

# Win Awenen Nisitotung

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## Census warns minorities about 2010 count

By RICK SMITH

The U.S. government can't set a place for you at the table if they don't know you're here. That's the essential message the U.S. Department of Commerce Census Bureau wants minority media outlets to spread to traditionally hard-to-count populations. American Indians are one of those hard-to-count populations. Consequently, they are usually left under represented in the federal legislatures and federal dollars for needs never amount to enough.

Representatives from the Census Bureau met with national and Michigan minority media representatives in Detroit on April 28. Delegates from print, radio, television and Internet concerns and organizations met with Arnold A. Jackson, associate director for Decennial Census; Dwight P. Dean, regional director for the Census Bureau; and Raul E. Cisneros, chief of the Decennial Census Public Information Office. A contingent of Census Bureau staff were also on hand.

About 40 members of minority media attended the roundtable discussion representing organizations such as the National Newspaper Publishers Association, Michigan Korean Weekly, broadcast stations and networks, Internet news outlets and blogs. The varied organiza-



Photo by Rick Smith

**Associate Director for Decennial Census Arnold A. Jackson addresses Michigan minority media reps in a "roundtable discussion" in Detroit on April 28. Jackson is flanked by U.S. Census Bureau regional director Dwight P. Dean (R) and Raul E. Cisneros, chief of the Decennial Media Relations Branch Public Information Office. The meeting was part of efforts by the Census Bureau to reach typically hard-to-count populations.**

tions serve an array of minorities including European, Middle Eastern, Caribbean and South American immigrants. The sole American Indian representation at the event came from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' *Win Awenen Nisitotung*.

After introductions and brief notes from each of the officials, they opened with each making remarks to the assemblage. "We're not here to sell you anything," said Jackson. "This is for the benefit of your peoples, all we hope to get out of this is a more accurate count done to the best of our abilities." All three officials agreed the largest barrier to an accurate count appears to be fear, or the lack of trust, toward the government. All participants exchanged views and

expressed ideas on the issue as it related to their specific populations.

"Do any law enforcement agencies have access to the information gathered by the census?" the officials were asked.

"The short answer is no," Dean responded. The Web site of the U.S. Census Bureau confirmed his reply: "By law, no one is permitted to reveal information from these censuses and surveys that could identify any person, household or business. Individual records from each decennial census are made public 72 years after the census has been taken." In fact, the bureau has a data protection and privacy policy known as the U.S. Census Bureau Data Stewardship; more about that subject and other per-

tinent information can be found at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

"Courts and executive offices have always supported inviolate confidentiality of our information," Dean added.

Some people may be afraid simply because they don't know what to expect when a census taker comes to the door. The typical census taker is a temporary employee of the Census Bureau hired only for the purpose of helping to gather data for a particular census. According to the bureau, they usually work various hours in their own neighborhoods or communities, normally 20 to 40 hours per week, and assignments can last up to several weeks.

Census takers perform two main kinds of work: Updating address lists and conducting interviews. The main address list updating is taking place at this time. During the operation, census takers visit all the places where people live or could live. The census taker must knock on each resident's door and if someone answers explain that he or she is verifying the correct address for a short census questionnaire that will be mailed in 2010.

The Census Bureau conducts several field operations aimed at counting people. Interviewing operations will take place in the spring and summer of 2010.

These operations involve knocking on doors and conducting interviews with residents. The largest interviewing operation is called non-response follow-up, this is performed to get responses from people who have not returned the mail-delivered census form.

Jackson noted the 2010 census has the potential to bring positive changes for populations like no other census in history. He gave this advisory, "There are forces out there that would love to see your group under counted." In other words, it would not be in our best interest to let that happen.

### What is the census?

The census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years.

- The census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution.
- The next census is 2010.
- Your participation in the census is required by law.
- It takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Federal law protects your personal information. Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide and to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

## Adams, Pechta complete youth facility training

By BRENDA AUSTIN

ST. IGNACE, Mich. — Nick Adams and William Pechta, corrections officers at the Sault Tribe Youth Facility, recently graduated from the six-week corrections officer training program held at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Police Academy, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in New Mexico.

The Sault Tribe Youth Facility, located in St. Ignace, opened in 2004. The 25-bed facility averages 17 kids a year between the ages of 11 to 17. Kids are placed in the facility by court order, which also determines their length of stay.

Because the facility is licensed by both the state and the BIA, it is possible, according to Facility Administrator Dave Menard, for them to accept youth from anywhere in the country.

The facility has housed kids from every tribe and county in the UP and the majority of tribes and counties through Central Michigan, including kids from Ohio and Texas,

according to Menard. Although there is a tribal preference, the facility also accepts non-Native kids.

With the addition of its two newest graduates, all 12 corrections officers at the facility are federally certified. "All of the other youth facilities in Michigan are state licensed and court or county owned," said Menard. "You can go to any state licensed facility in Michigan and you will meet what is called a youth worker, or youth specialist. They do not have corrections or detention officers because it is not State mandated that they carry that title, nor go through a rigorous training academy. The training our officers receive in New Mexico is mandated because we are federally certified. You can never have too much training."

Nick Adams began his employment at the Youth Facility in September 2008. He holds a bachelor's degree in telecommunications from MSU and worked for the Sault Ste. Marie school system as a computer lab coordinator before



Left, Corrections Officer William Pechta, Facility Administrator Dave Menard and Corrections Officer Nick Adams.

accepting his current position. "I was looking for a job opportunity closer to home in St. Ignace and love working with kids. Attending the academy actually sparked my interest in law enforcement and the possibility of attending the police academy," he said.

William Pechta has a background in carpentry, but was ready for a career change. He said the training they received in New Mexico was very similar to the training police officers receive.

"We learned different arrest

and restraint techniques and there was a lot of physical conditioning. We were also pepper sprayed so we would know what it's like," he said.

Pechta added, "Almost everything we learned there applies to our positions at the youth facility. Everything there was structured; we were busy from 6 a.m. to sometimes 7 p.m., five to six days a week."

Residents at the facility participate in daily education activities that have been individualized for each child. The residents also receive substance

abuse and mental health counseling daily, which is conducted by a tribal substance abuse counselor and social worker.

Between their studies and indoor and outdoor recreation activities, the kids have strict rules they must follow. Card games, board games and TV are also at their disposal, only during certain times and if their behavior is satisfactory.

"The hardest thing for the kids coming in, is that most of them come from an environment where they did what they wanted, when they wanted to. Most of them have a hard time adapting to a schedule and set rules," Menard said.

For the past two years the facility has achieved an almost unheard of 100 percent compliance on their state-mandated requirements. "Those perfect inspections that don't exist — do," he said.

"I would like to commend the staff, and our two newest graduates, for a job well done. They are all very professional and do a great job," said Menard.



# Elders reach students with incentive awards

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT MENARD

The Michigan Indian Elders Association recently awarded \$14,075 to 281 K-12 students in recognition of achieving either straight A grades, perfect attendance or both, for the first two marking periods of the current school year.

Overall, there were 583 qualified entries, each earning \$25, indicating that many students qualified more than once, with several having qualified for the maximum of four awards.

Sault Tribe had 158 students qualify for 331 awards, 19 of the students achieved the maximum award, perfect attendance and straight A

grades for both marking periods.

The Michigan Indian Elders Association is an organization made up of the 12 federally recognized tribes and bands in Michigan, representing roughly 11,000 elders. A major focus of the association is to bridge the gap between the youth of tribal organizations and elders. The Student Incentive Award Program is one way of encouraging students to take their education seriously.

In July, the association will award an additional \$4,000 to qualifying students in the form of one \$1,000 and six \$500 scholarships.

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# No active H1N1 flu cases in Chippewa County

There are no active cases of H1N1 flu in Chippewa County. On May 7, the Chippewa County Health Department (CCHD) announced the two individuals who were deemed confirmed and probable cases of H1N1 (swine flu) virus were fully recovered and returned to normal activities. Strict policies and procedures from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) were followed to aggressively treat the individuals.

The risk of any future

spread was minimized by the fast actions of Sault Tribe, Bay Mills Indian Community, War Memorial Hospital and Chippewa County Health Department and, most importantly, by the voluntary quarantine and social distancing of the affected individuals.

Members of the public are urged to contact their physician if they experience flu-like symptoms. If individuals must go to their physician's office or the emergency room, they are asked not to walk in

without calling first. Dr. Scott Aldridge of the Sault Tribe Health Center and John Gilbert of Bay Mills Tribal Health Center agreed the protocol and policies of the CDC and the CCHD will continue its work to reduce the risk of H1N1 in Chippewa County.

Those who feel they may be having flu-like symptoms should call the Sault Tribe Health Center at (906) 632-5200 to discuss their symptoms with a health professional prior to going to the health center.

## Restore Vietnam Veterans of America grant

To the editor,

Vic Romback, VVA veterans service representative, will not be traveling to this area until further notice. During the last round of budget cuts, Governor Granholm reduced the annual grant to Vietnam Veterans of America and 10 other veterans organizations by 25 percent. These grants are used to employ veterans service representatives like Vic Romback to travel across the state of Michigan to assist veterans with VA benefits. Because of this reduction, VVA service representative travel to

most of the Upper Peninsula has been eliminated.

Most state departments were hit with a four to five percent reduction, while veterans organizations were hit with 25 percent. Veterans service representative grants bring VA monetary benefits into Michigan. Remember your state senators and representatives still refuse to lead by example and reduce their salary, but I just lost 40 percent of mine by being reduced to part time.

All concerned veterans and families should contact their

state senator, state representative and the governor's office and demand that the grants be restored.

Contact information for appropriate legislators is: Senator Prusi (517) 373-7840 Senator Allen (517) 373-2413 Rep. Lahti (517) 373-0850 Rep. Lindberg (517) 373-0498 Rep. Naret (517) 373-0516 Rep. McDowell (517) 373-2629 Governor Granholm's office (517) 335-7858

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VVA VETERANS SERVICE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

## Stupak accepting applications for U.S. military academies

WASHINGTON, D.C. –

U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) is accepting applications from students seeking a congressional nomination to the U.S. armed forces academies and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Stupak reminds high school juniors who will be seniors next school year and students currently enrolled in college that they could be eligible for a service academy nomination. To be eligible for a congressional nomination, applicants must be a legal resident of Michigan's First Congressional District, at least 17 and not over 23 by July 1 the year of academy entry, unmarried with no dependents, a United States citizen of high moral character, and able to meet high leadership, academic, physical and medical standards.

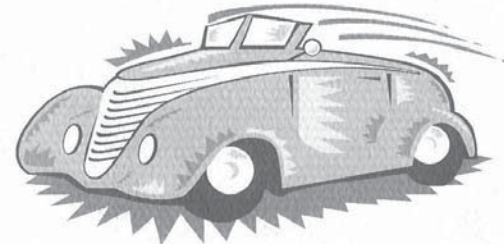
To assure that nominations to the service academies are based on merit and every applicant has a fair chance to compete for available openings, Stupak uses a Citizens Advisory Committee made up of community representatives from throughout the Michigan's First Congressional District. The committee reviews candidate application files, interviews the candidates and recommends selections for nominations.

To be eligible for an interview, all paperwork must be completed by Oct. 10, 2009. All recommendations are based on a competitive application process.

Application information can be obtained by calling Stupak's office at (906) 875-3751 or (800) 950-7371 or by visiting [www.house.gov/stupak](http://www.house.gov/stupak).



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# BAHWETING ANISHINAABEG JIINGTAMOK 2009

## Sault Tribe 2009 powwows

More information will be added as it becomes available.

**June 13-14 in Manistique** — Third annual Gathering of the Clans Powwow, six miles east of Manistique, behind the tribal center on US-2. Grand entry, June 13, 1 and 7 p.m.; June 14, 12 p.m.; feast, June 13, 5 p.m. Information: 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137. Admission is free. No drugs or alcohol.

**July 1-5 in Sault Ste. Marie** — 28th annual Sault Tribe Competition Powwow and Summer Gathering at the powwow grounds. Blessing of the grounds, July 1; Gathering, July 2-3; powwow, July 3-5; July 3: Open drum night. Grand entry: July 4, 1 and 7 p.m., July 5, 1 p.m. For more information, call Josh Homminga, (906) 635-6050. Admission is free. No drugs or alcohol.

**Aug. 1 in Rexton** — Celebrate Native Health Youth Empowerment Powwow, "Empowering our youth to live healthier lives and combat childhood obesity." Admission is free! No drugs or alcohol. Information: Lisa Burnside, (906) 484-2727 (lburnside@saulttribe.net), Dee Eggert, 635-7010, or Patty Teeples, 341-3362.

**Aug. 14-16 in Hessel** — 17th annual Gathering of the Eagles Powwow. Information: Lisa Burnside, (906) 484-2727 (lburnside@saulttribe.net), Lana Causley, 484-2954 or John Causley, 484-2921. Admission is free. No drugs or alcohol.

**Aug. 28-30 in St. Ignace** — Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow and Historical Camp, New France Discovery Center, St. Ignace. Blessing of the grounds, Friday, Aug. 28. Grand entry, Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. Host drum: Bahweting Singers. Admission: \$3 adults, \$2 elders, children under 12 free. No drugs or alcohol. Information: 643-8717, (800) 970-8717. Accommodations: (800) 338-6660. Traders and vendors: Darryl Brown, turtlesback@charter.net.

**Sept. 4-6 on Sugar Island** — 13th annual Sugar Island Traditional Powwow. Spiritual gathering Sept. 4, 12 p.m. to ? For more information, call Cecil Pavlat at (906) 632-4719, 635-6050 or 440-7849. \$1,000 Hand Drum contest! Admission is Free! No drugs or Alcohol.

**Sept. 12 in Munising** — Further information to be announced. Admission is free. No drugs or alcohol.

**Sept. 18-19 in Newberry** — Second annual Honoring the Waters Powwow. Information: Lois Bryant or Shirley

Kowalski, (906) 293-8181. Admission is free. No drugs or alcohol.

**November 8-9 in Kinross** — Honoring Our Anishinaabe Veterans sixth annual powwow, Kinross Recreation Center. Grand entry, Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., Sunday at 1 p.m. Feast/potluck at 5 p.m. (please bring a dish to pass). All traders and public welcome. For more information, please call Bud Biron at (906) 635-1392. Admission is free. No drugs or alcohol.

**Dec. 31 in Sault Ste. Marie** — New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow. Information: (906) 635-6050. Admission is free. No drugs or alcohol.

## Other area powwows

**June 26-28 In Bay Mills** — 18th annual Honoring Our Veterans competition powwow, Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand entries, June 27, 12 and 7 p.m., June 28, 12 p.m. Information: Allyn Cameron at (906) 248-8118 or Angie Johnson at 248-8527.

**June 19-21 in Hannahville** — Great Lakes Area Traditional Powwow, Hannahville. Information: Anna Larson, (906) 466-2932, ext. 110 or Jessica McCullough at 466-2782, ext. 243; Vendors and campers: David Tovar at 280-4359.

**July 4-5 in Manistee** — 14th Little River Band of Ottawa Indians traditional jingtamok, tribal gathering grounds, across from the Little River Casino and Resort, behind the Trading Post gas station/convenience store. Information: (888) 723-8288, 398-6891, 398-6893 or 398-6895; traczkowski@lrboi.com, jsam@lrboi.com or vchandler@lrboi.com.

**July 24-26 in Baraga** — 31st Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Powwow, Ojibwa Campground. Information: (906) 353-6626, 524-4411 or 353-6623

**August 1-3 in Wikwemikong** — 49th annual Wikwemikong Powwow, Thunderbird Park, Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada. Information: (705) 859-2385 or send e-mail to cbell@wikwemikongheritage.org; visit www.wikwemikongheritage.org

**August 8-9 in Harbor Springs** — 19th Odawa Homecoming Powwow, Little Traverse Bay Bands government complex. Information: (231) 242-1427 or 242-1422.

**August 21-23 in Peshawbestown** — Peshawbestown Traditional Powwow. Information: (231) 534-7750 or 534-8410; steve.feringa@gtbindians.com.

## Summer associates wanted

The National Society for American Indian Elderly and AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) seek five summer associates in Sault Ste. Marie to help Sault Tribe Elders' Services. They will serve 10 weeks working on direct service projects and receive a living allowance of \$200 a week. At the end of the summer, they can choose to receive either a \$1,000 education award or a \$200 stipend.

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For more information, call Sarah Chalmers at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356, or e-mail SChalmers@sault-tribe.net.

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## "Where's Rick?" winner!

The winner of this month's "Where's Rick?" contest is Keri McInnis of Sault Ste. Marie. Keri wins a copy of the Michigan Indian Press title, *People of the Three Fires*. Congratulations!

For those of you unfamiliar with our game, every month, we hide an image of Rick Smith, a Win Awenen Nisitotung staff writer, somewhere in the pages of our newspaper. Here is how he looks:



He could be anywhere, and it's up to our readers to find him. Readers call, write or e-mail in with Rick's location, and we put them in a drawing for the next issue's winner. (See page 2 for contact information.) The prize is a free Michigan Indian Press book, sold by the tribe's Communications Department.

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Wednesday, July 1st	Friday, July 3rd	Saturday, July 4th	Sunday, July 5th
10:30 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Blessing of the Pow Wow Grounds	Sunrise Ceremony 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Dancer & Drum Registration 1:00 p.m.	Grand Entry 4:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, July 2nd</b>	Summer Spiritual Gathering 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Grand Entry 5:00 p.m.	Giveaway Winners Announced 5:00 p.m.
6:00 a.m.	Kids Carnival 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Break 7:00 p.m.	Retiring of the Flags Farewell Traveling Song
Sunrise Ceremony 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Drum & Dancer Registration Open Mic - No Grand Entry Concert at Casino!	Pow wow Resumes	

For more information:  
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Vendors please call Heather at 906.495.1450

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# Sault schools observe Walk to School Day

BY RICK SMITH

Students, staff and parents from JKL Bahweting Public School Academy, along with counterparts from the Lincoln, Washington and St. Mary's schools in Sault Ste. Marie started the day off with an invigorating fresh-air stroll or bike ride on May 6 to observe Walk to School Day. The event is an opportunity for students who are chauffeured to school to gain an awareness of the health benefits of regular walking. Another purpose is to draw the attention of parents and others to the possibility of

establishing permanent means to facilitate walking to school regularly for all students, according to Clara James, coordinator for the Chippewa County Building a Healthier Community Coalition.

The students from the Bahweting and Lincoln schools were dropped off at Van Citter's Field on Seymour Street where they assembled into two groups before departing on separate routes en masse. The students from Bahweting hiked or biked about seven blocks to their school while the Lincoln students traveled a five-block route

to their own school. School officials said about 375 people took part in those treks. In all, about 600 to 650 people from the four schools participated.

This was the fifth annual Walk to School Day event observed by Bahweting and the first for Lincoln.

The Sault activity is part of a national program sponsored by the National Center for Safe Routes to School through the Chippewa County Health Department. Organization and staging of the event is the result of efforts by the Chippewa County Building a Healthier Community Coalition. Sault Tribe Community Health is a member agency of the coalition.

James explained the primary goal of Walk to School Day is to raise awareness and muster cooperation in developing the

means to give students who ride to school the opportunity to benefit from walking to school safely. She said one of the coalition's long-range goals is to organize safe drop-off points and routes with adult chaperons.

According to the National Center for Safe Routes to School, communities around the country have been celebrating Walk to School Day since 1997. Participation reached a record high with more than 2,800 events in all 50 states and the District of Columbia registering on the Walk to School Web site in 2008. Many more communities held events but didn't register. Around the globe, International Walk to School Month brought together more than 40 countries in recognition of the common interest in walking to school.

According to the National Center for Safe Routes to School, Walk to School events are a way for schools and communities to build enthusiasm for walking to school, promote the benefits of walking and bicycling and bring visibility to any safety concerns. About 55 percent of events are part of ongoing efforts to promote walking and bicycling throughout the year.

According to a survey by the center, the top three reasons communities participate in Walk to School Day are physical activity and obesity prevention, support for a Safe Routes to School program and pedestrian safety.

The National Center for Safe Routes To School is an agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation.



Photos by Rick Smith

Above, students from Lincoln Elementary in Sault Ste. Marie round a corner on their way to school during the Walk to School Day observance. Below, JKL Bahweting students cross Seymour Street with physical education instructor Greg Chromy.



Photo by Rick Smith

Above, JKL Bahweting students follow Anishinaabe language and cultural instructor Chris Gordon as they depart Van Citters Field in Sault Ste. Marie on their way to school. Elementary students from four schools in town participated in the national program sponsored by the National Center for Safe Routes to School, an agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation.



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# ACES at JKL Bahweting

JKL Bahweting students took part in project All Children Exercise Simultaneously (ACES) for 15 minutes from 10-10:15 a.m. on May 6.

The project started in 1989 to motivate children to exercise. ACES Day takes place on the first Wednesday in May each year.



During the May 6 ACES participation, David Anderson (right) and Jeremy Stoppa (left) danced to music played by 99.5 YES FM for ACES. At right, kindergarten students (left to right) Josie Brown, Jacey Leask, and Jaron Wyma making their way out of the gym as ACES draws to an end.

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# Emergency prep team visits schools

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A team of emergency preparedness professionals from the local community visited kids at JKL Bahweting and Lincoln Schools and talked to them about how they could help their families prepare for emergencies.

In a collaborative effort, the Sault Tribe Health Center, Chippewa County Health Department (CCHD), the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department and police officers from Sault Ste. Marie and the Sault Tribe presented a seminar to kids in kindergarten through fifth grade. The kids were given coloring books, taught how to make a home evacuation plan in case of a fire, and how to put together a "go kit" in case they have to temporarily leave their home due to an emergency.

Fourth and fifth grade students also received an "Are You Ready" manual, which has an all-hazard risk vulnerability assessment to help families determine the likeliness of different emergencies and what they can do to prepare for each. Diane Krueger, emergency preparedness coordinator for the CCHD also told the kids that being prepared means being



healthy — covering coughs and washing their hands.

Sault Tribe Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Gail Marsh, demonstrated the "go kit" she had put together in a cooler and what it should include. Some of the things she included in her kit were a flashlight with batteries, a Mylar blanket, a rain poncho, umbrella, shelter-in-place materials and food. Marsh said a "go kit" is similar to always being packed and ready to go camping for three days.

LSSU students interning with the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department donned fire protection suits, set off some smoke detectors and demonstrated to

the kids the proper way to exit a burning building by crawling on their knees.

The Sault Tribe donated \$100, which Marsh used to purchase two emergency duffel bags from the Red Cross. Names were drawn from a retired pair of fireman's boots to determine the winner of the duffel bags.

The seminars will be held again early next winter and will also include information about frostbite and carbon monoxide poisoning.

For more information about preparing your family for an emergency, contact Gail Marsh at (906) 632-5200 ext. 23370.

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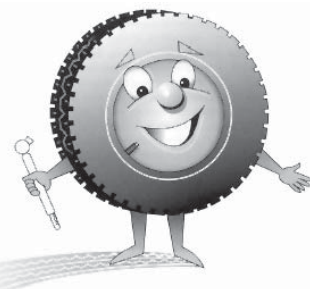
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# Casinos promote health among team members

Sault Tribe Community Health staff gave screenings to Kewadin Casino team members during May to gather facts for them about their cholesterol, blood glucose, blood pressure, body mass index, body fat percentage and carbon monoxide levels.

The screening is part of a comprehensive wellness program spearheaded by Michelle Bouschor, Kewadin Casinos public relations director, joined by Deanna Clifton of Manistique, Rachel McKechnie of Sault Ste. Marie and Sault Tribe Community Health educators.

Kewadin Casinos funds the program, in part, along with Sault Tribe Community Health through a grant from the Indian Health Service.

"We have been working together to find ways to encourage our team members to lead healthier lives for over four years now," said Bouschor. "In that time, we have seen growing support from management and our team members for these programs and we hope to eventually make healthier living a larger part of the Kewadin lifestyle."

Growing evidence supports the health benefits and cost effectiveness of health promotion and disease management programs at worksites. Some major findings of more than 120 research studies show improvements in employee health outcomes and high return on investment for worksite wellness programs. One of these findings shows an overall

benefit-to-cost ratio of \$3.48 in reduced health care costs and \$3.82 in lower absenteeism cost per \$1 invested. Research also shows programs that address nutrition, physical activity, tobacco cessation and management of chronic disease are more effective than programs that focus on one disease or risk factor.

"Our casino wellness programs cover a wide variety of topics," said Donna Norkoli, educator and coordinator of the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health program. "Since September 2008, Community Health staff have provided programs in stress management, breast cancer awareness, commercial tobacco prevention and cessation, and recently health screenings and the Let's Get Moving Kewadin! physical activity and healthy eating challenge. We provide programs on a regular basis in order to create a climate of health awareness and motivation for healthy lifestyles among the team members. In addition to these programs, health educators distribute monthly packets of health information and eye-catching signs that provide health information to each casino."

In November, the casino wellness committee distributed a health and interest survey to determine current health habits and interests among team members. When asked if casino workers felt the work environment at the casino is supportive of healthy lifestyles, some team members commented they like the healthier food choices

now available on the employee menus and in the cafeterias. They also liked the screenings and bulletin board displays with healthful recipes and pointers. They noted that more team members are eating better and taking the stairs.

Prevention of chronic disease is critical to bring down health care costs. It is estimated that 50 to 70 percent of all diseases are associated with preventable lifestyle health risks with changes to healthier behavior.

Casino employees interested in participating in the wellness committee, please call Michelle Bouschor at (906) 635-7732. For more information on healthy lifestyles or worksite wellness programs, call Donna Norkoli at Community Health at (906) 635-8844.



Community Health nurse Wendy Frosland from the Lambert Center screens Kewadin Shores Casino team member, Lois Lee, from the Gaming Department. Sault Tribe Community Health staff recently gave casino employees health checks.

## MSU Extension provided master canner course

SUBMITTED BY CONNIE M. HILL

The Michigan State University extensions of Gogebic and Chippewa counties provided an intense, two-day workshop in Sault Ste. Marie on canning and preserving foods. The workshop, sponsored by the Sault

Tribe Traditional Foods Grant Project, trained 12 community members who will be offering canning and preserving classes to tribal members and their families in the fall and winter months.

The attendees learned how to use pressure canning, hot water bathing, pickle, freezing

and dehydrating techniques on various meats, vegetables and fruits. The workshop was conducted at the USDA Food Distribution Program training kitchen in Sault Ste. Marie. The training kitchen was partially funded by MSU-Extension to provide cooking classes to the Sault Tribe community.

## Third hand smoke is a new term

FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH

Third-hand smoke is a new term to describe the invisible yet toxic mix of gases and particles clinging to smokers' hair and clothing, not to mention cushions and carpeting, that lingers long after second-hand smoke has cleared from a room.

The residue includes heavy metals, carcinogens and even radioactive materials that young children can get on their hands and ingest, especially if they're crawling or playing on the floor.

Opening a window or turning on a fan when smoking does not guard against the dangers

of third-hand smoke. The best way to protect yourself and your children is to enforce strict smoking bans in the home and car at all times.

For more information or smoking cessation resources, call Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210.



Participants in the canning and preserving workshop ended up with a whole lot of good food. They were (back, L-R) Frank Blissett, Fran Leavitt, Calvin Leavitt, (second row, L-R) Cathy Abramson, Cathie Menard, Elaine Clement, Chris Cadreau, Jill Kachur, Connie Hill (front, L-R) Lucia Patritto of Gogebic County MSU-Extension, Julie Trestrail, Suzanne LaVictor, Lylene Hillman and Janet Rathke of Chippewa County MSU Extension.

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# Early childhood program staff awarded credential



Left: Terri Tadjerson, Ruth Clow, Krystal Rosebohm, Nicole Ince and Wendy Eby.

**SUBMITTED BY ANNE SUGGITT**  
Wendy Eby and Nicole Ince, Sault Tribe Child Care Center; Krystal Rosebohm, Early Head Start; and Terri Tadjerson and Ruth Clow, Head Start have been awarded a child development associate (CDA) credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children.

The CDA credentials are awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., the representative organization for early childhood professions and are the only major national effort to improve early childhood education and care.

Credentials are earned through evaluation and recognition of the skills of individuals providing care. In

preparation, these team members participated in course work at Bay Mills Community College, developed and maintained an extensive professional portfolio, evaluated by parents, observed in classrooms by their advisors and completed an extensive interview and test with a representative of the Council for Professional Recognition.

# Sault health center holds respirator mask fitting clinic for emergency preparedness

SAULT STE. MARIE — On May 11, the Sault Tribe Health Center held a respirator mask-fitting clinic. The health center is preparing for any events — such as flu clinics — in which respirators such as the N-95 mask may be required. The

goal is to have all key players prepared with N-95 masks. The tribe's emergency preparedness coordinator, Gail Marsh, and certified firefighter paramedic, Tom Sowle, of the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department conducted this

clinic exclusively for those who have already filled medical questionnaires and mask education requirements of OSHA.

"We are going to be holding another clinic soon for those who have never been fitted for the N-95 masks," said Marsh.

An N95 mask is a respiratory protective device designed to achieve a very close facial fit and very efficient filtration of airborne particles. To work as expected, an N95 respirator requires a proper fit.

# Let's Get Moving Kewadin! Challenge

The Let's Get Moving Kewadin! Challenge is up and running for a fourth year of fun and fitness. All five Kewadin Casinos, five tribal health centers, Tribal Court, Mackinac Straits Hospital, Chippewa County Health Department and Kristi's Hip Hop Pilates/Fitness Studio formed teams to see who can log the most physical activity and healthy eating "miles."

Participation in the program is growing every year. According to Tel Fox, Hessel casino manager, 100 percent of team members there participated. The Sault Tribe Health Center has grown to 40 participants this year and new teams have been added.

Social support is a major motivator for keeping people physically active.

"I like the program because you are not the only one doing it," said Kristen Thompson, one of the participants from the Sault Tribe Health Center.

Kristen has been working on a weight loss program for a year and lost 30 pounds by eating healthy and increasing her physical activity. She sees Stacy Storey, Sault Tribe nutritionist, who works with her on an eating and physical activity plan. "This program gives me something to do on my breaks — three times around the building is one mile."

Peggy Maleport, a Sault Tribe Health Center participant, said she likes the program because "It reminds me to walk more. I have firmed up and my legs are stronger."

The benefits of physical activity are often underestimated. When you are active you set in motion a chain of health improvements including weight loss, increased energy, fitness, decreased stress, increased mental health, increased blood glucose tolerance and a healthier cardiovascular system.

For more information call Donna Norkoli at (906) 635-8844.



Peggy Maleport, Sault Tribe Health Center patient registration clerk, is fitted for a N-95 mask by firefighter paramedic Tom Sowle at a May 11 clinic. Respirators will be used by health center staff if necessary.

# NEW program helps disadvantaged workers

The Native Employment Works (NEW) program is offered to families of Sault Tribe members who are unemployed or underemployed to assist them in maintaining full-time employment, thus increasing the family's self-sufficiency and decreasing the dependence on public assistance.

Applicants must meet income guidelines and other eligibility criteria to access the program and have children or be a teen in pregnancy to receive services. Applicants must agree to ongoing support services for a 90-day period with the goal of maintaining or obtaining employment.

To inquire about the Native Employment Works program please call the ACFS office in your area: Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 632-5250; St. Ignace, 643-8103; Manistique, 341-6993; Munising, 387-3906.

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# Sexual harassment case won by treaty provision

BY RICK SMITH

See, kids? Here's just one example of why it's important to learn about history.

An Oglala Sioux woman originally from Wounded Knee, S.D., recently won a historic and precedent-setting sexual harassment case against the United States on the basis of a provision in an 1868 treaty between the U.S. and the Oglala Sioux Tribe. A federal judge ordered the government to pay Lavetta Elk nearly \$600,000 after she was sexually assaulted on two occasions by an Army recruiter, Staff Sgt. Joseph Kopf in 2002 and 2003.

According to a court document, Elk was born in late 1983, the third youngest of seven children, as a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe; mak-

ing her a beneficiary of the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868 which was ratified and signed by President Andrew Johnson in February 1869. Article I of the treaty is the so-called "bad men" clause, which states: "If bad men among the whites, or among other people subject to the authority of the United States, shall commit any wrong upon the person or property of the Indians, the United States will, upon proof made to the agent and forwarded to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington City, proceed at once to cause the offender to be arrested and punished according to the laws of the United States, and also reimburse the injured person for the loss sustained."

At the time of the assaults, Kopf was Elk's recruiter to

enter the U.S. Army. Court documents also indicate Kopf lied to Elk about certain facts surrounding her recruitment. Elk had hoped to be the first female in her family to serve in the military and to enter the nursing field. Documents from the trial's discovery phase state Elk was "extremely distressed" after the assaults and eventually abandoned any interest in joining the military.

The judge's opinion noted that at trial, Elk, members of her family, an FBI agent and competing forensic psychiatrists testified about the assault and its effects on the plaintiff's well being. Testimony was also received from a Sioux medicine man and from an advocate for sexual assault victims, both of whom had provided counsel to Elk following the

assault. Elk's attorney, Adam D. Horowitz, also offered the testimony of a forensic economist in an attempt to quantify the economic losses she experienced as a result of Kopf's misconduct.

Non-judicial punishment proceedings conducted in 2003 following the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) found Kopf had committed an indecent assault upon Elk in violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ. The proceedings also found statements by Kopf to military investigators to be "false and knowingly made with intent to deceive, in violation of UCMJ Article 107." Kopf was punished with a reduction in rank from staff sergeant to sergeant, loss of military pay and removal from recruiting duties. Horowitz

recently told the Sioux Falls, S.D., *Argus-Leader* that Kopf is "no longer with the military."

In his conclusion, Judge Francis M. Allegra wrote, "Based on the foregoing, the court finds that defendant is liable under the "bad men" clause of the 1868 Treaty and that, as a result, plaintiff is entitled to damages in the amount of \$590,755.06. The clerk shall enter an appropriate judgment. Costs to plaintiff."

According to the *Argus-Leader*, Elk is now married with two children and lives with her family in California.

At this point, it isn't clear if the United States plans to appeal the ruling or what other measures may be taken in light of the precedence set in the case.

# 20-year study by DNA researchers indicates American Indians descended from single ancestral source

BY RICK SMITH

A 20-year study by DNA researchers at the University of California at Davis (UC-D) indicates American Indians descended from one common ancestral population. The university recently released a report saying researchers there "have been using a growing volume of genetic data to debate whether ancestors of American Indians emigrated to the 'New World' in one wave or successive waves, or from one ancestral Asian population or a number of different populations."

While the researchers can't yet conclude American Indian ancestors came from Asia, "Virtually without exception, the new evidence supports the single ancestral population theory."

"Our work provides strong evidence that, in general, Native Americans are more closely related to each other than to any other existing Asian populations, except those that live

at the very edge of the Bering Strait," the report quotes Kari Britt Schroeder, a lecturer at UC-D said in the report. She is the first author on a paper describing the study.

At the heart of their findings is a distinct DNA signature found among all but one of the American Indian DNA samples taken from "dozens of modern-day Native American and Eurasian groups by an international team of scientists." The Fox Indians were the exception but the report was quick to point out that only two people were tested, not enough to provide a valid result. DNA testing results also showed the genetic signature was absent in all Asian groups except for the Koryak people who inhabit the northern half of the Kamchatka Peninsula of northeast Siberia in Russia. The current Koryak population is fewer than 35,000 people.

It appears there is still no evidence in the findings to conclusively prove a widely known

academic theory that American Indian ancestors emigrated from Asia across a land bridge that may have possibly existed once at the Bering Strait. Whether ancestors carrying the telling DNA signature actually traveled east into the Americas or west into Asia across a hypothetical land bridge or via canoes may never be ascertained as most events of prehistoric times are unknown.

The research was funded through grants from the National Institutes of Health and a National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship awarded to Schroeder.

According to the report, the study can be found in the May issue of *Molecular Biology and Evolution*.

Another curiosity is the finding by the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History Arctic Studies Center that "cultural affinities between Native Siberians and Native Alaskans go far

beyond the Bering Strait area. Anthropologists have found striking parallels between the myths, rituals and dwelling types of the Koryak and those of Tlingit, Tsimshian and other Native peoples of America's Northwest Coast.

In common with the lore of American Indian tribes of the northwest Pacific Rim, a raven is the central figure and supernatural being in Koryak legend. "As the great transformer of the world, Big-Raven presides at every shamanistic ceremony. Almost all Koryak myths and folktales deal with the life, travels, adventures and tricks

of Big-Raven and his family. About 80 percent of those episodes have parallels in the mythology of the Northwest Coast indigenous peoples.

The similarities led researchers to seek any further ancient connections for these peoples separated by the North Pacific.

"Koryak were once called 'Americanoids' and were thought to be return migrants from America to Siberia, after the initial peopling of the New World. Although this hypothesis lacks proof beyond similarities in myths and beliefs, Koryak-Northwest Coast affinities are still a key subject for research."

# Legalized Internet gambling proposed for U.S.

BY RICK SMITH

The chairman of the U.S. House Financial Services Committee, Barney Frank (D-Mass.), introduced a bill on May 6 that seeks to repeal laws prohibiting Internet gambling operations in the United States, according to a recent committee report.

HR 2267, the Internet Gambling Regulation Consumer Protection and Enforcement Act, says the committee would enable Americans to bet online and put an end to an inappropriate interference with their personal freedom. Additionally, it establishes federal regulatory and enforcement parameters under which Internet gambling operations could obtain licenses authorizing them to conduct online gambling activities.

Furthermore, Frank intends to introduce separate legislation to delay implementation of

regulations of a 2006 Act that authorizes federal enforcement against online gambling. The second bill to be introduced by Frank is titled the Reasonable Prudence in Regulation Act, HR 2266.

Simultaneously, Representative Jim McDermott (D-Wash.) introduced legislation designed to ensure taxes are collected from wagers placed over the Internet.

A Price-Waterhouse-Coopers study says the U.S. Treasury could stand to gain \$48.6 billion annually by taxing online gambling companies.

Interestingly, most likely signaling intent to get in on the potentially lucrative action, Harrah's Entertainment of Las Vegas is supporting the proposed legislation, even funding efforts and lobbying for acceptance of the new proposals.



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# Sault family fun night was a blast

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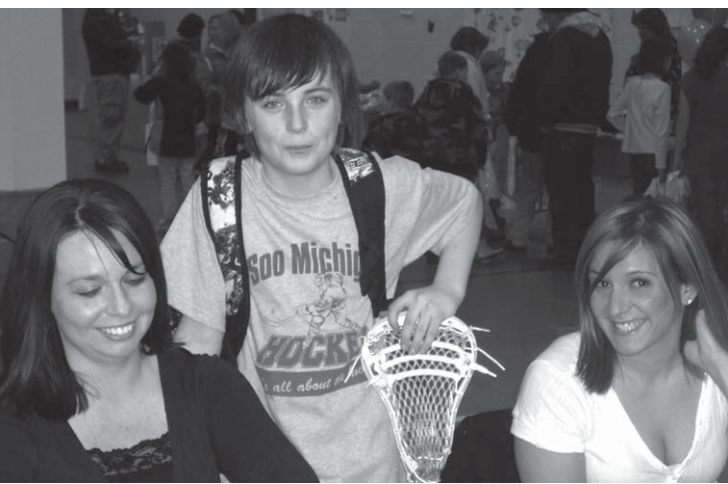
The 11th annual Family Celebration Night on March 24, sponsored by Anishnabek Community and Family Services and Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, featured activities for families to enjoy together.

The event offered free ice skating, free ice skate rentals, pizza and other snacks, a cupcake walk, a bouncing castle and many prizes to win that were donated by local businesses. The families enjoyed fun and good times.

A huge thanks goes to everyone who helped plan our event.

We would like to thank the local businesses that donated time and money to the celebration. We know times are rough right now and it is very much appreciated that you could donate money for such an important cause: family togetherness.

We appreciate everyone's help and participation, the vendors for their information booths and activities, the volunteers for donating their time to help and to the Chi Mukwa staff for providing the venue and everything they did for us. Thank you all for contributing to another successful Family Celebration Night.



Above, Tara Stevens-Calder, Ashton Calder and Jennifer Gilotte work together at an ACFS information table. Below, Molly and Nik Anderson, winners of a pair of bicycles donated by Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, pose with officer McLeod and Police Chief Marchand.



Left, Cole and Jennifer Gilotte, mother and son, enjoy working together at the event. Right, Avery Calder spinning the fun wheel in hopes of winning a prize.

# President's DOI budget: \$2.6 billion earmarked for Indian Country

BY RICK SMITH

President Barack Obama proposed funding the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) with \$12 billion for fiscal year 2010. Of that, over \$2.6 billion is earmarked in support of Indian Country.

The DOI announced on May 8 the proposed budget provides funding for sustainable energy development, addressing changing climate issues, landscape and wildlife habitat restoration, support of a youth conservation corps and enhancements for American Indian communities.

Described as an investment critical to the nation's economic future, the Indian Country funding is intended for empowering communities, primarily through education and law enforcement. "Because education is critical for ensuring a stable, viable and prosperous future for tribal communities," the announcement reads. "The 2010 budget fulfills the department's ongoing commitment to advancing American Indian and Native Alaska education with an increase of \$72 million to promote gains in student achievement and assist Indian students in attaining post-secondary education.

"The budget includes an increase of \$10 million for Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP) Formula

Funds, the primary source for the Bureau of Education's 169 elementary and secondary schools and 14 dorms that serve about 42,000 students and residents. The total 2010 request of \$391.7 million for ISEP formula funds also includes increases of \$6.7 million in fixed costs for teachers pay.

"Tribal colleges and universities are receiving a \$55 million increase in 2010, including a one-time increase of \$50 million that will forward-fund the tribal colleges to provide them greater financial security to plan for an entire academic year.

"The budget also includes increased funding for BIA law enforcement of more than \$30 million to help Native Americans protect their communities by strengthening police programs and detention centers."

In addition, "The Bureau of Indian Affairs would receive \$5 million to support renewable energy development on tribal and BIA-managed lands, which will lead to improved economic development."

The department will also distribute \$30 million, an increase of \$10 million above the 2009 enacted level, for state, tribal and local governments to create and protect park lands, open spaces and

wildlife habitats.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs proposed fiscal year funding for 2010 is \$2.5 billion and the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians funding is set at \$186 million. Other bureaus and proposed funding levels are the National Park Service, \$2.7 billion; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, \$1.6 billion; Bureau of Reclamation, \$1 billion; Central Utah Project Completion, \$42 million; Bureau of Land Management, \$1.1 billion; Minerals Management Service, \$181 million; U.S. Geological Survey, \$1.1 billion; Office of Surface Mining, \$159 million; Office of Insular Affairs, \$86 million; department-wide programs, \$1.1 billion; and departmental management, \$119 million.

According to the announcement, permanent funding that becomes available as a result of existing legislation without further action by Congress will provide an additional \$6.1 billion, for a total DOI budget of \$18.2 billion for fiscal year 2010. In that year, the DOI will collect an estimated \$14 billion in revenue for the U.S. Treasury.

More details are in the Budget in Brief available online at [www.doi.gov/2010/20hilitas](http://www.doi.gov/2010/20hilitas).

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# Online handbook helps create oral history of coastal and Great Lakes fishing cultures

A new handbook published online May 4 by NOAA's Fisheries Service gives teachers, community groups, and the public a detailed roadmap of how to design and conduct oral history projects that celebrate the people, history and culture of our nation's coastal and Great Lakes fishing communities.

"Capturing the stories and experiences of local men and women who take part in commercial and recreational fishing and other marine-related occupations is especially important for young people growing up in these towns and cities," said Dr. Susan Abbott-Jamieson, senior social scientist with NOAA's Fisheries Service and one of three authors of *Voices from the Fisheries Handbook: Preserving Local Fisheries Knowledge, Linking Generations and Improving Environmental Literacy*. "Through interviews with community residents, students explore the rich connections between fisheries, the marine environment, their community and their own lives."

The idea for the handbook grew out of NOAA's Fisheries Service Local Fisheries Knowledge Project conducted

in Ellsworth and Jonesport high schools in Maine from 2003 to 2006. NOAA — National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration — worked with the Rural School and Community Trust and local educators to design an oral history curriculum for students who documented the fishing and maritime history of their down-east communities.

The handbook includes sections on how to start projects, build community partnerships and integrate projects into existing curricula, among other topics.

"Students who previously saw no connection between their lives and the work of scientists, fisheries managers and seafood businesspeople began to imagine different futures for themselves," said Joyce Whitmore, a retired social sciences teacher from Ellsworth High School and a co-author of the handbook. "A student in Jonesport was so inspired by doing the research that she decided to attend college, which had not been in her plans."

*Voices from the Fisheries Handbook: Preserving Local Fisheries Knowledge, Linking Generations and Improving*

Environmental Literacy by Julie Barch, the New England steward for the Rural School and Community Trust, Abbott-Jamieson and Whitmore is now

available to the public online at [www.voices.nmfs.noaa.gov](http://www.voices.nmfs.noaa.gov).

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## First horse show of year a success

Photo by Brenda Austin

Taylor Williams, 9, took first place in her age category during this year's first Tri-County Speed Horse Association show in Stalwart, Mich. Although the weather was cold enough for winter coats, the show had a good turnout with participants in all age groups.



# Obama proposes 2010 IHS budget

By Rick Smith

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released its proposed budget on May 7. According to the report, the president's fiscal year 2010 HHS budget totals \$879 billion in outlays, an increase of \$63 billion over fiscal year 2009. Of that, nearly \$5 billion is requested for the Indian Health Service (IHS), an increase of \$454 million over fiscal year 2009.

According to the document, the budget request is the largest proposed increase for the agency in the past 20 years and makes a crucial investment in the Indian health system to reduce the disparities experienced by American Indians. Some highlights:

The proposal reflects a sustained investment in providing care to a growing population of American Indians. The Indian population is growing at a faster rate than the U.S. population as a whole, and the need for IHS services is expected to increase by 1.5 percent in the coming year. These increases are coupled with the rising cost of health care and salaries for federal and tribal employees who provide care, often in remote areas. The proposed budget requests \$141 million to cover pay, population growth, and inflation.

An inclusion of approximately \$45 million for the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund is cited as a significant invest-

ment aimed at creating parity in funding among service sites. Those are additional funds reserved to go to medical sites with the greatest resource deficiencies, helping to ensure all eligible American Indians have access to quality health care.

IHS contracts for health care services from local and regional medical facilities in cases where required services or facilities do not exist or are inadequate. The Contract Health Services budget is \$779 million, an increase of \$145 million for contracting medical care, including essential services such as inpatient and outpatient care, routine and emergency care, support services, therapy and laboratory services.

As part of the Recovery Act, IHS received \$68 million for potable water and sanitation facilities construction. The report indicates that in fiscal year 2007, an estimated 36,000 American Indian homes did not have access to a clean water supply. Using these funds, IHS estimates about 16,000 homes will be provided with safe, potable water.

In addition, the budget proposal includes \$16 million to support administrative oversight and system maintenance requirements for the IHS health information technology programs and systems.

The entire proposed budget is online at [www.HHS.gov](http://www.HHS.gov). A 114-page brief on the proposed budget is also available.

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## The past is a gift to the present: Angeline Williams

Sixty-eight years ago, a Sault Tribe elder left her Sugar Island home to brave the long road south-east toward Chapel Hill, N.C. She did this in the name of our sacred language, Anishinaabemowin.

Angeline Williams, Biidaasigekwe, was 73 when she began her work on an ethno-linguistic survey of Ojibwe and Odawa groups in Michigan. As she told her stories in Anishinaabemowin, a team of linguists took notes. As

part of an overall effort to repatriate our language and culture, Sault Tribe staff are researching the federal archives and other archives to find other such documentation of our beautiful Baawating dialect. Thus far, Angeline's manuscript is the only non-living record that we have.

Biidaasigekwe knows now that her words have become a lasting treasure for this generation. We are using her stories and distinct dialect to create

curricula for the revitalization of our Baawating sound. Biidaasigekwe found herself in a position she never would have imagined. We never know what seemingly ordinary acts of today may become extraordinary for generations down the line.

Please send any photos or memories of Angeline that you wish to share in the next edition of *Win Awenen Nisitotung* to Amy McCoy, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.



Angeline Williams, known to her grandchildren as "Grandma Toto."

## Angeline Williams: A letter to her granddaughter

An excerpt from *The Dog's Children*, p. 84.

*Biidaasigekwe dictated a letter home to her granddaughter explaining that she never thought she would find herself teaching, yet there she was. Here is an excerpt:*

"Noongo noozhishen' gidoozhibii' amoon noongo maanda-pii ayaayaan. Gichi-waasa zhaawanong ningii-bi-izhiwinigoo. Mii bijiinag eko-bimaadiziyaan babaa-gakinoo' amaageyaan. Gaa wiikaa ningii-inendanzii ji-izhiwebiziyaan. Noongo dash gichi-wiigiwaaming nindandazhi-gakinoo' amaage. Maykrafoon mii iw enokaazoyaan gakinoo' amaageyaan. Aapiji go gichi-wiigiwaaman miskwasinii-wiigiwaaman mii imaa endazhi-gakinoo' amaageyaan. Aapiji go naa niwawiyadendam."

"Today, dear grandchild, I am writing to you from here where I am now. I have been brought far away here to the south. Now, for the first time in my life, I am going about teaching. I never thought I should be doing this. But now I am teaching in a big hall. I use a microphone when I teach. There are very large buildings, brick buildings, where I teach. It all seems very odd."\*

\* Please note the translation is direct from *The Dog's Children*, page 84; there may be slight differences in interpretation. For instance, "niwawiyadendam" is also known to signify a sort of fullness, happiness.

*If you have any comments, questions or suggestions for the language section, please contact language instructor Amy McCoy at (906) 635-6050, extensoion 26064.*

### Aapiish ge-izhaaying da-Anishinaabemotaadiying? (Where should we go to speak Anishinaabemowin to each other?)

Community language classes will be taught by Orien Corbiere and Leonard Kimewon according to the following schedule. Please bring a dish to pass.

Aaniish pii (When)		Aapiish (Where)
Mon	5-7 p.m.	Hessel Tribal Center
Tue	6-8 p.m.	399 McAnn St., St. Ignace
Wed	12-1p.m.	531 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie
Wed	5-7 p.m.	Manistique Tribal Center
Thu	6-8 p.m.	Niigaanagiizhik Bldg., Sault Ste. Marie

**Aaniin binoojiinyag!**  
(Hey kids!)  
Language immersion will be offered during "A Bear Necessity," by Amy McCoy, language instructor, who is also preparing additional language programming to increase language learning for our youth.



### Word Search: Angeline Williams's Kidowinan (Words)

Circle the following words in the puzzle:

- AAPIJI
- AYAA
- BABAA
- BIJINAG
- BIMAADIZI
- ENDAZHI
- GAA WIKAA
- GICHI
- INENDAN
- IZHIWEBIZI
- MAANDAPII
- MII IMAA
- MII IW
- NOONGO
- WAASA
- WIIGWAAM



### Anishinaabemowin Pronunciation Key

Short vowels (are said short, or quick)

- /a/ = "uh" like u in up
- /i/ = "ih" like i in hippy
- /o/ = "oh" like o in wrote

Long vowels (must say twice as long, or just longer)

- /aa/ = "ah" like a in father
- /ii/ = "ee" like ee in keep
- /oo/ = "oo" like o in nope
- /e/ = "eh" like eh get

As you read a word, look for syllables with consonant+vowel or consonant+vowel+ consonant combinations.

For example:  
Babaa - About, around, here and there  
Ba + baa (Buh + Bah)

### Word Search translations to English

- Aapiji.....Very, very much
- Ayaa .....Be in a place, in a condition
- Babaa.....About, around, here and there
- Bijinag.....Recently
- Bimaadizi ....S/he lives
- Endazhi .....In a certain place
- Gaa wiikaa ..Never
- Gichi .....Big, great, very
- Inendan.....Think in a certain way
- Izhiwebizi....Have happen to one, fare in a certain way
- Maandapii ...Here
- Mii imaa .....It is that then, there
- Mii iw .....That is it, that is all
- Noongo.....Now
- Waasa .....Far
- Wiigiwaam ..Building, house

\*\*Please note that there are various dialects of Anishinaabemowin. The language presented here is specific to Angeline Williams.



# Sault elders hold very successful yard sale



Left: Grace Flowers, Suzanne Stevenson and Dorothy Mendoskin look through items at the elder's yard sale. The elders would like to thank Wanda and Dave Clear for the loan of their hot dog machine, Americorp VISTA worker Sarah Chalmers and elders who donated items for the sale.



Left: Joanne Mayer, Beverly Marble and Betsy Gravelle look at jewelry donated to the elder's yard sale held May 15. The sale raised just over \$400 for the elder's fund and items not purchased were donated to Habitat For Humanity. Photos by Brenda Austin

# JKL School students honored for MEAP scores



Left: Lynn Methner, Isaac McKechnie, eighth grade student Isaiah LaBlanc, (front) and Donna Kozma. Students were honored May 12 by the JKL Bahweting School Board for their excellent MEAP scores.



Left: Claire Johnson, grade 3, Jacob Thompson, grade 5, Kayla Andary, grade 3, Kaitlyn Goodman, grade 4, Ashley Gervais, grade 5, Ronald McKechnie, grade 5, Chase Beamish, grade 5, and kneeling in front are Nicholas Natzke, grade 3 and Jessica Thompson, grade 4.

# Native American graduating seniors luncheon held



Sault Tribe Interm Chief of Police Bob Marchand (left) accepted the Outstanding Community Service to Native Students award for Sault Tribe Law Enforcement. Presenting the award was Indian Education Parent Committee member Jeff Holt and tribal Chairman Joe McCoy.



Megan Eby was the Outstanding Native American Graduate of Sault Area High School. Presenting her with a plaque is Career Center Director Gary Dueman.



Outstanding Native American Graduate of Malcolm High School is Chelsea Mastaw. Presenting her with the award was Malcolm High School Principal Heidi Homeister



# New judges sworn in during court ceremony



Photos by Brenda Austin

Appellate court judges, back left, Tony Nertoli, Dyke Justin and Thomas Weiss. Front, Lori Jump, Donelda Harper, Chief Judge Elizabeth Kronk and Anita McKerchie. Justin, who was sworn in just over a year ago as an appellate court judge, said he didn't realize just how rich and welcoming the tribe's culture and people are until he experienced it himself. To show his gratitude, he has been taking Anishinaabe language lessons, including those on his ipod that he listens to throughout the day. He added the appellate court is working to put together a memorial for former Judge Jeannine Gable.



Lori Jump (above) and Tony Nertoli (below) being sworn in by Chairman Joe McCoy as appellate judges for the Tribal Court.



Anita McKerchie being sworn in as an alternate appellate judge.

# Willabee's Restaurant under new ownership

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Whether you are looking for a relaxing family atmosphere or some of the best home-cooked food around, Willabee's Restaurant and Lounge in Brimley offers both.

Husband and wife team Chris Hall and Debra-Ann Pine purchased the restaurant last December with the goal of making it an area destination.

Extensive changes have been made to the menu while maintaining the high standard set by former proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Benoit. One of the restaurant's hallmark items are its home cut fries, cooked using an original recipe. They have recently added some signature dishes, which have quickly become local favorites. Developed by Chef Frank Jones, formerly of the Sault Country Club, two new dishes flying out of the kitchen include the pecan chicken salad and chicken Alfredo with a homemade sauce with just the right amount of garlic and Parmesan cheese served on a bed of pasta and grilled chicken.

Specializing in local cuisine, their fresh caught perch and whitefish are offered pan fried, deep fried, broiled and Cajun style. In addition, the all American favorites, hamburger and pizza, prepared Willabee's way are fabulous and a perfect accompaniment to the latest sporting event on their new large screen TVs.



Left: Laura Kempfert, Jolene Graham (center), Philip Nertoli, Debra-Ann Pine and Christopher Hall, DVM.

A family affair, Pine's mother, sisters, brother and brother-in-law have all helped "work out the kinks" and offered their support. Pine said she would like to thank Laura Kempfert and the staff that has stayed with them through the transition for their support and patience.

Cooks include Phil Nertoli, Tracy Cryderman, Sean Uhrig, Miranda Menard with prep cook Lucy Devoy. Pine said her favorite item on the menu is the pan-fried perch dinner and the skillet breakfast.

Open at 7 a.m. for the breakfast crowd, their evening hours have been extended to 10 p.m. The lounge is open until 12 a.m.

Sunday through Wednesday, but will stay open until 2 a.m. if there is a crowd of patrons. Thursday through Saturday are regular bar hours.

Future expansion projects include the addition of a deck overlooking the river and a larger bar area suited to larger bands.

If you would like to treat yourself to some fabulous food, great customer service and a friendly inviting atmosphere, stop by Willabee's located at 9915 W. 6 Mile Road, Brimley, on the corner of M-221.

For more information call (906) 248-3800.



Grilled chicken pecan cranberry salad with orange dressing.



Fried perch platter with home cut fries.



# ZZ Top performing at DreamMakers Theater this fall

SAULT STE. MARIE — Two nights, two shows, one rock legend. ZZ Top is coming to Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater for two nights of rock on September 6 and 7.

Tickets for the show will go on sale May 29 at 8 a.m. and can be purchased on-line at [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com), at the Sault Ste. Marie box office or at the St. Ignace Eagle Feather gift shop. Tickets will be offered at a presale rate of \$48.50 for 30 days and for

\$55.50 each after that.

ZZ Top is an American rock trio that formed in late 1969 in Houston. The group members are Billy Gibbons (lead vocals, guitar), Dusty Hill (vocals, bass, keyboards), and Frank Beard (drums, percussion). The band holds the distinction of being among the few rock bands still composed of its original recording members for nearly 40 years.

ZZ Top reached peak commercial success in the '70s and '80s, scoring many hit

songs during that era, but they remain together today and are still touring and releasing albums. ZZ Top was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004.

In other entertainment news, the casino announced its summer line up which includes performances by Michael Bolton on July 30, George Thorogood & the Destroyers and REO Speedwagon.

"Our line up is really exciting. We have some great new

artists including Staind, great comedy and some great legendary rock and roll artists!" said Russ McKerchie, entertainment director. "A great mix for all of our customers."

CCR — June 11  
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King of the Cage — July 25  
Saving Able — July 8  
Gallagher — July 13  
Michael Bolton — July 30  
George Thorogood & the Destroyers — Aug. 18

Ronnie Milsap — Aug. 29  
BB King — Oct. 14  
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## Kewadin Casino show tickets now sold in Canada at G2

Tickets to shows at the Sault Kewadin Casino's DreamMakers Theatre can now be purchased at the GraphixTwo (G2) Box office on Great Northern Road in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

"We wanted to make tickets easier to purchase for our guests coming from Canada," said Bill Marsh, marketing director. "This is a great convenience that we hope will accommodate our Canadian guests." Tickets are sold at par from the G2 box office. Phone (705) 251-5716 or e-mail [info@graphixtwo.com](mailto:info@graphixtwo.com) for more information. The number of tickets available are limited.

"It's a win-win situation,"

said Mike Cristillo from GraphixTwo. "Now you don't have to worry about a bridge wait just to purchase tickets!" The location is 111-B Great Northern, beside A&W.

Entertainers from every genre and for every generation will be performing at Kewadin Casino's DreamMakers Theatre this summer. Tickets for all shows listed below are on sale now.

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## Kewadin concerts



Photos by Sherrie Lucas

Multi-platinum rockers Staind and special guests Hoobastank performed at a sold out show at Kewadin Casino DreamMakers Theater in Sault St. Marie, Mich. on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 as part of their spring tour. Staind is touring in support of their new album *The Illusion of Progress*, which debuted on Billboard's Top 200 at No. 3, and new hit single "All I Want." The tour follows a string of solo acoustic shows featuring Staind lead singer Aaron Lewis (above). Hoobastank also has a new album that was released Jan. 27, 2009, titled *FOR(N)EVER*. For entertainment listings and ticket information for upcoming shows at Kewadin Casinos, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).



Doug Robb, lead singer for Hoobastank.

## Casino team members of the month



Left: Alice Girard was chosen as Team Member of the Month for Kewadin Shores and Rachel McKechnie (right, with plaque), is this month's Team Member at Sault Kewadin Casino.



Congratulations to Mrs. Alice Girard, Kewadin Shores hotel, who was recently selected as team member of the month! Alice has been an outstanding employee of the hotel for the last year. She started as a receptionist, working at the front desk. Alice will go out of her way for each guest to make sure his or her needs are met. Alice is always a pleasure to work

with. Employees like Alice are what gives Kewadin a good name. Congratulations, Alice, keep up the good work!

Rachel McKechnie, executive assistant at Kewadin Sault Administration, was selected as the May team member of the month! Rachel started working for the casino in November 1994 in the gift shop and has assisted in many departments

since that time. She is an extremely hard worker, provides incredible customer service to team members and guests alike, and is very dedicated to making the casino a better place. Rachel lives in the Sault and has three daughters. "I am speechless and excited," she said when she won the award. Way to go, Rachel!

## Rickley chosen Team Member of the Year

Laura Rickley, Kewadin Security Guard, was recently selected as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin St. Ignace. The team member was chosen by peers for this award and will receive a personal plaque; \$200, entertainment tickets, dinner, and a hotel stay along with a plaque that is located in each casino.

Rickley started working with the casino in the security department in June 2007. "What a pleasure to see this young girl receive this award,"

said Steve Sprecker, casino manager. "She is very deserving as she goes above and beyond 100% to do her job extremely well. She is very respectful of our guests and is a great asset to the Shores Casino. We look for great things from her in the future."

When she is not working at Kewadin, Rickley is going college at North Central Michigan to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing.



Front, left to right is Laura's mom Veronica, Laura, and her dad Russell. In the back is her sister Melissa and fiancé Eric Rye.



# Locke honored for raising service dog

Katia Locke of Kinross, Mich., a senior at Rudyard High School, was officially presented with an engraved bronze medallion signifying her selection as a distinguished finalist in the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, which honors outstanding youth volunteers. The presentation took place



May 14, during an awards ceremony in the gymnasium at Rudyard High School.

Katia is being honored for raising and training a puppy to be a service dog for a visually impaired person. After being accepted as a leader dog volunteer trainer, Katia spent a year socializing and guiding a puppy through the structured puppy raising process designed by the Leader Dogs for the Blind program.

# McGruther graduates

**Ashley Marie McGruther graduated from Cedarville High School. Her parents are Ken and Susan McGruther and Toni and Dean Bruning. Congratulations Ashley!**



# Olmstead graduates MIAT

David J. Olmstead, son of James Olmstead, Webberville, Mich. (formerly of DeTour Village) and Lucinda Olmstead, West Unity, Ohio, graduated from Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology, in Belleville, Mich. on May 4, 2009.

David is a 2007 graduate of Hilltop High School, West Unity, Ohio. He will be pursuing employment working as an Aviation Maintenance Technician repairing fixed wing and rotary winged aircraft. While at MIAT, David received instruction in Air Frame and Power Plant Repair, making him eligible to receive his A&P Licenses required for all FAA qualified repair technicians. David would like to thank the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for its financial aid and moral support while attending MIAT. A graduation

ceremony was held March 29 for the winter 2008 and spring 2009 graduates from MIAT.



**David Olmstead receives his diploma from Richard Whitesides, Director of Training, Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology**

# Travis Austin graduates

Travis Austin graduated from Sault Area High School on May 31. He plans to attend LSSU in the fall for a degree in political science and business administration. His parents are Brenda Austin of Sault Ste. Marie and Ken D. Austin of Soo Township. He also has a sister, Holly.

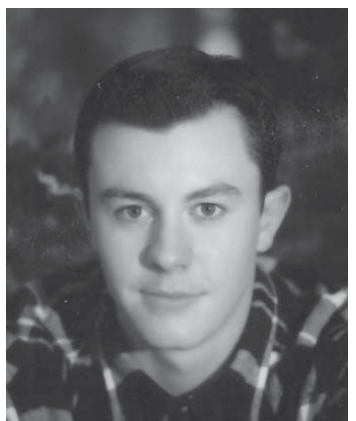
Congratulations Travis!



# Brown graduates from Manistique High School

Cathy and Craig Nedeau announced their son, Brandon Brown, of Culliver, Mich., graduated from Manistique High School on May 22, 2009.

Brandon has one brother, C.J. Nedeau, and enjoys riding dirt bikes and snowmobiles. He was on the Manistique wrestling team for two years. His plans include attending Northern Michigan University to study law.



# Births...

**JACKLYN KENNEDY NETTLETON**

Jacklyn Kennedy Nettleton was born May 3, 2009, weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 19.75 inches in length. Proud parents are Amber (McGruther) Nettleton and Chris Nettleton. Grandparents are Ken and Susan McGruther and Bob and Diane Nettleton. Great grandparents are Faith McGruther and Illa Mae and Jack Nettleton.



**LAURA GRACE GUSTOFIK**

Laura Grace Gustofik was born Nov. 22, 2008, to Amber and Steve Gustofik of St. Petersburg, Fla. Her maternal grandmother, Beckie Carroll, also lives in Florida. Great-grandparents are Vivian and Howard Quantz of Skandia, Mich.

This is the second great-grandchild of Howard and Vivian. Gabryl Quantz, son of Ed and Britanni Quantz of Red Lion, Penn., is now a year old.

Both children are treasures to the family.

**ADRIANA LEE SMUTEK**  
Adriana Lee Smutek was



born to Ryan and Barb Smutek on Friday, April 24, 2009, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She weighed 8 pounds, 1.3 ounces and was 19.5 inches in length. Grandparents are Phillip and Betty Gravelle and Jeff and Valerie Hanson. Great-grandparents are Robert and Joyce Tank.

**BROOKLYN REIGHN CADREAU**

Brooklyn Reign Cadreau was born to Erik and Kelly Cadreau of St. Clair Twp., Mich., on April 22, 2009, at



8:17 p.m. at Troy Beaumont Hospital. She was a healthy newborn at 8 pounds 9 ounces and 21 inches in length.

**EMMY LEE AND JOSEPH MATTHEW HUDECEK**



Matthew and Daraka (McCoy) Hudecek of Sault Ste. Marie, MI are the parents of twins, Emmy Lee and Joseph Matthew, born April 6, 2009 at War Memorial Hospital. Emmy weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 inches long and Joey weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

They join big sister Finley Kathleen at home.

Grandparents are Sheri Poirier, Darwin "Joe" and Sharon McCoy, and Diane Hudecek all of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; and Charles Hudecek of Owosso, MI.

Great-grandparents are Norris and Kathleen Poirier of Pickford, MI; Joyce and the late Arthur McCoy of Sugar Island, MI; and Lilah Goward of Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

# Walking On ...

**ROBERT S. PINE**

Robert S. Pine of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died May 7, 2009 at War Memorial Hospital. He was born July 28, 1948, in Sault Ste. Marie.



Bobby loved and supported his Native American culture and language. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie

Tribe of Chippewa Indians and St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church. He loved singing and playing his guitar, painting and visiting the casino. In his youth, Bobby was also a great football player. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Pine; sisters, Mary Shipp, Chiquita Allred, Maggie (J.R. McKerchie) Scott and Princess Pine; brothers, Alex Pine Jr., Norman Pine and Peter Pine; many very special

nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nancy and Alex Pine; and siblings, Sophie Kizior, James Pine, LaVina Brown and Albert Pine.

A funeral mass took place May 11 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church with Brother John Hascall as Celebrant. Final Resting Place is Wilwalk Cemetery Sugar Island, Mich.

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**MARY E. "DODE" ALBERT**  
 Mary E. "Dode" Albert, 66, Hessel, died May 1, 2009, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, surrounded by her family.



She was born in Sault Ste. Marie on April 25, 1943. Her parents were Fred and Frances (nee Causley) Smith. She graduated from Cedarville High School in 1961 and married William Albert on June 22, 1963, in Hessel. He died in October 2002. She worked for the Sault Tribe for 20 years and retired. She was known as an awesome cook and baker. She was a fantastic and talented musician who played the piano, organ and guitar. She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was considered a tribal elder. She loved her family and followed her grandchildren in school and sports. She will be missed by her family and all those who knew her. She was very active in the tribal community.

She is survived by her three daughters, Christine Pollard, Hessel; Kimberly Treleaven, Diamondale; Victoria Albert, Hessel; one brother, Fred (Ann) Smith, St. Ignace; six sisters: Frances Hamel, Hessel; Maggie (Buck) Rounds,

Hessel; Beverly LaFrenier, Sault Ste. Marie; Nancy Smith, St. Ignace; Betty (Ken) Ermatinger, Hessel; Patty (Mike) Chambers, Hessel; a special son, Jason Smith, Hessel; and seven grandchildren, Michael, Peter, Ryan, Charlie, Justin, Courtney and Keith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a sister, Becky Smith.

Visitation began Saturday, May 2, at the Hessel Tribal Center on Three Mile Road. Traditional services were held that evening. Mass of Christian Burial took place Monday, May 4, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel with Father John Hascall officiating. Her seven grandchildren and Jason Smith served as pallbearers, with burial in the Italian Cemetery.

The Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace assisted the family with arrangements.

**JOSEPH K. BRANDEMIHL**  
 Joseph K. Brandemihl, 27, of Sanford died May 15, 2009. The son of Phillip and Pamela (nee Gunders) Brandemihl was born July 17, 1981, in Midland and graduated from Midland High School in 2000.

Joseph was in his fourth year apprenticeship with the Plumbers and Steamfitters of Saginaw UAL Local 85. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling to the U.P. of Michigan. Joseph was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by his parents, Phillip and Pamela Brandemihl; grandparents, Keith and Bev Brandemihl of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Fred and Shirley Gunders of Gould City, Mich.; sister, Heather Lyn (Keith) Woods and their children Brady, Lillie and Eli; several aunts, uncles and cousins. Joe will also be greatly missed by his special friend Shannon Herber and her children.

Memorial Services will be conducted on July 11, 2009 at the Gould City Presbyterian Church in Gould City. Memorials may be offered to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O.B 3261, Saginaw, MI 48605.

The Wilson Miller Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements where there will be no visitation or services.

**GARY CARR**  
 Gary Carr of the Unit V Sault Tribe Elderly Advisory Committee passed on April 27, 2009.

His request was to be cremated and have no memorial service. "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift - that is why we call it the present." Miigwech to the Creator for the gift of today. Gary will always be remembered.

**JOSEPH TODD GUGIN**  
 Joseph Todd Gugin of Mackinac Island, Mich., died April 25, 2009, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, Mich. He was

born Sept. 26, 1975, in Petoskey. He was a member of the Mackinac Island Fire Department and the Water Rescue Unit, and he was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



He is survived by two sons, Donavin and Jameson; stepson, David; his father, Stanely Gugin, his sister, Darlene Gugin; three brothers, Stanley Gugin, Terry Gugin and Jake Gallagher; his fiancée, Wendy Nicewander; four nieces and two nephews.

His mother, Sandra, preceded him in death. Visitation was on April 29 at the Dodson Funeral Home. A funeral mass was observed on May 1, 2009, at St. Anne's Catholic Church of Mackinac Island with Father Rey Garcia as Celebrant.

**MARIE JOANN LAWLESS**  
 Marie Joann Lawless, 55, of Pickford, Mich., died May 20, 2009, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, Mich. She was born



May 17, 1954, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the daughter of Robert K. and Elinore Marie (nee Morrow) Spence. Marie grew up in Goetzville, Mich., where she attended Raber Township Elementary School and then Pickford Public Schools, graduating from Pickford High School in 1972. She enjoyed listening to music, watching soap operas on TV and caring for her cats. Marie had a beautiful smile and an infectious laugh. She was an awesome cook and her favorite place to visit with friends and family was around the kitchen table. Marie loved her grandchildren and treasured the time she spent with them.

Marie is survived by her son and his fiancée, Justin Lawless and Anna Joss of Kincheloe, Mich.; two daughters and their husbands, Merilee and David Hall of Pickford and Allison and Brad Newell of Goetzville; four grandchildren, Aaron Newell, Joshua Newell, Abigail Newell and Lydia Hall; and her husband, Wayne Lawless of Pickford. Also surviving is one brother, Gayle (Marcia) Spence of Kincheloe; one sister, Joanie (Stan) Nettleton of Pickford; and many nieces and nephews.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents and by one brother, Dale Spence. Visitation and funeral services were held May 23 at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford with burial in Lytle Cemetery, Goetzville.

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 June 25, 2009





# Therapeutic riding program serves special needs youth in Chippewa County

**BY BRENDA AUSTIN**  
SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Therapeutic riding is when horses are used as a tool for physical therapy, emotional growth and learning.

Many disabled riders experience a connection between themselves and a horse that few sports can create. For those riders who can't walk, the horse carries them effortlessly. Not only does this help raise self-esteem, it also teaches skills, improves balance, creates trust between the child and their trained instructor and builds a friendship between the rider and their horse.

Riders with physical disabilities often show improvement in flexibility, balance and muscle strength after participating in a therapeutic riding program.

The Chippewa County MSU Extension 4-H Program is once again accepting applications in Chippewa County for their therapeutic riding program called H.O.P.E. — Helping Other People Excel.

For individuals with mental



Photo by Brenda Austin

**One of last year's camp participants with "side-walker" volunteers who make sure the horse and rider remain safe while in the arena.**

or emotional disabilities, the sense of independence found on horseback is exciting and new. Many medical professionals, including the American Physical Therapy Association and the American Occupational Therapy Association, recognize the therapeutic qualities of horseback riding.

Kids in the program range in age from 5 to 19, and registration is on a first-come,

first-served basis with a limit of 10 riders for the five-day program.

With the assistance of certified therapeutic riding instructors and trained volunteers, H.O.P.E. provides a safe environment where children with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities can learn to ride and practice horsemanship skills.

Operating costs for H.O.P.E.

are about \$13,000 a year. A tax-deductible donation of \$25 will purchase a halter and lead rope for a horse and rider, \$50 will provide a new saddle pad and blanket. Any donations are welcome and tax deductible.

If you are a horse owner, and your horse meets the program requirements, you might consider sharing your mount with the program. Horses are screened prior to being accepted as a program horse and must be at least eight years old, safe, tolerant of noises and children and stand for mounting. Screening for the program is currently underway and is done by appointment.

In addition to riding, campers will participate in grooming their horse and craft activities such as making a picture frame and painting their horse for a parade the last day of camp. They will learn about nutrition and MyPyramid and are provided with a nutritious snack each day.

The camp is held at Charlotte Ridge Equestrian Center located at the inter-

section of M-129 and 9 mile roads. Camp dates are Sunday June 28 through Thursday July 2, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you have a child who is eligible for the program, would like to make a donation or make an appointment to have your horse screened as a program horse, call Lisa or Amber Myers at the MSU Extension office at (906) 635-6368. Or send e-mail to myersli@msu.edu.

The camp would not be able to offer its services to area youth without volunteers. It takes about 35 volunteers a day to make the camp successful. If you have time you can donate, the program would love to hear from you. Volunteer training is provided for both non-horse activities and those directly involved in horse handling. No prior experience is necessary.

The United Way of Chippewa County voted May 21 to award the program with an Advancing the Common Good Award, which will be presented at a breakfast June 3, at Avery Square in the Sault.

# Professor's online site is a valuable teaching resource about Indians

**BY RICK SMITH**  
Debbie Reese is a member of the Nambe Pueblo and an associate professor of Native American studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She keeps a blog titled *American Indians in Children's Literature: Critical Perspectives of Indigenous Peoples in Children's Books, the School Curriculum, Popular Culture and Society-At-Large*. She describes herself as "a Native blogger in pursuit of educating about American Indians."



"During the first half of 2006, I began to notice articles about professors using blogs as a means to disseminate research," she noted. "Prior to this, I had become an avid reader of political blogs, but had not considered starting one myself. As an academic, it is important that I publish my research in academic and professional journals that will lead to tenure, but I wanted my work to be read and used by practitioners — the parents, teachers, librarians and others who work with children on a daily basis. A blog was the answer. Through a blog, I could reach parents, teachers, librarians and others who do not have access to professional and academic journals."

Reese observes that Web sites by and about American Indians thrive on the Internet and reflect real world treatment of Indians. "Just as Indians are sometimes treated fairly in the real world, the Web con-

tains sites that show Indians in respectful ways with accurate information, quality products to sell and as whole human beings with real lives. Just as Indian peoples are sometimes treated wrongly in the real world, the Web also contains sites that use inaccurate and damaging "information" and portray Native peoples as either less or more than human, or as products to be exploited and sold in some fashion (especially Native spirituality).

"The purpose of this Web page is to provide some guidelines useful for evaluating and identifying Web sites that contain accurate information and that are not exploitative of American Indians. Note that these guidelines are not all-inclusive nor are they foolproof. Web site evaluation must also include the knowledge that one already has about Native peoples and brings to the Web. If you don't know if a site is presenting accurate information, find a source that you trust, online or offline, and compare what you find there with what you find in the Web site.

Most people are alone when they're on the Web, Reese observes, and have to decide for themselves what sites are accurate and respectful about American Indians. She adds, "There is no one American Indian culture or people, so what is correct for one tribe or nation is not automatically correct for another tribe or nation.

Be careful what you believe to be true. Ask questions."

On the blog, Reese writes about books by Indian authors and illustrators works that reflect accurate information about their people and features links to sites kept by them.

"Research shows, however, that it is not enough to provide children with better information," she notes. "Teachers must also actively work towards helping children develop an ability to identify racist, biased and outdated information about American Indians. These depictions — whether they appear in children's books, television programs, movies, as school mascots or in products at the grocery store — far outnumber the factual and realistic portrayals of American Indians. For decades, Native scholars have addressed these problematic images. Many have written about the racist, biased and erroneous presentation of American Indians in Forrest Carter's *The Education of Little Tree* and Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House on the Prairie*. Through my blog, teachers can find those critiques."

Reese also states her blog is listed on Web sites of leading teacher and librarian organizations and associations, social justice organizations and sites maintained by American Indian tribes and organizations.

Log on at [www.american-indiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com](http://www.american-indiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com)

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MARY "GRACE" GARDNER

On May 23, 2009, Mary "Grace" Gardner of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. went to be with her heavenly Father. Grace was born on April 10, 1936, to Charles and Violet Gardner on Neebish Island, Mich.

In her good years with her mother, Grace enjoyed crocheting, country music and going to bingo. For the past 15 years she enjoyed traveling, country music shows at the casino and playing the slots. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Grace was preceded in death by her mother and father, her daughter Eva Jane, her sisters Rose and Neva and her brothers, Francis, James and Billy.

Grace is survived by her brother, Clark Gardner, and her sisters, Alice Walls, Sandy Gardner and Doris Nelson. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. The ones who are special to her were Grayce, Shelby and Brandy McCoy, Kristyn Libby, Shannon and Charity Colwell and Tyler Nelson, all of whom have helped her sister Doris care for Grace the last 15 years. Special love to her niece Barb Cairns as well.

Visitation was on May 26, 2009, at C. S. Mulder Funeral Home. A funeral mass was held on May 27 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Ted Brodeur as celebrant, followed by burial in Neebish Island Catholic Cemetery.

Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

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# Native American Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition established by members of the Three Fires

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.

— For many years tribal advocates throughout Michigan felt they needed to join forces and become one voice in order to unite and empower Native American communities in their fight to end domestic violence and sexual assault. Lack of funding to take on this project was a big problem.

Two years ago when a federal grant to support coalition development came available, an application was submitted and approved. The grant allowed for the development and establishment of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence Native American Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition. Advocates from the Hannahville Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse

Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians all worked together to make the coalition a reality.

A Coalition Developmental Committee was established and made up of tribal Victim Service advocates. The committee's first goal was to hire a project coordinator; Anna Rogers-Stott was hired to oversee the objectives and activities set forth in the grant. Rogers-Stott, a Sault Tribe member, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services (sociology, counseling, and substance abuse) from Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She worked for 16 years as the Victim Service Coordinator for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians prior to accepting her current position.

A board of directors was then elected to manage the project. Board members include: Angelyn Makomenaw,

board president, domestic violence coordinator for the Saginaw Indian Tribe; Ruth Oja, vice-president, victim advocate for the Hannahville Indian Community; Lori Jump, board treasurer, Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center program director and grant manager; Toni Schopp, board secretary, retired from Sault Tribe Legal Aid Program; Ruby Hatfield, victim services coordinator for the Bay Mills Indian Community; Roxanne Mannisto, Sault Tribe foster care and protective services case worker and Noreena Meshigaud, Director of Hannahville Indian Community casino hotel guest services. Board members and staff are very knowledgeable, dedicated advocates who have many years of experience working with victims of crime

According to Rogers-Stott, the mission of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence is to unite and empower Native

American communities in Michigan with the common goal of ending domestic violence and sexual assault. They are a collaborative effort committed to promoting positive change for individuals who are experiencing violence or abuse.

The coalition is dedicated to providing resources, safety and advocacy to ensure the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well being of Native Americans victimized by violence. Although the program does not offer direct services, they provide resources and support to help agencies that do. Program staff is also available to assist any tribe in Michigan in establishing their own crime victim services program.

The coalition is holding a membership drive to recruit victim service programs and individuals who want to make changes for Native American victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; and to promote culturally appropriate

services. Benefits of becoming a member include: reduced rates on trainings and conferences; monthly emails about issues pertinent to the domestic violence movement; access to a network of individuals for information, referrals and technical assistance; a quarterly newsletter and the opportunity to support the Uniting Three Fires Against Violence mission.

Membership rates range from \$25 a year for advocates and students, to \$1,000 a year for tribal governments. An individual membership is \$50. Individuals may also choose to provide funding to support an individual or program's membership fee. Honorary scholarships for programs or individuals that may not have the funds to pay the full amount of the yearly membership are available.

For more information or to become a member call (906) 253-9775.

# DreamMakers Theater turned into magical rainforest in adaptation of Ferngully by Luanna Luxton Armstrong

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Magic came to life inside the DreamMakers Theater May 16 and 17 when the Academy of Performing Arts presented Luanna Luxton Armstrong's original adaptation of Ferngully to an entranced audience.

Nine months in the making — writing an original script, picking out and organizing sound tracks, ordering costumes, designing and building the set, practicing dances and gathering actors — Armstrong's annual children's theater performance all came together under the canopy of an enchanted rainforest inhabited by fairies and tree spirits.

The thread woven throughout the storyline is the need for people to be the caretakers, or guardians, of our environment. Magi, portrayed by Armstrong, left the audience with the message: "We don't weave the web of life, we are only a strand on it. What we do to the web we do to ourselves."

The play showcased 175 dancers and nine actors, ages 3 to adult who preformed in kinderballer, ballet, pointe,



Photos by Brenda Austin

**Above: The Magi, portrayed by Director of the Academy of Performing Arts Luanna Luxton Armstrong, teaches young fairies about the balance of nature. Right: Crysta, (Ginny Shawnaw), playing a guessing game with a fun-loving Pips (Sam Burdick).**

tap, jazz, hip hop, pom pons and acrobatic numbers. Every dance was an intricate part of the story, which was brought to life with music and costumes.

Ginny Shawnaw played Crysta, the young fairy chosen to take Magi's place when she enters the next dimension. Magi worked hard to teach the tree spirits and fairies how to guard the delicate balance between the powers of destruction and the creative powers of

nature. A fun-loving Pips (Sam Burdick), was Crysta's flutist friend.

Zak, (Jared Benoit) one of the play's main characters, is a young man from the outside world working in the rainforest for a logging company. When one of Crysta's spells goes awry, she inadvertently shrinks young Zak down to a mere three inches in height. She had intended to give him the gift of fairy sight; instead he received

the gift of fairy height. As he spends time in the rainforest he learns to see through the eyes of the inhabitants there. At the end of his stay with the fairies and tree spirits, he takes all he has learned about the balance of nature back with him into his world.

Peter DeCourcy portrayed Hexxus, the spirit of destruction, and the comic Batty was presented by Elizabeth Church.

Larry McCoy brought his creative talent to the production

in the form of special effects, props and magic. McCoy credits Habitat for Humanity for providing, and donating, many of the materials used in the play.

After months of dance practice and many Sunday night rehearsals for the actors, the play pulled together during their two dress rehearsals and was everything Armstrong had hoped it would be. Kewadin Entertainment provided technical assistance with lighting and sound during the production.

The Academy of Performing Arts has relocated to Chi Mukwa Arena, where, according to Armstrong, they have had a very successful year.

The Academy is offering a summer program in tumbling and floor gymnastics, and registration for the 2009-2010 dance and drama program begins Sept. 1. For more information call (906) 253-2180.



# Foundation opens in support of Native arts and cultures

BY RICK SMITH

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation officially opened last April as a permanently endowed, national foundation to support development and revitalization of American Indian arts and culture. The foundation recently received initial funding of \$10 million from the Ford Foundation with an additional \$3 million from the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians of California.

According to an announcement, the formation of the foundation was "guided by a Native

**NATIVE ARTS & CULTURES FOUNDATION**

'leadership circle' and its board of trustees is majority Native."

Billed as the first foundation of its kind, the new foundation will provide grants to support American Indian arts and join efforts to increase support of cultural affairs.

The foundation was incorporated in 2007, according to

the organization, when people from Indian Country incorporated with philanthropists. The foundation is supported by the Ford Foundation, the Rumsey Band of Wintun and the Wiyot Tribe and is endowed with solid financing and community support.

The foundation announced the appointments of its president and CEO in April and grant awards are expected to begin in 2010. Long range goals are set on engendering a larger, more appreciated presence of American Indian arts and cul-

ture in society.

The foundation is overseen primarily by American Indians and works with individual, tribal and other associates nationwide.

While the foundation's grant priorities aren't set in stone, the foundation leadership recommended they include cultural replenishment and transmission through mentors, exposing American Indian youth to high quality arts and culture experiences, creation of new works and career development for individual artists. Support for

American Indian arts organizations, advocacy and education was also recommended.

Among other avenues, grants may be in the form of program or operating support, fellowships or residencies.

Larry Echohawk, recently appointed director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is chairman of the foundation's board of directors.

To learn more about the foundation, visit [www.nativeartsandcultures.org](http://www.nativeartsandcultures.org). Those interested can receive the foundation's newsletter by e-mail.



# Make your own soda pop

It's simple and so much better than the industrial stuff

BY RICK SMITH

Let's begin by addressing how to make your own soda pop and then we'll look at why you should.

Acquire a large container with a small mouth and a twist cap. The size of the container is up to your preference and purposes. The small mouth helps retention of the carbonation that gives the pop its fizzy characteristic. The cap, when screwed onto the jug, prevents the depletion of the carbonation, which would leave you with flat soda pop, and it stops impurities from falling into your pop.

Clean the jug thoroughly. Gently fill to about one-third to three-quarters full with carbonated water, seltzer water or club soda. Next, top off the jug with your favorite real fruit juice, not the candied variety. Seal the jug, place it in a refrigerator and let it get cold. Afterwards, enjoy the rewards at your leisure.

A couple of notes on the ingredients: Carbonated, Seltzer and sparkling waters are all the same thing, they just have different names. Club soda is carbonated water with sodium compounds added. Whatever juice you use, make sure it does not contain high fructose corn syrup.

Personal tastes will dictate the ideal water to juice ratio

you want in the formula. Some folks may like the pop to have a strong flavor while others may prefer just a hint of flavor, especially when using citrus juices such as lemon, lime or orange.

Carbonated waters and juices are readily available at most grocery stores.

Why should you make your own pop? For starters, you're going to find it's much more flavorful than canned or bottled soft drinks and you control the qualities of its contents.

Additionally, it's much more beneficial to your mental and physical health than industrial pop. Your homemade pop has zero calories if you flavor it with fresh or reconstituted juices from lemons or limes. Other juices will have calories but once diluted with carbonated water, not near as much, ounce for ounce, as what lurks in the industrial soda pops; the same is true with sugars.

In addition, the fruit juices will actually lend some nutritional value to your homemade pop; commercial soft drinks have no nutritional value at all. Indeed, one physician describes commercial sodas as "diabetes in a can."

Some of the more popular name-brand soft drinks also contain caffeine. This stuff disrupts certain mental and physi-

cal functions while simultaneously giving one a false sense of heightened alertness.

Caffeine is a drug with numerous possible adverse side effects depending on one's sensitivity. Medical experts report that many people accustomed to a steady intake of caffeine experience withdrawal symptoms when caffeine consumption is stopped.

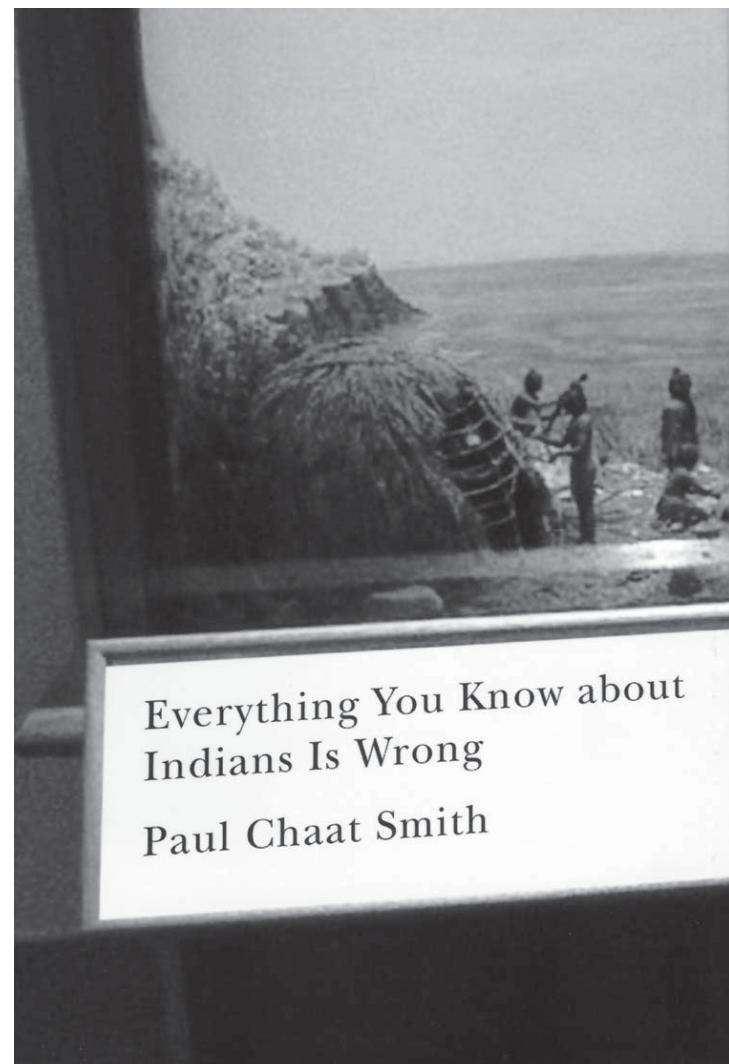
Caffeine is also a diuretic; it impairs your body's ability to use fluids for hydration. Soda pop made following the above guidelines will have no caffeine. Hence, it is truly refreshing, not only in slaking thirst, but hydrating the body as well.

Last but not least, once you've found just the right mixture to please your palate, you'll have the pride and satisfaction of knowing you can create and enjoy a soft drink that really appeals to you but is not harmful like the stuff in stores and vending machines everywhere.

Homemade pop is so easy to make, so refreshing and so rewarding. It's something you can savor with genuine joy.

Here's a hint for you, mixing equal parts of orange juice and lemon juice with carbonated water gives you a soda pop that tastes like Mountain Dew, only better.

# Lighten up, it's just a book title



BY RICK SMITH

Paul Chaat Smith is a cultural critic of Comanche ancestry and an associate curator for the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. The University of Minnesota Press recently published a collection of 19 essays written by Smith titled *Everything You Know About Indians Is Wrong*. About the title he notes, "It's a book title, folks, not to be taken literally. Of course I don't mean everything, just most things. And 'you' really means 'we,' as in all of us."

His statement on the title pretty much sets the tone for the entire book. While making sometimes heartening and at other times unsettling critical observations on conditions surrounding American Indians in historical and modern contexts, he conveys his observations in a casual, frequently funny and smart conversational style. Reading the book is almost like listening to a well-seasoned, somewhat cynical old friend talking about something for which he deeply cares.

Lowery Stokes Sims, curator at the Museum of Arts and Design in New York, N.Y., said she felt the honesty in Smith's writings. "Paul Chaat Smith pulls no punches and delivers not a few body blows. Smith's clear and at times sardonic voice expresses everything Indians might have wanted to say but up to now but didn't feel they could," she observed. *Publishers Weekly* calls it "entertaining and enlightening."

In any case, the book gives one plenty to consider as he expounds on his discoveries from living and learning about American Indian experiences. A quick example is found in *Part I: States of Amnesia* in the first essay, *Lost in Translation*. In it, Smith notes how television producer Don Hewitt, who developed such esteemed programs as *60 Minutes*, explained why he had a rule to "avoid, at all costs, doing stories about Indians. Why? Because Indians talk too much, too slowly and what they say is always complicated. With Indians it's never just 'water,' it has to be 'springs of life bestowed on us by our grandmothers.' Why did Hewitt avoid Indian stories? Because we're lousy television."

"He's completely right on all counts and when I first came across that quote years ago it blew me away. Hewitt somehow understood one of the deepest truths about us, which I am sharing with you: although we are imagined as primitive and simple, we're actually anything but. He realized the Indian experience is an ocean of terrifying complexity. We are reputed to be stoic, but in reality it's hard to get us to shut up."

Smith also co-authored the adult, non-fiction work *Like a Hurricane: The Indian Movement from Alcatraz to Wounded Knee* with Robert Warrior, the book was published by New Press in 1996.

*Everything You Know About Indians Is Wrong* can be ordered through better bookstores in your area.

# Journey underway to heal scars of Indian boarding house era

Petition for U.S. apology destined for the president

The Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness began on May 16 at the Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Ore., and concludes across the continent on June 24 in Washington, D.C.

The 40-day, 6,800 mile trans-continental event will visit 24 historic Indian boarding school sites to promote learning, emotional healing and forgiveness of the harm done to American Indians during the almost 100-year boarding school era that began in North America in 1879.

A petition will be presented in Washington to President Barack Obama on June 24, requesting an apology on behalf of the U.S. government for the abuses of Indian children during the American boarding school era. There was a total of about 3,000 signatures on the petition at last report.

It is now widely accepted that the historic and intergenerational trauma suffered by American Indians throughout North America has been propagated down the generations and is a major cause of today's social and health problems experienced by indigenous peoples.

Afflictions such as alcohol and drug abuse, mental health issues, diabetes, chronic poor health, incarceration, poor job opportunities and numerous co-occurring disorders have been traced to the culture cleansing

and assimilation abuses of both missionary schools and government schools during the boarding school era, approximately 1879-1970.

There is a growing precedent for apologies to indigenous peoples by heads of state and other institutions. In February 2008, the Australian government apologized to its aboriginal people for abuses to children during the Australian Stolen Generations period of the 19th and 20th Centuries.

In June of 2008, the government of Canada apologized to its indigenous people for the abuses of its residential school era.

More recently, on April 29, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI expressed his sorrow at the anguish caused by the deplorable conduct of some members of the church in the Canadian residential school system and offered his sympathy and prayerful solidarity for healing, according to a Vatican communiqué released on April 30.

Most recently, on April 30, U.S. Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas re-introduced the Native American Apology Resolution, which offers an apology from the United States government to American Indians; companion legislation was introduced in the House by Representative Dan Boren of Oklahoma, according to an April 30 news release.

To prepare local indigenous communities for the coming of the Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness, 12 historical trauma workshops were convened across the U.S. in April of 2009. Attendance, enthusiasm and healing experiences were strong at each event. Hundreds availed themselves of the opportunity to prepare for the coming of the sojourners to their communities. For example, on April 18 over 100 participants attended the historical trauma workshop in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., site of the former Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial School, which operated from 1893 to 1933.

Everyone, American Indian or otherwise, is encouraged to express their solidarity with the request for a U.S. government apology by signing the online petition for Apology for Abuses at U.S. Indian schools, available by visiting [www.whitebison.org](http://www.whitebison.org). Much more information on coming events are also available on the Web site.

The Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness is sponsored by White Bison, Inc., an American Indian non-profit organization and is funded by grassroots efforts.

All those believing it is time for the U.S. government to step up and make an apology to its indigenous people are invited to help fund this historic event by contributing at the Web site and signing the petition.



# Chairman McCoy reports to the membership



**DARWIN "JOE" MCCOY**  
**TRIBAL CHAIRMAN**

Aanii, as always, I hope this report finds you well and provides useful, accurate information about what is going on in our tribe.

### OFFICE HOURS

I attended office hours in Escanaba in May and the Unit IV elder meeting directly after along with directors Denise Chase and Tom Miller. There were several items I was asked to follow up on and these are in process.

I will be making a change to my office hours format to make more efficient use of my time.

I am open to meeting with any tribal members who call or e-mail me or my office. I still plan to travel to our outlying areas on a regular basis but on a day with an established meeting (like I did in May). I will plan to arrive early, should any members call my office to request an appointment.

The next area I will be traveling to is Munising on Thursday, July 9. Our Unit V elders have a meeting scheduled at 6 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Center and I'm looking forward to attending. If any members in the Unit V area would like to meet with me, please call (906) 635-6050, or toll free (800) 793-0660 and Lona will schedule a time with you.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

As you know, one of my campaign platforms was that I strongly believed we needed to separate the positions of chairman and chief executive officer (CEO). I am pleased to announce that on May 19, the board of directors, including myself, voted to approve this constitutional amendment.

I fully support this separation, but want to caution our board and members that we need to make sure it is done correctly. We need a plan for implementation if our members vote to approve the separation, to include the responsibilities and powers that will be given to each position; the language for the constitution will need to be very clear and concise in this regard. We need to develop a job description for a CEO and identify the funding source to cover the costs of the position, and identify and work out any other details and concerns there may be before sending this out for a vote. I would encourage our members to contact me and your board representatives with any input and suggestions on how we can make this separation work for our tribe.

The board of directors along with the Election Committee have been meeting and discussing additional constitutional amendments to make our tribe a stronger government as well as reviewing recommended revisions to our existing Election Code. These discussions are open to our membership. The other constitutional amendment(s) we expect to take action on in the near future is locking in the number of board members in each unit to a maximum of 12 total plus one chairman, along with setting boundary lines for the existing five election units. These issues have been heavily debated and discussed and we are moving closer to enacting legislation to follow through. The existing constitutional language has been interpreted differently over the years and our goal is to make it very transparent language so future generations do not have to continue with the debate of what the existing language means.

### BOARD WORKSHOPS

The board of directors and staff are working on the schedule for the twice monthly Wednesday workshops we've been holding to review quarterly reports, business updates and casino updates. Please contact the board of directors office for additional information on the coming month's schedule or to inquire about any changes to posted agendas toll free at (800) 793-0660 or 635-6050. All quarterly reviews are held at the Sault Kewadin Casino location and begin at 9 a.m.

June 17, 2009 Quarterly reviews:

- Health Division
- Human Resources / Risk Management Department
- Elder Services Division.

### GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

This is an ongoing effort. To be treated by other units of government as an equal, we must responsibly exercise our rights of being one. This includes making decisions that are for the overall good and not just a few and consulting with other governments on matters that impact us or that we have an inherent responsibility for, such as the preservation of our Great Lakes.

The State of Michigan received approximately \$250 million for the Great Lakes in the Recovery Act stimulus money. St. Marys River is part of the Great Lakes and we will be advocating that resources be allocated to cleaning up the pollution in this river. We are coordinating and hosting a meeting with Governor Granholm and all Michigan tribes. This is an annual event and a different tribe hosts each year. Further information on this event will be provided in a future edition of the newspaper.

### HEALTH SERVICES

In March, we brought a consultant in to do a review of our health services because our division is losing providers to other agencies. We have been having a difficult time recruiting providers for our vacant positions for a number of years. We have reviewed the consultant's recommendations and will be

presenting an update to the board of directors for further direction on this project.

From this review, it's clear we have not remained competitive in this field for wages and benefits. That being said, we have limited financial resources to make extensive adjustments in the immediate future. It is my belief that we need to consider making gradual adjustments or we will continue to lose providers and positions will remain vacant, which has a direct impact on the services we provide to our members.

In addition to wage adjustments, we also need to focus on getting the most out of the dollars we allocate to our Health Division. Health is our No. 1 priority and, as such, we need to find the resources to maintain our competitive edge in this field while increasing the number of members to whom we provide health services. There were a number of recommendations from the consultants that would help us improve our health delivery system and recruit and retain our professional positions. Three board members and I have formed a workgroup and we are working diligently to come up with the best possible proposal for board of directors review and potential approval.

### FINANCIAL REVIEWS

We hold monthly administrative financial reviews and all board members are invited and encouraged to attend. Their participation is crucial to remaining informed as to the financial status of our tribe and to monitor how our casinos and businesses are performing. As expected due to state of the overall economy, our casino revenues are down compared to budget projections and last year's actuals. We are heading into our busiest season, the summer months, and are confident our bottom line improves. Management and the marketing team are developing many different promotions to bring more customers into our facilities.

### TRIBAL COURT

I had the honor and privilege of swearing in two new appellate court judges, Tony Nertoli and Lori Jump, as well as Anita McKerchie, alternate appellate court judge, on Friday, May 29. They are all members of our tribe.

Tony has worked for us for 34 years. As a former judge with our Tribal Court from 1988 to 2002, Tony brings unique and historical qualifications to the appellate court with his knowledge of how our court systems operate and he will prove to be an asset to this system. A few of Tony's life achievements include being elected to the High School Baseball Hall of Fame for Michigan in 2000, and Sault Sportsman of the Year award in 1997. Tony has coached Sault High School baseball for 24 years.

Lori is also a long-time employee and has held a number of jobs within the tribe and casino, but it is her years of experience as the manager for our Victim's Services programs that allows her to bring unique

qualifications for the position of appellate judge. In this position, she has gained a knowledge of the inner workings of our Tribal Court system. As a previous Child Welfare Committee member, and based on the Advocacy Resource Center previously housed within the Tribal Court structure, Lori has gained knowledge on court operations and will prove to be a great asset. Lori sat on our Election Committee for many years, and upon being sworn in as one of our appellate judges, tendered her resignation to this committee to eliminate any potential conflicts in cases brought before the appellate court.

Anita has served as an alternate judge for a number of years and brings to the court her unique qualifications as they relate to our tribe's culture and traditions. Anita has long been involved in our community through many of our tribal programs such as Youth Education and Activities, Safe Streets Safe Kids, Community Healing and the Sault Tribe Housing Commission, to name a few. Anita was also involved in our Tribal Court's Peacemaking Court previously.

Performing these duties as

chairman of our tribe is truly an honor and privilege and I would like to commend our court staff for all their hard work in putting this event together, as well as our tribal drum, which performed an honor song and a feather song prior to presenting the seven appellate judges with eagle feathers that now and forever will hang on a plaque in the courtroom that was made by Bud Biron.

### GREEKTOWN UPDATE

We have gone through numerous proposals from different individuals, investors, organizations and so forth and when it came down to the final vote at the Gaming Authority meeting held on Friday, May 29, the Authority authorized me to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Jerry Campbell.

Within the next month, we should know where we stand and hope to be able to provide our members with more information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office or e-mail me at [jmccoy@saulttribe.net](mailto:jmccoy@saulttribe.net).

Miigwech,  
Chairman Darwin "Joe" McCoy

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# New projection shows \$2 million deficit for 2009



**BERNARD BOUSCHOR,**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Dear tribal members,

The tribal council and chairman have staff providing financial updates of actual results and projections as to future available revenue and expen-

diture. Victor Matson Jr., chief financial officer, provided the 2008 year end final report and how the tribal government dealt with the \$15 million-plus deficit.

In 2008, we were informed that the tribal governmental surplus cash reserves had been spent. This left the leadership and council no choice — expenditures had to be cut. We reduced or eliminated services to members, eliminated governmental staff, closed buildings or offices and used fund balances, if available, to cover the shortage. Despite the effort, we were still facing a shortage of \$5 million. The bank required a pledge of tribal property or elder funds as collateral for the loan. With the loan in place, we were able to balance the 2008 budget.

In May, I reported that the tribal governmental budget had no deficit in 2009. It saddens me to report that is no longer the case — recent updates from the chief financial officer project a \$2 million deficit.

The tribal council and chairman have established a strict budgetary requirement that requires budgets identify source of funds and anticipated expenditures prior to submittal to the tribal council. If changes occur, a budget modification is required and staff is held accountable for failure to comply. We as leadership are not holding ourselves to the same standard.

Thank you  
Bernard Bouschor  
Unit I council member

# Tribal organization lacks accountability



**DJ HOFFMAN,** DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I

*"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions."*

— Ronald Reagan

*"It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable."*

— Moliere

The above quotation's relevance to this report will be reflected throughout the many paragraphs. Accountability is severely lacking from the top to the bottom of our tribe, in each and every facet.

At the leadership level the tribal board passes laws by resolution, and at times by motion that are to be adhered to by employees, as well as those within our tribal lands. The problem is that WE fail to enforce these resolutions, which in turn diminishes their actual authority, and quite honestly disrespects the very nature of our tribal government. On many occasions our staff has failed to implement the directives and resolutions authorized by the tribal governing body. Ultimately the fault lays within our leadership for failing to hold

those that are not adhering to these regulations accountable. It is unacceptable to allow this to continue.

At the employment level, accountability for performance is also often overlooked. It may not be the most politically correct analogy for vote seekers, but it is my firm belief that if you are an employee of an organization or business and fail to perform on a consistent basis, then we should find someone else that can get the job done. If a position is redundant and offers no monetary or service oriented benefit to the tribe, then it is a liability that is unnecessary.

Accountability is definitively one of the greatest problems facing our tribe, at all levels. While we are not as fiscally sound, or flush with cash, as we once were — ***we are in our current state because of a lack of accountability.***

## DIVERSIFICATION

In a time when the national economy has stalled, and employment opportunities for our membership has diminished, WE as a tribe have a unique opportunity to diversify our businesses, thus enhancing employment opportunities for or members and "STIMULATING" our tribal finances.

The demand for 8(a) minority-owned firms on government-funded projects in fields such as construction, energy, information technology and countless others increases as the federal economic stimulus funds continue to be issued to projects. Many of these projects consist of federal set asides for 8(a) certified firms, including many that are sole source opportunities.

The sole problem that we have regarding these, and countless other opportunities to move OUR tribe forward, is that the

leadership, as a whole, of the tribe has (thus far) failed to take the time, or exert the effort necessary to make this a priority.

WE as a tribe need to diversify. I have stressed, and will continue to stress, the need to diversify economically. In fact, I look forward to the day that I am able to report that we have made meaningful progress. Too often the excuses made for our lack of attentiveness to economic development and diversification has been that, "We can't afford to do that." The irony is that these very words are being spoken by individuals who voted to borrow \$1.3 million dollars nearly a year ago to dole out as an employee (AKA ELECTION VOTE STIMULUS PACKAGE) incentive. The facts related to diversification are that, "***We cannot afford not to!***"

## GREEKTOWN

As of this moment, nearly four days until a plan is due to be filed for Greektown Casino, our tribe does not have one. The old saying is that, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."

Please ask each and every one of your board members why the issue hasn't been taken more seriously, and why no one is being held accountable for the lack of a written plan. Does this mean that all is lost and we are out? NO!

What it does mean is that many people have a lot of explaining to do regarding exactly what they have been going for the past six to eight months in Detroit.

Greektown can be very lucrative for our tribe. This is evident in the fact that it has proven to be very lucrative for others. While many prefer to shrug shoulders and place their heads in the sand regarding Greektown, I am not about to give up on trying to protect a major asset of the tribe.

# Learning from the past



**DENNIS MCKELVIE,** DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I

As the economic downturn in the state is affecting everyone, people are looking for someone to blame. Too many times the board places blame on the staff and team members. I believe the staff and the team members are keeping the tribe running; the tribe would still be running without this board. Blame for things not being done or done wrong does not solve anything or correct the problems.

Our policies, procedures and resolutions that we pass sometimes confuse people because they are unsure of the direction that the board would like them to proceed. That is the board's fault, not the staff. We fail to give clear direction, then get upset when things are

not done as we intended. This is something for the board to work on.

The economy in the whole state of Michigan is in terrible shape, which definitely affects our businesses, which in turn affects our services. Many of our programs are supplemented with the earnings from our businesses, so when earnings run short, our services have to be cut. We cannot borrow any more money to bail ourselves out. As the economy continues to go down, we will have to make many tough decisions regarding our services.

We cannot please everyone but we are trying what's best for the entire tribe. Everyone needs to work together, — board, staff and members — to do the best for the tribe. We need to move forward and stop worrying about the past. We do not have to forget, but we can use the lessons of past mistakes in the future so we do not repeat them.

To all of the staff and team members: thank you for keeping us running in this economy. We are nowhere near out of the woods, but things will get better.

Thank you. Please feel free to contact me at (906) 632-7267 or (906) 440-3932 with any concerns.

# Can you imagine 5,000 workers from three casinos laid off in Detroit?



**ROBERT LAPOINT,** DIRECTOR,  
UNIT II

After missing only one meeting in 10 years, I miss two more. I am sorry for not having a report. About four months ago, I got a double hernia from lifting too much and had surgery just before the paper came out. Then I got a bad case of the flu again right before the paper came out, then I got the gout and another infection at the same time and was laid up about a month and could not walk. I ended up in the hospital for three days and I am just over it in the last four days.

Anyway, the tribe's representatives went to an auction of the motel near the Christmas Casino but did not get it with a bid of \$505,000 against \$700,000, which is good because we can't afford more debt. It may help the casino but there are too many other motels in the area. This sale was a sale by a bank forecloser. Greektown is still not sure which way it will go but it will never make money when the state put over 26 percent taxes off the top, not the bottom, which is \$220,000 per day. With 365 days per year, and could pay this off in 10 years.

I would have been in favor of locking in 15 days or the state would lower the tax rate to 8 percent. This would lay off over 1,700 workers and all probably would go on unemployment or some type of relief, which would put the shoe on the other foot. Why would the state put a business in bankruptcy with the other two casinos having the same problem? Can you imagine 5,000 workers from three casinos laid off in Detroit? It would cost the state \$1 million per week.



# Graduation is just the start of life's lessons



**PATRICK RICKLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Aanii all,  
I would like to start by con-

gratulating this year's graduates for hanging in there and completing your high school experience. Now is where, like the show "Survivor," you move on to the next challenge employing your newly acquired tools or honing your skills to make it through the next round in life, which reminds me of a story I recently heard.

There was a doctor who would come to the island in the summer to stay at his cottage. There he employed a handyman to fix things up around the place, Bob was his name. Well Bob decided he was going to build a little cottage of his own that summer

and he did. Well at summer's end Bob was quite proud of his accomplishment, so he invited the doctor over to show off his handiwork. The doctor slowly walked around the cottage, then stepped back with Bob at his side and said, "Bob? Does that roof seem to be sagging and does that door look crooked and the windows uneven? Well, Bob?" said the doctor. Bob scratched his head and said, "Gee, Doc, I can't figger it out, them tools was all new when I started!"

As in life, having new tools and knowing how to use them are two different things. Hone your skills and sharpen your

tools every day. Knowledge doesn't end after graduation some will come easy and some will come through adversity and defeat. Everyone experiences failures or setbacks in life, it's how you choose to solve those adversities that will help you. Don't forget to utilize common sense. Observe others — are they successful or failures? Can you help them succeed? Often times, helping others will solve your own situations. Trying to maintain a positive mental attitude also goes a long way in being successful, rendering more service than is expected, and avoiding doing or saying anything that

will hurt or harm someone else (it will come back to you sometimes worse for you; be better than that).

Sorry for the words of advice, it has been said that advice is seldom welcome, and those who want it the most always like it the least.

Well, summer is here and the job market is opening up. We are fortunate to be living where tourism and history bring people to visit and learn of our past. Knowledge is the key to success.

Baamaapii,  
Pat Rickley  
Phone: (906) 440-5149  
Email: prickle@saulttribe.net

# Separating CEO and chairman duties good idea but ballot language needs more work



**KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

It was an honor to be asked to address the St. Ignace graduating seniors at the tribal honors banquet. Out of 57 students in the graduating class 42 of them were Native. This shows that the Native blood runs deep and solid in our local communities. I congratulate all seniors, the parents and relatives who have worked so hard to get them to this point.

The federal government has just completed its review of our Head Start program. Every three years a team of audi-

tors and reviewers are sent to oversee how we are administering and complying with the guidelines and rules set forth by the government. We passed with an A+ in all categories. Our program is still one of the model programs in the entire nation. All staff, parents and board members of the oversight committees, which I am on, had to demonstrate knowledge of the programs and procedures. All proved proficient and I congratulate them on a great job.

On May 28, Senator Stabenow arrived in St. Ignace and took a tour of the construction site of the new hospital. The senator and several prominent people gave remarks on how this project was conceived and funded. It was a true consolidation of many talents, federal and state legislators, the tribe and local residents. Working together we proved that great things can happen.

The board of directors voted to hold a secretarial election to decide if the powers of chief executive should

be removed from the chairman. Only two board members voted to not hold it and I was one of them.

First, I do agree with the principle of the action. The chairman also acting as a CEO is putting a lot of power and responsibility in one place. In an even larger picture I agree that we have to protect the tribe from abuse of this power because no one can remove the chairman or take action against him when he is an elected official. There is the removal code but it is very restricted and is ineffective.

The reason that I voted 'no' on this is that the board has not worked on or thought out how to delegate this power and what the chairman's duties would be. The language put forth states that the chairman has the power to conduct the meetings and any duties the board of directors wishes to give him. I see that as the board controlling the chairman. Future boards could add and delete duties at will and punish and control the chairman. We must not fall into

that trap.

We must also remember that once wording is put into the constitution it is supreme law. I am not saying that this board of directors has any of this in mind. I am saying we do not know how future boards will interpret this language. The actual language will be:

"Section 1. The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the board of directors and

exercise any lawful authority delegated the chairperson by the board of directors."

I know I am in the minority on this matter but I do believe that we need to take time and effort to work on this some more and make it work properly for the best of the tribe.

Thank you for the letters and the e-mails.

Keith Massaway

# Petosky stands by her words



**SHIRLEY PETOSKY, DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Dear Friends:  
It's June already — can the Fourth be far away?

Our town really did justice to Memorial Day services at the city park and area cemeteries.

Greektown is still anyone's guess, but people are working hard to bring us out of this mess.

There is good news about a new doctor for the west end and a dentist at Manistique.

Our tribe has great plans for road repairs and housing updates. We are always in the process of evolving.

There will be a United Tribes meeting held in the Sault the second week of June. Governor Granholm will attend. I know that some of the big issues that will be brought forward are St. Marys River clean-up and Indian Health programs.

Last month, when I talked about Lincoln School, I was confronted and told the statements were inaccurate — I stand by what I said and so do a

lot of other people in this area. Hopefully, soon Lincoln School can be what it was designed to be. The elders would really like to use the third floor as an exercise station and a walking track.

Planting is on everyone's mind right now. Glen's flower truck was in today and there we all were in the rain helping each other find our favorite flowers, and asking, what's that and does it need sun or shade?

I hope June is a wonderful month for all of you.

I pray that you will receive many blessings and that you will be a blessing to others.

Remember — fight nice!  
Shirley Petosky  
Unit 5 Rep.  
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## Lorraine Land, RN, BSN Chippewa County Health Department



*Lorraine started with CCCHD in 2005 as a Home Health & Hospice nurse. Lorraine graduated from Walton Fazakerley School of Nursing in Liverpool England. She also received certification as Nurse Mid Wife, Child Birth Education and Breastfeeding Counselor as a Post Grad in London, England.*

*When asked what she likes most about being a Home Health/Hospice nurse Lorraine stated, "I have always enjoyed serving my community in their home environment, enabling them to experience individualized care."*

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**Sault Ste. Marie**

Anishinaabemowin classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building.

The classes are immersion in the Ojibwe language and begin with a potluck dinner. Bring your favorite dish.

It's a great time to eat, visit and enjoy our culture.

Everyone is welcome.

Call (906) 635-6050 for more information.

Drumming, Mondays, 7-9 p.m., at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building.

The drum is the heartbeat of the Anishinaabe people.

Hear different songs and styles of singing. It's a great time for the family participation in singing and dancing or just listening.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Anishinaabemowin language class, Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m., at 531 Ashmun Street.

No registration is necessary. Please bring your brown bag lunch.

For more information, call 635-6050.

**June 16:** Chippewa County Genealogical Society research session, 7 p.m., Bayliss Public Library.

We will have a research session where laptops will be made available for researching Ancestry Library Edition and other genealogical databases.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 632-9331 or visit [www.baylisslibrary.org](http://www.baylisslibrary.org).

**June 23:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center.

Open community hour, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

**June 24:** Caregiver Support Group meets at 2 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Avery Square Center.

For more information, call 632-3363.

**June 26:** Blood drive and bone marrow registration, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium.

Call 632-5283 for an appointment, walk-ins welcome. Must be 18 and have photo ID.

**June 27:** 23rd annual International Bridge Walk, 9-11 a.m. Passport, NEXUS card or enhanced driver's license will be required.

Walkers will start gathering at 8 a.m. at the LSSU Norris Center. There will be music, souvenirs, words of welcome, and anthems sung.

Buses will transport U.S. walkers back over the bridge for \$1 each.

For more information, call the Sault Area Chamber at 632-3301.

**June 27&28:** Dinner theater presentation, *Dinner with the John Johnstons*, 6-9 p.m.

Tickets now available.

Public is invited on the first evening and LSSU's Upward Bound students and staff on the second.

Tickets on sale at the Chamber of Commerce, Soo Theater box office and the Chippewa County Historical Society gift shop.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, \$20 each.

For more information, call 635-7082.

Some actors are still needed. Call if you would like to participate.

**July 1:** Unit I Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at 2076 Shunk Road.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**July 1:** Culture Committee meeting, 6 p.m., at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building.

For more information, call Jackie Minton at (906) 322-4975 cell or 495-5165.

**July 7:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m., at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.

Open community hour, 5-6 p.m.

For further information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793 0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

**St. Ignace**

Anishinaabemowin language classes, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., at the McCann Center.

Participants will enjoy a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a language lesson at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 635-6050.

**June 24:** Unit III Representatives Keith Massaway and Patrick Rickley invite you to a meeting at 6 p.m., at the McCann Center.

Please come and share your ideas, questions and concerns.

For questions, call Keith Massaway at 643-6981 or Patrick Rickley at 440-5149.

**July 10:** Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Hessel**

Anishinaabemowin classes, Mondays, 5-7 p.m., at the tribal center.

For more information, call 635-6050.

**June 15:** Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**June 20-21:** Elders' annual rummage and bake sales, chili and frybread at the community center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Newberry**

**June 22:** Elderly Advisory Board meets at 12:30 p.m. at the the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**June 26:** Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee meets at 11 a.m. at the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Manistique**

**July 8:** Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**June 13-14:** Third annual Sault Tribe Gathering of the Clans Powwow six miles east of Manistique behind the tribal center.

Free admission. Grand entries are Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at noon. Feast on Saturday starting at 5 p.m.

For more information, call 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.

**Naubinway**

**June 24:** Unit II Naubinway Elderly Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. at the pavilion.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Escanaba**

**June 18:** Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. Location to be announced.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Munising**

**June 15:** Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meets at 4:30 p.m. at the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Marquette**

**July 2:** Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee meeting, 6 p.m., at the Holiday Inn.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Announcements**

**June 3-28:** Rollin' in the Cash and Car Giveaway at all Kewadin Casinos.

Come in to any casino to earn entries for our grand prize drawing of a brand new car. For every 25 points earned on your Northern Rewards Club card, you'll get one entry into the drawing.

On the day of the grand prize draw, from 6-10 p.m., there will be random cash draws off slots and tables for anyone who has earned 25 points on their card on the same day as the drawing and is actively playing. Those customers will then play our Rollin in the Cash game to rack up as much cash as possible. There will also be VIP draws on the half hour.

Grand prize draw dates are Hessel - June 24, St. Ignace and Christmas - June 27, Sault Ste. Marie and Manistique - June 28.

**June 21:** Kewadin is celebrating Father's Day, June 21, at all Kewadin Casino locations.

All men who register at the Northern Rewards Club will receive one free gift. In addition, everyone will win by receiving double points for 24 hours after earning 25 points and registering at the Northern Rewards Club.

Don't miss your chance to win a free dinner at any of Kewadin Casinos restaurants with "Dinner on Us" beginning at 4 p.m. and continuing every half hour until 9 p.m.

Celebrate your dad this Father's Day at Kewadin Casinos.

For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

**July 20-Aug. 3:** Porcupine quill box three-day workshop, Mondays, July 20, 27 and Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., all materials provided.

Bring your own lunch. Cost is \$100. Send your check or money order for full amount payable to Ron Paquin, 1200 E. 11th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Your reservation is confirmed only upon receipt of your payment. First come, first served. Classes fill quickly.

Should I have to cancel for any reason, I will refund your total amount. All classes will be at 1200 E. 11th Ave. in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, call Ron Paquin at (906) 635-8158 or email [ramp@lighthouse.net](mailto:ramp@lighthouse.net).

**July 28:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Sault Ste. Marie, 6 p.m., at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. Open community hour, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

**Aug. 4:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Sault Ste. Marie, 6 p.m., at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. Open community hour, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

**Aug. 5:** Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at 2076 Shunk Road.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Aug. 5:** Culture Committee meeting at 6 p.m. at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, call Jackie Minton at (906) 322-4975 cell or 495-5165.

**Aug. 14&15:** Sault Area History Fest. The Chippewa County Historical Society will be sponsoring the first ever Sault Area History Fest August 14 and 15.

The festival will take place on the Water Street Historic Block.

There will be a 1814 mili-

tary/voyageur encampment, a Civil War encampment, Native and Early American crafts, programs on historic plants, antique fishing equipment, cars, buggies and canoes. Music, entertainment and children's games and crafts will also be provided.

If you would like to help or have ideas, please contact Ginny Cymbalist at (906) 632-9523 or [ggcymbalist@yahoo.com](mailto:ggcymbalist@yahoo.com).

**Aug. 17-18:** Birch bark tulip basket, two-day workshop, Monday, Aug. 17 and Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., sew panels of birch bark with sweet grass into a four-panel basket; all materials provided.

Bring your own lunch. Cost is \$75. Send your check or money order for full amount payable to Ron Paquin, 1200 E. 11th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Your reservation is confirmed only upon receipt of your payment. First come, first served. Classes fill quickly.

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**Aug. 24:** Etched Mukak workshop, Monday, Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., etch design on winter bark; all materials provided.

Bring your own lunch. Cost is \$45. Send your check or money order for full amount payable to Ron Paquin, 1200 E. 11th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. First come, first served. Classes fill quickly.

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Aug 25: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Hessel, 6 p.m. Location to be announced. Open community hour, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

Crossing the Canadian border became more complicated June 1.

Sault Tribe members may no longer use tribal cards to cross the border, since they are not approved by the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

You can easily obtain an enhanced driver's license or passport card. For more details, visit your nearest Secretary of State office or [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

If you would like more details on the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, visit the U.S. Department of Homeland Security online at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov).



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### June

**Creedence Clearwater Revisited - Sault Ste. Marie**  
11th | 7:00 p.m. Thursday | \$32.50 | On Sale Now

**Clay Walker - Sault Ste. Marie**  
19th | 7:00 p.m. Friday | \$38.50 | On Sale Now

### July

**Los Lonley Boys/Red Bone - Sault Ste. Marie**  
3rd | 7:00 p.m. Friday | \$32.50 | On Sale Now

**Saving Abel w/Pop Evil, Monty Are I & Taddy Porter- Sault Ste. Marie**  
8th | 7:00 p.m. Wednesday | \$22.50 | On Sale Now

**Gallagher - Sault Ste. Marie**  
13th | 7:00 p.m. Monday | \$22.50 | On Sale Now

**King of the Cage - Sault Ste. Marie**  
25th | 7:00 p.m. Saturday | \$30.00 - \$75.00 | On Sale Now

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