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NIHB holds 30th annual conference in TC

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) began its 30th annual Consumer Conference in Traverse City, Mich., on Aug. 27 with discussions on strategies, outreach and education specific to tribal nations, leading up to the Oct. 1 enrollment of the Health Insurance Marketplace of the Affordable Care Act.

"We are delighted to have nearly 400 tribal leaders, elders and health care colleagues engaged in the current health care reform issues that impact every single person in our families and communities. From the American Indian and Alaska Native benefits through the Affordable Care Act to the renewal of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. It is important to be involved and informed on the policies improving health care services and accessibility to our tribal members," said NIHB Chairperson Cathy Abramson. "We are pleased to have a number of federal agency representatives here today to provide this information, to answer our questions and to listen to our comments and concerns."

Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, acting director of the Indian Health Service, gave an overview of the Affordable Care Act. "Meeting with tribes and tribal organizations, such as the NIHB, is a very important part of our agency consultation efforts and IHS's priority to renew and strengthen our partnership with tribes. We value our partnership with NIHB as we work together to change and improve the IHS and to eliminate health disparities in Indian Country," Roubideaux said. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) partnered with



Cathy Abramson

NIHB to host the second Native veterans' health workshop track at this year's conference. "We are committed to nurturing an environment that fosters trust and provides culturally competent care for Native American veterans, including creating culturally sensitive outreach materials, incorporating traditional practices and rituals into treatment and ensuring the best possible experience when Native American veterans receive care from the VA," said John Garcia, deputy assistant secretary in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. "We at the VA are further committed to working with and for tribal leaders on a nation-to-nation basis to address the many issues being experienced by veterans and their families across Indian Country."

Mary Wakefield, administrator for the Health Resources and Services Administration, a function of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), said that under the leadership of HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, one of the top goals is to improve health equity with Indian tribes. "We want to eliminate health disparities among American Indians and Alaska Natives. And, we believe we can do that by working toward two other goals — to strengthen the health workforce by expanding the supply of culturally competent primary health care providers in Indian Country and Alaska and to improve access to quality health care and services by increasing the number of health care access points," Wakefield said.

Mirtha Beadle, deputy administrator for operations with the HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the HHS, focused her speech on behavioral health issues stating that American Indian and Alaska

Natives have the highest level of substance abuse and dependence and unmet need. "The emphasis is growing on screening and early intervention services," said Beadle. "Evidence-based practices are an important shift for behavioral health. There is an increased need to focus on bilingual populations in the U.S. American Indians and Alaska Natives stand to benefit substantially from the implementation of the Affordable Care Act."

Susan McNally, senior advisor in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) provided a brief overview of the health plans that OPM directs under the Affordable Care Act. OPM will work with private insurance to offer two state health plans — the Multi-State Plan and the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, which OPM has managed for nearly 40 years.

The conference continued on the following day with a keynote address from Olympic gold medalist, Billy Mills, updates from the tribal leaders diabetes committees and the Tribal Technical Advisory Committee to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and a panel discussion on the definition of Indian in the Affordable Care Act.

Mills brought people to their feet in a standing ovation as he shared his experiences with diabetes and traditional healing on Aug. 28, the second-day plenary session of the conference. "We are so honored to have Billy here with us today," said Abramson. "His words are inspiring and he truly makes everyone feel special. He is someone filled with positive energy. I believe the Creator is using him to help make our people achieve their dreams whether it's running a marathon, living a healthier lifestyle or improving their health through traditional foods and healing. Billy is a



Guest of Honor Billy Mills

great advocate for health, not just physically, but spiritually and mentally too. His message today was truly inspirational for those who are suffering from diseases, like diabetes, in hopes that they renew their health."

Mills, an Oglala Lakota Sioux, who grew up on the reservation has lived with borderline diabetes for most of his life. In his speech, he told a story about tingling fingers and blurry vision, both symptoms of diabetes, as he ran in the Olympic race that won him the gold medal. He remembered winning the race for the gold: "One lap to go," said Mills. "I was pushed. I didn't quit but I could feel myself accept third place. I will let them get 10 yards ahead of me. At this point I could feel the tingling sensation, with my vision coming and going, 150 meters to go and I was nine yards behind, 120 meters and 8.5 meters behind, 100 meters and eight meters behind. Someone cut into me, but the fourth lane opened up. Lifting my knees, strengthening my stride, I took my opportunity. As I went by in the center of my opponent's jersey was an eagle, and I heard my dad, 'if you follow the teachings you will have the wings of an eagle.' In my mind, I was thinking I will never be this close

again. Then I felt the tape break across my chest. A Japanese official asked, 'Who are you?' At that point, I had to find the German competitor and tell him that his eagle helped me win. I found him but there was no eagle on his jersey, just the Olympic rings. It was a simple perception. Perceptions can create us or destroy us. We need to take control of them. Diabetes can take control of us. The traditional virtues and values give us confidence and clarity to take control. Realizing that is the easy part, the hard part is doing it every day."

The growing epidemic of diabetes represents one of Indian Country's public health challenges. American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest prevalence of diabetes amongst all U.S. racial and ethnic groups. In response to this epidemic, Congress established the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) in 1997, and the program is up for renewal in 2014.

In an update on Aug. 28, the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Chairman Buford Rolin said that SDPI continues to improve the health of Indian Country and has led to significant advances in diabetes treatment, prevention and education. SDPI programs across Indian Country are achieving dramatic reductions in risk factors such as blood pressure, weight, bad cholesterol and blood sugar levels.

"Diabetes is an issue that we care so passionately about. Our collaborative efforts, as tribal leaders and tribal health care professionals, will help keep Indian Country on a path to a diabetes-free future. It is important that Congress renew this program past fiscal year 2014. The lives of our people depend on it," added Rolin, who is also the chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Payment receives national award

Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment received the annual Sargent Shriver Achievement Award at the national meeting of the Community Action Partnership in Chicago on Aug. 29. Recognized for his work with the Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac (CLM) Community Action Agency in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the awards honor people and companies who exemplify the Community Action mission to help low-income people achieve economic stability. Individuals are recognized by the Community Action Partnership for their work with and commitment to Community Action Agencies across the country.

Payment, who grew up on a rural tribal reservation slum with

no indoor plumbing or sanitation, attended a CLM Head Start program where the staff reached out to him and underscored the importance of education.

He credited his experience with the agency's Head Start program as instilling a desire for education which led him from GED completion to a doctoral program in public administration at Michigan State University.

The awards underscore Community Action's nearly



Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment

50-year history of helping low-income people change their lives, which is especially significant given the unemployment rate, growing income inequality and budget cuts to human services programs. "Our award winners exemplify the dedication and diligence that has been a part of Community Action since its inception in 1964, and they truly understand what it takes to help someone achieve personal and financial goals," said Don Mathis, President and CEO of the Community Action Partnership.

"Although our agencies are being challenged to deliver more services with less money, we continue to have success stories every day because of individuals like Aaron Payment," he added.

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Sault Tribe has three committee openings

The Sault Tribe Anishinaabe Cultural Committee has one open seat for a male committee member, the Sault Tribe Health Board has one open seat and the Child Welfare Committee has two openings.

Interested Sault Tribe mem-

bers should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation to Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Please call (906) 635-6050 or send email to tbenoit@saulttribe.net with any questions.

Newberry focus group on tribal housing

A Sault Tribe community focus group meets with the Sault Tribe Housing Authority on Monday, Sept. 30, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Newberry Tribal Community Center, 4935 Zee-

Ba-Tic Lane in Newberry. This is a tribal-wide focus group. Come and share your ideas and what you think your community wants and needs. Your input is very important.

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Escanaba focus group on tribal housing

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority scheduled a meeting of a Sault Tribe community focus group in Escanaba on Monday, Sept. 23, 5:30-7 p.m., at the Little Creek Center at 1226 Wigob.

Sault Tribe members are invited to come share ideas about community wants and needs. Your input is very important.

Free GED classes for 2013-14 school year

The GED test is changing on Jan. 1, 2014. Finish your GED this year to avoid losing current test scores. Free GED classes start on Monday, Sept. 9. Classes offered at the JKL Bahweting Middle School Monday through Thursday, 6-9 p.m., and at the

Michigan Works! office Monday through Wednesday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. The programs are made available through Consolidated Community School Services and the Sault Tribe Adult Learning Center. Call Tanya at 632-6098 for more information.

Sault Area Arts Council art auction scheduled

Art auction sponsored by the Sault Area Arts Council scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28, at the LSSU Cislser Center ballroom from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wine and tapas throughout the evening. Auction at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$22 and available at Sault Realism, The Art Store and the Alberta House Art Center at 217 Ferris Street in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, call 440-7474.

Sault DDA seeks "Oktoberfest" cultural diversity

The Sault Ste. Marie Downtown Development Authority (DDA) seeks participants in creating culturally enriching experiences for the annual Oktoberfest scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28 along Portage Avenue from Ashmun Street to Osborn Boulevard from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The DDA invites men, women and children of all ages to enjoy various cultural exhibits and activities, listen to traditional music and taste offerings from

ethnic food vendors.

Those interested in conducting a vending kiosk must bring own table and pay a fee of \$25, the fee is waived for exhibitors not selling items. Power is available on a limited basis. Reservations and requests will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Pre-registration and payment of entry is required.

Exhibitors will be responsible for the safety and security of their exhibits, collecting any applicable sales tax and setting

up during a two-hour time frame prior to the beginning of the event. Neither the City of Sault Ste. Marie nor the Downtown Development Authority will be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged goods.

Acquire vendor agreements and direct questions to the Downtown Development Authority by calling 635-6973 or send copies of agreements along with fee payments to the authority at 105 Arlington Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Employee snapshot

Name: Stephanie Payment
Department: Management Information Systems (MIS)
Position: Helpdesk operator
Years at job: Six

What she likes best about her job — "I love getting to speak to and assist all the different employees we have throughout the organization on a daily basis. I also am very fortunate to work with an amazing team here at MIS. I really enjoy the technical scope of work we do, there are always new and interesting things to learn! This is a fast paced and exciting department. The MIS department handles technical support for over 38 tribal buildings and over 1,800 employees."

What is her job? — "I am the first point of contact for employees and vendors call-



work versus a technician, who actually goes out into the field to assist customers. I also assist the Telecommunications Department with phone greetings throughout the organization. For example: Chi Mukwa Ice Arena, MIS Helpdesk and the St. Ignace Health Center." (Her co-workers refer to her as "the voice of the tribe.")

Bio — "I was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie and grew up on Sugar Island where my family is from. I recently made the big move to town last November and I now live in Algonquin with my boyfriend, Chris. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, cooking, taking road trips and coffee...lots of coffee. I have two brothers, Kyle, 23, and Chuckie, 6.

ing in to the helpdesk. Their calls are taken and I enter their issues and/or requests into our Heat ticketing system. From there, the tickets are assigned to individual technicians. I do more of the behind-the-scenes troubleshooting and remote

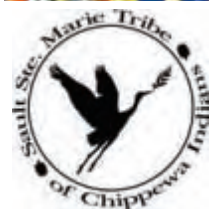


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Munising receives grant for marina expansion

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently made more than \$6.9 million in surplus money available to boating communities throughout the country in the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program's Round-2 Tier-2 grant recommendations.

Paid for by the boaters themselves, funding for the BIG program comes from taxes on boat gasoline and fishing tackle that anglers and boaters pay into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The grants are generally used to provide safe anchorage and boating access such as transient slips, restrooms, fuel docks, utilities, pump-outs and other infrastructure.

Munising City Manager Doug Bovin said the city applied for the second round of the BIG program about a year ago for improvements to Bayshore Marina and was officially notified the end of August they were awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,466,577, the non-federal match for the project is \$515,284, for a total project

cost of \$1,981,861.

The planned expansion will add 28 new transient slips and other amenities to the City's Bayshore Marina and will also extend an existing L-dock, which will provide more protection from northerly and easterly winds. Bovin said local groups who have expressed an interest in being involved with the project based on the benefits the marina expansion will provide, are the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Alger County Chamber of Commerce and the Sault Tribe.

According to the grant proposal submitted by the City of Munising, "The Sault Tribe has a local presence in Munising with housing sites, a health center and a casino in nearby Christmas, Mich. The tribe is prepared through its many resources to offer financial assistance for the project. While a specific dollar amount is not final, tribal officials have indicated the 2 percent monies from casino revenues will be utilized for tribal participation. Funding amount is estimated to

be in the range of \$10,000 to \$30,000."

The marina is a well-known stopover in an 80-mile section of secluded shoreline on the south shore of Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Bovin said, "Munising Bay and the surrounding cliffs are a treasure which sets the City of Munising apart from all other areas of Michigan. Access to the bay is an absolute necessity to enjoy the full beauty that Mother Nature has given us. The marina improvements, through federal and state cooperation, will allow the best possible opportunity for local and transient boaters to safely view all of these spectacular offerings."

He added, "Munising's city leaders are extremely happy with the help of all who have contributed to our success. The partnership with the Sault Tribe is particularly appreciated because of our mutual interest in the safety and protection of a shared natural resource. Good progress requires good partners

and Munising sends a huge thank you to Chairman Aaron Payment and the tribe."

As part of the grant process, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore has offered to provide assistance for a number of items, including designing a lighting system for the marina to help minimize the impact to the dark skies over Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. The National Lakeshore will also design interpretive materials and displays to help transient boaters understand and appreciate the local environment, in addition to displays on reducing the spread of aquatic nuisance species in and around the national park. The Picture

Rocks National Lakeshore has also committed to assisting the City with the design of boater and kayaker safety messages.

The Alger County Chamber of Commerce will be donating in kind services valued at about \$5,000 on activities to promote and market the expanded Marina locally and with other harbors and marinas along the south side of Lake Superior.

To see the Fiscal Year 2013 Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (Round 2) Description of Tier 2 projects recommended for funding, visit online at wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/BIG/BIG2013Round2Tier2Funding.pdf

Marchand appointed to state public safety board

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder recently announced five appointments and two reappointments to the Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board.

The board oversees Michigan's 800 MHz radio system and telecommunications network, which provides statewide interoperability in digital clarity to its members. It also adopts procedures governing the organization and operations of the Michigan Public Safety Communications System.

"These appointees bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board and I appreciate their willingness to serve," Snyder said.

Among the five appointed is Robert Marchand of Sault Ste. Marie, chief of police for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He has served in his current role since 2010 and has been with the department for 15 years. Marchand holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Lake Superior State University and studied at the Northern Michigan University Regional Police Academy. He replaces David Slifka and will serve a term ending on April 30, 2016.

Other appointees are Michelle LaJoye-Young of Caledonia, chief deputy with the Kent County Sheriff Department; Julie Secontine of Rochester Hills, risk manager and an attorney for Oakland County; Mark Meijer of Grand Rapids, president of Life E.M.S. Ambulance; and Bryce Tracy of St. Ignace, 911 coordinator for the Mackinac County 911 service.

The two board reappointed board members are Dale Gribler of Lawrence, Van Buren County

sheriff, and Jeffrey Friedland of Greenwood, director of emergency management and homeland security for St. Clair County.

Appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the state Senate.



Chief of Police Robert Marchand

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of Sault St. Marie Tribal Health Services
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Beginning the first part of September 2013, tribal patients and other (i.e., elders) eligible persons may pick up their medications at the DeTour Clinic or Drummond Island Medical Center. Specimens for any lab test(s) routinely ordered and completed at the Sault Tribe Health Center Lab can be drawn for patients at DeTour Clinic or Drummond Island Medical Center. These services are established to improve access to lab and pharmacy services and as an added convenience for those residing in these remote areas.

Medication pick-up and lab services are available during regular business hours at DeTour and Drummond Island Clinic. Medication delivery may take up to three (3) business days to reach your clinic pickup location. Clinic address and contact numbers are:

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906-297-3204

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33896 S. Townline Rd.
Drummond Island, MI
906-493-5221

If you wish to have your medications delivered to DeTour or Drummond Island, please talk to your Sault Tribal Health Program provider or pharmacist when you make your refill requests. Medication refill telephone numbers are STHC Pharmacy, 632-5226, or St. Ignace Pharmacy, 643-8689.

If you wish to have a lab test drawn in DeTour or Drummond Island, please talk to your provider or call our lab number, 632-5233, to see if an order from your provider is available in the computer.

**If you have any questions, please contact
Tony Abramson, Clinic Manager, at 632-5282.**

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Tribal member feels compelled to give back

Not that many years ago, after 10 years of military service, tribal member Noah Leask gained disabled Native American status and formed an 8(a) company called ISPHI Inc. to provide cyber security. He volunteered with Special Olympics with his family — his wife whom he met in the military and their three young daughters.

Today, Leask is recognized as a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 2013 National Small Business Award winner, the 2013 South Carolina Small Business Person of the Year, a two-time Top 10 American Indian Entrepreneur by Inc. Magazine (number one in South Carolina 2011-2012), as national leader in job creation, as the SBA 2009 Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year for South Carolina and Southeast Region, Region IV, for the work he is doing in support of veterans, wounded warriors and veteran-owned businesses nationwide.

Leask is a special person who gives himself over to his family, his community and his country. He served over 10 years of war-time service in the U.S. Navy conducting global operations supporting national defense where he played a critical role in providing the nation and the Navy with cyber, information, signals, and information technology dominance as a deployed member of the Naval Security Group Command afloat and ashore.

He was honored as one of the 2010 Charleston Regional Business Journal's "Forty under 40" which acknowledges the recipients as the future of the community and celebrates their commitment to professional, personal and philanthropic endeavors, including a well-rounded lifestyle focusing on work and community.

He is directly responsible for ISPHI's vision, strategy and financial strength, as well as providing leadership, day-to-day management and governing client and vendor relations and strategic partnerships. Under his leadership, ISPHI has successfully experienced an average annual growth rate of over 243 percent and a five-year growth of over 1,215 percent. This success has led to ISPHI being recognized as a 2011 and 2012 Inc. 500/5000 fastest growing company, a 2012 Washington Technology FAST 50, a 2012 South Carolina Biz News Roaring Twenties, 2012 Inc. Hire Power Award, the American Indian Chamber Commerce of South Carolina (AICCSC) 2011 Small Business of the Year, and a 2011-2013 "Top Business in America" multiple award winner by Diversity Business (1 in South Carolina).

ISPHI is Leask's vision that has rapidly grown to a successful global premier provider of information and cyber dominance services and C5ISR engineering and technical services for the intelligence community, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security and federal agencies.

Leask is a Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce 2013 Leadership Charleston graduate. He was selected to serve as the



Noah Leask of Ishpi Information Technologies, Inc.

2012 President of the AICCSC, currently serving as executive vice president and served on the Charleston Defense Contractors Association Board of Directors from 2009-2012. He is a member of the U.S. Naval Cryptologic Veterans Association, Association of Old Crows, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, National Defense Industrial Association, Disabled American Veterans, Advanced Security Technology Research Alliance, and Lowcountry CYBER Security Campaign where he is actively working with other businesses on developing a Cyber Security Center of Excellence to help provide employment opportunities in the Charleston, S.C., area.

He is also a member of the board of advisors for EPCI College of Technology where he focuses on the high tech educational requirements for veterans and students in the global marketplace. He possesses a Bachelor of Science degree in information systems from Strayer University, Washington, D.C., graduating summa cum laude and is attending the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business to earn his MBA.

The Cheboygan-born Sault Tribe member is very active in his community. He serves as the chairman of the board for Tri-County Autism Puzzle Place Academy, a member of the board of directors for Special Olympics South Carolina, member of the College of Charleston Realizing Educational and Career Hopes (REACH) Program Advisory Board, the Bishop England High School Options Program Parent Advisory Team and Lowcountry Special Olympics and Unified Athletics Committees.

He recently served as the chairman of the board for Rein and Shine, an equine assisted therapy facility serving people with disabilities from 2010-2011. He is also the town of Mount Pleasant Unified and Special Olympics coach for several sports. He was awarded the 2008 Volunteer Coach of the Year and 2007 South Carolina Parent of The Year by the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association for his work with Unified Athletics and the

ward and get involved with his tribe.

ISPHI acquired property in downtown Chicago for expansion. Leask will be assessing what corporate functions can be performed out of ISPHI's northern Michigan office in Cheboygan once it is established, which leads to meeting his personal goal of creating jobs and economic growth for the town. ISPHI has over 150 employees and facilities in Virginia, Washington D.C., and Texas in addition to its Mount Pleasant, S.C., international headquarters.

To top it all off — at least for now — Leask gave \$10,000 to his tribe's scholarship fund for 10 scholarships for the coming school year.

Leask's grandfather is tribal elder Orville Thomas Leask who lives on Sugar Island.

Leask said he established the annual scholarship, named on behalf of his family, to give back to his tribal community. "I fully intend to increase this scholarship

as much as I can," he said. "We need to take care of our youth and elders as much as possible, all tribal-members for that matter. I have also donated financially to other efforts in the U.P. and northern lower Michigan as well in an effort to help as much as I can."

And, Leask feels "compelled" to do more. "Many tribal communities are at a crossroads with sequestration and the additional future government program cuts that will come with habitual overspending," he said. "If we are not prepared to deal with these cuts, then we will all see less funding to support vital programs both now and in the future."

Some of his ideas include bringing a global business view of business, expanding support to education including scholarships, internships and career day briefings.

"There is no better example to tribal youth than successful tribal persons," he said.

Read about ISHPI at www.ishpi.net

Special Olympics.

As if all this isn't enough, Leask decided to expand north-

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Tribal transportation projects moving ahead

Transportation planner Wendy Hoffman has been focused on collaboration and assisting other departments with various initiatives and projects. A key project that has been years in development will finally be completed this year with the reconstruction of Fisheries Road at the end of Shunk Road and 15 Mile, the upgrades to this roadway will ensure year-round safe access for our fisheries staff. This project will be completed by the end of September.

Transportation also worked to address safety concerns with improved signage throughout the service area at pedestrian crossings, speeding and playground areas.

Transportation and the Community Health Program collaborated to complete a tribal non-motorized transportation plan. Public input sessions were held throughout the seven-county service area. These meetings were a great opportunity to gather input and hear the concerns of

tribal membership and staff. Information gathered will be compiled and integrated into the plan, which is anticipated to be completed in September.

The next construction project starts on Sept. 9 to reconstruct East 15th Street, located to the west of the Sault Kewadin Casino. During the 30-day project, road access will be maintained. At the same time, driveways for Enrollment, Big Bear and two residential driveways on Saultier will be reconstructed.

The Transportation Advisory Committee has been reestablished with members selected from various departments. The committee will assist with various aspects of the Transportation Program.

Finally, Sault Tribe was selected by AAA Foundation and Opus International as a recipient of a pilot study and safety assessment audit, the first of its kind in Indian Country. The initiative will provide the tribe with the tools to complete risk mapping and performance tracking. The

new and unique methodology will also provide specific quantitative cost estimates, safety benefits and benefit-cost ratios, which can be used to assess road safety and implement a safer roads investment plan.

If anyone should have any questions or would like more information about the Transportation Program, please contact Wendy Hoffman, transportation planner, at (906) 635-6050 or whoffman@saulttribe.net.

Elder Services Division offers variety of programs

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

If you are a Sault Tribe elder age 60 or over, the tribe's Elder Service Division offers many programs and services that may help meet your needs.

One of their services is the Elder Meal Program held at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday every week in Sault Ste. Marie and at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in St. Ignace, Hessel and Manistique.

Elder Meal Programs in the Sault, St. Ignace and Hessel also offer home delivered meals to Sault Tribe elders who are home-bound and qualify for the program.

Another service elders find helpful is the non-emergency medical transportation program offered within the tribe's seven county service area. Examples of non-emergency medical needs are doctor's appointments, radiation therapy, chemotherapy and dialysis. The transportation coordinator asks that elders call two weeks in advance of an appointment to reserve a ride. Door to door pick up and delivery is provided and there is a small cost for this service. Fees cover round trip and any bridge fare. Within your city of residence the cost is \$5 a ride. Outside of city limits there is a \$10 an hour charge. Overnight trips to places such as Ann Arbor generally require a months advance notice. To reserve transportation call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

The Elder Division also has a registered nurse on staff. Mark Willis, RN, is the supervisor for the In-Home Care Program, which includes personal care such as bathing, dressing, grooming, transferring, eating and ambulating. Also offered under this program is light housekeeping, local transportation for shopping and errands and meal preparation. Patient sitting, or respite, is also offered for elderly caregivers. As part of the programs outreach and advocacy, staff members have identified community resources that are also available for elders and offer help with long term care planning. Willis said if clients need help filling out forms for tribal programs or Medicare paperwork, assistance will be provided if requested.

There are four home health care technicians, who together put in over 80,000 miles a year on the



Brother John Hascall (right) has lunch with tribal elders at Nokomis-Mishomis Place in Sault Ste. Marie, where he holds Mass on Wednesdays before the noon meal.

WAN file photo/JD-Burton

road driving to and from home visits. According to Willis, the In-Home Care Program currently has 115 clients and does over 4,000 visits a year.

He said it's normal for an elder to have in home care one day a week for 1.5 hours if they qualify for the program. In addition to the personal care and homemaking assistance, the technicians also do medication queries to make sure medications were taken that day and also do blood pressure checks and on diabetic patients they check glucose levels. This program is available to elders residing within the tribe's service area.

Willis said they are happy to offer Telemergency to elders living in the service area. Telemergency is a system that will notify 911 with a pre-recorded message at the touch of a button. It does not work with cell phones, to be able to use it there must be a direct line into the residence. "The dispatcher will talk to you through the pendant you wear around your neck, it's not like other systems where you have to pay \$30 a month, it's a one-time purchase," Willis said. The cost of the pendant is \$90 and in some cases the Elder Health Care fund can assist with the purchase.

The Elder Division also offers a limited number of walkers, wheelchairs, commodes and other home health supplies that can be "loaned out" to tribal elders at no cost to them for as long as they are needed.

The Elder Health Care Fund is administered by the Elder Service Division and provides financial assistance to enrolled Sault Tribe elders for some medical services. Optical and dental services covered under the fund must be received at Sault Tribe health facilities. Durable medical equip-

ment is only for elders living outside of the seven county service area and requires a prescription.

Administrative Assistant

Sharon Hovie is the contact person for the Elder Health Care Fund and she encourages eligible elders to fill out an application. Applications can be obtained at any Sault Tribe health facility, elder meal sites and the Elder Center located at 2076 Shunk Road in the Sault. Applications can be dropped off with Hovie, faxed or emailed along with all proof of income, a copy of your Sault Tribe enrollment card, and a copy of any insurance you may have.

The Elder Division was also selected to receive an Americorp/Vista worker. Justin Miller from Marshal, Michigan has been with the Elder Division since April. Miller's goal is to help Sault Tribe elders become healthier in culturally appropriate ways. He has been working with tribal

programs such as Community Health, Environmental and the Culture Department.

Cheri Goetz is the Elder Division director and she supervises a staff of 21. She said she is proud of the team she has and that "it is nice to work in an environment where you feel everyone is part of your family."



I really enjoy working with our elders and helping them."

The Elder Services Division can be contacted by calling (906) 635-4971, (888) 711-7356, or by fax at (906) 635-7005. Priority for elder programs and services are given to those with disabilities, limited mobility, and other health concerns.

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ACFS office welcomes new staff members

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Within the past month, Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) has welcomed three new staff members - two caseworkers and a records technician.

Lynne Weaver is a familiar face in the Sault area, having been born and raised there and been an employee for numerous area businesses. Weaver began her employment with the tribe Aug. 8 as a records technician, working closely with Binogii Placement Agency caseworkers and other ACFS staff. Weaver makes sure all court records and paperwork pertaining to foster children and adoptions are filed properly and include all necessary forms.

For 30 years she was with Kmart Corporation, first for S.S. Kresge Company before being hired into their sister store, Kmart, as office manager when it opened. She has also worked as a real estate agent for Century 21 and ReMax and then as her interest and understanding in taxes grew, she worked for H&R Block and Jackson Hewitt. She also spent a few years working for the Consolidated Community School Services in Kincheloe, a 20-minute drive north of the Sault and was in Iron Mountain for nine months working for JD Edwards and MJ Electric/Quanta Services for a software conversion.

Weaver has two children and three grandchildren.

Christina "Chrissy" Menard was welcomed aboard in August as a Binogii Placement Agency caseworker. She monitors foster care placements, reviews and assists with foster care and adoptive home studies and recommends placements for children going into foster care. She also performs assessments after a child is removed from their



Lynn Weaver

home to see what services can be offered to the parents with a goal of reunifying the family, while working to ensure any needs the children may have, such as medical, dental and schooling are being met.

Menard graduated from LSSU in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Prior to being hired by ACFS as a caseworker, she worked for ACFS at the tribe's Advocacy Resource Center as a shelter worker. A local girl, she was born in Alpena, Mich., but was raised in Sault Ste. Marie and lived on the tribe's reservation from the ages of eight to 17. She said she is happy to be working for the tribe. "Being raised on the reservation, one of my goals when graduating college was to give back to the community and children. This is the job I was striving to get and I am happy to be part of the ACFS team," she said.

Samantha Masterson was brought onboard the ACFS team as a family continuity and prevention services caseworker.

She was born in Newberry, Mich., and raised between the Sault, Indiana and Newberry where she graduated from Newberry High School in 2006. She went on to earn a bachelor's



Chrissy Menard

degree from LSSU in psychology, graduating from there in 2010.

After graduating from college she went to work for Wal-Mart in their pharmacy and as a cashier for two years before being hired by the Diane Peppler Resource Center as a crisis intervention caseworker. As part of her work there she ran a domestic violence support group.

Her work with ACFS includes offering families services based on their individual needs to try and prevent the removal of children from their home. She also works to reunify families once a child/children have been removed. Masterson said she is confident in her new position and is looking forward to additional training and growth within the department. She is currently taking online courses through the University of the Rockies to obtain a Master's of Art in psychology with a criminology and justice studies specialization.

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services provides social services for the Sault Tribe with funding from the Sault Tribe, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Justice, USDA and the State of Michigan. There



Samantha Masterson

are three primary components within ACFS — child placement, advocacy resources and direct services.

Direct Services provides assistance to tribal members experiencing financial and other difficulties.

Child Placement works to improve the safety, permanency and wellbeing of children in placement and also includes adult

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Behavioral Health, Tribal Court sponsor Recovery Month activities

BY JULIE A. MCKELVIE

Sault Tribe Behavioral Health and Sault Tribal Court are joining Voices for Recovery by hosting a community-wide celebration.

On Sept. 26, all those who support recovery in our community and beyond are invited to join the Recovery Walk beginning at the St. Isaac Joques Catholic Church at 1529 Marquette Avenue in Sault Ste. Marie and ending in a community picnic at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center at 2 Ice Circle.

The first 120 people to register for the walk will receive a fee T-shirt with the 2013 logo, Join the voices of recovery — together on pathways to wellness.

Pre-registration and T-shirt give away starts at St. Isaac

Joques at 4 p.m. The walk begins promptly at 5 p.m.

Every September, communities and agencies across the country celebrate Recovery Month. Celebrating Recovery Month is a way to bring to light the tremendous value behavioral health and recovery support services bring to those suffering from substance use and mental health disorders.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, “Recovery month promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment and recovery for mental and substance use disorders, celebrates people in recovery, lauds the contributions of treatment and service providers and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is pos-

sible. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective, and that people can, and do recover.”

Seeking care for behavioral health concerns was often kept hidden in the past due to fear over stigma. More recently, this has begun to change. People are beginning to recognize that caring for our substance use and mental health issues is as important and as socially acceptable as caring for our physical wellbeing.

Native peoples have long been aware that overall wellness includes the four domains of physical, emotional, mental and the spiritual. With respect to the medicine wheel, Sault Tribe

boasts an integrated medical and behavioral health center with spiritual and cultural services available as well.

Coming together for Recovery Month is a way to celebrate those lives and families which have been positively impacted by recovery and to promote the goal of wellness in all areas of life.

Please bring your entire family out to help us celebrate our third annual Recovery Walk. Those unable to participate in the walk may go directly to Chi Mukwa after 5 p.m. There will be recovery speakers, information booths and activities for children including a bouncy castle, crafting table, face painting and carnival games with prizes.

For questions, call Julie

McKelvie, Lara Cook-Paquin or Cindy Thomas at Sault Tribe Behavioral Health at 635-6075 or Pat McKelvie at Sault Tribal Court at 635-4963..

This event is supported by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, Access to Recovery, Tribal Court, Sault Tribe Behavioral Health and people in and supportive of recovery.

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Grant helps adults over 60 years old to receive free legal assistance

LANSING — Adults aged 60 or older will have better access to free legal services from the state, thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) was recently awarded a grant that will

enhance the free legal service options available to older adults and help the state coordinate with partners to address legal problems more efficiently.

“We know that the right advice at the right time will minimize legal challenges for older adults,” said OSA Director Kari

Sederburg. “We are excited to receive additional resources to enhance coordination and create a more efficient legal services system for older adults to get the help that they need even faster.”

The state will receive \$178,500 per year over the next three years. Half of the funding will go for

operation of the Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors (800) 347-LAWS or (800) 347-5297.

The Legal Hotline is a core component of Michigan’s elder rights services providing older adults with free legal advice and referral assistance. Older adults and their families who have ques-

tions and need information or advice about legal matters are encouraged to call the hotline for assistance.

Michigan was one of seven states to receive the legal assistance systems grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

HUD, VA announce more permanent housing vouchers for veterans

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently announced the second round of HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) funding to local public housing agencies across the U.S. and Puerto Rico. The \$7.8 million will provide housing and clinical services for 1,120 currently homeless veterans. In May of this year, the two agencies announced \$60 million in HUD-VASH vouchers.

The supportive housing assistance is provided through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program which combines rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA. Since 2008, a total of 58,140 vouchers have been awarded and 43,371 formerly homeless veterans are currently in homes of their own because of HUD-VASH.

“Our nation’s veterans have sacrificed and given up so much for our freedom,” said HUD Secretary Donovan. “These vouchers are helping America

end veterans’ homelessness one veteran at a time until we see not one veteran living on the street. I look forward to continue working with Secretary Shinseki and the Department of Veterans Affairs to target assistance to our homeless veterans.”

“These HUD-VASH vouchers are a vital tool in our effort to provide these brave men and women with the earned care and benefits that help them live productive, meaningful lives,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “So long as a single veteran lives on our streets, we have work to do. But with the continued support of President Obama, Congress and our community partners, we will end homelessness among Veterans.”

HUD-VASH is a critical part of the Obama administration’s commitment to end veteran and long-term chronic homelessness by 2015. Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness serves as a roadmap for how the federal government will work with state and local communities to confront the root causes of homelessness, especially among former service-

men and women. HUD’s annual “point in time” estimate of the number of homeless persons and families for 2012 found that veteran homelessness fell by 7.2 percent (or 4,876 people) since January 2011 and by 17.2 percent since January 2009. On a single night in January 2012, 62,619 veterans were homeless.

The grants announced today are part of \$75 million appropriated this year to support the housing needs of homeless veterans. Local public housing authorities provide rental assistance to homeless veterans while nearby VA Medical Centers (VAMC) offer supportive services and case management. This is the second round of the 2013 HUD-VASH funding. HUD expects to announce more HUD-VASH funding this year.

VAMCs work closely with homeless veterans then refer them to public housing agencies for these vouchers, based upon a variety of factors, most importantly the duration of the homelessness and the need for longer term more intensive support to obtain and maintain permanent housing. The HUD-VASH pro-

gram includes both the rental assistance the voucher provides and the comprehensive case management that VAMC staff provides.

Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program rent privately owned housing and gener-

ally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent. VA offers eligible homeless veterans clinical and supportive services through its medical centers across the U.S., Guam and Puerto Rico.

Sault Hospice named for major benefactor

The home for terminally ill Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., community members to spend their last days has served more than 50 families since opening its doors in August of 2012 and now, thanks to the generosity of a Mackinac County couple, it has a name, the Robert and Helen Ball Hospice House.

Robert and Helen (nee Bumstead) Ball of Hessel donated \$100,000 to the Hospice facility during its open house last summer and another \$200,000 for the naming opportunity and to close out the \$900,000 capital campaign.

“The Sault area has been so good to us,” Bob added, “so we

thought we should give something back to this community.”

Helen was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie. Bob’s family moved to the area when he was a boy. After graduating from Sault Area High School in 1953, he started working for Weir Moving and Storage before eventually starting his own business, Ball Moving and Storage and co-founded Superior Sanitation.

The Hospice mortgage is down to \$100,000 and fundraising continues. With all services being free of charge to residents of Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties, the need is great.

Hospice still needs \$250,000 each year for operations and the

variety of services it provides.

Their generous donation is having an immediate effect, according to Hospice of the EUP Executive Director Tracey Holt.

“It is a relief to know that the mortgage is close to being paid for and we can continue to concentrate on fundraising for operations,” Holt said, noting that all services provided by Hospice of the EUP are free of charge. “The donation from Mr. and Mrs. Ball is so generous and it means a lot to the families in this community.”

Holt said she is humbled by the Balls and many others who are willing to help Hospice help the community.

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River of History Museum unveils new mural



Image courtesy of the River of History Museum

Above, the new mural in the River of History Museum depicts some of the activities of Anishinaabe and French voyageurs along the St. Marys River during the region's fur trade era.

By RICK SMITH

Officials from the River of History Museum, Chippewa County Historical Society, Lake Superior State University and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Cloverland Electric and the Susan Schacher Memorial Award gathered as partners along with other guests during an open house at the museum on Aug. 22, which featured the unveiling of a new mural by well-known Sault artist, Jeanne Tubman, who spent more than 400 hours on the project.

The mural depicts a 18th century scene along the St. Marys River during the fur trade era of

French and Anishinaabe voyageurs loading and portaging Montreal canoes, the transports of the fur trade, and doing other tasks with a fort in the distance. Funding for the mural came from a grant of \$2,819 from the Michgian Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The portrayed fort is Fort Chevalier de Repentigny, which was a French fort in what is now Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., established in 1750, taken by the British in 1862 and then burned by Anishinaabe allies of Pontiac later that year.

While unveiling of the mural was the highlight of the open house, the event also featured

newer displays for public viewing, a period skit featuring exchanges between French and Anishinaabe characters portrayed by Paul Sabourin of Le Sault Historic Sites and Cecil Pavlat of the Sault Tribe cultural affairs team.

The open house also featured a silent auction and Kewadin Casinos supplied refreshments for attendees.

"Anyone interested in the

history of Sault Ste. Marie and the St. Marys River should see this mural and the updates to the museum," noted Dr. Tom Robinson, museum director, in an announcement. "Some areas have been updated and others reorganized. It really is becoming a strong depiction of the early history of the river and the Sault and of life during the long history of this area, dating back to the mid-1600s."

While a visit to the museum is well worth the time and cost of admission, the museum, and Sault Tribe as well, is missing an opportunity to educate the public, if even a little bit, about the long struggle that gave rise to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the unique government-to-government relationship between Indian Country and the United States of America.

Sault mask maker boosts spooky Halloween fun

By TONY ROGERS

Just a reminder that Halloween is right around the corner and I have been working on some new masks and prosthetic designs the past few months, you can check them out at www.happysadguyfx.com.

My latest design is a Pan mask. I was inspired by the movie *Pan's Labyrinth*, but I wanted to make my Pan design more user friendly, considering that, with the original *Pan's Labyrinth* mask, the actor could barely see out of it.

Another project I'm going to be working on isn't exactly an original idea, but I have always wanted to make my own version of it. This mask will be a Wolverine mask from the pages of Marvel Comics. I don't usually recreate established characters because I like to keep my designs as original as I can — but I just can't help myself on this one.

I also have other mask designs and a variety of prosthetics on my website. I will be adding more things as time goes by, so keep checking back from time to time.

I do regret to inform that custom creations from sculpts to casting will only be available for Halloween 2014. This is an extremely busy time of the year and there is simply no time to



Photo courtesy of Tony Rogers

The Pan mask created by Sault Tribe member Tony Rogers. He has been working on new masks and prosthetic designs the past few months, you can check them out at www.happysadguyfx.com.

complete the project professionally for this Halloween. However, I can custom paint an already existing design with clear directions from you, or from sketches.

For more information please contact me by sending email to happysadguyfx@hotmail.com. If you want to keep up to date with what I'm working on or have suggestions for future designs, please contact me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tony.rogers.98031. I can also be reached by calling (906) 322-3720. I would really like to hear your input.

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Contract Health Services team recognized for superior achievements, dedicated service

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Sault Tribe Contract Health Services (CHS) team members were recognized during the 14th National Partnerships Conference held in Denver on Aug. 15 for their superior achievements, dedicated service and significant contributions to the tribe's CHS program.

proud of our CHS team. Please offer them your congratulations for their service and for being such an award-winning team.”

As part of the nomination process, Fox wrote a short description of the CHS teams accomplishments: “The members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians have benefited

referred care, to specialized pharmacy item requests, discharge planning for care and items needed for discharge and care afterward. They coordinate the members care with our other tribal community health programs, tribal social service programs or contracted outside services not provided by our tribal programs.”

The five team members who were recognized were Carol Pages-Montie, a CHS certifier for the past 33 years; Kimberly Menard, a patient care coordinator for 27 years; Claudette Crook, patient care coordinator for 15 years; Nicole McKechnie, a patient care coordinator for nine years and Tina Fox, CHS utilization manager for 29 years. Other important members of the CHS team include senior worker Barbara Dietz and student workers Cecelia Atkinson and Rachel Lee.

To be eligible for CHS, Sault Tribe members must reside in the seven county Contract Health Service delivery area, which includes Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce, Schoolcraft, Alger, Delta, and Marquette counties. A complete application must be filled out, along with a copy of current income (Federal 1040 tax return), copy of insurance cards and proof of residency. The income is used to determine eligibility for alternate resources as CHS is mandated to be the payor of last resort by the federal government. Refusal to access an alternate resource, such as tribal clinics when available and accessible, Medicare, Medicaid, MiChild, crippled children's programs, vocational rehabilitation programs, Veterans Administration, state and federal programs can result in a denial of eligibility for CHS. CHS is not an insurance policy or an entitlement program.

CHS is a federally funded

program used to fund health care services referred outside of the tribe's health care clinics, or urgent and emergent conditions. You must contact CHS prior to your service date if referred by a tribal clinic provider, or within 72 hours of receiving emergency care. The medical management team reviews emergency room reports to determine their priority. Please contact CHS Staff to request assistance or to apply for CHS, at (800) 922-0582 or 632-

5220.

Indian Health Service has established priorities as guidelines for tribes to follow to assist tribes in authorizing what services they will be covering during that fiscal year based on current federal funding level. This past fiscal year CHS has been able to provide priority 1A, 1B, and Priority 2 diagnostic and Priority 2 services that have been added to the exception list, urgent and emergent Priority 1A services.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Nicole McKechnie, a patient care coordinator for nine years; Claudette Crook, patient care coordinator for 15 years; Tina Fox, CHS utilization manager for 29 years; Kimberly Menard, a patient care coordinator for 27 years and Carol Pages-Montie, a CHS certifier for the past 33 years.

The Office of Resource, Access and Partnerships and Area Contract Health Services Officers awarded each CHS team member a certificate of recognition for “Outstanding Achievement for a Team or Office,” which CHS Utilization Manager Tina Fox accepted on behalf of the department during an awards ceremony.

Sault Tribe Health Division Director Bonnie Culfa, RN, MSN, said, “Our Contract Health Services program has very dedicated team members working under the leadership of Tina Fox and often do not receive the recognition due them for providing caring assistance to our tribal members. This much deserved national award highlights what we know at the Health Division, that we have an excellent Contract Health Services program and we should all be thankful and

from the dedicated staff at our Contract Health Service department. We have five employees in this department that are happy to assist our members in accessing healthcare, whether at one of our four major tribal clinics, two satellite clinic sites or referred care throughout our seven county service area. There are 14,000 members that have signed up for CHS that have resided in our Contract Health Service delivery area. Together our five staff members combined years of service in CHS totals 115 years, which shows our staffs desire and dedication to servicing our membership. Our staff is very knowledgeable of all services provided through our tribe and outside resources and the members know they can count on us to assist in any way we can. The staff handles the calls or visits from the members from the

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FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING STAFF

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Compared to the general U.S. population, American Indians and Alaskan Natives are more likely than other groups to get sicker from the flu, be hospitalized and even die from flu-related complications. In fact, in 2010, American Indians and Alaskan Natives were added to the list of people for whom yearly influenza vaccination is a priority. Protect yourself and protect your people by getting your flu vaccine. You need this season's vaccine to protect against flu this season, so get vaccinated this season, even if you were vaccinated last season.

Your family may be especially vulnerable to the flu. Anyone can get sick from the flu, but it causes more problems for babies

and young children, elders, pregnant women and people with certain medical conditions, like diabetes (type 1 and 2), asthma or heart problems.

Even in otherwise healthy adults and children, the flu has the potential to cause severe illness that may require hospital care. Getting a flu vaccine each season reduces your risk of illness, hospitalization or even death and can prevent you from spreading the virus to your loved ones. A flu vaccine can offer life-saving protection, especially in communities that do not have a hospital with an emergency department or intensive care unit to treat patients with severe flu illness or related complications.

The flu vaccine is safe and is recommended for everyone six months of age and older. You can't get the flu from the flu vaccine. People have been receiving flu vaccines for more than 50 years and vaccine safety is closely monitored annually by the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration. The viruses in the flu shot are killed and the viruses in the nasal spray vaccine are weakened, so neither vaccine can cause the flu.

A flu shot can have mild side effects such as soreness or swelling where the vaccine was received, a mild fever or aches. Mild side effects of the nasal spray can include runny nose, headache, sore throat and cough. None of the side effects you may experience are contagious to others and should disappear within two days.

There are lots of places to get the flu vaccine. You can get yours from trusted sources including your local tribal healthcare facility. Please call your local tribal community health facility for a list of flu vaccine clinic dates and times.

Protecting your community against the flu is a shared responsibility. Thank you for keeping Indian country healthy.

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HESSEL AREA	Thurs., Sept. 19	Hessel Tribal Health Center	12:30 – 3:30
	Wed., Sept. 25	Hessel Tribal Health Center	9-12 & 1-4
	Mon., Sept. 30	Hessel Tribal Health Center	11-12 & 1-4
	Wed., Oct. 9	Hessel Tribal Health Center	11-12 & 1-4
	Mon., Oct. 14	Hessel Tribal Health Center	11-12 & 1-4
	Thurs., Oct. 17	Hessel CASINO**	2 – 4
MUNISING AREA	Fri., Sept. 20	Munising Tribal Health Center	9 – 12
	Thurs., Sept. 26	Munising Tribal Health Center	9 – 12
	Thurs., Oct. 3	Christmas CASINO**	10 – 2
	Thurs., Oct. 24	Munising Tribal Health Center	9 – 12
NEWBERRY AREA	Fri., Sept. 20	Newberry Tribal Health Center	7:30 – 5
	Mon., Oct. 21	Newberry Tribal Health Center	7:30 – 5
	Wed., Nov. 13	Newberry Tribal Health Center	1 – 4
	Thurs., Dec. 5	Newberry Tribal Health Center	1 – 4
SAULT AREA	Wed., Sept. 25	Sault Tribe Health Center*	8:30– 4
	Tues., Oct. 1	Sault Tribe Health Center*	8:30 – 4
	Wed., Oct. 9	Sault Elder Care Meal Site	
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	Wed., Oct. 16	Sault Tribe Health Center*	8:30 – 4
	Wed., Oct. 23	Sault Kewadin CASINO**	8:30 – 4
	Tues., Oct. 29	Sault Tribal Health Center*	8:30 – 4
	Thurs., Nov. 7	Sault Tribe Health Center*	10 – 2
ST. IGNACE AREA	Tue., Sept. 24	St. Ignace Elder Care	10 – 4
		Elders only - McCann School	
	Wed., Oct. 9	St. Ignace Tribal Health Center	9 – 4
	Tue., Oct. 15	St. Ignace Tribal Health Center	9 – 4
	Tue., Oct. 25	St. Ignace CASINO**	9 – 4

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— CLIP & SAVE —

SBA teaches Native entrepreneurship online

BY RICK SMITH

If you've long harbored a dream of owning and operating your own blueberry plantation, fry bread bakery or some other enterprise, but don't have a clue where to start, you may want to hop online and take a gander at the multitude of free courses offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

at sba.gov/sba-learning-center/search/training. From the early stages of thinking about starting a business to the more advanced stages of acquiring government contracts, this site covers it all.

The SBA even breaks down courses for specific students, such as those with American Indian ancestry, veterans and women who may be qualified for dif-

ferent programs to help them achieve goals.

Tabs on the main page allow one to further explore starting and managing a business, loans and grants, contracting, local assistance, finding content on other types of media and finding information most important to you through the SBA Direct function.

Under the Starting and

Managing a Business tab, as an example of the depth of the lessons, subjects start with *Thinking About Starting a Business?*, moves on to *Create Your Business Plan* and takes you into 18 other facets of starting and managing a business, including the end stage such as for retiring, closing, selling or for other reasons.

Whether you would like to become a real-life Horatio Alger, Jr. rags-to-riches kind of magnate or just aim to enjoy a comfortable life with a sense of accomplishment with something to leave as a legacy, check into the site and see where your imagination takes you.

The SBA is a United States government agency.

Make preparations to carry out parental last wishes

FROM MSU EXTENSION, CHIPPEWA COUNTY

My parents both passed away suddenly and our family never experienced the "sit down and talk about end of life issues" talk. Mom lived many years after dad passed away and, rather than a formal discussion, she "threw out" information regarding a coming appointment to write her will or mentioned a certain document was kept in the safe and where the keys were. We knew my brother was listed on the checking account, that she wanted a bagpiper at her funeral and how we should divide her collectibles. We were lucky, mom had been the executor of her uncle's estate and knew about putting things in order. Not every family is so fortunate. Many families avoid having this emotionally charged discussion. By not knowing what has been put in place, families are faced making many decisions at an uncomfortably fast pace. Planning ahead can lead to peace of mind for parents and grown children.

The most important piece of this process is communication and, specifically, communication with all family members. Once a member of the family feels left out of decision making conversations, trouble starts. We live in an era of accessing each other through conference calls, email and text messages. Decisions need not be made without all

family members. Siblings need to be patient and respectful of others reactions and feelings. During these conversations, there was a tendency to slip into the same roles we had when growing up together. Keep this in mind when the oldest starts to seemingly boss everyone around or the youngest whines that no one tells her anything. Focus on the end result, honoring your parent(s).

When is the best time for a meeting? It might be easier to list when not to hold a meeting. Stay away from holiday visits, family reunions or at the end of a hospital bed. Set a specific place and time for this important conversation and don't forget to include your parent(s). Once the meeting is set, address the following points:

- Where are all the important papers kept? Is there a safe, shoebox, drawer or a safe deposit box at the bank?
- Is there a will? Where is a copy kept?
- Have steps been taken for someone to make decisions if your parents cannot? Is there a living will?
- Does your parent have a lawyer and a financial advisor?
- Where are insurance policies kept?
- What about a financial advisor and is contact information readily at hand?
- Are there files on a home computer?

• Social Security numbers?

All these documents may already be in order and readily accessible, but what about books, coin collections or jewelry? Are there instructions on how these items are to be divided? Did dad put names on the bottom of certain items? An excellent resource for non-titled property is a program through the University of Minnesota Extension called *Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate*. The workbook from this program is available for purchase and can walk you through the transfer of

personal items. Ordering is done through www.extension.umn.edu/family.

Hopefully, your family can sit down together and begin the task of finding out what your parents want to have done when they pass. For many, it's time to start a conversation with your own children. Pre-planning will help alleviate some of the stress families experience when a loved one passes away.

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Farm Bill amendment could lower interstate food safety

BY RICK SMITH

An amendment to the 2013 reauthorization of the U.S. Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act, commonly referred to as the Farm Bill, is meeting opposition from a diverse field of organizations and congressional representatives. At the heart of the contention is the so-called King Amendment, which would prevent states from barring the sale of foods originating from other states that have lower standards for humane and sanitary livestock treatment, lower safety standards protecting farm workers and food safety standards protecting consumers.

The Farm Bill directly concerns Indian Country as a whole through stipulations on a variety of matters such as tribal USDA food distribution programs, fisheries and agricultural operations.

The Humane Society of the United States is among a coalition of more than 60 organizations that represent the interests of sustainable agriculture, consumers, animal welfare, the envi-

ronment and others in defeating the amendment. Joining them are about 160 Democrat and Republican representatives of the U.S. Congress.

According to the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, the Farm Bill is a bundle of legislation that originated during the Great Depression that sets national agriculture, nutrition, conservation and forestry policy and is reauthorized every five years. The last bill expired in 2012. A partial extension was passed on Jan. 1 of 2013 to extend several expired programs. The 2013 reauthorization passed the U.S. House, which included the King Amendment, but the Senate passed a version, which does not include the controversial amendment. Hence, a conference committee consisting of House and Senate members must now negotiate the final form of the bill.

Congressional members and the organizations attempting to See "Food Safety," page 16



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Kenny Rogers coming to Kewadin Casino

Grammy Award-winning music legend and 2013 Country Music Hall of Fame inductee Kenny Rogers will celebrate the 32nd anniversary of his Christmas tour in 2013 with a festive show featuring live performances of holiday classics and his biggest hits in the DreamMakers Theater on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

Tickets to Kenny Rogers Christmas and Hits through the years with special guest Linda Davis are on sale now. Tickets are \$62.50 and \$52.50.

Rogers is known for creating an inviting atmosphere with his annual *Christmas and Hits*

Tour, which consistently receives rave reviews and has become a holiday tradition in its own right since its start 32 years ago. The “Christmas” portion of this year’s inviting set will include heartfelt performances of traditional and original songs such as *White Christmas*, *Silent Night*, *Joy To The World* and *Mary, Did You Know*. Local choirs will have an opportunity to showcase their talents, having once again been chosen to perform with Rogers in each city of the tour. Rogers will sing many of his timeless classics in the “hits” segment of the show, including *Lady*, *The Gambler*, *Islands In*

the Stream, *Daytime Friends*, *Lucille*, *Ruby*, *Don’t Take Your Love To Town*, *She Believes In Me*, *Coward Of The County*, *Through the Years* and several more.

For more than half a century, Kenny Rogers, with his unique storytelling ability and soulful voice, has thrived as a singer, musician and showman on the international music scene. A beloved, universally known icon of American entertainment, Rogers has recorded some of the most revered music around the world. He has sold more than 120 million albums worldwide, ranking him number eight on

the RIAA’s list of top selling male artists of all time. Rogers is one of the only artists to chart a record in each of the last seven decades. He has received countless honors, including three Grammy Awards, five Country Music Association Awards, eighteen American Music Awards, eight Academy of Country Music Awards and eleven People’s Choice Awards.

Rogers’ autobiography, *Luck Or Something Like It – A Memoir* – released in 2012 – immediately became a New York Times best seller. The paperback version of the book is scheduled for release on Sept. 24, 2013. Rogers also

released *What Are the Chances* – a novel co-written with Mike Blakely – on Sept. 3, 2013, and a new album on Warner Bros. Records this fall. He will officially be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in late October.

Rogers’ performances on his 2013 *Through The Years World Tour* have generated rave reviews, including his hit-packed sets at the Glastonbury Festival in Britain (to more than 120,000 festival-goers), Festival Timitar – a world music festival – in Agadir, Morocco (to 80,000), and performances across Europe, Canada and the United States.



NICK MATZEN: KEWADIN CHRISTMAS TEAM MEMBER OF THE YEAR — Nick Matzen, slot technician clerk, was recently named as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Christmas. Team members are chosen by peers for this award and receive personal plaques; \$200, entertainment tickets, dinners and hotel stays along with listings on plaques in each casino. He received the award in a presentation at Frosty’s Bar and Grille with his family. Nick lives in Munising with his wife, Brenda, who also works at Kewadin Christmas. Pictured, left to right, Linda Martin, slot manager, Matzen and Todd Masters, casino manager.

Team members recognized



Jean Opalka

Jean Opalka is the Kewadin Sault Team Member of the Month! She is a beverage server and has worked for the casino since 2002. “It’s nice to be recog-

nized for all your hard work,” she said. Jean said the most rewarding part of her job is working with her amazing coworkers. Jean lives in the Sault and has two daughters. Thanks for all you do, Jean! We sincerely appreciate it.

Phyllis Huffman, housekeeping supervisor, is the St. Ignace team member of the month! She has worked for Kewadin since 2008 and was as a tour host and housekeeping supervisor. She said the most rewarding part of her job is the staff. “It’s a great surprise and makes you feel appreciated by coworkers,” she said. Phyllis has one daughter and three granddaughters and lives in the St. Ignace area. Thanks for being part of our team, Phyllis!

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Kewadin Christmas
Saturday October 5, 2013

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Customer Appreciation
Kewadin Manistique
Sunday October 6, 2013

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THIRD PLACE, MIXED — Don Sawruk, Nancy Sawruk, Fred Benoit, Linda Benoit of Team Sawruk Management, shot a 69.



FIRST PLACE, MEN'S — Above (L-R), Scott Winkleman, Joe Pigeon, Scott Pillion, Nathan Neeb of Team Helen Joy Newberry Hospital, shot a 62.

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AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE AND YOU

Enrollment in health care coverage options begins Oct. 1 Enrolling means more resources for all tribal members

By RICK SMITH

A notice posted on a wall of the Sault Tribe medical clinic in Sault Ste. Marie pretty much summarizes the situation for Indian Country citizens regarding approaching changes in health care coverage coming courtesy of the Affordable Care Act, "Enrolling in Medicaid expansion or Health Insurance Exchange plans means more resources for everyone," the notice reads. It further advises readers to contact tribal or Indian Health Services (IHS) facilities to ask about eligibility and to bring proof of your Social Security number when you do.

According to a fact sheet from U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS), nearly 600,000 members of American Indian tribes who lack health insurance will have new opportunities for coverage through enrollment in either the Health Insurance Marketplace or the Medicaid expansion. The HHS predicts most folks, as many as nine out of 10, may

qualify for one of three forms of financial help in getting coverage through the marketplace.

The marketplace clearly and thoroughly explains health care options in plain language allowing people to make comparisons in benefits, costs and quality when selecting a most suitable option.

In addition, many Indian Country citizens will soon be eligible for Medicaid under expansion of the program mandated by the Affordable Care Act. As one example, adults without dependent children living at home, who were previously not eligible for Medicaid, will now qualify for the program under the expansion.

American Indians eligible to receive Indian health care services are among the few in a group exempt from penalties if they do not maintain minimum essential coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

Here's how enrolling in either a Health Insurance Exchange

coverage or expanded Medicaid coverage helps everyone in our tribe: As more members have some form of health insurance coverage, including Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program or private insurance, the more our tribe's health care facilities and programs can use limited funding to provide needed services for all eligible members and their families. It further helps by bolstering Indian Health Services and tribal health programs reimbursements as well.

The inaugural annual enrollment period begins on Oct. 1 and the new programs become active on Jan. 1, 2014.

To learn more about the Affordable Care Act or the Health Insurance Marketplace, visit www.healthcare.gov, to learn more about how these changes apply to Indian Country, visit www.healthcare.gov/tribal and www.ihs.gov or check with the folks at your nearest tribal medical facility.

Enroll your children before they age 18 years

The Sault Tribe Enrollment Department, which oversees the tribal membership enrollment and maintains its database, offers members these services: membership cards, tuition waiver certifications, blood quantum certifications, relinquishment requests, enrollment of children, address change updates, assistance in obtaining a treaty fishing license, family genealogy, eagle feather permits and source for BIA-4432 forms (Indian preference forms).

In February 1998, the membership rolls for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe closed to all adults. The membership rolls are now closed to adults, aged 18 and over.

Once children turn 18, they cannot become registered members of Sault Tribe. So, while parents may think their children are members because they were seen at one of the tribal health clinics, this may not necessarily be true. Everyone must have a membership card to be considered a true member of Sault Tribe and able to participate in the aforementioned services.

The minor children of card-holding members can still enroll.

At least one biological parent must be enrolled with Sault Tribe as a bona fide member to enroll a minor child. Enrollment of minor children is free. All one needs to do is fill out the application and submit it to the Enrollment Department. The application must be completed, signed and dated by the parent who is a member of the tribe. The application requires accompaniment of courthouse birth certificates for each child to be enrolled. If available, please include a copy of their social security cards as well. One does not need to send in birth certificates for any other children other than the candidates for enrollment at this time but, please list all your minor children on the form. Membership cards for the children should arrive within one to two weeks.

If you have any questions regarding the applications, or you need to find out if your child is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, please call the enrollment office toll free at (800) 251-6597 or locally at 632-8552 or 635-3396.

USET sets the record straight on American Indian exemption from the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate provision

FROM THE UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

An Aug. 22 Fox News report, "ObamaCare Mandate Skips Over Native Americans," contains inaccurate and misleading assertions about the Indian Health System and the purpose of exempting American Indians and Alaska Natives from the requirement to carry health insurance under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), otherwise known as the "individual mandate."

While portions of the piece are true, it "skips over" some of the most sobering facts about access to care for and the health status of American Indians. Instead, patients who receive "free" health care from the Indian Health Service (IHS) are wrongly accused of double-dipping due to their eligibility for premium subsidies under the ACA while being exempt from having to purchase insurance. United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) feels compelled to set the record straight on this exemption and the federal Government's trust responsibility to provide health care to our nation's first people.

It is true American Indians and Alaska Natives, who meet eligibility requirements (just like every eligible American citizen), may receive subsidies to pur-

chase private insurance. Fox is also correct in reporting these same tribal members are eligible to receive "free" health care through the IHS.

However, this is not the whole story, facts are missing. The health care provided to American Indians and Alaska Natives is NOT free. The federal government, through force, coercion or "voluntary" consent, removed Native Americans from their homelands. The price of health care provided to American Indians by the federal government has been paid, through cessations of vast natural resources and millions of acres of land. Our ancestors paid for these benefits with their hearts, souls and in many cases, with their lives. All of our treaties, which are considered law of the land, the many laws, and various Supreme Court cases collectively support the provision of these services to our people. Yet, the federal government has thus far failed to fully uphold their end of the transaction, the sacred agreements and trust owed to our people.

Fox News reported the amount of federal funding the IHS currently receives yet omitted the disturbing fact that this amount equates to just slightly more than 50 percent of what is required to provide basic health

care to American Indians. Access to care remains a persistent problem for tribal nations, as IHS-funded facilities are frequently unable to hire and retain qualified health staff. By not fully funding IHS so that it may provide adequate basic health care, the United States government is not fulfilling its obligations and trust responsibility to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

While nearly every other federally-funded health care program is exempt from the Sequester, IHS is not. This has compounded the challenges tribes face to gain access to basic health care. Too often IHS funding is expended before the end of the fiscal year and new funds can be received. The IHS has predicted federally mandated reductions to IHS will result in 3,000 fewer inpatient admissions and 804,000 fewer outpatient visits annually. The numbers may be small in comparison to the rest of the country, but American Indians and Alaska Natives have some of the highest per capita incident rates of diabetes, heart disease, and cancer, which result in devastating effects across Indian Country.

While drafting the ACA, Congressional leaders took into consideration how the United States has failed to meet its trust responsibility to American

Indians and Alaska Natives and the neglect toward providing adequate basic health care to tribes. Congress was wise in its strategy to provide subsidy to eligible beneficiaries in Indian Country to purchase health insurance. By doing this it strengthens the federal investment made in IHS because tribal healthcare facilities may bill private insurance to regain funding spent on treatment. This also alleviates the demand on services as tribal members, who now have health insurance, may seek care from providers outside of IHS clinics. Tribal members will have greater choice in providers, as well as increased access to necessary preventive and specialty care. Through the ACA, the Indian Health System stands to make real progress in closing the gap in health status for its patients.

American Indians and Alaska Natives are not "double-dipping" under the ACA. Many will use the benefits offered by the law to experience the level of care and peace of mind that health insurance brings for the first time. Many will not, citing the Federal Government's obligation to fund IHS. The Fox News report speaks to the issue of fairness under the ACA. Fox News should work in true fairness in its reporting to understand the

history, the treaties, and the differences of why American Indians and Alaska Natives are afforded certain benefits. It is only fair for our people to be exempt from bearing the burden of the government's failures. ACA is a fair step and action by the United States to uphold its sacred and legal responsibility to tribal nations. Therefore, USET believes the United States is working to reverse generations of neglect to Indian Country. The spirit of the Affordable Care Act, which includes the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, is an action the United States is taking to uphold this sacred and legal responsibility.

(The following was published on the Fox News Website on August 22, 2013: www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/08/22/obamacare-mandate-skips-over-native-americans.)

The United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. is a non-profit, inter-tribal organization that collectively represents its member tribes at the regional and national level. USET has grown to include twenty-six federally recognized tribes, operating through various workgroups and committees and providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information amongst tribes, agencies and governments.

Law Enforcement's Junior Police Academy

Academy held at Camp Boedne Bay

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Every summer since 1999 the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department has hosted the Junior Police Academy at Camp Boedne Bay, in Moran, Michigan.

The no-cost academy brings together tribal youth ages 11 to 15 and features law enforcement training and recreational activities. Held Aug. 5-9, this summer's camp had 45 participants – 23 boys and 22 girls who came from the Michigan cities of Rockford, Sault Ste. Marie, Manistique, Kinross, St. Ignace, Moran, Sugar Island, Mackinac Island, Big Rapids, Dafer, Fremont and Hessel.

Sault Tribe Chief of Police Bob Marchand, said, "I would like to thank all of our Sault Tribe officers and staff for their commitment to this annual program. A special thank you to Sault Tribal Court for their assistance with providing counselors and helping with the cost of food. A huge thank you to Board of Director Bridgett Sorenson from Unit III for volunteering to be a part of this year's taser demonstration! Each year everyone that volunteers goes above and beyond to make the academy a huge success. I would like to acknowledge every agency that presented this year. The academy would not be possible without the continued support from each and every agency that participates: Sault Tribe Police, Michigan State Police, Saint Ignace Fire, Allied EMS, ICE agents, Border Patrol agents and Sault Tribe Emergency Management. And a big thank you to every cadet that attended this year's academy, what an awesome group of kids!"

Office Manager Lona Stewart said, "The kids are given extensive gun safety and taught the importance of the safe practice, use, and respect that cadets must have for all weapons prior to being able to use the simunitions weapons. They are not allowed to horse around even with the

training guns, if they do, they are not allowed to go to the shooting range or do the building entry - that is how important it is for our officers to make sure the kids understand they are not toys but tools that the police use to protect and serve."

So with firearms safety in mind, three participants took a few minutes to share some insight on their experiences. William Gibson, 12, said this was his first year at the academy and he really enjoyed doing building entries – especially when he "shot" Officer Dan Frechette in the hand with a simunition round, similar to a paintball round. He was also a passenger in a simulated traffic stop, enjoyed playing cards with new friends and practicing on the MILO – a military integrated laser operations interactive training experience. And yes, he wants to become a tribal police officer.

Jonatha McAdams, 15, said this was her second year at the academy. She is also considering becoming a police officer as one of her career options. "I came back this year because I like it here and it's fun," she said. "We get to play games and meet new friends, learn how to shoot guns and do building entries, and practice shooting on the shooting range. We also went into a real building and got to shoot "bad" guys." The "bad" guys in this case were law enforcement officers.

A third-timer at camp, Sean VanDyke, 13, likes doing building entries using simunition rounds. Speaking with a voice that was hoarse from yelling and excitement, he said he wants to be a Homeland Security Investigative Officer someday.

Late afternoon on most days during the academy, youth and staff grabbed beach towels and changed into their swimsuits and drove in tribal vans a short distance to Lake Michigan for some fun at the beach.



Junior Police Academy cadets gathered at the State Police Post in St. Ignace for a demonstration.



Officer Ryan Lubben with his K-9 partner, Lux.



Camp participants broke into two groups to build shelters using what they could find in the woods.



Unit III Representative Bridgett Sorenson takes a taser hit as Officers Mike Povey (left) and Alan Teneyck act as her spotters. Every year a few brave people volunteer to be tasered by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement as a demonstration for camp participants. Officer Daniel Menard also took one for the team after Sorenson.



CADETS HONORED — At left, Sean Van Dyke was Top Male Cadet of the Year and Samantha Hintz was Top Female Cadet of the Year.

Photos by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement & Brenda Austin

Community 'stuffed the bus' with supplies



Lisa Moran (right) presented Steve Carey of the United Way of the EUP with "Stuff the Bus" donations from employees of the Sault Tribe.



Friends Karlie Aleshire, 9, and Trenton Wychopen, 5, with their new backpacks.

The Salvation Army, United Way of the EUP and the DHS coordinated an effort to "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies and backpacks for children in Chippewa County in grades preschool through fifth. Local business and individuals in the Sault area donated to the annual event by purchasing and donating school items and backpacks.

"Project Backpack," meant to help reduce back to school stress for families who are experiencing a financial hardship, was held at the Van Citters Field Aug. 23 in the Sault.

Kids got to pick out a free backpack and school supplies and were also treated to a bouncy house, games and free hotdogs and drinks.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Charles and Linda Forgrave with their children, Trey and Tishella, who each picked out free backpacks and school supplies.



Dr. Shane Woolever and his daughter, Mia, 7, volunteer at the free backpack table.



Lisa Moran with her granddaughter, Ava Povey, 5, who was getting ready for kindergarten.



Above, parents help their children pick out free school supplies. Below: Backpacks!



DAVID W. BAZINAW

David W. Bazinaw, 51, of Sault Ste. Marie, passed away on Aug. 18, 2013, at his home. He was born on Aug. 1, 1962, in Petoskey, to James and Helen (nee St. Onge) Bazinaw of Mackinac Island.

Mr. Bazinaw attended Holy Childhood School in Harbor Springs and St. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island.

He was a commercial painter on Mackinac Island for most of his life.

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

He is survived by his wife, Carole; a stepson, Brian Bazinaw of Kinross; siblings Larry Parel of Mackinac Island, Colonel Jack and Jennifer Parel of Georgia, Janice and Dave Green of Petoskey, Doris and Richard LaPine of St. Ignace, Nancy and Ed Pfeiffelman of Mackinac Island, Clayton and Patti Bazinaw of Mackinac Island, Judy and Chris Hill of Alanson, Dennis Bazinaw of St. Ignace, and Ken and Gloria Bazinaw of St. Ignace; a sister-in-law, Janet Bazinaw, of Wisconsin, and aunts, uncles, and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by two siblings, Dick Bazinaw and Rena Bazinaw.

A gathering took place on Aug. 31 at the tribal center on McCann Street in St. Ignace.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace is assisting the family with arrangements.

SANDRA K. BIRON

Sandra K. Biron of Sugar Island, Mich., went to meet the Lord at Hospice of the EUP on Aug. 15, 2013. She was born in Duncansville, Pa., on March 11, 1948.

She is survived by her loving husband, Kenneth P. Biron, of Sugar Island and her four fabulous children, Anglea M. Ellis and her family of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Daniel (spouse), Jacob, Haran, Mary and Leona; Wendy R. Burris and her family of Vicksburg, Mich., Bobby (spouse),



Branden, and Kenny; Robin C. Greymountain of Paige, Ariz., and her family, Leland (spouse), NaMe, and Aanje; Kipper Biron and his family of Sugar Island, Kelly (spouse) and Cole; brothers and sisters, Doodles, Screech (deceased), Butch, Bud, Mike (deceased), Pete and Hoot.

She was well known for her delicious pies, baked goods, being a card shark and taking all our quarters. She loved to spend her time gardening, quilting and traveling with Ken. Sandi and her husband owned the Islander House Café and ran the Pullar Stadium concession stand for over 25 years.

Before she passed, Sandi expressed, "I loved no one more than or anything more than my family. Thank you for loving me the way I was (if you did)."

Her family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the loving and caring volunteers and staff of Hospice of the EUP, especially RN Mary Michels.

The family asks that you please send memorial contributions to Hospice of the EUP in Sandi's memory to 308 W. 12th Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

A memorial mass celebrating Sandi's life took place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in the Sault, followed by a luncheon at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building.

Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

EDWARD J. GAUS

Edward J. Gaus of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died on Aug. 12, 2013, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on July 31, 1927, in Columbus, Ohio.

Edward worked at North American Aviation in Columbus, retired from Soo Welding and was a machine shop instructor at Sault area schools. He was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by his sons, John (Deloris) Gaus of Rutland, Ohio, Edward (Janice) Gaus, Jr. of ValeJo, Calif., Kenneth Gaus of Sault Ste. Marie, Richard (Liz) Gaus of Sault Ste. Marie and Jeffrey Gaus of Sault Ste. Marie; daughters, Sandy Gaus of Sault Ste. Marie and Roseanne Casey of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 17 grand-



children; 26 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Bonnie (nee Brammer), who passed on June 5, 1996; sister, Mary Cartwright; brother, Jimmy Gaus; son-in-law, Doug Casey; and parents, John and Stella (nee Ojibway) Gaus.

A funeral service took place on Aug. 27, 2013, at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and Cremation Center with Deacon Bill Piche officiating. Edward's final resting place is Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Hospice of the E.U.P. at 308 W. 12th Avenue in Sault Ste. Marie and would be appreciated.

Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

HARRY JEWELL

Harry Jewell, aged 48, of Maybee, Mich., went to be with the Lord surrounded by his loving wife and children on Aug. 28, 2013, at his home. He was born on May 20, 1965, in Garden City, Mich., to Donald and Darlene (nee Masta) Jewell.

He married Lisa Meyers on Dec. 15, 1988, and together they had three children. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist church in Dundee, Mich., and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Harry had a skill for demolition and enjoyed working for Adamo Demolition from 1995 until his passing. He previously worked for Homrich from 1984 to 1995 and was a member of the Operating Engineers Local 324.

He was a devoted family man, he loved his family more than anything. He enjoyed cooking and often hosted family dinners at his home. He had a generous spirit and always made everyone feel welcome in his home. To ease others worries he always said "it will be alright." His kind-hearted generosity will be sadly missed. He was a hard worker and always kept himself busy at home by tinkering in the barn and fiddling around in the yard.

Harry is survived by his wife, Lisa; daughter, Ashley (Donnie) Denhart of Maybee; son, Brandon (Jamie) Jewell of Dundee; son, Casey (Shelbie) Jewell of Maybee; grandchildren, Lili, Lindsay, Landon, Cameron and Lacey were the loves of his life. He also leaves behind his beloved dog, Demo. He is also survived by his father, Donald R. (Loretta)

Jewell; sister, Chevone Montri; brother, Donald L. Jewell; sister, Deanna (Steve) Bussell; sister-in-law, Stephanie (Larry) Jewell; and brother, Rodger (Suzy) Jewell; 15 nieces and nephews; and three great nieces.

He was preceded in death by his mother Darlene Jewell; niece, Christy Jewell; and brother, Larry Jewell.

A memorial service and visitation took place on Aug. 31 at Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor Don Brown officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the family to help with expenses.

Arrangements were conducted by Cover Funeral Home in Dundee. Online condolences may be made at www.coverfuneral-home.com

VICTOR F. MARTIN

Victor Francis Martin, 87, of Grand Marais, Mich., died on July 28, 2013, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He was born in Grand Marais on May 11, 1926, to parents Russell and Elise (nee Buckland) Martin.

Victor grew up in Grand Marais. When he was old enough, he started working at the Wooden Two Sills Garage. In 1948, he married Marion Propst. They moved to Flint, Mich., briefly then returned to Grand Marais to raise their family. In 1959, he began working for Alger County repairing equipment. He retired from the county in 1972 when he was injured on the job. Victor enjoyed retirement and was still fixing small equipment and machinery.

Victor was a patron and 15-year member of the Newberry Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3701.

Victor enjoyed spending time with his family. During the summer, he especially enjoyed visiting with the many summer friends he had made over the years. He liked to help at the fish market and mend nets. He loved to road hunt for partridge and watch west-erns. He was the village Mr. Fix-it who kept everyone's mowers and snowblowers running. "Tonto," as he was known to many, was always willing to help someone in need.

Victor is survived by sons, James (Susie) Martin Cedarville, Mich., David (Debbie) Martin and Francis (Pamela Dewitt) Martin, of Grand Marais; daughter, Pamela Richardson of Grand Marais; grandchildren Duncan (Kathy Trevarrow) Martin, Maria

(Justin Clark) Martin, Kandi (Andy) Mischbah, Alan Martin, Christopher Martin, Danielle (Doug) Buskirk; and great-grandchildren, Lucas, Kegan, Douglas, Dralyn, Lucas, Dixie, Nikita, Sierra, Kaley, Jordan, Credence, Conar and Ethona.

Victor is preceded in death by his wife, Marion; three brothers, William Forest Martin, Lloyd Martin and James Russell Lincoln Martin.

No public services are planned at this time.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford served the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.reamergalerfuneralhome.com.

VICTORIA V. MCKINNEY

Victoria V. McKinney, age 65, of Gouge Cove Road, Bakersville, N.C., passed away on July 29, 2013, at her home. She was a Native of Mackinac Island, Mich., and was previously employed with the Chalet Restaurant in Little Switzerland, N.C.

Survivors include; her husband, Ronald R. McKinney; mother, Lucille Cadotte Visnaw, of St. Ignace, Mich.; daughters, Tina Canipe and husband, Edward, of Burnsville, N.C., Hazel Buchanan of Bakersville, N.C., and Bobbie McKinney of Marion, N.C.; son, Ronald L. McKinney of Bakersville, N.C.; sisters, Jen Martin of Wolverine, Mich., Luella Good of Iron River, Wis., Rose Howell of St. Ignace and Frances Rolston of Waynesville, N.C.; brothers, Arnold Visnaw, of Rudyard, Mich., Clarence and Melvin Visnaw, both of St. Ignace, and David Visnaw of Maggie Valley, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arnold Visnaw; and brothers, Donald and Paul Visnaw.

Funeral services took place on Aug. 1, 2013, in the chapel of Henline-Hughes Funeral Home with John McKinney officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Interment followed at McKinney Cemetery on Hwy 261.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Mitchell County, 236 Hospital Drive, Spruce Pine, N.C. 28705.



Kirby sisters' graduations



Courtney Kirby (left) is a graduate from Sevier County High School in Sevierville, Tenn. Kallee Kirby (right) is a graduate from Walters State Community

College in Morristown, Tenn.

Courtney is now attending Walters State Community College and Kallee is attending the University of Tennessee Knoxville. Kallee was recently awarded the Hershey Company Scholarship through the American Indian College Fund in the amount of \$2,480.

Courtney and Kallee are the daughters of Chris and Kimber (Fegan) Kirby of Kodak, Tenn., and granddaughters of Louise and the late Bill Kirby of Kodak, and Sharon and Keith Fegan of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Birth . . .

RILEY M. TSAO

Riley Michael Tsao was born to Abby and Alan Tsao of Evanston, Ill., on June 21, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20.75 inches in length. He joins big sister Samantha Joy Tsao, 3 and-a-half.

Grandparents are Mike and Judy Ebbing of Hamilton, Ohio, and Mei-Chih and K.Y. Tsao, of Palatine, Ill. Great-grandparents are Marylou and Don Tillison of Marquette, Mich., Leo and Juanita Ebbing of Indianapolis, Ind.



Food Bill amendment

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block the King Amendment urge registered voters to contact their U.S. congressional representatives to express their concerns about the amendment.

The Environmental Working Group, a national environmental health research and advocacy organization, describes the bill as a sweeping provision that "would severely undermine all states' authority to set standards for environmental protection, food safety or animal welfare. It would apply to genetically engineered food labeling, concentrated animal feeding operations regulation, antibiotics use in meat and other local and state food and farm regulations."

Some see the amendment as having language so vague that it's hard to predict any changes it would bring, others see it as an extremely dangerous proposition.

Representative Steve King of Iowa introduced two amendments in all to the 2013 Farm Bill, the first regards the interstate trade laws and the second regards increasing the storage capacity of the Missouri River reservoir.

Did you know you can keep track of the workings of Congress online? Visit and explore govtrack.us, thomas.loc.gov from the Library of Congress or a variety of other sites with specialized services.

Karen Moran
Age: 14 Grade: 9
Department: Community Health.
Job duties: Shred, answer phones, copy, fax, check the mail, file, HIV testing packets.

“The people I work with are very cool, and nice. I enjoy meeting new people and it’s been a great learning experience. Working for the tribe this summer has given me a great work experience for future jobs.”

Interests: Listening to music, hanging out with friends and rollerblading.

Favorite school subject: Math

Rheanna McKechnie
Age: 19 Grade: Sophomore at LSSU

Department: Optical
Job duties: Answer phones, file recalls, send out phone calls and letters and schedule appointments.

“I also check and clean the glasses and optometry lenses. I like pretty much everything about my job. It’s fun and interesting and I like learning new skills and talking to people. It’s been very interesting working with the tribe and seeing how some of the daily interactions go on.”

Interests: Reading and writing, yoga and playing soccer with friends.

Favorite school subject: Sociology and political science

Justice Guilbault

Age: 15 Grade: 10
Department: Environmental
Job duties: Assist environmentalists in the field, put together spread sheets, organized in the library, helped at Mary Murray Culture Camp.

“Working for the tribe this summer has meant a lot to me because my job pays for my school stuff like clothes, shoes, pencils, note books, etc. Also I have been saving up for driver’s education. I would love to come back to work for the tribe next summer because you get to meet new people and experience how different jobs work.”

Interests: Drawing, ORVs, hunting, animals. Planning to go to college after high school and enroll in criminal justice to be in a K-9 unit.

Favorite school subject: Science

Rachel Lee

(No bio)
Student coordinator for Contract Health Service

Cecilia Atkinson

Age: 16 Grade: 12
Department: Contract Health Services
Job duties: Putting in pharmacies data entry into systems, mailing out checks/referrals, open correspondence, date stamp incoming mail.

“I like the ladies that I work with, they are

very nice. Working for the tribe this summer has meant making money for the things I want.”

Interests: Reading a good book.
Favorite school subject: Math

Mitchell McLean

Age: 17 Grade: 11
Department: Motorpool
Job duties: Wash and clean tribal



Mitchell McLean (left) and Jeremy Bumstead (right).

vehicles and buses.

“What I like most about my job is being occupied.”

Interests: Hockey and football.
Favorite school subject: Lunch.

Jeremy Bumstead

Age: 14 Grade: 9
Department: Motorpool
Job duties: Clean and help maintain vehicles.

“Working for the tribe this summer has meant a lot because it teaches me the skills I will need when I become an adult.”

Interests: Sports, vehicles and going fast.

Favorite school subject: Metal shop

Devin Jensen

Age: 18 Grade: 12
Department: Village of Garden
Job duties: Garbage, road maintenance, mowing yards.

“Working for the tribe this summer was nice because it was a job that paid me and gave me something to do. I actually learned a few things this summer.”

Interests: Animals, politics and work.

Favorite school subject: Math and science.

Kevin Cook

Age: 19 Grade: High school graduate
Department: Shipping and receiving
Job duties: Supply clerk for the casino.

“I like the work and my co-workers. Working for the tribe this summer has meant I have my foot in the door to work for the casino.”

Interests: Playing basketball and hanging out with friends.

Favorite school subject: Math and history.

Hailey Rath

Age: 15 Grade: 10
Department: Cultural
Job duties: Help plan cultural events, clerical, printing, copying, etc.

“What I like most about my job is that I have learned more about my culture and getting paid. Colleen St. Onge has been an amazing mentor — she’s the

best. Working for the tribe this summer has been a great experience, I love getting paid and having something to do during the day.”

Interests: volleyball, basketball and hanging out with family and friends.

Favorite school subject: English

Tommy Mendoskin

Age: 18 Grade: Freshman at LSSU
Department: ACFS
Job duties: Cleaning offices.

“I like my friendly co-workers. Working for the tribe has taught me skills, responsibility and given me a sense of accomplishment.”

Tommy’s supervisor, Teri Romano, said he has been with their department since the summer of 2012 and worked through the school year with ACFS under the after school program. “Tommy has been a great help to ACFS!” she said.

His interests: Fishing, computers and psychology.

Favorite school subject: Psychology.

Bailey McKechnie

Age: 15 Grade: 11
Department: Kewadin administration
Job duties: Filing, data entry, shredding.

“Everyone here is friendly and nice. I never run out of anything to do.” Her supervisor, Michelle Bouschor, said, “Bailey is a great worker. She learns quickly, has initiative and has been a pleasure to have in our office.”

Favorite school subject: Biology.

Malcolm Brown

Age: 18 Grade: 12
Department: Chippewa County Animal Shelter
Job duties: Cleaning and helping people who have questions.

“What I like most about my job is that I get to work with animals. It has meant a lot to me that I get to make money doing something that I like to do.” His supervisor, Holly Henderson, said, “Malcolm was a tremendous help and a great worker, he’s always willing to do any task.”

His interests: Riding dirt bikes and playing sports.

Favorite school subject: Welding.



Cheyenne Patron-Anderson
Age: 17 Grade: 12
Department: Sawyer Village Job duties: Lawn care.

“The thing I liked most about my job was being outside and



Hannah Livingston (Left) and Cheyenne Patron-Anderson (right) with Senior Employment employee Jay Grondin.

knowing that the tribe has opportunities for Native kids.”

Interests: Volleyball and painting.

Favorite school subject: Art.

Hannah Livingston

Age: 17 Grade: 12
Department: Sawyer Village
Job duties: Pulling carpet staples, lawn care, picking up garbage.

“I gained valuable work experience this summer I couldn’t find anywhere else and I like the people I met.”

Interests: Riding horses and hunting.

Favorite school subject: Biology.

Jaymn Lamoreaux

Age: 18 Grade: High school graduate
Department: Entertainment
Job duties: Chairs and spotlights.

“What I like most about my job is the work atmosphere and working for the tribe this summer has put me on the right track to start my schooling.”

Favorite school subject: English.

Derek Green

Age: 19 Grade: High School graduate
Department: Entertainment.

“What I like most about my job is meeting bands and setting them up, hanging with the work crew in the Entertainment Department.”

Interests: Hanging with friends, walking and swimming.

Favorite school subject: Math.

James Demitropoulos-Doud

Age: 16 Grade: 11
Department: Entertainment
Job duties: Chairs and spotlights.

“Working for the tribe this summer has given me a place to spend my time and have fun.”



Austin Tschirhart (left) and James Demitropoulos-Doud.

Interests: Playing video games and working.

Favorite school subject: Shop.

Austin Tschirhart

Age: 14 Grade: 8
Department: Entertainment
Job duties: Chairs, spotlights and other duties.

“The thing I like most about my job is getting to see free concerts and meet new people.”

Interests: Riding dirt bikes.

Favorite school subject: Science.

Katie DesArmo

Age: 15 Grade: 10
Department: Entertainment
Job duties: Chairs and spotlights.

“What I like best about my job is the free concerts and the opportunity to learn about all the sound equipment. This was my first job so it was cool.”

Interests: Listening, playing, making and writing music.

Favorite school subject: Band.

Brianna Weatherman

Age: 16 Grade: 11
Department: Demwating
Job duties: Cleaning.

“What I like best about my job is being able to work around people I enjoy and things I like doing. This was my first job experience.”

Interests: Being outside.

Stephanie Miller

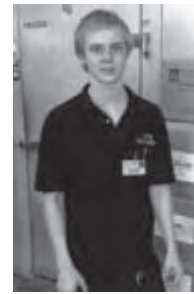
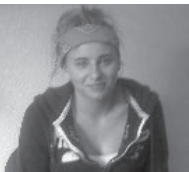
Age: 18
Grade: 11
Department: DeMawating
Job description: Groundskeeper.

Interests: Walking.

Sault Tribe Assistant Executive Director Angeline Bouley, said, “The Summer Youth Employment Program is an excellent opportunity for students and young adults to gain employment experience, develop job skills, earn money, and learn more about the Sault Tribe. The focus is on providing meaningful job experiences and instilling a positive work ethic in our youth.

Years ago, we were able to hire many more youth, both with federal funding and tribal support. In the past few years, our federal funding through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program has been reduced steadily. Tribal funding has also decreased due to budget constraints. However, there is a strong commitment by the board of directors, chairperson and executive office to ensure summer employment opportunities for youth.

On behalf of the WIA Program, we thank the managers who agreed to supervise youth workers, the team members who model outstanding customer service and positive teamwork for our young employees and the parents who help support their child’s experience by assisting with transportation and providing encouragement.”



Malcolm Brown and his supervisor Holly Henderson.



Youth from area tribes participate in U-M's Camp KinoMaage

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Eighteen middle school students from six Michigan tribes attended U-M's weeklong Camp KinoMaage in mid-August to explore science, culture and traditions and to focus on the ways that ancient and modern knowledge come together. The camp was held near Pellston in Michigan's northern lower peninsula at U-M's 10,000-acre Biological Station (UMBS) at Douglas Lake.

KinoMaage means, "to share teachings" in Nishinaabemowin.

The camp was established in 2011 and participants are recruited through a collaborative effort with tribal education directors throughout the state. In addition to the UMBS, the U-M Native American Studies Program, U-M Center for Educational Outreach, U-M Government Relations office and the Office of the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs also sponsor the camp.

This year's campers represented the Sault Tribe, Bay Mills Indian Community, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The Sault Tribe was

represented by youth from the Detroit area and from Sault Ste. Marie.

Bio-station campers participated in black ash craft making, played tag and board games in Nishinaabemowin, participated in daily Ojibwe language lessons, talked about the medicine wheel, explored the correlation of words to history and language and explored topics such as the relationship of college to culture and identity.

KinoMaage Coordinator Helki Jackson, said, "Camp KinoMaage is unique because it incorporates the Ojibwe language taught by fluent-speaking elders who stay with the youth for the entirety of the residential program." She also said a local drum and traditional dancers conducted workshops throughout the week and traditional artists were invited to teach youth how to create dream catchers, jewelry and other Native crafts.

Jackson said the curriculum also focuses on making connections between science and Native history and culture through field and water based experiments. Camp participants explored the Bio-Station's Native American Late Woodland cache pits and



Students and camp leaders at the 2013 U-M Camp KinoMaage.

Photo by Helki Jackson

other interesting archaeological items like fire cracked rock. Youth also took and analyzed water samples from area waterways as part of their water ecology studies.

According to the U-M Center for Educational Outreach's website, the camp is "designed to encourage and expose students to

information about college preparation, academic enrichment, and career exploration. Camp KinoMaage also provides youth with the opportunity to interact with current U-M undergraduate and graduate students from similar backgrounds. This educational experience is an exciting opportunity for students to meet

peers from all over the state of Michigan and provides youth with an opportunity to gain skills and tools that will support their academic success."

For more information about the camp, or to see photos from previous years camps, visit their website at: www.ceo.umich.edu/kinomaage.

Fifteen children from Child Care Center begin Kindergarten

By TIFFANY MENARD

The end of another program year at the Child Care Center came to a close on Aug. 23, as our preschool age children, their families and staff enjoyed the annual end of the year celebration at the Negaunegizhik Ceremonial Building.

We had 15 children this year who celebrated the fact that they are going to kindergarten in the fall. Congratulations to Andrew, Danny, Michael, Tanner, Olivia, Allie, Carter, Alec, Deacon, Austin, Raymond, Eleanor, Ellie, Aiden and Myah. We will definitely miss your smiles, hugs and the joy you brought to the center just for being such unique individuals.

Our center would truly not be complete without the support of all of the parents at various times throughout the year. We especially want to honor Todd Miller and Robin Bouschor for all the hours they logged in the classroom this year.

This year, we have not only had the addition of new staff and children but also a long awaited new bathroom for the toddler room. This addition was a long time coming and will certainly enhance the quality of care provided to the toddlers who are becoming more independent as they learn to use the bathroom on their own. Chi megwetch to Bill Sams and the Sault Tribe Construction crew (Mel, Shawn and Terry) for all of the work and effort that you guys put into making sure the toddler rooms are not only safe but beautiful as well. We also want to make sure we thank our parents for their patience during the remodeling and relocation of children to the Nokomis-Mishomis Building.

Hopefully, next year, we will be able to do a few improvements on the preschool end of our building.



Above, Ms. Ince's class with aide Joanne Hewitt on the left and teacher Nicole Ince on the right at the end-of-year Child Care Center celebration. Below, Child Care Center instructor Allison Gough stands at the threshold of the new toddler restroom facility, which abuts the new room divider in the facility's toddler room as aide Dana Pavlat sits at a table preparing what appears to be an art project for their elfin clients. The renovation work was done by Sault Tribe Construction.



Several of our team members also took advantage of the partnership the tribe has with Bay Mills Community College and started taking classes towards child development associate

credentials. Congratulations to Jessica Owaski and Robin McKechnie for earning credentials this year. A child developmental associate credential is a nationally recognized certification



Photos by Rick Smith

Above, Child Care Center volunteer Todd Miller receives a certificate of appreciation from the center's manager, Tiffany Menard, for outstanding service to the Sault Tribe early childhood programs during the past year. Also recognized, but not pictured, was Robin Bouschor. Below, Ms. LaPoint's class with aide Mary LaJoice on the left, aide Lindsey Mattson second from right, and teacher Terri LaPoint on the far right.



in the field of early childhood education that all aides in Sault Tribe's early childhood education programs are going to be required to have in the next two years or within two years of hire from

here on. We also want to say congratulations to Ms. Lindsey on the birth of her new baby boy, Ryder. He is a welcome addition to our child care family.

Third annual Young Environmentalist Camp

The Sault Tribe Environmental Department coordinated the third annual Young Environmentalist Camp at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Aug. 1-2 with great success. The 14 attendees, ranging from six to 13 years old, participated in talks, games and crafts related to the environment.

Speakers included Nick Cassel, outreach coordinator, and Patrick Blanz, conservation forester, both from the Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Conservation District. Cassel taught the kids about invasive plants — from garlic mustard to spotted knapweed — and found two non-native thistles on a hike through the culture camp woods. On the way back to the mainland, the kids were pointing out purple loosestrife, thanks to Cassel's instruction. Blanz led the kids on a hike and discussed "good tree" attributes. When it started to rain, he was a good enough sport to play hide-and-



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seek as well.

The kids also broadened their knowledge of the environment and natural processes through a series of games, from who am

I? to Noah's Ark. Notably, tree tag operated like regular tag with the exception that a specific tree (e.g., maple) is a safe spot. The kids learned tree identification

and then ran towards the tree that's called. Deer, deer, deer appeared to be like red rover, but it taught kids about the interactions between resource

availability and deer populations. They found out that, with higher deer populations, there are fewer resources (food, water and shelter) and that, when fewer resources are available, the deer population will decline.

Crafts incorporated making mini birch bark canoes and creating animal track molds. Incorporating the cultural components, kids designed their own clan necklaces and discovered pertinent facts about four clan animals: cranes, loons, martens and bears. The kids were able to decorate their own backpack and T-shirt to commemorate their time at camp and, finally, they got to try chocolate-covered ants and dried crickets.

The Environmental Department will host the fourth annual Young Environmentalist Camp in 2014, and we hope next year will be even better than this one.

Seminar offered on how to grow mushrooms for fun or profit

FROM MSU EXTENSION, CHIPPEWA COUNTY

The Range Master Gardener Volunteer Association (RMGVA), Iron County UW Extension and 46th Parallel Planters Gardening Club invite all interested gardeners to a seminar on growing mushrooms for fun or profit.

Joe Krawczyk of Field and Forest Products will show us how to grow mushrooms at home on Saturday, September 28, at 9:30 a.m., until about noon, at Gogebic Community College in Ironwood, Mich.

Krawczyk and his wife and business partner, Mary E. Kozak, are owners of Field and Forest Products, Inc in Peshtigo, Wisc.

For the past 35 years, their business has been providing mushroom spawn, growing supplies and expertise to commercial mushroom growers, market gardeners and the home gardening crowd.

He is a charter member and sits on the board of directors of the Shiitake Growers Association of Wisconsin (SHII-GAW). He has been the featured speaker at many SHII-GAW meetings and a guest speaker at numerous mushroom functions throughout the United States and Canada including the National Shiitake Symposium, the Penn State Specialty Mushroom School, the North American

Mushroom Conference and the North American Mycological Association National Foray.

His expertise led him to cooperate overseas with aspiring mushroom growers to improve their operations. His help has been received by growers in Macedonia, Belarus, Russia, the Republic of Georgia, Armenia and Kyrgyzstan. Always willing to travel, Joe has also participated in many seminars throughout the Peoples Republic of China bringing home with him new cultivation ideas and a sense of wonderment on the scope of mushroom cultivation worldwide.

Krawczyk co-authored the book *Growing Shiitake*

Mushrooms in a Continental Climate with Mary Ellen. The book has received many accolades for its practicality, sense of homespun humor and its thorough coverage of shiitake log cultivation. They have also published articles for *Mushroom News* and have been featured in other national magazines.

He will speak approximately two hours on log and particulate substrate cultivation of mushroom species that can be grown in the home garden. The RMGVA will give away four table top mushroom kits.

About five years ago, we had Joe give a talk and he is excellent. One can visit his website at

www.fieldforest.net.

The seminar is in the Academic Building, room A211-second floor, at Gogebic Community College, park in Lot C in the back of the college. A campus map is at <http://www.gogebic.edu/tour/>

Sign in starts at 8:45 a.m. Refreshments — coffee and a breakfast muffin will be served. The cost is only \$5 per person. Pay at the door.

Seating will be limited, so you must call and reserve your seat. Call Lynn Adams at (906) 932-3509 or email xiaxia@sbcglobal.net for information and to make a reservation. In the subject line, type "Mushroom Man."

Maple tar spot, not maple death

Folks around Sault Ste. Marie may have noticed early leaf drop in their maple trees along with shiny, raised black spots on the leaves. After hearing such reports, the Sault Tribe Environmental Department asked Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Conservation District forester, Patrick Blanz, about the problem.

He identified the pathogen as maple tar spot but assures homeowners "it won't kill the tree. It will just cause spots on the leaves, which the tree will lose early. It happens every year. It's just particularly bad this year." The moist spring and summer likely caused the distinctly worsened effects, as seen this month.

Maple tar spot refers to two species of fungus, both in the genus *Rhytisma*, with similar life cycles. Susceptible trees — Norway, red and silver maples — are infected in early spring. Then, symptomatic black spots appear one to two months after infection, typically mid to late-summer. Trees in an environment conducive to fungal survival (i.e., moist and sheltered) are especially prone to repeated infections. If severe enough, maple tar spot may cause early leaf drop, as evident this year. The fungus overwinters on diseased leaves and, in spring, the cycle begins again.

Consequently, Blanz recommends eliminating the diseased

leaves as the best means of management. "Rake the leaves away from the base of the tree," he said. Since fungicides would need to be applied to each and every leaf, covering all leaf tissue, chemical control is difficult and not practical. In addition, if nearby homeowners are not following similar management procedures, then spraying may be in vain. The Cornell University plant pathogen fact sheet on the disease states bluntly, "We cannot recommend that homeowners attempt to treat large trees." However, if pesticide application is desirable, please consult a licensed tree care professional.

EUP CAN Do It college tour scheduled

EUP CAN Do It Eastern Upper Peninsula College Access Network (EUP CAN) Do It scheduled a college campus tour for Monday, Oct. 14.

This event is free for students who wish to attend. Students will travel via bus to the University Center in Gaylord, Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City and end the trip with a visit to North Central Michigan College in Petoskey.

This is a great opportunity for students interested in attending these colleges, for first gen-

eration college students and for students who are still trying to decide where to attend college.

Students can check out some of the programs these colleges have to offer by visiting these websites prior to the trip: Northwestern Michigan College is at www.nmc.edu and North Central Michigan College is at www.ncmich.edu.

The trip is scheduled to start at 7:30 a.m. in the Glen's parking lot in St. Ignace and students are expected to return to the same parking lot at 7:30

p.m. Lunch will be provided by Northwestern Michigan College and dinner will be provided by North Central Michigan College.

Interested students can apply by submitting their names, phone numbers, email addresses, current high school grade levels, names of their high schools and names of their counselors to Brandi MacArthur at bmacarthur@saulttribe.net or they can register with their high school counselors.

The deadline to apply by is Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013.

Time to fill the freezers

Early deer season is here and it's time to refill those empty freezers. The early season starts on the day after Labor Day and runs through Oct. 31. After a two-week quiet period, late deer season opens Nov. 15 and runs through the Sunday of the first full weekend in January. In 2014, that will be Jan. 5.

Deer can be taken with bow and arrow, cross bow, rifle, shotgun or muzzleloader. Bow and crossbow season is the day after Labor Day through the Sunday of the first full weekend in January. Early firearm season for deer is the day after Labor Day through Oct. 31. The late

firearm season is season is Nov. 15 through the Sunday of the first full weekend in January.

Hunters can take five deer per year, only two can be bucks with three-inch antlers. The bag limit for early firearm season is two, with a limit of one antlered deer.

For hunters who can't participate in normal hunting activities, disabled hunter licenses are available. This permit authorizes disabled hunter to hunt from a stationary vehicle. Tribal members who think they may be eligible may call Sault Tribe Conservation at (906) 635-6055.

High school students, get on the STEYC!

With the beginning of the school year, the Sault Tribe Environmental Department would like to invite all Sault area high school students to participate in the Sault Tribe Environmental Youth Corps (STEYC) Program.

STEYC aims to teach students the importance of conservation and the environment by engaging in outdoor activities, mock debates and traveling.

Participants will gain vol-

unteering experience, enhance their leadership and communication skills, and improve their knowledge regarding natural resources, habitats and pollution.

Join STEYC and help the environment and local community.

Please contact us at: enviro@saulttribe.net if you or someone you know may be interested.

Join the STEYC now!

Native foods systems could be boon for tribes

By Rick Smith

A recent report from the First Nations Development Institute suggests American Indian tribes could improve the physical health of their members as well as foster entrepreneurship and economic improvement in their communities through innovative Native food systems.

The report, titled, *Reclaiming Native Food Systems Part I: Indigenous Knowledge and Innovation for Supporting Health and Food Sovereignty*, highlights various approaches 13 tribes and organizations employed in developing grant funded projects that yielded fresh produce and organic meats from commu-

nity farms and gardens, opened commercial food preparation and distribution operations plus other programs.

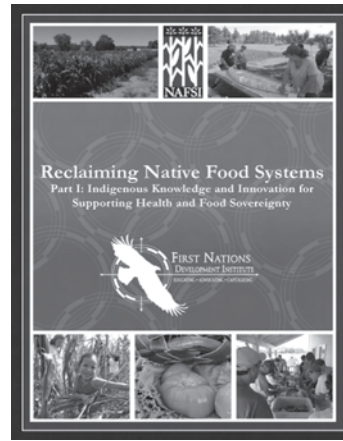
The full report can be viewed or downloaded at www.firstnations.org/knowledgecenter/nativeamericanfoodsandhealth/reports. Parts II and III of the report are scheduled for release later on in this year.

Funding for the projects was provided by grants from the Walmart Foundation, American Association of Retired Persons and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation through the Native Agriculture and Food System Initiative. In all, according to the

report, \$374,080 was disbursed among the 13 tribes and Native organizations to help fund a wide variety of projects and programs benefiting all members of tribal communities, young and old.

The institute noted that it is believed that sharing information and models is an effective tool, which is underused by Indian Country, hence the report. The report features information compiled from quarterly reports and feedback from the grantees and analyzes the successes and challenges of the projects.

According to Raymond Foxwoth, senior program officer for First Nations Development



Institute, who also leads Native Agriculture and Food System Initiative, the report is geared toward tribal leaders, organizations and foundations doing

work to support foods systems in Indian Country but is a call to action for dynamic individuals as well. "It's a first of its kind report," said Foxwoth. In addition to physical human health, "food systems relate to very important aspects of traditional assets, such as earth, air and water. This report could aid in establishing programs for systemic change, some of which could be at very basic levels."

The First Nations Development Institute was established 30 years ago to support American Indian economies and communities. More about the institute can be found at www.firstnations.org.

Inter-Tribal Fisheries Program helps at walleye tournament



Photos by Brenda Austin

ITFAP technician Dave Pine puts walleye into a holding tank with others to be returned to the river.



WALLEYE TOURNAMENT - Anglers converged on Sault Ste. Marie the end of August for the Cabela's Master Walleye Circuit hoping for cash prizes and a berth in the organization's World Walleye Championship. Staff from Sault Tribe's Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program and the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department were on hand to release the fish caught by the anglers back into the St. Marys River. Tribal staff also retained samples for lab analysis to determine whether the fish were stocked or natural. Above, left to right, Brad Silet, Rich Reining, Rusty Aikens and Amanda Stoneman.

Working for tobacco-free parks and recreation facilities

By Lauren Kross

COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR

This July, America celebrated National Parks and Recreation Month, encouraging everyone to show and share their love for local parks and recreation. Parks and recreation areas provide opportunities and resources for all walks of life to be healthy. The nation's park and recreation facilities are on the frontline in the battle against obesity and other chronic health issues.

The Chippewa County Health Department, Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project and Sault Tribe Community Health Program, partners of the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition are taking this opportunity to highlight the health, safety and environmental benefits of tobacco-free parks and recreation areas.

Cigarette butts are the most littered item in the United States. Nearly 175 million pounds of cigarette butts are discarded onto sidewalks, streets, parks, beaches, nature trails and other public places every year. Each discarded butt can take up to 15 years to decompose, while leaching toxic elements such as cadmium, lead, and arsenic into the soil and waterways and posing a risk to young children and animals alike, who may mistakenly ingest the butts.

To help highlight the significance of this problem and the need for tobacco-free parks and recreation areas, the Chippewa County Tobacco-Free Living Coalition recently joined hands with Becky Bottrell of the City of Sault Ste. Marie Beautification Department for the eighth annual mini "litter" clean up project prior to the Sault Ste. Marie City Wide Clean-Up Day. Over 50 Washington Elementary School students from Mrs. Baker's kindergarten class and Ms. Savoie's first grade class plus parent volunteers participated in the clean-up. Each of the children were given gloves and a small litter bag to gather cigarette butts they found during the mini clean up project. In less than an hour, the students picked up over a gallon of cigarette butts from the surrounding areas of Project Playground and the neighboring park and ball fields.

Creating more tobacco-free outdoor recreation areas would help reduce the problem with tobacco litter where our children play and would have many other far-reaching benefits. Tobacco-free parks model healthy behaviors for youth, eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke and protect wildlife and the environment from the hazards of cigarette butts and other tobacco litter. Tobacco-free environments also motivate people who use tobacco to quit and help prevent kids from starting.

"Tobacco-free environments promote positive community role modeling, protect the health, safety and welfare of community members, and promote community wellness," said Donna Norkoli, Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant coordinator. "Parks and recreational areas are about clean air, natural beauty and engaging in healthy activities. Children deserve to play in areas free of tobacco litter and secondhand smoke. Furthermore, commercial tobacco use is not a behavior we want to model for the children in our communities – especially in areas where people engage in sports and other recreational activities. Research shows that tobacco-free environments can help prevent or reduce youth tobacco use," she said.

A growing number of cities and townships in Michigan have designated tobacco-free outdoor recreation areas, including Sault Ste. Marie, Kinross Charter Township, Escanaba, St. Ignace, Bad Axe, Greenville, Houghton, Holland Township, Grand Haven Township, Sands Township, the Village of Newberry, Ingham County and numerous others. By providing tobacco-free outdoor recreation areas, our local elected officials are taking a step in the right direction for the health of Michigan residents and visitors, for our environment, and for our youth.

For more information about the tobacco-free parks and recreation areas initiative, please contact Donna Norkoli at (906) 635-8844 or dnorkoli@saulttribe.net or Julie Trotter at 635-3636 or jtrotter@chippewahd.com. Information is also available by visiting www.chippewahd.com or www.UP4health.org.

Free breastfeeding resources available

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

One of the most important decisions parents will make for their infant is whether to breast-feed or formula feed. A local group of volunteers has been helping moms and families find answers to their breastfeeding questions for over two decades.

The Breastfeeding Education Support Team (B.E.S.T.) is a coalition of volunteers from within Chippewa County working in conjunction with Chippewa County Health Department (CCHD), War Memorial Hospital, the Bay Mills Indian Community and Sault Tribe Community Health to provide pregnant women and mothers the resources they need to successfully breast-feed their babies.

Michelle Lefebre is a peer counselor for B.E.S.T. and also an employee of the CCHD. She said programs for mothers who are on the Women, Infants and Children (W.I.C.) supplemental food program have been in effect for some time through the state of Michigan. “It was the middleman that was getting left out,” she said. “A lot of the moms don’t feel they can afford to have a lactation consultant come to their home for an hourly rate, but they don’t qualify for W.I.C. either. We were fortunate to obtain a grant earlier this year that allowed us to add some drop-in clinic time and home visits for those moms.”

Any mother in Chippewa County can apply for a B.E.S.T. lactation scholarship, which allows a consultant to visit clients in the privacy of their own home to offer whatever support they may need.

B.E.S.T. volunteers have been meeting for over 20 years in Chippewa County to offer education and support to breastfeeding families. International Board Certified Lactation Consultant Rosa Gardiner, RN, has been a member of B.E.S.T. since the group formed and is also an employee of the CCHD. She said she would like to invite moms in the community to coalition activities and meetings. “Anyone who is supportive of breastfeeding in any walk of life is welcome,” Gardiner said. “I would like to see more areas of the community involved with this, I think their voices need to be heard.”

Stacy Story is a registered dietitian at the Sault Tribe Health Center in the Sault. She says she has both referred a client to the B.E.S.T. scholarship program and has also received help herself in the past with breastfeeding issues. “Working with Rosa Gardiner to coordinate services for a new mom in need of breastfeeding support was extremely easy,” Story said. “The mom was scheduled to receive care the same day the initial contact was made with Rosa. In dealing with my own breastfeeding challenges, Rosa was a breastfeeding angel. If it wasn’t for her, I would have never been as successful as I was with breastfeeding both of my girls. I consider her an expert on the topic,” she said.

Lefebre said that her work as a peer counselor is essentially a mom helping another mom. Someone with experience breast-feeding herself and who has additional education on how to assist, offer encouragement and built confidence while offering their support as a counselor before and after the baby is born. “We try and make contact with the mom a few times throughout her pregnancy to let her know we are there and remind her of classes that are available. We also offer new moms a visit in the hospital if their babies are born at War Memorial Hospital,” she said.

Lefebre leads a breastfeeding support group the first Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. The group meets at the First Church of Christ located at 300 W. Spruce Street in the Sault, but is not affiliated with the church. Interested moms are encouraged to attend.

There is also a free drop-in clinic at the CCHD each Monday and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. Moms can come and get their breastfeeding questions answered and also have their babies weighed.

As a lactation consultant, Gardiner said she provides mothers with a specialty service. “If a mom is having breastfeeding problems beyond what is considered normal, I would offer them my help. If a mom comes home with a premie baby, or if the baby has health problems or the mom is having issues producing milk, has twins or triplets or anything else out of the ordinary – I can offer her encouragement, support and help. I take the time and provide an ongoing basis of knowledge so people can call on me with questions throughout their breastfeeding experience,” she said.

Another great resource for breastfeeding moms that can be accessed 24/7 is the breastfeeding Warm Line. The Warm Line is a breastfeeding telephone support service with a phone line that goes directly to a desk at the CCHD during work hours and after hours three nurses rotate a cell phone to answer any breastfeeding questions local moms might have. Two of the three Warm Line nurses are international board certified lactation consultants. There are two Warm Line phone numbers; the daytime number is: (906) 635-3579 and after hours and weekends call: (906) 203-5016.

In addition to the services of the peer counselor, lactation consultant, drop-in clinic, Warm Line and scholarship, moms and families can also take part in free classes about “Breastfeeding success” and “How to use a Breastfeeding Pump.” Moms on W.I.C. are eligible for a free breast pump and pumps can also be checked out to moms who don’t have insurance that will cover one. The Sault Tribe Community Health Program in the Sault also has an active breastfeeding program that offers breast pump rentals at no cost to tribal members. For more information on that program, contact

Jenni O’Dell, RN, at 632-5210.

Gardiner says she believes there is a need for the community to work together to provide breastfeeding mothers accurate and helpful knowledge that is consistent. “Many moms have voiced the need for a lactation consultant at the local hospital and for office and ER nurses to know how to refer them to breastfeeding resources for further help. Generally moms feel that their doctors and nurses want them to breastfeed, but don’t always know where to send them for help. That is where the “warm line” and lactation scholarships come in,” she said.

Gardiner is hoping to mentor others in breastfeeding support for moms, to pass on the hard earned knowledge that only lots of experience and going to lots

of conferences can bring. “Even though there are three lactation consultants in the Sault, we all have other jobs and do our lactation assisting on our own time. Therefore the need for more people obtaining breastfeeding “basic training” is great but could be done in the area if the interest is generated,” she said.

Gardiner said formula is artificial feeding. “Breast milk is what our species is meant to get. It is species specific, anything else is very inferior to what we make for our babies. When you actively break down formula and compare it to breast milk it is very hard to replicate. Breast milk is basically a living fluid, it is going to be different every time the baby nurses and has immune properties based on whatever the mother may come in contact with herself.

It is made to protect the baby from infection and it changes as the baby grows,” she said. “It never needs to be a huge amount either. A lot of formula fed babies will be fed 30 to 60 ounces a day by the time they are six to eight months old. Breast milk really never varies much beyond 30 ounces a day.

Breastfeeding is a natural process, but just like anything else – it is nice to have guidance. Some people will have little to no problems and others will need a lot of guidance.”

Join B.E.S.T. on Facebook or visit their website online at www.bestformomsandbabies.com. They can also be contacted by calling (906) 635-3579. You can also visit the CCHD’s website at www.chippewahd.com.

Free Laker athletic tickets for Sault Tribe members

Sault Tribe members must complete and submit applications to acquire free Laker athletic tickets and check off the games they wish to attend. Mail the applications along with copies of tribal cards of the apply-

ing individuals to the address indicated on application by Sept. 25, 2013.

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until all tickets are disbursed. Number of tickets is

limited. Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with any remaining tickets.

Please call (906) 635-7770 for additional information or to acquire applications.

FREE LAKER ATHLETIC TICKET APPLICATION FOR SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD _____ TRIBAL CARD FILE # _____

Circle the games you wish to attend and indicate the number of tickets needed for each game.
Please note: you may not receive tickets for all games requested.

LAKER HOCKEY (Taffy Abel Arena)

- 10/06/13 US National U-18
- 10/11/13 Robert Morris
- 10/12/13 Robert Morris
- 10/29/13 Laurentian
- 11/08/13 Alaska
- 11/09/13 Alaska
- 11/29/13 Bowling Green State
- 11/30/13 Bowling Green State
- 12/06/13 Ferris State
- 12/07/13 Ferris State
- 01/03/14 Michigan Tech
- 01/04/14 Michigan Tech
- 01/10/14 Bemidji State
- 01/11/14 Bemidji State
- 02/07/14 Alaska Anchorage
- 02/08/14 Alaska Anchorage
- 02/28/14 Minnesota St.-Mankato
- 03/01/14 Minnesota St.-Mankato

LAKER BASKETBALL (Bud Cooper Gymnasium)

- 11/09/13 Missouri-St. Louis (Men Only)
- 11/10/13 Illinois-Springfield (Men Only)
- 11/15/13 Indianapolis (Women Only)
- 11/16/13 St. Joseph’s (Men Only)
- 12/05/13 Findlay
- 12/07/13 Hillsdale
- 01/02/14 Lake Erie
- 01/04/14 Ashland
- 01/16/14 Saginaw Valley State
- 01/18/14 Northwood
- 02/03/14 Wayne State
- 02/13/14 Grand Valley State
- 02/15/14 Ferris State
- 02/20/14 Northern Michigan
- 02/22/14 Michigan Tech

Mail application and copy of tribal card to:
Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center
ATTN: Jessica Dumback
2 Ice Circle Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

2014 SEQUESTRATION = 14% or \$5,170,937!



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

Ahneen, BooZo, Negee:

The federal fiduciary obligation to tribes ~ as funded in the federal budget ~ are the result of treaties negotiated and agreements made between tribes and the U.S. in exchange for land and resources, known as a "trust responsibility." The authority to fund programs that fulfill the trust responsibility is founded in the Constitution, specifically the Indian Commerce Clause, the Treaty Clause and the Property Clause. Notwithstanding, more recently, Public Law 112-25 set up a deficit-reduction process though a bipartisan Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. Because this committee did not reach a deficit reduction deal, most discretionary federal programs in 2013 were sequestered in across-the-board cuts of 5.2%.

Fortunately, the Obama Administration reduced the impact of the \$1.7 million to \$1.3 million we actually felt. Still, the impact was significant. Though the diligence and hard work of my administration, we absorbed these cuts and minimized the impact on services and jobs.

If Congress is unable to balance the budget, 2014 will see a whopping 14% cut on top of what was already cut. This will mean a 2014 cut of over \$5.1 million or a two year cut of nearly \$6.5 million!



The above graphic is of a button idea conceived of by Director McLeod with input from Director Abramson and myself. The artwork & design was created by my nephew Daniel J. Stinehart who is an artist who holds a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts.

The abrupt and arbitrary nature of the across-the-board cuts have damaging effects on the progress made in addressing serious problems facing Indian country, especially for the full implementation of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and Tribal Law and Order Act. With programs already underfunded, we cannot afford to lose another penny. With regard to generating our own revenue, we have suffered from the same economic hardships as the rest of the nation. Sadly, needed improvements in casino marketing languish at the Board level. While both the Casino COO and I recommended a management change here, the Board rejected our recommendation and decide to do nothing.

The Congressional Research Service reported under Section 256(e) of the 1985 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, sequestration may only reduce funding appropriated to the Indian Health Service by 2 percent in any fiscal year. But, the Office of Management and Budget is subjecting the IHS discretionary accounts to the 9 percent across-the-board cuts. Because of recent Congressional underfunding, the impact is cumulative including the following:

- ◆ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for tribes, cut by 35%
- ◆ Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants, for tribes, cut by 25%
- ◆ Indian Housing Block Grant cut by 21%
- ◆ Indian Student Education cut by 13%
- ◆ Tribal Community Oriented Policing Grants cut by 25%
- ◆ Total Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Operation of Indian Programs cut by 14%
- ◆ Native American Job Training cut by 23%

Essential American Indian and Alaska Native Education programs are in peril. For example, Impact Aid, the oldest elementary and secondary federal education program administered by the U.S. Department of Education was cut \$100 million in the middle of the 2012-13 school year. Our Tribe has effectively used the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) funding to address the acute housing needs of our people. In FY 2011, Congress reduced funding for NAHASDA's Indian Housing Block Grant program by more than 7 percent (\$50 million) and re-

ducing NAHASDA funding by an additional 14 percent through sequestration will greatly inhibit our ability to address the ongoing shortage of safe, affordable housing.

I NEED YOUR HELP!

With stall tactics of select Tribal Board Members to not enact a new Constitution with a separation of powers, "at large" representation, and a long term revenue allocation plan to ensure that all Members will eventually share in our Tribal Dream, I am a bit embarrassed to ask for your help. Nonetheless, we need a unified effort to impact Congress to exempt Tribe's from sequestration.

Given our Board decimated our federal government relations efforts by eliminating our Federal lobbyist when I left office in 2008, I need your help. I am traveling to DC for a few days in September to meet with as many Members of Congress and the Presidential Administration as I can to try to get an exemption to sequestration by making treaty rights non-discretionary. The saying goes, "many hands make light work." I cannot do it alone. If you'd like to help me, and help our Tribe, please visit our Tribal Web page at:

<http://www.saulttribe.com/>

to download a letter and sign and mail it ~ or call or visit a Member of Congress. In time, with the right Tribal leadership on the Board, we can then plan for how all our Members will benefit from our efforts.

Chi McGwitch, Negee,

Aaron

Impact of Sequestration for FY 2013 and FY 2014			
A	B	C	D
Funding	Program/Cost Center Name	Current Award Amount	14% Sequestration FY 2014
DOJ	Victim's Assistance	\$105,985	\$115,398
HHS	LIEAP	\$450,000	\$63,000
HHS	LIEAP	\$50,000	\$7,000
HHS	LIEAP	\$58,821	\$8,375
USDA	USDA	\$490,688	\$68,898
HHS	Child Care Development Fund	\$462,390	\$64,735
HHS	Child Care Development Fund	\$448,840	\$62,838
HHS	Community Service Block Grant	\$18,872	\$2,732
HHS	Family Violence	\$28,071	\$3,950
HHS	Family Violence	\$22,588	\$3,164
HHS	Native Employment Works	\$113,011	\$15,822
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HHS	ICWA Title IV	\$146,738	\$20,550
HHS	Subpart IV - B	\$256,756	\$35,945
DOJ	2010 Tribal Govt	\$987,592	\$125,889
DOJ	Sexual Assault Services	\$300,000	\$42,000
DOJ	Tribal Government 2011	\$514,218	\$71,991
	Total ACFE	\$4,482,641	\$627,570
HHS	ANA Immersion	\$358,414	\$0
DOE	IMLS Library	\$7,000	\$980
	Total Cultural	\$365,414	\$980
BIA	Early Head Start	\$486,993	\$68,171
BIA	Early Head Start - BIA	\$12,950	\$1,798
BIA	Head Start - HHS	\$600,938	\$84,131
BIA	Head Start - BIA	\$112,820	\$15,795
ITC	Killlogh Grant	\$5,100	\$714
EOC	Evaluation of STAY	\$30,000	\$0
	Total Education	\$1,248,639	\$170,609
HHS	Title VI - Elderly	\$134,330	\$18,806
USDA	NSIP Grant	\$24,298	\$3,393
UPCAP	Title III B Personal Care	\$7,500	\$1,050
UPCAP	Title III D Homemaker	\$15,250	\$2,135
	Total Elder	\$181,316	\$25,384
DOL	WIA - Work Experience	\$95,784	\$13,127
DOL	WIA - On the Job Training	\$42,290	\$5,921
DOL	SYEP - Administration	\$2,621	\$367
DOL	WIA - Administration	\$20,089	\$2,819
DOL	SYEP	\$15,055	\$2,108
	Total Employment	\$175,799	\$24,611
EPA	EPA CEM	\$333,000	\$46,620
	Total Fisheries	\$333,000	\$46,620
EPA	EPA GLRI LAMP	\$500,000	\$70,000
EPA	Brownfield	\$119,740	\$16,764
EPA	Quality Assurance	\$65,000	\$9,100
EPA	EPA Water 13 - 15	\$168,422	\$23,579
USDA	GLRI Ash	\$132,374	\$18,532
	Total Governmental	\$985,436	\$137,961
State	American Indian Substance Abuse	\$44,917	\$6,289
ITC	Mental Health Council	\$46,810	\$6,553
State	Emergency Preparedness	\$44,822	\$6,275
Cent of Disease	Traditional Healthy Environments	\$100,000	\$14,000
IHS	I.H.S. Special Diabetes	\$836,490	\$117,109
IHS	Diabetes - Cardio	\$324,300	\$45,402
IHS	PHN Case Management	\$180,000	\$25,200
Cent of Disease	Comm. Transformation Grant	\$500,000	\$70,000
	Total Health	\$2,057,339	\$288,027
DOJ	COPS TRGP 11 - 14	\$710,432	\$99,460
US Dept Home	Tribal Homeland Security	\$1,071,319	\$149,985
	Total Law Enforcement	\$1,781,751	\$249,445
IHS	Sanitation BE-13/11	\$180,000	\$25,200
	Total Sanitation	\$180,000	\$25,200
DOJ	Tribal Youth Project	\$448,634	\$62,807
DOJ	Court Enhancement	\$499,995	\$69,999
DOJ	Drug Court Enhancement	\$401,914	\$56,268
	Total Tribal Court	\$1,350,543	\$189,104
BIA	BIA Self Governance	\$6,763,025	\$897,589
IHS	IHS Self Governance	\$18,744,998	\$2,487,836
	Totals	\$38,650,098	\$5,170,937

Information Provided by the Budget Department - August 2013

SAULT TRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2013
Drafted 9-4-13 @ 1pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
LABOR DAY	8am Signatures 10am Workshop: Legal/Budgets/HR 11am Semi-Annual Reviews 12pm Lunch 1pm Semi-Annual Reviews 3pm TBOD Meeting Agenda Review 3pm Membership Issues 6pm TBOD Meeting - South	10am - 12pm Drive to Gaylord 12pm Meeting with LISU Officials 3pm - 5pm Return from Gaylord	8am Signatures 10am Executive Team 11am-1pm Constitutional Review 12pm-4pm FY2014 Schedule B Budgets, Schedule C Budgets & Govt. Cap. Ex.	8am Signatures 10am Executive Team 11am-1pm FY2014 Schedule B Budgets, Schedule C Budgets & Govt. Cap. Ex.	8am Signatures 10am Executive Team 11am-1pm FY2014 Schedule B Budgets, Schedule C Budgets & Govt. Cap. Ex.
8am - 6pm Financial Reviews - Governmental 8 Over flow for Schedule B, Schedule C, & Govt. Cap. Ex. 4pm Inland Conservation Committee	7am to 8pm Chair Drive to DC 10am - 5pm Gaming Authority Workshop	8pm Program/Division Directors	7am - 5pm Complete Return Trip from DC	8am Signatures 11am Budget Team 1-4pm Schedule B & C Budgets and Governmental Cap Ex.	
Chair in DC	Chairperson Payment & Cathy Abramson (NIHB Chair) attend HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory Council Meeting in DC (travel covered by HHS and NIHB respectively)	6pm Begin drive back from DC	8am Signatures 11am Budget Team 1-4pm Schedule B & C Budgets and Governmental Cap Ex.	8am Signatures 11am Budget Team 1-4pm Schedule B & C Budgets and Governmental Cap Ex.	
12pm Chair Conference Call with Budgets 4pm Great Lakes Conservation Committee	10am Workshop: Legal/Budgets/HR 12pm Lunch 1pm General Workshop 3pm TBOD Meeting Agenda Review 3pm Membership Issues 6pm TBOD Meeting - Munising (Agenda Item: Schedule B)	8am Signatures 10am Executive Team 1-3pm Constitutional Review	11am CORA (Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority) meeting in Potoskey 3pm Return to Sault	8am Signatures 11am Enterprise Financials 10am Casino Financials 11am Casino Oversight 1-5pm Gaming Authority Workshop	
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- ◆ Constitutional Review
- ◆ TBOD Meetings, Workshops & Issues
- ◆ Gaming Authority Workshops, Financials, Improvement, Oversight
- ◆ Enterprise Financials

Tribal leaders calling for more presence on Hill



DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniish na ezhi maajiishkaayig maanda niibing? How are you(s) doing this summer?

That's not an error, it's really how it is translated. Or we can go

Southern style — how y'all doing this summer!?

I just pulled in from the National Indian Health Board conference on the Affordable Care Act, known as "Obamacare." It was set up to teach us about what tribes will be facing with the coming changes in health care. Indian Country is in a unique situation and our tribe is very worried about the financial impact the regulations

and changes will have on us as a nation.

I brought my daughters and nieces with me, we were asked to dance in the opening procession of the conference. I was very proud to be asked and even happier our drum attended. This conference hosted a wide range of tribal leaders from across the nation and it was heartwarming to dance for them and share with them our Anishinaabe culture. I think the best part was having my family with me. Why? Because when I was young, the old time leaders brought us kids with them. They planted the seeds of leadership in us by keeping us close, wherever they traveled. This allowed the children to see what we face as tribal leaders and what their jobs in the future will be.

This is a hard thing to do as an Indian parent. You are torn between teaching children what happened to us in the past versus letting them live in peace. If they eventually choose the path of leadership, like my niece Sugar Bear seems to be doing, it's a hard conversation to have, to talk about what transpired in the past and what causes us to march the halls of Congress.

Sugar Bear is the chairman of the Youth Tribal Council and she attended the conference with me primarily to dance and nanny for me, however, it evolved into much more than that. On our ride home, I found myself in my older relative's shoes. She wanted to know why on a whole host of topics with regard to the treaties and why we need to make our presence known in Washington, D.C.

Needless to say, it was a hard conversation for me. I had to strike a balance between educating her in small doses and not imparting the immense anger I remember feeling when I was told about the atrocities and the unfairness of what happened to us as a people.

We talked about what it's like to go to Washington, D.C., and talk to the aides and congressmen and congresswomen and what you generally are met with when you do.

It's exhausting to go the Hill and keep repeating yourself many, many times over because nobody knows anything about us. Most just think the Indian problem has been solved with the casinos, however, what they don't know is that most tribes don't

have casinos and the ones that do, like ours, are in rural areas and we still are not even close to meeting the needs of our communities in health care, housing or education.

Most of the people you meet think our issues are race based so they automatically want to lump us into that category. What they don't understand is that it's a government-to-government issue with legally binding documents between us. What they don't understand is that we gave up natural resources in exchange for the promise of health care, education and housing.

Actually, every time I go to Congress, I get the impression they wish I would just go away. Not just me but all of the Indians roaming around on the Hill. I have a sneaking suspicion that maybe the guilt they feel is just as bad as the anger and frustration we carry.

No matter how difficult, it is necessary to educate your children about what happened to us and what our continued struggles are in the event they do choose leadership as a path for their lives. I believe the next time I journey to Washington, D.C., to knock on the doors of Congress,

Sugar Bear will be with me so she can learn and experience first hand what it is we actually do as tribal leaders.

The tribal leaders at this conference called for more presence on the Hill in the coming months, primarily due to the next round of sequestration. They are forecasting that the cuts will happen again since Congress can't get along and that we, as Indian leaders, will have our work cut out for us. If we don't have a strong voice and strong presence on the Hill we risk even deeper spending cuts. Instead of attending United Tribes or MAST, we may use our money to make more trips to Capitol Hill. It's a conversation the board will have to have shortly, once we re-group and go over all the information about the Affordable Care Act.

In closing, I hope you all have a warm fall with a good color season. That's what I'm praying for this season.

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

Baamaapii kawaabmin! See you later.

Sincerely,
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Hessel powwow, a great event for community



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

We held our 21st annual summer powwow in Hessel this past week. As always it was beautiful weather and so many family and friends came to gather. It takes many hours to prepare, coordinate and get ready for our celebration. Our Housing Department guys came down and remodeled our lodge for better access for our elders, they did fantastic work. Miigwech to our Hessel Elders Committee for heading this proj-

ect up and feeding our visitors throughout the weekend. Our Powwow Committee and community members come together to plan, clean grounds, gather medicines, shop, cook and make sure all is done in a good way for us and our traditions.

This year our Hessel community drum, Mukwa Giizek, hosted and, once again, gave us amazing sounds, I smile with true pride every time I hear them. They are the pride of our community. We had other drums with us this year and they brought out some powerful music and celebration: Sturgeon Bay, Tic Bush, Bawating, Blackbear and Agwa Gumi from Batchuwana, Chief Dean Sayers and Tony Grondin. The dancers and families we had made it so special. It was so nice that the Birons all came home to be here and enjoy our families.

I walked through the grounds both mornings of the powwow and the feelings had been unexplainable. At sunrise people were in the lodge talking at open ceremonies, our precious elder

women where preparing our feasts and that brings such a safe feeling to me; miigwech, Dorthy, Midge and aunt Linda, I love you guys. We had many old friends come to celebrate, too. Our elder Roy Dutcher danced and was in full regalia, these are the ways and it means so much to us that they carry on our ways for us and gather in our community. Miigwech, Roy, you'll always be so close to my heart as my elder. My aunts were there, showing pride and keeping up as heads of our family, aunt Margeret, aunt Catherine and aunt Ann. They have had many heartaches in life; just a couple days of them enjoying their family and celebrating our traditions is one reason we gather in this way. My cousin Perry and his beautiful family and granddaughters are always there dancing for our people, they started dancing when they were little tiny girls and now beam with pride. My godfather/uncle Jim stayed by the arena the whole time and listened and relaxed.

We lose people throughout the

year and it's painful to not have them around, but times like these bring out good feelings, feelings of healing and peace. Many of us have lost loved ones in the past year, that's so tough, especially when the void can never be filled in this life. We reminisce and feel close to them when we have fires, drums and prayer. Bobbie, Mel and Val, you being there made us feel close to uncle Ray and aunt Loreen. Tad, thanks for stopping in to visit the evening before too, made me think of the old ones who used to drive around in big ol' cars, checking out the happenings, kind words that made me smile.

We gather and celebrate to carry on our ways, to remind us that we are strong, unique Anishinaabe and throughout my time at the powwow, I danced for my uncles who have passed on and truly loved our Hessel powwow, for my elders who can't, our veterans, our communities and for preservation of our ways.

Walking around watching quietly always shows me the true

meaning of our ways.

Miigwech to my own beautiful daughter and granddaughters for celebrating our ways, too. Alanna and Ava were the littlest dancers and I will always cherish this weekend. Miigwech to my parents, John and Janice, for teaching me to appreciate our family and our ways. I hope all who attended walked away feeling the special memories that I did. Last but not least, chi miigwech Adrienne and Graz Shipman, your ceremony and presence with us keeps me going and the love you show for people and the communities is unconditional.

I'm writing all this because I wanted to share with you my personal experience as an Anishinaabe kwe, the feelings and pride in who we are, our gatherings are sacred and powerful and for that I'm thankful.

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Hogs for Hope Fest set for Oct. 5 in Sault Ste. Marie

By Rick Smith

Good times for a good cause, that's what the inaugural Hogs for Hope Pig Roast and Festival promises for young and old at the Aune-Osborn Park in Sault Ste. Marie on Oct. 5. Proceeds from the event will support Families Against Narcotics (FAN) of Chippewa County.

"We are very excited about our hog roast coming up and hope to see a lot of community members and their families come out and enjoy some great food and entertainment," said Lisa Gauthier, FAN president. "This will be our first big fundraiser as a new chapter here in Chippewa County."



The Families Against Narcotics — FAN — Board of Directors, above, is ready for action holding its first big fundraiser Oct. 5 at the Aune-Osborn park in the Sault, with a pig roast and family activities.

The 2013 Hogs for Hope Fest takes place from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and scheduled attractions are live bands, silent auction, bake sale, pie contest, 50/50 draw, bouncy house, games and other fun features for youngsters.

"You may purchase tickets in advance for \$8 at the Soo Coop Credit Union, Central Savings Bank and O'Connor's," said Gauthier. "Tickets will go up in price after Oct. 1 to \$10, but kids six and under eat free." Those

who wish to buy advanced tickets may also call (906) 203-8959.

Gauthier confirmed FAN plans to make the Hogs for Hope Fest an annual event. And as fun as it sounds, she indicated there may be at least one change coming. "Most likely, next year it will be earlier in the summer," she noted.

FAN of Chippewa County began its mission last June to raise awareness of the rampant prescription drug abuse that is claiming hopes, dreams and lives as it quietly expands in communities. Further, FAN aims to branch into education and about various facets of addiction and prevention as well as facilitating recovery

from addiction.

Anyone in Chippewa County interested in becoming involved with the organization may attend monthly meetings scheduled on the third Wednesday of every month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Huntington Bank on the southeast corner of Ashmun and Spruce streets in downtown Sault Ste. Marie.

More information on FAN is at www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org, information on the Chippewa County chapter is also found on the site by scrolling down to the bottom of the home page and opening the Chippewa County link listed under the locations tab.

Affordable Care Act highlighted at conference



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

I am extremely happy and proud to say that our National Indian Health Board (NIHB) annual Consumer Conference, recently held in Traverse City, Mich., was a tremendous success!

This is the first time this conference was in the Bemidji area in over 14 years! As chair of the NIHB, I was very pleased our board agreed to bring our annual conference to our woodland area.

Our Anishinabek people from Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin gave their best welcome and hospitality.

Our drums, singers and dancers came and helped celebrate our culture night. I was very proud our Bahweting Singers were there. Many tribes donated food for our feast of smoked fish, elk,

wild rice, corn soup, fruit and berries.

Water ceremony teachings were given and our veterans were honored.

The hospitality of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians' tribal council was so amazing and very much appreciated! The Grand Traverse Resort's staff were exceptional in service.

Many Native people from across the nation made it a point to go to the waters and just put their foot in and say some prayers. We have been blessed to live in an area where there is good clean water, clean air and our natural medicines that surround us. I believe that the gifts that we shared helped make this conference a tremendous success!

Our conference highlighted the Affordable Care Act, improving the services to our veterans and the renewal of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. We had discussions on strategies and outreach and education, specific to tribal nations, leading up to the Oct. 1 enrollment of the Insurance Marketplace of the Affordable Care Act. These issues affect us all. I was very happy the following board members came AND asked a lot of questions: Chairperson Aaron Payment, Vice Chair Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Debra Pine, Dennis

McKelvie, D.J. Malloy and Catherine Hollowell. It is so important to be involved and informed on the policies that are improving health care services and accessibility to our tribal members.

I was pleased that Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, acting director of the Indian Health Service, came and presented. She held a listening session and answered many questions and listened to many concerns.

I was pleased to co-facilitate a tribal consultation session with Dr. Mary Wakefield, administrator for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The goal of HHS Secretary Sebelius is to improve health equity with Indian tribes. To achieve this goal, they are working on strengthening the health workforce by expanding the supply of culturally competent primary health care providers in Indian Country and improving access to quality healthcare and service by increasing the number of health care access points.

"Meeting with tribes and tribal organizations, such as the NIHB, is a very important part of our agency consultation efforts and IHS's priority to renew and strengthen our partnership with tribes. We value our partnership with NIHB as we work together to change and improve the IHS

and to eliminate health disparities in Indian Country," Dr. Roubideaux said.

We also had the privilege of meeting and speaking with John Garcia, deputy assistant secretary in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. One of their goals is to create culturally sensitive outreach materials, incorporating traditional practices and rituals into treatment and care for our Native American veterans. He agreed to come back to Michigan and work with us to help incorporate these efforts and to address the issues of our veterans.

I could go on and on about the conference, so I will stop here!

One thing I do want to emphasize to our membership/citizenship is that the federal agencies are listening to us at a national level! We, as tribal leaders, have been telling them that we need to incorporate our own culture and traditions into our programs. From this report and what our top federal administrators are saying, we are moving in that direction.

For instance, just recently, an announcement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was received that there will be a workshop on tribal grants access in Washington, D.C., in October.

The reason is that tribal leadership have been telling HHS leadership about their difficulties in successfully obtaining HHS grant funding. HHS is making improving tribal access to HHS grants a priority. They have been working very hard to improve tribal access to grants and I am very happy to be a part of this charge for our people.

In our own tribal communities, we need to incorporate our culture and traditions into our healthcare delivery systems. As I report to you, it is in the planning stages. As your board member, I am going to be strongly supporting the efforts of incorporating these changes in our Special Diabetes Programs for Indians and our Behavioral Health and substance abuse programs. I truly believe our ways will help us to become healthy again.

Good luck to all of you who are beginning the school year! It's always an exciting time! Also, I hope your gardens are bountiful and you are able to preserve enough for our long winters. (Obviously, this is for those who live in the north country! For you southerners – enjoy that sunshine and all that it brings!)

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at cabramson@saulttribe.net or (906) 322-3823. I look forward to hearing from you all.

Protecting the Great Lakes and their watersheds



DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

This month I am writing on the importance of protecting and preserving the Great Lakes and her watersheds. As an Anishinaabekwe, it is my responsibility to stand up for the waters and speak for her protection.

I am not going to make this report just about the dangers of hydraulic fracturing, or as it is better known, "fracking." There is enough information out there on each side for people to research and come to their own conclusions (I know I have).

To be sure, there is more than "fracking" putting the Great Lakes at risk. Water diversion for varied uses, bottled water companies siphoning off entire aquifers, invasive species, agriculture runoff, storm drain overflows, sewage runoff and dumping, broken oil pipelines, oil spills from ships and land owners alike, any one of these things alone would be a concern. But put them all together and have them occurring concurrently and you can see the recipe for disaster.

As most everyone is aware, the Great Lakes is the life blood of the entire Midwest. Our entire ecosystem "is what it is" because of it. Our forests, wetlands, meadows and farmlands are dependent not only on the water itself, but the seasonal weather patterns generated from these massive bodies of water.

Having said this, one must also realize the entirety of local economies is dependent on the Great Lakes. To be sure, the same might be said of fresh water anywhere on the planet. But the Great Lakes basin presents an unusual problem because the cache is so huge and so interconnected, that any breach in one location will have a domino effect on the rest of the basin.

The United States and two Canadian provinces signed a Great Lakes Water Accord to prevent the diversion of water from the Great Lakes. They failed to include any of the tribal nations or First Nations to be at the decision making table. So in November 2004, the tribal nations around the Great Lakes came together with a common purpose; to protect the waters we have inhabited since time immemorial and to assert our sovereign right to be included in the decisions of any nation whose borders touch the lakes. You can read the tribal document here: <http://www.great-lakescommons.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Tribal-and-First-Nations-Great-Lakes-Water-Accord.pdf>

I am challenging each and

every Anishinaabe to think about their use of fresh water. Some think nothing of spending \$1.50 for 16 ounces of bottled water (which equates to \$12/gallon) but become livid at the price of gasoline and natural gas. How much fresh water was used and polluted when extracting these fuels?

Most do not yet "feel" the importance of fresh water in every aspect of our lives. And if we wait to "feel" the effect before we commit to making a difference, it WILL be too late.

There are little things that we can do. Instead of buying bottled water, please buy a con-

tainer and carry your water with you from home. Conserve water when and where you can.

Speak up and support water conservation efforts and those who are taking strong stances to protect what water we have from being further polluted or jeopardized.

You can help just by educating yourselves and your families on what things are threatening our waters and the importance of protecting and preserving them.

The United Nations estimates that by 2025, two-thirds of the world's population will lack ready access to clean, fresh

water. The time to take a stand is now. Our intentions with water uses are always touted as safe and good. But one would have to agree, no matter your stance on big oil, natural gas, international water shipping or agriculture, man is fallible. We make mistakes. Even when our intentions are good, we make errors that have a profound and lasting effect on our environment.

As always, please feel free to contact me by calling (906) 440-9762 or send email to dmalloy@saulttribe.net.

Respectfully submitted,
DJ Malloy

Aug. 20 board meeting - Marquette

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Aug. 20 Sault Tribe Board of Directors (BOD) meeting held in Marquette got underway at 7:03 p.m. All board members with the exception of Jennifer McLeod were in attendance at the meeting, McLeod was excused due to a training she was attending on violence against women.

Resolutions there were discussed and passed include: Authorizing premium increase for health insurance premiums, employer portion only; Amending section 6.04 of the treaty rights retirement plan; Continuing funding authority for fiscal year 2014, Sept. to Aug.; Sanitation BE-13-J11, establishment of a FY 2014 budget; Tribal court judicial services FY 2013 budget modification; Human Resources Administration FY 2013 budget modification;

Application for the tribal HIV Prevention Program; Re-adjust/reduce "Over the Max" list. These resolutions can be viewed in their entirety on the tribe's website at: www.saulttribe.com.

Under new business there were a number of items brought forward: The resignation of D.J. Hoffman from the Sault Tribe Child Welfare Committee to be effective immediately was accepted.

The tribe's Inland Conservation Committee recommended waiving licensing fees for active duty military, the BOD agreed with the committee's recommendation.

The Great Lakes Conservation Committee made a request to transfer Robert Hanson's fishing license to his son, Ryan Hanson. This was approved.

A directive was given to the tribe's legal department to

contact Michigan's Department of Natural Resources Lansing Office Chief of Staff and Tribal Coordinator Dennis Knapp, asking him to cite the section in the Inland Decree that disallows boats to be moored in the Pine River. This was brought to the board's attention because a tribal member fisherman was told he was not allowed to moor his boat in the river and was asked by the DNR to remove it.

Also listed as new business under "Understanding proposed action items," was "Draft constitution – vote of the people, membership votes on constitutional amendments and tribal ethics code – process and timeline."

The next board meeting was on Sept. 3 at the Sault Kewadin Casino Convention Center beginning at 6 p.m.

Board hopes to have tribe debt free in four years



BRIDGETT SORENSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

On Aug. 6, we had our board workshop in the Sault. We discussed our current \$28 million debt of which we pay \$7 million a year with about \$800,000 in interest. We are hoping to be debt free in four years. The recent JD Edwards upgrade and new computers will add less than two months to that time frame. Innovative Gaming Solutions was the company we hired to do an audit of our marketing and food outlets. We decided to have IGS come back to discuss a plan of action two weeks after the board has received the written report. This should occur in September. We discussed our proposed self-insurance shortfall of \$1.2 million for the year. The Insurance Department had discussed our options with (1) being increasing the employer portion by 10 percent retroactive to January (this was included in everyone's 2013 budget) and/or increase the team member portion. I did not agree with the team member increase at this time. I am a member of the Insurance Adhoc Committee that was formed to find solutions. We had decided to survey the team members for ways to cut without too much of a team member increase. The survey is behind schedule so I am not going to raise rates without team member input. The surveys will be going out in the next week or so.

The board sat down that afternoon and opened all of the casino team member surveys. Each unit read aloud a few comments from the surveys. The surveys will be put into a spreadsheet format according to casino. The membership liaisons are inputting all of the data for a final report to the board.

On the evening Aug. 6 we drove to Kinross for our meeting. We voted to request four of our properties to be put into trust. Those properties are the Frazier

dock we bought in January in Epoufette, the Grimes (Wequayoc cemetery) we bought last August between St. Ignace and Hessel, the Grand Marais site (fishing access) and our M-28 property. We have been granted trust status on many of our properties this year, which will be saving us a lot of tax dollars each year. We voted to amend chapter code 10: Tribal Election Ordinance Special Advisory Election. This change will allow us to fill an unexpected vacancy of the chairperson or board member within a 65-day time frame. To condense the time frame we removed a primary election, which will also save money on printing and mailing costs if there is ever a need for a special advisory election.

We voted to apply for a grant from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust in the amount of \$652,000 to fund the construction of the Frazier dock for fishermen access to Lake Michigan. The tribe shall be notified in November if we have received approval. Half of the expense will be for the dredging and retaining walls. I definitely support site access for our fisherman but I am concerned when we have been asked three times to increase the amount of funds to be taken out of the Fishermen's Fund in a short amount of time. I believe we would all like to see a more comprehensive approach the first time. Some believe it is only money out of the Fishermen's Fund, which it is, but we need to only spend what is necessary.

On Aug. 7, the Unit III elders had their annual summer picnic with Keith and I barbequing chicken and brats. We had a very good turnout with many great side dishes and desserts prepared by our elders.

On Aug. 8, I went to the Sault Tribe Jr. Police Academy to be tased. The feeling was kind of indescribable; it was not so much pain but more of a debilitating shock to your system. It lasted about five seconds. My family was worried about me and my kids didn't want to see it happen but my friend brought out my mom and my niece wanted to come so my youngest son decided to also, so they could record it. The camp is in such a beautiful area and a great learning experience for the kids and free to their parents. I raised \$400 for the academy and I want to thank all those that contributed to the cause. Miigwech!

On Aug. 9 was our Unit III elder meeting where we discussed

the latest information and discussed upcoming events. In the afternoon was our TAP (Tribal Action Plan) meeting for substance abuse. I hate to say this but we are still working on the membership survey and making each question count.

On Aug. 12, the board met to discuss what our options were on the recent terminations of team members because of background checks. This has been an ongoing issue which affected many long term team members. The area of concern was whether certain positions actually had regular contact and control over children in positions such as housing. The law requires that a person with one felony or two misdemeanors of a crime against a person would be disqualified in being in these positions. Most if not all housing positions have regular contact with children.

On Aug. 13, we had our workshop to discuss the board's priorities, values and drivers when considering the 2014 budgets. We have to consider sequestration, our insurance shortfall, the impact of the affordable health care act and declining revenue. LSSU President Tony McLain and staff gave a presentation of new happenings at the school such as the new Lukenda School of Business and also the number of students at LSSU that have been awarded the tuition waiver. In the past three years there have been between 95 and 105 students awarded the tuition waiver costing up to \$752,000 annually. The money received from the state of Michigan does not come close to covering these costs and endangers the future of the waiver.

On Aug. 16, I held office hours, On Aug. 17, I went to the Hessel powwow.

On Aug. 19 we had our casino oversight meeting. The St. Ignace Casino Hotel earned the 2013 Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence by the world's largest travel website. Great job by all the hotel team members, who many times have a very thankless job. Thank you to all the people that make the property a great success! The Shores casino has received their banner for the main sign saying, "Voted #1 Casino in Michigan by Michigan Travel Vacation Magazine." The team members are wearing buttons saying this. There are also new advertisements. There was discussion on the casinos still being in the black but revenues are still down around \$1 million

for 2013. After reading about 30 percent of the written IGS report, I am starting to believe we need to hire a highly qualified CEO for our casinos to make the necessary changes to thrive again.

I attended the Great Lakes Conservation meeting. The fishermen voted to escrow a fishing license to a son of a fisherman that had passed on in May while he attends college. They discussed the Great Lakes Fishery Trust application and the committee actually caught the four feet dredging proposal that they wanted changed to six feet. There was discussion on whether a fisherman could moor a boat on state land and our attorney said it is not covered by our consent decree so we have to obey the DNR.

On Aug. 20 we had our workshop and meeting in Marquette. The board voted to increase the employer portion of health insurance premiums to 10 percent retroactive to January. The team member portion may be modified after reviewing the survey results in the upcoming months. We voted to continue funding 8 of our cost centers that have September—August budget cycles with last year's funding levels for the next 30 days. We are waiting on federal funding awards for these programs which should be in the next few weeks. We voted to move unspent money in the Human Resources Director position to a consulting line item. We will be considering hiring a consultant until we secure a director for the vacant position. We voted to authorize management to re-adjust/reduce those team members that are over the maximum that their positions allow per our last wage survey if the raises occurred outside of the board allowed raises within that year, or where no re-factoring of the position or justification occurred. At the Kinross meeting a tribal member presented the board secretary with two removal petitions for Unit II representative Catherine Hollowell. One of the petitions did not have enough signatures with 98 of the 100 required. The board voted to have our general counsel, John Wernet, verify all signatures and review the charges and provide a written report for the Sept. 3 meeting. At that time the board will decide whether further action is warranted. The Inland Conservation Committee voted not to charge active duty military members license issuing fees. The board also agreed and voted in support of that.

There was also concern from a downstate member about the board supporting paying for the livestream. This was another heated discussion which I discussed some of these points in my last report. I was then accused by Tom of saying I quoted in my article of him doing shady business. I said, "Did I say Tom is doing shady business?" My actual quote was "I don't like shady business," in regards to the previous sentences in my report about being no contract attached when voting on this and not following the bid process. I was then accused of bullying this person. I am sorry if he feels like I was bullying him by discussing my opinions and facts of the livestreaming. It is my job to let the membership know what is taking place. I did say that I would tell the truth even if it is not what you may want to hear. Now this person is making Youtube videos of clips from our meetings. Now I may have to say this could be on the verge of "shady" if these are used for political purposes for someone's agenda. I believe the person should be a neutral party not being led around by a certain group.

On Aug. 23, I held office hours and went to the enterprise and casino financials. We discussed the loss of revenue from the asbestos in the hangar. We discussed that we are fast approaching our limit of tax-free tobacco products (not cigarettes) quota. Cigarettes will probably last until November and the gas quota may be lifted in December according to current projections.

On the evening of Aug. 23, Keith and I followed our Unit III elders in the Parade of Nations during Heritage week in St. Ignace. This is the second year and is growing with the powwow being the culmination of events. Our elders did an awesome job on their building of a longhouse for their float.

On Aug. 25, I attended the Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow. The food and vendor booths always offer a great variety compared to some of the other powwows.

I apologize for having to write a shorter report than I would have liked but am now limited to 1,900 words. Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com, office 643-2123 or cell 430-0536. Enjoy September!

Resolutions summary from Aug. 6 tribal board meeting

BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors convened for a regular meeting on Aug. 6 in Kinross, Mich. All board members were present.

Minutes from prior meetings conducted from April 16 to July 16 with the exception of minutes from June 10-11, which were approved on condition of the completion of a correction.

The board approved four requests from the tribe to the Secretary of the Interior to convey land parcels into trust for

the tribe. The first of the parcels under consideration is the eight-acre "Frazier Site" in Hendricks Township in Mackinac County, which "is to be used as a fishing access site for treaty fishers and is not intended for gaming purposes," according to the respective resolution. Second, the "Grimes Property," or the Wequayoc Cemetery, in the St. Ignace Township in Mackinac County, which "is to be used as a cemetery and caretaker housing and is not intended for gaming purposes." Third, approximately one acre in Burt Township of

Alger County, the "Grand Marais Site" is also declared for use as a fishing access site for treaty fishers. The final property was approximately 160 acres in Dafter Township of Chippewa County, which will provide "natural open areas for various agricultural, environmental and wildlife projects."

Implementation of a tribal career-mentoring program called "Pay It Forward" was approved. According to the resolution, the program is "a volunteer-based service to provide professional career education for Sault Tribe

members through career-oriented guidance, experiences, knowledge and networks provided by Sault Tribe members," which would serve to bring enriching opportunities for all participants. Amplifying information accompanying the resolution indicates the goal of the program is to serve 10 college students under the mentorship of 10 professionals in one year. The program would be administered by the Higher Education Department and would not impose any additional costs as all work to facilitate the program can be accomplished by the exist-

ing staff and budget.

Authority to submit a grant application to the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP) received consent. Funding from the grant would provide home health services for Sault Tribe elders living in the tribe's service area. More specifically, the grant funds would be used to contract with agencies in the more remote areas where the tribe's services does not have adequate staff to reach patients, mostly around Grand Marais, Munising, Marquette

See "Resolutions" page 26

Staying focused on making our tribal nation strong



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

ACA brings significant challenges — and opportunities

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) just held its annual Consumer Conference in Traverse City, Mich. I want to take this opportunity to thank Director Cathy Abramson, who is the chairman of NIHB, for conducting a most important summit as we stand on the horizon of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). There are significant challenges and opportunities coming our way and the conference provided tribal leaders up to the minute information, tools and resources in order to improve health care services for our tribal members. There is much to be done before

2014 deployment.

Improved access to health service in DeTour and Drummond Island

For tribal members who reside in DeTour and Drummond Island: Please take a moment to read the announcement in this issue of the newspaper, explaining the improved access to lab and pharmacy services to your area. This is one small but significant step in meeting your health care needs. It has been an uphill effort, but access to quality health care is my number one priority. Hopefully, under provisions of the ACA, we will be able to improve service and increase our reach to all our tribal members.

Governance, civics and the rules of law

At the Sept. 2 board of directors meeting, I will face a preliminary hearing regarding a petition for my 'removal from office.' Unfortunately, this unit report is due prior to the meeting, so I cannot report on the outcome until next month. But I am very calm in the fact that I have not broken any tribal laws or codes whatsoever. Still, it is a very sobering event—not only for myself but for the tribe as a whole. The legitimacy of

governments rest in the consent of the voters through elections. The petition for my removal had 108 signatures collected over six months. Of those signatures, only one resided in the Unit II district (seven more were registered Unit II voters from downstate Michigan). I'm not certain what motivated the petitioner to circulate this petition. Although I will stand tall against those who would accuse me of wrongdoing—I will also forgive them, because Unit II members were very clear in their instructions to me: Stop the destructive political nonsense and stay focused on making our tribal nation strong.

With that thought in mind, I would like to share this healing prayer by songwriter Pura Fe:

All My Relations

This is dedicated to our relatives before us: Our elders who teach us of our creation and our past:

To those who have kept their homelands

And to the nations extinct due to mass slaughter, slavery, deportations and diseases unknown to them

And to the ones who are subjected to the same treatment today

To the ones who survived the relocations and the ones who died along the way

To those who carried on traditions and lived strong among their people

To those who left their communities by force or by choice and through generations no longer know who they are

To those who search and never find

To those who that turn away the so called 'non-accepted'

To those who bring us together and those living outside, keeping touch, the voice for many.

To those who make it back to live and fight the struggles of their people

To those who give up and those who do not care.

To those who abuse themselves and others. And those who

revive again

To those who are physically, mentally or spiritually incapable by accident or by birth

To those who seek strength in our spirituality and ways of life and those who exploit it, even our own.

To those who fall for the lies and join the dividing lines that keep us fighting amongst each other

To the outsiders who step in, good or bad and those of us who don't know better.

To the leaders and prisoners of war, politics, crimes, race and religion, innocent or guilty

To the young, the old, the living and the dead.

To our brothers and sisters and all living things across Mother Earth and her beauty we've destroyed, and deny honor that the creator has given each individual. The truth that lies in our hearts:

All my relations.....

New Escanaba tribal community health center opens



DARCY MORROW, DIRECTOR,
UNIT IV

A big thank you goes out to Marlene Glaesmann, Rural Health director and her staff from both the Manistique and Escanaba tribal centers for getting the Escanaba tribal community health center open. We

appreciate the hard work and dedication to providing services back in the Escanaba area. On Aug. 19 the new Escanaba Tribal Health Center opened to provide Community Health services to members who live in the Escanaba area. The new address, phone and fax numbers are noted below.

Escanaba Triba Health Center
Penstar Office Building
1401 North 26th Street, Suite 105
Escanaba, MI 49829
Phone: (906) 786-2636
Fax: (906) 786-0944

Last month, I reported the board would be looking at a fair way to adjust team members that were over the maximum in their pay scale. This has been an issue that was finally put to rest at the Marquette board meeting on August 20. The board finally

voted on a resolution to Re-adjust/reduce "over the max" list it reads: To authorize management to re-adjust/reduce those on the Over the Max listing to the maximum percent allowed, per year, for raises, where no wage refactoring or justification occurred. This action will supersede the budget modification policy and the key employee resolutions, with respect to wage and salaries, pending legal review. All board members in attendance voted YES, except directors Causley, Abramson and Pine voted NO. Director McLeod was not in attendance, she was excused from the meeting.

This week, Director Chase, myself, Chairman Payment and a few other directors attended the National Indian Health Board's 30th Anniversary Consumer

Conference – The Dawn of a New Health Care System – Transforming Tribal Health with Tradition and Change, in Traverse City. This conference had many different sessions on the Affordable Care Act, Native veterans' health, health care policy and advocacy and healthy Native practices. Here are some examples of the breakout sessions: Reimbursement and billing; Section 206 of the Affordable Care Act; Affordable Care Act 101; VA/Indian Health Service/Tribal Health Program Reimbursement Agreement, Creating Sustainability: One Community's Work On The Domestic Violence; Tribal – State Consultation; Medicaid 101. This conference was very informative, but when questions were asked on the Affordable Care Act the answers were not

always there.

I hope that things start to come together so that we are given the correct answers to questions when asked in the near future. As more information is made available to the health division and the board we, will provide it to the membership.

Thank you to all of the jingle dress dancers and the Bahweting Singers for doing Sault Tribe proud at the NIHB 30th Anniversary in Traverse City this week.

Please feel free to contact me anytime.

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Continued: Resolutions summary from Aug. 6 meeting

From "Resolutions" page 25 and Escanaba. The tribe's Elders Service Department would "be able to contract with other agencies serving approximately 20 tribal elders at one time." The amount requested through the grant is \$29,982 with an in-kind match of nine percent, or \$3,331, which will provide 1,896 hours of home assistance.

The board passed a resolution to amend the tribal election ordinance on special advisory elections. Essentially, where the ordinance prohibited special advisory elections for unexpected vacancies on the board if vacancies occurred six months prior to public notices for general elections, the time-frame was changed to 65 days without a primary election. The

Sault Tribe Election Committee developed the recommendation for the change at the behest of the board. The resolution further indicates "this recommendation is made with the understanding that a special advisory election conducted pursuant to a 65-day timeline will: (a) not have a primary; (b) voter registration will close upon the notice of election or near immediately thereafter; (c) the possibility exists that a potential candidate's background check will not be completed in time for inclusion on the ballot; and (d) the timelines for the conduct of a special advisory election will not be set by law but rather by the Election Committee and will be published in the election notice and will be subject

to change pending unforeseen circumstances brought on by the condensed timeline."

A resolution to amend the tribe's criminal procedure code was tabled for a workshop on Sept. 3 to allow for comment from appropriate court officials. Essentially, the amendment would bring the code more in line with the Constitution of the United States; specifically, to provide indigent suspects with appointed legal representation.

Several budgetary items were addressed beginning with the passage of a modification allocating \$152,270 from indirect revenue to the executive office, according to a information sheet attached to the resolution. The modification follows the completion of a time study, which

appears to have indicated an allocation of 61 percent of the total expenses for the executive office could be covered by indirect revenue.

An account was authorized to transfer \$15,311.50 in electrical energy rebates for use in exterior lighting retrofits to continue reducing energy expenditures.

Tribal support totaling \$893,000 was reallocated to health services to correct an "overstatement of Indian Health Service funds to the actual amount to be received after sequestration and correct the overstatement fund balance that was anticipated prior to year end close out."

A request from the tribe's Environmental Department was approved to budget \$1,193.06

remaining from a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant to help fund the collection and storage of black ash seeds during the coming autumn.

Approval was granted for a child welfare direct services funding increase of \$36,698.97 from federal Health and Human Services (HHS) revenue. Authority for a second budget increase \$4,282.18 from HHS funding was approved, also in support of direct child welfare services.

The board also accepted or approved several routine committee resignations, appointments and reappointments along with discussing matters related to background investigations for employees and volunteers working with or near children.

Fall mushroom season comes to the EUP again

The following mushrooms were all found in Chippewa County, in our 1836 treaty ceded territory, by Jennifer Dale-Burton and Mike Burton. These need cool nights to start growing, and generally begin in early fall.



Black chanterelle, also known as horn of plenty or black trumpet.



A bolete called "King Cepe" or porcini is sought by gourmands.



Chicken of the woods, old man of the woods, coral, russula, puffball, lemon bolete, king bolete.



The smaller lemon bolete.



Baby chicken of the woods.



Sweet tooth.

Thanks from the Homminga family

Dear Editor,

The family of Jane Homminga would like to thank their many families and friends for the time they took to reflect on Jane's life and contributions to the Native American community.

The family would also like to say a very special thanks to the C.S. Mulder Funeral Home for their understanding and thoughtfulness; Brother John Hascall and the St. Isaac Jogues Church for everything they did and the very special place they held in

Jane's heart; Cathy DeVoy and Jackie Halfaday Minton for helping the family through this difficult time; the Bawating Singers for the comfort they gave Jane throughout her life; pipecarriers Cecil Pavlat, Les Ailing, Melvin Frechette, Les Ruditis and Bucko Teeple; firekeepers Joe Ailing, Nick Dangler, Justin Dangler and Neil McCoy; and to everyone else who are too numerous to mention.

Miigwech,
Pauline Homminga

Planning Kincheloe AFB reunion

Dear Editor,

We are in the preliminary stages of planning for a reunion of those of us who served at Kincheloe AFB. We are hoping for spring 2014. The Chippewa around the Sault and Kincheloe were an integral part of our lives and friends. Many of them closely worked with us as civilians and were an important

part of our lives and mission. We have a Facebook page called KINCHELOE AFB REUNION 2014. Please join us and share with anyone you think might be interested.

For information or to join in, email me at erc888@ptd.net.

Thank you,
Ed Coppinger,
East Stroudsburg, Pa.



Recovery Walk 2013

Thursday, September 26, 2013
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Chi Mukwa (Big Bear Arena)

The Recovery Walk is an annual walk to support individuals & families in recovery & to recognize the positive effects recovery can have!

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Things that will be taking place:

- The Recovery Walk
- Face Painting/Craft Table for kids!
- Motivational Recovery Speakers
- Cookout

Questions?

Please call Sault Tribe Behavioral Health at (906) 635-6075 or Pat McKelvie at (906) 635-7741

Everyone participating in the Recovery Walk will meet in the parking lot at St Isaac Jogues Catholic Church (1529 Marquette Avenue) at 4:00 PM for registration and the walk will begin promptly at 5:00 PM.

The first 120 registrants receive a T-Shirt.

Anyone who is unable to participate in the walk is welcome to go right to Big Bear at 5:00.

This event was supported by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, SAMHSA, Access to Recovery, Tribal Court, Sault Tribe Behavioral Health, and people in & supportive of recovery.

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Cardiac Day

at Hessel Tribal Center
Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013
12:30 to 3:30 p.m.



FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

"High Blood Pressure"
Dr. Timothy Hoffman
Physician Supervisor, St. Ignace

"Stress and Taking Care of Yourself"
Lane Barger, Medica Social Worker

"Label Reading and Low Fat Snacks"
Linda Inhelder RD

"Traditional Foods"
Connie Watson, Health Educator

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Educational Booths
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on pathways to wellness

National Recovery Month
September 2013

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English and Spanish
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