

# Win Awenen Nisitotung

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

## Tribes win special diabetes program renewal

FROM NIHB

WASHINGTON, D.C.

— Congress passed a one-year renewal of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) on March 31. We at the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), which continues to lead national efforts to secure the SDPI program, are very pleased with this development. Stacy Bohlen, NIHB's executive director said, "American Indians suffer from the worst Type 2 diabetes rates in the United States. We have four-year-olds presenting with Type 2 diabetes - this has got to stop and SDPI is making that possible. Today's victory is one more step in making this life-saving program permanent."

NIHB Chair Cathy Abramson



Cathy Abramson

released the following statement regarding the renewal of SDPI funding, "This is a critical victory. We are thrilled at the passage of a one-year renewal for SDPI and recognize it as an important step in the continuous

fight to treat and prevent diabetes in Indian Country. As happy as we are today, we will continue fighting for long-term renewal tomorrow. SDPI saves lives and money! We will continue fighting for the long-term renewal of this program so that improved prevention and treatment, hiring more health care professionals and health educators in Indian Country continues to grow," Abramson said.

Few programs are as successful as SDPI in helping reverse chronic illness, and we look forward to another year of success. SDPI has proven to work, especially in declining incident rates of diabetes-related kidney disease. Between 1999-2006, the incident rate of end-stage

renal disease due to diabetes in American Indians fell by 28 percent — a greater decline than for any other racial or ethnic group. This reduction in new cases of end-stage renal disease translates into almost \$90,000 per patient per year in cost savings for Medicare, the Indian Health Service and third-party payers.

The NIHB is especially grateful to members of Congress who worked diligently to make this legislation happen. NIHB also maintains the position that multi-year renewal of SDPI would accomplish much more. It would help provide a more stable stream of funding for the program and — most importantly — it gives tribal SDPI programs the uninterrupted care their community

members deserve.

The SDPI renewal was part of legislation that addressed the sustainable growth rate, a Medicare payment correction that prevented a decrease in the rates that doctors are reimbursed. Section 204 of this bill included language to renew funding for one-year of the SDPI at \$150 million. The passage of this bill comes after negotiations on a larger "sustainable growth rate fix" bill faltered over how to it would be paid. It passed Thursday on a voice vote in the House. It then moved to the Senate where it was passed in a vote of 64-35. The bill now heads to the president's desk to be signed.

For more information about SDPI, visit <http://www.nihb.org/sdpi>.

## Sault Tribe 2% puts \$2,000 toward Schoolcraft community 24/7 drug disposal sites

SCHOOLCRAFT COALITION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

The Schoolcraft Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention bought two prescription drop-off disposal boxes for Schoolcraft County. The county Sheriff's Department is the first host site. Our community now has an available 24/7 disposal site for eliminating excess prescription medicines. This means if you want the medicine out of your home at 3 a.m. on Christmas Day, you now have a safe option. The coalition plans to ask the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians to host a second drop-off box.

Over a year ago, the coalition decided to change it's name from RX Prescription Coalition to the Schoolcraft Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention so it could work on substance abuse issues relevant to Schoolcraft community.

The coalition realized the community needed drop-off sites. Coalition members wrote a mini

grant proposal to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians requesting 2 percent funding to help the coalition with the projects. The coalition was graciously awarded \$2,000.

Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital's Susan Phillips brought the drop-off boxes from downstate to the Sheriff's department.

Mary Jenerou, Great Lakes Recovery Centers, said Schoolcraft County can proudly join the ranks with neighboring counties for having official prescription drop-off sites. Sheriff John Norrington worked out a collaboration with Luce and Mackinac counties to help with disposal of waste.

The coalition invites all community members to the next meeting on April 16 at 2 p.m. at Great Lakes Recovery Centers group room. This is an open coalition for all concerned adults who want to help eliminate substance abuse addiction in Schoolcraft County.



Photo courtesy of Pioneer Tribune

From left, Darcy Morrow, Sault Tribe Board Unit IV representative; Mary Jenerou, Great Lakes Recovery Centers; John Norrington, Schoolcraft County Sheriff Department, Susan Phillips, Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital; and Denise Chase, Sault Tribe Board Unit IV representative stand with one of two prescription drug disposal boxes in Schoolcraft County now available anytime for eliminating excess prescription drugs.

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## Payment testifies to House subcommittee

Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment testified at the American Indian and Alaska Native Public and Outside Witness Hearing in Washington D.C. It was held April 8 by the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee to the House Committee on Appropriations concerning the president's 2015 budget for Native American programs.

Payment was testifying on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians, for which he serves as vice president-Midwest. He laid out NCAI's overall recommendations for Department of the Interior bureaus, such as the BIA; Indian Health Service;



the Environmental Protection Agency; as well as specific recommendations, for which some examples are the Indian Child Welfare Act, the Violence Against Women Act and new school construction.

Read Chairperson Payment's testimony at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

## Inland Fishing and Hunting guide available online

The Inland Fish and Wildlife Department's new field guide is on its way to the press, but

for those of you who can't wait, you can get it online. The guide is available on the same page you get your other IFWD downloads at [www.saulttribe.com/naturalresources](http://www.saulttribe.com/naturalresources). The 32-page booklet features easy to read language and tables as an everyday shortcut to the full regulations.



## Sault Tribe 2014 powwow schedule

Beginning in June, Sault Tribe has at least one powwow each month except in October. Manistique kicks off the season with its Gathering of the Clans Powwow, now in its seventh year. (We might even have spring by then.) The biggest change for this year is the Sault powwow, moving away from July 4 to July 8-13, by tribal community request. As more details become available, they will be added to this notice. Please use contacts provided below to inquire about individual powwows. Miigwech and happy powwow trails.

Manistique, seventh annual Gathering of the Clans Powwow.

June 7-8, Tribal Community Center, U.S.-2 next to the Kewadin Casino. Grand entries Saturday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday at noon. Crazy auction Saturday after feast. Vendors, traders or public can call Viola Neadow at 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.

Sault Ste. Marie, 32nd annual Sault Tribe traditional powwow and summer gathering.

July 8-13, July 8, powwow grounds smudging; July 10, spiritual gathering, powwow grounds waabeno lodge; July 11, grand entry 7 p.m.; July 12, grand entries 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; July 13, grand entry 1 p.m. For more info, call Jackie Minton at (906) 635-6050 or 203-4977; for trader info, call Linda Grossett at 635-6050.

Sugar Island, 16th annual traditional powwow.

July 18-20, Friday, July 18, spiritual gathering; July 19-20, powwow, grand entries Saturday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday at noon. Campers and vendors welcome. Save the date and reserve your space. For more info, call committee members Mick Frechette (906) 440-8918 or Elaine Young-Clement 440-6801.

Hessel, 21st annual Gathering of the Eagles Powwow

Aug. 15-17, Friday night, spiritual gathering and open drum; Saturday, grand entries 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. pot luck at 5 p.m.; Sunday, grand entry, 1 p.m. Contact Lisa Burnside, lburnside@saulttribe.net, or Lana Causley, lcausley@saulttribe.net.

St. Ignace, Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow

Aug. 22-24, New France Discovery Center at the Father Marquette National Memorial. Rendezvous open to the public, admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for elders and students, children under age of 12 free. For more info, call the St. Ignace Events Committee at (906) 643-8717 or Darryl Brown at 984-2083.

Newberry, seventh annual Honoring the Waters Powwow

Sept. 6, Tribal Community Center. For more info, call Lois Bryant or Shirley Kowalke at (906) 293-8181.

Rexton, 10th annual Youth Empowerment Powwow

Sponsored by Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program, first Saturday in August. For more info, call Patty Teeples at (906) 341-3362, Dee Eggert at 635-7010 or Lisa Burnside at 484-2298.

Munising Powwow

Sept. 13, Call Angela Satterlee or Sue Galisik at (906) 387-5475.

Kinross Veteran's Powwow

Nov. 8, Kinross Recreation Center, call Jackie Minton or Linda Grossett at (906) 635-6050.

Sault Ste. Marie, New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow

Dec. 31, LSSU Norris Center.

## WIA accepting job applications

The Sault Tribe Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Department is accepting applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

This is an income-based program for Native American residents of the Sault Tribe service area. Applicants must be aged 14 to 21 and able to successfully pass a drug test.

Applications can be picked up at the WIA office at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or by calling Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767. Deadline to apply is May 9.

## Tribal newspaper changes schedule

Effective April 2, the tribal newspaper has changed its production schedule for May and June to accommodate the primary and general election deadlines.

Issue	Deadline
May 2	April 24 (Thursday)
June 6	May 23
July 25	July 11
August 15	August 1
September 19	September 5
October 17	October 3
November 14	October 31
December 19	December 5
January 16, 2015	December 29, 2014

Submissions free of charge are birth announcements, obituaries, achievements or milestones such as graduation or awards, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, etc., and public service announcements, grants, success stories, new employees, etc.

Please call for your communication needs or for any questions, Sault Tribe Communication Department, (906) 632-6398.

## Attention resident tribal members

Resident tribal members shall notify the Tribal Tax Office in writing prior to moving their principal place of residence (Tribal Code Section 43.1103).

If you have moved or are planning on moving, please contact the Tribal Tax Office to request an address verification card to update your principal place of residence.

Please note that if the Tribal Tax Office does not have your current principal place of address on file, we cannot issue a certificate of exemption for your tax exempt purchases.

Contact information, tax office direct line (906) 632-6281; tribal admin 635-6050; tax office fax 632-6587.

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# ANNOUNCEMENT: SCHOOL BOARD OPENING

JKL Bahweting School will have an open board of directors position.

JKL is a K-8 system serving approximately 460 students.

Applications can be found at [www.jklschool.org](http://www.jklschool.org) or may be picked up from the school office at 1301 Marquette Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Interested individuals must submit an application to Northern Michigan University, Charter Schools Office, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855.

Application deadline: May 2, 2014. Anyone having questions may contact Bill Pistulka at 906-227-6601.

# Ninaatigo-ziiwaagmide (Making maple syrup)

Youngsters aged 8 to 16 are invited to learn how to make maple syrup in the traditional way on Sugar Island at the Mary Murray Cultural Camp April 25-27. Participants will need to bring warm clothes, bedding and toiletries. We will be outside most of the time, so please be sure to have appropriate outside gear such as heavy coats, snow pants, boots, mittens and hats. Children who do not have appropriate dress for weather conditions will not be able to participate in outdoor activities.

Those needing a ride to camp should meet at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, April 25.

Permission slips are available by calling Jackie Minton at 635-6050, inquiring at the Sault Tribe administration office at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, through the Intranet or any YEA coordinator.

# Indian taco sale benefit for Jacob LaPonsie on April 24

Co-workers, family and friends are conducting an Indian taco sale on April 24 for Jacob Laponsie, who is 11 years old. Jacob has severe scoliosis of the spine and has already endured many unsuccessful surgeries. Jacob now will go through another major surgery on April 29 at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Two rods will be placed in his back. While these two rods will, hopefully, help with his alignment, his upper body will stop growing. Unfortunately, it takes time and money, which we all could benefit from, but Rainella Laponsie, Jacob's grandmother, needs it now for the medical expenses.

For these reasons, we ask for your support by purchasing an Indian Taco. All proceeds will go to Rainella.

Indian tacos sale — Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building, 11 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tacos are \$6 and come with all fixings and a dessert. We appreciate your love and support. To place your order, please call Linda Hammonds, extension 25218 or cell 203-7035 or Maggie Lane, extension 23733.

# Soo Firehawks fundraiser set

The Soo Firehawks junior hockey team is heading to national competition in Las Vegas, Nev., and host a spaghetti dinner on April 12, 5-9 p.m., at the Elks' Lodge in Sault Ste. Marie.

Dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and includes salad, roll and soft drink. Dine in or take out.

Please support our local hockey players as they represent the Sault at the national level.

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Please note the distribution date when submitting event information for our community calendar. Submissions can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed. The distribution date is the earliest the newspaper can arrive in the seven-county service area.

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# Rapes in the US: 78 every hour

BY LARA COOK-PAQUIN, LLMSW, SAULT TRIBE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER

Here are some of the most recent statistics that have been collected by "Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN)":

- There are 683,000 forcible rapes every year, which equals 56,916 per month, 1,871 per day, 78 per hour, and 1.3 per minute
- 1 in 6 women in the USA have been a victim/survivor of sexual assault
- 1 in 33 men in the USA have been a victim/survivor of sexual assault
- 15 percent of sexual assault/

rape victims are under age 12

- 93 percent of Juvenile sexual assault victims know their attackers

- Out of every 100 RAPES:
  - 40 get reported to police
  - 10 lead to an arrest
  - 8 get prosecuted
  - 4 lead to felony conviction
  - 3 rapists will spend a single day in prison

THE OTHER 97 WILL WALK FREE

Given that these statistics are so high, you probably know someone who is a survivor of sexual assault. If you yourself are a survivor, you know how much this kind of trauma can affect your life.

Counseling services are offered through Sault Tribe Behavioral Health Call 635-6075 or 1-800-726-9105. Advocacy Support Services are available through the Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center. Call 632-1808 or 1-800-726-0093f are a survivor, you know how much this kind of trauma can affect your life.

Untreated trauma can lead to substance abuse, mental health issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression. Telling a professional about your experience can help one to heal from the trauma and live a healthier life.

"NO" means "NO."

# Families Against Narcotics 2014 schedule

Families Against Narcotics is your connection for information, resources and support. FAN raises awareness of the epidemic of prescription pain medication abuse, works to reduce the stigma and change the face of addiction, strives to educate the community about the dangers of prescription drugs and the potential to lead to the use of illegal narcotics and to provide a support network for

those affected by drug abuse or addiction.

You are not alone. Many are attempting to deal with the insanity of addiction and the difficult road to recovery. Come join us as we attempt to provide a place where, together, we can help one another find that all-important ray of hope. All are welcome to attend. Education is key. Knowledge is power.

FAN presently meets at 5:30 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month, in the Civic Room at Huntington Bank, meetings are scheduled for May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

For more information visit [www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org](http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org) or email [chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org](mailto:chippewa@familiesagainstnarcotics.org).

# North Star Carpenters Gala set for April 26

North Star Habitat for Humanity cordially invites you to the Carpenters Gala, an evening of dinner, music, dancing and a silent auction on Saturday, April 26 at the Lake Superior State University Cislser Center Ballroom.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with wines and cheeses from around the world. Dinner is at 7 p.m., after dinner music with No Strings Attached from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Silent Auction from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dinner and dancing, \$40 per person.

Your check is your reservation. RSVP by April 22. Tables of eight may be reserved. Call 635-5265.

# Sault drug abuse task force

Have you experienced loss, heartbreak or diminished relationships due to someone else's use of prescription drugs? The Prescription Drug Abuse Support Group meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. at the Huntington Bank in Sault Ste. Marie.

Please call Linda at 440-7252 or Suzy at 248-3545 for more information. Coming meetings are set for April 21, May 5 and May 19.

# States' college savings plans

Do you know about your state's college savings plans? College is a huge expense. If you plan on helping your children with college expenses, it requires planning ahead to save the money. There are state savings plans available that are tax-free, if the money is used for college. These plans allow you to start saving when your children are young, so by the time they are ready for college, you will have money to help them.

Visit [blog.usa.gov/post/81511829870/secure-your-childs-education-with-a-529-plan](http://blog.usa.gov/post/81511829870/secure-your-childs-education-with-a-529-plan), an online federal blog explains the difference between pre-paid tuition and college savings plans. It provides college savings and budget calculators and provides tools for you to compare plans. It is never too early to start thinking about how to save for your children's college education.

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# Resolutions passed in March board meetings

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors convened a meeting on March 4 in Sault Ste. Marie. Representatives Cathy Abramson and DJ Malloy were absent.

A 2013 fiscal year end reconciliation was approved for the re-allocation of tribal support of \$2,936,642.13 for a dozen departments and a reduction in total tribal support of \$57,714.08.

Authorization was granted for the tribe's USDA Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations to participate in a national study by a non-profit policy research organization to identify needs of the tribe's members and ways to make the program more beneficial for them.

Submission of an application was approved for a one-year grant of \$20,000 through the First Nations Development Institute for two youth functions at the Mary Murray Culture Camp that incorporate culture and tradition to address drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, mental health problems and other social issues.

A budget of \$76,947.91 was established for the Nunn's Creek Rehab Hatchery with BIA revenue for repair and maintenance projects.

The board approved a fiscal

year 2014 budget modification to Bay Mills Community College education sponsorships through a \$6,000 donation by Sault Tribe member Noah Leask.

A revised home weatherization plan was adopted funded by \$68,000 in tribal support and \$38,000 in USDA funding, for a total amount of \$106,000. The plan will service at least 18 to 20 families on a first-come, first-served basis starting May 1 and is based on a point system of needs and eligibility.

A resignation was approved for Sharon Hovie from the Special Needs and Enrollment Committee.

A small mesh permit was authorized for Lawrence Bruce Jr. for the 2014 season.

The board convened a meeting March 18 in Manistique. Representatives Lana Causley and Catherine Hollowell were absent.

Eight resolutions were on the agenda for the board's consideration, with all eight being passed; seven by unanimous vote.

The first six resolutions concerned establishing 2014 budgets and budget modifications. A Housing-Home Improvement budget was established with BIA revenues of \$68,095 and other revenues of \$1,084, with no effect on tribal support;

Governmental-USDA Pest Outreach USDA revenues of \$38,436, no effect on tribal support; Youth Development Fund budget modification for an increase of \$16,158 being carried over from 2013, no effect on tribal support; Buildings-Repairs and Maintenance budget modification to change the personnel sheet, reduce expenses and increase fund balance \$5,405; Education-Child Care Center budget modification for an increase in tribal support of \$115,597 and State revenue of \$47,722 with a decrease in other revenue of \$12,852; Elder Recreation Fund budget modification for an increase in tribal support of \$10,000, and with the casino sponsoring the MIEA conference.

In resolution 2014-53, the tribe authorized a settlement in Sault Tribe vs. Indian Health Service in the amount of \$1,337,069 plus interest to run from Sept. 24, 2012 to the date of the payment. The payment is to come from the U.S. Treasury and not from IHS. The resolution states, "...[the tribe] has asserted certain claims arising out of the failure of the Indian Health Service (IHS) to pay all of the Tribe's contract support costs owed for fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, though the Tribe has withdrawn the claims related to fiscal year 2010; and the attorneys representing the

Tribe have received a settlement offer regarding the claims for fiscal years 2006 through 2009 under which all litigation will be terminated and all such claims dismissed in return for a compromise payment by the federal government to the Tribe..."

The last resolution (2014-54) was an authorization to accept

the case evaluation recommendation in Sault Tribe vs. Blue Cross Blue Shield litigation in the amount of \$1,000,000, "which is not a settlement amount, but is instead merely a case evaluation amount..."

To view the roll-call matrix and resolutions in their entirety, visit [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

## MSU gardening webinar

Register now for Michigan State University Extension's new online webinar series *Smart Vegetable Gardening 101*. Along with learning about getting started, you will become more familiar with the Smart Gardening initiative that promotes more earth-friendly and sustainable practices for the home gardener.

The series starts on Thursday, April 22 and runs for six weeks from 6-7 p.m. EST (5-6 pm CST) on Thursdays through May 27. All sessions will be recorded, so if you are unable to attend a live session, you can view the recording. Class discussions will be incorporated via online chat pods. The course is only \$30, which

must be paid in advance. An optional CD is available for \$10.

The direct link to the registration site is <http://events.anr.msu.edu/SmartVegetableGardening1012014/>.

If you would prefer, register by mail before April 22. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the Michigan State University Extension - Iron County, (906) 875-0606, [kransr@anr.msu.edu](mailto:kransr@anr.msu.edu).

For more information on a wide variety of Smart Gardening topics, visit the Gardening in Michigan website at [www.migar-den.msu.edu](http://www.migar-den.msu.edu) or contact MSU's toll-free garden hotline at (888) 678-3464.

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Aanii! I am Margaret Jacquelyn Allard and as YOUR candidate for Unit 1, I will promote advanced health care, child welfare issues, Veterans, and will finally assist in the "Review, Renew and Ratify" of a new Constitution. Together we can make the long awaited difference!

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**ACHIEVEMENTS:** Thesis statement, community volunteer, event organizer, Grants and Contracts database developer & manager, grants researcher, program developer.

#### PROMOTING:

- Unity of our representatives, people, communities.
- Constitutional rights of Sault Tribe citizens: right to be represented and involved in the democratic process, upholding approved constitutional amendments (Separation of Powers, CEO duties from Chair and Board of Directors, citizens vs members).
- Economic developments at home (casinos, vacant buildings, existing resources).
- Closing the gap between rich and poor.

#### ADVOCATING:

- For the needs of our Elders
- For the needs of our children
- For the needs of our people
- For the needs of our lands

#### SUPPORTING:

- Treaty rights (fishing, hunting, gathering, trust land applications, health, education, language and culture)
- Sovereignty (updating tribal code, constitution, multi-jurisdiction agreements for police officers)
- Cultural focus in Tribal programs and services



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# Semi-annual reports presented to tribal board

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The tribe's semi-annual program updates to the board of directors began Jan. 22 in an open workshop and will continue on a scheduled basis until completed. The updates include 32 departments, membership and internal services and programs.

This last round of reports included: Elder Services Division, Anishnaabek Community & Family Services, Inland Fish and Wildlife Department and Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program.

## Elder Services Division

Elder Services Director

Cheri Goetz presented the Elder Services Division report to the board. She gave an overview of the departments mission, which includes providing home health services to assist elders to remain in their homes as long as comfortably possible. They also provide elders with safe reliable transportation to and from non-emergency medical appointments and procedures. Meal programs provide a chance for elders to gather in a social setting for a well-balanced meal and meals are also delivered to homebound elders. Goetz also said the Elder Health Fund provides elders with financial assistance for certain optical, dental and durable medical procedures and purchases.

Statistics from Sept. 2013 to Feb. 2014:

Home Health- Homemakers:

About 870 hours, personal care: about 142 hours and respite care: about 71 hours.

Transportation- There were approximately 318 rides given and about 172 medication deliveries.

Meal Programs- In Sault Ste. Marie there were 3,152 congregate meals and 3,709 delivered meals. Hessel had 1,135 congregate meals and 763 delivered. St. Ignace served 2,391 congregate meals and delivered 717. Manistique saw 1,925 congregate meals and none were delivered.

The Elder Health Fund had about 207 applications.

Some department highlights include the Elder Division's Americorp/VISTA worker, Justin Miller, who is staying with the department until November. An MSU Extension mini-grant to train members in gardening named Planting LifeWays of the Rapids; a tobacco abuse prevention program called Asemaa Seeding Program aimed at tribal youth through this year's Circle of Life summer program; and developing tribal wide food systems.

Upcoming events for the department include co-hosting the Michigan Indian Elder's Association conference in July at the Sault Casino; elders will be attending the Michigan Indian Elder's Association conference in Petoskey this month (April) and elder sub-committees are discuss-

ing summer picnics.

## Anishnaabek Community & Family Services (ACFS)

ACFS consists of three main components: The Advocacy Resource Center where victims of crime can go to receive a complete set of service to ensure the impact of their trauma is reduced or eliminated as a result of their victimization.

Direct Assistance provides case management services to tribal homes to promote self-sufficiency and help alleviate financial hardship.

Under the Direct Assistance umbrella is the USDA program that provides qualified tribal households with fresh, nutritious foods.

And the third component is Child Placement, giving every child the chance to grow up in a healthy, nurturing and loving home.

## ACFS Advocacy Resource Center (ARC)

Clients have been receiving services from the ARC since 1988. The programs goal is to help the client identify options that promote safety from perpetrator violence and contribute to their knowledge of and access to community resources. The ARC provides clients assistance with transportation, safety planning, criminal justice support, victim rights notification, assistance with paperwork and applications, including crime victim compensa-

tion applications, court accompaniment, short term crisis counseling, education services, information and referral, and assistance with filing Personal Protection Orders in tribal and state courts.

The ARC opened an emergency women's shelter, the Lodge of Bravery, in 2003 and reopened a remodeled 16-bed shelter in Sept. 2012. The number of women the shelter lodged in 2013 was 85 and the number of children, 49.

The ARC also offers Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV), for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. This is a Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grant funded program that will end on Sept. 30, 2014. A 2014 grant application was submitted to the OVW LAV in January with the award notification to occur in September. Over 315 people received services through this program in 2013.

The ARC's Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program provides outpatient behavioral health services for victims of sexual assault and/or sexual abuse and was initiated in 2010. Additional grant funding was received in Sept. 2013, which will continue funding this program through Sept. 2016. In 2013, over 500 people received services through this program.

The ARC'S Men's Education Group began in 2012 and is scheduled to end late this summer

upon the expenditure of designated line item allocations. Over 200 men participated in this program last year.

In addition to their other services, the ARC plans, coordinates and participates in community based prevention, education and outreach events annually. They have also provided domestic violence education services to women and offer monthly support groups to shelter residents. Under these different programs and prevention services, over 2,100 people were reached.

Also through their Community Education and Outreach services, the ARC hosted and participated in a number of very successful events, including a prevention and awareness presentation at Malcolm High School for Teen Dating Violence Month in which 48 young adults participated. ACFS annual Family Fun Night events in the Sault and St. Ignace had over 700 community members in attendance. Over 70 students from three area schools attended a Teen Wellness Conference that covered topics such as healthy relationships, self esteem, cultural teachings, prescription drug abuse and stalking. And, over 300 community members attended a sexual assault awareness presentation at LSSU's Cisler Center called Take Back, Give Back the Night – based on the Stacey Lannert story.

See "Semi-annual," page 6

## VOTE~ Betty F. Freiheit for Unit 1 Director

### It's Time to Drain the Tribal Swamp & Stop Depriving Tribal Members of Honest Services!

How can the incumbents govern the Tribe effectively? Look at their Legislative record. They gave 2.5 Million Tribal Dollars to Indian Energy. They didn't do their homework, instead they just handing over the 2.5 million of your Tribal Dollars & waived sovereign immunity, to conduct a business in Mexico! To date, there has been NO return on those Tribal Dollars!

Ready for the reality smack down? There's approximately \$350,000 left in that scheme. Oh! by the way, that 2.5 Million of Tribal Dollars only created 4 jobs!

We should have bought the empty Kentucky Fried Chicken building in the Sault, at least we would have gotten a return on our Tribal Dollars, with a KFC investment.

The Tribal Court Judge and staff are running a Kangaroo Court system. But worst than that, the BOD is condoning their actions! It's time to clean sweep that court system and not have the double standard that currently is in place.

The Corruption that has been taken place in the Purchasing Department over the years, has now been exposed! That corrupt bidding process can all be eliminated, for example, by having our own Tribal Glass company, etc.

It's time we have our own Tribal Well & Septic in place, instead of contracting that work out and making private contractors rich!

We're all going to die, we should have our own Funeral Home & Cremation Service and that alone would lift a financial burden off Tribal Members.

I hope that Tribal Members will put their trust in me. I won't be a part time Director and I won't disappoint you!

Thanking you in advance,

Betty F. Freiheit  
sootribe@lighthouse.net



*My name is Betty F. Freiheit. I'm a Tribal Elder who was raised in the community. I'm retired from the Michigan Department of Corrections. I am NOT a candidate who comes out of the woodwork, just at Election Time. I have been involved at Board Meetings & Workshop functions for years. I have traveled many times to the outside areas, as far away as Marquette, Manistique, Munising, Escanaba, Newberry & St Ignace, just to keep the Board Members in check. I have advocated for Tribal Members rights for years.*

**From, "Semi-annual, page 5**

The annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk in Sault Ste. Marie had a turnout of almost 200 people.

The program's future direction includes continuing prevention, outreach and education services, ensure the program has a presence in the western service area and continue current collaborative relationships and expand to include additional community agencies.

Some concerns the programs are facing include the future sustainability of ARC core services with continual reductions in grant funding and available federal sources; inaccurate tribal population count used to determine annual funding amounts for Family Violence and Prevention Services Act and the OVW grant funding program is considering going from a competitive grant procedure to a formulary distribution of grant funds.

**ACFS – USDA**

In 2013 the tribe's USDA food assistance program served 10,503 Sault Tribe members. The USDA program serves eligible Sault Tribe and Federally recognized Native Americans a nutritionally balanced food package within a 15 county service area.

Staff certifies those eligible for the program by mail and in person, provides nutrition education and cooking classes using USDA commodities, and the warehouse places food orders and schedules delivery to tribal membership based on participation and food availability. The funding for this program comes from the Department of Agriculture Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and costs from \$7,971 in January for food products to \$84,183 in August.

USDA program highlights of 2013 include: Congressman Dan Benishek toured the USDA building, USDA donation of out of date product to Salvation Army, master canning program, USDA receives high rating on the FDPIR Food and Healthy Living index and significant increase in tribal USDA participation.

**ACFS – Direct Services**

Direct Services to tribal members and their families includes: Native Employment Works, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Elder Heating, Tribal Emergency Assistance program, Kewadin Employee Assistance Program, Community Services Block Grant, SSF program to assist with burial expenses, Child Care Development Fund, Housing and USDA.

Direct Services program highlights from 2013 include: Continued collaboration with tribal housing to assist homeless or members living in substandard conditions. Amended the Native Employment Works program to assist non-Native parents of tribal children with services to obtain or sustain employment. Increased focus on social media outlets to keep membership informed of program updates and availability of services was implemented.

**ACFS – Child Placement**

Tribal Binogii Placement Agency Services include foster care, foster home licensing and adoption services. Some of the highlights of this program include: Became a member of the Sault Tribe Family Preservation

Court Team, staff attended the Michigan and National Drug Court conferences, became members of the EUP Foster Parent Coalition, co-sponsored annual foster parent training in Marquette, had a successful state licensing and contract compliance review, and appreciation gift cards were provided to foster parents to purchase holiday dinners, among other events.

Family support services are offered under the Child Placement umbrella, and include: Prevention, Children's and Adult Protective Services, Family Continuity, In Home Care, Adolescent In-Home Assistance, Nurturing Parenting Program, Children in the Middle and Anger Management. Some Family Service Program highlights include: Family Fun Day events in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, and Manistique, with attendance of over 1,000 people, activities for Parenting Awareness Month and Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, Tribal Truancy Group member and participants in the Chippewa County Prescription Drug Task Force.

Also under Child Placement falls ICWA Monitoring Services. The tribe actively intervenes on all cases involved in court-ordered removal of Sault Tribe children. Cases can be in the service area or out of the service area anywhere within the U.S. Program highlights include: Elizabeth Eggert was hired by the tribe as the ACFS ICWA attorney, ACFS hosted one of the quarterly Tribal State Partnership Meetings in 2013, and ACFS participated in "Orange Shirt Day," in honor of boarding school survivors.

**Inland Fish and Wildlife Department (IFWD)**

The department's mission is to protect and enhance hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering

opportunities for tribal membership through the management of ecosystems, game and non-game species, and hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering efforts by tribal membership.

Goals and objectives of the department, include being a leader in inter-governmental management issues, tracking membership harvests, assess key wildlife populations, engage the U.S. government on fish and wildlife management initiatives and issues and develop more tribal fish and wildlife planning tools to deal with complexity of fish and wildlife management in the 1836 Ceded Territory.

The IFWD collected, compiled and analyzed 3,074 harvest reports in 2012, and in 2013 reported harvest from over 4,000 members in all 31 counties of the 1836 ceded territory. Sault Tribe harvested over 180,000 animals in 2012, over 58 wildlife species and 31 fish species and the sale of licenses continue to increase.

Staff spent over 2,600 nights in American Marten assessment work, conducted migratory bird habitat and nesting assessments on 29 islands in the Upper St. Marys River, conducted snowshoe hare vulnerability assessment and habitat research and sharp-tail grouse occupancy surveys.

Major highlights include: Completed a prescribed fire on a red oak savanna west of Raco with the Hiawatha National Forest to regenerate red oak growth and increase blueberry production. Also took the lead on the pre- and post-burn biological assessment. Developed and implemented a Forest Adaptation Planning and Practices Training in Feb. 2013 with 26 participants from the USFS, MDNR, Sault Tribe, USNPS, tribes and private forest management consultants.

Upcoming events include the annual elk and bear lotteries in May, sharp-tail grouse surveys in April, prescription fire post burn assessments and resume marten trapping, both in May.

**Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program (ITFAP)**

ITFAP has two primary program components: Great Lakes fishery management and their hatcheries and fishery enhancement operation. Since ITFAP is an inter-tribal organization, tribes help support the programs by contributing funds to the programs. The Sault Tribe finances the program at 69 percent, while Bay Mills, Grand Traverse and Little River fund 10 percent each, or an additional 30 percent. Little Traverse Bay Band withdrew funding in 2012. The program also receives a recurring EPA grant in the amount of \$67,000 used to cover eligible salaries and travel expenses.

The department has eight staff members who deal with a very large scope of work, according to Program Director Tom Gorenflo. This department has no employee turnover, with five of the eight staff having been there for more than 20 years.

ITFAP's Great Lakes Management objectives and activities include: Status of fish stocks within treaty-ceded waters and advise the Sault Tribe/CORA per Consent Decree. Represent the tribe and CORA on numerous intergovernmental bodies; data processing tribal harvest and licensing statistics for five tribes; fish contaminant monitoring including fish consumption advisory issues, represent CORA and the tribe on Great Lakes environmental committees and participate on grant review teams and invasive species projects, among others.

Licenses/operations statistics

for 2012: There were about 100 CORA fishing operations; 67 Sault Tribe captains licenses; 57 active Sault Tribe operations with 22 of those being large boat licenses and 35 small boat; 110 licensed Sault Tribe helpers; 393 Sault Tribe subsistence licenses (Great Lakes); total Sault Tribe commercial licenses and subsistence participants, 503.

Preliminary statistics from 2013: CORA commercial license harvest: 4.45 million pounds; Sault Tribe commercial license harvest: 2.94 million pounds; Sault Tribe subsistence: 15,920 pounds.

Some ITFAP highlights include: After a two-year debate with the MDNR, modified the Consent Decree to increase wall-eye possession limit, which will have a positive economic gain for tribal fishers, Gorenflo said. Also, as part of a team effort, obtained a Great Lakes Fishery Trust grant for Epoufette Harbor development and are moving forward with the engineering design for the project.

Of concern, said Gorenflo, preliminary data shows CORA tribes exceeded their lake trout quota in northern Lake Michigan in 2013, which is a major problem both biologically and politically and could potentially result in the Consent Decree penalty being triggered.

Of their fish hatchery operation, Gorenflo said he has two staff members, Fishery Enhancement Coordinator Greg Wright who has been there 28 years and Assistant Coordinator Matt Allard, a 12-year employee. He said even though they have a small staff and small budget, they have developed significant fish culture capabilities, opportunities and assets since 1987.

Since 1991 the hatchery  
*See "Semi-annual," Page 7*

# VOTE KIM GRAVELLE FOR UNIT 1

**My name is Kim Gravelle. I was born and raised on Sugar Island. I am the daughter of Carol and McGee Smith and Billy Sams. My great grandparents are Angus and Mary Jane McCoy and Paul and Mary Leask.**

**I worked for the BIA for 31 years and am now retired. I have always been active in the tribal and local community.**

**As a Unit 1 representative, I will work to increase the Elder and Funeral Funds. We need to work on removing the income guidelines for our Funeral Fund. We can accomplish this by putting a percentage of our gaming profits into these programs.**

**We need to assist our young people with programs such as: parenting, budgeting, employment and anger management. I would also like to see a mentor program between elders and tribal youth. Our elders have so much to share.**

**We need to work on pulling our tribe out of debt in order to protect our resources for future generations.**

**I also believe if you serve on a board you should attend meetings. If you haven't prepared yourself for the meeting the issue shouldn't be tabled, you should abstain because you haven't done your homework.**

## *What I have to offer —*

**EXPERIENCE/TRAINING:**

- Tribal Constitutional Training
- Tribal Elections Training
- Basic Indian Law
- Ethics Training
- Tribal Enrollment Training
- Freedom of Information and Privacy Act
- Supervisor Management Skills and Techniques
- Dale Carnegie Course
- Records Management
- American Genealogy

- Retired after 31 years with BIA /DOI

- Volunteer at the VFW

**COMMITTEES I HAVE SERVED ON:**

- Title IX Indian Education Program
- Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society
- Chippewa County Red Cross
- Sault Tribe Wellness Committee
- Native American Retention Task Force
- LSSU Native Conference Committee
- Combined Federal Campaign
- Constitution Convention Committee



*I feel I would be an asset to the tribal board because of the considerable training and experience gained during my employment and committees I have served on.*

*My commitment is to be a fair and impartial board member. I will use common sense and honesty and will work hard for each community member. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (906) 632-1944 or kkgavelle@yahoo.com. Thank you.*

# Seminar offers help with raising today's teens

BY RICK SMITH

It seems a scary proposition to raise teenagers in the world we live in today. That's where the Parental Support and Awareness Committee comes in to help guide parents and other folks who care for young people through the hazardous maze of their daily lives.

The idea for the committee arose from meetings between Sault Tribe Community Health staff and representatives from other organizations, according to Wendy Frosland, a registered nurse with the tribe's Community Health staff in St.

Ignace, "The discussion we had was on the rise of drugs not only in our area but in outlying areas," she noted. "Currently the stress of teens which turns them to suicide is another thing we hear a lot about."

Discussions yielded questions of training for parents and guardians to help spread awareness about the signs and symptoms of drug abuse and suicide plus giving parents tools to monitor their youngsters' online activities. Frosland indicated Wendy Frush, chief nursing officer with Mackinac Straits Hospital, sent an inquiry to local officials to

gauge interest in such a project. "Just as we thought," Frosland observed, "there was a big interest within our local agencies to come together and get the tools out there for parents."

Organizations involved in a Parental Support and Awareness function at Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace on May 7, 6-8 p.m., include Mackinac Straits Health System, the tribe's Community Health services, Michgian and St. Ignace police departments, Families Against Narcotics, the Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens Foundation, Kewadin Shores

Casino, the Mackinac County Round Table and Hiawatha Behavioral Health. For more information, see the announcement on this page.

"I feel if we can reach even one parent who can learn the tools, it may save one child from possible suicide, drug use, overdose or possible prey to cyber issues, this would be rewarding not only for us but our communities," Frosland noted. She noted, at times, any parent can feel lost when it comes to raising children today. Kids have their own lingo along with slang names for drugs. And there is

the drug paraphernalia young people use that appear as harmless everyday items. Frosland gave one example, "We would look at it and think 'Oh, its just a pen,' but in reality it is a pipe used to smoke drugs." Speakers from the state and local city police will be on hand to show such paraphernalia.

"Our goal is to give parents the tools to prevent and identify any problems before they get too far," Frosland explained. "We want this to be a comfortable and non-threatening environment for parents to feel at ease to learn."

# Wequayoc Cemetery Planning Project update



BY ALAN BARR

Aanii, I have been busy on the Wequayoc Cemetery Planning Project over the past

month. Met with various elders' subcommittees to discuss the project and enlist their assistance for the coming community visioning and engagement sessions, I hope to meet with every subcommittee by early May.

The discussions with the elders are ones where I introduce the project, explain what we are doing and why. I answer any questions they have and then ask them for help in two specific areas — 1) Personally participating in the visioning and engagement sessions, sharing their thinking and their voice to this process. And 2) inviting other tribal members to participate in this process. It is so important that we have as many members as possible participate

so that we get the broadest possible set of ideas from which to develop Wequayoc's vision, policies, procedures and ordinances.

We should have three community coordinators on board very soon. Once these people are in place, we will begin scheduling the visioning and engagement sessions, dates and locations will be published as soon as possible. These sessions will be open to all members who wish to partici-

pate. Once the sessions conclude and the input gathered, compiled and analyzed, a series of recommendations will be created to help in forming policies, procedures and ordinances for the cemetery. A formal report documenting the entire project will be created, allowing the tribe to use this project as a template for future community-driven efforts.

Please participate in the community visioning and engage-

ment sessions. Your voice is very important in this process and will help us develop a plan with supporting policies and procedures which works for our members.

If you have any questions, or would like to share your thoughts privately with me regarding Wequayoc, please contact me at (734) 904-3210 or alanb@creativechange.org. Chi miigwetch.

## VOTE MALLOY SAULT TRIBE UNIT 1 REPRESENTATIVE

**Aanii! Boozhoo! My name is Diedrie (DJ) Malloy** and I am once again asking for your vote for Unit 1 Board of Directors.

**I am your Representative** with a seat in Unit 1 since 2010. I have always performed my duties and responsibilities in the spirit of true representation for all tribal members. I have pushed hard for policy reform. And most importantly, I have always taken responsibility for my actions. **I have always maintained that I am one of you, not above you.** I bring your voice, not an ego, to the board table. I have stood firm in the belief that this government belongs to our people; not the board. I believe in leading by example.

**I have kept my promises.** I cut my wages by 10%, with those funds staying in the tribal system and continuing to help our tribe. I donate another 25% of my wages to tribal citizens who are in need. I pushed for and obtained videotaping of board meetings and allowing any member with internet access to watch live at home on their computers. I have stood fast for employee's rights and fought hard for their fair treatment.



### What have we accomplished

I have been your voice at the board table and have presented legislation and advocated for a substantial reduction in board wages, Right of Recall and Removal, Constitutional Reforms, the right for our citizens to have standing in Tribal Court, Employee Rights and Fair Wages, just to name a few. I have taken a stand for our Treaty Rights, and environmental protection of our lands and waters.

### Building a nation for generations

Everyone knows where we have been; we must pay attention to where we are going! While it is important to remember the mistakes made in our past, we must move beyond them to build a strong nation our children can our ancestors can be proud of. With your help, and with your vote, this can and will happen.

### I respectfully ask for your support

Ballots for the Primary Election will be mailed on May 1st. Please take the time to vote and return your ballot as soon as possible to make sure your voice is counted in this election.



### When you vote for Malloy, you vote for:

- Funding critical medical services
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- Employee rights
- Fair wages & employment laws
- Constitutional reform
- Election code reform
- Lower board wages
- Increased Elder Services funding
- Balanced budgeting
- Protection of Treaty Rights

**PROVIDING A VOICE TO ALL SAULT TRIBE CITIZENS!  
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This ad is endorsed by DJ Malloy

## Semi-annual department reports

From, "Semi-annual," page 6 operations has stocked 9.4 million walleye fingerlings, an average of 413,000 a year in the Great Lakes. Since 2007 the program has also stocked 4.5 million fingerlings, an average of 643,000 per year in the Great Lakes. There were also 294,000 stocked in selected inland waters.

Fish culture ponds include three on tribal owned property, a 30 acre, one five acre and a new five acre pond to be built this year with USDA funding.

Private property the program uses includes a 200 acre pond for fall fingerlings, a ten-, four- and five-acre pond and six additional ponds ranging from two to six acres.

Gorenflo said from 2005 through 2013 walleye fingerling sales on average have generated \$43,489 a year.

Additional updates for tribal departments presenting their semi-annual reports will be presented in the May issue of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*.

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# Film project gains momentum, still needs help

BY RICK SMITH

This story is a follow-up to the March 21 Win Awenen Nisitotung feature on page 8 about Sault Tribe members involved in an independent film project with a premiere planned at a session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. At press time on the initial story, the project had yet to be named. Since then, the film was given the working title of *This Is Who I Am*.

An independent film project designed to generate understanding among U.N. officials about the importance of Anishinaabemowin to Ojibwe people and to inspire more indigenous youth to take pride and responsibility in their ancestral legacy is making progress, but still badly in need of support. Sault Tribe member Calvin Hartwig, a co-producer of the film, is inviting fellow members and any interested components of the tribe to become involved.

"We have official support from the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus, the body recognized by the U.N. to represent Indigenous youth as a partner organization," Hartwig noted. "I'm also reaching out to the Sault Tribe and Kewadin Casinos as potential sponsors. I'd love to have home support as our first Native institutions to do so, which I hope would inspire other tribes and First Nations to sponsor us as well."

Those interested in learning more about how they can help fund the project can log on to [igg.me/at/this-is-who-i-am](http://igg.me/at/this-is-who-i-am) or visit [www.indiegogo.com](http://www.indiegogo.com) and enter *This Is Who I Am* in the search bar at the top of the home page. Once on the page, visitors will see Hartwig and a couple of his colleagues on the project explain the situation in much more detail. The project partners are using the crowdfunding website indiegogo to raise \$19,600 by midnight on April 30, so those interested should visit soon. The project will still receive all funds raised if the goal is not met. According to the project's page, donations come with multi-level incentives and will pay for pre-product, production and post-production costs.

Donors may also send checks to the Endangered Language Alliance, *This Is Who I Am* Youth Film Project, 3 West 18th Street, Floor 6, New York, NY 10011. Hartwig indicated donors should leave their return address on the envelope so that the Endangered Language Alliance can send them a receipt useable for U.S. tax-

deduction purposes.

Dozens of mostly young professionals are involved in the project, including the prominent

champion of the Anishinaabe, Andrea Landry. Though the script has been translated into a dozen languages, help is still sought with

translation work for many indigenous languages around the world as well as global mainstream languages.

Folks may also follow developments on Facebook, search for *This Is Who I Am* and on Twitter at [indigenous\\_film](https://twitter.com/indigenous_film).



## Vote McRorie for Unit 1



### Views and Positions I Stand For:

- ✓ Tribal Members deserve the Right to Vote on Board of Directors' Salary.
- ✓ "At large" Members deserve Representation on the Board of Directors.
- ✓ Members deserve the Right to Recall Directors on the Board.
- ✓ Our Children MUST be our top priority, they are the future of Our Tribe.
- ✓ We MUST Respect Our Elders and Increase Elder Funding and Services.
- ✓ Members deserve the Right to Vote on Constitutional Reform.
- ✓ Separation of Powers is absolutely crucial to moving Our Tribe forward.
- ✓ We must provide to Our Members the best health care possible.
- ✓ We must be vigilant in protecting Our Treaty Rights'.
- ✓ We must protect Our People's Language, Culture, and Traditions.
- ✓ Decisions must be made with representation of Our Members' voice.
- ✓ Establish an Economic Development Committee for Economic Diversification.



#### Christina Sams, Administrative Assistant at Inter Tribal Council (Sault Tribe Member)

"Please vote for Rob McRorie in his bid for a seat on the Sault Tribe Board of Directors. He has great enthusiasm working with our youth, respects our elders and honors our past, while looking to the future." - Christina Sams



#### Barb Smutek, Extension Educator at Michigan State University Extension (Sault Tribe Member)

"I have had the privilege of watching Robert McRorie develop strong leadership skills. While I worked for the Sault Tribe Youth Education & Activities program, he was elected by his peers to serve two terms as President of the Bahweting Anishinabek Tribal Youth Council. As an adult, Robert has continued to give back to Native youth by establishing similar opportunities for young people to serve on Tribal Youth Councils. I am proud of him and encourage all voters to learn more about his platform. Robert is a strong leader with redeeming qualities such as strength, dignity, and honor. Chii Miigwech." - Barb Smutek



#### Sandy Sawyer, Malcolm High School Principal (Sault Tribe Member)

"If you are looking for generous and authentic leadership, vote Rob McRorie. I have known Rob both personally and professionally for many years. Rob has always been very involved in the tribal community and is very passionate about being a voice for the members. I believe he will represent our culture, values, and families with principled leadership. Rob has a big heart, strong mind, and a solid vision for the future to create more opportunities for tribal members and tribal youth. I believe Rob will carry high standards while representing Unit 1 and that he will make decisions in the best interest of the members." - Sandy Sawyer



#### SFC Shawn Menard, United States Veteran (Sault Tribe Member, Outside of Service Area)

"I've had the pleasure of knowing Rob ever since 2001 when he first became my student in boxing, wrestling, and martial arts. Rob's father and I started Torque Boxing as a vehicle for developing character in our Tribal youth and local at-risk kids. Robert is the finest example of what we intended to produce. He's the embodiment of courage, tenacity, and integrity both inside and outside the ring. As a professional soldier, Rob and the McRorie family have always supported me and my fellow warfighters. Every time I've gone down range, and when I step off the bus Stateside after a deployment, Rob's smiling face is always there waiting for me. Rob represents a breath of fresh air for the tribe and us "at large members". He's got vision and the courage to pursue it. I proudly give him my strongest endorsement for service on our board of directors." - SFC Menard



#### Jill Lawson, SAULT TRIBE YEA CORDINATOR UNIT 1 (Sault Tribe Member)

"Rob is a leader in our community. He is passionate when it comes to education. When he sees challenges in our schools, he looks for ways to solve them. He is resourceful and is not afraid to ask for help. After YEA, Rob came back many times for our help with projects he was involved with. I am confident that Rob will make positive changes in our community. He is not someone who will sit back and remain silent." - Jill Lawson



**Spirit Bird:**  
**Manidoo Bineshii**

My Native American heritage stems from my Mother Vanda Nolan through my grandparents John (Mugo) Nolan and Shirley Nolan. I have been blessed with my mother's nurturing spirit, my grandfather's teachings of being a strong man rooted in family, and my grandmother's strong beliefs in our Native American Culture and traditions. I will always remain true to these values and principles.

# Miigwetch Robert L. McRorie

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This ad is endorsed by Robert McRorie.

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# Mattson, Spence take ACFS case aide positions

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Terri Mattson was hired recently by ACFS as a case aide for their Kincheloe office.

She began her employment in February and supervises visitations between children in tribal foster care and their parents. She also provides transportation for the children to and from visits and when requested takes clients to and from medical appointments.

Mattson's supervisor, Teri Romano, said, "Terri is a welcome addition to the ACFS team. Her role is very important to caseworkers as well as the families. She takes pride in helping our families and we are glad to have her on our team."

Mattson is a 1996 graduate of Sault Area High School and holds a clinical medical assistant diploma from Brookline Technical College in Mesa, Arizona.

Mattson resided in Phoenix, Ariz., from 2005 to 2011, when she moved back to the Sault Area and went to work for the tribal health center as a health assistant for a year.

In addition to her time working at the health center, Mattson also ran a home daycare and worked as a teacher aid before starting her family. A stay at home mom for many years, she said she enjoys working with children and likes to help people. She has two boys, Wyatt, 13, and Isaac, who is eight.

Mattson enjoys time with her boys and family, saving precious memories by scrap booking and loves to fish and camp. Her parents are Robert and Kathy Moiles of the Sault and the late Frank Scott.

ACFS hired Katie Spence recently as a caseworker aide. Her primary responsibility is to facilitate supervised visits between children placed in tribal foster care and their parents.

Spence is a 2007 graduate of Pickford High School and attended North Central College and Bay Mills Community College where she studied medical terminology and business. She also earned a Certified Nurses Assistant certificate and worked at Tendercare in Sault Ste. Marie for a short while caring for terminally ill patients providing basic hygiene services and helping them with daily



Terri Mattson, left, and Katie Spence, new Sault Tribe ACFS case aides.

activities.

Spence said she became aware of the case aide position by

reviewing open jobs on the Sault Tribe website. Her future plans include returning to school to

finish her degree and become a caseworker for ACFS. "It's a great opportunity to be here," she said. "I'm looking forward to many successful years at ACFS while working towards becoming a caseworker."

Spence said she is also considering becoming a tribal foster care provider. "I never knew fostering a child or children could be so rewarding, and I plan on doing so in the future," she said.

Spence previously worked for the tribe as a cage cashier at Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace while attending college.

She has a three-year old son, Landon and parents Marcia and Gale Spence. She said, "I am extremely grateful to have such loving wonderful parents who never stop giving, and without

them I wouldn't be who I am today."

ACFS provides human services for members of the Sault Tribe and has three primary components within their department— Child Placement, Advocacy Resources and Direct Services.

Direct Services provides direct assistance to tribal members experiencing financial and other difficulties. Child Placement focuses on safety, permanency and well being in each program area of the Child Placement component, including Adult Protective Services. The Advocacy Resource Center provides supportive services that meet the needs of victims of crime in a culturally competent manner.

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# DOI issues land trust definition, senators introduce bill hailed as a “clean Carcieri fix”

BY RICK SMITH

The chief legal official of the U.S. Department of the Interior and members the U.S. Senate recently took measures for the department to continue taking land into trust on behalf of American Indian tribes. The U.S. Supreme Court questioned taking land into trust for tribes receiving federal recognition after the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of 1934 was passed. The questioned surfaced in rendering decision in the *Carcieri v. Salazar* case of 2009. Specifically, the court's questioned the phrase “now under federal jurisdiction,” used in describing covered tribes. Some dissent on the interpretation was noted among the Supreme

Court justices at the time.

The question posed serious consequences for Indian Country, especially in the areas of gaming operations and tribal sovereignty for many tribes with little land holdings. Since then, many have sought what came to be known as a “Carcieri fix” by Congress to allow lands to continue to be taken into trust for tribes recognized after 1934.

DOI Solicitor Hilary C. Tompkins issued a 26-page memorandum on March 12, 2014, which concluded that the DOI intends to continue taking land into trust on behalf of tribes recognized after 1934 to advance the goals of Congress to provide lands for American Indians

as stated in the act. Tompkins pointed out that the IRA does not require the agency to determine “whether a tribe was ‘recognized’ in 1934; a tribe need only be ‘recognized’ at the time the statute is applied,” that is, when the DOI, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, decides to take land into trust.

According to the memorandum, Jewell issued regulations governing her authority to take land into trust, which includes her interpretation recognized by the DOI as eligible for the special programs and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. “By regulation, therefore,” the memorandum notes, “the department only acquires land in trust for

tribes that are federally recognized at the time of acquisition.”

Tompkin's definition is viewed by many as a solution to the dilemma, but likely a temporary remedy that could be scuttled by a future presidential administration. In addition, the DOI shares the view that a “clean Carcieri fix” enacted by Congress could not only permanently settle the matter, but could provide an opportunity to improve the process.

The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs introduced legislation on April 1 to permanently resolve confusion over the issue and it is hailed as the long awaited “clean Carcieri fix.” The bipartisan bill, S.2188, would

amend the Indian Reorganization Act to “reaffirm the authority” of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for American Indian tribes.

Leaders of the National Congress of American Indians indicated they are pleased to learn the committee introduced the legislation and anticipate working with the committee to correct the situation and protect the sovereignty of all American Indian tribes.

*Carcieri v. Salazar* stemmed from disputes between the Narragansett Indian Tribe of Rhode Island and the State of Rhode Island over placing 31 acres of land into trust and other issues.

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## St. Onge in running for Cloverland



Jason St. Onge

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Jason St. Onge of Mackinaw Island recently announced his candidacy for the District A seat on the Cloverland Electric Cooperative Board of Directors.

“I'd like to be a voice for all of the people served by Cloverland,” said St. Onge. “Some of the rate increases in recent years have been hard to stomach, particularly to people on a fixed income.”

St. Onge said he wants to pursue options to alleviate hardships for members of the utility.

Cloverland's District A encompasses southern Chippewa County and eastern Mackinac County.

Born and raised on Mackinaw Island, St. Onge holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and indicates he is no stranger to public service. Along with 15 years of operating St. Onge Latex and Groove, a contract painting firm, St. Onge has served on the local school board for 14 years, serving the last three as president, plus he has 11 years on the city council and 24 years with the fire department.

According to Cloverland, the utility is a non-profit operation controlled democratically by its clients, who are considered members of the cooperative. Its three-district service area covers a large portion of the Sault Tribe service area. Each of the cooperative's districts are represented by three directors elected by the respective members of those districts. Each year, one director's seat in each district opens for election to three-year terms.

# Learning about tobacco through challenges

By RICK SMITH

Collaborators of the Asemaa Seeding Program issued a pair of challenges to the members of the Grand Tribal Youth Council at a presentation in Sault Ste. Marie on March 31. The object of the presentation and challenges is to instill an understanding of the differences between tobacco cultivation and use in American Indian tradition and tobacco cultivated and used for commercial purposes.

The youngsters heard speakers Heather Hemming from the Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project, Justin Miller from AmeriCorps Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA), Keith Smith and Peggy Holappa of the tribe's Traditional Medicine Program and testimony from Sault Tribe member George E. Tessier IV of Newberry.

Henning noted the council and coordinators are relaying the challenge to participants of the tribe's Youth Education and Activities programs across the service area. Their primary task is to grow tobacco from supplied seeds, soil and biodegradable starter pots incorporating traditional American Indian customs.

Miller indicated he received the tobacco seeds from Kris LeVeque and Melvin Dunn, who have worked with seeds for seven years in Munising, as well as from Frank and Angel Bernard, two elders from Harbor Springs, who were given seeds from the women's hand drum group in Manistee, Mich.

A secondary task, the *Growing Asemaa - Traditional vs. Commercial Tobacco Video Challenge*, involves creating a

Photo by Rick Smith  
**On the left, three members of the Grand Tribal Youth Council look over the rows of bags of soil, seeds and starting pots provided to the council members to start their projects for the tobacco growing challenge. On the left, Justin Miller from AmeriCorps Volunteers In Service to America and Heather Hemming of the Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant Project assist the young ladies with information related to growing the tobacco and the associated challenges.**



video with a minimum running time of two minutes to illustrate their experiences and lessons learned in growing the tobacco. Taping may begin as soon as each of the seven Youth Education and Activities hubs receive video cameras supplied by the Community Transformation Grant. Taping concludes on Aug. 3 and the deadline for finished video submissions to the grant staff is Aug. 11. An award for the best video is yet to be determined.

All of the final videos will be combined into one overview video and placed online at [www.up4health.org](http://www.up4health.org). Further, the students must make tobacco ties from their crops and bring them to the Aug. 2 youth powwow in Newberry.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to participate in a project that not only teaches youth about one of our sacred medicines but allows them to have an active role in passing

on traditional practices," noted Dee Eggert, administrative assistant for Youth Education and Activities, who oversees programming.

The Asemaa Seeding Program founders and supporters are Donna Norkoli, Heather Henning and Jocelyn Sawasky of Sault Tribe Community Health, Miller of AmeriCorps VISTA serving Elders Services, Dee Eggert, Keith Smith of the Traditional Medicine Program, Deana Knauf of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and Richard Lewis, representing elders, members of a recently formed group to prevent

the use of commercial tobacco.

The Asemaa Seeding Program uses traditional beliefs to help

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# Snyder unveils Original Americans Foundation

By RICK SMITH

Dan Snyder, the owner of the Washington, D.C., National Football League (NFL) franchise, commonly known as the Washington Redskins, recently announced the creation of the Washington Redskins Original Americans Foundation. Snyder noted on the team website in an open letter to the “Redskin Nation,” the team’s fan base and associates, that the mission of the foundation is to “provide meaningful and measurable resources that provide genuine opportunities for tribal communities. With open arms and determined minds, we will work as partners to begin to tackle the troubling realities facing so many tribes across our country. Our efforts will address the urgent challenges plaguing Indian country based on what tribal leaders tell us they need most. We may have created this new organization, but the direc-

tion of the foundation is truly theirs.”

To phrase it mildly, the new organization is meeting skepticism and criticism from the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), many mainstream news organizations, members of Congress and hordes of individuals and organizations who suspect the team owner’s new found interest in helping Indian Country is more of a bribe to curry favor rather than genuine concern. Most view it as an attempt to calm growing discontent over the franchise name, long considered a racial slur. The view of the Redskins name as an insult to living human beings is gaining ground, most notably in the halls of Congress and mainstream media as is support for the franchise to change its name.

Snyder portrays the name as an honor to American Indians endorsed by thousands of fans

across the country and, so far, has been insisting the name stays. In the letter, Snyder claimed one tribal chairwoman told him that Native Americans everywhere fully support the name and she expressed a belief of involvement by God in furthering the cause.

Recently, over a four-month period, Snyder indicated he visited 26 American Indian reservations across 20 states to “listen and learn first-hand about the views, attitudes and experiences of the tribes” and saw the need for the Original Americans Foundation. He noted that not wanting to wait, the organization distributed over 3,000 cold-weather coats to several tribes along with shoes for players on basketball teams. He also noted 40 other projects are currently in progress.

On March 25, the NCAI posted a statement on its website that it is encouraging to see the

franchise owner dedicating time and resources to challenges faced by tribes, “However, this foundation will only contribute to the problems in Indian Country if it does not also address the very real issue of how Native people are consistently stereotyped, caricatured and denigrated by mascot imagery and the use of the R-word slur.” The message noted that Snyder and the foundation must first change the name of the D.C. team to demonstrate actual support and partnership and to prove the creation of the foundation is not merely a publicity stunt.

The franchise has been known as the Redskins since 1933. While it seemed largely accepted by mainstream culture in those days, disapproval of the name did exist and began to grow.

These days, the franchise is rated as one of the most financially valuable franchises in the NFL, reportedly worth about \$1.6 billion. It is not actually based

in Washington, D.C., because the city prohibits team functions until it changes the name. Consequently, team operations are conducted in nearby suburban towns.

One question remains though, if Snyder now feels such empathy for American Indians, why doesn’t he simply change the name of the team, since so many take offense? It seems likely he is not interested in changing the name because of the expense involved in “re-branding” the team, associated trappings and merchandise. And as for the sincerity of the Original Americans Foundation — time will tell.

A note of irony in all of this, in case it was missed, is that some people are so accustomed to the racial slur used by the D.C. football franchise, that it is acceptable to them to give an organization that claims to help American Indians a name that includes the slur — the Washington Redskins Original Americans Foundation.

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# Catherine Hollowell

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# Protests against ‘Chief Wahoo’ get national attention

“It’s not an honor, it’s a mockery.”

By RICK SMITH

Just as protests against the National Football League’s Redskins name has been quietly building over decades and is now getting the attention of mainstream media, it appears decades of dissent over the propriety of the name and mascot of Major League Baseball’s Cleveland Indian’s may be headed in the same direction.

Where the main issue with the Redskins is the name, a derogatory term for American Indians, the primary matter protesters have against the Cleveland Indians is the mascot, Chief Wahoo, a cartoon stereotyped characterization of American Indians. But protesters also take issue with the name of the team as well and want them both abolished.

While scholastic officials from grade schools to universities are having second thoughts about their age old American Indian derived mascots, with mixed results, professional sports teams have stubbornly maintained the offensive tradition is an honor.

Small groups of protesters have been gathering for over 40 years at the entrance to the team’s home field, Progressive Field in Cleveland, Ohio, during the season opener games. According to reports, Robert Roche, the executive director of the American Indian Education Center in Cleveland was once again on hand for the annual protests. He dismissed the claim of professional sports franchises that using caricatures and names, especially disgraceful names, of American Indians as team mascots honors indigenous Americans. Roche countered, essentially saying it’s not an honor, it’s a mockery.

The American Indian Education Center is a non-profit

organization opened in 1992 to support the cultural enrichment, education, health, general welfare and spirituality of American Indians in the Cleveland area.

As previously noted, changing attitudes among schools is at the core of slow progress in discontinuing American Indians as sports mascots. However, in professional sports franchises, money is probably the largest consideration since changing mascots would involve changing everything associated with the teams including uniforms, field décor, all manner of merchandise and so on.

A photograph of one incident at the Chief Wahoo protest seems to be drawing the most attention. At one point during the protest, a Euro-American Cleveland Indians fan attending the season opener at Progressive Field faced off with Roche. The photo shows Roche, a healthy-looking, middle-aged Chiricahua Apache wearing his graying hair in classic side braids, face to face with the clean-cut sports fan wearing a scrawny, faux warbonnet, red face paint resembling the team’s mascot and a sweatshirt festooned with imagery and words relating to the team and American Indian stereotypes.

According to accounts, the fan was trying to convince Roche that American Indians are honored by mascot portrayals. Of course, Roche didn’t agree with the fan’s assertions and it appears the dispute eventually ended without any physical violence, even though it was noted the Cleveland fan became a bit excited at times.

And for now, the irony continues as the throwback image of Chief Wahoo lives on at Progressive Field.

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# Peninsula-wide drug disposal event scheduled

MARQUETTE, Mich. — The Superior Watershed Partnership is hosting a one-day pharmaceutical collection event on April 26, 2014 at various sites across the Upper Peninsula. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., U.P. residents will be able to drop off their expired and unwanted medications at sites in 18 communities.

The partnership is coordinating with their Earth Keeper church network to bring this FREE event to the public just as they did seven years ago. On Earth Day 2007, the partnership, in collaboration with this unique collaboration of 10 faiths and 200 churches, hosted over 20 pharmaceutical collections in every major U.P. city. At the end of the day, over 2,000 pounds of old and unwanted drugs were collected, including nearly \$500,000 worth of narcotics. The day long event received national attention from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and marked the beginning of similar efforts by the

DEA and local law enforcement posts. This year's collection will follow a similar process in that the partnership is working with Earth Keeper congregations as well as the Salvation Army.

"The old way of dumping pills in the toilet is no longer acceptable," said Natasha Koss, a program manager at the partnership. It has been confirmed when flushed down the toilet, pharmaceuticals cause reproductive and developmental problems in aquatic wildlife. A recent study in Milwaukee off the coast of Lake Michigan, confirmed the presence of antibiotics and other drugs in waters miles from the effluent of the wastewater treatment plant, suggesting these compounds aren't breaking down as scientists initially expected.

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The partnership is also collecting liquid soaps containing micro plastics, tiny abrasive pieces of plastic also not filtered out by water treatment plants. Studies show these micro plastics, or beads, can be ingested by Great Lakes fish.

Another goal of the project is to make sure there's an easily accessible drop off box in every U.P. county. "These collections are an excellent opportunity for the partnership to raise public awareness through direct citizen action," said Koss. "One of the roles of the partnership is to educate the public on current and emerging environmental issues facing our region. The April 26 collections will be open

to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and are completely free.

April 26, 2014 U.P. pharmaceutical collection sites

- Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, 138 Fortune Lake Camp Road, Crystal Falls

- Messiah Lutheran Church, 305 W. Magnetic, Marquette

- First Presbyterian Church, 819 1st Ave., Escanaba

- First Lutheran Church, 1212 Minneapolis Ave., Gladstone

- Trinity Episcopal Church, 205 Montezuma, Houghton

- Salvation Army Bread of Life Assistance Center, 212 Woodward, Iron Mountain

- Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 108 S. Marquette, St. Ironwood

- Trinity Lutheran Church, 414 E. Ridge St., Ishpeming

- United Methodist Church, 304 N. Main, L'Anse

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- First United Methodist Church, 601 10th Ave., Menominee

- Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 110 W. Jewell St., Munising

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- St. Ignace United Methodist, 615 W. US 2, St. Ignace

- White Pine Community Methodist Church, 9 Tamarack St., White Pine

- Stephenson City Hall, W. 628 Samuel St., Stephenson

For more information on the coming collections, a list of U.P. collection sites or to volunteer for a collection event, please visit [www.superiorwatersheds.org/pollutionprevention](http://www.superiorwatersheds.org/pollutionprevention) or call 228-6095, extension 11.

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Winning artists will be announced by May 26 and their work displayed during ArtPrize at DeVos Place in downtown Grand Rapids.

Artists from all genres are invited to participate in the competition. All artists must submit an artist registration to Legacy Trust by May 8. All artwork must be completed and available for showing in Grand Rapids by May 12.

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# JKL students win essay contest



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# Lincoln Davis Walter



Lincoln Davis Walter was born to Jenny and Jason Walter of Traverse City, Mich., on March 18, 2014. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 23 inches in length. He joins his brother Brock at home.

Grandparents are Victor and SueEllen Walter of Traverse City, Jerry and Edie Reno of Sault Ste. Marie. Great-grandfather is Robert Reno of Sault Ste. Marie.

# Winter please begone!



Photo by John Shibley

A 12-foot snowman effigy, dubbed Mr. Polar Vortex this year, goes up in smoke during the annual Lake Superior State University snowman-burning to welcome spring. The ceremony took place on March 21 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and has been going on since 1971. The snowman was to be torched the day before, when spring officially arrived in the northern hemisphere, but Mother Nature had other plans. University officials deemed it prudent to delay the burn due to high winds. A few hundred students, faculty and staff attended the event, enjoying spring daffodils handed out of big buckets and munching on freshly grilled hot dogs.

# Employee snapshot



about a problem. This may be boring for some (except accountants) but I also enjoy when I balance my statement at the end of the month. It's always nice when the revenues and expenses balance each other out.

What is her job? — My main responsibilities are to process the hardware/software maintenance renewals, Kronos timekeeping for the MIS/Telecommunication staff, processing the bills for payment and backup for the helpdesk operator. These bills include all phone related expenses for the entire organization. I then have to bill these expenses out to the departments on a monthly basis. I also do all the ordering and setup of the new cellular devices. Currently the tribe maintains over 350 cellular phones.

**Name:** Becky Goodman  
**Department:** Management Information Systems  
**Position:** Administrative assistant  
**Years at job:** 20

Bio — I was born in Kincheloe, Mich., at the Air Force base. My family then relocated to Illinois until I was six. We then moved to Westland (near Detroit) until the big move to Sault Ste. Marie when I was 16. I reside in Rudyard, Mich., with my husband, Dean, and our two daughters, Kaitlyn, 14, and Kylie, 9. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, camping and reading.

What she likes best about her job — I really enjoy getting to talk with the different team members throughout the tribe. There are several that I've worked with for years so we have a good rapport that makes the job fun even though they are calling

# Canning classes offered



Canning class at the Sault Tribe USDA kitchen — Pam Perry (front), left to right are Rita Vassar, Annette King, Elizabeth Young (sitting), Barbara Parr, Marie Carter, Terry Perry, Maggie Merchberger, Vicki Merchberger and Kim Delong.



Nate LaCost's elk last fall, taken out west with bow and arrow at 18 yards. Lucky hunter! Mr. LaCost drew an elk tag again this year.

# Kewadin Sault's Team Member of the Year

Wade Thibert of Kewadin Casino Entertainment was selected as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie.

He was chosen by peers for this award and received a personal plaque; \$200, entertainment tickets, dinner and a hotel stay along with an inscription on a plaque in each casino.

Wade has worked at Kewadin since 2010, working in the Banquets Department before finding his way to entertainment. He and his girlfriend, Andrea, have a beautiful six-month old daughter. "I love seeing the smiles on faces

of customers after a show," Wade said when asked about the most rewarding part of his job. "I'm happy and thankful to work with such respectful co-workers who recognize the time and effort all of us put in."

Wade treats customers and fellow team members with respect and dignity and is a great asset to this casino. "He is well known throughout the casino for his hard work and energy," said Russ McKerchie, entertainment manager and Wade's supervisor. "He is always courteous and helpful to others, highly respected by

his peers and appreciated by the clients and external customers he works with because of his thorough knowledge of the job and the way he treats others." Co-workers of Wade say more of the same about Wade. According to others who work with Wade, he is a very positive person, efficient and thorough in his work and finishes jobs in a timely manner.

Kewadin Casinos, with sites in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique and Christmas, has been in operation for 27 years and employs approximately 1,000 team members.



Kewadin Casinos Sault Ste. Marie Team Member of the Year, Wade Thibert (second from left) with (left to right) Alan Bouschor, marketing director; Tony Goetz, COO; and Russ McKerchie, entertainment manager.

## Trace Adkins performing in July

Grammy-nominated member of the Grand Ole Opry, Trace Adkins, is performing at Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater on Sunday, July 13 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$68.50 and \$58.50 and went on sale on April 4.

Adkins' trademark baritone has powered countless hits to the top of the charts and sold over 10 million albums, cumulatively. The country music super star is a TV personality, actor, author, spokesman for the Wounded Warrior Program and the American Red Cross, for whom he raised over \$1.5 million dollars as winner of NBC's All-Star Celebrity Apprentice. As a dedicated supporter of the troops, Adkins has performed seven USO tours.

His autobiography, *A Personal Stand: Observations and Opinions from a Freethinking Roughneck*, recounts the former oil-rigger's rise to fame, battles with personal demons and life as a father of five daughters. Adkins played a tough as nails biker in the *Lincoln Lawyer* (starring Matthew McConaughey), he developed and hosted GAC's *Great American Heroes* and has served as host of the American Country Awards on FOX for the past four consecutive years.

For ticket information, visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).



## Davis, Phillips, get kudos at the Shores



Frank Davis (center) was the February Team Member of the Month at Kewadin Shores in St. Ignace.

Frank Davis was the February Team Member of the Month at Kewadin Shores in St. Ignace. Frank started working at Kewadin in 1995 as a housekeeper and currently works in the Maintenance Department. He and his wife, April, have two children and live in St. Ignace. "The most rewarding part of my job is helping internal customers," he said. Congratulations, Frank!

Shelly Phillips was the January

Team Member of the Month at Kewadin Shores in St. Ignace. She started working at the casino in 2010 and is currently a pit boss. Prior to her time as a pit boss, Shelly worked at the front desk and as a gaming dealer. "I really like seeing the customers enjoy themselves," she said after receiving the award. Shelly lives in St. Ignace with her husband, Chris, and their three children, Anthony, Victoria and Zoey.

## St. Ignace outdoor shows coming

A Monster Truck Throwdown, Demolition Derby Figure Eight and a three-day rodeo are in store for visitors and community members in St. Ignace this summer. Kewadin announced today three summer outdoor shows – including a three-day rodeo – will begin on June 28.

"We had an overwhelming turnout at our first outdoor Monster Truck Throwdown last year," said Steve Sprecker, St. Ignace casino manager. "Not only that, we had many requests to bring them back. So, we are, and we're adding to the lineup."

The shows, which begin on

June 28 and end in September over the Labor Day Weekend, are as follows:

Monster Truck Throwdown II, June 28 — Gates open at 5 p.m. with pre-show pit party from 5:30-6:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m., tickets \$18.50 and includes \$10 in Kewadin Credits. Children 12 and under \$5. [www.MonsterTruckThrowdown.com](http://www.MonsterTruckThrowdown.com)

USA Demolition Derby "Day of Destruction", Aug. 2 — Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and show starts at 8 p.m., tickets \$18.50 and includes \$10 in Kewadin Credits. Children 12 and under \$5.

[www.usademoderby.com](http://www.usademoderby.com)

Big Hat Rodeo "Kewadin Stampede," August 29-31 — Gates open at 3 p.m. with show starting at 4 p.m. daily. Tickets are as follows: three-day pass \$30 and includes \$20 in Kewadin Credits, one-day pass \$12.50 and includes \$5 in Kewadin Credits. Children 12 and under three-day pass \$10 and one-day pass \$5. [www.bighatrodeo.com](http://www.bighatrodeo.com)

Tickets to all three shows are on sale now at the Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater Box office, the St. Ignace Casino Gift Shop or at the casino's webpage – [Kewadin.com](http://Kewadin.com).

## natively awkward



by DAN STINEHART

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**JOHN J. ANDREWS JR.**

John J. Andrews Jr., aged 82, was called home to the Lord on Jan. 2, 2014. He was born on Aug. 11, 1931, in Hessel to John and Cecelia (nee Wabaganese) Andrews.



He was a full-blooded Native American elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He graduated from Cedarville High School in 1950 and joined the U.S. Army and proudly fought for his country in the Korean War (1950-1954).

He retired from the B&W in Barberton, Ohio, where he was a welder and a pipe fitter. He was hand selected by the United States Navy to manufacture Trident submarine missiles. John was an original charter member of the Wadsworth Moose Lodge.

Mr. Andrews was preceded in death by his son, John J. Andrews III; parents, John and Cecelia Andrews; brother, James Andrews; and sisters, Patricia Andrews and Mary Willis.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Beverly (nee Jones) Andrews; children Twila K. Andrews-Dorner and John J. (Angela) Andrews IV; grandchildren, John Michael Dorner, James (Amanda Harp) Hankinson, and Shauna (Dustin McCulley) McGeorge; great-grandchildren, Dustin McCulley,

Gavyn Hankinson, Abel Hankinson and Owen Hankinson; brothers, Joseph Andrews of Wadsworth, Ohio, and George (Gail) Andrews of Fairfax, Va.; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. The family would like to recognize his special and wonderful friend, Debby, from Wadsworth Walmart.

Vistiation takes place on May 8-9 at the Hessel Tribal Center, services will be on May 10 at Our Lady of The Snows Catholic Church in Hessel followed by a traditional Native American internment in the Our Mission Cemetery in Hessel.

**JAYDEN W. GANGL**

Jayden William Gangl, 19, died on March 12, 2014, in Marble, Minn. He was born on Sept. 24, 1994, in Grand Rapids, Minn., and was an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



Jayden graduated from Greenway High School in 2013, where he was a member of the football, hockey and baseball teams. Presently, he was in the Millwright Program at Mesabi Range Community and Technical College where he was the top student of his class.

In addition to school and sports, Jayden owned and operated Boss Construction for the

past three years.

He was a great son, grandson, brother, cousin, nephew and friend who was hardworking and dedicated. He was always ready to help anyone who needed him. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and snowmobiling, and he was known for his sense of humor.

He will be missed by his parents, Joli Guyer of Coleraine, Minn., and Ron Gangl Jr. of Bovey, Minn.; a sister, Cejay Howat; grandparents, Cotton and Chick Guyer of Taconite, Minn., as well as Ron (Connie) Gangl Sr. and Linda VanDoren, both of Marble; great-grandmother, Joyce Markovich of Coleraine; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and his favorite dog, Roxi.

Funeral services took place on March 16, at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Coleraine. The Rev. Arlin Talley officiated. Interment will be at a later date in Lakeview Cemetery in Coleraine.

**JEANNE F. GILLOTTE**

Jeanne F. Gilotte passed away on April 4, 2014, at Hospice of the EUP in Sault Ste. Marie with her family by her side. Jeanne was born on Aug. 19, 1930, and lived her entire life in the Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



She was the daughter of William and Esther (nee

Jondrow) Roberts deceased.

Jeanne was married to Michael J. Gilotte, who passed away April 5, 1999.

She was a tribal elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Jeanne loved to have a beautiful flower garden, flowers everywhere and with her friend, Jim, together they had the best tomatoes in the Shallows. She enjoyed going to the casino and was always lucky. She loved fashion, at the young age of 83 she was still wearing her blue jeans. She enjoyed shopping trips with her granddaughters and her niece. She enjoyed life to the fullest and she loved her family with all her heart, she had a smile you could see from across the room.

Jeanne is survived by four sons and their families, Mick and Nancy Gilotte, Joe and Jenny Gilotte all of the Sault, John Gilotte of Vancouver, Wash., Steve and Terri Gilotte of Ishpeming, Mich.; special friends, Jim Jabour and Jane Smith and her family; six grandchildren, Jessica, Jennifer, Jonathan, Jorden, Caitlin and Meghan Gilotte; six great-grandchildren, Cole, Jameson, Sabine, Emmy, Piper and Charlotte Gilotte with number seven great-grandchild due in September; several nieces and nephews and a special niece, Esther Johnson.

She was predeceased by three brothers, William A. Roberts, Lawrence K. Roberts, Blaine A. Roberts; and two sisters, Kathleen A. O'Callaghan and Mildred C. Johnson.

In accordance with Jeanne's request, there will be no memorial services A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at [www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com](http://www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com). In memory of Jeanne, memorials may be left to the Hospice of the EUP or Chippewa County Animal Shelter.

### AMERICAN INDIAN INTERPRETER POSITION AVAILABLE FOR 2014

NOW HIRING — Mackinac State Historic Parks, Mackinaw City, Michigan — Colonial Michilimackinac, has a full-time and a part-time summer seasonal position available for the upcoming 2014 season to be an American Indian Interpreter. Low cost dormitory housing at approximately \$96 a month is available, pay starts at \$8/ hour, 40 hours/week. Positions start in early May or early June and work through Labor Day (or later). Please visit our web page at [www.MackinacParks.com](http://www.MackinacParks.com) for a complete job description as well as a listing of all the summer positions available or call 231-436-4100, or E-mail [FEGANK@michigan.gov](mailto:FEGANK@michigan.gov) for further information. EOE

**JONATHAN A. HACKWORTH**

Jonathan Alan "Hot Tub Jonny" Hackworth of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed peacefully at his home on Jan. 15, 2014.

Jon is survived by his dedicated mother, Ruth (nee Willis) Hackworth (Don Lawrence), father



Steve Hackworth of Texas; his beloved little sis, Ashley Marie Hackworth; and girlfriend, Kristina McDougall. Extended family members he leaves behind are his aunts and uncles, Brian and Lori Willis, Jacqueline and Jeff Minton, Edward Willis, Tony and Kari Willis and Dawn Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Robert; aunt, Debbie Willis; and grandpa, E.J. Willis.

Jon was born Feb. 14, 1982, in Rifle, Colo., but grew up in Sault Ste. Marie with his lifetime friends, Jimmy Cook, Mike Hatch, Phil and Eric McKechnie, Darren "Woody" Bouschor, Marky McLeod, Mark Nolan, Kenny Bob Nolan, Chris Porcario and Jeff Aikens. While attending school in Sault Ste. Marie, Jon was very accomplished at the Sault Area Career Center and won many awards for his welding abilities, not only locally but for the entire state of Michigan. Jon graduated in 2000 and went on to a career in sandblasting and painting bridges and water towers in the Midwest.

He enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest, he was very proud of being Anishinaabe and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He had just completed his first hand drum and was beginning to learn new songs and practice singing. He always had a smile and made sure to include everyone in all he did and all his laughs. Jon took part in the demolition derby yearly at the Kinross Fair, he enjoyed snowmobiling, ice fishing, four-wheeling, hunting, wood burning and carving and, most of all, playing poker.

Jon was his entire family's son and brother. He always took time with his cousins to talk and let them know he was there for them, he was just a good young man.

Services took place at the Nigaanigiizhik Ceremonial Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

**ALVA HYLO**

Alva Hylo passed on March 5, 2014. She was born on July 2, 1941.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Emogene (nee Shampine) Gould and nephew, Adam J. Coplien.

Life-long friend of Rodney Hylo, loving mother of Lee Anne Hylo and Dana Wesley Hylo. Proud grandmother of Shannah (Joel) Falero, Jennifer Natia Bohme, Jaclyn Shannah Hylo and Reina Lucia Chacon. Dear great-grandmother of Maribel Hylo-Falero, Justin Bohme, Yasmine Bohme, Franky Hylo and Oliver Jack Hylo who is on the way. Loving sister of Gerald Gould and Bonnie "the Mouse" (Gene)

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## Thinking the Highest Thought and Serving the Greater Good Judi Daley for Unit 5 Representative

- Over 27 years of demonstrated leadership experience.
- Proven abilities as executive director of a non-profit organization.
- Competence in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating projects and programs.
- Unshakable integrity in decision making.

**Current Professional Activities:**

Judi is presently serving as the Unit 5 Elder Committee Secretary/Treasurer.

She is continuing her education at Northern Michigan University where she is focusing on Native American Studies.

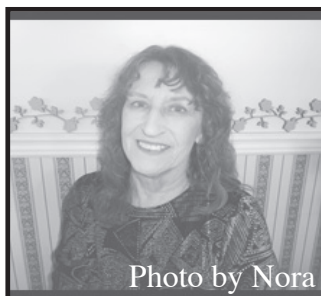


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**Unit 5 members want to know and I am listening:**

- When will our Health Center be back in place?
- What about our constitution? New one? Amendments to current constitution?
- Economic diversity?

"I am a proud citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and I take my civic responsibilities seriously. I will do my very best to uphold the honored traditions of our ancestors. I humbly ask for your support in allowing me to serve our Tribe as a representative of Unit 5. Miigwech." — Judi Daley

**Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Election 2014**

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Coplien. Further survived by  
nieces, nephews, other relatives  
and friends.

Family and friends gathered  
at the Suminski/Weiss Funeral  
Home in Milwaukee, Wisc., on  
March 16. In lieu of flowers,  
memorials to the family are great-  
ly appreciated.

#### PATRICIA A. KING

Patricia A. King, 78, of  
Gulliver, Mich., passed away on  
March 6, 2014,  
at Marquette  
General  
Hospital in  
Marquette,  
Mich. She was  
born on March  
14, 1935, in  
Engadine,  
Mich., the  
daughter of  
Thomas and Pearl (nee Aslin)  
Collins. Following the death of  
her father, she lived with and  
was raised by her aunt and uncle,  
Josephine and Albert Vincent, and  
was a graduate of Engadine High  
School.



On April 6, 1953, the former  
Patricia A. Collins married  
Harvey H. King in Naubinway,  
Mich. They moved to Gulliver in  
1961 where they raised their family.  
Harvey preceded her in death  
on June 12, 2003.

Over the years, Pat was  
employed as the assistant post-  
master in Naubinway, a cook at  
Old Deerfield, at the Gulliver Bar  
and lastly as an elder worker at  
the tribal center in Manistique.

Pat played the piano and guitar

and was a member of the King  
Family Band. She was a home-  
maker who enjoyed canning,  
baking and gardening. She will  
be remembered as a loving wife,  
mother and grandmother loved by  
all who knew her.

Pat is survived by her daughters,  
Mary (Dan) Reed, Sharon  
(Paul) Hutchinson, Peggy  
Tennyson and Lisa (Rick) Siddall,  
all of Manistique; sons, Patrick  
King of Gulliver, Michael (Mary)  
King of Howell and Richard King  
of Spooner, Wisc.; grandchildren,  
Allen (Amy) Hutchinson,  
Stacy King, Ann (Dan) Phillips,  
Terri (Adam) Knorr, Samantha  
Tennyson, Alicia (Geoff) Vallier,  
Christopher (Rachel) King,  
Audrey Hutchinson, Jesse (Brian)  
Marks, Elizabeth Tennyson,  
Ricky (Micci) Siddall, Joseph  
King and Karlene Carey;  
24 great-grandchildren; sisters,  
Marlene (Ken) Graham  
of Brimley, Leona (Richard)  
McCuaig and Cheri (Lyle)  
Hoorstra of Sault Ste. Marie,  
Juanita (John) Hill of Brimley  
and Kathy Cramer of Indiana;  
brother, Roland Lipponen of  
Brimley; brother and sister-in-  
law, Wayne and Janet King;  
sister-in-law, Janice King; along  
with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents  
and husband, she was preceded  
in death by a grandson, Steven  
King; and four brothers.

Visitation and services took  
place on March 9 at the Messier-  
Broullire Funeral Home in  
Manistique with Father Glenn  
Theoret officiating.

Burial will be in the

Naubinway Cemetery.

#### DONALD F. LEHN

Donald Francis Lehn, 57, of  
Rothsay, Minn., died on March 1,  
2014, at his home surrounded by  
his family under the loving care  
of Lakeland Hospice.

Visitation was conducted on  
March 4 at the  
funeral home  
and a memo-  
rial service  
took place on  
March 5 at  
St. Elizabeth  
Catholic  
Church in  
Elizabeth,  
Minn., with  
the Rev. Jeff Ethen officiating.  
Burial will be at St. Elizabeth  
Catholic Cemetery, Elizabeth.

Don was born on July 20,  
1956 in Minneapolis, Minn., the  
son of Sylvester and Christina  
(nee Kucharczyk) Lehn. He grew  
up in Minneapolis and Sault Ste.  
Marie, Mich. The family moved  
to Rothsay and he graduated from  
Rothsay High School in 1974.  
After high school, he received an  
associate's degree from Fergus  
Falls Community College and  
an auto body certificate from St.  
Cloud Tech.

On June 26, 1977, he married  
Kayla Lemke in Erhard, Minn.  
He was employed with Smith  
Motors as an auto body techni-  
cian in Wahpeton until 1985  
and then was self-employed in  
Rothsay.

He enjoyed painting, restoring  
cars, motorcycles, talking on the  
phone, drag races and car shows,



spending time with his family and  
friends and sharing stories around  
his kitchen table. He also loved to  
travel to Michigan and had a love  
for all animals.

He is survived by his children,  
Jennifer Hams of Erhard, Minn.,  
and Shane Lehn of Rothsay;  
grandchildren, Austin Lehn and  
Makinzie Hams of Breckenridge,  
Minn.; his mother, Christina Lehn  
of Sault Ste. Marie; siblings: Bob  
(Marcy) Lehn of Breckenridge,  
Dennis Lehn of Rothsay, Mary  
Lou (Mike) Faulkner of Rothsay,  
Wayne (Sandy) Graham Lehn of  
Sault Ste. Marie, Larry (Michelle)  
Lehn of Alexandria, Minn., Mark  
(Lisa) Lehn of Sault Ste. Marie;  
brother-in-law, Jamie Lemke of  
Erhard; his companion, Kelly  
Mork of Rothsay, and her chil-  
dren, Miles Mudderman, Lonny  
Mork, Jamey Mork; numerous  
nieces, nephews and cousins;  
along with Uncle Charlie from  
Canadian Island.

He was preceded in death by  
his grandparents, Evelyn and  
Leo Lehn and John and Julia  
Kucharczyk; his father, Sylvester  
Lehn; and sister, Julia Lehn.

Olson Funeral Home of Fergus  
Falls handled arrangements.

#### GLORIA J. WHIPPLE

Mrs. Gloria J. Whipple, aged  
68, passed away on April 1, 2014.  
She was born in Petoskey, Mich.,  
on Jan. 19, 1946, to Ralph and

Betty (nee  
Marshall)  
Johnston.  
Mrs. Whipple  
was a cook  
at Bob Evans  
for 20 years  
until retir-  
ing in 2009.  
She attended  
Shiloh Tabernacle Church and  
will be greatly missed.

Surviving her are her sons,  
Daniel (Amy) Engler of  
Muskegon and Ron (Denise)  
Whipple of Ravenna; daughters,  
Lori (James) Peery and Theresa  
(Hank) Jones of Muskegon; 19  
grandchildren; many great-grand-  
children; mother, Betty Rorlack  
of Mackinaw City; brothers,  
Stanley (Pat) Johnston of Hulbert  
Mich, John (Mary Kay) Johnston  
of Petoskey; sister, Shirley  
(Wilbur) Fosmore and significant  
other, Wesley Hanks.

She was preceded in death by  
her father, along with her brother,  
James Johnston.

Visitation and services took  
place at on April 4 at the Shiloh  
Tabernacle Church with Rev.  
Jerry Ritter officiating. The  
Gloria Whipple Memorial Fund  
is established at PNC Bank to  
help defray funeral expenses.  
Condolences may be left online at  
[www.clockfunerhome.com](http://www.clockfunerhome.com).



## Leask NCAA student athlete

Sault Tribe member Logan  
Leask, daughter of Noah and Lisa  
Leask, and Bishop England High  
School AA varsity goalkeeper in  
Charleston, S.C., was named to  
the 2014 Taco Bell Viking Cup  
All-Tournament Team. Logan, a  
sophomore, was one of only 39  
players selected to the all-tourna-  
ment team out of all of the 32  
top-level women's South Carolina  
high school soccer A to AAAA  
programs that participated in the  
tournament March 6-9, 2014, in  
Columbia, S.C. She is sought by  
several major division I and divi-  
sion II programs to continue her



soccer career as an NCAA student  
athlete in 2016.

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## Committee thanks 16th annual Family Celebration volunteers

The Family Celebration  
Planning Committee thanks  
the following businesses and  
volunteers for their contribu-  
tions to the 16th annual Family  
Celebration on March 17, 2014,  
at the Chi Mukwa Community  
Recreation Center in honor of  
Parenting Awareness Month.  
Thanks to all who donated time  
planning and organizing this  
special event for our local fami-  
lies.

Thanks to Anishnaabek  
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Council for Youths and  
Families, Eastern Upper  
Peninsula Intermediate  
School District/Great Start  
Collaborative, Sault Tribe  
Housing Authority, Chi Mukwa  
Community Recreation Center,  
Sault Tribe Head Start, Sault  
Tribe Youth Education and  
Activities, board Chair Aaron  
Payment, Unit I board represen-  
tatives Debra Pine and Jennifer  
McLeod, Kewadin Casinos,  
Soo Locks Boat Tours, Star  
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Market, Indo-China Gardens,  
M&C Water Systems, Country  
Kitchen, Little Caesar's Pizza,  
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Hut, Picture This Photography,  
Domino's Pizza, Gordon Food  
Service, Total Outlook, The  
Art Store, Penny's Kitchen,  
Salon C, Cup of the Day, Leitz  
Sports Center, Zorba's, Family  
Video, Guido's Pizza, Northern  
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Photography.

A special thank you is indebt-  
ed to all of the members of the  
Family Celebration Planning  
Committee for all of their hard  
work and dedication to the  
event. Also, many thanks to the  
vendors and participants who  
make the event what it is.

Spending time with your fam-  
ily is the most special time you  
can spend. Be sure to celebrate  
your family every day and to  
make each moment count. On  
behalf of our committee, thank  
you.

— Jessica Gillotte and  
Megan Smith

# Free GED, adult high school classes offered

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

There is a network of dedicated individuals and organizations in the U.P. offering non-judgmental free help for adult students who would like to prepare and test for their G.E.D.

The Sault Tribe has been contracting with Consolidated Community School Services for over 20 years offering tribal and community members access to free help with adult high school completion, alternative high school completion and G.E.D. preparation and testing.

Tanya Pages is the Sault Ste. Marie area G.E.D. coordinator and an employee of CCSS. She has office space at the tribe's administration building in the Sault and is available to answer questions or offer assistance. Students wishing to earn their G.E.D. have a number of options. Classes begin Sept. 9 and are ongoing through May, students can walk in and begin anytime during that timeframe.

There is also an internet based option, as long as internet access



GED Coordinator Tanya Pages

is available, students can complete all their preparation work online and go to an authorized testing center such as Michigan Works! or the Bay Mills East Campus to test in the four content areas: Reasoning Through Language Arts (reading and writing), mathematical reasoning, and social studies and science tests.

The benefit of enrolling through the tribe's G.E.D. program is the first round of testing

is free. Students can choose to bypass enrollment altogether and when it comes time to test will pay \$37.50 for their first attempt and \$17.50 for any tests they have to retake. "It can all be done independently," Pages said. "But if they would like face-to-face help, enrolling in a program is the best bet. Everything is free to them as long as they don't have to retake tests."

Pages said many students who have earned their G.E.D. have gone on to college or vocational training. "Right now I have two students in the certified nurses training that Michigan Works! is offering in collaboration with War Memorial Hospital. Those two students are recent graduates from the G.E.D. program. I have students attending Bay Mills Community College, LSSU, and a student in Florida attending college – so yes, they absolutely do go on to higher education from here. We have a unique opportunity to step in where basically a void was left by the traditional education system and to help

these people be successful in something that many of them had given up on."

For those interested in alternative high school completion, there are small programs offered through CCSS in Kinross, Cedarville and Newberry.

G.E.D. classes are held in the Sault at JKL School and are taught by Debra Gardner and Denise Sweeney, both tribal employees. Gardner has been an instructor for the program almost since its inception and is also a math teacher with Sault Area High School, and Sweeney has been a tribal employee for three years and also works for Brimley Area Schools.

Pages teaches a G.E.D. class at Michigan Works! on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4 p.m. A G.E.D. program is also offered to inmates of Chippewa County Correctional Facility twice a week. Pages also taught that program for three years before accepting her current position as coordinator.

CCSS also offers free G.E.D.

classes in Brimley, Cedarville, Newberry, Pickford, DeTour/ Drummond Island, St. Ignace and Engadine to anyone wishing to take them.

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## Pavlat earns Child Development Associate credential

Dana Pavlat successfully completed the coursework and assessment to recently earn her Child Development Associate credential. This makes six Child Care Center aides whose credentials meet or exceed the national standards



part-time aide working mainly in the classroom for youngsters from 3 to 5 years old before becoming a full-time aide working with toddlers.

In the course of earning the credential, Pavlat took two classes through Bay Mills Community College. Once she successfully completed the classes,

she was observed in the classroom by an advisor. "During this process, I have learned new activities to do with the children," she noted. "I have learned to get down to their level and see the things they see. I have learned to sit back and see what the chil-

dren are interested in and ask open ended questions to expand their vocabulary. I love coming to work everyday, it puts a smile on my face seeing the children's faces everyday and hearing the things they say as soon as you walk into the building. I love that I work with the children everyday

and they are comfortable with the staff and the classroom."

Pavlat indicated she is also grateful to the Child Care Center staff, who make it enjoyable to work with them every day.

She married Joe Pavlat two years ago, together they have a 5-year-old daughter named Danika.

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# Second graders perform service-learning project

Chrissy Duhoski, Laurie Jarvie, and Kara VanderMeer's second grade classes at JKL Bahweting School participated in a service-learning project to benefit the Chippewa County Animal Shelter in Sault Ste. Marie.

Service-learning is a teaching method that engages students in community service projects that are tied back to classroom lessons.

Family Movie Night is an annual event where the second grade classes team up to host a movie night as a fundraiser. Using monetary donations, students shop for supplies and present their donations to the animal shelter.

During the event, the second graders and families volunteered for various roles, including set-

ting up, welcoming guests, taking donations and cleaning up afterwards. Family Movie Night took place on March 11 and raised \$150. Additionally, several hundred dollars worth of items were donated for the shelter.

On March 18, the three classes took a trip to Walmart, where they shopped for shelter supplies with the funds they raised. Students practiced math skills by creating and following a budget during this trip. After the shopping trip, the students visited the Chippewa County Animal Shelter, where they presented their donations and received a tour of the facility.

A special thanks to Tractor Supply for several boxes of donations to the project.



JKL Bahweting second graders, Hallie LaBonte, Taryn Pratt, Marina and Abigael Church while shopping for the county animal shelter.

# Head Start closes first peer-to-peer collaboration

BY AMIE LAWSON AND CORRIE RATH

March 14 marked the close of the first annual peer-to-peer collaboration between the Sault Tribe Head Start and the Sault Area public schools. Throughout the course of the school year, Ms. Amie's class from Sault Tribe Head Start traveled by bus to Lincoln Elementary School to join the Early Childhood Program for a day of stories, activities and fun snacks. Some activities the children did were building snowmen indoors, making snow with

shaving cream and corn starch and making many special projects for their parents and reading and sharing various songs.

The students celebrated St. Patrick's Day and the hopeful arrival of spring – at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. The children were able to complete crafts, participate in fun activities and get some energy out in the big gym.

This collaborative program is designed to increase socialization, play skills and communication in the classroom by pairing typically

developing peers with students who have special needs. Research has demonstrated that all children benefit from programs such as this. The peers grow in responsibility and understanding of people with differences. The children with special needs grow in several developmental areas focused on play and socialization. This, in turn, leads to increased skills and preparation required later on in school and adulthood.

Many of Ms. Amie's students would go home and tell their parents what fun they had on

their field trip and would have many discussions throughout the week about what they did with their new friends. The group of children could not wait until the next time they were able to be the "little teachers."

Both programs greatly gained knowledge and social skills by interacting together. We are hoping to continue this peer-to-peer collaboration again next year.

**Right: Sault Tribe Head Start and Sault area public schools children playing at the Chi Mukwa Center.**



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# St. Ignace health center drastically cuts operating costs

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

About six months ago the clinic manager at the St. Ignace Health Center, Cheryl LaPlaut was so inspired by what another co-worker had accomplished by cutting costs within his department that she went back to the health center and started her own research into cost saving measures.

And now she says that with the money the clinic is saving, they could potentially add more services and save positions. "It started with Chairman Aaron Payment at the first program manager meeting, he inspired all of us to find ways to cut costs and told us that Purchasing Director Brad Pringle had something to say. Brad spoke to the group and told us how he was able to save \$20,000 by looking at just one paper product used in one casino and how he was able to save money by making changes in the way the paper was purchased. I thought wow that's a big savings, how cool is that! So I thought, what can we do?," she said.

One of the first changes she implemented after finding out the clinic had more trash going out daily than the adjacent hospital did, was to designate a few trash cans for food and food container waste that was emptied on a daily basis. Once that was put into place she purchased tiny desk size trashcans for staff to use in place



**St. Ignace Health Center clinic manager Cheryl LaPlaut (L) with one of the paper bins she purchased, and Crystal McGrath (R) in Billing with a small desktop trash container that is emptied once a week.**

of their larger cans that would be emptied once a week on Fridays. Staff who were interested in making the switch were asked to hand over their larger cans when they received the new smaller version. LaPlaut said she learned that by reducing the size of trashcans, the amount of trash disposed of is also reduced by about 50 percent. Since the trashcans were now smaller and emptied less frequently, she purchased recycle receptacles for paper products that fit beneath a desk.

LaPlaut said the staff had to buy into the changes before she

could implement them. "Now over three-quarters of the team at the clinic is totally on board," she said. "We are saving a lot on supplies, we have cut back in so many different ways."

Some cost saving measures all staff are now participating in include: buying fewer garbage bags, recycling paper by shredding all paper products, using scratch paper instead of post-its or note pads, using trash cans in the cafeteria, break rooms and administration suite for all food and beverage waste, recycling clean aluminum and plastic, reducing mail costs by designating staff in charge of postage and weighing and classifying mail correctly, using free calendars and pens from other organizations in offices and exam rooms to decrease spending.

The St. Ignace Pharmacy staff has stopped giving patients on chronic medicines printouts of the prescriptions. Instead, drug information sheets are now only being used for patients receiving their first prescription for a particular medicine. Pharmacy staff is also recycling all plastic bottles and containers.

The Optical Department now

makes phone calls to let patients know their new glasses are in instead of sending out postcards, saving on both paper and postage.

The reception area is reusing paper when they can by putting it in the printer upside down and shredding and recycling anything with patient information on it.

Administration and Billing are now scanning 100-percent of all documents and filing them elec-

tronically, including personnel files, DVs, budget tracking, etc. Very few documents are printed. They are also cutting up old and outdated documents (not including patient or budget information) to make note pads. Spending on office materials has decreased dramatically due to everyone being more aware of the materials they are using on a daily basis. LaPlaut also reviewed all internet, phone and mileage statements for errors and got them corrected. She removed phone connections in offices and other areas that were not being used and worked with the tribe's MIS Department to disconnect fax connections and internet access to computers that were dormant. She said they no longer fax, but instead scan and email.

By reviewing and making changes to her phone bill she was able to save about \$900 a month in just that one area. And she said they are still looking at ways to cut more. "I am eager to see what other departments are doing to see if there are other cost savings I can do that I haven't thought of yet," she said.

LaPlaut said she won't know actual figures of how much their cuts are saving, but estimates so far it's thousands a month.

## New dentist seeing patients in St. Ignace

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

**Zachary brian, dmd**, recently signed a two-year contract to provide dental services to tribal members at the St. Ignace Health Center.

Brian moved to the U.P. from Louisville, Kentucky, in February, but said he visited the area last fall for his interview and was able to enjoy the fall foliage before his first Michigan winter.

He has an undergraduate degree from Murray State University in Kentucky with an emphasis in biology and chemistry, and his Doctorate degree is from the University of Louisville. "I went into private practice right after graduating and really enjoyed that, but it wasn't busy enough," he said. "I applied to IHS for their loan repayment program and they also had a list of open jobs. I interviewed first out west, but decided the climate may not be what I want, so I started looking on the east coast."

Brian says he likes the public health practice philosophy. "It's very fulfilling and the need is greater. It's nice to impact the community in a positive way."

He said he would like to ramp up the education component for patients so they understand they can be their own first line of prevention at home. "I do a lot of fillings and extractions and see a lot of people with infections that could be prevented," he said. "Additionally, encouraging parents to bring their children in for checkups is something we feel strongly about. We are trying to



get out into the community more with awareness activities and encourage parents and caregivers to bring their children in for checkups," he said. Brian says youngsters should have their first visit to the dentist by their first birthday.

Brian said his passion for helping people and the community health setting of the clinic make working for the tribe a perfect fit for him. "I started thinking about dentistry in high school and I was drawn to the profession because I love art and science, so dentistry meshes the two together well. There is an artistic quality when you are doing fillings, dentures etc.," he said.

With no family in the area, his two dogs Dexter and Chaplin keep him company. When he's not playing with the dogs or enjoying outdoor activities, he also likes to read and travel.

The St. Ignace Health Center can be contacted by calling (906) 643-8689.



**About 30 of the staff members gave up their old trash cans for the smaller desktop versions that are emptied once a week. Part of the recycle team, Rebecca LaDuke (left), housekeeper; Sheri Laaksonen, administrative assistant; and Madysin Lee, student worker.**

## Doctor to specialize in obesity medicine

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

**Timothy Hoffmann, M.D.**, has been a family practice health care provider and physician supervisor at the St. Ignace Tribal Health Center for just over a year.

Hoffmann moved to the U.P. from the Battle Creek/Marshall area in Lower Michigan where he worked in family practice for the Family Health Center of Battle Creek, and also at their Albion office, for about nine years.

Hoffmann recently attended an American Society of Bariatric Physicians (ASBP) conference, and is earning continuing medical education (CME) credits towards a subspecialty in obesity medicine. "The American Medical Association is officially calling obesity a disease," he said. "We are trying to find ways of dealing with this epidemic before it breaks our healthcare system." According to Hoffmann, there are many factors that contribute to obesity, including genetics and environment. Some progress, he said, has been made with chil-

dren ages 2-5, who have seen a decrease in obesity rates.

Hoffmann said making healthy choices about eating right and exercising is important. A good role model, Hoffmann enjoys endurance sports, including running, cycling and freestyle cross-country skiing. He also enjoys reading, gardening, adventure travel and spending time with his family.

Once he earns enough CME credits, he will sit for what he said is a rigorous board exam in December. "I will be considered a diplomat of the ASBP when I pass the board exam. My ultimate goal is to eventually focus on obesity medicine – sitting down with clients and working on strategies that involve not only dietary and exercise, but also medications. There are some exciting new medications that will be available soon that may be useful," he said.

Hoffmann said bariatric surgery is an option that is used as a last resort.



He said he is happy with the quality of time he spends with patients, compared to the more fast-paced practice downstate where he saw 25 or more patients a day.

Hoffmann provides comprehensive medical care for families and individuals seeking care for all types of illnesses, disorders, conditions and diseases. For a medical appointment, call the St. Ignace Health Center at (906) 643-8689.

# Ripley appointed to Great Lakes Water Quality Board

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The International Joint Commission (IJC) has appointed environmental coordinator for the Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program (ITFAP), Mike Ripley, to a renewable three-year term on its newly reconstituted Great Lakes Water Quality Board (WQB). The IJC held an open nomination process in the fall of 2013.

Ripley said he has worked with the IJC on different projects over the years, including the Lake Superior Binational Program, the Lake Michigan Lakewide Management Plan, the St. Marys River Remedial Action Plan and issues regarding fish contaminants. He was nominated to the WQB by colleagues in Wisconsin and also by United Tribes of Michigan.

The board assists the IJC with the responsibilities assigned to it under the renewed 2012 Great

Lakes Water Quality Agreement between Canada and the U.S., and also advises the IJC in reviewing and assessing progress in implementation of the Agreement.

WQB members identify emerging issues and recommend strategies for preventing or resolving the complex challenges facing the Great Lakes today. The WQB also provides advice on the role of relevant Canadian and U.S. jurisdictions to implement these strategies and approaches.

The board consists of 14 appointed seats for Canadian representatives and 14 appointed seats for representatives from the U.S., including the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe of Akwesasne, N.Y., and the Sault Tribe. Canadian First Nations and Metis groups are also represented on the board.

According to Ripley, prior to 2012, the WQB was composed



Mike Ripley

completely of federal U.S. and Canadian representatives, and now has a much more diverse mixture of people, including tribes, First Nations, Metis, academics and non-governmental organizations.

Ripley said the WQB meets at least two times a year, with the 183rd meeting of the board scheduled for April 30, in Washington, D.C.

Current issues that jump to

mind that he hopes the WQB will address and bring forward to the IJC, include Great Lakes water use, lake levels and oil transportation.

Another concern Ripley said he would like to see addressed is the push in Canada to get tar sands to refineries in the U.S. "They need the Keystone XL pipeline, that was going to be a main pipeline to take tar sands to the Gulf Coast of the U.S. However, Keystone is highly opposed in the U.S. for a number of reasons," he said. The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) recently passed a resolution written by ITFAP in opposition to the transportation of diluted bitumen and other heavy petroleum products in the Great Lakes. Diluted bitumen is derived from tar sands petroleum deposits and is heavier than water and therefore sinks. If an accidental spill were to occur, the diluted bitumen is exceptionally difficult to remediate in fresh water, according to Ripley. CORA, in their resolution

opposing the transport of tar sands, stated, "...CORA hereby states its unqualified opposition to the transport of diluted bitumen and heavy petroleum products by any means, but especially by pipeline across or through the Great Lakes, their connecting channels or watersheds.

Another issue with a great amount of opposition on both sides of the Great Lakes, Ripley said, is the intent of a nuclear reactor on Lake Huron in Canada to drill within a mile of the Lake Huron shoreline to bury nuclear waste. He said CORA has drafted a resolution opposing that plan as well, which he plans to share with the WQB at their upcoming meeting.

For more information on the IJC and its boards and members, visit [www.ijc.org](http://www.ijc.org). To contact their Washington, D.C. office, phone (202) 736-9000 or email [commission@ottawa.ijc.org](mailto:commission@ottawa.ijc.org). To contact the Ottawa office, phone (613) 995-2984 or email [commission@ottawa.ijc.org](mailto:commission@ottawa.ijc.org).

## Planting LifeWays of the Rapids teaches successful gardening

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

MSU Extension recently offered mini-grants for \$1,000, and at least two programs within the tribe applied for and were granted one each. Justin Miller, an Americorps VISTA worker with the Elder Services program took the lead on one of the grants offering tribal members the opportunity to become successful gardeners. He worked with Community Health educator Connie Watson and MSU Extension agricultural educator James Dedecker on writing and fulfilling the grant requirements.

That program is named Planting LifeWays of the Rapids, or Bahweting Bimaadzowin Gtigaan Kinomaagewinan.

Although they have already begun meeting, Miller said as long as there is still an open spot he would be happy to sign more people up. Because the grant is small, there are only enough funds for 10 participants. Those who complete this program will receive a certificate from MSU Extension, making them eligible for future grant opportunities, according to Miller.

Tesha Zimmerman, an environmental research associate, is working with Miller to successfully implement this grant in addition to working on another grant, which she took the lead on: Offering 79 fruit trees and

shrubs, including blueberries, to tribal members on a first come first serve basis at their annual Honoring Mother Earth Fair held at the Odenaang housing site on May 10.

Miller said that health doesn't come out of a wrapper - "...health comes from dirt. I think part of the goal of Planting LifeWays is to plant the seed of that idea. This program can be a lasting resource for the tribe; I would like to see it become a yearly class. We have people in the community who are very willing to help and share their knowledge and teachings with these students," Miller said.

Zimmerman said the idea is to create gardeners, not gardens. "Its easy and economical to grow your own food at home in a small garden. While learning to grow fresh produce, gardeners are also building skills for the future and reconnecting with traditional foods."

For more information about Planting Lifeways of the Rapids or the tree giveaway during the Honoring Mother Earth Fair, contact Justin Miller at (906) 635-4971 ext. 53055 or by email at: [mille20j@gmail.com](mailto:mille20j@gmail.com); Connie Watson at 632-5211 or [cwatson@saulttribe.net](mailto:cwatson@saulttribe.net); or Tesha Zimmerman at 632-5575 or [tzimmerman@saulttribe.net](mailto:tzimmerman@saulttribe.net).



Last year's Honoring Mother Earth Fair was held at the tribe's hoop house in the Sault. This years fair takes place at Odenaang on May 10.

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# Testifying in US Senate, Securing New Funds & Survey Results



Photo with Senate John Tester (D-MT) and Andy Joseph, Vice-Chair of the National Indian Health Board. This marks twice in the Senate & once in front of the HHS Secretary since returning to office in July 2012.

## Ahneen, Negee:

I cannot tell you how proud I am to have the honor to serve you as your Chair and carrying on the legacy of leaders like Fred Hatch, Joseph K. Lumsden and George Nolan by testifying in Congress.

At the time I write this, however, there is an effort to undue the treaty permit reduction I instituted. I reduced the fees as I was able to get a new \$455,000

in new federal funds which will cover the entire costs of our Inland program plus add a new \$100,000 for additional staff. Select Board Members have also suggested we tax our Tribal fishers and reduce our deer tag limit even though we harvest an average just 1.7 deer per permit. Why tax and why regulate when there is no issue here?

Our work with Contract Support Costs has paid off with what looks

like a new \$600,000 allocation and a settlement of over \$1 million in past claims. This, of course, was a team effort.

Please remember, when certain Board members harp on what they do not like about me as your elected Chairperson, note that I am delivering the goods despite their efforts.

Chi McGwitch,

Testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs  
Aaron A. Payment, MPA  
March 26, 2014

Ahneen, Boozo, Biiwaagajiig Ndznakoz.

Good day, my Name is Aaron Payment, Chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; Mid-West Regional VP for the National Congress of American Indians and Vice President of the Mid-West Alliance of Sovereign Tribes. On behalf of NCAI, I'd like to thank you for holding this important hearing.

As Congress considers the FY 2015 budget and beyond, tribal leaders call on Congress to ensure that the promises made to Indian Country are honored in the federal budget. Please remember, just as we do not have the 'discretion' to renege on our millions of acres of land cessation, we ask that you no longer exercise your trust obligation as 'discretionary'. With accumulated impacts of level funding, budget cuts, and sequestration the continued trust obligation of the federal government is threatened. The legacy of this Congress and this Administration is also threatened.

These cuts feel very much like an abrogation of the treaty and trust obligations. This is your duty ~ you are our trustee. Please serve with honor and put the trust in trustee. When people ask ~ why honor such antiquated documents like the treaties? I remind them that they are pursuant to the US Constitution and judicial decisions and the US Constitution is older.

My written testimony calls for equitable funding for tribal governments across the

gional and issue specific tribal organizations, has developed comprehensive recommendations included in the FY 2015 Indian Country Budget Request, and I request for the document

to these losses, we desperately ask for Congress to move our funding from discretionary to non-discretionary and to support "Advance Funding" to further avoid losing ground.

gests the least priority or commitment. We propose to increase the BIA by at least \$139 million, 5.2 percent over 2014 funding levels and \$100 million over the president's request.

higher at 38.6 percent, 2.5 times higher the national rate.

During the 2009–2011 period, the Native employment rate among 25- to 54-year-olds was 64.7 %—13.4 % points lower than the general population. To increase the Native employment rate to that of the White rate would require about 234,000 jobs throughout Indian Country and the United States. For Native people, these statistics show major challenges, but also tremendous opportunity and potential for economic success.

**"When people ask ~ why honor such antiquated documents like the treaties? I remind them that they are pursuant to the US Constitution and judicial decisions and the US Constitution is older."**

~ Aaron A. Payment

to be entered into the record.

For the remainder of my time, I'd like to hit a few highlight to sound the *clarion call for Equitable Funding for Tribes*. Even with inroads to understanding the trust obligation, Indian Country continues to experience what the US Commission on Civil Rights in 2002, called "a quiet crisis" of federal funding and unmet needs.

**Health Care Disparity:** The Indian Health Service is currently funded to meet only about 56 percent of our need, despite being the primary provider of health care for many tribal communities. In 2012, IHS per patient expenditures for health services were just \$2,896, compared to \$7,535 per person for health care spending nationally. This is a disparity of nearly three times. For my Tribe, with 66% of my citizens not residing near our health care delivery system, their health needs remain unmet. The response, intended or not ~ to access Medicaid fails to recognize the trust obligation. Besides, thousands of tribal citizens live in states where Medicaid expansion did not occur.

We ask that Congress **fully fund Contract Support** and reinstate Sequestration losses. Again, fully funding Contract Support is mandated by a US Supreme Court Case. But, fully funding CSC by cutting other areas appears like a slight of hand or a punishment. We support the President's request for \$251 million to fully fund contract support but please don't cut services or IHS infrastructure to do so. Otherwise, we experience a net loss.

**To give you an impact view on real people:** Life expectancy for AI/AN is 4.1 years less than the rate for the general population. In my family (with one exception) life expectancy is 60 years old. If this was what you had to look forward to, how many years would you have left? 5 years? 10 years?

**We support a BIA increase of at least \$33.8 million** or 1.4% above FY2014 enacted. With the Congressional mandate to fully fund Contract Support, this may mean cuts to Indian programs and essential BIA infrastructure. After a year of sequester cuts, now making due with sequestration is an impossi-

**Education:** According to the National Center for Education Statistics (2006) Native Americans have the highest drop-out rate of any racial ethnic group with this trend holding true for nearly all states in the Union. I am a high school dropout in the dissertation phase of my doctorate in Educational Leadership. I am proof that given the right opportunities, my people can accomplish any goal.

Improving educational opportunity is an economic necessity for Indian Country. If half of the 24,700 Native students of the Class of 2010 who dropped out had graduated, they would likely be earning an additional \$147 million each year compared to what they will earn without a high school diploma. Of course, a portion of this income would recirculate into the economy in goods and services.

Increase and forward fund Impact Aid with \$2 billion, up from \$1 billion in 2013. Over 90% of our Indian Children attend public schools. This funding is critical and benefits American Indian student in schools they attend while strengthening the entire school system for the benefit of all. We recommend \$198 million for Title VII funding under NLCB.

**Upholding Obligations to Natives Will Expand Economic Opportunity**

Nearly one in three Native people—29.1 percent—lived below the federal poverty line in 2012. For Native people living on reservations, the rate is far

**Increase Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services funding by \$9 million.**

Please look to directly fund tribes to better address our high rates of alcoholism and increasingly epidemic rates of suicide and accidental deaths due to overdosing on prescription and illegal drugs like heroin. We support renew funding for Circles of Care at \$6 million.

I recommend the use of a seven percent tribal set aside Justice Department funding for base appropriations rather than competitive grants, funding such programs as Crime Victim's Fund, Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Tribal Justice and Community Policing. We anticipate an increased services burden on tribally operated food distribution plans. With cuts to SNAP, we expect the overflow will be felt in Indian Country.

There is much, much more in my written testimony. Thank you again, for your time in hearing our concerns and recommendations for the FY2015 budget. Again, I urge you to put the trust in trustee.

If you'd like to see the video of the testimony go to:

<http://www.indian.senate.gov/hearing/oversight-hearing-receive-testimony-presidents-fiscal-year-2015-budget-tribal-programs>

My testimony starts at 1:20 & a response to Senator Tester's question is at 1:34.

**"Please serve with honor and put the trust in trustee."**

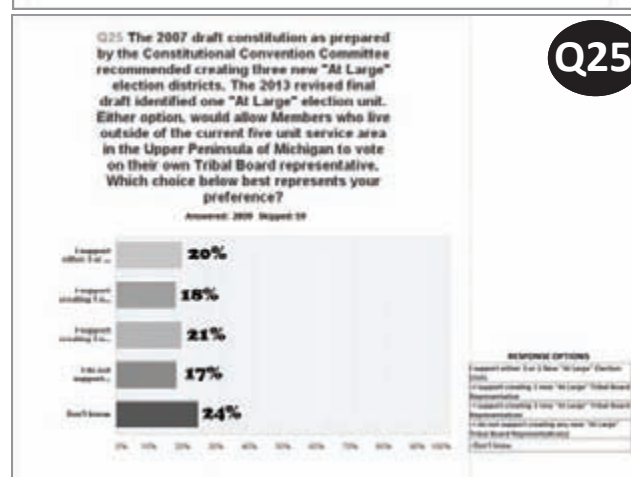
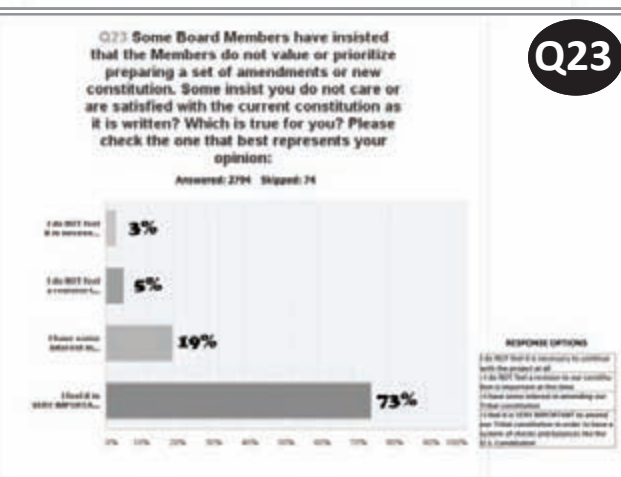
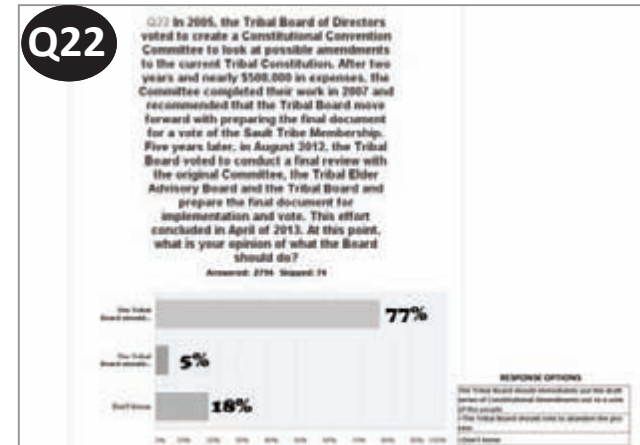
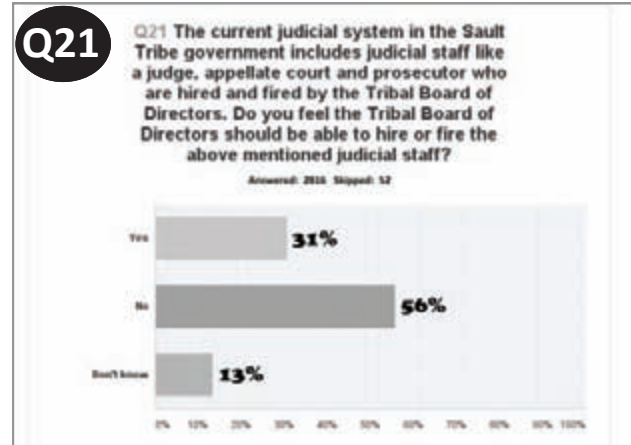
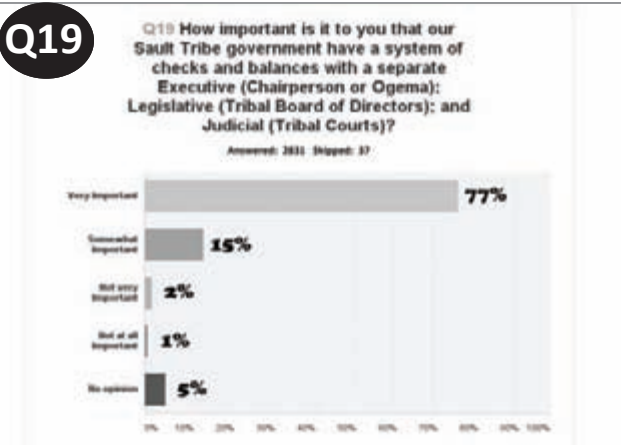
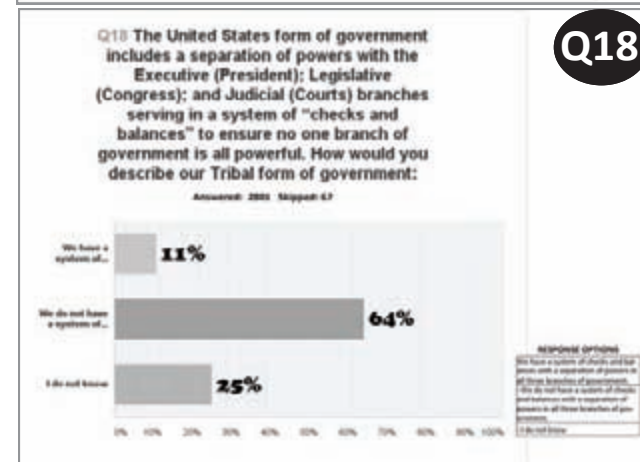
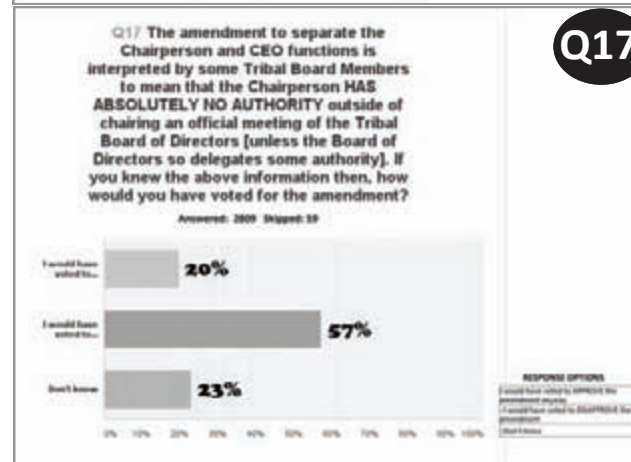
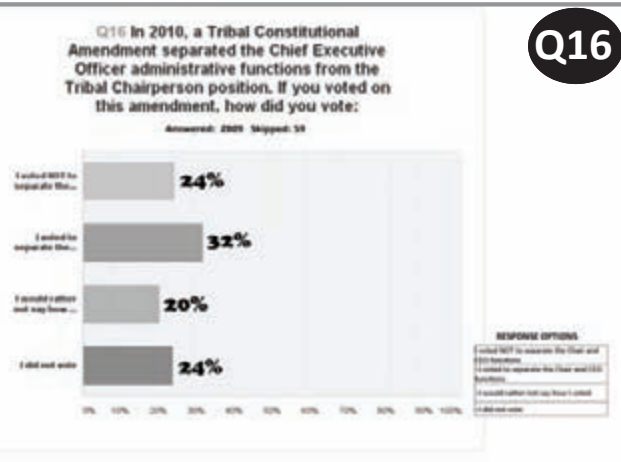
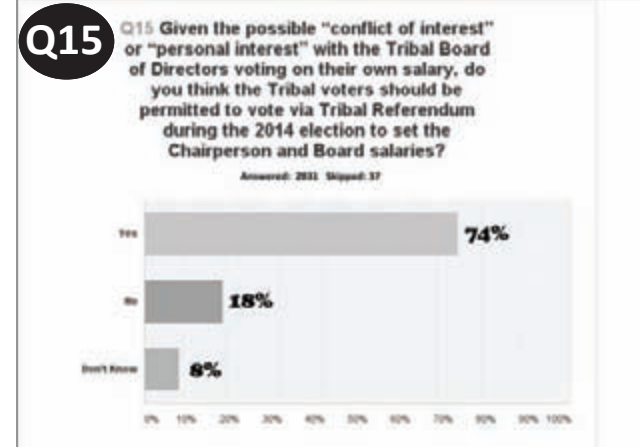
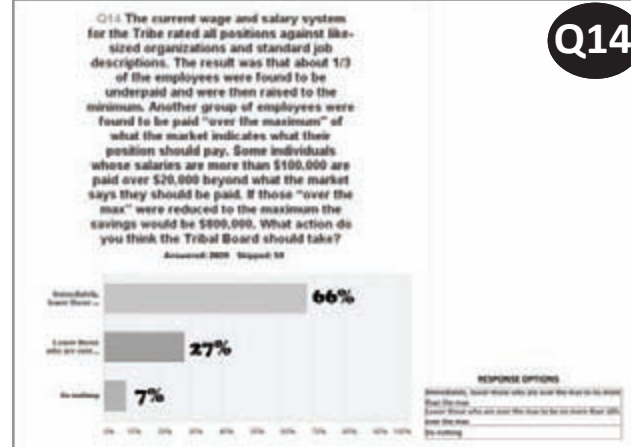
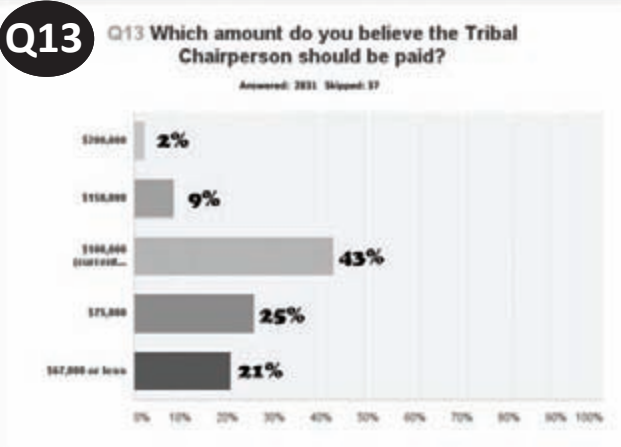
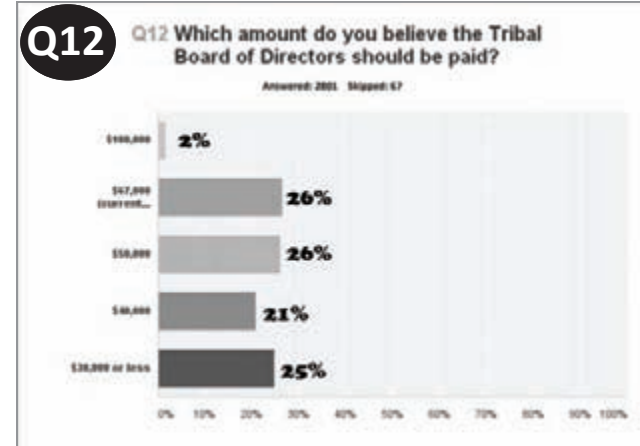
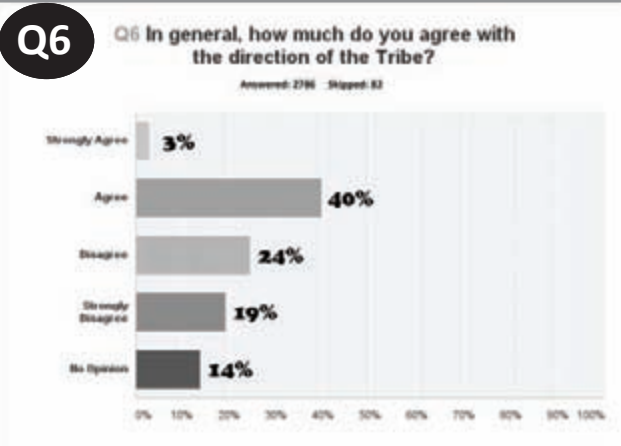
board, and then addresses specific proposals in the Administration's FY 2015 budget, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services, natural resources and environment, education, and public safety and justice. NCAI, in collaboration with national, re-

Please restore leftover 2013 IHS funding cuts due to sequestration. With the rural nature of our health care system, so far we lost six medical staff due to the shut down and sequestration. I fear this will be more if *Special Diabetes* is not funded for at least a year. Due

ble burden to place on the BIA. Within Interior budgets, some are projected to increase by 22%. But, the BIA, the only agency in the DOI responsible for direct service to people ~ the original people for which there is a constitutional imperative ~ are the least funded. This sug-

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**QUESTIONS NOT PUBLISHED**

10. Of the following list of elected Sault Tribe Officials, how would you rate their performance?

20. In the upcoming 2014 Tribal Elections, will you vote to re-elect a current Member of the Tribal Board of Directors who OPPOSES allowing you to vote on a new constitution with a separation of powers with an independent Tribal Court and separate Executive and Legislative branches of government?

24. Regarding the Constitutional Amendment project and the up-coming Tribal Board elections, please check the choice that best represents your opinion:

7. What are some of the areas of "the direction" the Tribe is going that you AGREE with?

8. What are some of the areas of "the direction" the Tribe is going that you DISAGREE with?

# 2014 Members' Preference Survey Results & Analysis

Questions 10, 20 & 24 were not published due to the fact that they would be argued to be election related. If you would like to know the results, please email me at my personal email at [aaronpayment@yahoo.com](mailto:aaronpayment@yahoo.com) or look on my Facebook page. The last three questions will be posted in the next edition of the *Sault Tribe News*. There are nearly 900 comments to the questions of what Tribal Citizens agree or disagree with regarding our

Tribal direction and what you identified as the major issues facing our Tribe. If you did not complete the survey, you still can.

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014STMemberSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014STMemberSurvey)

While overall, 43% overall agree with the direction of the Tribe, 43% also disagree [Q6 above]. An overall 56% agree with the current rate of pay of the Chair [Q11] but 72% of Tribal respondents do

not agree with the current Board pay [Q12] and 74% feel we should hold a referendum vote to set the Board and Chair pay [Q15]. Sixty six percent feel the over-the-max issue should be fixed [Q14]. Though 32% voted to amend the Constitution in 2010 to limit the Chair's authority [Q16], a decisive majority of 57% indicate they would not have done so if they knew the Chair was subordinate to the Board [Q17] and faces the constant threat of revoking this authority.

Sixty four percent clearly understand we do not have a separation of powers [Q18] with 77% rating this as very important and another 15% rating it somewhat important for a total of 92% [Q19]. Another 77% feel the Board should immediately put the draft Constitution/ amendments to a vote of the people [Q22].

A separation of powers means not permitting the Board or Chair from being able to fire the Tribal Judge or Prosecutor. Fifty six percent feel this not

should not be allowed [Q21].

Finally, regarding the issue of adding an "At Large" Board Member, only 17% indicated they do not support adding at least one new seat. Even if we add the 24% who checked "Don't Know, the inverse of this number ~ or those who support some form of at large representation is 59% [Q25]. In elections, this is considered nearly a landslide! Members agree that nine years is long enough to wait and wonder why we are waiting.

# Tribes storm D.C., youth storm LSSU book fair



**JENNIFER MCLEOD, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Aaniin Anishnaabek! March seemed to be a month that focused on the future. After a long and brutal winter, warm weather is returning and the sap has finally begun to flow from the maple trees. We all know the sweet taste of maple syrup is in the near future! My home is on Sugar Island, and there is immense comfort in seeing that our old ways are still with us. Families gathering in the sugar bush, working hard, boiling sap and sharing lots of love, laughter and, of course, food!

At a tribal level, our board of directors meetings also focused on the future of our tribe. A great deal of our time is spent on budgets, budgets and more budgets! We work hard to find a way to maintain services, programs and businesses. We continue to wrestle with federal budget cuts, grants coming to an end, an economy that is very slow to recover from the recession, rising costs, unwise business decisions of the past,

pending lawsuits and debt. It is a grueling process, and it seems as though the last two years have been spent dealing with one crisis after another, but I remain hopeful as we are SLOWLY making headway.

The "crisis management" we have been experiencing may finally be giving way to "prioritizing" and making plans for our future. I will confess, it gets more than a little frustrating for me, I am a goal-setter, a plan-maker and an achiever. "Crisis management" is not a way I prefer to operate and it looks like the board of directors may be at the point where we are moving past that and looking ahead. To my way of thinking, that's a HUGE step in the right direction! However, tribal politics may get completely in the way and derail the board from this path. It is, after all, an election year. Time will tell.

At the national level, I attended the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week in Washington, D.C. I have attended MAST meetings before, but I have to say this was the best one yet. MAST is an inter-tribal organization representing 33 federally recognized tribes, and four inter-tribal organizations in the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Iowa. Tribal representatives gathered for the MAST general assembly to discuss issues that affect the future of Indian Country. We had roundtable discussions and presenters, which included Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn, Indian



**Tribal leaders from the Midwest met with FEMA officials last month.**

Health Service Director Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Specialist Richard Flores, Indian activist and Executive Director of Honor the Earth Winona LaDuke as well as members of Congress, Betty McCollum, Paul Gosar, Gwen Moore, Frank Pallone, Markwayne Mulin and Dan Kildee.

One of our afternoons was set aside for Capital Hill visits with members of Congress. We divided into 12 teams and "stormed the hill" as they say. I was teamed with Chairman Payment, and together we met with representatives from the offices of Congressman Keith Ellison, Congressmen Frank Pallone, Congressman Mark Pocan and Congresswoman Betty McCollum. We addressed:

- General opposition to hydraulic fracturing, pipelines and mining (focusing on protecting the Great Lakes and the Midwest water system).
- Call to the presidential administration to establish a Native

nations policy and staffing commitment (White House Council for Native Americans).

- Advanced appropriations for Indian Health Services (as is done for Veterans Health funding).
- Funding for economic development in Indian Country.
- Special diabetes funding (for at least one more year).
- And others issues as well.

Although we were meeting with congressional leaders who have been supporters of tribal issues (such as Congressman Al

Franken), it is important that we always take a moment to remind congressional staffers of the unique relationship between the federal government and Indian tribes. We remind them that tribes are specifically mentioned in the Constitution of the United States and that treaty obligations are not discretionary.

Another exciting part of our MAST meeting was a limited tour of FEMA (see photo). We were escorted through the main "Situation Room" and the operations room. The level of security and sophistication was amazing. Most impressive was the fact that there is a desk for National Tribal Affairs, positioned in a place of prominence. In the event of an emergency, Richard Flores is upfront and center supporting and representing the interests of Indian Country!

I saved my favorite subject about the future, for the conclusion of my article. Our children. It is more than just a cliché to say, "Our children are our future."

See "McLeod," page 25



**Sault Tribe YEA administrator, Dee Eggert, in the forefront at the recent LSSU Book Fair where 500 area children went home with a free book.**

## Funding not received for every registered member



**DARCY MORROW, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

There is a misconception among some members that we receive funding for every registered tribal member. Moreover, that the tribe hoards the funding and only shares it with members

in the services area. That is false, the tribe only receives federal funding for members who reside within our seven-county service area, which is underfunded. An example would be our CHISDA funding (Indian Health Service), this program's service dollars have never been refactored for our tribe. Even though our membership has grown in the service area, our CHISDA funding has continued to be factored off outdated membership numbers.

At this time, with the election coming up, many promises are going to be made and some will include giving services to members outside of the service area. As a board member aware of the tribes' financial obligations, anyone who makes these promises are giving members false hope at this time. When our Lansing

casino overcomes its hurdles, I see the future with Lansing casino opening and revenues flowing up north to bring back services that have been either decreased or taken from members. After we put services back into our service area, then we should be looking at the bigger picture, what can we offer to all members? In addition, we need to put away a certain percentage for our future generations.

We have slowly been able to gain some services back that were taken away from our unit in 2008. Escanaba got an office back and they are able to resume foot clinics, immunizations clinics, medication pick-ups and a place for members to stop in and check on any programs and services the tribe might have available. On March 24, Director Chase and I attended the Escanaba health

office open house. Many tribal elders and other community members came out to celebrate in the Sault Tribe members having an office back in Escanaba. Thank you to all the health staff who helped with set up of the office and helped put on the open house. All your help is very much appreciated!

At the Marquette elders' meeting, it was asked when are they getting their recreation dollars back. At this time, there is no plan or extra tribal support dollars to put this back in place. As a board member, I make tough decisions on many different issues. I agree with the elders when they ask these questions especially when the majority of the board can allow the Sault Big Bear to run fully funded by tribal support dollars at \$800,000 a year. If we

shut this facility down for half a year, it could save \$400,000 in tribal support. We need to use our tribal support dollars to help as many tribal members as we can. I cannot see spending tribal dollars on this facility when elders and members are in need of heating assistance, emergency needs, drivers for medical appointments, etc. If the tribe had extra tribal support dollars and was able to fund all programs and services back to their full capacity, then I would support this facility being open. However, at this time, that is not the case with our tribe.

Any questions, feel free to contact me via phone or email.

Thank you,

Darcy Morrow, Unit IV board member, (906) 203-6699, email dmorrow@saulttribe.net or darcymorrowforunit4@yahoo.com.

## Sault Tribe is much larger than you might think



**DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

As the first quarter of 2014 closes, we are preparing for the 2015 budget year. It is difficult to explain to people just how big our government really is. We are a huge government by tribal standards. Our yearly budget for governmental services is over \$100 million, \$18 million of which comes from Kewadin Casino profits.

When people say that sitting on the board is just a matter of attending a couple meetings and a couple of workshops each month, I try to take the time to let them

know what we are required to keep abreast of given the sheer enormity of what we offer our people as a sovereign government.

To give you an idea of the depth and breadth of our tribal government, I thought I would provide a list of just some of the programs and services we administer and fund through grants and tribal support: Elder Care Services, Foster Care, Adoption, Men's Education, Safe Shelter, Home

Improvement, Environmental, USDA Food Program, Victim's Assistance, General Assistance, Funeral Assistance, Adolescent Treatment, Family Violence, Community Service, Indian Child Welfare, Domestic Violence Shelter, Emergency Assistance, Employment Assistance, Social Work, Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance, Elderly Heating, Human Resources, Internal Government Services, Property Management, Housing, Home Ownership, Utility

Authority, Health, Mental Health, Behavioral Health, Traditional Medicine, Special Diabetes, Medical Laboratory and X-ray, Optical, Rural Health, Community Health, Home Health Care, Law Enforcement, Conservation, Fisheries, Natural Resources, Legal Department, Tribal Court, Probation, Drug Court, Detention Center, Education Scholarships, Head Start, Early Head Start, Child Care Center, Youth Education

See "Malloy," page 27



# Gathering of the Clans Powwow coming up soon



**DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

The board of directors, chairman and top executives of the tribe will be reviewing and have a discussion on the FY 2014 and FY2015 budgets on April 7.

The two percent application deadline was March 31, if you wanted to be considered for the spring 2 percent distribution cycle. In the next unit report, I will report what projects were selected. The casino revenues are down during the winter season, which means we will then have less 2 percent funding available in this cycle to distribute. There are so many great projects throughout our unit to consider. Unfortunately, we can't fund them all.

Projects are awarded funding based on a number of factors. The availability of funds at the end of each cycle, the project merit and the potential benefit to tribal as well as governmental communities. Another factor to be considered is project sustainability. The deadline for the fall 2 percent dis-

tribution application is Sept. 31. For information or an application contact Candace Blocher at (906) 635-6050.

Spring is here. I didn't think the weather would finally warm up enough to start melting all that winter snow. Now is the time to start thinking about and planning for the Gathering of the Clans Powwow.

I would like to invite you on behalf of the powwow planning committee to our Gathering of the Clans Powwow to be held on June 14 and June 15, six miles east of Manistique on 5698W Highway US 2 (behind the Manistique Community Center).

Free entrance, rough camping available. Grand entry: 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday. Feast 5 p.m. on Saturday. Grand entry: 12 p.m. on Sunday.

If you're interested in purchasing a vendor table for our powwow, please contact any of the telephone numbers below.

If you would like to donate any items for the auction, please drop it off at the ACFS window at the Manistique Tribal Center for Viola Neadow. If you would like someone to pick the item up, please call myself (906) 322-3819, Director Morrow 203-6699, Viola Neadow 341-6993 or Rita Glyptis at 450-7024. I look forward to seeing you there!

Myself and Director Morrow attended the open house for the Escanaba health office. It was very well attended. The office provides space for medication pick up, wellness clinics, nutrition appointments, health fairs, blood pressure checks, CHT and CHN visits, etc.

The YEA students did a power point presentation for the board of directors last week at our workshop. There were several areas represented by the youth, Escanaba, Manistique, Munising, Hessel, St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie. After the workshop, the youth invited the board members to share a luncheon of Indian tacos with them. The students did an excellent job in their presentation and showed slides of the various community activities that they are involved in and volunteered for. They did a very impressive job. Board members expressed how proud they were of the power point that the youth groups prepared for the workshop.

Thank You,  
Denise Chase, vice-chair  
(906) 322-3819, dchase@sault-tribe.net.

## Good news on legal front; maintaining our identity



**DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Ahniin kina gwaya! Hello everyone! I hope all is well with you this fine spring.

The main issue I would like to report is we, the board, agreed to accept a settlement of \$1.3 million from Indian Health Services. We believed that we were being shorted contract dollars for the years 2006 to 2009, so we decided to take it up legally. Just recently, an offer to settle came in and our attorneys advised that the amount of the settlement offer was within a reasonable range, given the nature of the claims and uncertainties of litigation, so we accepted.

This is wonderful for us and this will be money for us put back into health that will continue to serve your needs.

The second good piece of news is our Blue Cross/Blue Shield lawsuit recently went through a

court mandated case evaluation and it was valued at \$1 million. When I got on the board four years ago, we believed that the Blues had taken advantage of our tribe, so we decided to sue. Though this is not a settlement amount, it is merely what the case is worth if we end up in court, I believe it was an excellent decision to challenge them. We do expect to battle them in court but it's nice to know that a panel of three attorneys found there to be merit in our case.

The hardest part of this job is knowing when to fight back. Some people in leadership are constantly in battle mode. They want to fight with everybody, including their fellow board members instead of focusing on

the future and moving us forward. Dwelling in the past is a fruitless endeavor. You can't change it. However, we can look at the mistakes from the past and NOT REPEAT THEM.

Perpetuation and protection of our way of life, as Anishinabe people, should be the leadership's focus. We need to keep in mind that with the loss of our language and the loss of our cultural traditions, we are making it very easy for the federal government to come in and say we are "assimilated."

This needs to be taken to heart, especially when we talk about further mirroring our Constitution after the United States. At what point do we stop being Indian and end up being just like the United

States?

These past decisions to fight back were made together. This demonstrates a circular thinking approach and reinforces who we are as a people. We are stronger together as one and this approach has served us to this point. If it hadn't, we would have disappeared over 100 years ago. This divide and conquer mentality was introduced to us by outside forces and it's not who we are as Anishinabe!! I am making every effort to maintain our way of life as Indian people. I ask that we don't let this bad behavior further erode us as a people.

Miigwech!  
Sincerely,  
Debra-Ann Pine (906) 440-1334

## So little space, so many issues: Visit [catherinehollowell.com](http://catherinehollowell.com)



**CATHERINE HOLLOWELL, DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

Campaign season: I'm saying my prayers that it can remain honest and respectful. As voters, you will have to consider the knowledge, skills, character and leadership abilities of the respective candidates. Who will best serve you, who will best represent you. And who can stand tall in the face of adversity and remain focused on the actual business of moving this tribe forward.

The negative rhetoric is shaping up, so I will say this now: I am honest and truthful. I don't lie, cheat or steal. I'm a stickler for the Rule of Law and Regular Order. If someone questions my motives or moral character — I can stand tall in the eyes of the Creator, confident that tribal members know better. So let the campaigns begin and may the best candidate win!

The 500 word limitation does not leave much room for laying out a comprehensive platform. You can be sure that the following are identified — needs and priorities:

- Access to services in health, education, social, cultural programs and resources.
- Reinstated elders and family services.
- Tribal treaty rights and you!
- Fiscal management and fiduciary trust.
- Asset and land use management.
- Environmental justice, designated use and the Clean Water Act.
- Jobs, jobs creation and economic development.
- Employment issues, tribal policies and labor law.
- Constitutional reform, 'at large,' constitutionally protected.
- Citizenship and jurisdiction.

I would like to invite you to visit my website: [www.CATHERINEHOLLOWELL.com](http://www.CATHERINEHOLLOWELL.com). There, I will lay out a more comprehensive platform than the 500 words I am allowed here. All candidates will be given campaign space in the May issue of the newspaper as well. But I'm concerned the paper will arrive too late for voters to make an informed decision — especially for those who live far away. So, please check it

out. And as always, I look forward to your calls, emails and meeting with you. Or you can Facebook me too. But I think you will find my website, [www.CATHERINEHOLLOWELL.com](http://www.CATHERINEHOLLOWELL.com), worth checking out.

Something that I would like to point out: The board of directors does not manage our businesses or our government programs. We have department directors who manage their programs, goals, budgets and employee workforce. Likewise on the casino and enter-

prise side; we have executives who manage their operations, budgets and workforce. The roles and responsibilities of a board member have to do with fiduciary trust; policy and legislation.

During the last four years, I have heard from so many of you across all communities and outside the region. Its how we've come to know each other, and I appreciate the opportunity to assist you in any way I can. And just to get a chance to listen to your input and ideas. I hear from

casino employees, elders, parents, fishermen — all community members including inside and outside the tax agreement areas. I've got a pretty good handle on the problems you face, our shortcomings and our reasons for celebration.

Finally, we have a spring thaw. Happy spring, everyone!

Catherine Hollowell,  
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## Over 1,000 free books reach area children

— From "McLeod," page 24.

It is pure and simple truth. This past month, an extraordinary event took place: "READ Sault Ste. Marie." Local schools, libraries and community organizations held a reading event for students throughout the Sault area. The event was at, and hosted by, Lake Superior State University. Our school, JKL Bahweting Anishnaabe Grant School, under the leadership of Superintendent Theresa Kallstrom played a major role in bringing this event to fruition. In conjunction with Sault Tribe Education, Headstart and Early Headstart, the JKL Fiduciary Committee was able to provide books so that every child was able to take a book home (see photo). Tables were set up with information for parents on

ways they can support their children's reading. From infants to high schoolers, there were exhibits, resources, and interactive breakout sessions targeted to their ages and interests. I was able to go back into "teacher mode" for a couple of hours. I was in a breakout room and had students help me tell the story of the baby porcupine. We laughed and sang and learned that everyone has a story to tell. But the greatest joy for me (besides hearing kids in the hallway still singing my little song) was seeing the excitement over the free books!

Over 500 students flocked to the huge display of more than a thousand books, all set out in grand fashion in the large exhibition room. Sometimes it was hard for them to pick out which one

they wanted, but every child went home with a free book! The glow on their faces was absolutely priceless. It was a heartwarming night, filled with community support because we all know that our children truly are our future!

On this bright note, I say "bamapii gwaabmin" (see you later). There are more good things to come! Please look forward to an online resource I will be sharing with you to help you learn the Ojibwe language. It is an extension of what I taught in high school, with the addition of SOUND! I'm working on it now, and hope to have it finished soon!

Miigwech. Anishnaabe gagige (Anishnaabe for always),  
Jen, (906) 440-9151; [jennifer.mcleod.2012@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.mcleod.2012@gmail.com); <http://jmcleodsaulttribe.com>.

# Seeing promise for the future, seeking improvements for today



**LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

This past month has been a mix of updates to the board and gatherings for our community. We held our annual spring feast and pipe gathering in Hessel last month to welcome spring and feed our ancestors. It was a day filled with good friends and family. We held our talking circle that had pipe carriers, veterans, grandmas, grandpas, youth and members from our Muukwa Giizick drum.

These gatherings not only keep our traditions to honor and feed our ancestors, but they keep us going in a good way too, everyone humbly shared their thoughts and feelings together and afterward we have a connection that everyone needs and craves in this place. I'm thankful for all the people who came and enjoyed our day. Had to share this part of my month as it was the highlight and we were very honored to have people travel from our other communities and share it with us.

Our youth groups came together to take part in a youth leadership conference this month. The conference gave them an opportunity to become familiar with all the departments in the tribe and to speak about their activities and goals for the future. I was offered tobacco to do the welcome speech and had an opportunity to send a message to the group one-on-one, I discussed "Taking pride in our tribe under any kind of pressure." The looks on the faces in this group was respectful and determined! It was inspiring, to say

the least. I have no doubt we will have leaders in our tribe, business owners and healthy young adults entering our workforce. After the first day of the gathering, the group prepared and made a presentation to our board, specifically discussing all the activities they have been involved in, in each unit. I cannot tell you how impressed and grateful I was with the activities and leadership these youth demonstrated. A few activities many of us may not know take place: doing presentations in local schools for anti-bullying, suicide prevention, coping with peer pressure, school anti-smoking education campaigns, hosted elders dinners, prepared fundraisers for foster families and people in need, grown gardens, held clean up activities for numerous community service projects, took part in offered cultural activities and many are part of youth drum groups who carry on our traditions.

During the presentation to the board, the coordinators were in attendance but they didn't have to say a word (which means they sure are doing their part steering them to lead) every single young adult who was present had a role to speak and offer part of their activities and presentation. They glowed with pride and took every single second seriously as they demonstrated professionalism and no-nonsense. They talked about future plans and, I have to say, we have something to look forward to, we all heard future leaders, we have them! Proud, determined, respectful kids (I did not see one cell phone).

I know I've been writing a lot of positive stuff, but we do have so many of our people counting on us for advancement and success that times like this humbles me! Chi miigwetch to the coordinators and YEA staff who assisted and continue to steer these young adults, you should be very proud of your work.

To close out the day, we had lunch with them and had an opportunity to visit one-on-one, I happened to be sitting with a group who said, "We have a

special presentation for you all," two young girls, stood up, stood straight and starting singing the national anthem to the entire group, no hesitation, no reluctance, no shame, just completely comfortable and confident. Heather Gregg and Tamantha Sylvester, the song was amazing. I guess what impressed me so much was the kudos and encouragement all of them showed for each other, heck I want to join the youth group! Anyway, I had to share that because it truly was an inspiration for our people.

Following are the names of these hard working staff in our units and, if you want your child involved, please contact them through our Education Department and again, miigwetch to them and our future leaders. Unit I, Jill Lawson in Sault Ste. Marie; Unit I and II, Dawn Griffin, Kinross and Rudyard; Unit II, Lisa Burnside and Robin Latour, Hessel; Unit III, Sue St. Onge and Francie Wyers, St. Ignace; Unit IV, Patty Teeples and Janet Krueger, Manistique; Unit IV, Karen Corbett, Escanaba; Unit V, John Pieper and Kathy Pieper, Munising, along with Dee Eggert in Sault Ste. Marie and Kelly Contantino in Escanaba.

On to business of the month, we have completed our tribal action survey and are in discussions about how to proceed with the mailing to members. As you know, we held community forums and focus groups for input but we need to hear from the rural areas and all members on the issues of drugs and suicide issues from our communities. Once you receive this survey, please fill it out and send it back as this will steer our tribal-wide plans for treatment, prevention and education. We are adamant about this survey going to all members and with your help we can be better informed of the needs in each individual area. National news this week was that Michigan is sixth in the entire nation for meth arrests, with this and other statistics our tribal action plan and our youth education programs are priority for our young people.

We continue to hold our bi-weekly gaming authority meetings to discuss financial progress in our five casinos and plans for the concerns from our survey project this past year to increase morale, customer service and better business practices from management in our casinos. We have completed the goal of creating a "Kewadin improvement teams," which took the place of quality control groups. These teams are made up of front line team members who want to see changes in the casino and are dedicated to making a difference in the work place. I encourage all team members to find out who is on the group from your casino and talk to them, they will have an opportunity to discuss creating a better workplace and the minutes from the meetings will be supplied to us along with plans and remedies to accomplish items brought forward. I cannot and do not manage the casinos, this is a long-time debate within our structure. We have managers in place who are responsible and must be accountable for the business and, hopefully, this will be a tool to assist them and make our workplace better for each team at every casino I expect this is a step that will encourage team members to be involved with our business on a more active level and, if it doesn't work, we need to hear that too. As I said, I don't manage the casinos so let me know, I'll be watching closely on this project. If we need to make changes or it falters I will be advocating additional ways to assist in better business practices.

Our Lansing project is still steady and on target, we had been told it would take time and expect all the outcomes this far, again we are steady and will continue to fight for the land in trust and make sure all our plans are followed through on so that when it happens we are prepared for success. Going through the steps is necessary as due diligence and making sure we are protected and have a solid successful plan is the only option for the endeavor.

Our financials picture is

on target for paying down our debt. As far as I and most of my colleagues on the board are concerned, our priority is paying down this debt as planned and we are continuing to hold that line. It's very hard when we have so many services that need more funding and team members who need an increase, but there is a plan. If we continue on the path, we will have an additional amount each year to prioritize (\$8 million).

I'm absolutely making no promises, but have to inform you that the steps we take to increase revenue and frugal spending now will assist us in our goals when the debt is paid. I get tired of hearing myself say this too but we are almost there, I do not spend what we do not have. Empty promises are easy, but the planning for the future is hard. I have again asked that we have a financial three-year plan presented to us based on our income, debt payment and priorities for needed service. We have capable executive staff who can take input from all departments on the needs and demands. I assure you that a demand is raises for our workforce. We have to identify a clear plan and that's hard with the politics and nonsense that goes on sometimes. I will report this plan once presented. My next step on this will be a resolution to identify a timeline and specific individuals to accomplish this.

In closing, I hope I'm on the right track, at this time in our tribe we hear many promises and talk about increasing services, raises and bonuses. All those are truly needed but, in the end, its how we get there with limited resources, debt to pay and fighting an uphill battle with internal politics and national and state struggles everyday. I work very hard to constantly look for ways to balance that and take pride in our tribe and the people.

Please contact me anytime with your thoughts and concerns. See you at our meetings. Baamaapi Lana Causley, (906) 484-2954 or 322-3818, lcausley@saulttribe.net.

# Clearing misconceptions about mental health



**KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

The tribe is very active in the national direction of many programs and we need to be. I spent a week in Washington,

D.C., at an annual meeting of the Tribal Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) of Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). After the TTAC meeting, we get together with the other committees that have input on how the SAMHSA vision and future should look.

We worked on three major areas. The first was on how integration would be achieved with the services and the plans of SAMHSA. TTAC worked on the model by treating the whole person, the holistic approach. An example is that someone comes in with a specific problem, alcohol, substance abuse or mental illness. Currently the practice is to treat the patient by treating the symptoms. We proposed a

methodology that the first professional contact (the entry point into the system) the person is diagnosed but is then also evaluated in many ways.

Questions are asked to determine the roots to the problem, back story and triggers of the event and then a comprehensive approach of many professionals and para-professionals can better evaluate and alleviate the problem with lasting effect. Sounds easy, but changing an entire health care system's basic way of thinking is a daunting task. We believe it is worth the effort.

Next, we discussed how the general public views mental health and mental illness. It seems that mental health is confused with mental illness. Mental health is the promotion

of healthy thinking and actions, normal expression and feelings. Mental health is what we strive for. It is a well functioning human being. Mental illness is exactly the opposite. It is the illness of the mind. If you'll notice, the entire professional system is a mental health program. Fighting and working to instill mental health services for everyone.

We discussed how we have to better separate these two messages and show that everyone needs a healthy mind.

The last major conversation swirled around consultation and partnerships. I believe tribes have seen great improvements in consultation with the federal government and its branches. Where the breakdown seems to

be the greatest is between the states and the tribes. Many of the states receive funds both for the states' people and the tribes' members. They seem to fail to understand that consultation is a means for both sides to explore and understand how to mutually work together with the funds and programs. Their idea of consultation is to ask the tribes to give input and then they do whatever they had already planned to do regardless of the input. Mutual stories came from numerous tribes from throughout the country.

Thank you for all the e-mails and phone calls.

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# TRUTH BE TOLD – and I told you I would tell you



**BRIDGETT SORENSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Election season is upon us and the mudslinging will begin. The chairperson is rallying candidates to fit his agenda. I bet he told each of the candidates that he supports them because he truly just wants anybody but the incumbents, except one in Unit I. I actually wish each of the candidates would have the opportunity to sit on the board. I truly believe 85 percent of them would be surprised at what is really involved in being a member of this board. Some of the misconceptions are:

- The board is not a full-time job — the board is a full-time job. The board meets every Tuesday, with two meetings well into the night, two Mondays with financials, two Wednesdays with semi-annual reviews and gaming authority workshops, appeals hearings, gaming expansions meetings, elders meetings, unit meetings, office hours, committee meetings, state and national conferences. This does not include time directors spend traveling to these meetings, all the information that is read to be prepared for the meetings or the number of phone calls, text messages, emails or Facebook posts that members are contacting you with questions or concerns.

- The board is always fighting — the entire board rarely agrees on everything and, if they did, the members would call us bobble heads. We all come to the table with different backgrounds and opinions of what is important to their specific unit and the entire membership. When we do disagree on things, the majority state their case, take their vote and we move on. The chairperson is the one who holds your vote against you. He uses it for political purposes all the time. If any of you have watched the Livestream when he disrespected elder Unit V Representative Joan Carr-Anderson, because she voted to allow an investigation into a matter of the chairperson asking for election information that our team members were not comfortable giving out. So now I ask, if you are not guilty why would you be against an investigation? Mr. Chairperson labeled it “a criminal investigation,” that was not out of the board’s mouth, but his own.

- The board is doing back-room deals — the majority of the board has lunch in the Signatures Bar and does sometimes discuss areas of concern or proposed legislation. There is never a vote taken. When I first got on the

board, a group of seven or so of us had lunch at the Dogpatch in Munising prior to our meeting. The chairperson was a part of that group and he brought a copy of the organization chart and wanted support to pass it that evening. What is the difference? Recently the board was made aware through Facebook posts that the fishing and hunting license fees were going to now be \$5 instead of \$15. This information NEVER was discussed with the board to lower the fees. The chairperson made this decision saying it was within his authority to do so. He said the Conservation Committee supported it and we had money coming in from the BIA. He had already planned a press release and the board was totally unaware. This decision cost the tribe and the inland department approximately \$24,000. There is not a board member who would love to lower fees to members, but we also need to be fiscally responsible. When departments receive tribal support and they receive new funding, that funding can replace tribal support and can then be used in other areas. This department has three team members very much stretched thin that could use two to three additional staff members. My point is that the board supports our treaty rights and charging reasonable fees, but the board was never even approached to ask for input and weigh the factors. So my concern is why the chairperson feels this decision is within his authority when he will not even make a decision to donate a \$50 tribal flag without approval from the board to do so, but spent \$24,000. This is pure politics because there should be a budget modification coming to the board for approval of the decrease in revenue and if the board does not approve it, the board will be the “big bad board.”

- The board does not work with the chairperson — this is probably the worst fabrication. I can attest that when I came on this board, I had a very open mind and supported the chairperson. After witnessing some things, such as telling me that an individual would not want a position permanently and that person did indeed get the position with an additional \$20,000 that was apparently buried in a resolution that the board voted on. I know a few of us must have been drinking the Kool-Aid or concentrating on the proposed savings and not seeing the increase. After a few times of that and constant spinning of facts and words, I had seen the light. This does not mean that I am against the chairperson; it means that I approach everything with suspicion. Anybody who is around the board knows what really goes on. We absolutely try to work together and some days are better than others but it is not the board that can’t play in the sandbox. Nothing is off the table when it comes to politics with this person. Smearing you, your family,

elders, women, the culture, you name it. It is not about the tribe, it is about “will you support me and my agenda, and if you don’t, I have something on each of you and I will make your life hell.” That is the life of a board member under this chairperson.

We need change — the change is needed by the chairperson, leave the past in the past. Learn from it and move on. What is different from 2004-2008? The same empty promises, except maybe “twice the chair, half the pay” or the elders will get \$3,000. Here is the change. The chairperson rarely attends the monthly elders meetings. One elder asked where he was and was told he was in D.C. The elder said, “If he doesn’t start coming to these meetings, he will be in D.C. permanently.” The majority of the members in the service area are getting fed up and, as the chairperson points out, 64 percent of the membership is not in the U.P., so who do you think he manipulates?

The voice of the people — If you do a survey using survey monkey and offer a \$1,000 incentive to take the survey and you get 1,000 responses, is that really the voice of the people? First of all, how do you know if the person is a tribal member? Can you take the survey multiple times?

The board won the tribal lottery — funny thing is the chairperson also served on the board for many years, most drawing a large salary simultaneously. He was also on the board and, according to the minutes of 11-1-00, Director Payment, supported by Director Lumsden, voted to approve the increase in stipends for the board of directors as proposed, effective immediately. Prior to that, there was a memo from then Vice Chair Payment written (10-21-00) to Lumsden stating, “Review the following and let me know if you agree. The idea to break up the payments over time is a good one because it allows for the entire 5% retro to 1996 adjustment. Bernard’s retro pay will be \$80,000. Ours will be close to \$40,000 each. This should conclude my part of the raise structure. I want HR to put their stamp of approval on it. I do not want this coming back on us. It is your birthright to run this tribe with me as vice chair. Set the meeting up, I have gathered support. If we make the deal with him we are set. He’ll be on his way to Detroit.”

Another interesting thing is the minutes of 4-10-02 designating Bernard as the CEO of Greentown Casino and COO of Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority, included was a \$350,000 base salary annually and bonus and benefit plans. The motion was carried including Payment. The minutes of 6-5-02 state, “Moved by Paquin, supported by Payment, to approve the minutes of 4-10-02.” It seems to me that someone was a huge player in these actions. The more members who get educated; the

more new voters are needed or empty promises.

We hear that the chairperson is so busy he can’t complete his dissertation for his doctorate degree. We are all busy, but less time spent on social media twisting facts and creating pandemonium is a good start. Another thing is the emails sent to the board in hate about their intentions by asking questions or by bringing resolutions forward. When most board members bring resolutions forward they are attacked, and if we are not bringing them forward we are not doing our job. The reason the membership has a hard time seeing the facts, is that emails of the board are confidential. Just this past weekend there was one directed at a director for pettiness and I had enough and said, “Mr. Chairperson, get a life!”

On Saturday, March 22, was the St. Ignace Family Fun Day coordinated by Shirley Goudreau. There was a large turnout of families enjoying food, prizes and activities from local and tribal agencies. The tribe had booths from Head Start, Housing, ACFS, YEA and Law Enforcement. Director Massaway and I donated money to purchase bikes and helmets. Thank you to Shirley and family, the tribal staff members and the community members for making this event a huge success!

On Friday, March 28, I attended the St. Ignace Tribal Head Start year end powwow. The kids were dressed in their ribbon shirts and shawls as they danced to the Mukkwa Giizeck drum. The Head Start does an awesome job with these kids. They give these children a running start to their formal education and additionally learn their language and culture.

On April 1, the Tribal Youth Council from all areas presented a power point to the board on what they do for community service and events. It was nice to see the large turnout of youth representing all areas coming together to get to know each other. The board was invited to have lunch with the group. Thank you to all the staff that lead and inspire our youth. You are making a difference in their lives.

On the same afternoon we met to discuss the progress of our TAP survey. It was proposed to do a random sample of tribal members. Most of the board present preferred it being sent to all members in the service area so we can see where the needs are. The costs will be coming back to the board to make the final decision.

On April 2, we had a semi-annual review on ACFS (social services). They manage 30 programs and served over 19,000 members last year including 1,126 members with heating assistance. The staff is working diligently to meet our member’s needs.

The latest lies are being construed to lead people to believe Director Massaway and myself have been intervening in the hir-

ing of a food and beverage director. The truth is, it couldn’t be further from the truth. Sometimes the one blaming is the one doing. In case you don’t know, here is how it works: he causes chaos and spreads lies and hopes to distract people from what he is really doing. It sometimes works because the victim has to spend so much time correcting the lies and defending themselves that their time is totally consumed.

We have so many issues facing our tribe such as declining casino revenues, grants ending, government cutbacks, suicides, drug and alcohol addictions, housing shortages, rising living expenses, etc. We do not need to be defending our votes or questions; we need to be taking action and planning for the future. Please use your voice with the chairperson and tell him to leave his politics in D.C. We are a tribe and we need to take care of our members and our businesses!

Please get educated and make wise choices. I ran stating, “I would tell the truth even if it wasn’t what you wanted to hear.”

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. Contact me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com, 643-2123 or 430-0536.

## Annual governmental services budget over \$100 million

*From Malloy,” page 24* and Activities, Big Bear Recreation Center, JKL Bawating Anishinaabe School, Culture Department, Grant development, Transportation Department, Economic Development, Efficiency Department, Tax Department, Enrollment Department, Roads . . . These are just programs and services and do not include governmental relations required at the federal and State of Michigan levels.

This list is off the top of my head. I am certain I have missed some very important work and departments. My apologies to all staff whose departments I failed to mention. You can see from this list, just how much we offer.

Are there more programs and services needed by our people? Yes, there is. Is there a gap in some services leaving members underserved or not served at all? Yes, there definitely is. But I have to say that what we do offer in our existing programs/services is seen as essential to those who benefit from them.

As we go into the 2015 budget, we are looking for ways to continue the current level of services with fund reductions from the federal and state governments as well as any grant that is in its last year of activity. All this while our tribe continues to grow. It is a challenge we take seriously and I give kudos to our professional staff for continuing to provide our members with the best we have to offer while getting the most bang for the buck!

As Always, you may contact me with questions or concerns.

Respectfully,  
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