoo.com.

# Our tribe is a vibrant part of the its community



**DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR,**  
**UNIT I**

Ahiin kina gwaya! Hello everyone!

Our I-500 weekend was great! The casino was full, the city was a buzz with excitement and the

sound of sleds! Lastly, we had three tribal girls take all the divisions in the Miss I-500 pageant! Good job girls! Very, very proud of you all!

I was just talking to a friend of mine. We grew up together watching the tribe evolve. This win for our girls speaks volumes of how our town has changed. It speaks to the idea of what our chiefs from the past had in mind for their tribe. An idea that we would be judged by our abilities and character of spirit and not judged on the basis of our skin color. We have strived as a tribe to arrive at this point, where we are taken into consideration as a vibrant part of this community as opposed to being disregarded and marginalized.

I have always said, “When they are strong, we are strong. When we are strong, they are strong.”

This realization came early to me. It was a lesson learned when our chiefs paid our payroll in \$2 bills. It was a little disconcerting, these stacks of \$2 bills. There was a lot of us Indians scratching our heads and many a retail clerk frustrated with having to count out the crisp, newly minted bills. It showed the city our economic impact on the area. What it also signified was new money that was brought into the eastern Upper Peninsula. It also signified jobs, the ability for economic growth and that we truly did contribute to our area.

I like the fact that times have changed. The attitudes toward each other have softened and we, people who live on this rock up here, realize we are in the same boat. I like the fact that there is significant collaboration between

us and the city of Sault Ste. Marie. I can’t remember if I mentioned this in any other unit reports, however, it stands reiterating again. No where in the United States is there another tribe collaborating with the city they are in or close to the way we have. It was one of the biggest compliments I have heard to date from one of the federal people who travel around in Indian Country.

Lastly, I would like to thank the staff of Kewadin Casinos for a job well done!! This weekend is one of their toughest on the schedule. They did a great job keeping up, people looked like they were enjoying themselves and hopefully the numbers are where they should be for us as a business.

In closing, please pray for our snow to stay with us. I know that sounds contrary and most snow

birds are saying I have lost my mind but wait, let me explain.

We count on the snow up here to drive business. Manistique and Christmas see their biggest revenue during sled season. Fortunately for us, the rest of the country is struggling with snow, while we know how to handle it — 12 to 18 inches of snowfall is nothing to us. When I hear “lake effect snow” is coming, it’s just heaven to my ears! Why? Because I know the sleds will come and our people will make payroll. It’s that simple, folks.

Dbaajimitaadaa! Biginoonshin! Let’s talk about it, call me!

Baamaapii kawaabmin! See you later.

Sincerely,  
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# Massaway answers recent member questions



**KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR,**  
**UNIT III**

Thank you for all your phone calls and e-mails this month. I thought I would share a few and the answers given. A call was

received on the elders’ dividend checks. The questions were, “Why was there no increase and why was \$17 taxable?” The explanation given was that the total amount of the check is derived from the interest from the lands claim fund which is in turn divided by the number of elders receiving a check. The answer for the \$17 that is taxable is that the board and the members by referendum voted to use land claims money to purchase the land in Lansing for possible gaming. When the tribe replaced the amount that was lent out, some of that money was taxable. The key thing to remember is that the checks were not any less than

they would have been and that \$17 has to be reported as income if you need to file a tax form.

I received e-mails concerning our elder meals in Sault Ste Marie. A photo of a home-delivered meal was posted and it consisted of a hot dog and baked beans. There was no bun on the hot dog. On the surface this looked deplorable that a meal would be sent out that was nutritionally unbalanced and meager but after contacting the elders services director and receiving the whole story, it made sense and I had an appropriate explanation to tell those who questioned me. The meal that day was “chef’s choice,” which is a way to use food items

before they outdate and must be thrown out. The items sent out that day in the complete meal consisted of: hot dog and baked beans in the hot container. In the cold container, cottage cheese, macaroni salad, pineapple and a milk. A bun was not provided as it would have been too much starch and therefore the meal would have been out of nutritional balance. Sault Tribe registered dietitians work closely with the cook staff to ensure they make appropriate food.

Another query was asked about which committees each board member serves on. I will list the ones that I have been officially placed on by board votes. I am a member of the Tax

Committee, Audit Committee, the Gaming Commission, Ad Hoc Health Access Exploratory Group, KNB-Lansing Committee, BOD Advisory for Early Head Start Development, SAMHSA Technical Advisory Committee, Constitutional Review, the Risk Committee and the St. Ignace Recreation Committee. These are the active committees and many more come and go. I am honored to serve on these boards to help guide and promote the well being of our members. Thank you again for all the calls and the e-mails.

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# Still seeking Unit IV tribal youth for task force



**DARCY MORROW, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

A benefit dinner for Mary Lester (Neadow) will be held at the Manistique Tribal Center on US-2 next to the casino on March 2 from 2 to 8 p.m., the menu is spaghetti dinner, salad and dessert. The cost is \$6 per person, children 3 and under free. An auction and bake sale will also be held.

Mary is a lifetime community member and a Sault Tribe member. She was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and has been travel-

ing to Mayo Clinic and Escanaba for treatment. This benefit will help her with travel costs back and forth for her treatments.

During the month of January, I spent 203.5 hours combined on the road and attending meetings; this time does not include constituent phone calls, emails, or reading material.

I attended the Constitution Ad hoc Committee Review in the Sault on Jan. 7-9. Due to the winter weather, the next review that was to be held on Jan. 31-Feb. 1 had to be cancelled. As soon as the next date is decided, it will be posted on our official Sault Tribe website. We are halfway through the document with a lot of good questions being asked and a lot of information being provided by the five original ad hoc committee members in attendance.

TAP to Combat Substance Abuse held a meeting on Jan. 3. At that meeting, it was decided who would take the lead in each tribal unit to ensure we have staff to facilitate the community forums and set up dates for all communities to give input. TAP

also held a three-day training in the Sault Jan. 23-25. The first sessions were to review and update on the planning process, then to go over the focus group questions, goals and expectations. The focus group training was held at the Sault health center on Jan. 25 for school counselors, teachers, social workers, therapists and other participants.

We are still seeking a tribal youth from the community to be the voice for the tribal youth in the Unit IV area to be a part of the Tribal Drug Task Force (TAP). If you have a child or grandchild who is interested in joining the task force, please have them contact Director Chase at (906) 322-3819 or me at my contact information below.

In the near future, the task force will be holding focus groups and community forums in all units, so please attend so we can have all the communities' input. We will advertise these events in advance or you can contact me or Director Chase to get any information.

The Health Access Exploratory

Ad hoc group also met this month for the first time. Director Chase and I have addressed our biggest needs in the western end. They are restoring the Escanaba center that was taken for no other reason than politics in 2008 (funding was not an issue); restoring the Marquette center; also, working with local walk-in clinics or hospitals to add after hours service care in Manistique, Escanaba and Marquette so outlying members have the same services that are offered to members in the Sault. I will continue to keep you up to date on our progress for services to return and expand in our service area.

The board held a good discussion about our casinos on what we have heard from customers, team members or observed ourselves. Questions that I have are: When they let 150-plus employees go in 2008, what were the criteria for eliminating these positions? Did they let the wrong people go and keep people because of who they were friends with or who they were related to?

Our casino revenue has not

increased — it has decreased in areas that used to flourish. Management needs to start looking at how we can turn around our operation, not just continue to go with the flow and collect a paycheck without being held accountable. I have heard, "Well, there are casinos everywhere so people don't want to travel up to our casino." Well, then, we need to utilize our tour buses and put together tour packages that entice customers to come to the U.P.

If we are giving customers the best gambling experience from the minute they walk through our front door to the minute they leave we will have repeat customers.

Please feel free to contact me any time.

Thank you,  
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# McKelvie: Looking into tribe's financial future



**DENNIS MCKELVIE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Now is the time that we should be making our 2014 financial plan for the tribe. Things that we must consider when planning for anything are wants vs. needs. Sometimes it is hard to choose

between them, but it is absolutely necessary. All areas of the tribe's casino, governmental, and enterprise have submitted their 2014 capital expenditures lists to the board of directors with each item prioritized. With not enough money to complete all of the necessary upgrades, repairs and replacements the board of directors must decide what is most important to the overall operation of the tribe.

Possibly our largest and most necessary expenditure will be the server upgrade that MIS has requested. Without the necessary upgrade our systems will fail and become inoperable. With that in mind, spending money on the servers takes away from other requests that were made such as new furnishings, upgrades and remodels to clean up our casinos and hotel rooms.

As always, if you have any

questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me at: (h) (906) 632-7267 or (c) 203-6698. Thank you.

Following are the options that the board of directors has to work with for capital expenditures:

- Enterprises (approved): \$625,031
- Northern Casinos (approved): \$4,668,267
- Governmental (proposed – option 1): \$2,704,750
- Governmental (proposed – option 2): \$2,151,750.

The day will come when we are out of debt and we can complete all of our capital expenditures and projects and start moving ahead. Please keep in mind when you see things that need to be repaired or replaced it is not always the department's fault but the board of directors not having enough money to finish and fix things up.

Below is a brief update on a few of our tribe's largest investments and projects:

## Indian Energy

After reviewing the audits provided to the board of directors from Indian Energy, I am disappointed to report that there is no change in the status of the company, projects or projections.

## Financial outlooks for New Boston and Lansing

Total project cost net of accrued interest as of Dec. 31, 2012 below. These 2012 costs will increase once we receive the directly paid expenses by the developer on the project for 2012 and Wilmer Cutler December invoice for 2012 year.

## New Boston

New Boston cost: \$1,399,819  
Amount reimbursed by developer: \$1,050,193  
Expenses paid directly by developer: \$ 344,339

Amount to be invoiced: \$5,287

## Lansing

Lansing cost: \$1,199,337  
Amount reimbursed by developer: \$817,597  
Expenses paid directly by developer: \$367,629  
Amount to be invoiced: \$14,111

## Financial outlook for five northern casinos —

(Estimated 2012) Earnings Before Interest Taxes Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA)

EBITDA	2012
\$29,700,000	
2011	\$30,160,000
2010	\$31,485,000
2009	\$31,037,000
2008	\$30,525,000
2012 Tribal taxes	\$17,000,000
Debt payment	\$7,000,000
Interest on debt	\$835,000
Cap-x	\$4,091,000

# Let us put our energy toward positive pursuits



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

Members,  
First of all I would like to apologize to the members in Unit V. I am sorry I couldn't be there for all of your Christmas get-togethers and the children's Christmas parties in Munising

and Marquette, the reason being I was down with a medical problem for a couple of weeks and then got the flu virus. So, to all who volunteered, I give you a big "thank you" on making all these doings a great success.

This month, I am back on the road again; plenty of meetings all over and in the Sault. Lots of hours and miles. Some agenda items for the board of directors have been financials, workshops, housing, wages, insurance, board issues and regular board of directors meetings with members and some questions also on the Constitution.

Besides all the meetings, our board of directors also belong to other committees they attend. Aside from regular board of directors meetings, I have attended the Ad hoc Health Committee, Great Lakes Conservation

Committee, the drug task force and Community Health in Munising in my area, so as you can see we are all busy.

I am proud of all our board members — they are great people. We all try our best. We sometimes disagree to agree, but we all do get along and have respect for each other.

This brings up another issue that was brought forth at our last board meetings. As the oldest elder on the board, this upset me deeply and really should embarrass us all as a tribe. We had a culture family come and tell us they were stepping down out of our culture circle. Her reasons had me in tears; it was hard for me to believe that we have such jealous, hateful and cruel people among us with no respect for the people who have done so much for us in a cultural way, like

powwows, traditional funerals, dancing, drumming and the carriers of the pipe. They told how they and other families were torn apart on the Internet.

I understand their feelings because of the misrepresentations and falsehoods about various board members posted out there on the Internet. I, for one, have never visited any of those sites — I just know what I have been told. I guess the people posting these things must have a lot of time to waste. They should use their energy maybe helping others in need like the sick, work at powwows, plant flowers, shovel, volunteer for something.

One of the things that simply amazes me is where these people get their information. And how they know about certain issues before the board itself hasn't even been told! So, what I have

to say to them is: You should be sure you are posting the truth. Forget living in the past, get positive and move on — let's put this hate and fighting aside, we are supposed to be proud people. Let it go!

On another note, I would like to thank all our culture families for what you have done for our tribe. Adrienne, it was great to have you teach us beading in Munising.

Well, this is my article this month; I would also like to welcome to our team the new liaisons Rita (Unit IV and V) Jen (Unit I) and Clarence (Unit II and III).

Remember the word "respect."

Sincerely,  
Joan Carr Anderson, Unit V  
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# Changing face of health care in “new reality”



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL, DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

The first meeting of the Ad hoc Health Access Exploratory Group was Jan. 21. As mentioned last month, this group has been created to analyze, determine feasibility and recommend opportunities for revitalization and/or expansion of tribal health care services in the geographic area of DeTour, Drummond Island, Newberry, Escanaba, Marquette and Kinross geographic areas. We are working in a concerted effort to find solutions to the unmet needs in these particular areas. I am encouraged that we can indeed find practical and mean-

ingful solutions in order to provide the best quality of care we can, and maximize the resources we have to provide that care.

Health care throughout the United States is changing, including Indian Health Service (IHS) and the health care systems, like ours, that IHS funds. IHS Director Roubideaux recently summed it up this way, “A ‘new reality’ requiring a business model to match the era.”

More health care options will emerge for individuals under the Affordable Care Act of 2010. In order to survive in a changing health care marketplace, customer service and access to care must be key components of the Sault Tribe health business model if we want to be the “provider of choice” for our tribal members. And, we also can’t ignore the bottom line. Third party billing (Medicare, Medicaid and insurance) is a critical factor in any business model we employ, because those dollars are “generated and kept” at our Sault Tribe health system.

Our ability to forge workable solutions within the Ad hoc Health Access Exploratory Group

will be a measure of our capacity to meet the “new reality” in health care.

There are other “bottom line” factors that we don’t control, such as the sequester or other federal budget cuts that could adversely affect IHS funding dollars. That’s why your elected officials will be joining with other tribal leaders of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) in Washington, D.C., this March, in order to “walk the halls of Congress” and pound on doors, in order to educate and advocate for increased funding for Indian health care per treaty obligation.

### WEQUAYOC CEMETERY

Late last summer, we moved to acquire the Wequayoc Cemetery on St. Martin’s Bay. Just last week, I’m happy to report, we were finally able to close on the property. This historical land is now safe for perpetuity and I am ever so grateful for that, as are the many families who continue the tradition of family burial on this sacred land. The property belonged to Agnes Paquin and eventually her daughter Anna and son-in-law

Lawrence Grimes. Many, many families are connected to this ancestral land.

I can recall, as a little girl, our mother would take us out there to pay our respects. I’m pretty sure our ancestors were buried outside the perimeter of the current cemetery, as this was before HWY M-134 was constructed. We would enter from the Old St Ignace Hwy Road. My mom was so good about telling little stories about those long ago relatives.

We were just blessed with a new baby granddaughter and it’s so nice to reflect on this blessing of new life and think about and acknowledge those ancestors that are a part of it. It is my grandmother’s grandparents and relatives who are buried at Wayquayoc. And, I expect that, more than anything, that is why she cared so much about this land along the St. Martin’s Bay.

The Wequayoc parcel represents a portion of a historical band settlement along the shore. It is also one of the areas set aside as land allotments per terms of the 1855 Treaty at Detroit (and represents a portion of the basis for the Michigan Indian Land

Claims Settlement). My grandmother, Christine, struggled most her life to see this area remain intact as Indian Land, to no avail in her lifetime (she died in 1952). So I’m pretty sure she would be happy that we have secured this land for all time. Just the other day, my cousin sent me a letter dated May 17, 1934, that Christine wrote regarding the land and those who lived there. The following is an excerpt from the letter, to honor the names of these ancestors:

Shaw Be Cosh Ing  
Ne Swa So Be  
Co Ge Es Se Ga Quay  
O Chi gum  
Gacay  
Chi Ga Way  
Naw Gaw Gwan  
Naw Gaw Bay Pe Nay Se  
Ne Swan So Be  
Shew Waw Ne No Bin  
Paw Guam Ge Nin Ne  
Waw Be Nay Se

And, with these names, I’ll close. Please contact me if there is anything you would like to discuss.

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# Educating Congress about trust responsibility



**CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

First of all, welcome (back) to Ms. Christine McPherson who just recently began as our executive director of Internal and Membership Services. Christine’s knowledge of our tribal organizational structure and culture is a great strength of hers. I believe that she will help bring forward real solutions to the various internal issues that our administration faces. She will also be that decision maker who will step up and get the job done in a professional manner. Congratulations, Christine. I look forward to working with you!

### Tribal representation

I would also like to thank our chairperson for representing our Michigan tribes in Lansing when he provided testimony to state legislators in regards to wolf hunting. He is an eloquent speaker and knows how to best describe our Anishinaabe beliefs and traditions to those who are not educated about our ways.

I was happy to see him join us in Lansing when a busload of our tribal members rode down to help show support for the “Idle No More” World Day of Action. The vision of Idle No More revolves around our traditional ways of knowledge rooted in our sover-

eignty to protect our water, air, land and all creation for future generations. There was a nice turn out. I was very proud of our two youth drums from Hessel and Manistique. They were the drums! They did awesome! Thanks to Jerry LaTour and John Miller for making sure they were there!

Also, I thoroughly enjoyed our road trip on the bus! It was great to be able to visit with my good friends whom I hadn’t had the chance to see in too many years!

### Cultural sharing

I attended my grandson’s preschool family night at our local Community Action Agency. I was pleasantly surprised to see Dr. Chris Gordon there with the young boys from our JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School. They did a variety of songs which included the crow hop and the sneak up. Guess who were the volunteer dancers? It was yours truly and my two granddaughters, Helen and Joy, who both attend JKL. I had a lot of fun and many parents, teachers and students joined in. My grandson loved the sneak up! I’m reporting this because I thought it was pretty awesome how more of the people in our Sault Ste. Marie community are learning about who we are. My granddaughters were very comfortable with dancing. They told me how they learned all their dances at school. Gave me hope for our future! Chi-Miigwech to Bahweting Drum for sharing!

### Lansing meeting

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Feb. 20 membership meeting in Lansing. It’s been a while since we had one. There is much to report about and I look answering any of your questions.

### Washington, D.C., Visit

During the month of January, I was busy in Washington, D.C. I met with the legislative

director, newly elected Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK). Congressman Mullin is a citizen of the Cherokee nation and has been appointed to serve on the House Natural Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction of Indian tribal issues. I also met with the legislative directors of newly elected Congressman Kerry Bentivolio (R-MI) and Congressman Mark Pocan (D-WI). I expressed our concern in regards to Violence Against Women and funding cuts to Indian Health Service and the importance of continued funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

The main goal was to educate them about their trust responsibility to our tribal nations. At that time, I also met with Senate Finance Committee staff from Senator Max Baucus’s (D-MT) office. Senator Baucus is chair of the Senate Committee on Finance. Senator Baucus is a champion of the SDPI and tribal issues.

I also met with Wendy Helgemo who is staff on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs for Senator Harry Reid’s office. Senator Reid is the Senate majority leader and a big supporter of tribal programs such as SDPI. I thanked them for all the work and support that they have given Indian country and especially for the years of SDPI continuation of funding.

I attended Secretary Sebelius’ Tribal Advisory Committee meeting. We were pleased to hear that she will continue on as the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the next four years of this administration. This is a time when tribal leaders are able to advise Secretary Sebelius about health and human resource issues that are happening in Indian Country.

An issue that I brought to her

attention was the reoccurring issues that have been noted by tribes, tribal organizations for the past two years in regards to grant funding. These include:

- 1) Funds intended for tribes and tribal organizations are not reaching the tribal communities.
- 2) Award of planning grants with the promise of continuation funding for project implementation, through both competitive and non competitive funding processes, with no follow through.
- 3) Lack of understanding and cultural competence of grant reviewers.
- 4) Data and evaluation requirements DO NOT reflect the unique issues that face tribal communities when selecting, adapting, implementing and evaluating programs.
- 5) “One size fits all thinking” when creating programs and funding opportunities is not an effective process for potential tribal grantees AND the potential funder.

As our funding sources decrease and competition for funding increases, it is important that we make sure that these types of changes take place at the high-

est level possible. We must do so in order to continue to provide funding to meet the needs of our people.

We continue to discuss the importance of states working with tribes when it comes to the Affordable Health Care Act and in particular Medicaid expansion. We are fortunate to have this communication link with the top appointees of President Obama’s administration.

### On the homefront

Again, at the home front, our board of directors did have a very productive workshop and all present gave input on how we might improve the policies, structure and procedures of our casinos so that we may improve our bottom line. A board member’s job is so vast and multifaceted. I believe we will continue to move forward to recognize the strength of our employees and organization and come up with solutions that will improve our weaknesses.

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

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Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

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# RICK SPRINGFIELD

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MARCH 21, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

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### MARCH

#### Billy Currington

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#### Rick Springfield

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