

Win Awenen Nisitotung

Readers please note: In the 10th paragraph of Denise Chase's unit report on page 23, there has been a **change** to the text that differs from the print edition of this month's newspaper, with a line drawn through the text, "six (6) months prior to."

Sault Tribe selects John Wernet as general counsel

By MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

John Wernet, former deputy legal counsel to Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm and a recognized expert in Native American law, will be the new general counsel to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Wernet will become the lead attorney for the Sault Tribe, the largest federally recognized Indian tribe east of the Mississippi with nearly 39,000 members, and its talented team of lawyers. He brings to the position many years of experience in Native American legal issues nationally and in Michigan.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the members and leadership of the Sault Tribe," said Wernet, who

officially starts the job on June 13. "The Sault Tribe is the state's largest sovereign Native community and is vitally important as a job provider. I am proud to be a member of their team."

Wernet earned his B.A. from the University of Michigan's Residential College in 1972 and his J.D. from Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C. in 1975. From 1975 through 1979 he was on the faculty of Antioch School of Law where he directed the law school's paralegal programs including the National Indian Paralegal Training Program.

Wernet returned to Michigan in 1979 to become an Assistant Attorney General

for the state of Michigan and served as counsel to the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs from 1980 through 1988, as First Assistant in the Indian Law Unit from 1992-1995, and as Assistant in Charge of the Native American Affairs Division from 1998 through 2003. In 2003, he became Deputy Legal Counsel to Michigan Gov. Granholm and served as the governor's advisor on tribal-state affairs.

"John Wernet is a superior attorney and a high quality person with distinguished credentials and a stellar reputation, and we are thrilled to have him as our new general counsel," said Lana Causley, vice chairwoman of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors.



Photo by Brenda Austin

GOLDEN AGE — Jennylee Church Olesek, born in 1906, was honored recently by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors on her 105th birthday.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Twice a year JKL School offers students the chance to bike/walk to school from a predetermined location, in this case Big Bear Recreation Center. Accompanied by parents and teachers, the students got some early morning exercise to start their day off in a good way. Left to right: Scott Garcia, Kirk Smith and Marcus Murray.

Registration underway for the 11th annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic

By BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Teams are dusting off their golf clubs for this year's annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic.

One of the largest golf tournaments in the Eastern Upper Peninsula, the Classic annually supports 20 Sault Tribe scholarships recognizing students who have contributed to their tribe and community. To date, 152 scholarships have been awarded to tribal members seeking a higher education.

Last year's Classic raised

more than \$70,000, with \$20,000 being awarded to students based on criteria developed by the tribe's Education Department.

Tournament participants who make the Classic possible come from across the country, including Las Vegas, Arizona and New Jersey.

This year's tournament, hosted by Kewadin Casinos, will be held on Saturday, July 30, at Brimley's Wild Bluff Golf Course starting at 10 a.m.

The two-day event begins

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Tribal board moving to appoint chairman

Process specified in Sault Tribe Constitution; elections in 2012

By MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

Following the requirements of the Sault Tribe Constitution, the tribe's board of directors and staff have launched the process to replace former chairman, Joe McCoy, who unexpectedly resigned from his post May 10. The process began in accordance with the law by declaring the seat vacant.

As specified in the Constitution, the Sault Tribe Board must choose a replacement to serve out the remainder of McCoy's four-year term, which ends in one year.

Under the Constitution, when a vacancy occurs in the chairman's office, the board chooses the replacement, who must be a tribal member of voting age. The replacement does not have to be a currently elected member of the board, but could be.

The next Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting is June 7, when a replacement to serve out the remainder of McCoy's term may or may not be selected.

The appointee designated to serve out the remainder of the chairman's term shall only be seated until the results are in from the next General Election in June 2012. If the appointee is interested in keeping the seat as Chairman, he or she must run and campaign for that office along with all other suitors. The Notice of Election

will be mailed out in January and this will kick off the campaign period for 2012.

At the May 24 Board meeting, the board considered a resolution to amend an existing tribal law. The amendment would have allowed the board of directors to base the upcoming appointment on the outcome of a non-binding special advisory election. The resolution did not pass on a 6-5 vote.

All board members agreed the tribe must follow the Constitution in choosing the person to serve as McCoy's replacement for the next year.

"It is the first time the tribe has had a chairman resign near the end of his term," said Lana Causley, tribal board vice chairwoman. "Our goal is to make sure we are following our Constitution and tribal

laws. We are in uncharted waters and are working our way through this in a collaborative and respectful spirit with the board and staff."

Causley said McCoy's resignation, while surprising to all, has "caused no disruptions to the tribe's daily functions and operations."

"It is business as usual," Causley said. "It is a credit to this board and to our membership that the tribe continues to move forward on current projects without disruption and with respect for all who are part of our community. I'm impressed with the respect and professionalism our board and staff have displayed in handling this situation."

Under the tribe's Constitution, the board vice chairperson — in this case,

Causley — assumes the duties of the chairperson until the successor is appointed.

Former Chairman McCoy's brief resignation letter to the Sault Tribe Board of Directors provided no specific reasons for his decision to resign other than "circumstances beyond my control." McCoy had served for nearly three years as chairman after being elected by members of the tribe.

Causley cautioned to be aware of any notices surrounding this and other tribal issues to be certain they are coming from the tribe and not outside sources. Updates on the board's decisions will be posted on line and on the tribe's Facebook page. Sault Tribe official press releases, election code and constitution documents can be found at www.saulttribe.com.

Free Healthy Moms Advice Kits

Dear Abby and the Federal Citizen Information Center are offering a free Healthy Moms Advice Kit with 10 booklets from the Office of Women's Health, an office of the Food and Drug Administration. These publications offer advice on a variety of health issues for both men and women. Topics include eating out safely, handling hay fever, recognizing and conquering depression, getting a good night's sleep and more. You may read the publica-

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Once my thesis is complete, I will share the data with

Sault Tribe, which means your responses could potentially help the tribe, too. You must be age 18 or older to participate.

Visit www.zoomerang.com/survey/WEB22CDPQA97ZY, a link to the survey can also be found at www.saulttribe.com.

Visit www.zoomerang.com/survey/WEB22CDPRA98MH, this survey is also available at the Sault Tribe Employment Department.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email at grave1bl@cmich.edu.

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Get a taste of college life

Central Michigan University's Native American programs are proud to announce its seventh annual North American Indigenous Summer Enrichment Camp. The camp is designed to expose Native American students to higher education and will be held July 24-28 on the CMU campus.

Twenty students in the grades 8-12 as of the 2011-2012 school year will be accepted into the program. They will participate in activities that

improve academic skills, cultural understanding and leadership abilities, while being exposed to college life. There is a \$50 application fee, but room, board and all activities are provided for.

Deadline for registration is July 8, 2011.

Those who would like an application or have any questions, please feel free to contact the CMU Native American Programs Office at (989) 774-2508 or nap@cmich.edu.

Election Committee vacancy

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Election Committee has one (1) vacant seat. Interested tribal members must submit a letter of intent and three (3) letters of recom-

mendation to: Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783. Please call Tara at (906) 635-6050 or email tbenoit@saulttribe.net with any questions.

Sault Tribe's first language conference slated for July

July 7-9, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Baawting Anishnaabemowin Conference at the powwow grounds and Niiganigiizhik. Everyone is welcome to participate. Registration with dinner feast on Thursday, and

language workshops on Friday and Saturday. Sault Tribe members free and all others \$25. For more information, contact Theresa Lewis at (906) 635-6050 or tlewis1@saulttribe.net; or Cecil Pavlat at (906) 635-6050 or cpavlat@saulttribe.net.

30th Annual Sault Tribe Pow wow & Summer Gathering
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Friday night is open mic night at the pow wow grounds. Competition starts on Saturday. Anybody who is competing must be registered, registration fee paid in full, in full regalia, with number on by Grand Entry at 1:00 p.m. All drums must be registered and sealed by Grand Entry on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. No exceptions. Rules will be provided at time of registration. Pay out at the casino, please have a valid I.D. for payment. People who do not want to compete are still encouraged to dress out and dance. This weekend will be filled with a lot of opportunities for intertribal dancing!

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

DEADLINE DATE (Tuesdays)	PUBLISH DATE (Fridays)
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Ground broken on Sault townhouses for elders

By RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe officials, an elderly couple and an engineering firm representative took shovels in hand on a blustery May 16 and broke ground for the construction of townhouse residences for elders on the Odenaang Community Development site near Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

According to Sault Tribe Housing Authority Director

Joni Talentino, construction preparations for the three townhouses will begin in late May or early June and actual construction is set to start in July.

She noted the townhouses will be “roughed in” by early fall and interior work should be finished during the winter. Each of the three separate townhouse buildings will hold three two-bedroom rental units — a total of nine units — with garages.

The townhouses are designated as smoke-free residences and each building will sit on about an acre of land.

“Housing is very proud to use the ‘force account’ construction method, which means Housing is its own general contractor and our current construction crews will build the homes. The electrical, mechanical, plumbing and foundation work are the only items to be

bid out. U.P. Engineers and Architects along with Housing management developed the design and specifications for the townhouses,” Talentino said.

An Indian Housing Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Native American Programs is funding the \$1.2 million project.

Those interested in learning more information about eligibility criteria, or to acquire assistance with applications, may call Sarah Schmalz at (906) 495-1450.

Odenaang Community Development is a rural Sault Tribe residential area for families and elders south of the Sault Ste. Marie city limit between Seymour Street and Shunk Road.



Photo by Rick Smith

Sault Tribe officials and other representatives break ground on the Odenaang Community Development for the construction of townhouse residences for elders near Sault Ste. Marie on May 16. (Left to right) Jeremy Gangnon of U.P. Engineers and Architects, Sault Tribe Housing Authority Director Joni Talentino, Housing Commission Vice-chair Shirley Goudreau, Housing Construction Director Russ McKerchie, Housing Construction Field Superintendent Arlon Goforth, Sault Tribe Vice Chairwoman Lana Causley, elders Walster and Carole Strausser, Housing Operations Manager Veronica Hickman and Housing Commissioner Kevin Kolbus.

11th annual Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic

From “Classic” pg. 1

Friday night with a reception held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center with golfers teeing off to a shotgun start Saturday morning.

“The purpose of this golf tournament is to raise money toward higher education for our tribal members,” said Jessica Dumback, event organizer. “We are very happy with the results we’ve had over the past 11 years and look forward to its continued success.”

Many students are looking for ways to lessen the financial burden of higher education. “In these times of budget cuts and raising tuition, money becomes a huge issue,” said Aaron King, 2003 Scholarship Recipient. “Scholarships such

as this greatly ease the burden of the students. I did not need to work nearly as many hours as I would have without this aid. Instead, I was able to spend more time focusing on my studies.”

Up to 36 four-person teams will be competing against each other in an 18-hole scramble for prizes, which are awarded to the top three teams in the two divisions of play, men’s and mixed. Some highlights of the classic include a putting contest prior to the shotgun start, hole-in-one prizes of \$25,000, \$10,000 and two vehicles sponsored by local dealerships. There are also course prizes for those who are closest to the pin, have the longest drive, the longest putt and those closest to

the water. All golfers receive a gift bag, casino package, team photo, lunch and dinner at a banquet following the Classic at Kewadin Casino.

Sault Tribe Education Director Angeline Boulley said, “Education is the most important way to strengthen a nation — Sault Tribe and our country as a whole. Having educated tribal members who are knowledgeable in tribal history, our Anishinaabe ways and language (bemaadziwin and Anishinaabemowin) and in whatever particular field of study our students pursue as their passion, will strengthen our tribe from within. On behalf of our college students, our future leaders and ambassadors, I say G’tchi Miigwech to our

generous vendors and other participants for their support of the Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic.”

Sault Tribe board member Bernard Bouschor came up with the idea for a golf classic to benefit the growing number of tribal students who were attending university and being assisted through the tribe’s self-sufficiency fund.

“We realized the demand was growing and the cost was increasing,” Bouschor said. “I attended a lot of golf outings that were fundraisers for various events and I saw how successful they were. We looked at vendors who were doing business with the tribe and utilized them to assist in kicking off the first scholarship drive 11 years

ago. It feels pretty good to see it survive after all this time.”

The classic works with over 100 sponsors, including those who work with the Sault Tribe and Kewadin Casino, to make the event successful. “We made the event something that everyone could enjoy,” Bouschor said. “There is competition for those who are golfers and a good time for those who wanted to come and support the event.”

To become a sponsor of the Classic, or for more information, contact Jessica Dumback at (906) 635-7770 or by email at jdumback@saulttribe.net. For information about tribal scholarships, call the tribe’s Higher Education Department at (906) 635-7784 or toll free at (855) 635-7784.

Sault Tribe Health Center clinic renovation to improve services

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe Health Center is renovating areas of its second floor to provide patients greater access to care and medical providers with additional room for their patients. The space was made available by Contract Health Services’ move to the third floor. The tentative open date is the week of June 20.

A medical team with a physician, a nurse practitioner or physician’s assistant, and an RN or LPN, will occupy the new space along with Sarah Willey, Community Health diabetes nurse practitioner and program manager. Willey will offer diabetic services integrated with the clinic and medical services. “My office will remain in Community Health where I will continue to oversee the services offered by the diabetes and nutrition



Sarah Willey, Community Health diabetes nurse practitioner and program manager and Sault Tribe Medical Director Rebecca Werner, MD (L-R).

programs, but I will soon begin providing clinical care for adult patients with diabetes on the second floor in the new medical space,” said Willey.

Willey is a certified diabetes educator and diabetes nurse

practitioner with 15 years of experience managing the diabetes care of adult patients. She is looking forward to expanding her role at the health center, she said.

Three medical teams will be providing patient care throughout both sides of the clinic space. Expecting to be at full staff by this fall, Sault Tribe Medical Director Rebecca Werner, MD, said she expects to hire a physician and a mid-level practitioner to fill current vacancies.

Werner said the increased clinical space will allow providers to see patients more efficiently.

The renovations to the clinic were funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. Joel Lumsden, Tony Abramson and Bonnie Culfa wrote the application

that awarded the funds from Indian Health Service.

Applying for the funding was a competitive process focused on increasing access to care and on diabetes.

In similar news, the Munising Health Center recently welcomed Colin Irish, doctor of osteopathic medicine, to their staff. Dr. Irish offers osteopathic manipulative treatment for patients with chronic pain and is also a certified acupuncturist.

He will be seeing patients at the Munising Health Center on a regular basis with once-a-month visits on the first Friday of each month at the Sault



Colin Irish, D.O.

clinic. Health Division Director Bonnie Culfa, RN, thinks acupuncture is a great additional service for tribal members. “I have used acupuncture treatments for chronic pain with really good results,” she said. “For a lot of our chronic pain patients, I think this is another avenue of treatment to help them get away from narcotics and have a healthier outcome.”

In addition to helping patients with chronic pain, Dr. Irish is a board certified family physician and can see patients for their general health care needs.

To make an appointment with Dr. Irish at the Sault Tribe Health Center, call the appointment desk at 632-5230 and in Munising call 387-4721. To make an appointment with Sarah Willey for diabetes care, call 632-5230.

St. Ignace walk to school day gives kids a healthy alternative

FROM JEANETTE O'ROURKE

St. Ignace elementary and middle schools conducted Walk Home From School events on May 19 as a part of an ongoing "Safe Routes 2 School" Initiative.

The students walked routes of about one-half mile from the school to the Mackinac County Courthouse where they boarded buses, or to the Straits Evangelical Church where parents were waiting.

School staff and parent volunteers escorted the walking groups.

This is the second year the St. Ignace elementary and middle schools staged the walking events intended to promote the fun and health benefits of walking to and from school. Students also learn about the



importance of safe walking routes and sidewalks.

The events were held in conjunction with "Safe Routes 2 School" and Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance For Health to

help raise awareness in students about the benefits walking provides.

Jeanette O'Rourke is a Sault Tribe community health educator in St. Ignace.

Elders teach first graders art of gardening



JKL Bahweting PSA first graders recently had lunch with Sault elders at Nokomis-Mishomis to look at the tulips they planted last year and give the elders tomato plants. Above, one of the kids helps an elder plant and water their new plants.

NCAI statement on the naming of Operation Geronimo

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a recently released statement, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) responded to the death of Osama bin Laden and reports that the American Indian name "Geronimo" was used as the code name for the operation to kill the al-Qaeda leader.

"We join President Obama in reflecting on the sacrifices made by the members of our military to defend our great nation. When terrorists attacked on 9/11, it was an attack on our homeland that deeply affected tribal nations, along with our fellow citizens. Osama bin Laden was a shared enemy. Since 2001, 61 American Indians and Alaskan Natives have died defending our country in Afghanistan and Iraq. Close to 450 have been wounded," said Jefferson Keel, president of NCAI, the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organi-

zation in the country.

"Let's be very clear about what is important here; the successful removal of Osama bin Laden as a threat to the United States honors the sacrifice these Native warriors made for the United States and their people," added Keel, an Army veteran and the Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma.

In November 2010, the Pentagon estimated that nearly 24,000 American Indian and Alaska Native active duty personnel serve across the Armed Forces. Hundreds of thousands of tribal members have served in the U.S. military in the last century making vital contributions, such as the Native American code talkers.

Reports from news outlets in the days following the tactical strike in Pakistan to capture or kill bin Laden stated that the

military's code name for him was "Geronimo," referring to the Apache leader revered by many as a hero in the southwestern United States.

"Our understanding is that bin Laden's actual code name was 'Jackpot' and the operation name was 'Geronimo,'" said Keel. "To associate a Native warrior with bin Laden is not an accurate reflection of history and it undermines the military service of Native people. It's critical that military leaders and operational standards honor the service of those who protect our freedom."

Keel is a retired U.S. Army officer with over 20 years active duty service. He served two extended tours of combat duty as an infantryman in Vietnam, and received numerous awards and decorations for heroism, including two Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star with "V" for valor, and the Army Commendation

Storied activist Dennis Banks visits Bawating



From left, Patrick McCoy, proprietor of the Wolf's Den, with prominent Anishinaabe activist Dennis Banks in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

BY RICK SMITH

Dennis Banks of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota received greetings and salutations from folks of the eastern Upper Peninsula and Canada during a recent visit to the area. He spoke with the Sault Tribe Board of Directors at a workshop on May 24 at Kewadin Casino and, later, was the guest of honor at ceremonies and functions at the Wolf's Den Coffee Shop and Arcade in downtown Sault Ste. Marie.

Banks is one of the early leaders of the American Indian Movement and founder of the Longest Walk events in support of Indian Country causes. His experiences include many other roles in support of indigenous issues plus some roles in cinematic productions.

According to promotional material acquired at the Wolf's Den, Banks is scheduled to return to the area in July to serve as chief for the inaugural Michigan American Indian Movement Sundance south of Sault Ste. Marie near 8 Mile Road and M-129 from July 6 to July 17.

Sault Tribe member Patrick McCoy recently opened the Wolf's Den at 112 Ridge Street in Sault Ste. Marie. The business is also used as a base in support of functions that further American Indian interests.

Those interested in learning more information about the coming sundance set for this summer or about the Wolf's Den may call McCoy at (906) 259-1515 or send email to firstwolf2000@yahoo.com.



The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) honored Su Palmer, who is retiring the end of the school year, for her dedicated service and leadership at JKL Bahweting PSA. Representatives from the Minneapolis Education Line Office thanked her for the many contribution she made to the students. Left, Jharnaine Weston, education specialist with the BIE; Su Palmer, school administrator; and Steph Tepper, BIE education specialist.

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— J. Dale-Burton, editor

Medal with valor. He is a former airborne ranger, infantry platoon sergeant and platoon leader, and served as an instructor in the elite U.S. Army Rangers.

Revised data as provided by Department of Defense:

- American Indian/Alaska Native military deaths in Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom, or OIF) from March 2003 - May 2, 2011: 42.

- American Indian/Alaska Native military wounded in action in Iraq (OIF) from March 2003 - May 2, 2011: 336.

- American Indian/Alaska Native military deaths in Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom, or OEF) from October 2001 - May 2, 2011: 19.

- American Indian/Alaska Native military wounded in action in Afghanistan (OEF) from October 2001 - May 2, 2011: 109.

Sault Tribe opposes Frontier energy project

KATHIE BROSEMER, TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

Maybe you've heard about the ethanol plant that's supposed to be going in at Kinross. The proponents would have you believe it's the greatest thing, greenhouse gas-free fuel to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. But dig a little deeper and ask, who's paying for it? And what's it going to cost us, in subsidies, environmental costs and economic impacts to the region?

The Frontier energy project is a privately owned project that is using public funding — taxpayers' money — to finance an experimental biomass-to-ethanol plant in Kinross, Mich. Currently, they have secured \$22 million from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and have applied for an additional \$50 million from the United States Department of Energy. The estimated total investment of the project is approximately \$260 million.

Additional subsidies are in the form of utility supply — paid for by the ratepayers of that utility. They will need a water/sewer infrastructure to supply 200 gallons of water per minute, and return 100 gallons per minute of polluted water to the Munuscong River. They will need electric power lines, natural gas pipelines and a rail spur.

Their air and water pollution will affect us, as well as the noise and dust from 70 log hauling trucks per day going to and from the plant, located

across the road from the Sault Tribe's Kinross housing development.

And they will irremediably alter the tribe's hunting lands. For these reasons and others, the Sault Tribe board and the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority have both passed resolutions opposing this plant. But the plans go on.

Here's what they're planning to do, from the documents posted on the DEQ website:

"Frontier is proposing to receive whole logs and debark and chip them. The bark will be stored in a silo and either burned in the on-site boiler or sold as a product. Frontier is also proposing to receive wood chips. The wood chips will be stored in silos and mechanically conveyed to a pre-treatment process to prepare them for fermentation. The treated feedstock will then be transferred to the fermentation system.

"The product of the fermentation system will be distilled to separate the ethanol from most of the water and the residual solids. The distilled ethanol/water mixture will go through molecular sieves to produce pure ethanol, which will be mixed with a denaturant (gasoline or natural gasoline) to produce denatured ethanol (95 percent ethanol, 5 percent denaturant)."

Resources used: 3,620 green tons of high density hardwoods per day.

The process only uses bole wood (tree trunks) to ferment and distil to make ethanol. This

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is not sticks and leaves. It's not waste wood, sawdust, or bark. It's standing living trees that form the hardwood forest ecosystem of the eastern U.P.

The amount that is proposed to be used is equal to the annual growth from 1.3 million acres of forest.

This wood would come from a 150 mile radius. This radius would encompass 80 percent of the public lands within the 1836 ceded territory.

All of the hardwoods that are currently cut on the Hiawatha National Forest in an entire year would run the plant for less than 60 days.

Resources used: Natural Gas to fire six 90 million BTU boilers

This is more than the amount of energy that the ethanol the plant produces will yield, not even counting the energy needed to harvest and transport the trees to the plant.

When confronted with this inconsistency at a late stage (after the air permit they applied for last year had been awarded),

the plant's proponents went back to the drawing board.

Current plans are to burn wood waste to heat the process instead of natural gas, which is why they need to ask for a new air permit. This means that even more wood will be used, in addition to the bole wood they'll use for the ethanol itself.

It also means scrubbers, which means some of the air pollutants will be captured in the wastewater stream and emitted to the Munuscong River.

They will still need natural gas pipelines to operate ignition systems to light the wood waste boilers, emergency generators, and emergency fire suppression pumps.

Air pollution

Biomass operations have an exemption from normal air permitting rules. If this were a conventional energy operation (e.g. a coal-fired power plant or an oil refinery) it would require a major air permit if any one pollutant exceeded 100 tons or if any combination of pollutants exceeded 250 tons annually. The list below gives the air emissions proposed from the new system burning wood waste — much more than the threshold for a major air permit. Scrubbers are planned, but only for the lignin dryers, not from the boilers themselves.

Several toxic air contaminants (and possible carcinogens): Acetaldehyde, acrolein, benzene, chlorine, formaldehyde, hydrogen chloride, methanol, methyl isobutyl ketone, n-hexane, and styrene

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40 million gallons of ethanol amounts to less than 0.75 percent of the state of Michigan's annual fuel budget. Ethanol is touted as being part of the answer to America's energy independence, but a factory that uses much more energy than it produces, while supplying such a paltry amount of ethanol, is not part of the solution.

Economic impacts

This plant, at its peak, is proposed to employ 50 people. This amounts to an investment of \$5.2 million of public investment per plant employee — an absurd amount. This investment-to-jobs ratio is even worse

than nuclear power, which on any list of infrastructure spending comes in dead last for that measurement.

In addition, the proposed plant will be a timber user and will directly compete with other timber industries who are large employers in this region. How many jobs will it cost us? Will this plant still be around once those other jobs are no longer?

Finally, the proponents like to point to wood harvesting jobs. However, it is well known that within that 150 mile radius are significant high quality hardwood stands on the Canadian side of the border, all along the railroad line north of the Sault. These private lands were ceded to the railway a century ago and were sold off to other private interests about 15 years ago.

JL Longyear, the timber company that is selling to Frontier, has a wood yard at the Odena rail stop, just north of Sault Ste. Marie. It is likely that U.S. taxpayers will be subsidizing a U.P. factory that will create woods jobs in Canada, not in the U.P.

The posting on Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's website is copied below. You can go to the link, read the documents that are posted there, and add your comments online.

FRONTIER KINROSS LLC, KINROSS TOWNSHIP, CHIPPEWA COUNTY, for the proposed draft permit for the installation and operation of a 40 million gallon per year wood-to-ethanol facility with a 535 MMBtu/hr bubbling fluidized bed biomass boiler. This proposal is a re-design of the previously permitted proposal and includes elimination of the natural gas boilers and the proposed installation of the fluidized bed boiler, which will burn biomass generated at the facility, as well as using a scrubber to control the air emissions from the lignin dryer. The facility would be located in Kinross Township, Mich.

New Source Review public notice documents can be viewed at www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cworp.shtml. Written comments are being accepted until June 15, 2011. Comments can be submitted online by clicking on "Submit Comment" under the Frontier Kinross, LLC, Permit to Install No. 166-09A listing. If requested by June 15, 2011, an informational session and public hearing will be held June 21, 2011 (see June 21 listing in this calendar). Written comments should be sent to Mary Ann Dolehanty, Permit Section Supervisor, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

All statements received by June 15, 2011, will be considered by the decision-maker prior to final action. Information Contact: Paul Schleusener, Air Quality Division, 517-335-6828. Decision-maker: G. Vinson Hellwig, Air Quality Division Chief.

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Campbell, Milsap say goodbye in October

Get your tickets May 20 to see two of country's most popular, award winning and influential performers — Glen Campbell and Ronnie Milsap! These two American country music artists will perform in the DreamMakers Theater at Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie on Oct. 13, 2011, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45.

Glen Campbell, one of the most successful pop-country crossover acts of the 1960s and 1970s, will bid fans farewell this summer with a special Glen Campbell Goodbye Tour that will hit Kewadin Casinos. The singer, whose classic hits include *Gentle On My Mind*, *Wichita Lineman* and *Rhinestone Cowboy*, is putting the finishing touches on his final studio album, titled *Ghost On the Canvas*, according to Billboard Country Update. The project is slated for a summer release.

During his 50 years in show business, Campbell released more than 70 albums, sold 45 million records and racked up 12 RIAA Gold albums, four platinum albums and one double-platinum album. Campbell's hits include John Hartford's *Gentle on My Mind*, Jimmy Webb's *By the Time I Get to*



Glen Campbell

Phoenix, Wichita Lineman and *Galveston*, Larry Weiss's *Rhinestone Cowboy* and Allen Toussaint's *Southern Nights*. In 2005, Campbell was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Ronnie Milsap, American country music singer and pianist, became country music's first well-known blind singer, and one of the most successful and versatile country "cross-over" singers of his time. Milsap's biggest crossover hits include *It Was Almost Like a Song*, *Smoky Mountain Rain*, (There's) *No Gettin' Over Me*, *I Wouldn't Have Missed It For the World*, *Any Day Now* and *Stranger in My House*, among others. He is credited with



Ronnie Milsap

six Grammy Awards and 40 number-one country hits, third to George Strait and Conway Twitty.

He has garnered 40 number-one hits, over 35 million records sold, seven Grammy Awards, four Academy of Country Music Awards, and Eight Country Music Association Awards. Together, they underscore Milsap's position as one of the best-loved and most enduring artists in country music history.

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Abandoned boat on St. Marys River: whose jurisdiction? Taxpayers looking for state-tribe resolution

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — A tangled mess of legalities, including concerns over infringing on treaty rights, has left the state of Michigan apprehensive of taking action against a Bay Mills Indian Community member who has left his boat sit in the Shallows area of the St. Marys River since some time last summer. The boat has since sunk and is resting in shallow water not too far from the shipping channel with the engine and anchor still attached.

According to Sgt. Gerald Thayer, conservation officer with the Department of Natural Resources, it was the hope of local law enforcement agencies that Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) would approve a new regulation at its May 26 meeting allowing Bay Mills Law Enforcement to treat abandoned tribal member boats in a similar manner as abandoned tribal fishing nets — allowing law enforcement to legally remove them. Although the matter was discussed at the CORA meeting, a new regulation was not passed, according to Bay Mills attorney Katherine Tierney.

Tierney said she didn't believe there would be any further action by Bay Mills Law Enforcement on the matter and that it wouldn't go any further with CORA than it already has.

The intertribal regulatory agency CORA oversees treaty fishing on the Great Lakes. Member tribes are Bay Mills, Sault Tribe, Little River Band, Little Traverse Bay Bands and Grand Traverse Band.

Bay Mills Conservation Department Captain Ben Carrick said the boat's owner is a member of the Bay Mills tribe whose commercial fishing license has been revoked. Prior to CORA's May 26 meeting, Carrick said that his hope was to see a regulation passed



allowing Bay Mills to have jurisdiction over the matter.

Carrick said the owner of the boat has been advised numerous times to remove it, but has been uncooperative. "The boat is currently not in violation of any of our regulations, so we can't just go out and get it. Our regulations only cover tribal fishing. If there is a violation of a state or city code, then that appropriate jurisdiction could handle it," said Carrick.

He added, "I know it doesn't look good for the tribe to have a tribally-owned boat sunk in the river. We would like to be able to get it out as soon as there is a regulation allowing us to do that."

According to CORA Assistant Executive Director Beverly Aikens, minutes from the May 26 meeting will not be available until they are approved at the next CORA meeting in June. Asked if she could explain why the regulation failed to pass or if it was in fact presented at the meeting, she said no member of the CORA board could make an official statement until the minutes are approved.

Thayer said, "If this were a non-tribal member we would have been able to handle it immediately. It's just a big can of worms right now. A

lot of people in the neighborhood where the sunken boat is are frustrated and disgruntled. People call and I talk to them and they say 'What if it was me? You'd come and hammer me, wouldn't you?' And I have to say yep, we would. It's something that we just don't ignore."

Thayer said the DNR appreciates the rights the tribes have, but that the average citizen doesn't always understand those rights and only sees that tribal members can sometimes do things they can't. "When we started catching wind of this incident through various complaints, every agency responded that could. We responded, Bay Mills, Sault Tribe, DEQ, the Coast Guard and police."

Since the boat is outside of city limits, what it boils down to, according to Thayer, is the state of Michigan is going to have to take jurisdiction over the matter and give the DNR the authority to act. Because the boat is not in the shipping channel or creating a pollution issue the U.S. Coast Guard was also unable to do anything to remove it.

According to Thayer, conservation officers in the state of Michigan are strictly forbidden to take action until they receive a green light from Lansing. "It crossed many desks through the

chain of command, all the way up to Lansing and the order came back that we would rather the tribe do it, or that we work with the tribe to accomplish it," he said. "This issue went back and forth between the tribe and the state of Michigan several times since last fall; Lansing felt it was a tribal issue and the tribe felt it was a state issue."

Thayer said if Lansing were to give them the green light, there would be nothing stopping them from charging the boat's owner in state court. "It's the same case with Bay Mills," he said. "If they feel there is no law on the books to cover that and it's not in their language in their regulations, then they are going to proceed with caution. If the state came in and confiscated the boat, lawyers could be hired to say that we have infringed on tribal fishing issues. It's kind of a wicked Catch 22. I can testify to you first hand that all the agencies involved feel pretty bad about what happened; especially for the folks that pay taxes in the Shallows area."

Additional complaints against the boat's owner include driving an ORV in the water to on-load and off-load the boat and leaving rotting fish guts in the driveway, trashcans and in the woods where he resided at

the time.

Thayer said he hopes that if CORA and Bay Mills are unable to respond and remove the boat from the river that his office will send the file up the chain of command for the second time with high hopes they will get a green light from Lansing to take care of the matter. "We are ready to go," he said.

Residents of the Shallows area hope the state of Michigan and Bay Mills Law Enforcement will resolve the issue before the boat becomes ice-locked for the second time this coming winter.

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Native contracting program under fire

BY RICK SMITH

Leaders of several American Indian organizations recently testified before Congress on the importance of the Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development program to Indian Country. The program, often referred to as the 8(a) Business Development or 8(a)BD program, is under scrutiny after an amendment to an unrelated bill was introduced by Senator Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) to stem alleged waste and abuse by Alaska Native contractors. American Indian leaders speculate the action is a first step in eliminating the 30-year-old initiative.

The Native American Contractors Association reported that the U.S. Government Accountability Office conducted a review of the waste and abuse allegations against

Alaska Natives participating in the program and found no evidence to substantiate the claims. While Indian Country leaders supported new regulations passed last March to curb such allegations, they question the motives behind further restrictions on the program.

Essentially, the Small Business Act authorizes the program to aid disadvantaged budding business proprietors, including American Indian tribes, to compete in the U.S. economy through federal help in development. Eligible participants enter into a nine-year term with the aim of graduating to an independent and successful business structure. The term may be shortened by termination, early graduation or voluntary graduation. Along with other provisions, the program sets aside a small percentage of government con-

tracts for participants.

"Now is not the time to roll back years of socio-economic progress," Lance Morgan, chairman of the Native American Contractors Association, told the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. "Progress has already taken too long to occur. The Native 8(a) program has resulted in just what Congress intended — building stronger Native communities that have been devastated by economic distress. The Native 8(a) program is a rare federal program that works by providing incentives that stimulate economic development in Native communities, diversifying Native economies and providing revenue for scholarships, training and encouraging entrepreneurship in Native communities."

Jackie Johnson-Pata, execu-

tive director of the National Congress of American Indians, noted that the program is a demonstration of the Congressional commitment in promoting tribal self-determination and self-sufficiency. It also reflects the goal of American Indian communities in providing services and other benefits to their members. She said the trust relationship between Indian Country and the United States is carried out through the U.S. Constitution and many Congressionally enacted statutes such as the Native 8(a) business development provisions.

Indian Country's message to the committee was that the program is still needed and to let the recently enacted regulations go to work instead of eliminating the program that Morgan described as "not a handout, but a hand up."

Small business loans get needed boost

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Northern Shores Loan Fund (NSLF), Inc. is a Certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) incorporated under the Little Traverse Bay Bands (LTBB) of Odawa Indians offering small loans and development services to businesses that find it difficult to meet conventional lending requirements.

The Fund was established to help promote entrepreneurial growth for LTBB members in hopes of drawing people back to the reservation, according to Executive Director Lisa McComb. The Fund is also available to help members of other tribes and serves the non-Native community as well. In order to benefit from the Fund's services, the business and business owner must reside in one of the six counties served by the Fund: Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand



NSLF Executive Director Lisa McComb

Traverse and Kalkaska.

In addition to offering loans from \$500 to \$15,000, Northern Shores offers business plan development, credit counseling, accounting principles, business structuring and workshops. "We can help businesses start up or expand and diversify, or develop their existing business," McComb said. "That can be

through development services such as financial education, reviewing cash flow, helping with marketing analysis; pretty much anything that a business may need — and if we can't do it in-house, we have a great professional network of peers we refer to in the communities we serve that can help as well."

In 2009, NSLF became the first Native American CDFI in northern Lower Michigan to receive certification status by the Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institution Fund. Having this certification affords NSLF larger capitalization opportunities allowing them to increase their lending and technical services to local entrepreneurs struggling to exist.

NSLF opened their doors for business in 2008 and since that time has served over 120 clients. "Because we revolve the loan funds back into Northern Shores and re-lend them out, we

want to make sure those loans are successful," McComb said. "Through fiscal year end 2010, we had zero delinquency on our notes and our clients in three of the counties we serve have been able to retain or create 29 jobs, as well as doubling their revenue. We have a very high success rate — once we approve a loan we don't just send you on your way. Part of the loan requirement is also meeting with us once every quarter — sometimes once a month for new businesses — and going over the balance sheet and profit and loss to make sure things are moving forward."

The Fund prefers to secure all loans with business collateral. However, non-traditional forms of collateral, such as personal assets, are sometimes considered.

McComb said the fund is willing to work with higher risk clients that may have struggled the past few years because of

the economy, to keep them operational, allowing them to hire employees and promote economic development within the six counties they serve.

If you are interested in the Fund's loan services, the initial visit is usually a question and answer session. Having a well-defined business plan is also a requirement. "We want to make sure that within a business plan there are goals, objectives and strategies for success," she said.

Some of the Fund's success stories include local business in the Indian River/Petoskey/Harbor Springs area such as North Shore Lawn Works, Rosetta's Cottage Interiors, Trillium Salon and Tannery Creek Market.

For more information visit www.northernshoresloanfund.org, call (231) 347-6753 or use info@northernshoresloanfund.org. The NSLF is located at 1131 W. Conway Road, Suite A, in Harbor Springs, Mich.

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U-M Road Scholars visit



Photos by Brenda Austin

The 2011 Michigan Road Scholars, as part of a five-day tour of the state of Michigan each May for 30 faculty and staff chosen from all three University of Michigan campuses, took a tour of the Tribal Health Center in St. Ignace on May 3. Marlene Glaseman, Rural Health Clinic director and Laura Collins, traditional practitioner assistant, answered questions and gave the group a guided tour of both the Mackinac Straits Health System and the tribe's health clinic, traditional medicine program, pharmacy and dental clinic. Tami Hartwig from the hospital conducted the group tour of the hospital side. The Michigan Road Scholars annual tour is designed to develop among faculty an awareness of the state's geography, economy, culture, government and politics, history, educational systems, health and social issues. Laura Collins (above right), traditional practitioner assistant, explained the Traditional Medicine Program and answered any questions the group had. The group examined some of the traditional medicines used by practitioners (bottom, right).



American Indian arts and crafts need protections

By RICK SMITH

A recent federal study revealed U.S. government agencies don't know much about the extent of the market for Indian Country arts and crafts, nor do they know how much that market is threatened by fraud through misrepresentation of authenticity.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) conducted the study and made no recommendations on its findings. The GAO is an independent, nonpartisan investigative agency that serves and supports Congress in improving functions of the government.

Misrepresentation of works as authentic American Indian-

produced arts and crafts has been persistent for a long time. The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1935 established the Indian Arts and Crafts Board to counter economic damage and promote the trade of authentic works but, according to the report, fraud continues and has potential for growth.

Recognizing that at least 1.9 million members of federally recognized Indian tribes live in the United States, the report points out that many of those who create pottery, baskets, rugs and other works of arts and crafts sell them to wholesalers, retailers and directly to the public.

"Misrepresentation by sale of unauthentic products cre-

ated by non-Indians, including imports from foreign countries, is a matter of great concern to Indian artisans, who may have to reduce their prices or lose sales because of competition from lower-priced imitation products," the report notes. "This could have a potentially significant negative economic effect on the Indian arts and crafts market and, consequently, on the individuals and tribes who rely on this market for income."

Further, Indian artisans expressed concerns about the future of the authentic arts and crafts trade if traditional knowledge about creating the wares, passed from generation to generation, fades from

existence by younger generations unable to make a living by continuing in the trade. Similarly, imitation products may cause great harm to the reputability of the Indian arts and crafts market through shoddiness and consequent clientele distrust about authentic works.

The report notes that both the actual size of the American Indian arts and crafts market and the extent of misrepresentation are unknown because of outdated, limited and unreliable information. It further concludes a comprehensive study to get estimates on the trade as well as sales of knock-offs would be complex, expensive and may not deliver

reliable results.

Comments attached to the report from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Commerce indicate concurrence with the GAO findings and cooperation in any efforts that may be made to address the situation.

While the GAO did not suggest any specific remedies for misrepresentation in the Indian arts and crafts trade, the agency raised a number of possible protective measures such as including Indian traditional knowledge and cultural expressions in federal and state laws protecting intellectual property and other options.

Four men indicted for illegal possession and sale of bald eagle carcass and feathers

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — A federal grand jury in Oklahoma City returned three separate indictments charging four men with the unlawful possession, transport and sale of a Bald Eagle carcass and Bald Eagle feathers. Sanford C. Coats, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, announced the indictments in a May 18 news release.

The issuance of permits

to possess a Bald Eagle or its feathers is limited to Native Americans who are enrolled members of federally recognized tribes.

Federal law prohibits the sale of Bald Eagles or feathers.

The first indictment alleges that William Creepingbear, 50, of Norman, Okla., a member of the Kiowa tribe, and Tuhtaka Neshoba Wilson, 38, of Norman, a member of the Choctaw tribe, conspired in

June 2008 to illegally possess, transport, and sell a Bald Eagle carcass and Bald Eagle feathers for profit, according to Coats' release.

Specifically, according to the release, it is alleged that in June 2008, Creepingbear informed Wilson he was looking to obtain eagle feathers. It is alleged that Wilson stole a Bald Eagle carcass from his sister and brother-in-law, who had obtained permits from the Fish and Wildlife

Service and received an adult Bald Eagle from the Repository. It is alleged that Wilson then transported the Bald Eagle carcass from Ada to Norman where he sold it to Creepingbear for \$300. It is then alleged that Wilson subsequently bought some of the stolen eagle feathers from Creepingbear to sell to another person.

In a related indictment, Brandon Roberts, (a/k/a "Jay Greenwood"), 34, of

Oklahoma City, a member of the Chickasaw Nation, was charged with illegally possessing, transporting, and selling Bald Eagle feathers. In a third indictment, Michael J. Yount, 37, of Norman, Okla., was charged with illegally possessing, transporting and selling a Bald Eagle carcass, according to the release.

If convicted of their respective charges, each of these four defendants face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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Mother and daughter get master's degrees

Sault Tribe members Corrina (nee Schmidt) Huffman and her daughter, Melissa Beard, both recently graduated with master's degrees.

Beard received a Master of Arts degree in communication and media studies from Wayne State University in Detroit,

Mich., and was accepted into the doctoral program in cultural studies at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Huffman received a Master of Science in general business administration from Central Michigan University.

Huffman is the daughter and Beard is the granddaughter of Sault Tribe elder Phyllis (Cassibo) Schmidt. Schmidt passed away after a battle with cancer in June 2007 and would be extremely proud of her daughter's and granddaughter's accomplishments.

After attending The Holy Childhood of Jesus Christ Indian Boarding School in Harbor Springs, Mich., and the Thomas W. Ferry School on Mackinac Island, Schmidt always emphasized the importance of education and wanted nothing more than to

see her children succeed.

Beard also holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Michigan State University and Huffman holds a bachelor's degree in management and organizational development from Spring Arbor University.

Birth announcements . . .



JACKSON R. MARCHAND

Jackson Robert Marchand was born May 26, 2011, to Mandy and Robert Marchand of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21.5 inches in length.

He joins big sisters Paige and Ella.

Grandparents are Robert and Kathy Marchand and Al and Lucy Tipton.

Baby weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.

Loretto joins big sister, Bella Grace Capriccioso, who was born May 2, 2009.

Grandparents are Art and Bev Morgan of Tecumseh, Mich., and Marcy and the late Robert Capriccioso of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



HAILEY MAE BRYANT AND MADISON ANN BRYANT

Ashley Moore and Jeremy Bryant are the proud parents of twin girls born on April 30, 2011, at Marquette General Hospital.

Hailey weighed 4 pounds, 9 ounces and was 17.5 inches in length. Madison weighed 6 pounds and was 17 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Susan (DesJarden) and Jason Mercier of Nahma, Mich., and Andy Moore of Isabella, Mich.

Great-grandparents are Terry and Carol DesJarden of Cooks, Mich., and Pat and

the late Sandy Sundling of Isabella, Mich.

Paternal grandparents are Bruce and Laurie Bryant of Gladstone, Mich. Great-grandparents are Joe and Alice Rousseau of Gladstone and Carl and Mary Bryant of Rapid River, Mich.



GRIFFIN LEONARD

Griffin (Finn) Philo Leonard was born on April 28, 2011, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, Mich., to tribal member Kevin Philo Leonard and his wife, Shannon Mulally, of Holt, Mich.

He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, measured 19 inches in length and arrived over three weeks early.

Grandparents are George and Angela Leonard, DeTour Village, and Bob and Brenda Mulally, Rockford, Mich.

He is the great-grandson of the late Beatrice King Leonard of the Thessalon Band of Ottawa, and the late Herman L. Leonard of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

His only surviving great-grandparent is Ola Burnett, Charlotte, Mich.



LORETTO ARTHUR CAPRICCIOSO

Loretto Arthur Capriccioso was born March 27, 2011, at Montgomery General Hospital in Olney, Md., to parents Rob Capriccioso and Katrina Morgan of Silver Spring, Md.

McBride wins state technical competition

Benjamin "BJ" McBride, 19, is working to get his certification in major appliance repair from the Manatee Technical institute in Bradenton, Fla.

He recently won the Florida SkillsUSA competition for technical school students and will be going to the national competition s in Kansas City in June.

His mother, Beverly McBride, said, "We're very proud of him."



Benjamin McBride

His category in the competition was principles of technology and his topic was about circuitry, incandescent and fluorescent lighting.

He is the son of Michael McBride of Sarasota, Fla., and Beverly Waters McBride of Bradentown, Fla.; he is the grandson of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians member Fae McBride of Sarasota, Fla., and Brimley, Mich.

Lawrence graduates

Kaleigh Lawrence graduated from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in social work.

She is the daughter of Rob and Becky Lawrence of Swartz Creek, Mich., and the granddaughter of Bob and Carol Lawrence of Eckerman, Mich.

Kaleigh was selected to join Teach for America, a program geared towards solving educational inequity. She will be teaching elementary level students in St. Louis, Mo., for the next two years.

Kaleigh's family would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for all the support and awards from the Education Department. Your encouragement has been greatly



Kaleigh Lawrence appreciated.

Congratulations, Kaleigh!

Oberle acquires master's

Linda M. Oberle earned her master's in social work on May 14. She attended the University of North Dakota's graduate program for the past two years.

She is the daughter of Late Daniel W. and Vivian M. (nee Andress) Oberle, the mother of Rodney P. Grogan Jr. and caretaker of her niece, Dawn E. Oberle.

Linda resides in Yakima, Wash., and works for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.



Linda M. Oberle

Johnson on dean's list

Sault Tribe member Travis Richard Johnson, 21, has been named to the Northern Michigan University dean's list.

The 2008 Rudyard High School graduate is entering his senior year with a major in criminal justice.

His parents are Paul and Esther Thompson of Rudyard, Mich.



Richard Travis Johnson

O'Keefe named as scholar

Katelynn O'Keefe, daughter of David and Margie O'Keefe, has been named an Education Excellence Scholar at Negaunee High School. She will graduate with high honors in June. In her four years of high school, Katelynn has participated in a variety of academic, athletic and community service activities including gymnastics, track, yearbook, Key Club, Zonta Club, Action Troupe, Peer Coaching and the National Honor Society. In 2008, she attended the Horizons College Prep Program for Native Americans Students at Yale University. In the fall, Katelynn will attend the University of



Katelynn O'Keefe Detroit Mercy's Accelerated Physician's Assistant program.

Menard family expresses thanks —

Miigwech from the Menard family, Staff Sgt. Shawn Menard and family would like to extend a heartfelt g'tchi miigwech for the luncheon and 50/50 raffle fundraiser at the Sault Kewadin Casino.

and her staff, did an excellent job putting this together. The Sault Kewadin Casino went above and beyond and provided excellent service. The staff was professional and very helpful.

You all deserve a huge pat on the back.

We also want to thank community members who helped by buying tickets, eating lunch or making donations. Many of you said you would keep Shawn in your prayers, which is the biggest gift of all.

G'tchi miigwech.

Cathy Abramson, Barb Willis

News from the Elder Advisory Committee

The Elder Advisory Committee (EAC) met April 25.

Bob Menard opened the meeting at 12:32 p.m. and a prayer was offered by Dolores LeVeque. A moment of silence was observed for those of our community who recently walked on and for our armed forces and their families. Bob Menard took the roll. There was a quorum.

Nine voting members and two alternate members were present. Those absent were excused.

Seven guests were in attendance: Elder Division Director Sheryl Hammock and staff member Emma LeClerc. Neither Chairman Joe McCoy nor any members of the board of directors were in attendance.

The agenda was accepted with the addition of items 8.f., "Discuss allowable token redemption time," and item 8.g., "Discuss mileage rate."

Approval of the minutes of the March 28, 2011, meeting was tabled until the May meeting.

Old business

A.) Bob indicated that he received an email on April 20, 2011, from Election Committee Chairperson Mike McKerchie regarding the EAC suggestion that a "meet the candidate" forum be provided for each of the areas having a unit subcommittee, prior to an election. Bob also spoke with Mike on the way over to the meeting today and was told that the Election Committee had some questions they would like to discuss and would it be possible for Bob to meet with them before the last part of May. On a motion by Dolores LeVeque, supported by Phil Payment and carried, Bob is authorized to go to Sault Ste. Marie and meet with the Election Committee to discuss

the recommendations made by the EAC in a letter to the board, dated July 26, 2010 which included a request that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Election Committee. Members present reaffirmed their agreement with the content of the letter as written last July.

New business

A.) A brief discussion ensued regarding the recent Michigan Indian Elder Association meeting hosted by the Sault Tribe April 18-20. Sheryl Hammock was commended for making the meeting happen despite the fact that she had little budget to work with and had never undertaken a project like this, being new to her position as Elder Services Division Director.

Bob took the liberty of reversing the order of the remaining new business due to the potential for extended discussion on Item 8b.

G.) It was pointed out that with the cost of owning and operating a vehicle today and with the skyrocketing cost of gas and oil, a higher reimbursement rate for mileage than the current \$.51 should be allowed by the board of directors. Sheryl pointed out that the tribe uses the current federal reimbursement rate. On a motion by Jerry Miller, seconded by Eugene Massey, Bob is to write a letter to the board requesting a higher rate.

F.) A discussion took place regarding Newberry members having difficulty getting to a casino to use the tokens they receive within the five days allowed from the date of their monthly meetings. Their monthly meetings fall on a Friday. It seems to be the consensus that the five day limit is unofficially being waived and everyone

is allowed until the Thursday (senior day) following a meeting. It was agreed to see if that is true before requesting a formal extension for the Newberry subcommittee whose members must travel a great distance to a casino.

E.) Phil Payment reported that he has volunteered to be the coordinator for the scholarship program again this year and that each subcommittee should have their contribution (\$112) in by the May EAC meeting.

D.) Newberry Subcommittee members asked that they be allowed to have their by-laws changed to allow the significant other of a tribal elder to serve on their subcommittee. Also, it was suggested that membership on the Hessel subcommittee not be limited to elders from that area, that an elder from another unit be allowed to serve. After considerable discussion, it was decided on a motion by Phil Payment, seconded by Jerry Miller and carried that the EAC support the Newberry subcommittee request and not support the change being suggested

for the Hessel subcommittee. Ideally, membership on the subcommittee should be from those who attend the meetings.

C.) Sheryl Hammock indicated that she has applied for a grant dealing with elder abuse and that if she is successful, she plans to educate the members of the EAC and enlist their help in bringing the material back to the subcommittees.

B.) A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the disgraceful and unsatisfactory state of our tribe and what role the elders should play in effecting positive change. There was a strong consensus that elders do indeed have a responsibility both culturally and traditionally to take an active role in improving and ensuring the institutional health of our tribe. Adoption of the revised tribal Constitution, the document developed by the board-authorized Constitution Committee, was considered as being the one singular action most likely to turn everything around for the better. It was agreed that this matter will be a major topic on the May meeting

agenda.

Bob took this opportunity to point out that Emma LeClerc was moving on to other endeavors as of April 29 and the group recognized her for her contributions to the various elder programs and wished her well.

Sheryl Hammock reported that there will be jobs available this summer for our youth 18-24 years of age with Americorps Vista and she passed out a flier with program information. Any qualifying person with an interest should call Sheryl. Also, she passed out information relating to a tribal weatherization program.

Kimball Eddy informed the group that, due to health problems in his household, the hot meals that have been made available by the Newberry elders will not be available for the next two months. Hopefully they will be made available again starting in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. with the next regularly scheduled meeting to be May 23, 2011.

Shampine offers crafts for sale



Tribal artisans Sharon Shampine and her son, Mike, sell their items at the Kewadin Casinos Bawating Art Gallery in Sault Ste. Marie in space reserved for Sault Tribe members. For reservations or information, call Rachel McKechnie at 632-0530 ext. 53573. (Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton)

Connecting to older Americans

BY DAWN L. TERRELL

Older Americans Month is an occasion to show appreciation and support for our seniors as they continue to enrich and strengthen our communities. This May, the theme — Older Americans: Connecting the Community — pays homage to the many ways in which older adults bring inspiration and continuity to the fabric of our communities and highlights how technology is helping older Americans live longer, healthier and more engaged lives.

Social Security uses technology to make dealing with Social Security easier for seniors. We offer a variety of services at www.socialsecurity.gov. Just look at the "top services" column to the left of the page to see the wide range of services that technology allows us to offer online.

Social Security has a special relationship with American seniors since we pay benefits, at one time or another, to just about every one of them. Nine out of 10 Americans aged 65 or older receive Social Security

benefits.

Here are some more statistics to consider. Among older Social Security beneficiaries, 52 percent of married couples and 72 percent of unmarried persons receive half or more of their income from Social Security. Older Americans are a growing group, too. Life expectancy continues to rise, and by 2035, it's estimated that there will be twice as many older Americans as there are today.

Older Americans (as well as people who don't expect to retire anytime soon) who use Social Security's website give it consistently high customer satisfaction ratings. Right now, you can get an estimate of your future retirement benefits, plan your retirement, even apply for retirement benefits right over our website. Visit us online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Learn more about what you can do to celebrate Older Americans Month by visiting www.olderamericansmonth.org.

Dawn Terrell is the Social Security operations supervisor for Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Alger County residents: Enter to win a new appliance

Alger Energy Savers is a program unique to and only for Alger County. And now there's an exciting opportunity to win a new Energy Star appliance. Every participant in the program is automatically entered to win a new washer, dryer, or refrigerator and other prizes valued at over \$10,000!

The drawing will be at the end of the program in September. But you have to sign up to be entered to win.

Alger Energy Savers is a program offering Alger County residents a free home energy assessment and a variety of free energy efficiency upgrades. This program helps community members save money by reducing energy



use while helping to protect public lands. In addition, Alger Energy Savers is engaging communities in Alger County and educating citizens on the many benefits of energy efficiency.

Sign up for a free home energy assessment and enter to win

Thus far, AES has visited over 100 homes and over 1,000 energy efficiency measures have been installed including compact fluorescent light bulbs, faucet aerators, low-flow showerheads, and much more!

AES is assisting homeowners in making energy efficiency changes that will lower their energy bills on average over \$800 per household over the lifetime of the measures installed and reduce carbon in the atmosphere cumulatively by over 600 tons — equivalent to taking 107 cars off the road. It is not too late to take advantage of this free program.

Sign up today by calling 906-228-6095 or online at www.algerenergysavers.org.

McKevitt essay wins scholarship competition

What follows is Dillon Francis Menard Legacy Fund Scholarship recipient Dylan J. McKevitt's winning essay on his view of the teachings of the Seven Grandfathers.

BRAVERY

Bravery is one of those things that you may not know you possess until you actually face a difficult challenge or fear.

Unlike what some people seem to believe, bravery is not the recklessness that allows one to do something "crazy" that no one else is willing to try. Rather, bravery is the ability and will to overcome fears, to put aside reservations or excuses and do the right thing or tackle something when you know deep down that it is for the best.

This sort of bravery is what has helped me succeed in so many things, like my first time driving or my first track meet, and I'm sure it will come in handy down the road.

LOVE

To me, love is what gives life substance and makes it worth living.

Sometimes it serves as the foundation of faith and religion, sometimes it means support

and passion to accomplish great things but, always, it is what a soul hungers for and, when found, mends wounds and makes one whole.

I know that the love I've experienced in my life, from my friends and family, has given me the strength to push on through hard times and to help me see the beauty of life.

HUMILITY

This is a virtue that some people view as a weakness, but in fact it shows an inner strength and stability.

Humility is humbleness, accepting victory or awards without boasting or becoming engulfed in pride. It also means not flaunting your unique skills and abilities over others who don't possess them.

I have found that by exercising humility you gain respect, and in my experience this has led to friendships and free-willing help when I have found myself facing challenges.

RESPECT

Respect is earned for yourself by showing it to others, especially your peers and elders.

I believe that respect should

be shown on some level to every living thing. It is giving some of your time to listen, to try to understand, and to thankfully receive the teaching or insight that someone else has to offer.

Respect is seeing another person on the same level or higher than yourself, and treating them justly, they way you would like to be treated. I know that respect is not always easy to come by, especially during the teenage years, but I have done my best to show it and in return I've been fortunate to receive respect and foster close relationships with my friends and family.

I have learned that a little respect goes a long way, and I am confident it will be key to my future success.

TRUTH

To me truth means seeing through the fog of lies and deception down to the heart of something, the hard facts.

Truth is unbiased — it just is — and people are left to deal with it as they will. Truth is a guiding light along the strait and narrow path that few walk. Many people find themselves

on winding, dead-end paths, manipulated by their own fantasies or what they want to believe rather than what is.

Truth should be sought out; it is not always easy to find, and there are many imposters, but it is worth the search because through truth lies the answers to many problems that we face.

I have been blessed in seeing and understanding the truth in many things, and this has definitely led to my success and shaped who I am. I will continue to seek it and hopefully truth will not always elude me nor fall tainted from my mouth.

HONESTY

This is a virtue close to truth. Honesty is holding on to and speaking the truth to the best of your knowledge, regardless or the consequences. It is owning up to your actions, not telling lies in an effort to escape the consequences. Honesty should not only be shown toward others but also toward yourself, and, in doing so, you step closer to accomplishing your goals.

For example, through honesty, hard work I have become a strong student athlete and by speaking honestly I have earned

respect. Honesty has shaped who I am.

WISDOM

Wisdom, from what I have seen, comes from experiences and understanding.

It is fueled by truth and points out the best path to take or the right thing to do. More often than not it is advice, sometimes seemingly uncanny insight into a problem resulting in a solution. It can be the ability to make the correct decision at a critical moment.

Wisdom, like truth, is something not easily obtained. Some people are gifted with parts of it while still young, yet others may spend a lifetime searching and never find it. And still others may claim to be wise and believe it, but that is usually a dead giveaway that they are not.

Personally, I believe it wise to say I am not full of wisdom, but I have been fortunate enough to experience glimpses of it and thus make some right decisions in my life and the lives of others.

Wisdom is a virtue I will continue to seek out and, if found, I will be sure to share it.

An appreciation of nurses, clinic open house set

Aanii, "Nurses Trusted to Care" was the theme for National Nurses Week this year May 6-12.

We in the Health Division are very fortunate to have so many dedicated nurses working for us at all of our clinic sites, including several of the managers and providers. They never look for recognition and are trusted to care for everyone who shows up at the clinics to be seen for an appointment.

The individuals who choose nursing for their profession

made the selection not because of any promise of money, power, prestige or because they thought it would be easy. No, they self-select for nursing because they care and want to make a difference in people's lives.

I was out of state during the official recognized "National Nurses Week" and was not around to acknowledge all of the dedicated and caring nurses who work for the Health Division and thank them for their service on behalf of our

tribal members and administration. So because of my absence, I decided to use part of my space in the tribal newspaper this month to acknowledge the contribution of our nursing staff and to publicly thank them. To me, having celebrated my 30th year as an RN, feel that every week should be nurse's week. So take the time to say "miigwech" to our nurses for all that they do to make you feel life is a just little better or because they were there with that smile, warm touch and because you

know they care.

On another note, after several delays with paperwork requirements, a few glitches with the plans and a delay for a water repair, I am happy to announce that the second floor remodeled space at the Sault Tribal Health Center will be completed and opened for business June 20. We are planning an open house with tours of the new space on June 20 and will begin seeing patients there June 21.

The area office engineer

from IHS who was in charge of the ARRA projects that were funded in the Bemidji area will be here on the 14th for a site visit.

We are very excited to add this additional clinic space and add Sarah Willey NP from our Community Health Diabetes program that will be providing clinic visits for patients with diabetes to more fully integrate her services.

Baamaapii,
Bonnie Culfa RN MSN.,
Health Division Director

Manistique Farmers' Market opens at Little Bear West

The 2011 Manistique Farmers' Market is now open at Little Bear West Community Recreation Center every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. through Sept. 28.

In addition to offering 18 markets this year, the Farmers' Market will accept Project FRESH coupons (WIC and senior), starting on the second or third week of June. Lists of approved products that WIC families and seniors can purchase with their Project

FRESH coupons will be available at the market.

Farmers and products expected to be at the Manistique Farmers' Market in June are:

— Jude and Barbara Collins' asparagus, lettuce and rhubarb;
— Collins Farm and Mill's kidney beans, wheatberries, and flour tortillas;
— Bear-A-Villa Acres' lettuce, peas, radishes, rhubarb, eggs and baked goods;
— Rondeau's Ruff Acres'

strawberries;

— DeAnn Henrichsen's lettuce, peas, spinach and eggs;
— Jim Koeune and Linda Kumm's variety of vegetable plants;
— High Post Farms, (Matt Miotke) vegetable plants, ground beef and beef sticks;
— Chandler Cottage Cakes' cakes, cookies, pies and breads;
— LaBar Poultry Farm's

chicken and eggs;

— Wegottafarm's eggs;
— Indian Lake Honey's honey, beeswax products, mustards, honey products; and
— Loebach Fisheries, LLC "The Traveling Fish Market" fresh whitefish fillets.

As the market season begins, organizers encourage shoppers to remember that product availability will vary week

to week and is dependent on weather and other conditions that are out of the farmers' control.

For the latest information about the Manistique Farmers' Market, please visit www.manistiquefarmersmarket.com. You can also call 341-9561 or 341-2290, or email the market at Manistiquefarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Rudyard golf scramble set for June 17

The annual Rudyard Area Community Foundation Golf Scramble is slated for the Oaks at the Kincheloe golf course on Friday, June 17, beginning at 4:30 p.m. All funds raised go to scholarships for Rudyard High School graduates.

The 2011 version of the event will include a \$25,000 hole-in-one prize for the first hole-in-one on hole number 13. Teams may purchase mulligan's at \$2 per mulligan up to four per team. "Putting string" can be purchased by teams at just \$.50 per foot. The traditional putting contest will

again have great prizes at just \$1 per try. Several other fun activities are planned along with great prizes and door prizes.

The entry fee will remain the same for participants who register and pay by June 15 — just \$25 per participant. After June 15, the entry fee is \$30 per participant.

If you have any questions or would like to register for the event contact Margaret LaPonsie at 478-5591 or mlaponsie@centurytel.net, or email Gary Davis at garydavis@centurytel.net.

Let's Get Moving challenges are on

The Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health (SAH) and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan have issued a Community Challenge to the SAH funded communities of Manistique, Munising, St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie, along with their mentored communities of Newberry and Kinross, to determine which community's residents can log the most wellness miles from June 4 through July 29.

The Let's Get Moving - Community Challenge 2011 encourages residents to be more physically active, while helping each community

vie for financial prizes. The six prizes of \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,250, \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 will be used by communities to make some change or improvement in their environments that will increase access to physical activity. Improvements can include things such as crosswalks, bike racks, benches and way-finding signs. The prizes will be awarded based on each community's average wellness miles per participant.

For more information about the Community Challenge, please visit the Healthy Sault Tribe website at www.miniurl.org/lgm or contact one of these SAH community coordinators:

org/lgm or contact one of these SAH community coordinators:

Kinross — Donna Norkoli, dnorkoli@saulttribe.net, 635-8844

Manistique — Kerry Ott, kott@saulttribe.net, 341-9561
Munising — Evi Lindquist, elindquist@saulttribe.net, 387-4721 x36026

Newberry — Donna Norkoli, dnorkoli@saulttribe.net, 293-8181

Sault Ste Marie — Michelle Conway, mconway@saulttribe.net, 632-5255

St. Ignace — Jeanette O'Rourke, jorourke@saulttribe.net, 643-8689

Sault 2011 Native high school grads feted



Left, Sault Tribe member Josie Fegan receives the Outstanding Native American Graduate of Sault Area High School Award. In addition, she was recognized as the top Career Technical Education Student of the Sault Area Career Center.



Right, Sault Tribe member Cinnamon Cleary receives the honor of Outstanding Native American Graduate of Malcolm High School.

Congratulations graduates!

Photos by Rick Smith



Left, Sault Tribe member Kody Wagner receiving the Sault High Outstanding Native Art Student Award.



Right, among several other citations, Sault Tribe member Bethany Pavlat received the Most Improved Student in Academics, Attendance and Citizenship Award for Malcolm High School.

BY RICK SMITH

Graduating seniors enrolled in federally recognized American Indian tribes at Sault Area High School and Malcolm High School were recognized in annual Title VII Indian Education Program awards ceremonies on May 9 and May 19 respectively. Outstanding academic and community support also shared the spotlight.

According to information from the Indian Education Parent Committee, 67 Sault Tribe members graduate in the schools' class of 2011 along with seven students representing the Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Tribe of Potawatomi Indians, Little Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa Indians, Wikwemikong First Nation, Serpent River Band and the Cherokee Nation.

Sault Tribe member and Gates Millennium Scholar Josie Fegan received honors as the Outstanding Native American Graduate of Sault Area High School and Career Technical Education Student of Sault Area Career Center. In addition to working a position at a McDonald's restaurant, Fegan involved herself in Students United, National Honor Society, Youth Advisory Council, Junior Rotarians, Business Professionals of America and art. In her free time, she enjoys the outdoors with activities such as hiking and snowshoeing. She plans to attend Michigan State University.

Another Sault Tribe member, Kody Wagner, was awarded Outstanding Native Art Student

of Sault Area High School. He took part in Students United, Kids Against Hunger, Art Club, Executive Committee and philanthropy. He aims to continue his education at Western Michigan University.

Washington Elementary School first grade teacher Deidre Baker received the Outstanding Teacher of Native American Students in the elementary education category, and Dennis Panik of the Sault Area High School Career Center received the award in the secondary education category.

Tracy Menard of Students United took the honor for Outstanding Community Service to Native Students and Sault Tribe Board of Directors Representative Cathy Abramson received recognition as the Outstanding Community Leader to Native Students.

Malcolm High School recognized its members of American Indian tribes graduating with the Class of 2011 on May 19.

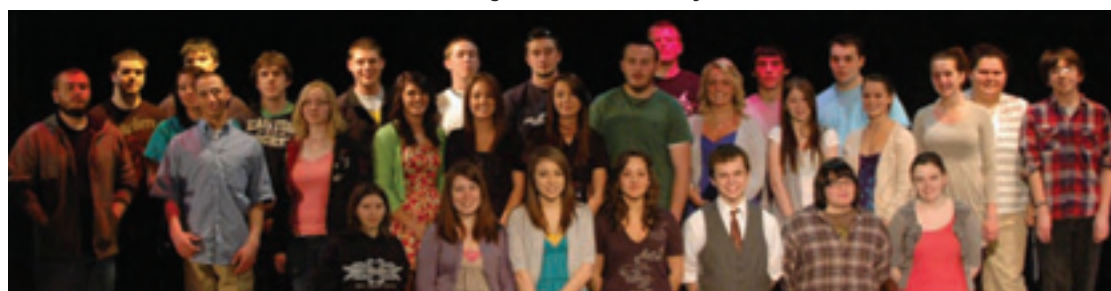
Sault Tribe member Cinnamon Cleary received the Outstanding Native American Graduate of Malcolm High School. Cleary took part in the extracurricular activities of basketball, volleyball and the First Church of Christ Choir. She plans to major in nursing in college.

Among several other citations, Sault Tribe member Bethany Pavlat was bestowed with the Most Improved Student in Academics, Attendance, and Citizenship Award. Pavlat plans to further her education at Lake Superior State University.

Lunches by Kewadin Casinos followed the ceremonies.



Ogimaa Minisino, the JKL Bawheting Public School Academy drum, opened ceremonies at both schools. Here at the start of the Sault Area High School ceremony.



Above, part of the graduating Class of 2011 at Sault Area High School. Below, some of the graduating members of the Malcolm High School Class of 2011.



Highlights from second immersion camp



Group photo taken at the second Anishinaabemowin language immersion camp at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island.



Phil Andrews, Perry Neuman and Orien Corbiere talk over beading moccasins.



Sarah Neveau and Elizabeth Kimeown in the mitchen.



Phyllis Kimewon and Pat Osawamick performing a skit.

FROM LANGUAGE STAFF

Baawting Language Immersion Camp Project held its second camp April 28-May 1 at the Mary Murray Cultural Camp on Sugar Island. The camp was well attended by eight fluent mentors with 24 learners and many visitors. The mentors are from Wikwemikong and M'Chigeeng First Nation communities in Ontario, Canada.

The high ratio of mentors to students provides an excellent method of language learning. Several mentors also are skilled artisans who taught language associated with beadwork. Many beautiful beaded crafts were made by the students during the three-and-a-half-day event. Some made barrettes, beaded lanyards to hold keys or ID badges, bolo ties with unique beaded rosettes, and some did beadwork on the moccasins they made from the last camp.

Along with the craftwork, the students had many hours of language immersion. We had many laughs watching one of the skits, "Piniik Feast," that was performed by instructors Phyllis Kimewon and Pat Osawamick. In the evenings, Bingo was played in the language and some seemed luckier than others calling "Mbaknaage!"

The meals were prepared by

mentors who gave instructions to learners while making some traditional foods and many scrumptious homemade meals. The location provides a peaceful and beautiful setting. Many of us enjoyed a much needed walk after meals on the nature trails behind the camp.

Learners had instruction on the various phrases used throughout the camp. For example, "aambe maahtaadaa" (let's start), "bininan wi" (hand me that) and "enh mii wi nike-ing" (yes that is the way to do it), were just some of the phrases used. Repetition was used throughout the camp during class instruction, and listening to the mentors conversations with one another.

Our next camp featuring Black Ash basket making has a few openings available. The immersion camp project is a three-year commitment; the only thing you need to bring is a willingness to learn Anishinaabemowin. All of the meals, lodging and craft supplies are free to the learner; the ANA Baawting Anishinaabemowin Project covers these expenses. Visitors are welcome any time.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Bernier, project coordinator, at (906) 635-6050, or email cbernier@saulttribe.net.

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Sault Mother Earth Festival draws a crowd



Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Above is basketry by Bernadette Azevedo featured at the festival. Azevedo and her great-granddaughter, Reilly, from Sugar Island, were on hand to demonstrate black ash basket construction and the importance of black ash to Anishinaabe. Below, dreamcatchers stand near Robin Clark's display on the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive bug that destroys ash trees and is moving through Michigan at an alarming pace due, in part, to moving firewood.



Singer/songwriter Joe Reilly led a songwriting workshop at the Mother Earth Festival, above, explaining the origins of a song could be anything, because everything is a song.




Above, Unit I elders cooked up good eats to raise funds at the festival — chili, fry bread and strawberry shortcake were available. Plenty of youngsters showed up at the festival to make hobo bags, listen to Joe Reilly, eat lunch and get free stuff at the displays. Left to right, below, Kaley Povey, Alexis McLeod, Hali Povey and Mackenzie Nolan and, seated, Sadie Smart.



Healing Lodge Singers, left to right, Maggie Maracle, Frances Beaupre, Theresa Binda, Judy Binda and Christine Kay, Anishinaabekwe from both sides of the St. Marys River, opened the Mother Earth Festival, hosted by the Sault Tribe Environmental Program May 14 at 206 Greenough in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.





Youngsters involved with Sault Tribe Enhanced Probation's Ejejiweiang Community Service Program help out at the festival.

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Opinion: Is it really time to delist Ma'iingan?

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

State and federal governments want to remove the gray wolf from the list of federal endangered and threatened wildlife. Now, in the U.P., there are not only at least 687 wolves. And in the Midwest, there are now two species, the gray wolf and the eastern wolf.

It's too early in scientific studies and debate to know whether the eastern wolf should have its own classification.

The state has a wolf management plan it wants to implement.

The principal goals of the plan are to maintain a viable Michigan wolf population "above a level that would warrant its classification as threatened or endangered," facilitate wolf-related benefits, minimize wolf-related conflicts, and conduct science-based wolf management with socially acceptable methods.

The management plan says the DNR "must consider the complex interactions of many biological factors and implement measures that assure adequate protection and conservation of the species. At the same time, it must also address the many complex and often controversial social issues that accompany wolf management."

This includes lethal control.

The DNR and USFWS would like us all to believe that the wolf is ready to be delisted. Wolf numbers are up; the wolves are



Photo by Brenda Austin

getting what they need to flourish. The wolf management plan seems reasonable, although some members of the original wolf roundtable are unhappy with the current plan.

But some people are worried that the wolf is not ready to be delisted because of what may happen afterward. These people believe the wolf is still endangered by man, and the endangered status is the only way to protect them.

Over November and December 2009, there were 16 wolf killings in the upper Great Lakes, six in Michigan. If the wolf was managed, delisting proponents argue, the killings would stop because the DNR would be controlling problem wolves. Thus, there would be no reason for frustrated people

to take the law into their own hands.

Another factor is what is going on in the DNR internally. It was only January 2010 that Department of Natural Resource Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason said in a Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisory Council meeting that shooting wolves illegally "puts another bullet in the other side's gun," according to Sault Ste. Marie's *The Evening News*.

In the *Sault Evening News* article, Mason lets wolves take the blame for that year's deer season, "While the DNR hasn't yet compiled the final numbers for the 2009 deer harvest, Mason provided an assessment of the Upper Peninsula harvest that drew nods of agreement from many in the crowd: 'I'm pretty sure we had a terrible deer season.'"

Many of us know there were many reasons for the so-called terrible season, bad weather being chief among these.

Although I agree that the Endangered Species law isn't supposed to act as a bodyguard for species — I, too, worry what will happen after delisting. And I don't know the answer to that.

I know there is great interest in hunting the wolf as a game species. But I have been assured that the DNR does not want to classify the wolf as a game species. But suppose legislation was passed that sought to set a hunt-

ing season for wolves — what choice would the DNR have? I have been further assured that the tribes must agree on a hunting season for wolves before that can happen. But what if the majority of tribal members would like to hunt them too?

Why the worry? The most compelling reason is that, for billions of years, Mother Nature has managed all creatures in ecosystems that work wonderfully. We still don't understand how this works. What we know is that we don't understand everything that is in play to maintain healthy ecosystems. We know that biodiversity is important. We know that predator-prey relationships are important. But we really don't know how to successfully "manage" all species, and sometimes we just do it for recreational, social or political reasons.

For example, some biologists think that stocking salmon is okay. It also provides a lot of money to the state through recreational fishing. Other experts disagree with it because the salmon is not a native species and disrupts native species' ecosystem, just like any other exotic.

The fact is, we really don't know how many wolves are enough, how many are too many. If the wolf population keeps expanding, isn't there a good reason for it?

The truth is, the mere pres-

ence of wolves is a positive indicator of a healthy environment. It just seems like every time wildlife fights its way back from the brink of extinction, humans are suddenly annoyed at having to share their space again.

Maybe I just identify with the wolf and all my worry has more to do with morals than science. We Anishinaabeg know what it's like when someone else wants your habitat. We call the wolf "ma'iingan," our friend. We should be kind to him.

The only thing each of us can do is educate ourselves and make our own decision. The USFWS will take comments on delisting the gray wolf until July 5. The USFWS will post all comments on www.regulations.gov.

Here's how to comment:

Online — Go to www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FWS-R3-ES-2011-0029-0001.

Mail — Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R3-ES-2011-0029; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS2042-PDM; Arlington, VA 22203.

Reading material:

Proposed rulemaking: www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FWS-R3-ES-2011-0029-0001
Michigan's Wolf Management Plan: www.michigan.gov/wolves

Joint wolf meeting June 16

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are holding a public information meeting about the Service's recent proposal to remove Endangered Species Act protection for the gray wolf in the western Great Lakes region, including Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The meeting will take place on June 16, 2011, from 6 pm to 9 pm at Northern Michigan University's

University Center, Michigan Room, 540 West Kaye Avenue, in Marquette, Mich.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to view a presentation, receive information and ask questions about the Service's proposal.

To establish the status of this newly recognized species, the Service is initiating a review of *C. lycaon* throughout its range in the United States and Canada.

Gathering Writes

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

BERRY FORECAST

This year's blueberries look to be another bumper crop if we get enough rain. Blueberry bushes are loaded with beautiful little bell-shaped blooms. We've also seen lots of strawberry blossoms carpeting open sections of the woods. To me that means all the berries will be good gathering if the weather cooperates.

GATHERING SUSTAINABLY

This spring was great for fiddleheads and ramps. Morels were hit and miss. You could walk all day to find enough for supper, or strike it rich with a stand of hundreds. My husband and I were lucky enough to find lots of black morels and a few grays. But we really enjoyed our fiddleheads and ramps.

When gathering, we are careful not to destroy the plants and keep our spots sustainable. We take a few ramps from the edge of numerous clumps, which is more work but better for the plants. Ramps spread by dividing, and if you dig them all up, they are gone forever. We snap off two or three fiddleheads from each fern plant so that it remains healthy as well as esthetically pleasing to the eyes. And, most importantly, live to give off spores to further the fern plants.

This way, we can gather our favorites this spring and then

next, and many more to come.

PERENNIAL EDIBLE GARDEN

This year my perennial garden has already produced asparagus, chives, oregano, thyme and majoram. I'm looking forward to golden raspberries, apples, Jerusalem's artichokes and garlic. It's fun and useful to garden with edible perennials — a great hobby.

The plants are both beautiful and utilitarian and most of them stand up to our winters just fine. After the asparagus crop, tall feathery ferns grow up to send nutrition down to the roots. Purple chive blossoms puff out on top of straight slender stems. During the summer, garlic stalks form a bulb of seeds that curls the stalk over into a loop that later straightens up as the seeds mature. In the fall, little yellow flowers burst out on top of 6-foot Jerusalem artichoke stalks. The fun thing is gathering up some of all these things and eating them.

If you want to know more about perennial gardening, contact Connie M. Watson, Health Educator, at 632-5211. Those interested in gardening workshops can contact Luci DeVoy at 635-6076 or stop by and visit at the tribe's Commodity Food Warehouse, 3601 Mackinaw Trail in Sault Ste. Marie.



Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Morels, ramps and fiddleheads to be combined with last fall's whitefish sauteed in butter, salt and pepper makes a healthy gourmet, and practically free, meal. At right, keep your harvest sustainable by taking only a couple of fiddleheads from each plant.



Use local firewood to stop invasive hitchhikers

Campers, don't bring firewood with you, and don't take it home.

Incredibly destructive invasive species and forest diseases — such as emerald ash borer, oak wilt and beech bark disease — are all too happy to hitchhike to new parts of Michigan on that bundle of firewood. Department of Natural Resources forest health specialists can't stress enough how important it is for firewood to be bought and burned locally.

"Forest pests and diseases are often undetectable until it

is too late," said Bob Heyd, a DNR forest health specialist, in a recent press release. "Keeping firewood close to the area it came from is the only reliable way to prevent the spread of these hitchhikers."

It is illegal to bring ash firewood onto any DNR-managed lands, including state parks, recreation areas and state forest campgrounds. Transporting hardwood across the Mackinac Bridge and outside of quarantine areas in the Upper Peninsula is also prohibited by law.

The movement of ash and the spread of emerald ash borer to other parts of the state is just an example of what state officials are hoping to prevent by asking people not to move firewood from any type of tree, not just ash. Many species of trees found in Michigan's forests and residential yards can be affected by pests and diseases.

"Beech bark disease has removed American beech from many parts of the state," Heyd said. "This is another example of an exotic pest that was most likely introduced to Michigan

from infected firewood. Oak wilt is a fatal disease of red oaks that continues to spread to locations in Michigan through the movement of infected firewood."

Those who wish to cut their own firewood for local use are encouraged to cure that wood if it won't be immediately burned. To cure cut wood, stack it in loose piles raised off the ground for at least two years. This process encourages the wood to dry and helps rid the wood of any pests.

The following are general

guidelines for safely using firewood:

- Buy and use only locally cut firewood.
- Do not transport firewood across county lines.
- Know and observe the state's firewood movement quarantines.
- Burn excess firewood; do not bring it home.

For more information about the various invasive pests and forest diseases that can be spread through the transport of firewood, visit michigan.gov/foresthalth.

Easy square foot garden: learn how June 18 and 25

FROM NUTRITION EDUCATION

With the beginning of planting season, the Nutrition Education Program at the USDA Commodities Center has started a new project that is sure to spark interest.

A "square foot garden" project is under way at the USDA distribution site on Mackinaw Trail in Sault Ste Marie. The theory behind the gardening technique is using a raised bed and a very inexpensive soil technique to produce fast growing vegetables in less space.

"This provides our clients a chance to really stay proactive in the food choices they make for themselves and for their families. It also provides an efficient and fast way to



garden here at the center and in their homes," said Luci DeVoy, USDA nutrition education assistant. "We all want to have sprawling gardens but some-

times we lack the space or the time to do so. The garden at the USDA center gives our clients the opportunity to learn how to do this kind of no fuss, no muss garden at their own homes." Although the USDA center focuses primarily on clients who use the commodities program, anyone who is curious is welcome to come and learn.

We are holding two gardening workshops at the USDA center: the first is Saturday, June 18 at 9 a.m. and the second is Saturday, June 25 at 9 a.m.

If you have any questions about the program or want to reserve a spot, call us at 635-6076. You can also stop in to see how the gardens are doing anytime during the summer.

Attention Fisherman

A walleye movement study is under way in the St. Marys River.

Walleye from Munuscong Bay, St. Marys River have been fitted with internal acoustic transmitters. These fish are also externally tagged with a Lake Superior State University (LSSU) orange spaghetti tag in front of their dorsal fin.

LSSU students and fisheries biologists will be on the river tracking their movement with acoustic receivers over the coming months.

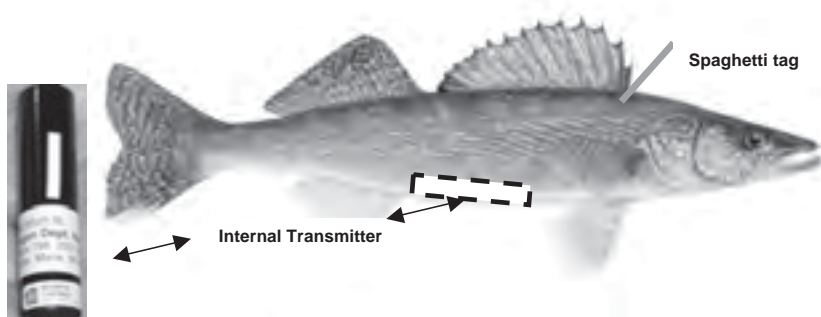
If you or some one you know catches a walleye with an external spaghetti tag please do the following:

If you catch and keep a tagged walleye, please

- 1) **Record** when and where you captured the fish
- 2) **Remove the internal transmitter** from the fish, rinse with water, store it at room temperature
- 3) **Contact** LSSU Aquatics Lab at the number on the external tag (906) 635-1949 and report the external tag number and where and when you captured the fish
- 4) **Mail** the transmitter to the address affixed to it along with the date and location of capture. Please include your name and address.

If you plan to release the fish, please

- 1) **Record** the three digit tag number and when and where you captured the fish
- 2) **Call** the LSSU phone number on the reverse side of the tag (LSSU 906 635-1949) to report the capture and release date and location.
- 3) **Or call** James Osga at 989 619-3346
- 4) **Report** your name and phone number to permit the study leaders to contact you if more details are required.



For more information: Sue Greenwood: (705) 946-7488, susan.greenwood@ontario.ca
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St. Marys River Fisheries Task Group
Established under the authority of the Lake Huron Technical Committee of the Lake Huron Committee, Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

Fine lowered for late subsistence catch report

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors approved a resolution May 25 to amend Tribal Code Chapter 20: Great Lakes and St. Marys River Treaty Fishing Regulations. Tribal subsistence fishers will now pay \$25 for late filing of a monthly catch report, rather than \$75 previously charged. The vote was unanimous.

Both the Great Lakes and Inland Conservation Committees requested the amendment. While the committees concede both the data and a fine for noncompliance as necessary, \$75 was too high a burden for primarily hook and line fishers. As discussed during the May 2011 Inland Committee meeting, accidents such as lost mail do occasionally happen through no fault of the fishers.

If willfully withheld, the

finer will still add up to \$300 per year, still a convincing deterrent to noncompliance.

Tribal Code Chapter 20: Great Lakes and St. Marys River Treaty Fishing Regulations will be amended adding the following new section 20.107(7):

"The fine for a Subsistence License holder failing to timely file a catch report as required pursuant to Section XXII(b) of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority Fishing Regulations shall be \$25."

To further assist the subsistence fishers, an online catch report form is being developed that can be downloaded and submitted either by postal mail or email. The form is now in the testing stages and will soon be available.

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PAULINE M. GODIN

Pauline Margaret Godin, 76, of Cheboygan passed away on May 23, 2011, at Mackinac Straits Long Term Care.

She was born on Oct. 1, 1934, in Gros Cap in Mackinac County. Her parents were Benjamin and Elvira (nee Cheeseman) Goudreau. She attended Ursuline Academy in St. Ignace and graduated from La Salle High School.

She lived in Cheboygan for over 40 years. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary 3623, FOE 1282 and Moose Lodge 999.

She loved gardening, crossword puzzles, reading and was a Detroit Tigers fan. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She is survived by her family, including sons, Pat Badgley and Will (Katie) Godin of Cheboygan; two daughters, Paula Badgley of Cheboygan and Lena (Brian) Noth of Wisconsin Falls, Wisc.; two brothers, Quentin (Shannon) Goudreau and Ben (Shirley) Goudreau, both of St. Ignace; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Harry Badgley and Ronald Godin; sister, Diane Fraser; brother, Abe Goudreau; and her parents.

A memorial service took place on May 28 at the Covenant Church of Cheboygan with Pastor Austin Calhoun officiating. She was laid to rest in Gros Cap Cemetery near St. Ignace.

Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

JAYDEN J. HORKA

Jayden James Horka of Kincheloe, Mich., died May 10, 2011, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie. He was born Nov. 30, 2010, in Sault Ste. Marie.

He is survived by his parents, Amber Smith and Marc Horka II; grandparents Marc David Horka, Oona Burton, Audra SanAngelo and Jamie Smith; great-grandparents, David Horka, Jim and Shirley SanAngelo, Linda and Russell Barber and Sue Blevins; great-great-grandfather Lindorf Pulver; and aunts and uncles, Troy Horka, Justin Burton, Marc SanAngelo, Sharon SanAngelo, Matthew SanAngelo and Krista SanAngelo.

Visitation and funeral services took place May 14 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Witte officiating. Final resting place is Riverside Cemetery in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

LEONA L. KROUPA

Leona L. Kroupa, 82, of Munising, died May 26, 2011, at her home under the loving care of her family and North Woods Home Hospice. She was born on July 1, 1928, in Manistique to the late Raymond and Mercy (nee Williams) Graves.

Leona married Harry Blair Kroupa on Dec. 13, 1947, and together they raised their four children. Leona was one of the founding members of the

Munising Baptist Church. She not only helped lay the foundation of the church; she literally helped make the blocks

that were used in the foundation of the church. Throughout her years with the church, she played the piano and sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, led the Jet Cadets youth program, was a member of the Missionary Ladies Group who sent food and clothing to missions across the world, and hosted numerous missionaries who traveled through our area.

Leona always made time to help others. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, knitting and working on her flower gardens. Leona also enjoyed playing games that required a good memory; her ability to memorize scripture gave her a strong advantage in her favorite games. Leona was a wonderful hostess and cook, making many family meals and baking her homemade breads; when she was in her kitchen she was in her domain.

Leona is survived by her husband of over 64 years, Blair of Munising; children, Iris Kroupa of Munising, Terry (Deborah) Kroupa, Marcia (Charles) Hocking both of Burr Oak, Mich., and Pam (Philip) Krehbiel of Manistique; 12 grandchildren, Brandon, Aric (Katya), Tonya (Alvey), Bruce (Lori), Benjamin (Regina), Erin (Charlie), Abigail, Moses, Adoree, Rosemarie, Bill, and Robin; 25 great-grandchildren; brothers, Bob (Hilda), Joe, and Don (Judy) Graves; sisters, Mary Sanders, Mae (Leo) Anecki and Pat (Harlan) Buckman; sisters-in-law, Jean, Stella and Annie Graves; brother-in-law, Art Norman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Mercy; brothers, Roy, Edwin, Raymond, Rich and Ron Graves; sisters, Ida Mischek, Eva (Bill) Robare, Irene (Harold) Brock, Vivian Norman and Mercy "Mert" Brown; sister-in-law Ida Graves; brother-in-law, Larry Sanders; and numerous other family members.

Visitation was at the Bowerman Funeral Home followed by funeral services conducted by Pastor Jason LaFlamme at the Munising Baptist Church in Wetmore. Interment at the Maple Grove Cemetery. Leona's obituary and guestbook may be viewed and signed at www.bowermanfuneralhome.net

Leona walked with God for 65-plus years, and found herself closer to God's house, so she went to stay with him forever.

GLADYS M. MARCUS

Gladys Mae Marcus, 75, of Escanaba, formerly of Marinette, Wisc., passed away May 22, 2011, at Christian Park Village in Escanaba with her daughters by her side.

She was born on Oct. 3, 1935, in Marinette, the daughter of the late John and Cecilia

(nee Derusha) Pearson.

On Nov. 7, 1953, she married the late James Marcus in Port Washington, Wisc.

Gladys lived in Sheboygan, Wisc., for many years, where she raised her family.

After moving to Escanaba, she became an active member of the Escanaba Church of Christ where she was involved in many different church activities. She was also an active member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Among her many pastimes, Gladys loved cooking, doing crafts and most of all, spending time with her family, especially the "love of her life," her grandchildren.

Gladys is survived by five children, Richard (Jacoba) Marcus, Elaine Bye, James Marcus, Jamie (Mark) Lesczykowski and Cindy (Michael) Hurthibise; one brother, Franklin (Marlene) Biernet; 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law and good friend, Charlotte Miller; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Carol Marcus; two brothers; and one sister.

A funeral service to celebrate the life of Gladys Marcus followed visitation at the Escanaba Church of Christ, with Minister Dave Grant officiating.

Gladys will be laid to rest in the Forest Home Cemetery in Marinette.

The Allo Coolman Funeral Homes assisted the family. Please visit www.allofh.com to send online condolences to the family.

LYLE F. MCLEOD

Lyle F. "Geet" McLeod, 79, of Hessel passed May 3, 2011, at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care following a lingering illness. He was born June 6, 1931, in Sault Ste. Marie to Lyle W. and Margaret Mary (nee Mertaugh) McLeod.

He graduated from Cedarville High School and spent two years in the U. S. Marine Corps, from May 1952 to May 1954, and spent six years in the reserve corps. He worked for E.J. Mertaugh Boat Works for a short time, and spent 25 years in the logging business, Mac's Loggery.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. He spent his life in the Hessel-Cedarville area.

He is survived by two brothers, Tom McLeod, Cedarville and Michael J. (Mariilyn) McLeod, Hessel; four sisters, Adriaine (Jay) Smith of Pickford, Mary Ann Carr of Cedarville, Jane Marie Hobbs of California and Angela (Jack) Porco of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; several nieces and nephews.

Lyle was preceded in death by his father and mother; and his brother, Billie, in 1978.

Memorial services and

visitation was on May 6 at the Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace with Fr. Pawel Mecwel officiating. Interment of his ashes is in Cedar Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Clark Township Ambulance Service with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home or the Clark Township Ambulance Service.

DOROTHY MERCHANT

Dorothy Elizabeth Merchant of St. Ignace passed away peacefully on the morning after her 101st birthday, April 26, 2011, at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care facility.

She was born April 25, 1910, in St. Ignace to Walter Henry and Helen Louise (nee Goudreau) MacDonald.

Mrs. Merchant lived in the St. Ignace area all her life.

She married Joseph Edward Merchant Dec. 10, 1928, in St. Ignace. They established a successful bar and restaurant in Moran Township in 1937 and owned it until 1942. It was located overlooking the water and was called Straits View. She became a homemaker after selling the restaurant.

Mrs. Merchant was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a former member of the United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a granddaughter, Jean Chaplin, of Austin, Texas; a grandson and his wife, Donald and Erin Merchant, of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Roberta Holliday Merchant, of Austin; four great-grandchildren, Mia Chaplin, Alexander Chaplin, Abigail Merchant, and Emma Merchant; two sisters-in-law, Lucille MacDonald of Cleveland, Ohio, and Dorothy Hillier, of Sault Ste. Marie, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two children, Donald, 5, who died June 3, 1936, and Joseph, 58, who died Dec. 10, 2003. Her husband, Joseph, died Feb. 20, 1984, at the age of 86. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Alexis and Betty; brothers, Walter, Leslie, Jim, and Norman MacDonald; two sisters-in-law, Alta and Eudene MacDonald; and a brother-in-law, Al Webster.

A graveside service will take place this summer at Lakeside Cemetery. Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace assisted the family with arrangements.

GAYLORD L. MORSE JR. (P)

Gaylord L. "Stoney" Morse Jr., 55, of Fond du Lac, passed away on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Mount View Care Center, in Wausau, Wisc.

He was born Dec. 26, 1955, in Escanaba, Mich., a son to the late Kathryn and Gaylord "Rocky" Morse Sr.

Gaylord grew up mostly in Wisconsin, and spent the majority of his life in Fond du Lac.

He was a carpenter by trade, and he loved life to its fullest. In his younger years he travelled across the country by motorcycle and in his later years he married and raised a family and owned several dogs.

He was a member of the

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Stoney is survived by his son, Spencer (Tara) Morse of Appleton; daughter, Courtney (Key) Morse of Madison; sisters, Theresa Keyser of Fond du Lac, Gail (Gary) Waters of Motley, Minn., Frances Morse of Oshkosh, Mary (Dave) Engebretsen of Fond du Lac, Kathleen Morse of Fond du Lac and Barbara (Sue) Morse of Fond du Lac; three brothers, Phillip (Dorothy) Morse of Fond du Lac, Randall Morse of Fond du Lac, and James (Marie) Morse of Lamartine; all of his extended family, friends, and all of the people he has brought happiness to.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; and sister, Sandra Nava.

Visitation was on May 18 at the Zacherl Funeral Home in Fond du Lac. Condolences may be left online at www.zacherlfuneralhome.com.

Gaylord was much loved and brought a smile to many.

CHARLES R. SMITH

Charles Robert Smith, 73, passed peacefully on Feb. 20, 2011, in St. James City, Fla. Bob was born on July 12, 1937, in Newberry.

He graduated from Newberry High School in 1955 and went on to get a pharmacy degree from Ferris State College. Bob then went to work for Merck in North Dakota, Montana, Wisconsin and Minnesota. From there, Bob ventured into two drug stores (Bob's Pharmacy) in Howell and Brighton. During this time, he met Donna Cardiff, who would then become his lovely wife of 30 wonderful years.

Bob enjoyed fishing with his friends and playing harmonicas whenever he could for the pleasure of all to enjoy. Bob was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose 717, Sault Ste. Marie, Shriners Club, Elks Club for 45 years, Sons of the Legion and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

In 1986, Bob and Donna purchased the gift stores across from the Soo Locks and in 2004 bought the Indian Village gift stores in St. Ignace. Bob's greatest enjoyments were family, friends, fishing and music.

Bob is survived by his wife Donna; his children, Carrie Ferris (Joe), Deborah Froney, Donald Cardiff (Brenda), Dale Cardiff, Constance Raymore (Randy), Dawn Cardiff; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; his sister, Ann Parker; brother, Dan Smith (Lois); and several nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Leo G. (Sonny) and Aletha Smith of Newberry, and his only son, Michael Robert Smith (Smudly), of Howell.

A celebration of life took place on May 28 at the McMillan United Methodist Church in McMillan.

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Constitution needs update to reflect tribe



DJ MALLOY, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

This has been a busy and controversial month. It started with the unexplained "immediate" resignation of our chairman (*see letter below, right**), something that has never happened in our short "federally recognized" history. There have been rumors and innuendo as to the reason behind his resignation, but to be quite frank, anything less than an explanation from Mr. McCoy himself serves little purpose to the membership moving forward. While I am disappointed, we must get past the resignation and move toward seating a new

chairman.

You will find an article in this newspaper, written by our public relations department, on the course of action the board has taken since the resignation. First was to declare the seat vacant, and that was done unanimously at the same meeting in which we received McCoy's resignation letter. Because we have staff in place over each division, who routinely run their departments with little to no day-to-day supervision, the tribe itself is running like clockwork. It's a testament to the dedicated people who work for us and give their all each and every day.

The Constitution says the board "shall appoint" a voting member to fill the seat. Our tribal Code says the board "shall hold an advisory election" to assist in making the aforementioned appointment. Further, code also sets a timeline for this election to take 90 days time to complete; and further yet sets a moratorium on any election activity six months prior to the beginning of any

election cycle. In short, without amending the Election Code, there can be no advisory election. (A couple of us did put a resolution before the board to amend the code allowing for an election, but it failed. It takes a vote of seven, a positive majority, to amend laws. The vote failed six against and five in favor of holding the election. It is scheduled to be on the agenda again for the June 7 board meeting.)

The board differs on the matter not about "who" should fill the seat, but rather "how" the seat should be filled. The chairman is elected from the "at large" electorate and approximately 4,000 votes are needed to decide the question. In comparison, each unit representative is elected with far fewer votes, ranging from 250 to 1,600 votes. Like most of my constituents, I believe the people have the right to decide who the chairman will be, especially when the seat is vacated more than a year prior to the next general election. For this reason, I was and am in favor of amending the election code to allow for it.

The fact that we find ourselves in this predicament

serves as a glaring reminder of the need to revisit changing our Constitution. Some of the areas that need to be addressed are: the process for filling vacancies, at large representation for members outside the seven-county service area, the ratio of board members to tribal members, separation of powers, as well as several other areas that wouldn't have been imagined when our tribe was a fledging "federally recognized tribe."

In our attempt to gain recognition, the Bureau of Indian Affairs offered, and we adopted, a corporate style document as our constitution rather than a document that provides for branches of government to serve the people. It's time to dust off the Constitutional Convention Committee document presented to the board in February 2008, have another go at making the changes needed, and put it out to a vote of the people. The tribe spent well over a quarter of a million dollars developing this new Constitution and then put it in a drawer because it was "too costly" to implement. The time has come to look at the cost to our citizens rather than the

monetary cost to the coffers. With the ability to communicate these days via the "cloud," we could enjoy the input of members everywhere with little to no cost. It's a start if nothing else.

Each month I ask for and receive input from members on issues affecting our tribe. This month is no different. I am asking for your input regarding the vacant chairman's seat. The board "shall appoint" is the language in the Constitution. We took an oath to uphold the Constitution. That being said, I am interested in your opinions as to whether the appointee should come from the membership, current board members or from the past election. I am asking because it is imperative that we work this out. For example, if we appoint a current board member, it will leave a seat vacant in that unit and we start all over again with this same process but on a smaller scale. This is your government.

Please feel free to contact me anytime. I can be reached via email at djmalloy@saulttribe.net or by calling (906) 440-9762.

Respectfully submitted,
DJ Malloy

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SHIRLEY NICHOLS

Shirley M. Nichols, 87, of Naubinway, passed away Monday morning, May 16, 2011, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

She was born May 22, 1923, in St. Ignace to Dewey and Pearl (nee LeBlanc) Snyder. She attended LaSalle High School.

She married Darwin "Nick" Nichols Oct. 20, 1975, in Ishpeming and owned Shirley's Cove Bar in Naubinway for 18 years, from 1964 to 1981. She also worked as a hostess at Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace, where she was known as a positive and valued employee. She was a member of Moose Lodge 999 and American Legion Auxiliary and was an elder in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Mrs. Nichols is survived by her children and their families, Elizabeth Majinska of McMillan, Linda and Howard Shearer of McMillan, Rene Kerns of Naubinway, Debra White of Cheboygan, Caroline Brown of Newberry, and Nanette Biang of Lake Odessa; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; two sisters-in-law, Wanda Snyder of Gwinn and Claris Snyder of St. Ignace.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nick, April 29, 2008; an infant son, Dennis; a daughter, Shirley Courtney, who died in February; a son-in-law, Richard Majinska; two granddaughters, Jamie Majinska and Debbie Jo Mitchell; five brothers, Donald, Vernon, Nathan, Warren, and Everet, and a sister,

Betty Gogol.

Services took place May 28 at 1 p.m. at Lakeside Cemetery with the Reverend Erik Alsgaard officiating. She was buried beside her husband.

Cards may be sent to Rene Kerns, PO Box 16, Naubinway, MI 49762 or Linda Shearer, Box 72, McMillan, MI, 49853. Memorials may be directed to a charity of choice.

Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

WILLIAM VISNAW

William "Will" P. Visnaw, 35, of St. Ignace, died unexpectedly on May 5, 2011, in Marquette. He was born in Petoskey Nov. 12, 1975, to John Richardson and Rose Visnaw.

Mr. Visnaw worked in the Detroit area as a laborer in swimming pool construction and at Lakefront Electronics, McDonald's, Subway and lived in Marquette since early 2011.


He is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Chippewa Indians and Ste. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island.

He is survived by his mother and her family, Rose Visnaw Miftaraj and Mike Woodford of St. Ignace; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation was on May 13, at Dodson Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial took place May 14 at Ste. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island with Father Jim Williams officiating. Burial was at Ste. Anne's Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

Contributions other than flowers may be directed to the family.





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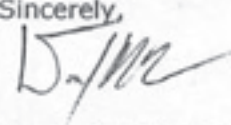
Dear Board of Directors,

I am writing to formally notify you that I am resigning from my position as Chairman and CEO of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Please accept this letter as notification that I am resigning from my position effective immediately.

I apologize for not being able to provide notice. However, I regret that, due to circumstances beyond my control, I need to resign immediately.

Please forward my last paycheck to my home address.

Thank you for the support that you have provided me during my tenure as Chairman and CEO.

Sincerely,

Darwin "Joe" McCoy

Date May 10th 2011

* Editor's note: This scanned letter was formatted to fit the newspaper format.

Obituaries welcomed

Win Awenen Nisitotung welcomes the obituaries of Sault Tribe members and their immediate families.

There is no charge for obituaries. Family and funeral homes are encouraged to send obituaries, photos and, if desired, a favorite psalm or prayer. Families are also welcome to place memorials

for their loved ones.

To submit an obituary or for more information or guidance, please email Jennifer Dale-Burton at jdburton.net or call (906) 632-6398.

If email is unavailable for sending obituaries, please mail them to Win Awenen Nisitotung, 531 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Vice chairwoman reports on current items



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

Aanii!

I write this unit report as the tribe faces a unique challenge upon the resignation of our tribal chairman. Since this happened on May 10, the board has taken action to declare the seat vacant and immediately began compiling information to follow the process that our former leaders put in place to handle situations like this. (Our Constitution and Tribal Codes.) Since we have not worked through a board resignation so close to a general election, we are working together to learn what steps we have to take to get back to having a full 13-person board.

Throughout this time, our governmental operations, casinos and enterprises have all been functioning, as they should with no significant changes. Many of our staff have been advising and helping us walk through the process laid out for us in the Constitution and in our Election Code. Miigwech, there are not

enough words to say how much the staff is appreciated at this time.

With the many disturbing emails circulated, and also comments from a faction of the board as to our situation, we stand at a dilemma of “who has the authority” to sign documents and keep our government relations with a designated person. I work very hard at taking the VICE CHAIR’S responsibilities as serious as an elected official of a nation should, but political agendas of others are constantly knocking at the door and trying to disrupt our government structure that has been put in place by past leaders, in other words . . . our CONSTITUTION! This is a daily challenge.

On a very personal note, I did not ask, expect or plan our current situation but I will use all my leadership skills and strength to walk us through this. We not only have to keep our services and operations moving forward as we currently are. We will be financially stable, even as we work through this, but it will take time. We also need to send the message to our financial institutions and other tribes that we are okay, and we will be!

You will NOT see me respond or include myself in the email traffic and attacks. I don’t have time for the abusive behavior towards our membership, it’s hurtful to all our families and our tribe as a whole, enough is enough and sitting behind a computer and writing disturbing things is not our way — never was and never will be!

One last word on this issue that I feel the need to mention: Above, I made reference to negative emails and articles I received or was mentioned in. Being an elected official, that certainly comes with the territory and I have learned to get used to it. But these past few weeks, former chairman Aaron Payment’s attacks have taken a disturbing turn. Recently, Mr. Payment has attacked my personal life. Now it is alleged he has sought out information from my childhood and used quotes from family members, some of whom I have never met. Not only is that dirty politics, its obsessive and cruel. I don’t read the emails that Mr. Payment sends to me. When members call me about these emails, they say they seem obsessive and suggest I seek remedy.

I do not have a remedy, other than this — Mr. Payment, I ask you to stop. I do expect and can accept attacks on my leadership decisions, but please, leave my childhood and family out of it. We, the membership, are simply tired of these kind of antics in our government.

In closing, on the challenge at hand, it was not my intention to be the CHAIRPERSON. I will however serve and handle my responsibilities as vice chairwoman that are needed and expected for security and stability of our tribe until an appointment is made by the board of directors. We have all been taught the basic fundamentals of government and I will act accordingly (as our own Constitution has laid out

responsibilities). With that, please know I will be part of the staff and board members that have the ambitions to lead us. In the end, as a board member, there are certain items and endeavors that I do not support we move toward that I am prohibited from speaking on, so this creates a significant dilemma for me as certain board members bully and force their way at all costs to the tribe. Other board members have spoken about this exact problem in past unit reports. I will continue to stand my position on those items.

Despite our current challenge, we still have so many positive things occurring. We recently hired a new general counsel for our tribe who will assist in our stability and ongoing legal items. (Please see front-page article.) We welcome him and look forward to his coming here.

We are moving forward on many other issues that affect our tribe, — Charlotte Beach settlement, Carcieri debate, CEO separation (Director Hollowell and I will be presenting a resolution at the next meeting) and our legal issues stemming from Greektown. These are huge items and we need to keep focused.

We held a groundbreaking May 16 to build townhouses for elders at Odenaang Community Development in the Sault. Construction preparations for the three townhouses will begin in late May or early June and actual construction is set to start in July. An Indian Housing block grant from the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Native American Programs is funding the \$1.2 million project. This was great to see.

We have sent out numerous press releases thus far to keep you informed on what official action is taking place and will continue as we move through the process at hand. We have handled the discussion through open meetings and will vote on any appointment or decision in open session.

I want to reiterate how pleased I am to see how our staff is handling our situation. I’ve seen respect, professionalism and patience with everyone and I couldn’t be more proud of all of them and the members who simply call or write to say . . . “Keep us going and miigwech.” That’s all that keeps me going.

My schedule has changed a little bit but with the support and assistance from Director Hollowell, we work together and will still maintain and be in attendance at all our elders’ meetings and hold office hours:

Hessel—June 20, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon) at the tribal center;

Newberry—June 17 following the elders’ meeting at the tribal center; and

Naubinway—June 29, 3 to 5 p.m. at the snowmobile museum.

Please contact me at (906) 484-2954 anytime if you would like to meet or discuss any issues or concerns.

Baamaapii,
Lana Causley, Vice Chairwoman

Director Miller reports on board business



TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

I will apologize for missing my last unit report, but on my way through the airports, I was delayed and cancelled and put into a position where I could not access my unit report that was done and ready for submission. Well, at least the dog didn’t eat it. Spring is still trying to make an appearance to the U.P., but it is taking its time. I am really looking forward to more outside activities. I hope this report finds everyone in good health.

The board of directors has been busy in reacting to the recent resignation of the tribal chairman. Although it is a significant event, the operational portion of the tribe is set up to work with business as usual.

The constitutional amendment the membership passed last year separated the duties of the CEO from that of the chairman and allows for this. In the process to fill the vacant chair position, the board has two options and they are to 1) appointment the tribal member to fill out the remainder of the term or 2) to schedule a special advisory election. I have been given clear direction by the membership of Unit IV that they want an advisory election and that is what I will work with the board to accomplish.

In addition to this clearly disruptive occurrence, we have been managing to do some of the other work that must be done, such as being actively involved at the Washington, D.C., level in helping to ensure that the United States government does not balance the budget on the back of treaty responsibilities. I traveled to Washington, D.C., where I participated, on behalf of two national Indian education associations, in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs listening sessions on Native priorities for the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. I believe that this type activity is one of the main functions of the board and that is to influence the relationship and help to shape the

programs that we receive from the United States government. That, along with listening to the tribal membership’s concerns and needs and giving overall direction to where the tribe is heading in its development, is the role of the board.

In our recent attempts to keep our needs as a priority with the United States Congress, I believe the tribe’s overall efforts have actually fared quite well to this point. That does not mean we can lower our guard or we may become the target of severe cuts in the future. We have also been working to find economic ventures with which to generate additional revenue to help increase services to tribal members.

The fishing case, in which the State of Michigan is attempting to assert jurisdiction over two of our tribally-licensed commercial fishermen, is of great concern. The trial which took four days and only took two hours of deliberation by the jury, led to a conviction on a conspiracy to sell fish without a state license. This is an attack on the tribe’s treaty rights and must be treated as so. Denise and I will continue to emphasize how critical an issue this is and that the tribe must commit the full strength of its resources

to stop this.

On a positive note, we are on the verge of announcing one or two significant ventures and hope to do so within the month of June or July. We are always working on ways to make our delivery of services fair, equitable and efficient to our tribal

members. I get enough input from the membership to know that we still have much room for improvement. I hope that you have a good spring and let’s get the warm weather here. If you are having problems, please contact Denise Chase or myself and we will help you.

Dump metal for free in Mackinac Co.

If you need a little help with spring clean up, the Diane Pepler Resource Center is hosting a free metal dumpster to help raise money to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The metal dumpster will be placed in the parking lot next to the Mackinac County Sheriff’s Department off Marley Street, from June 8 through June 29. All dumping is free to the public.

We are collecting any and all metal including old cars, lawn mowers, appliances, bikes, pots and pans, ANYTHING, big or small!

If you need help hauling metal to the dumpster, you can contact the Mackinac County Sheriff’s Department at 643-7325 or call our center at (800) 882-1515. This is a great opportunity to haul away some of that old clutter that has been taking up space around the house! Your old metal could

help raise a little bit of support for our survivors and their families. Please, take some time and call, we will come and get it for you!

The dumpster will be moving around the EUP — coming soon to a town near you.

The Diane Pepler Resource Center is a tri-county organization that provides free, voluntary, confidential services to ALL survivors (children and adults) of domestic violence or sexual assault. Sexual assault can be devastating whether it be rape, incest, molestation or harassment.

We have offices in Newberry, St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie. Many of you may know Erica Rhome, outreach advocate for Mackinac County survivors. To find out more about our FREE services please contact Erica at 643-0498 or our 24-hour toll free number at (800) 882-1515.

Splitting off CEO duties from the chairman



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

As I mentioned in my last unit report, the voters made a decision last year when they passed a constitutional amendment to remove “*performance of all duties consistent with the office of chief executive officer of the tribe*” from the description of chairman duties. Before the question even went to a vote of the people, the board should have determined how they planned to separate the role of chief execu-

tive officers from the role of the chairman if the amendment passed. They did not. And over the course of the last year, we have failed to come to enough consensus to get this critical issue out of workshop and on to the board agenda for legislative action. With the sudden resignation of the chairman we now have a constitutional crisis that threatens to grind tribal operations to a halt. This is a classic case of the worse kind of putting the cart before the horse. And it is incumbent upon the board to resolve this crisis posthaste.

Therefore, Vice Chairperson Lana Causley and I will present at the June 7 board of directors meeting a resolution directing our Human Resources Department to “prepare and submit to the board of directors for review, no later than June 20, 2011, a comprehensive position description and job duties outline for the position of CEO of the tribe, so as to facilitate the hiring

of an individual to fill that position.”

But make no mistake, the tribal board of directors bears the ultimate responsibility for making the split work (not the Human Resource Department). As I keep stating, this is the homework that should have been completed before the vote, to ensure a smooth and orderly transfer. I urge my fellow board members to take seriously the work before us and to be prepared to stay in session as long as it takes until this fundamental change is launched.

Although time is now of the essence, we have to resist cutting corners and consider far reaching consequences that separation of roles entails. We would be wise to proceed carefully and with standard best practices in mind because we bear responsibility for the outcome. We need to lead the process, determine the right form and define roles of both the CEO and the chairman. Our

role as board members could use some sharpening as well. Clearly, we have at minimum the role of oversight, but as I’ve observed over the course of a year, this board tends to overreach and reach down into day-to-day operation in a way that is, at best, confusing to staff and, at worst, an abuse of power.

Even if we act with the urgency the situation demands, it will take a period of time to recruit and retain a chief executive officer. Thus, the resignation of the chairman leaves us in an immediate predicament: who has the responsibility and authority of tribal affairs? I believe — as does our retained outside general counsel — that our tribal bylaws should be read in a manner that ensures that the chairperson’s duties are fulfilled in the chairperson’s absence, not just at board meetings, but more generally (inferred powers).

However, literalists on the board argue that the duties of the

vice-chairperson called upon to step in for the chairperson in the chair’s absence “begin and end at the boardroom door” (under Article II, Sec. 2). My position is that a literal reading of Art. II, Sec. 2 is not in the best interest of the tribe because it would leave the tribe a rudderless ship in the event the chairperson resigns (especially with the failure to define and delegate CEO duties!).

In conclusion, I would urge those members who insist on taking a literalist view to offer a resolution delegating powers to the vice-chair that would transfer to the appointed chair once that determination is made. And it’s logical that those powers would include those of the CEO until such position can be filled.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you with your thoughts and concerns on this issue.

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Tribe moving forward despite resignation



DEBRA PINE, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I

Aniishna? (How are you?) Miisa miinwaa gegpii mnookmik! (It’s finally spring!) Gitchi miigwech Gzhe-mnidoo gaawiin zookpog! (Thank the Creator it stopped snowing!) Kina gwaya gichinendam miigwa zhaa-zhigwa niibna waaskwane’en waabigoniik.

(Everybody is happy there are already flowers blooming).

I’m happy to report that even though we lost our chairman, our tribe is still functioning well and moving forward on various issues. This is a big statement because I’m pretty sure everyone thought we were all going to cave and descend into chaos. Which didn’t happen. The board members, even though we have fundamental differences of opinion as to what should be done, we made a commitment to each other to remain professional and civil. So far, except for the little bit of rumbling on the Internet, we have remained as such.

One of the main area of concerns, and I can’t stress this enough, we have to remain calm and do not appear to be too turbulent. We have investors and more importantly, we have banks that hold our debt. Those banks could very easily have called in our loans. I am proud to say that

as of this writing, our people haven’t missed a beat. We have pulled together and kept moving forward. We were a little shocked the night it happened but the next day, the board met and it was business as usual. Our upper management people have done an excellent job in helping transition the board into this new situation.

Recently, five members of the board introduced a resolution to overturn code and allow a special election for the chair’s seat. Simply put, the code (written and established before I got on the board) states that we cannot have a special “advisory” election within a one year period of the regularly scheduled “binding” election. I put “advisory” in quotes due to the fact that it is just that, “advisory.” If code allowed it, we could have run the “advisory” special election but it would not be “binding.” In reality, the board could have

taken those results and disregarded them. The constitution is clear, it says we “shall appoint.”

I know our job gives us the ability to change the rules. Here is the thing, it’s important to change the rules when it is not working, it is important to change the rules when it is bad policy. In this situation, I don’t believe it is bad policy to stick with the current rules that are in place.

I find it funny that the people who want to overturn it were some of the original people who put it there in the first place. Well, it was a situation that nobody saw coming and I don’t believe in changing the rules mid-season to suit political factions and risk turning our tribe back into a chaotic mess. We have lost so much in the last seven years, we have just started to regain some of what we have lost and I’m proud of that.

TWO PERSONAL DAYS

FOR CASINO EMPLOYEES

This is one of the benefits that was lost in the 2008 deficit ran by the previous administration that we were able to restore!

It did so much to improve morale at the casinos and I know our casino people deserve it! Thank you “tribal casino people” for slugging it out and getting us through!

This is an example of what I am talking about and I have a long list of other areas I want to see restored before my job is done here.

We will be having our big Fourth of July powwow. I will be helping run the event so if your are home visiting, please introduce yourself, I look forward to meeting you!

Baamaapii kowaabmin!

Sincerely

Debra-Ann Pine

440-1334

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Kinross cellulose-to-ethanol plant a bad bet



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR,
UNIT I

With the abrupt resignation of Chairman Joe McCoy, the board of directors was taken by surprise with his unexpected announcement.

Since that time, I have had numerous emails and calls from tribal members and elders, whom I trust and respect, requesting that we hold a spe-

cial election to fill the chairman’s seat. According to our Constitution, the tribal board shall appoint a qualified tribal member to fill this vacant position.

Can we do this? Yes, we can. We have done it in the past by conducting a special advisory election. At our last board meeting, I voted to change the election ordinance so that we could shorten the process and conduct an advisory election. Once the people vote, the winning candidate would be officially appointed by the board of directors. I believe this is an important position where our membership should be the ones to choose their chairperson.

However, only five board members voted to change the ordinance. Unless the ordinance changes, the only other alternative is that the board will appoint a qualified tribal member to fill this seat.

So, at this time, we do not have a chairperson. Our vice chair is filling in to chair our meetings as is called for in our Constitution. The resignation has had no effect on direct services. With the separation of the duties of CEO from the chairperson, no day-to-day business was impacted by this abrupt departure. I embrace this opportunity for our board to improve our efficiencies in the chain of command in decision making.

I know that our membership has been very disappointed, embarrassed and disillusioned with the variety of misfortune that has befallen our top leadership. As your tribal leaders, it is important that we stay focused and work together to rise above and do the job that we’ve been chosen by you to do.

There is much work to be done and, in order to do so, we have to all work together on behalf of our tribal membership.

We have to define our priorities and have a clear plan to achieve those priorities.

One of those priorities as charged by our tribal Constitution is to protect our rights and resources. One of our greatest resources, our forests are in danger of being over harvested by fuel companies.

In 1836, our ancestors signed the Treaty of Washington and reserved the right to hunt and fish as well as other “usual rights of occupancy” on these lands. We assumed that we were reserving rights on our lands as they were because “who would wipe the forest clean for short term gain?”

And 180 years later, after our trees had been removed and used to build the United States, our forests are beginning to return. They are very young, in most cases less than 50 years old. This is in stark contrast to what was here when

our ancestors reserved the rights that our nation enjoys today. Centuries-old hemlock, white and red pine trees towered over our forested landscape. Frontier “Renewable” Resources LLC, is proposing to build a cellulose-to-ethanol plant in Kinross. This plant would be a major user of our natural resources. All the hardwood that is harvested from the Hiawatha National Forest each year would run the plant for six months. This plant will be a major user of water and a major discharger of wastewater. This plant will also be a major air polluter. If it were not for the cute accounting tricks of this being a “green energy” project, this plant would have to go through a much more rigorous permitting process. This refinery will take place within eyeshot of one of Sault Tribe’s largest housing sites, on land that our members used

See “Abramson,” page 23

Modified nets reducing lake trout bycatch



KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III

We would like to congratulate all of the graduates and their families and wish them great success in the future.

The last month has been eventful. The chairman resigned for reasons unknown to me. It was a surprise to everyone and we wish him well and thank him for his service to the tribe. A controversy brewed as to how the chairman's seat was to be filled. There really is not a

question on how it is to be filled because the tribe's Constitution explicitly explains how to accomplish that task and I quote:

"Article I - Vacancies and removal from Office

Section 1. If any tribal official shall die, resign, or be removed from office, the board of directors shall declare the position vacant.

Sec. 2 The board shall by a majority vote, fill vacancies by appointment of a voting member of the tribe to fill unexpired term of the departed official. Persons so appointed shall reside within the election unit from which the departed official was elected."

The Constitution of our tribe is supreme law and the board of directors, when installed into office, swear to uphold that constitution. I have had calls and e-mails pleading with me to go against what I have been sworn to uphold. That will not happen.

We follow the Constitution, laws and policies that are in place for a reason. Most of those

laws were not written by the current sitting board members and those laws were written so future directors and tribal members have a clear path and direction to carry out both simple and complex tasks. True, laws and policies can be changed by the board but our Constitution cannot. We ask that you trust your unit directors to do not only what is right but to follow the laws of the tribe. If you find disfavor with your representative you can exercise your power to elect someone else to replace them every four years but please don't judge your representative poorly because they stand up and follow their oath to uphold the tribe's Constitution as supreme law. **MODIFIED GILL NETS OFFER EXCITING RESULTS ON LAKE TROUT BYCATCH**

On a totally different subject, we received a briefing from our tribal fisheries department. Our tribal fishers have had great success in catching whitefish in Lake Huron but they also catch

Lake Trout in their nets. We have a limit on how many lake trout we can harvest in a year. We have sometimes strayed over that limit.

A solution needed to be found that would allow our fishermen to catch whitefish but limit the trout catch as much as possible. If the fishermen were to continue to catch more than the allotment of trout they could be banned from fishing Lake Huron mid-season.

Our fisheries department explored putting legs or leaders onto the bottom of the nets so the last third of the net was off the bottom. The trout tend to stay closer to the bottom than the whitefish. Last year, they approached Lake Huron fishermen and two groups agreed to count every fish from both the modified nets and the traditional nets that we fished side by side.

The numbers from last year were just reported and they are extremely exciting. The trout catch was significantly less and the whitefish catch was not sig-

nificantly curtailed. With those numbers in place, and extrapolating if more fishermen used the modified nets, we would never have to worry about going over the limit again.

Added benefits of using these nets are almost no zebra mussels or slime in the nets make it a great blessing to the fishermen as they raise their nets.

So we commend our fisheries department for a job well done. Now other fisheries have asked for our data and methods so they can follow our lead. What a great compliment.

Pat Rickley and I would like to announce that, along with our regular unit meeting in St. Ignace on the forth Monday of each month at the elders center at 6 p.m., a supplemental meeting will be held on Mackinac Island on June 18 at 10 a.m. Please call Pat or me for specifics. Thank you again for all the phone calls and e-mails.

Keith Massaway
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Code deadline provisions prohibit election



BERNARD BOUSCHOR, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Dear tribal member, During the years prior to federal recognition in 1972, our tribe was known as the Original Bands of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The Original Bands had survived for years with donations from members and the annual mem-

bership fee. The tribal assets in 1974 were less than \$500 in a bank. The tribe had no employees (everyone donated their time) and we owned no property. The Sault Tribe membership in 1975 was a little over 3,500. Today our membership is nearly 40,000 and growing.

The Original Bands received two foundation grants (one from the Catholic church and the other from the Methodist church) that were instrumental in the completion of the requirements of the federal government recognition process as specified in the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe's Constitution was approved by the membership in 1975 and our tribe's first modern day tribal general election occurred in 1976. Joseph K. Lumsden was elected chairman, a posi-

tion he held until his death in 1987. I was appointed by the Board of Directors to finish out his term in office. The tribal board is required by the tribal Constitution to appoint for any vacancy that occurs for chairperson or member of the board of directors as a result of death, removal or resignation.

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors has taken the time to have our legal staff review the Election Code section requirement to hold an advisory election. The Election Committee and our legal staff have reviewed this section of the code and both agree that although the code provides for advisory elections, the code also has a provision that prohibits holding an advisory election if it falls within six months of the tribal general election. The six-month time provision prohibits

an advisory election per tribal code and no advisory elections for chairman can be held.

In the mid-'70s, the tribe worked with the University of Michigan, School of Public Health, to do a comprehensive census and needs assessment of our membership. The tribe was especially concerned about our elders and a special section was completed specific to the needs of the elders. Our elder population's needs were far greater than the rest of our members — more health problems, substandard housing and a standard of living that was less than the rest of our membership.

During the time period that I was on the tribe's board of directors or was chairman of our tribe, the tribe considered the needs of the elders as high priority. The first contract with Indian Health Services in 1975

provided for elder dental care. The tribe considered the needs of elders in health care delivery system and authorized that elders could go to their own doctors. The tribe has continued to place a high priority on the needs of our elders; the establishment of the self-sufficiency programs; health, medical equipment, employment, funeral assistance and elderly income. Our tribe committed 100 percent of the tribe's land claims settlement in 1998 to our elders. Today, the tribe has to fund these programs annually as the self-sufficiency fund principal and earning are inadequate to fund the elder service programs. The tribe borrowed and spent almost all of our self-sufficiency funds. The vision of our future, a self-sufficient tribal community, needs to be the priority of our tribe.

Director Anderson: Back on the road again!



JOAN (CARR) ANDERSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT V

To begin, I would like to mention that our board has had a few hectic months. First, our former legal counsel, Tom Dorwin moved on to a new job. We have had to find a replacement which had taken time. Secondly, our chairman, Joe McCoy resigned. Finding

a replacement for him is also time consuming, longer than we expected. The directors have been conducting our meetings as best as we can considering we are going through this time of transition.

At this time, I would like to thank all tribal members from around the country for their wonderful phone calls, concerns, and emails in support of the "special election," even though the election did not evolve, we did our best.

So as we move on to the replacement of this chair and its duties, we will just have to have faith in each other and I am sure we will make the right decisions.

Right now, our board has been busy working on budgets, elder issues, HR policies, health, housing, fishing issues, enrollments, election committees, ect.

One good thing that has taken place for our employees are getting back their personal days. So I can see with raises and other issues coming back, it is going to be good down the road for all tribal members. I did attend the MIEA meeting during board breaks.

At our May 25 board meeting, I was impressed to see so many tribal members attending and bringing concerns to the table. I really like to hear all your interests and concerns you bring forth. You are the TRIBE and YOU should be heard.

Unit V report: In my unit, I had to distribute 2 percent monies as did other directors. I had \$33,700 to share and I had 12 requests totaling \$253,703. I did my best to distribute the monies fairly.

The MIEA talent show was wonderful and congratulations goes to our Unit V Tom Derwin

for winning.

I have toured the Indian housing homes to review the new kitchens. We have also been working on a powwow and we need help, please call Dolores, (906-387-3370). I also conducted Unit V meetings and we have had a great turnout — thank you. I would like to inform you that I have attended health meetings and visited our home bound people plus, I try to contact our casino workers on a regular basis.

Tom, Denise and I have attended the Marquette elders' meeting. I have toured the facility where Marquette members have to pick up their prescriptions and we are hoping we can get buildings for our Marquette and Escanaba members.

In closing, please keep the emails and phone calls coming, I do care and I will get back to you.

Sincerely,
Joanie Carr Anderson
jcaanderson@saulttribe.net

GREAT PRIZES WITH POWWOW RAFFLE TICKETS!

Drawing on July 3 at 12:30 p.m. at Sault powwow grounds.

Prizes: 1st, \$250; 2nd, Two night stay at the casino and dinner for two; 3rd, Ribbon shirt; 4th, Small girls dress and fancy shawl; 5th, Painting by Lisa Dietz; 6th, Hand-made wood breadbox.

Tickets, \$1 each; need not be present to win.

Unit I Elders Fundraiser (STR-012-11)

Members should vote for next chairperson



**DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR,
UNIT IV**

By now you have all heard that the former chairman resigned from his position on May 10, 2011. On May 10, the board accepted his resignation and declared the chairperson's seat vacant.

At the May 24 board meeting a resolution was voted on: Amending Tribal Code Chapter 10 – Election Ordinance – Special Advisory Election – Chairperson.

WHEREAS, Chairperson Darwin “Joe” McCoy resigned his position on May 10, 2011; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV of the Constitution the Board of Directors has declared the Chairperson's seat vacant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV of the Constitution the Board of Directors shall appoint to the vacated seat a

voting member of the Tribe to serve the applicable unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Code Chapter 10: Election Ordinance at Subchapter II states that the Board of Directors shall call a non-binding Special Advisory Election to assist them in making the appointment if certain timelines are met; and

WHEREAS, the timeline currently contained in said Subchapter II prohibits the calling of a non-binding Special Advisory Election; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to avail themselves of a non-binding Special Advisory Election and in order to do so the prohibitive timeline must be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends Tribal Code Chapter 10: Election Ordinance by amending the second sentence of Section 10.203 to read:

“No Special Advisory Election shall be held if the election date shall be later than six (6) months prior to the posting of the Notice of Election for the Next General Election.”

The board members who supported the membership's right to VOTE for the tribal chairperson were: me, Tom Miller, Joan Carr Anderson, DJ Malloy and Cathy

Abramson. Those who voted against were: Keith Massaway, Deb Pine, Catherine Hollowell, Bernard Bouschor, Pat Rickley, Joe Eitrem. It takes seven votes to amend tribal codes. The vote was defeated 5-6. It takes seven votes to appoint a replacement chair, or to amend the code to hold the Special Advisory Election. Those same board members who wouldn't vote to amend the election ordinance to hold the special advisory election voted to amend Tribal Code Chapter 10: Election Ordinance – Amending Chapter 20 – Great Lakes – Regulations and amended Chapter 82 – Appeals from Election Committee. The board amends code changes all the time.

Telling the membership the special election violates the Constitution is NOT TRUE. The board can amend the Election Code to allow the Special Advisory Election to happen, allow the membership their right to vote and then appoint whoever wins the election. The election timeline can be shortened by not holding a primary.

I asked that the same resolution be put on the agenda the June 7 board meeting. At this writing, we don't know the results.

The chairperson seat is vacant until the board of directors moves to hold spe-

cial election or appoints a replacement. NO ONE had assumed the chairman's duties, or has anyone been authorized to fill the role. In Article II – Duties of Officers, the vice – chairperson of the board of directors shall assist the chairperson when called upon to do so, and in the absence of the chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors. When so presiding, the vice-chairperson shall have all of the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of the chairperson. The vice-chairperson only had duties of chair during board meetings. There is NO “Interim Chairperson.”

Don't forget to attend the “Gathering of the Clans” powwow June 11-12, 2011. The location is behind the Manistique Tribal Center, 5698W Highway US2, Manistique (next to Kewadin Casino). Grand Entries: Saturday 1 and 7 p.m., Sunday 12 Noon. FREE ADMISSION. Feast meal: Saturday 5 p.m. Crazy Auction: Saturday after feast meal.

Indian Point Cemetery clean up was again organized

Plant will affect our treaty rights

From “Abramson,” page 21 to be able to exercise those rights which our ancestors reserved. Yes, this plant will be built on 360 acres that the Michigan DNR traded for lands outside the 1836 Ceded Territory. All this to produce less than 1 percent of Michigan's annual fuel budget in ethanol.

The 50 to 70 jobs this company promises may not be worth the risks to tribal members' health, to the health and strength of our forests, and to the heritage we must protect. This project is not a balanced project for us. I am opposed to this project for these reasons. The board of directors and the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (Tribal leadership from Sault Tribe, Bay Mills, Grand Traverse, Little Traverse, and Little River) have both passed resolutions in opposition to this plant. I recently met with Lee Sprague (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council), Eric Clark (Sault

by the Delta County Tribal Elders. The first weekend we were rained out. This annual clean-up has been happening for quite a few years. Ron Nelson brought his lawn machine, which vacuums up bushels of leaves and branches; everyone says “thank you” to Ron for cutting down the workload.

We would like to say “miigwech” to the following individuals who volunteered their time: Ann and Jerry Miller, Betty and Jack Majestic, Glenda and Walt Godfrey, Connie and Bill Hardwick, Barry Hardwick, Ron Nelson, Viola Neadow and Tom Miller and Delta County youth volunteers: Kevin and Tricia Bowie, Chris Bowie, Keayon and Rakyah Jarvey, Zoe McKory, Courtney and Morgan Mathias. (Missing from photo are John Miller and Manistique Elders Sharon and Cliff Barber and Diane Kerridge.)

Congratulations to all the high school and college graduates.

Thank you,
Denise Chase

Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Department), Kathie Brosemer (Sault Tribe Environmental Department), Pat Egan and Carol Ward (Sierra Club) to come up with a plan and strategy to stop this project from receiving \$60 million in federal grants to build this plant.

Others who are working with us are fellow board member D.J. Malloy, Robin Clark of Sault Tribe Environmental Office and Jennifer Dale-Burton of the Sault Tribe newspaper. I encourage you to join us in this fight. After all, we gave our forests and waters to build the United States but enough is enough . . . WE WANT OUR TREES BACK! For more specific information on this project, please read the article in this tribal paper.

An informational session and public hearing will be held June 21, location to be announced.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (906) 322-3823 or cabramson@saulttribe.net.



Elders and youth cleaned up the Indian Point Cemetery this spring.



Kevin and Tricia Bowie with Delta County Youth volunteers.



Ron Nelson brought his lawn machine.

Sault Tribe seeks members' address updates

The Sault Tribe Enrollment Department is seeking valid addresses of Sault Tribe members. Below and on the following three pages is a list of members with invalid addresses in our records. If any of the people listed are your friends or family members, please have them contact the enrollment office. Call toll free (800) 251-6597; write a letter to Sault Tribe Enrollment, PO Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; or email Julie Yacuone at jjacuone@saulttribe.net; or Melissa Morehouse at mmorehouse@saulttribe.net. Miigwech.



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