

# WIN AWENEN NISITOTUNG

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Photo by Michelle Bouschor

**BEST OF THE BEST** — Administrative assistant Tara Benoit and Interim Chief of Police Bob Marchand receive 2009 best of Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac counties certificates from tribal Chairman Joe McCoy at the tribe's Oct. 25 board meeting in St. Ignace. Readers of the *The Evening News* choose the favorites annually. Sault tribe staff chosen best in their category were Marchand for best law enforcement agency, Marlin Nealen for best dental health specialist, Pat Pyle for best nurse practitioner, Tara Benoit for best administrative assistant and Joanne Carr, best executive assistant. "We are very proud to have such distinguished staff with us and thank all of them for their dedication to our tribe," said McCoy.

## Prevention is key: H1N1 here, vaccine slow in arriving

SAULT STE. MARIE — In late October, schools across the tribe's seven-county service area were shutting down in response to H1N1 flu outbreaks. According to Chippewa County health officials, decisions to close schools were made to lessen the spread of the flu. Sault Schools, JKL Bahweting, Brimley, Engadine, Dollar Bay, Escanaba and Ishpeming are some of the schools that periodically closed by press time in the tribe's service area. In the lower peninsula, numerous school closures were taking place. Nationally, 46 states have reported widespread flu activity at press time, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Due to production glitches, H1N1 flu vaccine manufacture made slower progress than expected, falling far short of projected vaccine doses. As it becomes available, it is given to populations most vulnerable to the H1N1, according to the CDC priority list. The tribe is following that priority list.

The Sault Tribe Health Center issued a fact sheet to help tribal members and their families, the information is reprinted below. The Chippewa County Health Department advised those who think they have the flu to contact their health care provider by phone. If they must go to their physician's office, clinic or emergency room, CCHD advises calling

ahead so that precautions can be put in place to help prevent the spread of H1N1.

According to Sault Tribe health officials, H1N1 vaccine has begun to arrive in the area and they are following the CDC recommendations of high risk patients as it becomes available. So far, at press time, Sault Tribe held an H1N1 nasal spray vaccine clinic for children and CCHD held three clinics at the end of October for first responders, pregnant women and young children, respectively. Watch for clinic announcements in your area.

### STHC Advisory:

The health center suggests these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze.
- Wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Stay home for 24 hours after your fever breaks.
- Follow public health advice on school closures, social distancing and avoiding crowds.

From the STHC — At this time most clinics have no seasonal flu vaccine remaining. As the season progresses the vaccine makers are going to be distributing more. H1N1 vaccine has begun to arrive and we are following the

See "H1N1 Prevention," p. 5

## Board of directors meet with state legislators



Board meets with Sen. Jason Allen — Above are (L-R) Lana Causley, DJ Hoffman, Keith Massaway, Joe McCoy, Jason Allen, Denise Chase, Tom Miller, Cathy Abramson, Bernard Bouschor and Patrick Rickley.

BY MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

LANSING — Tribal board members met with key state legislators in Lansing on Oct. 14 to discuss protecting the Indian Tuition Waiver, opposing the expansion of non-Native gaming in Michigan and opposing more cuts to state funding for health care services critical to all citizens.

Tribal leaders met with Sen. Roger Kahn (R-Saginaw Township), Sen. Jason Allen (R-Traverse City), House Speaker Andy Dillon (D-Redford Township), Senate Majority

commitment to the Indian Tuition Waiver.

"With term limits, we find it necessary to continuously educate state lawmakers about our treaty rights to the Indian Tuition Waiver," McCoy said. "Our concern is that state lawmakers who may not understand that historic commitment might target the support that is clearly our right under the treaty. We know legislators from both parties support ways to increase the number of young people in Michigan who attain college degrees, and the Indian Tuition

locations to be determined at a future date.

McCoy noted that the Sault Tribe has a legal right to seek another casino under agreements approved by former Gov. John M. Engler and current Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"Both governors recognize that our ancestors had land stolen from us generations ago and therefore we have a right to settle that illegal taking by seeking an additional casino. But opening eight new casinos across Michigan for reasons that have nothing to do with historical rights or illegal activities that victimized our people will further weaken the gaming market for all competitors. It would also harm the state budget and many local communities by very likely negating all existing compacts negotiated by the federally recognized tribes that have casinos and the state of Michigan."

Board members also urged legislators to protect funding for the state's Medicaid program and other health care services that are critical to a skyrocketing number of Michigan citizens. The state's Medicaid caseload is now at an all-time record high of nearly 1.7 million people as more Michigan residents lose jobs and their health insurance.

"Perhaps the most pressing issue facing everyone in this state is the need to maintain access to affordable health care," McCoy said. "Yet, the state continues to cut funding for health care at the same time demand for state health care services continues to rise at a significant pace. We must find a solution that will provide health care to all citizens."

Board members plan to continue holding periodic meetings with state lawmakers to make sure the Legislature and Governor do not lose sight of key issues facing the tribe.



Meeting with Sen. Mark Jansen — Joe McCoy, Mark Jansen, Cathy Abramson, Denise Chase and others sit down at the table.

Leader Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), Sen. Mark Jansen (R-Grand Rapids), Rep. Steven Lindberg (D-Marquette), Rep. Dan Scripps (D-Northport), Rep. Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) and others.

"The meetings went extremely well," said tribal Chairman Darwin "Joe" McCoy. "We were able to update our legislators on how our tribal members benefit Michigan's economy and how the tribe has played a significant role in the growth of the state."

With state lawmakers struggling to pass a balanced budget because of declining revenues and an outdated tax system, tribal leaders affirmed the need to maintain the state's treaty com-

Waiver is critical to achieving this goal."

The Indian Tuition Waiver has helped thousands of Native Americans in Michigan achieve college degrees. Each year, the program assists about 250 Sault Tribe members.

Tribal board members also affirmed opposition to a possible expansion of non-Native casino gaming in the state. With 19 Native and three non-Native casinos already operating in Michigan, some in Lansing are supporting a proposal that would ask Michigan voters in 2010 to approve up to eight more non-Native casinos — five at horse racetracks across the state and three at



# Committee vacancies . . .

Here are current vacancies on Sault Tribe committees. Please call Tara Benoit (906) 635-6050 for any questions.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE** — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Conservation Committee has one vacant seat for a non-commercial fisherman. Interested Sault Tribe members should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation to Tara Benoit at 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

**SPECIAL NEEDS/ ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE** — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Special Needs/Enrollment Committee has four vacant seats, one in each unit, for units II, III, IV and V. Interested Sault Tribe members should submit one

letter of intent and three letters of recommendation to Sault Tribe Special Needs/Enrollment Committee, attn: Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSION** — The Sault Tribe Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has two vacant seats for Unit I. One term expires in January 2012 and the other expires in January 2013. Interested Sault Tribe members should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation to Sault Tribe Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, attn: Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

**CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE**— There are two vacancies open for the Child

Welfare Committee. Members of the Child Welfare Committee must commit to a 4-year term on the committee. To apply, applicants must contact the tribe's board of directors with three letters of recommendation and a letter requesting to serve on the committee. This committee needs persons who are dedicated to helping children in need. Confidentiality and meeting attendance are the main requirements, in addition to being a Sault Tribe member. Meetings are held twice a month, on the morning of the first Tuesday and the afternoon of the fourth Thursday of the month. Tribal employees may get work release time for the meetings.

Contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 or Faith McGruther at (906) 632-4001.

## Eligibility for VA help for Agent Orange exposure expanded

Vietnam War veterans are now eligible to claim service-connected disability due to exposure to Agent Orange in the Republic of Vietnam as a presumptive for the following illnesses: B-cell leukemia, such as hairy cell leukemia; Parkinson's disease; and ischemic heart disease.

This means if you were diagnosed with any of these diseases you will get them service-connected, or if your

spouse died of any of these, you are eligible for widow/widower benefits from the VA.

Veterans had to have been in the country of Vietnam or have their ship tied to a pier in the Republic of Vietnam.

For more information, contact your veterans' service organization's service officer or James Shogren, Chippewa County Veterans Affairs, at (906) 635-6370, or the VA at (800) 827-1000.

## Books build brains: Please donate to Imagination Library

**SAULT STE. MARIE** — Research from incalculable sources correlates early childhood education with future success later in life. Books are the building blocks for molding the pathway to successful brain, cognitive and emotional development.

The Dollywood Foundation officials suggest children need to experience, listen or read 1,000 different books before the age of five to have the foundation skills to become a successful reader. While this is not an immediate problem in most upper or middle class

homes, it has been found that children in less economically advantaged regions are read to less than 25 hours before their fifth birthday.

The Eastern Upper Peninsula Imagination Library has the ability to be a main catalyst in preventing this dilemma in our region by providing the gift of books to local children in Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties.

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## THAW helps pay heating costs

THAW money is available for the tri-county area of Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties. THAW stands for The Heat And Warmth Fund of Michigan. The criteria for eligibility is as follows:

1. The applicant's service needs to either be shut-off or have threat of shut-off, or have immediate need of fuel/propane.
2. The applicant's bill must be within the past year.
3. Balance must be higher than \$125.
4. Household income must be at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty level.
5. The household MUST have some type of income.

6. If the household income is at or below 150 percent, the applicant must apply for SER through local DHS and provide decision notice if denied.

7. The required co-pay is \$225 in the past six months.

8. If the account balance is over \$2,501, the applicant must have paid (or will pay) 20 percent of the total owed in the past six months.

During the 2008-09 home heating season, THAW and its partner utilities provided more than \$11.7 million in emergency energy assistance to 9,450 residential utility customers throughout Michigan. The average income of a household

receiving THAW's assistance this past season was slightly over \$18,000 a year. THAW assists families up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level who have exhausted every other option for assistance and who have made good-faith efforts to pay toward an outstanding balance.

If you have any questions please contact: Mandy L. Stec, case manager assistant, homeless prevention coordinator, THAW, Safe Haven, Tri-County Emergency Shelter Program, SSMHC, www.saulthousing.com, 608 Pine St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (906) 635-3138.

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# Sault Tribe registration and election process

**SUBMITTED BY THE SAULT TRIBE ELECTION COMMITTEE**

Recent election ordinance changes make registration easier. The board of directors recently amended the ordinance to allow for automatic registration. This means those living within a unit will automatically be registered as long as they have a current address with the tribal Enrollment Department. This will help alleviate confusion for those who move to a different unit and for our snowbirds who will no longer need to register each time they move.

For those members residing outside election units, they will still be required to register, but only once because registration is permanent. Automatic registration is not possible for those members who live outside election units as they may choose the election units in which they wish to vote. For anyone wishing to register, all you have to do is call the Enrollment Department at (800) 251-6597 or (906) 635-3396 and request a voter registration card — it's free and they will send you a card and self-addressed return envelope. In order to be eligible to participate as a voter, you must register 90 days prior to the election.

The Sault Tribe election process is an all mail-in ballot system predicated on openness and volunteerism. The Election

Committee and the many volunteers it takes to conduct an election perform many tasks, including mailing out the ballots and assisting with the election night count. This is all done by volunteers and most aspects are open to the public.

The mail-out process is rather lengthy and requires 20-30 volunteers to complete. The membership list is generated by the Enrollment Department and the Sault Tribe MIS staff generates labels. It is spot checked and audited by the Election Committee and volunteers assist in stuffing and labeling envelopes. To ensure that the unique numbers on ballots is not known, all envelopes are sealed prior to being sent to a separate area for labeling. Once all envelopes are sealed and labeled, they are transported to the local post office where they are accounted for and billed.

At the same time the ballots are mailed, the Election Committee, along with tribal police, delivers the ballot box and the "non-deliverables" box to the local post office. Among the security provisions adopted by the Election Committee, tribal police take several photos of the boxes and ensure the boxes are empty and secured.

Please note: The ballot boxes, once placed at the post office, are considered to be post office boxes maintained by the United States Postal Service.

They cannot be tampered with nor is there access to them other than by postal employees who place ballots in them.

The boxes remain at the post office until election night when the ballot box is delivered by tribal police to a public count site. Once again, volunteers assist in opening thousands of envelopes to be counted. The "non-deliverable" box remains at the post office until after the contest period. Reports provided by the United States Postal Service indicate how many articles of mail get delivered to each box and on what dates. These reports and other reports such as receipts of ballot printing, etc., are available to the board of directors following each election. A summary called an "end-cycle report" is given to the board of directors, which outlines the exact numbers of each aspect. The process is completely transparent, including the number of ballots mailed, number of registered voters and reports generated by the post office.

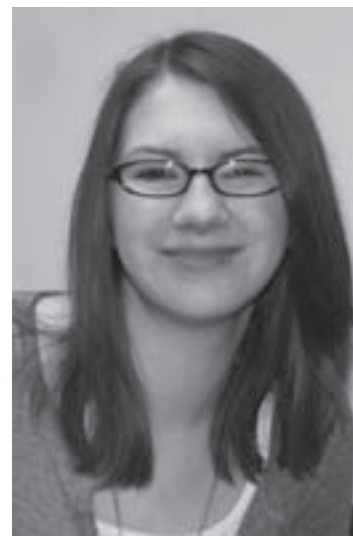
We hope this information sheds some light on the processes involved in tribal elections and hope to continue informing members with a series of articles explaining different aspects of the election process. Sault Tribe members are encouraged to e-mail questions or comments to electioncommittee@saulttribe.net.

# Macklin joins Sault Tribe administrative staff

Those calling the chairman's office will hear a new voice answering the phone. Sault Tribe member Ashley Macklin, 23, is the chairman's new receptionist. Lately of Northern Michigan University, Macklin studied writing and Native American Studies and worked as a desk supervisor.

Now living in the Sault with her husband of one year, Chad, Macklin is adjusting to her new work. "It's been a lot of fun," she said. "Everybody's been really nice; it's been easy to adjust."

Macklin answers the phone, works with mail and helps the chairman's executive assistant, Lona Stewart. When she's not at work, she's usually at home, laptop attached to her hip. "I



**Ashley Macklin** actually have a book being published in December," she said. "But other than that I like to dance — Scottish Country — and I read a lot, mostly young adult fiction."

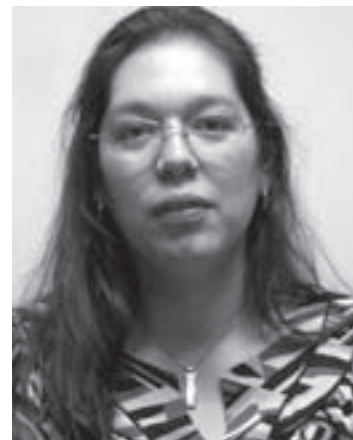
# Causley on project team

Sault Tribe member Nichole Causley began work as a project assistant in the tribe's Planning and Development department on Oct. 14 for a very important task — the tribe's master plan.

Causley is part of a team to develop a community-driven master plan and will be assisting with all aspects of the project, from arranging talking circles to writing news articles.

Causley began working for the tribe 10 years ago as a concession worker at Big Bear. She was a blackjack dealer for 4.5 years and worked in Human Resources for 1.5 years before being laid off in August 2008.

When she's not working, she's attending Lake Superior State University finishing



**Nichole Causley** up an associate's in business administration. After that, she plans to obtain a bachelor's degree in political science. She lives in the Sault with her children, ages 7, 5, 2 and 10 months.

# Mapping the tribe's trust land and water resources

**BY BRENDA AUSTIN**

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. - Sault Tribe environmental program manager, Charles Adams, and environmental specialist Crystal Bole, are working under a 2-year Environmental Protection Agency grant to map the tribe's trust lands, including treaty-ceded areas, and perform water quality assessments.

occasion but no one seems to know where they come from. Once we know the flow regime of the river, the source of the contaminants can be pinpointed."

Another area he hopes to address is the environmental impact of invasive species in the Great Lakes. "Invasive species negatively impact tribal

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**Charles Adams**

The goal of the program, according to Adams, is to preserve, protect and enhance the environment, much of which is water-related.

Adams said he is working with Bole to develop a program that will map the flow regime of the St. Marys River. "There are obvious problems there," Adams said. "Some unpleasant things appear in the river on



**Crystal Bole**

fisheries and the bottom environment of the lakes. We would like to become involved in looking at those environments and how they may be changing and impacting our tribal fisheries over time," he said.

In about four years Adams hopes to have a staff of five or six employees to carry out more extensive programs. "My goal See "Mapping resources," pg. 4

# War Memorial Hospital Welcomes...

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# Sault Farmers' Market growing in many ways

BY RICK SMITH

As another season for farmers' markets winds down, Jim Lucas reflects on the success his Chippewa County Michigan State University Extension office has enjoyed with the Sault Farmers' Market and nine other fresh food projects in the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

According to Lucas, when the Sault Farmers' Market started in 2003, only two vendors offered any wares. This year, over 50 vendors offered fresh produce and other goods and were supported by about 500 repeat customers and others who spent up to \$4,000 in 2-hour periods on Wednesday afternoons.

The farm fresh food offered at the Farmers' Market is available to anyone regardless of income as the farmer vendors accept coupons and cards from family nutrition programs such as the Project Farm Resources Expanding and Supporting Health (Project FRESH), the Women, Infants and Children Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (WIC FMNP) along with its supplemental nutrition program and state food assistance programs.

In addition to the Sault Farmers' Market, the MSU Extension office supports a Master Gardener Program at Kinross Correctional Facility, raised bed gardens at the Bay Mills Indian Community, an elders' garden for Sault Tribe, local refugee gardens, a hoop house experiment, Project



Photo by Rick Smith  
Harvey O'Brien of O'Brien's Farm in Kinross and Jim Lucas, director of the Chippewa County Michigan State University Extension office (L-R) pause to pose amid fresh-off-the-farm produce and pure maple syrup offered beneath a canopy at the Sault Farmers' Market on the southeast corner of Portage and Ashmun on a recent rainy Wednesday.

FRESH for seniors, Master Gardener Program classes for the general public and the Sault Ste. Marie community gardens.

Furthermore, the office renders support to farmers' markets in Engadine, St. Ignace, Pickford and Munising.

The Sault Farmers' Market was recently voted the best farmers' market in the Eastern Upper Peninsula and the source of best local food in an informal newspaper survey.

Lucas indicated the Farmers' Market offers fresher tasting foods, some which aren't available in stores, such as pasture poultry eggs, chickens and buffalo meat. He said stores may offer specials and the

Farmers' Market doesn't have bananas, but the additive-free, locally grown and raised foods taste much better and are less expensive. Furthermore, every dollar spent in the Farmers' Market goes directly back to the families who grew or raised the food and they, in turn, re-invest that money in other local businesses.

"Think of our community and how we want it to look in 10 years," said Lucas. He described an economy he envisions based on local families growing and producing high quality real foods for local stores and other clients who are also family, friends and neighbors.

"When you know where your food comes from, everything else falls into place," he said. "We cannot wait for anyone else to take care of us to help build our economy, we can do it ourselves and we are doing it as we speak."

The 2009 Sault Farmers' Market will close for the season on Tuesday, Nov. 24, and open for the 2010 season on the first Wednesday of May.

## Local farmers lauded

SAULT STE. MARIE — A favorite at the Sault farmers' market, John and Cindy Dutcher were recently honored by Michigan State University Extension at the Key Partner Award Banquet in East Lansing, Michigan. John and Cindy have their 80-acre sustainable agriculture farm on Angora Road, in Raber, Mich.

Cindy and John have been champions for sustainable farming practices at the local, state, and national arena. From the Dutcher's diverse biodynamic farm of animals, poultry, crops, garden produce, and fruit, they are one cog in the development and expansion of the Eastern Upper Peninsula local foods network. They are the only EUP Michigan Department of Agriculture approved poultry processing facility. Their experience led them to become Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) certified by the MSU meat lab scientists and to assist in writing the Michigan Food and Farming Systems (MIFFS) publication, On Farm Processing of Pasture Poultry.

John and Cindy have served

in various capacities on many state level committees, such as contributing as board members of the Michigan Agriculture Stewardship Association (MASA), where Cindy served as president for four years. Cindy has also served on the board of the MIFFS Council.

In addition to these state councils, John and Cindy are also excellent community organizers and founders of the Big North Farmers' Co-op and the Sault Ste. Marie and Pickford farmers' markets. Cindy suggested the model for the Sault Ste. Marie Farmers' Market, and it is now successfully utilized by five other small northern community farmers markets. Their efforts were instrumental in helping the EUP receive funding for innovative projects from the C.S. Mott Sustainable Chair for Agriculture at MSU for experimental hoop houses and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds for cooperative development.

You can congratulate John and Cindy on their award at the Sault Ste. Marie Farmers' Market on Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m., until Nov. 24.



John and Cindy Dutcher of Raber, Mich., with their chickens.

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It is required that all responses to this Request for Proposal be submitted to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority, Housing Investment Services, 154 Parkside, Kincheloe, MI, 49788, **no later than Nov. 30, 2009, 5 p.m. Eastern Time.** All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked, "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority Investment Services."

An annual contract will be awarded no later than December 31, 2009. The contract period will cover transactions beginning February 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2012.

You may obtain a Proposal Packet by contacting Karen Gregg at (906) 495-5555.

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— *Continued from page 3.* is to make this a highlight in tribal environmental programs," he said. "If we can get funding through some of these grants for additional employees we will be able to accomplish that."

Adams is a tribal elder originally from Cheboygan. For the past 10 years he has lived in Nevada on the Colorado River running a small water resources consulting business. He moved to the Sault recently upon accepting his new position with the tribe.

"I accepted the position with the goal that I would be able to give something to the tribe. In giving, I will get. If I can be a small part of advancing the tribe along the road of environmental progress I will consider my time here successful," he said.

Adams has a doctorate from Florida State University in physical oceanography. For 18 years, he was a professor at

Louisiana State University in its oceanography department. He also spent time in the U.S. Navy deployed on various ships.

"I can't imagine ever having done anything else then what I have done," he said.

Adams said he is working with Lake Superior State University to offer an associate degree program in marine technology. The program would involve training people to work in marine laboratories and oceanographic survey ships.

"The program was originally thought of as being great for young tribal members who maybe don't know what they want to do and are a bit uncomfortable with the thought of going to college. This program would give them a background in science and the skills and technology needed to do the work with the idea that once they finished the 2-year program they might have gained

enough confidence to go on to a four year program," he said.

"However, it has expanded beyond the tribal youth initiative; it is a program that would be appropriate for a lot of people," he added.

Adams said the program is close to being formalized and that he hopes to see it offered beginning next year.

Bole, who is working with Adams on different projects under the grant, graduated from LSSU in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. She said they will spend the winter months doing research and planning and next spring will see the beginning of their water quality assessments.

"We will be out on trust lands getting readings on the water because right now we don't have that data. We want to establish a base line for future readings," she said.



# Tribal Planning gives update on community-driven master plan

## FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Integrated Resource Management Planning (IRMP) Project Team held its first talking circle on Sugar Island on Oct. 14, 2009. What a nice turnout we had. People from young adolescent to elder participated in the circle. We also were able to enjoy the company, from afar, of an unexpected guest. A young black bear cub sat outside of the picture window of the culture camp. He was a nice surprise. Everyone wondered where the momma bear was.

The circle was led with a pipe ceremony by Graz Shipman followed by his wife, Renee Shipman. Culture, spirituality, lack of community con-

nection; family values, youth activities and direction; and communication were brought up numerous times by the talking circle. The circle provided some healing to those inside who needed it at the time. The circle also provided an outlet for members to speak and share ideas about where the direction needs to be in the strategic planning process.

As mentioned in our previous article, the IRMP Project Team is working hard to build a survey that accurately reflects the tribal membership views as they relate to allocation of our tribal resources. Presently, the IRMP Project Team and the Planning Department are defining the dynamics of the upcoming

focus groups. The purpose of the focus group is to collect information to develop the survey. The survey results will be the driving force behind the tribe's master plan. The focus groups will be facilitated by Michelle Hank and assisted by Jeff Holt and Nichole Causley. We will be conducting a total of 15 focus groups in five areas. Each area will have three focus groups to cover three age groups. These age groups are 16-25, 26-50 and over 50.

The Planning Department will continue to update our progress on the IRMP grant on a monthly basis. For more information, please contact the planning specialist at (906) 635-6050.

# Make your own snowshoes at Tahquamenon State Park

PARADISE — Tahquamenon Falls State Park is hosting four snowshoe-making workshops this year. The workshops will be on the following Saturdays: Nov. 7, Nov. 14, Dec. 5 and Dec. 19. All workshops begin at 10 a.m. at the park headquarters, 41382 West M-123 in Paradise.

Participants in the one-day workshop will weave a pair of traditional white ash snowshoes that will last for generations. The \$160 registration fee includes all materials and equipment needed to make one pair of snowshoes. Class size is limited and reservations are required. To make a reservation, please call Tahquamenon Falls State Park at (906) 492-3415.

All motor vehicles entering a Michigan state park or recreation area must display a motor



vehicle permit, available for purchase at the park entrance. Cost is \$24 for a resident annual and \$6 for a resident daily. A nonresident annual is \$29 and a nonresident daily is \$8.

# Museum seeks Timberwolf

NAUBINWAY — Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum of Naubinway is looking for an unusual snowmobile to add to its collection.

The Timberwolf Snowmobile was built in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., by Northsport Industries. It was promoted as a high performance "family machine."

The Timberwolf was a rear engine, two-track machine with two seats. It was designed to carry two adults in the front and two or three children in the rear. It had a fiberglass body that was available in different colors. One of the safety features was that it would float. Approximately six of these machines were produced. The Timberwolf served as the "Pace Sled" for the I-500 International Snowmobile Race in 1970 and 1971. The information for the museum display was generously



Above is a postcard made to advertise the Timberwolf snowmobile. Courtesy Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum.

donated by one of the co-founders, Dr. Tom Robinson of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum would like to obtain a Timberwolf for display in the museum. We would be interested in any information regarding the loca-

tion of one of these machines. Please contact Charlie or Marilyn at (906) 477-6192, or email vallierc@pngusa.net. The museum is located at W11595 Center St. in Naubinway, 42 miles west of the Mackinac Bridge on US-2.

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## From "H1N1 Prevention," page 1 —

CDC recommendations of high risk patients as it becomes available.

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- Health-care and emergency medical services personnel
- Persons aged 6 months–24 years, and
- Persons aged 25–64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza related complications.

Information on vaccines will be released as soon as it becomes available.

Find out more about the flu and where additional clinics are taking place at [www.flu.gov/](http://www.flu.gov/)

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"The federal government is running a mandatory vaccination campaign."

The federal government's vaccination program for H1N1 flu is voluntary.

"You need to get two doses of the H1N1 vaccine, and it takes a month between each dose."

The H1N1 vaccine is a really good match with the H1N1 virus currently circulating across the country, and healthy adults and children 10 and older will need only one dose of vaccine.

"This new vaccine is not safe and is untested."

Clinical trials conducted by the National Institutes of Health and the vaccine manufacturers have shown that the new H1N1 vaccine is both safe and effective. The FDA has licensed it. There have been no safety shortcuts.

"You can get flu from drinking water or swimming pools."

Chlorinated tap water and swimming pool water does not put you at risk for flu. To date, we don't know of anyone who has acquired flu from drinking water or from a swimming pool.

"If I am exposed to someone with the flu I should be treated."

CDC recommendations against treating exposed persons rather treating high risk people at early signs of the illness.

"Everyone who is diagnosed with the flu should be treated with anti-virals"

Most people infected with H1N1 will get well on their own. Only those at high risk for flu related complications require antiviral treatment.

"If I am exposed to someone with the flu I will get it."

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8	\$67,600



For more information or to request an application please contact Darlene Mastaw at (906) 495-1450 or (800) 794-4072; [DMastaw@saulttribe.net](mailto:DMastaw@saulttribe.net).



# Tribal court gets juvenile justice grant

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – Tribal court has been awarded a U.S. Department of Justice grant in the amount of \$448,834 for improvements to the tribal juvenile justice system. The grant is the largest ever received by tribal court. The grant is a renewable four-year grant with the first year reserved for planning, followed with three years of implementation.

According to the grant's authors, Court Administrator and Magistrate Judge Kellie LaVictor, and Juvenile Probation Officer Jennifer Blair, the grant will be used to purchase much needed case management software at a cost of \$142,000, fund a teen court program and provide enhanced services through the STEP (Sault Tribe Enhanced Probation) program for youth in jeopardy of being removed from their home due to escalating violent behavior and delinquency issues after all other options are exhausted.

Although both LaVictor and Blair have experience in grant administration, this was the first one they had written. It took them almost three weeks of working non-stop on the project to gather statistics on the length of juvenile sentences, types of crimes, how many youth are in placement and recidivism rates after they were no longer in placement. Court Reporter Danielle Christie also helped with the writing of the grant by gathering extensive information



Photo by Brenda Austin

Magistrate Judge Kellie LaVictor, Eletronic Court Reporter Danielle Christie and Juvenile Probation Officer Jennifer Blair (L-R).

from individual case files.

The new software will provide the court with a more efficient case management system allowing them to track statistics and do their accounting more effectively than their current program, which is inadequate for their needs. For instance, the new system will show by name and case number such obligations as community service hours completed, drug screen compliance and results, and payments made. The system will automatically generate a receipt and notice of payment, greatly increasing accountability measures. "Currently, without manually looking through a file, the judge cannot sit at their desk and see the complete status of a case," said LaVictor.

The software will also have a probation component, according to LaVictor, allowing them to track youth and adults

on probation plus statistics such as the number of community service hours ordered and completed, behavioral health requirements, education requirements, and drug screen compliance/results within a given time frame. "Right now we have to manually count all of our statistics, the new system will generate these reports for us. We worked with the tribe's Management Information Systems Department this spring to obtain quotes and get exactly what we needed to best serve our population," LaVictor said.

A tribal teen court program was developed in 2005, but was never fully implemented. The grant will allow that program to become operational by the start of the 2010 school year, making it the first teen court in the Upper Peninsula. Youth volunteers from the tribe's various programs and tribal youth from area schools will serve in every aspect of the court; including bailiff, prosecution and defense attorneys and court reporter.

Teen court addresses a broad range of less serious offenses in a culturally appropriate way. The program will help sta-

tus and non violent first time offenders learn that by making better choices they can make a positive impact on their tribal community. If a youth comes through tribal court with a status offense such as truancy, smoking or minor in possession, and they are a first time offender, they can opt to go through teen court.

Everyone in teen court, with the exception of the judge, is a teen who has been trained by his or her counterpart to take on a particular role. The grant will allow the court to contract with an attorney in order to train the youth and be there during court, and will provide additional funds for transportation to and from court for participants.

LaVictor said that right now if a youth commits a status offense and is brought before the court they will be formally charged. If the defendant goes through the teen court program and completes their entire sentence and does not re-offend within a specified time frame, the offense is expunged from their record. "The interesting thing about teen court," said Blair, "is that peers are much harder on themselves than a judge is. If you look at national statistics, kids going through teen court get a much harsher sentence from their peers."

The Sault Tribe Enhanced Probation Program (STEP) is also being funded under the grant. The program would provide enhanced probation and reintegration services for youth who are in jeopardy of, or returning from, residential placement. The grant will pay for a position to oversee the program as well as all expenses related to the program such as family needs, rewards, and

positive peer activities. Tribal court currently pays a local program \$3,500 a month to utilize a similar program for two juveniles. The STEP program will replace this program and will offer services to six children for the same amount of funding currently being used to help just two.

"Our statistics show that so far we have a 100 percent success rate when using this program with juveniles who are in jeopardy of being placed outside of the home due to increasing violent behavior or destructive delinquent behavior. Every youth that has participated in this program has not gone on to placement outside of the home," LaVictor said.

"The average out of home placement cost for a juvenile is \$3,600 - \$5,000 a month in tribal support money. If we can keep one child at home, thousands of tribal support dollars can be saved. Right now we have six kids in placement and are spending about \$260,000 a year," she said.

"We do everything we can to keep a child in the home. We don't take it lightly to have to place a child outside of the home," said Blair. "We use every Tribal resource we have available as well as services offered through the State of Michigan. We try everything we can to make these kids successful within the home. We only utilize residential placement when absolutely necessary for those youth who are a danger to themselves and/or the community and all other options are exhausted." The STEP program will be hiring a Juvenile Surveillance Officer in the spring with a start date of April 1, 2010.

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An annual contract will be awarded no later than December 31, 2009. The contract period will cover transactions beginning February 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2012.

You may obtain a Proposal Packet by contacting Karen Gregg at (906) 495-5555.

## Individualized recovery services offered under recent grant

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MAIRE, Mich. – The Sault Tribe is participating in an Access to Recovery grant that was awarded to the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The grant offers tribal members and their families the unique opportunity to participate in recovery support activities to enhance and build upon a positive recovery lifestyle, according to Jennifer Olmstead, clinical supervisor, Sault Tribe Behavioral Health Services.

Through the grant, individualized services are developed for each client based on their assessment and treatment plan needs and allow clients input into their treatment plan and service provider.

Pat McCoy has been asked by tribal members to offer his services to community members for recovery coaching and traditional healing ceremonies. McCoy has a Master's degree



Pat McCoy

in addictions counseling from Hazelden Graduate School of Addictions in Center City, Minn.

He invites anyone interested in learning about a cultural specific recovery process to attend a Wednesday night sweat lodge ceremony at the tribe's cultural center across from the powwow grounds. At 5 p.m., traditional teachings and crafts are offered with the sweat following at 6:30

p.m. After the ceremony a feast is held.

McCoy said, "The grant is a faith based grant. It encompasses the sweat lodge and traditional healing. I feel that an eclectic approach to recovery is the way that we need to go. Giving people the opportunity to go into a sweat lodge and participate in ceremonies and embrace their culture from the beginning of their recovery is important. Part of our self worth comes from being proud of who we are. The pipe, fire, tobacco and medicines – these are all things our grandfathers and grandmothers had that are a part of our identity."

If you would like more information about recovery coaching or traditional healing ceremonies, call Pat McCoy at (906) 495-7371.

For further questions on Access to Recovery services provided through the Sault Tribe, contact the Behavioral Health Program at (906) 635-6075.



# Elderly Advisory Committee briefs . . .

Chairperson Menard opened the meeting at 12:18 p.m. and Ilene Moses offered a prayer. A moment of silence was observed for those of our community who recently walked on and for our armed forces and their families.

All regular voting members were present. There were two alternate members and five guests in attendance.

The tribal chairperson and none of the tribal board members were in attendance. Holly Kibble, Elder Services Division director, was the only staff member in attendance.

The agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the Aug. 24, 2009, meeting were both approved as submitted.

Under old business: Certify telephone vote re: 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS – add previously not included applicants into the judging process: Bob Menard explained that it came to him after the August meeting that he had inadvertently excluded two applications from consideration. One of the applications was incomplete. After consultation with Holly and Jack Kibble, Bob agreed that the only fair way to rectify the situation was to approach the two judges and see if they would agree to evaluate the application that had been missed along with the two applications that they had selected as winners to see if the results of the original judging should change. Bob polled all the voting members by telephone to see if they agreed, which they did. The two judges very graciously agreed to participate in this process, subsequently re-evaluated the three applications and reported

## Photos of Indian Country sought for new feature

BY RICK SMITH

Falmouth Institute invites citizens of Indian Country to show off their communities in digital photographs for publication in a new feature of their online magazine, *American Indian Report*. The institute says the magazine is the only national online magazine dedicated exclusively to American Indian news and business. The institute wants photos of Indian Country taken by the citizens of Indian Country. It is hoped the new feature can be started in January 2010.

The editor of *American Indian Report*, Marguerite Carroll, said, "We want to start this new photo feature to showcase the beautiful people, places and things of Indian Country. We want to accompany the published photos with Google maps to pinpoint the locations of the different lands from where photos are coming. We're hoping to generate interest among tribes and other general populations to visit the places seen in the photos."

According to its Web site, Falmouth Institute was founded in 1985 to provide quality and comprehensive education

that their original selections did not change. Bob read a sample letter sent to each winner, non-successful applicant and those with an incomplete application. On a motion by Jerome Peterson, seconded by Brenda Garries and approved, Bob is to send a letter of apology to Jodi Hatinger for the mix-up. It was a consensus that the program should be repeated next year, that consideration should be given to treating graduate students differently than the other students and that an attempt should be made to enlist more than two judges. Holly Kibble indicated that the checks to the winners should be in the mail by next week.

As an aside, Bob informed the group that he had been in communication with Joanne Carr earlier in the day and that she had indicated that there is an \$8,000 donation to the Michigan Indian Elders Association Student Incentive Program coming within a week or two from the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Public School Academy. This is in response to the Elder Advisory Committee request for financial assistance for that program.

There was no new business. Holly Kibble, Elder Services Division director, spoke briefly about the possibility of this group considering the elimination of the January meeting in favor of a meeting in March and she spoke briefly about a letter that Eric Clark sent regarding hunting blinds on private property. It was suggested that Billy Perry be invited to the October meeting to answer questions members may have about the hunting,

and information services to American Indian communities of North America. It is dedicated to addressing challenges of self-governance and federal policies. The organization claims to have worked with almost all Indian nations in the United States in meeting complex educational needs and refining organizational operations.

The *American Indian Report* online magazine serves as an outlet for the latest and most accurate information on issues surrounding Indian Country, according to the institute

Photo submissions or questions should be sent to the email address editor@americanindianreport.com. Photos should include photographers' names, tribal affiliations and captions describing subjects in the photographs. If photographers prefer anonymity, the foundation will withhold publishing names but still requires the information in case of questions.

More about the institute can be learned at [www.falmouthinstitute.com](http://www.falmouthinstitute.com). A link can take one to the *American Indian Report* Web site or go directly to [www.americanindianreport.com](http://www.americanindianreport.com).

fishing and gathering rules. Kibble suggested each member take the issues discussed about the scholarship program back to the various unit meetings. She indicated she has redone her budget document and submitted same to reflect the impact of the stimulus money received by the tribe. She indicated that the elder recreation budget had not changed. She dispelled the rumor circulating regarding a raise for tribal board members.

Kibble discussed the possibility of doing something different with the holiday meal format for Units I through III. She pointed out the inconvenience and difficulty experienced by the Naubinway and Newberry Units in getting to the Sault for the meal.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR UNIT: It was motioned by Jerome Peterson with no second forthcoming to table this item until next meeting.

— Escanaba recently

completed an overnight trip to the Sault and will be engaged in the sale of Christmas wreaths and pasties.

— Munising elders will have an election of officers at their next meeting and have started planning for their Christmas party.

— Marquette elders are planning for their family Thanksgiving meal and their annual children's Christmas party.

— The Sault is planning a rummage sale, a bake sale (proceeds toward a children's Christmas party), a turkey raffle, a pie sale, holiday baskets for shut-ins and needy families and has recently returned from a Gordon Lightfoot concert.

— Newberry elders reported a great success for their pow wow, are planning a bake sale and taco sale and that the proceeds from the lunch they have been providing for this monthly EAC meeting go

toward their annual children's Christmas party. The October meal will be a Thanksgiving offering of turkey, all the trimmings and homemade pie.

— St. Ignace elders reported they recently returned from a trip to Holland, Mich., and took the glass bottom boat tour. They are planning a 50/50 raffle, a rummage sale, a potluck dinner, a hay ride and an elders' picnic.

Under questions/comments from elders in the audience, Ilene Moses suggested we invite Christine Rosenberg of the Newberry Experience Work Program to speak at the October meeting. Bob Menard reminded the group that election of officers takes place next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. with the next regularly scheduled meeting to be Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, at 12:30 p.m.

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# American Indian nations embassy opens in D.C.

## OPENED ON EVE ON FIRST WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT

BY RICK SMITH

A 5-year fundraising campaign by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to acquire a suitable building in Washington, D.C., to house a permanent embassy for tribal sovereignties came to fruition when the organization bought a 17,000 square foot office building last May.

The NCAI conducted an open house at the Embassy of Tribal Nations on Nov. 3, coinciding with the arrival of tribal leaders from across the nation attending the first White House summit conference with the Obama administration on Nov. 5.

Officials of the organization say the embassy will prove to be an asset for American Indians by enhancing the presence of tribal sovereign nations in the United States capitol, increasing public awareness of NCAI and tribal governments, improving the efficiency of NCAI operations and activities

and in other ways.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is one of five tribes from the Great Lakes region to contribute funds for acquiring a building for the embassy during NCAI fund raising efforts over the last five years. Other contributors are the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin. Many other tribes from across the United States also contributed, as did over 100 individuals.

Early in the fund-raising campaign, tribes were challenged to match a contribution of \$1 million from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. The challenge triggered extensive contributions, but none matched the Shakopee Sioux grant until the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation rose to contribute an equal amount. The Chickasaw

Nation of Oklahoma and the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of California each donated \$100,000. The contributions of most tribes and individuals, including Sault Tribe, were limited to \$10,000 or less.

So far, tribes from across Indian Country have contributed \$3 million, which was used as the downpayment on the building. Fund-raising continues to pay off the \$8.5 million debt for the acquisition in three years.

Leaders from American Indian tribes are expected to begin converging on Washington on Nov. 2 for the White House summit meeting and commence departing on Nov. 6.

The NCAI Embassy of Tribal Nations is near other embassies representing countries from around the world, the street address for the Embassy of Tribal Nations is 1514 P Street NW in Washington, D.C.

## Bill would enhance suicide prevention

BY RICK SMITH

Senator Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, recently sponsored a bill into the Senate calling for the establishment of a project to enhance and encourage mental health care services to American Indian youth.

The bill, S. 1635, 7th Generation Promise: Indian Youth Suicide Prevention Act of 2009, has eight co-sponsors.

According to the Act, while the rate of suicide among American Indians is 1.9 times higher than the national average, it is 3.5 times higher among young American Indians aged 15 through 24, the highest rate of any population group in the United States. According to 2005 national data cited in the bill, suicide was the second leading cause of death for Indians of both sexes aged 10 through 34. Suicide rates are consistently about three times higher among females than males.

Further, 90 percent of all teens who die by suicide suffer from a diagnosable mental illness at the time of death

and more than half were never seen by mental health providers, one-third of health needs in Indian Country relate to mental health.

The bill notes the Indian Health Service experiences staff shortages of nearly 20 percent. In addition, remote areas and lack of resources make it difficult for tribes to meet requirements for federal assistance such as grants.

The Act authorizes Health and Human Services to carry out a demonstration project to test the use of "telemental health services" in suicide prevention, intervention and treatment of Indian youth. Those services are defined as information and telecommunications technologies used to support long-distance mental health care and related education for patients and professionals.

Introduction of the bill onto the Senate floor is the first step in the legislative process. The bill is now in committee for deliberation, investigation and revision. If the bill makes it out of committee, it returns to the floor for general debate.

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## Bill introduced to correct oversight in Indian veterans housing law

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-Arizona) recently introduced the Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act of 2009.

H.R. 3553 would correct an oversight in the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) that counts veteran's benefits as income. This has caused disabled veterans, their families and survivors to be ineligible for housing, according to the release.

H.R. 3553 addresses the problem by changing the definition of income to specifically exclude Veterans' compensation and survivor benefits.

Kirkpatrick represents Arizona's 1st District,

which includes 11 tribes. She was apprised of the flaw by the Navajo Housing Authority.

"Native American Veterans have sacrificed so much for this country, and they should not be punished for getting the benefits they have been promised," said Rep. Kirkpatrick in the release. "It is time to right this wrong and ensure our fighting men and women are not disadvantaged by their service."

The bill is now with the House Committee on Financial Services. It was co-sponsored by Phil Hare (D-Illinois), Ben Lujan (D-New Mexico) and Harry Teague (D-New Mexico).

## Act would allow tribal independent leasing

WASHINGTON — National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Vice-Chair Cheryl Parish testified before the House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee on Oct. 21 regarding the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act of 2009, HR 2523. Parish called for tribes to have authority to enter into certain leases without review or approval from the Department of Interior.

"In Bay Mills, the tribal council believes homeownership should be as accessible as possible for tribal members. A land office, located within the housing authority, oversees the leasing agreements, secures banking and assists development," said Parish, a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community and executive director of the Bay Mills Housing Authority in Michigan. "This legislation can only be beneficial to tribes, though some tribes may not be ready for the responsibility, many will embrace it. It is a perfect fit for tribal self-deter-

mination."

The HEARTH Act, introduced by Rep. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), will reform federal leasing requirements, encourage housing and community development in tribal communities and calls for a report from the Bureau of Indian Affairs detailing the history and experience of tribes that have chosen to assume responsibility for operating Indian land title and records offices.

Under current leasing law, most Indian tribes are presented with two options: they may choose to operate under the strictures of the Indian Long-Term Leasing Act of 1955, which requires secretarial approval, or they may secure a 99-year lease authority through the enactment of tribe-specific federal legislation."

"I thank the bill's sponsor, Representative Heinrich, for looking out for the betterment of not only the Native people in his state, but for all the Natives throughout the United States," Parish said.

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# Bill proposes trust land eligibility for all recognized tribes

BY RICK SMITH

At the center of a lengthy and expensive legal contest between the State of Rhode Island and the Narragansett Indian Tribe over the status of 32 acres of land is the interpretation of one word in the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of 1934 — the word is “now.” The lawful interpretation of that one word is very important to all Indian tribes of the United States not federally recognized by June 1934 because it calls into question their legal eligibility to have trust lands.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians received federal recognition in 1972 and currently has 1,635 acres in trust status with another 42 acres pending status as trust lands.

According to the document's introduction, the IRA is “An Act to conserve and develop Indian lands and resources; to extend to Indians the right to form business and other organizations; to establish a credit system for Indians; to grant certain rights of home rule to Indians; to provide for vocational education for Indians; and for other purposes.”

Section 19 of the IRA, at the end of the document, stipulates that, “The term ‘Indian’ as used in this Act shall include all persons of Indian descent who are members of any recognized Indian tribe now under federal jurisdiction, and all persons who are descendants of such members who were, on June 1, 1934, residing within the present boundaries of any reservation, and shall further include all other persons of one-half or more Indian blood.”

The State of Rhode Island contends that the word “now” in the above stipulation refers to tribes already recognized at the time the IRA was passed in 1934. The U.S. Department of the Interior counters that it means any tribe recognized by the federal government, plus descendants of tribes recognized at the time.

Recently, U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) introduced legislation amending the IRA



U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan

to correct the long-standing legal feud known as *Carcieri v Salazar*, so named after the plaintiff, the current governor of Rhode Island, and Ken Salazar, the present Secretary of the Interior. Dorgan is also the chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

Last February, the Supreme Court sided with Rhode Island on the issue, effectively casting into doubt all trust land transactions the Interior has taken on behalf of tribes for the past 75 years and creating “two classes” of Indians in the United States. The two classes refer to the eligible and not-eligible for trust land acquisitions.

Dorgan describes the bill as a technical amendment to the IRA and, if passed, would affirm the Interior's prior trust land acquisitions and, equally important, reaffirm the Secretary of Interior's authority to accept lands into trust for Indian tribes, regardless of when the tribe was federally recognized.

“If Congress does not act, the ruling will create havoc in Indian Country,” Dorgan said in an announcement. “Inaction by Congress could significantly impact planned development projects on Indian trust lands, including the building of homes and community centers; result in a loss of jobs in an already challenging economic environment; and create costly and unnecessary litigation.”

Dorgan's resolution passed in the Senate by unanimous consent on Sept. 30 and a message on the action sent to the House. A record of each representative's position was not kept.

## Annual art auction set for Nov. 14

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Sault Area Art Council's annual arts auction is set for Saturday, Nov. 14, in the LSSU Cisler Center. The local work donated for auction is on display at the Alberta House Mini Gallery during October. The auction display is large and multi-media and includes work from Sault Summer Arts Festival artists as well as artists from around the area and from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. New work will be added as it comes in.

Among the items in as of Sept. 20 are original paintings by Ken Hatfield, Kyung Hatfield, Margaret La Ponsie,

Karla Sunn, Jeanne Tubman, Zoey Wood-Salomon, Lotte Steube, Rose Sundaram and Gene Usimaki; jewelry by Barbara Bryant, Sergio Barcena, Annie Hubbard, Jan and Amy Rohen and Jerry Wygant; photographs by Randy Krause, Jude McConkey and Kayleigh White; pine needle baskets by Janet Bonnell; a Petoskey stone carving by Mike Schroeder; a turned wood bowl by Charles Jackson; prints; tole painting; leather work; hand made soaps; decorative gourds; hand woven rugs; note cards; pottery and much more. Donated art work will also be put on the Sault

## Jefferson Keel elected NCAI president

BY RICK SMITH

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) recently announced the election of Jefferson Keel as the organization's new president. The announcement came during the 66th annual convention of the NCAI in Palm Springs, Calif., in mid-October.

Keel, who is on his third elected term as lieutenant governor of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, served as NCAI's first vice-president since 2005.

According to the NCAI, Keel is retired from the U.S. Army after more than 20 years of active duty service. He holds a bachelor's degree from East Central University in Ada, Okla., and a Master of Science degree from Troy University in Alabama. He is experienced in social services and tribal health programs.

Keel replaces President Joe Garcia who is finishing two terms as the organization's elected president.



Jefferson Keel

Others elected to NCAI offices are a councilwoman for the Pauma Band of Mission Indians, Juana Majel-Dixon, elected first vice-president; president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Theresa Two Bulls, elected recording secretary; and chairman of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, W. Ron Allen, elected treasurer.

Tribal leaders across the nation most likely had an opportunity to meet the new president in person at the first of annual White House summit meetings with tribal leaders on Nov. 5.

“Indian Country has been waiting for well over a decade for a meeting of this caliber with the president of the United States,” outgoing President Garcia said in an earlier announcement. “I commend President Obama for setting this precedent for his administration's nation-to-nation working relationship with tribes. We have an ambitious agenda to strengthen economic development and improve tribal government services. Tribal leaders are very satisfied that President Obama is fulfilling his promise to meet with tribal leaders on a regular basis during his term in office. This historic meeting will coincide with NCAI's grand opening of the Embassy of Tribal Nations on Nov. 3 and a tribal leaders meeting on Nov. 4.”

He encouraged tribal leaders to attend the meeting as a display of Indian Country unity in beginning talks with the president and his administration.

## Proposed Site 41 landfill stopped

BY RICK SMITH

Those involved in civil resistance against the construction of a landfill over a large Canadian aquifer have won a battle. The proposed garbage dump is known as Site 41, about 40 miles north of Toronto, and would sit on ground about 13 feet above the Alliston aquifer. Scientists say the water in the aquifer is among the purest in the world. Area residents fear leaching from a landfill would cause contamination that would ruin the water purity and spread garbage runoff to other bodies of water in the area, including lakes Huron and Ontario.

The Simcoe County Council approved a 1-year moratorium on Aug. 25 on construction of the dumpsite to examine more facts about the situation. The council voted to eliminate the dump altogether on Sept. 22.

While the council seeks a new approach to handling waste after the decision to cancel the project, protesters crucial to the eventual project's demise say it's not enough. Grassroots opponents who were key in the eventual demise of the landfill project say Site 41 will never be a dead issue until the certificate of approval as a dump site is revoked and such matters in the future involve citizens every step of the way.

Area resident Linda Reynolds told The Barrie Examiner, “Unfortunately we cannot back off and be good winners until these absolutely genuine issues are completely resolved. First there is the matter of the certificate of approval. As long as this license for a landfill exists, it remains a threat hanging over Site 41.”

Reynolds said it's quite foreseeable that sometime in the future, maybe even soon, an emergency situation may develop where a new landfill is needed in

the area and Site 41 sits with permits already in place. Seeking a fast solution, officials could easily be tempted to resume building the landfill. “And there we go again, right back to the same confrontation.”

In any case, the American Indian women who held a protest vigil in an encampment at the site can go home. They temporarily blocked construction of the landfill earlier this year and helped win the war against the project. They can rest a little easier now.

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# Sault Naturalists open photo contest

**SAULT STE. MARIE** — Now's the time to dip into those nature photos you've been taking over the years or to get out and snap some of our beautiful fall scenery or wildlife. The Sault Naturalists are sponsoring a nature photo contest for amateur photographers with winners to be chosen in three categories, flora, fauna and scenery. Photographers with great shots taken within 100 miles of the twin cities of Sault Ste. Marie are invited to submit photos. This is a chance for amateurs to compare their work with other non-professional photographers. Photos should be e-mailed as attachments or mailed to the program chair, John Lehman at [jwillehman@gmail.com](mailto:jwillehman@gmail.com) or 4555 S. Nicolet Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, by Friday, Nov. 27. A panel of judges will select the five best photos in each category and the prints will be displayed at the Dec. 8 meeting of the Sault Naturalists at Central United Methodist Church.

Voting by secret ballot will determine the winning photos in each category. The winning photographers will be awarded appropriate prizes. The meeting will also include a presentation by nature photographer Kirk Zufelt who will provide information on some of the artistic and technical aspects of

nature photography.

Here are the contest conditions:

1. Members of the Sault Naturalists are encouraged to submit photos but anyone who is not a professional photographer or one of the judges is eligible to enter.
2. Photos must be submitted on or before Nov. 27 to be considered. Do not include any identifying information on the photos themselves, as they are to be judged anonymously.
3. There will be a limit of five photos in each category per contributor.
4. There is no limit on the date of any photograph.
5. Photos in any format will be accepted, but digital photos and 6 x 8 prints are preferred. Photos in different formats will be converted to 6 x 8 prints for display.
6. Photos will be judged in the following categories: flora (wildflowers, mushrooms, and so forth); fauna (birds and other animals); scenery (including people in nature).
7. Photos should be taken within an a 100-mile radius of the International Bridge. The area includes the Algoma District of Ontario and the eastern Upper Peninsula and northern lower peninsula of Michigan.
8. There will be appropriate prizes for the winners in the three categories.

# FREE CLASSES Fridays, 12-3 p.m.

Free Museum Studies classes are being offered at 531 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie on Fridays, from 12 to 3 p.m., on the dates below. Soup and sandwiches will be provided and potluck is welcomed. Employees, join us for lunch! Tribal elders, transportation provided, call Sylvia Shannon at 635-7010 ahead of time. Classes start Nov. 6. Open to the public and taught by Central Michigan

University instructors. DATES: Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11; Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 12, 19, 26. For more information, contact Angeline Matson, (906) 635-4944, email: [amatson@saulttribe.net](mailto:amatson@saulttribe.net).

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# National 2010 American Indian student art competition announced

Are you an American Indian or Alaska Native student who likes to draw, paint, photograph or write? If so, the Student Artist Competition (SAC) might be for you. Students in grades Pre-K to 12 can submit artwork, including paintings, drawings, photographs and digital art. Writers in grades 6 through 12 can submit a personal essay. All entries must be postmarked by Jan. 29, 2010.

The 2010 SAC theme is *Bringing Honor Through Education*. Entries for the SAC should relate to this theme and show the importance of education for Native youth. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each grade category. In recognition of the students' artistic talents, the 2009 Native American student artist winning entries were exhibited at the U.S.



Department of Education, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, Oklahoma History Center and the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture. The Student Art Competition rules require that a student register their entry online or over the phone prior to submitting their entry. For additional information, rules, and entry form, please visit [www.kids.indianeducation.org](http://www.kids.indianeducation.org).

To enter artwork in the competition, all students must register their entry online or call toll free (866) 259-0060. Once you receive your confirmation number, send us your artwork with your application form signed by a parent or guardian and a teacher in a single mailing. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 29, 2010. Contact Rayanne Ganuelas, [sac@indianeducation.org](mailto:sac@indianeducation.org), (866) 259-0060.

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# Simon Otto — the man behind the books

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — You may know Simon Otto as the author of such books as *Grandmother Moon Speaks*, *We Walk Again*, *Walk In Peace*, *Aube Na Bing* and *Ah-Soo-CanNah-Nah Storyteller*. The man behind these writings is multi-talented and learned in Anishinaabe traditional ways.

He was born in 1927 to Christine (Baker) and Foster Otto, who as children had met each other at the government Indian boarding school in Mt. Pleasant. Knowing he would attend the same school when he turned 7, Otto told his mother he would run away. Luckily, the school closed when he was 7 in 1934.

Otto was born and grew up in the same house that he lives in today, after purchasing it about seven years ago. As a child, he shared it with nine siblings, his parents and maternal grandfather, George Baker.

Baker would talk to Otto in his Native language and although he understood his grandfather, Otto could not speak the language himself. Baker taught his grandson how to survive in the woods and at the age of 7, Otto began to learn how to pick and identify medicines and to hunt, trap and fish.

"He was going to take me fishing and I went outside and started to dig up some worms," Otto said. "He told me I didn't need worms. I reached for my



Simon Otto and his wife, Andrea.

into the cold water. "I was wondering what he was doing and about 5 minutes later he pulled out a fish. He stuck his arm back in the water again and 5 minutes later had another fish," Otto said.

In about a half-hour's time, Otto watched his grandfather pull eight big trout from the stream for their lunch. His grandfather told him fish have a nerve that runs from the gills to their tail on both sides of their body. "If you reach in the water real slow and find a fish under the overhang and start rubbing the fish where the nerve is on its side, after a while the fish will stop fining and you grab it. Somehow rubbing their sides mesmerizes them and you toss it out and start over again," Otto said.

It's been about 30 years since he followed his grandfather's example, but Otto said he

would be connected to the fish and it would make him a good fisherman. And if he ate the eyes he would be able to see better underwater. "So that was how he taught me how to fish. I did eat the heads, just the meat on the outside," he said.

Otto also spent three days alone in the woods during a coming-of-age ritual. He was given a few pieces of bacon, some matches, salt and pepper and his knife. During that time he snared rabbits, used a sling shot to hunt robins, ate berries and had to climb a 30-foot tree and collect feathers from a hawk's nest. He built a lean-to, got a fire going, made tea from wintergreen leaves, made a pine needle bed and collected clay from a small creek. "My father gave me an eagle feather for passing the ritual," he said.

As a child, Otto attended St. Francis Catholic School. "In the back of the church, they had a special place for Indians to sit. Written on the pews, it said, 'These seats are only for the poor Indians of the parish.' There were about four seats back there for us," he said. Otto attended school there until he dropped out in the 10th grade.

Having what he called "self-induced troubles," Otto stole a car, was caught with beer and ended up in jail at 17. Married young to his pregnant girlfriend, Evelyn, they had a tumultuous marriage, which ended in divorce years later. During his marriage and the birth of his five children, he began to drink.

At 25, he found out he was infected with a bad case of tuberculosis and was admitted to a sanatorium. His doctor told him he had about 18 months to live. He weighed 120 pounds when he was admitted. A year later, after volunteering to take a new drug being tested, he weighed 180 pounds. "All they could do for TB patients at that time was give you fresh air, a proper diet and bed rest. There is no pain when you have TB; you just cough a lot. They opened all the windows and turned the heat off to give us fresh air to breathe. At 7 a.m. they would come in and shut all the windows and you would have to shake the snow off of your blankets. If you had a glass of water or a plant, it would freeze," he said. "The new drug they were giving me made it so you didn't cough and that gave you time to heal."

He was eventually discharged a healthy man.

Falling back into alcoholism, he was in and out of jail and couldn't hold down a job. He attended Alcoholics Anonymous and after remaining sober for a year, celebrated by getting drunk. "The people in AA were telling me how to sober up and stay straight. Two times I had tried and failed so I decided I was going to do it my way. I didn't do the AA steps in order. I did them at my own pace and in the order that felt right to me. I have been sober now for 43 years and my whole life has changed around," he said.

About seven years after giving up drinking, he was hired to work as a counselor for an alcohol recovery program. The program offered to pay him to go to school, so he enrolled at North Central University and took some business courses. He did so well in his classes they wanted him to continue and earn a degree in business. He was given a placement test and even though he quit school in the tenth grade, he had the equivalent of a master's degree.

He entered a social work program offered in Salt Lake City where he earned certificates in counseling from the

University of Utah. During that time he divorced his wife. A short time later he met and married Mary and they remained together for 26 years until her death.

Today Otto has a bachelor's degree in Ethnic Studies with a minor in psychology and alcohol studies from the University of Washington, in addition to his counseling certificates.

It was during his marriage to Mary that, with her encouragement, he began writing about his traditional American Indian past. His stories first appeared in local publications and he is now the author of five books with enough material, he said, to write another three or four. He is also working on his biography.

In addition to writing and storytelling, Otto carves multi-dimensional pictures from wood, makes walking sticks and enjoys painting.

He and his wife Andrea, married for seven years, live a simple life in the same house he grew up in overlooking the woods where his grandfather, many moons in the past, taught him how to pull fish from a creek.



Besides writing, Otto carves multi-dimensional pictures from wood, makes walking sticks and enjoys painting.

fishing pole and he told me I didn't need my pole, either. I thought I wasn't going to argue with the old man; I guessed he knew what he was talking about. So we went into a swamp in the woods, about 20 minutes from the house." The swamp, said Otto, had a little creek running through it and there were bear and deer in the area.

About 50 feet from the small creek, his grandfather told him to lie down on the ground. He lay down next to Otto and together they crawled towards the creek. About 25 feet from the creek, Baker told Otto to stay there and watch him.

Otto watched as his grandfather crawled to the edge of the 3-foot-deep creek and rolled up his sleeve and stuck his arm

was able to successfully capture fish that same way about five times.

His next lesson was in cleaning and cooking the trout. Since brook trout don't have scales, they can be eaten with their skin on. After gutting the fish, his grandfather sent him in search of some clay and burdock leaves. "He wrapped each fish in a burdock leaf and packed it in clay. The fire was already going and he put the fish in, just like putting it in an oven," Otto said. In 10 minutes, Baker cracked open the clay and seasoned the fish with bacon fat, salt and pepper.

They ate them there in the open under the trees. Simon's grandfather said the brain was the best part. He told Otto that if he ate the fish's head he

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# Courthouse remembers Sault Tribe member

By Ashley Macklin

At 3:53 p.m. the courthouse clock rang out seven minutes early for its 4 o'clock announcement. Those in attendance of the dedication ceremony in honor of Frank LaCoy, a Sault Tribe member, stared up in wonder.

"My dad would never have stood for that." Frank's eldest son, Frank "JR" LaCoy Jr. shook his head.

Frank LaCoy kept the clock wound to precision for 32 years as one of his many duties as a maintenance man. While some may have seen Frank as a lowly janitor, a man not to be noticed, he took his job very seriously. He took pride in keeping the inside and outside of the courthouse spectacularly clean, as he knew that it was, in fact, a source of pride to the community.

"Dad never did anything half way. He always had a strong work ethic, something he tried to instill in all of us," daughter Karen LaCoy said.

Frank retired from the courthouse, but wasn't content to live the life of ease in retirement, taking on positions in the Security and Motor Pool departments at Kewadin Casino. That is, until 2007, when the cancer he had been diagnosed with nearly a decade before came out of remission and spread from his throat to his lungs. Early that year he was forced yet again into retirement and to undergo rounds of chemotherapy and



Above, the late Frank LaCoy shows off the County Courthouse Clockworks. At right, Frank's widow, Molly, mulches the young tree planted in Frank's honor. To her left, Scott Shackleton, to her right, Diane Moore.

radiation that left him weak and irritated. The doctors had given him around a year to live. However, the bad luck for the LaCoy family had not run out. That same year Frank's daughter, Tracy, was diagnosed with ALS. In the face of his own mortality, Frank was the coping patriarch he'd always been.

"He was strong, he was always strong, right to the end," grandson Airman Scott LaCoy said via e-mail from Korea, where he is serving.

Frank lost his 10-year battle with cancer on May 29, 2009. He was surrounded by his family.

Oct. 19, 2009 would have been Frank's 71st birthday. It was also the day the courthouse chose to remember him. A tree stands in the courtyard in his honor. The grand turnout included Frank's dear friends, Scott Shackleton, Kari Willis, Marilyn McDonald and Don Cooper as well as other members of his extended courthouse family.



Perhaps the tenderest moment came when Shackleton helped Frank's widow, Molly, who is also battling cancer, shovel mulch around her beloved Frank's tree. Frank's sisters, Diane, Barb and Joyce, along with Frank's children, Karen, Robin and Tracy, with several grandchildren and extended family members, looked on comforting each other.

Frank's other son, John, a

motor coach driver, was on a trip for Kewadin casinos and was unable to attend. "It would have been cool to be there," he said. "So many people came out in support of my dad and family."

Many people may not have noticed Frank in his time here, but he touched the hearts of a lot of people in the community and tribe he loved. He proved that even the most ordinary man could prove to be extraordinary.

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## Adventures lurk on National Scenic Trails

BY RICK SMITH

Most folks have at least heard mention of America's national parks and monuments. Many folks may even be aware of similar grand reserves in other countries around the world. It could be, though, not many are aware of the fun and adventures waiting on another lesser-known component of the National Park Service — our country's scenic trails.

Probably the most famous of these obscure national treasures is the Appalachian Trail, which runs about 2,178 miles from Maine to Georgia and the Natchez Trace running between southwest Mississippi into Tennessee. In all, there are nine national scenic trails across the country. Starting in the west, the Pacific Crest Trail stretches 2,650 miles from the northern border of Washington to the southern border of California. The Continental Divide Trail meanders 3,100 miles through four states, its northern terminus at the northern border of Montana leads to the southwestern border of New Mexico. The Ice Age Trail snakes through Wisconsin and, to the east, three trails identified as the Potomac, Heritage and Florida.

The longest of them all, though, is still under construction in some parts. It is the east-west North Country Scenic Trail. It wanders 4,600 miles across seven states from the middle of North Dakota to the eastern border of New York. The magnificent trail mingles along places such as Lake Itasca, the Minnesota source of the Mississippi River, and northern Wisconsin before winding across the northern reaches of the Sault



Tribe service area and turning south in the Hiawatha National Forest to cross the Mackinac Bridge.

Once across the bridge, the trail continues through western Michigan eventually ambling east to start a southerly route along the Ohio border into Pennsylvania on into New York.

According to the North Country Trail Association, a volunteer organization in partnership with the National Park Service and other government agencies to oversee the trail, only a few souls have trekked the whole trail in a single journey. Thousands of folks find themselves on segments of the trail every year, all year long. The vast geographic expanse of the trail offers something for everyone: winter camping and snowshoeing, long-distance trail running or quiet weekends with children.

About 800 volunteers tend to trail development and maintenance every year. Indeed, a resident of Sault Ste. Marie, Chuck McReady, recently received the 2009 Trail Blazer Award for his support of the trail.

Much more can be learned about the trail by visiting [www.nps.gov/noco](http://www.nps.gov/noco) or [www.northcountrytrail.org](http://www.northcountrytrail.org). Those interested in learning more about the National Scenic Trails or the National Historic Trails, including the Trail of Tears, should visit [www.nps.gov/nts](http://www.nps.gov/nts).



Participating in JKL Bahweting's Walk to School Day was Eugene Gravelle, first grade, and his dad Gene Gravelle

## 2010 Census: Overcoming the American Indian undercount

BY KIM D. HUNTER,  
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Imagine you had to reach millions of people who speak hundreds, perhaps thousands of different languages and that these folks come from places all over the globe representing many religious and social traditions. Now imagine you not only had to communicate with these folks but help them realize it's to their benefit to fill out a census questionnaire that will be arriving in their homes from the government.

Many of these communities have a history of being substantially undercounted. People in the majority population are missed but minority populations are missed at an even greater rate, hence the term "differential undercount."

By the way, everyone has a window of about one month to complete and mail the census questionnaire. After that, you have to send people to their door to collect the information. Yes, this is a daunting task, but it's also a crucial aspect of conducting the 2010 U.S. Census.

Two obvious things emerge from the challenges noted above. We have to make everyone aware of the benefits, the federal funding, the local infrastructure, the support of commercial and nonprofit business ventures and the political representation, all based on population data from the census. But before we can communicate with these diverse communities, we first have to know how to approach the Middle Eastern community versus the American Indian or African American communities.

We need people from those communities who are skilled in communications, who have trust and can develop trust in the various ethnic communities around our three-state region of Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. That's the Regional Partnership team, a team diverse enough to reach coal miners in West Virginia and Somali immigrants in Ohio. This team helps us tailor the census message to be appropriate for the communities they represent.

Of course even a diverse team delivering a positive mes-

sage is not enough to reach everyone. More than 140 languages are spoken in Michigan alone. We need to engage those who have been communicating with their respective communities before this decennial census and who will be there when this is over. That means the ethnic media.

Mainstream news outlets are all online and easy to find. But some smaller outlets that serve a distinct ethnic audience only produce hard copy or radio stations target smaller geographic areas. So the Census Media Team has to rely on the knowledge of people like Hayg Oshagan of Wayne State University's Communications Department.

Professor Oshagan has compiled an impressive list of ethnic media in the state of Michigan. That list was instrumental in helping the Census Bureau and New American Media (NAM) co-host an ethnic media conference last April in the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit. Sandy Close of NAM moderated the event.

While the focus was Metro Detroit, we had representatives from as far as Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Rick Smith, staff writer for *Win Awenen Nisitotung*, the official newspaper of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, drove more than 300 miles to participate in the roundtable discussion.

Arnold Jackson, associate director for Decennial Census; Dwight P. Dean, regional director for the U.S. Census Bureau, Detroit Region and Raul Cisneros of the Census Bureau's Public Information Office, were the main speakers. But the 40 representatives of the various ethnic outlets were the stars of the event. It was their concerns and efforts that were addressed and supported.

Karen Love, first vice chair of the National Newspaper Publishers' Association, chief operating officer of the *Michigan Chronicle* and *Michigan Front Page*, was but one of the key players who promised a monthly article on the U.S. Census to raise the awareness of her audience. *Tell*

*Us Detroit's* Karen Hudson also suggested regular census updates. From *Michigan Korean Weekly's*, Tak Young Kim, to Venkata Balanethiram host of WPON's Tamil Amudham radio show, the need to establish trust was raised repeatedly.

Segments of the ethnic media audience are new immigrants from countries where a government census has ominous overtones and isn't designed to support democracy and deliver services. This is but one area where informed, trusted ambassadors are key to delivering the message of the benefits of completing and mailing the census questionnaire in a timely manner.

Some attendees like Walid Jadan of Middle Eastern Broadcasting Network (MBN) and Elias Gutierrez of the weekly, *Latino*, were known from the 2000 Census. Others, though fixtures in their communities, such as N.A. Wochen-Post's Ingrid Stein and Jaroslaw Rumin of Polish language Radio Kotrast, met with the Census Bureau for the first time.

Besides the questions of trust—where does this information ultimately go, does law enforcement have access to the information—the media representatives want to be assured that the Census Bureau was doing enough to reach their respective audiences/ethnic groups. Once it was established that a \$250,000 fine and years in prison await any Census worker who reveals personal information, and that there's a wall between the Census Bureau and law enforcement, Associate Director Jackson responded with a challenge. He asked the attendees what they were going to do with their knowledge of the importance of the Census.

"You each have a great stake in making sure that each member of your audience is counted," said Jackson. Indeed the main goal of the Ethnic Media Conference was to empower the attendees with the knowledge they need to raise awareness in their respective communities in a way that no one else can.

## Dental clinic has new sign

ENGADINE—A bright new sign on the outside of the facility boldly announces the location of the West Mackinac Dental Clinic. It is hoped that the sign, which features the clinic name and logo printed in brilliant blue, will improve awareness of the clinic and eliminate some confusion that patients have experienced about which entrance to use.

The dental clinic provides care to patients from throughout the eastern region of the Upper Peninsula, offering general dentistry services, preventative and emergency care, along with some procedures such as root canals and crowns, that are performed on a limited basis.

Besides providing convenient dental care to local residents—most insurance plans are accepted—the dental clinic also serves persons without insurance or who have low incomes. A sliding fee option is available and is based on an individual's income and family size.

"We certainly provide services to members of the Native



American community at our clinics. However, we don't ask what tribe people belong to. I would guess that some members of the Sault Tribe receive care at the West Mackinac Dental clinic. If not, they certainly would be welcome to," said Joseph Zyble, U.P. Association of Rural Health Services, Inc. communications manager.

Zyble added, "As a 'federally-qualified health center,' all of the clinics in our network provide care in areas of the Upper Peninsula where such services are scarce, regardless of people's insurance status or ability to pay."

The West Mackinac Dental Clinic is located at W. 14034 Melville St. in Engadine. To schedule an appointment call (906) 477-6090. For more information about the clinic visit [www.upruralhealth.org](http://www.upruralhealth.org).



# New Straits area hospital to open April 2010

ST. IGNACE — A blessing, prayer and offerings were given at the location of the new Mackinac Straits Hospital and tribal Health Center Complex in St. Ignace on Oct. 28 by Traditional Healer Harlan Downwind.

The building, which broke ground in 2008, is scheduled to open in April 2010. In addition to housing a new hospital for the Straits area, it will be the new home of the Sault Tribe's Health and Human Services Center. The center provides medical, optical, behavioral health, traditional medicine, pharmacy, community health, dental and Anishinabek Community and Family Services for tribal members.

Members of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, the Mackinac Straits Hospital Board of Directors and staff of the tribe's Administration and Health Division were on hand for this special event. "This project has brought our community together and I hope to see this partnership grow," said tribal Chairman Joe McCoy. "We look forward to the spring 2010 opening."

The Sault Tribe and Mackinac Health Systems began working on this project almost 10 years ago. "This is a great project and the cooperative effort will benefit both of our communities," said Ron Mitchell of the Mackinac Straits Hospital Board.

When the hospital is complete, it will include the new in-patient hospital, emergency department, community outpatient clinic, radiology, laboratory, hospital pharmacy, administration, and the tribe's Health and Human Services Center that will replace the existing Lambert Tribal Health Center.

Sault Tribe board member Pat Rickley, said, "This new facility is a positive place for all community members that utilize it." Board member Keith Massaway, said, "It has been wonderful to see the local governments and citizens work together towards completion of the hospital."

Sault Tribe Executive Director Kristi Little, said, "It was great to see the rooms and how the space is coming together. Health Division staff from the Sault and St. Ignace have worked very hard to ensure the needs of the community are met. They should be very proud of their work and that their efforts will benefit all those that use the clinic."



Exterior of the new Mackinac Straits Hospital and tribal Health Center Complex.

Photo by Michelle Bouschor



Chairman of the hospital board, Ron Mitchell, welcomed everyone to the blessing and smudging ceremony.



Above left: Marlene Glaesmann, RN, MPA, Rural Health Program manager. Above right: Sault Tribe Health Director Bonnie Culfa, Directors Lana Causley, Keith Massaway and Shirley Petosky, Chairman Joe McCoy, Directors Pat Rickley, Bob LaPoint and Dennis McKelvie.

Left: Checking out her new office space is Penny Vizina, Sault Tribe optometrist (right) and Jackie Burton, certified paraoptometric at the Lambert Center.

Right: Health Director Bonnie Culfa, leading a group on a tour of the new facilities.



Photos by Brenda Austin



## Fun with this year's Halloween tricks and treats



Photo by Liz Wall

Amy McCoy and her children Quinn Phoenix McCoy, 9, and Geezhik Michael McCoy, 5.

Trick or treat! The children from Sault Tribe Head Start and the Child Care Center paraded through the Anishnaabek Community and Family Service (ACFS) offices on Thursday, Oct. 29, for the Head Start children and Friday, Oct. 30, for the Child Care Center children. The staff of ACFS decorated the offices and handed out treats to the children. Officers from Law Enforcement and staff from the casino attended and helped ACFS employees hand out goodies. Unit 1 elders also contributed candy.

On Friday, Oct. 30, children visited downtown merchants and Sault Tribe Administration for some Trick or Treat fun.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Photo by Liz Wall

Eva Henderson trick or treating at Sault Tribe Administration offices.



Purchasing and ACFS employees: back left to front: Lisa Bumstead, Jill Romano, Kristi Madigan, Jocelyn Fabry, Kari O'Gorman, Katie Wallis, Jennifer McKerchie, Michelle Maleport, Paggly Maleport and Teri Romano.



Helen, Lisa and Joy Kerfoot.



Kristi Madigan, ACFS records technician and Maria Pine, 3.



Teri Romano, ACFS office supervisor, hands out treats to Kiara Cleary, 3.



Ethan Eggert, 3 years old, and mother Elizabeth Eggert.



Kyle Wagner, Chile Care Center aide, and Eleanor Miller, 15 months.



Mike McKerchie and his son Lucas, 11 months.

## ARC holds Domestic Violence Awareness Walk

The Advocacy Resource Center and Sault Tribe Law Enforcement hosted a candle light walk October 14 in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The walk started at the Elder's center in Sault Ste. Marie and afterwards there was a social gathering with soup and fry bread and door prizes.

Right: Matt (left) and Vanessa Patzwald. Far right: Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Officer Mike Pins (right). Below left: Vicki Puidokas (front left). Bottom right: Lisa Windsor, Teri Romano, Lisa Bumstead and Jocelyn Fabry.





# Do Something gives teens something to do

## Using the power of online to get teens to do good stuff offline

BY RICK SMITH

The next time your teens complain, “There’s nothing to do,” tell them to get on the Internet and check out [www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org).

According to an overview of the Web site staff posted on Facebook, Do Something is a community where young people learn, listen, speak, vote, volunteer, ask and take action to make the world a better place. They want to increase volunteerism among teens from the current level of 23 percent. They aspire to create a “do something generation” where more than 51 percent of teens are active in supporting their communities.

Well, sounds constructive



anyway.

The organization puts forth that teenagers have the power to make positive changes in their communities, especially with modern communications technologies at their disposal that can turn ideas into positive action. Do Something aims to inspire and support teens who see the need to do something and believe in their ability to take action.

The organization lists five guidelines some may find scary, such as to believe in teenagers, because they can lead today and don’t require adults.

Wait! What makes them think adults aren’t required? It appears the statement pertains to teens embarking on local

causes. Do Something, based in New York City, is actually staffed by 13 “old people.” The organization says its CEO and “Chief Old Person,” Nancy Lublin, was instrumental in Do Something’s growth and creating grants and award money to teens who want to make a difference. Lublin accepted the CEO position in 2003.

The rest of the guidelines the organization lives by include trusting and respecting teens. “We provide reliable, easy to access information and activation strategies, but teens decide for themselves what to do . . . We think all measurable contributions from teens are valuable . . . We understand that teenagers have diverse abilities and constraints . . . Our programs

and products are free. We’re not after teens’ money; we want their passion, time and creativity.”

The products they speak of are cash weekly awards and grants to enhance the success of teens turning positive ideas into reality.

It gets better. Since 1996, the organization honors its best young movers and shakers in the nation with a huge \$10,000 community grant. Winners receive \$100,000 and take part in a special awards ceremony with celebrities and media coverage.

Teens are encouraged to form local Do Something Clubs. The organization notes the clubs “are a fun, free, and easy way for you to take action in your

community and impact the causes you’re passionate about. The clubs program launched in 2006 and already has over 600 clubs in 43 states, Puerto Rico and Canada. Start a club at your school now.”

Furthermore, Do Something offers another scary sounding component called Social Action Boot Camps, which “bring together a diverse group of young community leaders, activists and social entrepreneurs for a day of networking and training dedicated to giving each attendee the tools to grow and sustain their community action ideas, projects and organizations.”

Those interested in learning much more need only visit [www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org).

# Artists of all kinds invited to get some support

BY RICK SMITH

People of the Eastern Upper Peninsula involved or interested in arts of any sort are invited to join a Sault Ste. Marie group for camaraderie and critique sessions. Creative Endeavors meets for about two hours every other Tuesday at noon in the community room of the Bayliss Public Library. It’s all free and casual. In addition, Saturday meetings are starting for those whose work schedules prevent attending meetings on Tuesdays.

Sault Tribe member Sharon Brunner acts as coordinator for the meetings. She is on the fac-



Sharon Brunner

ulty of Bay Mills Community College and a member of Sault Tribe’s Child Welfare Committee.

Group members take turns presenting works in progress, whatever they may be, and other members in attendance offer encouraging suggestions or comments to help artists in reaching goals on projects.

In a recent meeting, the group heard and discussed the prose and poetry of four writers, reviewed an oil painter’s unfinished work and made the acquaintance of a doll maker.

Brunner has a work in progress she describes as creative non-fiction. “It’s about what the tribal communities were like before European contact, what happened and the results

of what happened and what can be done to fix the harm that was caused. Eagle and Coyote are the protagonists. The information for the book is based on interviews with tribal elders from Canada and three tribes in Michigan, including Sault Tribe, who attended boarding schools in Canada and Michigan plus a massive amount of research materials, personal experience and support from people from all walks of life.”

Remaining meetings for this year are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14; Tuesday, Nov. 17; Tuesday, Dec. 8 and

Saturday, Dec. 19.

“We invite all artists to join our group,” said Brunner. “We would like to see Native artists and writers coming to our gatherings; I know there are many in the area.”

Creative Endeavors evolved from the Cabin Fever Writers’ Group last September and, according to Brunner, is more diverse to support all forms of creativity.

For more information, contact Sharon Brunner at (906) 632-9500 or [brunner60@hotmail.com](mailto:brunner60@hotmail.com), Jillena Rose at [Jrose@Issu.edu](mailto:Jrose@Issu.edu) or Bayliss Public Library at 632-9331.

# Book offers guidance on developing tribal histories

BY RICK SMITH

Scholar Duane Kendall Hale’s *Researching and Writing Tribal Histories* is an 84-page guide in 8.5-by 11-inch format especially written for anyone interested in preserving the story of an American Indian tribe.

The book contains an introduction and five chapters covering aspects of historians’ work from reasons for writing Indian history to acquiring funding or grants.

In the introduction, Hale offers four reasons for writing tribal histories: Many books have been written about American Indians, but not authored by American Indians; consequently, Indians’ point of view is often missing in historical works. Historians have romanticized the 19th century encroachment of Euro-Americans into Indian Country.

Historians have largely ignored about 100 years of Indian history of the 20th century. And many books on Indian history have overlooked smaller tribes, which are rapidly disappearing.

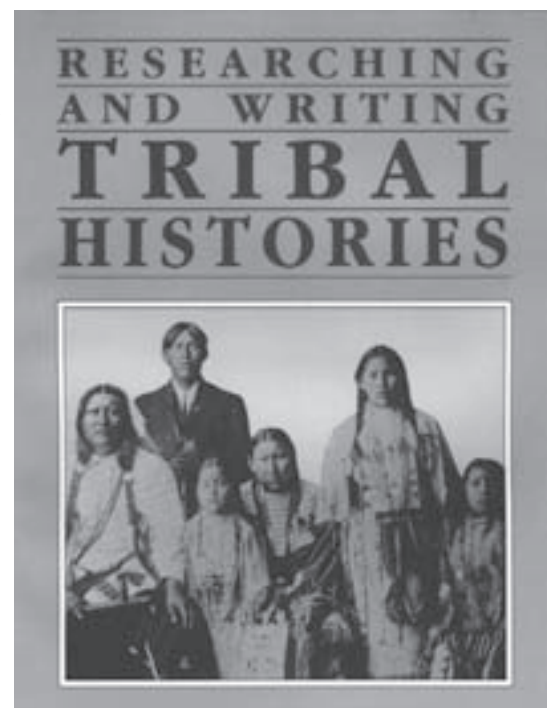
The first chapter is an intriguing look at the variables possible in preventing an accurate portrayal of individuals or entire civilizations in historic accounts. Most people have heard of George Custer, for example, but how many know of the more successful Lt. Col. Nelson Miles who received the surrender of Crazy Horse, drove Sitting Bull into Canada and captured Chief Joseph and Geronimo? Hale points out the reason Custer is famous and Miles is obscure is due to the latter’s having had sympathy toward American Indians and openly acknowledging

how the United States government mismanaged Indian affairs.

Another example Hale uses is the contribution of American Indian members of the military in World War I. Hale notes the main reason citizenship was granted to Indians in 1924 was the outstanding service and patriotism demonstrated by Indians in the war. Yet, Hale says not one single book has been written about the role of American Indians in that war.

Other chapters examine choosing a subject, searching for material, using Canadian archives, notation and writing plus a few other subjects.

*Researching and Writing Tribal Histories* is available for \$14.95 plus shipping and handling exclusively through Michigan Indian Press, 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or call (906) 632-6398.



# Volunteering at public library was unexpectedly fun

BY VIKKI COOK

Volunteering for the community can be a very rewarding experience. It can change your perspective on the day and the community as a whole. It is easy in this hustle and bustle, online world we are living in today to get away from our community and connections to our neighbors. Not only does volunteering put you right next to your neighbors with shared interests, it lets you feel the joy of helping others. It usually implies putting down text messaging phones and meeting new people as well.

I volunteered with the Friends of Bayliss Public Library on Wednesday, July 29, and had a great time. We sorted books for the gently used book sale held on Aug. 4. The sale gave members of the community great deals on used books of all genres plus videos, music and magazines. It was a wonderful chance for people from all facets of the community to get good reading material cheap. It was great being able to pick up books for vacation season without cutting into vacation funds.

This was just one of several fund-

raisers the Friends hold throughout the year. Others include the sweets sale on Valentine’s Day and a silent auction in mid-October. They also have special fundraisers throughout the year, one example is a puppet sale to benefit the library’s room for children. They also have an ongoing tote bag sale.

The Friends of Bayliss Public Library work to enhance funds for meeting special library needs. They also promote knowledge and participation in library programs.

According to the Bayliss Public

Library Web site, some of the donations over the years have helped to purchase large print books, videos for the visually impaired, lobby furniture, silk plants and trees, out-of-town newspaper subscriptions, audio books and display racks, new reference books, public access computer workstations, an information kiosk and refreshments for visiting guest speaker events just to name a few.

**Moving? Call (800) 251-6597 or 635-3396 to update your address.**



## Births...



Lucas, Logan and Peyton Greenier (L-R)

### GREENIER TRIPLETS

Triplets were born to Lisa and Nelson Greenier of Boyne Falls at Spectrum Health Hospital in Grand Rapids on May 5, 2009. Daughter Peyton Scott, born at 8:24 a.m., was 3 pounds, 13 oz. and 16.5 inches in length. Son Logan Thomas, born at 8:25 a.m., was 4 pounds, 1 oz. and 17.75 inches in length. Son Lucas Vincent, born at 8:25 a.m., was 3 pounds, 12 oz. and 15.5 inches in length.

The babies middle names come from their uncles. They have a 3-and-3/4-year-old big brother named James Troy. We call him J.T.

Grandparents are Faye and Jim Parrish of Charlevoix and

Joyce and Troy Greenier of Harbor Springs. (Joyce and Troy now have eight grandchildren and another on the way on Halloween.)

### TARYN RENEE RADLE

A daughter, Taryn Renee Radle, was born to Tommy and Sara (Renaud) Radle of Alanson, Mich., at 8:20 p.m. on Sept. 5, 2009, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital. Taryn weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches in length. Her 3-year-old sibling is Josie Marie Radle. Grandparents are Dennis and Donna Renaud of Indian River, Mich., and Irene and the late Tom Radle Sr. of Alanson. Taryn's great grandmother is the

late Ellen Derusha, who walked on in 1982, and her great aunt is Evelyn (Derusha) Futo who resides in Ecorse, Mich.



### COOPER SOBER

RD and Amber (Zaug) Sober of Charlevoix, Mich., are the proud parents of a son, Cooper Zaug Sober, born Aug. 25, 2009, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Mich. He weighed 9 pounds, 1.5 ounces and measured 20 inches in length. He joins his brother Flynn Corey at home. Grandparents are Ron and Pat Sober and Ron and Cindy Neumann of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Also Leonard and Vivienne Zaug of Whitehall, Mich. Great grandparents are Joyce McCoy of Sugar Island, Mich., and Gerald Corey of Torch Lake, Mich.

## LaBlance graduates from basic training



Private Matthew W.C. LaBlance, son of Robert and Marianne LaBlance of Goulais

River, Ont., a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, completed basic training July 24, 2009. He was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., with "Bravo Company 1st Battalion, 330th Infantry Regiment US Army.

Matthew excelled at physical training and received the "Rock Force" Battalion Certificate of Achievement. Matthew is trained in hand-to-hand combat, chemical warfare and various weaponry. He is currently stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., with Alpha Company 1/26 1st Platoon, part of the Big Red One.

## Shagen receives Paul Ripley Award



Paul Shagen, right, received the LSSU Alumni Associations Paul Ripley Award, poses with his LSSU mentor Gary Johnson.

Lake Superior State University's Alumni Association honored outstanding alumni at the annual Alumni Awards Banquet during Great Lake State Weekend, Oct. 16-17. Sault Tribe member Paul Shagen Class of '94, was accorded the Paul Ripley Award for Young Alumni.

Shagen, who was LSSU's Outstanding Political Science Graduate and Outstanding Native American Graduate, will add the Paul Ripley Award for Young Alumni to his list. The award has been presented since 1994 to graduates and former students who have enjoyed exceptional personal and professional success early in their careers.

After leaving LSSU in 1994, Shagen attended University of New Mexico-Albuquerque and earned a juris doctorate and Indian law certificate. He was also named as the school of law's outstanding graduate.

Shagen has served on the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, where he also served as a tribal attorney, and served as prosecutor for Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Court. He teaches at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing.

"The high quality of an education from LSSU became readily apparent in law school," he said. "The rigor of the politi-

cal science and pre-law programs had prepared me to excel academically. The dedicated faculty continuously challenged me to think independently and critically, an essential skill in both the practice and teaching of law."

Gary Johnson, Shagen's LSSU advisor and one of his mentors, introduced him at the banquet, noting Shagen had one of the best senior thesis presentations and a passion for getting the job done well. In his acceptance, Shagen said that while he may not have been the smartest person in the classroom, he had the capability to out-work everyone.

He thanked everyone, especially his family, Prof. Johnson and Prof. Carol Andary, and said the award was shared among them. He paid special tribute to his mother. "She raised three kids on her own. We didn't have a lot. But mom had pride and knew there was a better day made possible through education and hard work."

He said that both he and his sister went on to advanced degrees after their undergraduate degree, and added, "We're forever indebted to how our mother raised us."

Shagen and his wife Emily have three daughters, Claudia, Emma and Isabella.

## McLeod's celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Then ...



Norm and Alice McLeod of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 6, 2009. They were married July 6, 1959.

A 50th anniversary party was held in their

... and Now



honor on June 27, 2009. The couple have 11 children: Dolly, who resides in Florida; Sonny, Diane, Debbie, Beverly, Kathy, Linda, Loretta, Mark and Tenniel, who all reside in Sault Ste. Marie; and Jim, who resides in California. They also have 26 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren.

Norm and Alice would like to thank everyone who attended their 50th anniversary party.

## October team member of the month



Patti Curran, shift manager, Al Farrish, pit boss and Tony Goetz, chief operations officer.

Congratulations to Al Farrish, Kewadin Sault team member of the month for October. Al currently works as a Pit Boss and started working for Kewadin in 1986. He has worked at the Hessel, St. Ignace and Sault locations. Al was raised in the Sault and has four children, Brian McRorie,

Jason McRorie, Sabrina Oshelski and Jennifer McRorie. Al was "somewhat" surprised when he was presented with his award in the pit surrounded by his co-workers and customers.

Way to go, Al! We truly appreciate your work and dedication to the success of Kewadin.



**ELIZABETH LIPPONEN**

Elizabeth Marie "Chicki" Lipponen, 38, died Oct. 12, 2009, at her home in Brimley, Mich. She was born April 20, 1971, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Chicki enjoyed bowling, cooking and baking. She was an avid Red Wings Fan and an all-sports mom.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce; children, Danny, Russell and Heather (Erik Heinrich) Lipponen; mother, Maxine Forsythe; sisters, Becky (Lee Seaman) Dumas, Sherry (Ed) Hachigan and Trish Doherty; brothers, Gerald (Kim) Forsythe and Gary (Stacey) Synett; granddaughter, Vera; father- and mother-in-law, Roger and Lillian Lipponen; and several aunts and uncles, including special Aunt Phyllis, "Grandma" Shirley and Uncle Pete.

She was preceded in death by her aunts, Joan and Janice; and uncles, Ugly and Pa.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 15, 2009, at St. Mary's ProCathedral Church, with Father Pawel Mecwel as celebrant. Her final resting place is Riverside Cemetery in Sault Ste. Marie.

**LEVI RUSSELL SNOW**

Levi Russell Snow, 15, of

Remus, Mich., passed away on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, at his home. Levi was born on Jan. 11, 1994 in Lansing, the son of Gary Holcomb and Wendy Snow. Levi was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians. He was a student at Montabella High School. Levi enjoyed basketball, fishing, swimming, video games, computers and riding motorcycles. He loved spending time with his family and friends.



Levi is survived by his mother, Wendy (Omero Vasquez) Snow; father, Gary (Starla) Holcomb; twin brother, Dusty Snow; brothers, Corey Snow and Cody Holcomb; sisters, Ashley, Amy and Angel Holcomb and Jacqalynn and Sophia Vasquez; grandmother, Sylvia "Noni" Matchinski; grandfather, Robert (Kimberly) Snow; and many aunts and uncles.

Levi was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents.

Funeral services for Levi were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Oct. 27 with Pastor Tom Orlich officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Envelopes are available at the funeral chapel.

Private or public condolences may be sent to [www.clarkfuneralchapel.com](http://www.clarkfuneralchapel.com).

**DONNA JEAN LEE**

Donna Jean Lee, 54, of Simmons Road, Hessel, Mich., died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at her home. She was born April 12, 1955, in St. Ignace, Mich., to Harold Phillip and Elizabeth June (Miller) Gugin.



Donna was raised in Hessel and attended school in Cedarville. She married Kenneth (Itchy) Lee on Feb. 17, 1973, in St. Ignace. She worked for many years as a cook and hotel housekeeper. Donna also was co-owner of Malfunction Junction along with her husband. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Donna enjoyed reading, puzzles, dancing and picking berries and mushrooms. She loved to bake, her specialty being lemon meringue pie. She liked to cook for family gatherings. Most of all Donna enjoyed spending time with her family and especially time with her grandchildren.

Donna is survived by her husband, Kenneth (Itchy) Lee; her mother, Elizabeth Gugin of Hessel; her daughter, Angel Marie Lee-Salvador of Hessel; five grandchildren, Chelsey Lynn Payment, Cody James Payment, Curtis Daniel Payment, Joshua Elijah Salvador and Jordan Salvador; her sisters, Vernetta (Waldron) Hansen of Cedarville, Elizabeth (James) Huffman of Hessel, Sally Huffman of Hessel, Margaret Currie of Hessel and Yvonne (Merle) Johnson of Cedarville; her brother, George Gugin of St. Ignace; and many nieces and nephews. Donna was preceded in death by her father, Harold Gugin; her brothers, Joseph Gugin, Vern Gugin and Murray Carl Gugin; and her sister Alice Huffman.

Visitation was held on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Hessel Tribal Center.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford assisted the family with arrangements.

**LORRAINE L. MORAN**

Lorraine Lucy Moran, 81, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away Sept. 30, 2009 in Bay Mills, Mich.

Lorraine was born on Sept. 30, 1928, in Sault Ste. Marie, the daughter of the late Walter and Lucy (nee Myotte) Sipniewski. From an early age, she loved going to the family cabin and even visited there as recently as August. She enjoyed spending time at the casino playing the slots. Lorraine was an excellent baker and cook and she was especially known for her homemade bread, buns and pies. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Lorraine is survived by six children, Joseph (Iris) Cole of

Cary, Ill., Frank (Linda) Cole of Sault Ste. Marie, Susan Weseman of Brimley, Michael (Leona) Cole of Brimley, Cathy (Keith) Schmiedel of Oshkosh, Wis., and Debra (Wayne) Knight of Sault Ste. Marie; 15 grandchildren, Lawrence III, Timothy, Joseph Jr., James, Jennifer, Cindy, Michael Jr., Steven, Justin, Benjamin, Mark, Rebecca, Jonathan, Nicole and Starr; 16 great-grandchildren; sisters, Pauline Hickman of Sault Ste. Marie and Jean Link of Saginaw, Mich.; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Lawrence A. Cole Sr.; her second husband, Ralph Moran; a daughter, Patricia Runge; a son, Lawrence A. Cole Jr.; a grandson, Dylan Schmiedel; a brother, Walter "Sonny" Sipniewski; and two sisters, Theresa Monroe and Mary Monroe.

A memorial service was held Oct. 4, 2009, at the Armella Parker Center in Bay Mills, with Brother John Hascall officiating.

Memorials may be left to the American Heart Association or the Mary Freebed Rehabilitation Hospital (stroke or spinal cord injury program) in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Arrangements were handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

**JOSEPH G. BOUCHEY**

Joseph George "Rennie" Bouchev, 72, of Traverse City, died after a long illness at Munson Medical Center Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009. He was born May 27, 1937, in Saginaw, to Joseph Lockwood and Bernice (LaDrig) Bouchev.



Joseph served in the U.S. Coast Guard and received an honorable discharge. After working for the Traverse City State Hospital, Joe owned and operated Bouchev Electric of Traverse City until his death.

Joseph enjoyed fishing and hunting with his friends and family. He was an avid storyteller and his generosity and kindness touched many. Joe will be fondly remembered as a kind and loving husband, father and grandfather. His greatest joy was being with his family and friends. He had a special love of receiving God in the Eucharist.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Janet (Sumner) Bouchev of Traverse City; four sons, Anthony Bouchev of Kalkaska, Christopher (Suzanne) Bouchev of Traverse City, Stephen (Lorri) Bouchev of Traverse City and George Bouchev of Traverse City; mother, Bernice (LaDrig) Bouchev of Saginaw. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Lisa Creps, Laura (Kurt) Shubert, Michael Bouchev, Stephen Bouchev,

Rachel Bouchev, and Britney Bouchev; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Jean Marie (John) Bakos of Freeland; two sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law, Steve (Debbie) Sumner, Michael (Lana) Sumner, Paul (Donna) Sumner, Carol (Rico) Salerno, and Maryann Sumner; and several nieces and nephews.

Joseph was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Lockwood Bouchev of Saginaw, in 2006.

A Funeral Mass was held Sept. 15 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Robert Nalley officiating. Burial took place at St. Mary's of Hannah Catholic Cemetery.

In memory of Joseph, memorial donations may be given to the Carmelite Monastery, 3501 Silver Lake Road, Traverse City, or St. Patrick's Parish, 630 W. Silver Lake Road, Traverse City.

Please share thoughts with the family at Joe's online guest book at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com). The family was assisted by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City.

**BRANDON JAMES SAWASKY**

Brandon James Sawasky, 19, of Kinross, Mich., died Oct. 15, 2009. He was born July 31, 1990, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Brandon was active in high school football and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He loved hunting, fishing, riding snowmobiles and riding dirt bikes. He was a member of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and worked for Sault Tribe Fisheries. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Parish in Rudyard, Mich., where he received his sacraments of Baptism, first communion and confirmation. He also served as alter boy when he was a young child. Brandon will be deeply missed by his family, close friends and a very special friend, Leah Wallace.

He is survived by his father, James L. Roy and his mother, Tonya M. Sawasky (Chris Ward); his sisters, Jocelyn A., Tara L. and Jenna C. Sawasky; his brother, James L. Roy, Jr.; his paternal grandparents, Frank and Dianne Naccarato, of Kinross, and William and Patricia Roy, of Menominee, Mich.; his maternal grandparents, Francis (Skee) and Alphonsis (Fauncy) Sawasky of Sault Ste. Marie; his great grandparents, Ortensia Naccarato and Alice Sawasky; his aunts and uncles, Stephanie (Tim) Sabatine, Noelle (Eric) Miles, Holly (Andy) Haapala and Julie (Jason) Kormarnizki; his first cousins, Kaylene M. Godfrey, Taylor D. Sawasky, Alma L. Sawasky and Evan M. Horka, Jason R. Miles, Joseph L. Miles, Aedan A.

Haapala, Hudson T. Haapala, Jake A. Komarnizki, Mercedes K. Komarnizki and Kayden G. Owaski.

He was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Wilfred and Genevieve Aikens, John Sawasky, Leonard and Vivian Ermatinger, Mario Naccarato and Dennis and Marion Roy.

Visitation and prayers were held Oct. 19, 2009, at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 20, 2009 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Sault Ste. Marie, with Father Piotr Zaczynski and Father Cyriac Kottayarikil as Celebrants, with burial in Lakeview Cemetery to follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Chippewa County.

**BARBARA J. SKALLA**

Barbara J. (Archambeault) Skalla of Niles, Mich., passed away Thursday, June 18, 2009, while vacationing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She was one of 16 children born to John and Delima (Lamouria) Archambeault in Cooks, Mich.

She is survived by four sons, Steven (Denise) Skalla of Niles, Mich., Dan (Patty) Skalla of Stow, Ohio, John (Lorraine) Skalla of Dowagiac, Mich., David (Debbie) Skalla of Edwardsburg, Mich.; three daughters, Michelle (Stanley) Hively of Niles, Mich., Kathy (Wane) Sweeney of Galien, Mich., and Dawn (John) Hunerjager of Lawrence, Mich. Mrs. Skalla is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and two sisters, Gail Groundril of Green Bay, Wis., and Wanda Gould of Manistique, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband John in 1977 and a granddaughter, Leslie.

A funeral mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Niles, Mich. Halbritter Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

# PIE SALE

The Unit I Sault Tribe elders are having a pie sale fund-raiser at the tribal health center in Sault Ste. Marie on Nov. 25, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Let someone else do the baking for you this holiday season! Come early and get your pick of delicious homemade pies.





## EUP area honors fallen soldier

U.S. Army Sgt. Christopher Griffin received posthumous military honors and homage from communities surrounding his hometown of Kincheloe, Mich., in a memorial service on Oct. 14.

Law enforcement and emergency services staff and vehicles from several communities in the area, including the Garden River First Nation of Ontario in Canada, took part in a procession of about 100 vehicles rolling from Pickford to Rudyard High School to observe a military ceremony for Sgt. Griffin.

In addition, a multitude of motorcycle riding groups such as the Patriot Guard Riders and other riders affiliated with military veterans organizations rode in the procession and paid a tribute of respect and gratitude in the ceremony.

Also on hand in a show of support to Sgt. Griffin's family were numerous uniformed contingents from branches of the armed forces, military veterans organizations, area law enforcement and emergency services, along with family, friends, classmates, neighbors and others.

The ceremony included full military honors, shared memories, songs, prayers and a strong show of sympathy from area residents with an estimated 300-400 in attendance at the service, and more stood lined along the roads as the procession passed between Pickford and Rudyard.

The state of Michigan and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians decreed flags to be flown at half-mast within their respective boundaries on Oct. 14 in mourning for the

fallen warrior.

Sgt. Griffin died on Oct. 3, 2009, while serving a grateful nation in Afghanistan. He was born April 10, 1985, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

He grew up in Kincheloe where he liked to spend time around the fire hall with his father and grandfather. He was a 2004 graduate of Rudyard Area Schools where he was involved in varsity wrestling. Joining the Army three weeks after high school graduation, he went through basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

His tours of duty included South Korea, Iraq in 2006-2007 and, most recently, he was stationed out of Fort Carson, Colo.

Sgt. Griffin was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by his parents, Kerri and Mel Causley of Petoskey, Mich., and Rick and Kathy Baker-LaDuke of Kincheloe; sisters, Melissa Giddis of Boyne Falls, Mich., and Darcie, Katie and Megan Baker-LaDuke of Kincheloe; brother, Derrick Baker-LaDuke of Kincheloe; nephew, Eli Giddis of Boyne Falls; grandparents, Cheryl Baker of Kincheloe, Tom and Maggie Balgenorth of Kincheloe, and Marcia Griffin of Goetzville, Mich.; and many uncles, aunts and cousins who will miss him dearly.

Sgt. Griffin was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Larry Baker and Kenneth Griffin.

Contributions may be directed to Rudyard Area Schools in his memory to the Christopher Griffin Scholarship Fund at Rudyard Area Schools, P.O. Box 246, Rudyard, MI 49780.



A U.S. Army honor guard carries Sgt. Christopher Griffin, a Sault Tribe member, through columns of flags bearing Patriot Guard riders into Rudyard High School for a memorial ceremony in his honor.

Photos by Rick Smith



As family and other look on, Sgt. Griffin's mother is presented with a flag of the United States by her son's uncle on behalf of a grateful nation.

## An American hero has fallen

He is survived by his wife, Felicia Bellant; children, Brandon and Brooklyn Bellant; parents, Penny and Kevin Cook and Michael and Linda Bellant Sr.; siblings, Jason (Christy) Bellant, Michael Bellant, Jr., Dana Bellant and Andy (Emily) Musgrave; grandparents, George and Rosie Singer and Phyllis Bellant.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John Bellant.

Funeral services were held Sept. 4, 2009, at Coats Village Funeral Home, Sherman-Wilk Chapel, Ortonville, Mich. Interment followed at Ortonville Cemetery with full military honors. He was honored by 60 members of the Patriot Guard, invited by the family to post in front of the funeral home and escort the family along with the fallen soldier to the cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a trust fund for his children, please contact Coats Village Funeral Home, (248) 627-3412. To send a private condolence to the family, go to [www.coatsfuneralhome.com](http://www.coatsfuneralhome.com) and select "Guestbook."

### An American hero has fallen

By KATHY SMITH

I sit at my desk trying to tell you about a special person, father, husband, son, brother, nephew, cousin and friend to a multiple number of people.

Steven Lee Bellant passed on Aug. 28, 2009. At first we were told he took his own life but after an investigation from the military it looks like a homicide. The pain of this is so hurtful and heart wrenching I wonder how all of us that loved him will cope.

Steven served two tours of duty in Iraq, one as a Marine and one as a soldier in the U.S. Army. He was headed for Hawaii the next week. Instead, we buried him. Steven was an exceptional soldier, I was told by fellow soldiers who attended his funeral. Steve and his friends were atop a Humvee when his good friend took a bullet for Steve — this soldier passed on. Steve then jumped off the vehicle and grabbed his friend on his back and ran under enemy fire all the way to safety.

He was never able to shake the experience. It haunted him a long time and he came home from his second tour of duty a changed man. We were also informed that he saved 11 fellow soldiers, but the funeral started and I was not able to get the whole story.

Steve loved his family, country and most people. As a child, he was nicknamed "Bow and Arrow" and was proud that his grandpa called him this. He had his mom buy him a toy bow and arrow at said, "Look, grandpa, you really can call me 'Bow and Arrow.'" Sometimes a special person is born to lighten your life

and Steve was always caring and happy.

His hometown gave him a funeral to the like I have never seen. Fellow soldiers and the Honor Guard flanked the street and to the entrance of the funeral home. It was so touching when they carried his casket out and soldiers and Honor Guard slowly saluted Steven. Taps were played all the way to the cemetery, where he was given a 21 Gun Salute and flags were presented to his children and wife. Steve was proud of who he was. It is a shame that he died on his homeland. I am so proud that he was my nephew. I pray a lot for him and then realize he is over the rainbow and at peace. We have him watching over all of us.

He and his wife had a belief in a sign when they were apart and that sign was a butterfly. Shortly after his death a butterfly hit my windshield and I thought, "oh no, I killed someone's spirit." This butterfly flew away and I knew for that moment he was with me. At this time I did not realize it was their sign. It is sad his children will remember him only by stories that they will be told by all who loved him. A trust for his children through Coates Funeral Home, the Sherman Wilkes Chapel Ortonville, Mich., has been established.

Steve was a tribal member and was proud of this. I hope that you can see a glimpse of who he was.

God bless you, Steve, R.I.P.



STEVEN LEE BELLANT

Steven Lee Bellant, 29, of Rochester Hills, Mich., died Aug. 28, 2009.

Steve was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served as a corporal with ECHO Co.1-125 (Hooligans) in Iraq. He also served with U.S. Marines. He was a 1999 graduate from Oxford High School and was a member of the Romeo Masonic Lodge.

Steven was a thrill-seeker who enjoyed sky diving, snowboarding, dirt bikes and fishing. He was loved and will be missed by all.



# Cancer survivor : This is the face of tobacco

By SCOTT BRAND

The choices you make today can affect you for the rest of your life.

That was the message oral cancer survivor Gruen Von Behrens brought to Sault High and other area schools this past week in a series of assemblies.

"Guys, I'm not an actor," said the badly disfigured man in



Photo by Brenda Austin

Oral cancer survivor Gruen Von Behrens visited area schools as a spokesman for the National Spit Tobacco Education Program.

a high-pitched voice which, at times, was hard to understand. "This isn't a mask I can take off at night."

Von Behrens began chewing tobacco on a camping trip with some buddies at the age of 13. By the time he was 17, he was addicted to Copenhagen — chewing, he guessed, about a half-can a day. The 190-pound junior was a start third baseman for his high school team and, with 27 home runs in his final season at the plate, he appeared to have his choice to play at virtually any college in the nation.

But he was derailed by a light spot that formed on his tongue, which eventually left him slurring his speech, slobbering and drooling. His mother scheduled a trip to the dentist, believing Von Behrens needed to have his wisdom teeth pulled only to find out what her son had already suspected — this wasn't going to be a simple dental procedure.

"My mom knew the instant I was diagnosed with cancer how it would mess up my face," said Von Behrens. "I had no idea of the battle I was going to

undergo."

The first surgery took a third of Von Behrens's tongue, half his neck muscles and lymph nodes. He would endure 33 more surgeries including the loss of all his teeth, his lower mandible and a painful procedure where his fibula — a leg bone — was used in facial reconstruction surgery to provide a new bottom jaw.

"For a year after radiation was over, I couldn't drink a Coke," he recalled of the intense burning in his mouth. "I couldn't have ketchup on my french fries."

His weight would fall from 190 pounds down to 130 pounds and his days of com-

petitive baseball were over.

"I had gone from a person people looked up to to someone they looked at and whispered about," said Gruen. "Everywhere I go, everything I do, people stare at me."

Von Behrens said that as a spokesman for the National Spit Tobacco Education Program, he had spoken to more than 2 million kids throughout North America as well as professional athletes to warn of the dangers associated with tobacco.

"The doctors are still trying to put my face together after 15 years and \$3 million," he added. "Tobacco did this to me — no ifs, ands or buts about it." And if anyone missed the

message, Von Behrens made sure to make the connection: "This is the face of tobacco."

Von Behrens's visit — which included Sault High, the Sault Area Middle School and J.K.L. Bahweting — was funded by Sault Tribe Community Health\*. It was organized by Community Health Educator Lauren Eveleigh in conjunction with the Chippewa County Tobacco Free Living Coalition and the Community Prevention Coalition.

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\* Gruen Von Behrens also spoke at St. Ignace Middle School and Rudyard High.

## Community improvements eyed for development

### Walking audits conducted across tribes service area

By RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health sponsored six days of workshops and "walking audits" from Oct. 5 to Oct. 10, in Manistique, Munising, St. Ignace, Newberry and Sault Ste. Marie. Participants in the events included regional mainstream and tribal planners and officials. They focused on how to improve living conditions in the communities with an emphasis on providing safe and appealing walkways and bicycle paths for residents.

Dan Burden, director of Walkable Communities Inc., led participants through designated areas of towns and reservations to get first-hand views of existing living and traffic conditions. Burden then presented attractive and successful designs used in other towns throughout the country for consideration by attendees. Roundtable discussions followed the presentations to discuss the many opportunities, constraints and solutions facing the communities and ways to strengthen relationships between involved agencies and organizations. Question and answer sessions followed the discussions.

According to the alliance, a goal of the audits and workshops is "to provide a common vocabulary, understanding and appreciation for building

healthy, sustainable, livable and walkable communities with a focus on active transportation."

Burden and workshop participants covered a wide range of related topics from building healthy, prosperous communities through "walkability" to the role of beauty and aesthetics to street dimensions.

"Walking is the oldest form of mobility," said Burden. "It's the first thing a child wants to do and the last thing an elder wants to give up."

He cited many ways in which walking and bicycling contribute to the health of individuals, communities and the planet. For instance, businesses in communities report average improved retail sales of about 30 percent after making significant character enhancements just for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Donna Norkoli, coordinator for Sault Tribe's Strategic Alliance for Health Project,

said, "I am very encouraged we had participation from key stakeholders in each community as well as Sault Tribe community leaders. Dan Burden left us with the tools we need to gather community support and develop a strategic plan for creating active community environments throughout the Sault Tribe service area."

She added, "Our next challenge will be to keep the enthusiasm going. The alliance staff will be conducting planning meetings with coalitions in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique and Munising to discuss strategies and activities to further this work."

For more information on the Strategic Alliance for Health Project or to join our Strategic Alliance for Health coalitions, call Donna Norkoli at (906) 635-8844. To learn more about walkable communities and walking audits, visit [www.walkable.org](http://www.walkable.org).

### Find out more about diabetes in one easy session on Nov. 19

"The BASICS of Diabetes and Living a Full Life" class will be offered on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center Auditorium on the first floor.

This is the session to attend if you want to know more about diabetes, just found out you have diabetes, have never received diabetes education, or

if it has been a while since you have had an update on diabetes.

The session will include basic information about caring for yourself and your diabetes. You will be given useful information, a book to take home with you, lots of time to ask questions and a tasty snack!

To register, call (906) 632-5210 (registration is free).

## Manistique health staff get wilderness certification

FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH

While most of the Sault Tribe employees were enjoying a long weekend at home Sept. 25-27, two Manistique Clinic employees were off living in the woods for an Advanced Wilderness Life Support (AWLS) certification program. Registered Dietitian Gail Sulander, who is also an EMT-B, and Janet Pratt FNP, courageously elected to advance their emergency medical skills and signed up to participate.

Designed to train medical providers in hands-on practical wilderness medicine, the course focuses on everything from hypothermia to impaled objects. Participants are prepared to deal with saving lives with the most basic of resources, including what is naturally found in the woods. One of the key lessons includes being able to improvise in an emergency situation. Healthcare options are very different in the woods than they are in an emergency room



Gail Sulander and Janet Pratt (L-R) were recently certified in advanced wilderness life support.

and this course brought EMS and hospital staff to the same realization regarding emergency care away from the comforts of civilization.

The course was held at the Clear Lake Education Center in Schoolcraft County and it is hoped that it may be offered again soon. Interested persons are encouraged to check out [www.awls.org](http://www.awls.org) for more information.

## Apples, apples, and more apples

CONNIE M. HILL, HEALTH EDUCATOR, TRADITIONAL FOODS GRANT COORDINATOR

Bargy's Beef & Fruit Market of Kewadin, Mich., donated several bushels of apples to Sault Tribe to distribute to community members. Apples were distributed throughout the service area and an applesauce canning workshop was held on Monday, Oct. 26, in Sault Ste. Marie.

Pick-up crew — (L-R) Mickey Bouschor, Chris Cadreau, Elizabeth Young, Elaine Clement, Frisky Young, Bouncer Cadreau, Bev Marble, and Frank Marble traveled to Kewadin to pick-up the apples.







# From Angeline Williams

*“The Dog’s Children”*

**Biidaasigekwe OdibaaJimowinens**  
 Angeline Williams- from “The Dog’s Children”  
**Gii-aginzod a’aw Binaakwegiizis imaa Biidaasigekwe odibaaJimowining, Biidaasigekwe gii-tibaaJimodagwaagig maji-izhiwebad.**

*Last month (“when the Leaves Changing Moon was counted”) in Angeline William’s story, she told a story of a fall storm.*

**O’ow ige gaa-tibaaJimod:**  
 This also she told:

**Gaa wiikaa zhaazhayi ogii-**

**anokaazosiinaawaan mash-kikiwininiwan.**  
*In the olden time they did not employ doctors.*  
**Wiinawaa ogii-gikendaa-naawaa Anishinaabeg gegoo inaapinewaad.**  
*The Indians themselves knew what it was when they were in any way ill.*  
**Gii-maamawiziwig mash-kikiikewaad anooj gegoo.**  
*They all worked together at making medicines of various things.*  
**Gakina ogii-gikendaanaawaa waa-ani-izhi-dagonigewaad aanii enaapinewaad.**  
*They all knew what ingredients to mix according to the nature of their illness.*

**Awenen wa’aw enokiid?**  
 Who is this one who is working?

**Amy McCoy indizhi-wiinigoo.**  
*My given name is Amy McCoy*  
**Miskwaanakwadookwe dash indizhinikaaz.**  
*But my name is Miskwaanakwadookwe.*  
**Aamoo indigoo gaye.**  
*They also call me Bumblebee.*

**Aaniin Abinoojiinyag miinawaa Weniijaanisijig!**  
 Hey kids and parents!

## Oshkagoojin wa’aw giizis! It is a new month!

**Azhigwa gashkadin i’iw ziibi.**  
 Now the river is freezing up.

**Mii iw wenji-izhinikaazod “Gashkadinogiizis” noongom wa’aw giizis omaa Baawating.**  
 That’s why it’s called the freezing moon now here in Sault Ste. Marie.

**Ingii-ozhibii’aan o’ow ge-ikidomaawaag giniijaanisiwaag.**  
 I wrote this that you could say it with your children.

**Nashke, yo’ow!**  
 See, Here it is!

**Gidaa-giishkizhaan miish izhi-agoodoog imaa gidakisijiganiwaang.**  
 You can cut this out and put it on your fridge.

**Word Search: Angeline Williams’ Kidowinan (Words)**  
**Aabajitoo Biidaasigekwe odibaaJimowin ji-gagwekendaman anow ikidowinan.** Use Angeline Williams’ paragraph to learn these words.

C A Y B P P B F B E D U  
 Z H A A Z H A Y I K A G  
 J X G K A N O O J G A E  
 Z E B X I V Z A L L W G  
 C X P O Y I M A Y V E O  
 C J D E O N W W H J G O  
 D G P A A S G A D I I Q  
 R U P G H K A N A C N I  
 M A I S L S K I Q G O F  
 O Q Q Q B J I I D A G R  
 M W X U X Z N W U D A I  
 X O K P H A A W F P D J

Gaa wiikaa .....never  
 Zhaazhayi .....long ago  
 Wiinawaa .....they  
 Gegoo .....something, anything, thing  
 Anooj.....various kinds, different ones  
 Gakina .....all, every  
 Dagonigewaad.....when, as, that they mix things in



**Ozhiitaan!**  
**Agwajiing giga-izhaamin.**  
 Get ready!  
 We are going outside.

**Awegonesh ge-biizikaman?**  
 What should you wear?

**Biizikan gibabiinzikawaagan.**  
 Wear (put on) your coat.

**Biizikaw giminjikaawanag.**  
 Wear (put on) your mittens.

**Biizikan gimakizinan.**  
 Wear (put on) your shoes.

**Biizikan giwiiwikwaan.**  
 Wear (put on) your hat.





# Tribal chairman reports to the membership



**DARWIN "JOE" MCCOY**  
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii! I hope this report finds you well, and I'd like to take this opportunity to extend warm wishes to you and your family as we enter the holiday season. Thanksgiving is a time of the year where many of us sit back and reflect on the good, positive things in life that we should be thankful for. Our members and staff take the time to share their thoughts and ideas on how we should move forward for the betterment of our tribe, and I would like to extend my appreciation and thankfulness for their input and support throughout the year.

## OFFICE HOURS

I am pleased to report that I will be traveling to the Unit IV area in November to attend one of Directors Miller's and Chase's scheduled meetings with our members in that area. If you would like to schedule an appointment with me while I am in your area, please contact my office at 635-6050, or toll free (800) 793-0660, to confirm the date I will be there and Lona will schedule a time with you.

## ELDER SERVICES

There are rumors circulating that the board of directors is making cuts to services provided to our elders and that we will not be providing our elders with the annual payment from the interest earned off our Land Claims Fund. This is not true. At this time, based on estimated interest earned from the fund,

the estimated check amount will be \$630 in January. You will be receiving your verification paperwork in the near future if you haven't already. Please be sure you return the necessary form to our Enrollment Department as indicated in the letter.

Holly Kibble, Elder Services director, has prepared and begun circulating the following information to our elders to address the rumors circulating as well as the status of our Elder Health Fund Services. If you have any questions about this, please contact Holly at the numbers below:

"The Elder Health Fund has been experiencing some financial difficulties as the year end approaches. For the next two months, November and December, we are asking for your help. If there are any elders who are able to wait until January to purchase their eyeglasses to please consider this in order to assist the Elder Service Division during this time of temporary financial difficulty.

During a workshop this month, the board of directors committed to ensure that the elders must always receive the needed services and payments provided by the Elder Service Division. They have dedicated many resources in order to ensure that you receive specialized services not covered under Medicare at discounted rates.

If you are able to wait until January, we would be deeply grateful and you will be scheduled for your appointment and receive your glasses in the usual manner.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Holly Kibble, Elder Service Division Director at 635-4971 or 1-888-711-7356. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

## GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

By the time you receive this report, I will have traveled to Washington, D.C., to

attend a historical meeting with President Barack Obama, key members of his administration and many of the other federally recognized tribes across the nation. This historic meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 5. Each tribe was afforded the ability to designate one tribal leader to attend this meeting, and I am honored as chairman to fill that spot. There are a number of other meetings occurring during the week of Nov. 2-5, and I will be attending many of them on behalf of our tribe, including a meeting with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Interior Department, Department of Labor, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as well as individual meetings with various US representatives and congress-people. I will provide a report to our membership in my next chairman's report.

## SECRETARIAL ELECTION

I have been writing for the past several months about the proposed constitutional amendment to separate the Chief Executive Officer position from that of the chairperson's position. At this time, I do not have anything new to report. My concerns remain the same as I have reported over the last several months; the ultimate decision on how to address my concerns, as well as those of other board and tribal members, lies with the full board of directors.

## TRIBAL OPERATIONS

We are very pleased to announce that, after many months of searching and interviewing various candidates, the board of directors have approved the hire of Thomas Dorwin for the position of the tribe's general counsel / lead attorney. Tom will be in the office mid-November and we look forward to him joining our legal team.

Health and other executive staff have completed the drafts

of proposed policy and procedure revisions for a variety of tribal operations, and these have been circulated to division, internal and program directors and managers for review and input. Once we receive all input, we will hold another meeting with the executive staff to review the input, incorporate changes to the proposed drafts, and prepare them for a presentation to the board of directors. The intent of this review is to find ways for our program, enterprise, and casino staff to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible.

As previously reported, the board of directors authorized a consultant to review our health division operations as far as how we can better recruit and retain needed health professionals to provide services to our membership. Health has been our tribe's number one priority for our membership for many years, and as such, it is critical that we ensure we have the available staff and incentives to continue providing the level of services we have been. The consultant group has completed the task they were contracted for, and a review of their recommendations with the board of directors is scheduled for Nov. 3. We are not asking the board to take action at that time. Once the review is completed with them and the appropriate staff, Health Director Bonnie Culfa will be working with the consultant and her team of health providers to develop the recommendations for implementation to be presented to the board for their review and approval. It is our goal that we can complete this project by the end of 2009, and our recommendations to the board will be something that is attainable.

The board of directors and I are working together with the assistance of our Public Relations Director Michelle Bouschor to develop communications plans – both internal and external to our membership.

We know that communication is and has been an issue for some time now, and we are committed to improving this for the benefit of our membership.

I am very pleased to announce that readers of The Soo Evening News gave the Sault Tribe four distinguishable awards in their annual "2009 Best of Chippewa / Luce / Mackinac Counties." Readers voted the Sault Tribe their choice in the following categories: Best Law Enforcement Agency, Bob Marchand; Best Nurse Practitioner, Pat Pyle; Best Administrative Assistant, Tara Benoit; and Best Executive Assistant, Joanne Carr. As a special note, this is the second year in a row that Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department received the Best of the Best award. Congratulations to all of you, you really make a difference not only in our tribe, but in our communities as well. We are very proud to have such distinguished staff with us and thank all of you for your dedication to our tribe.

## BOARD WORKSHOPS

We continue to hold Wednesday Workshops twice monthly for the purpose of reviewing quarterly updates of our membership services, internal services, business updates and casino updates. There have been a few cancellations in the last few months due to other priority business so I encourage you to 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 (906) 635-6050. All quarterly reviews are held at the Sault Kewadin Casino location and begin at 9 a.m.

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

Miigwech,  
Chairman Darwin "Joe" McCoy

# Accurate Census count crucial to programs



**LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

This past month Director Massaway and I attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). We were able to be there for two days and went on to attend meetings in Lansing with our state representatives.

## NATIONAL CONGRESS OF

## AMERICAN INDIANS

This year's theme was the 2010 Census. The government provides approximately \$300 billion in funding for Native programs. This amount is designated to be allocated to tribes based on areas of need and population. We have always had the short end of the stick, as our numbers have not been counted as they should. We have the past census report and looking at the numbers; they are grossly inaccurate. Please take the time to complete the census form — it's very important that we are counted and receive the appropriate funding needed to assist our members. Each tribe brought this message home.

Kim Teehee, President Obama's senior policy advisor, was in attendance and as promised the president has committed to meeting in person with tribal leaders. On Nov. 5,

our chairman, along with all other representatives across the nation, will have the opportunity to sit and discuss our needs and concerns with President Obama. As we have all heard in the past, this administration has promised a true nation-to-nation relationship. We as a tribe should not expect anything less and we don't. Many concerns will be brought forward on this day, but the one message I hope gets across is ... this MUST be just the start of true nation-to-nation "talks." One meeting will not solve all the needs in Indian Country but I'm confident that if we continue to be persistent, expect and request the time to discuss (possibly on a quarterly basis) and expect and demand solutions, it's a very good start. We have come a very long way; my only concern is that this may again fall into a one-time deal with no real plans for the

future. I say all this only to let the members know I'm grateful that our tribe has this opportunity but I will expect a true nation-to-nation relationship and I will be extremely persistent about it. The chairman will be getting input from the tribal board, staff and members as to our priorities and I'm confident that he will represent us well as all the other tribal leaders in the nation will. Being away and looking at the big picture as to the needs of tribal people has reminded me and put into perspective (again) the real reason we are elected. Indian Country has come a long way, but we face many things that need to be worked on (internal and external) and goals to accomplish for the tribe. There is much more to being on the board than attempting to oversee our governmental and business operations; the structure was set

so that our managers manage and the elected legislators legislate. We have a responsibility to our members to know what and how all things that happen at the state and local level will affect our tribe and our families. Indian Country still has the highest unemployment rate, highest number of uninsured families, highest high school drop out rate and increasing health, drug abuse and suicide problems. Our main priority should be the expansion and stability of programs and services to the members. The National Congress of American Indians does have an agenda of resolutions and plans for all the tribes in the nation to request additional funding and promote the well being of our Indian families.

## TRIBAL-STATE REPS MEETING IN LANSING

As you will see in this edition See "Causley Reports," pg. 21



# Tribe is facing many challenging decisions



**DJ HOFFMAN, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I**

The tribe is facing many challenging decisions. There are economic and structural changes that need to be made to ensure that our tribe moves forward progressively.

This month I would like to touch upon several issues facing our tribe and a few suggested corrective actions to ensure their ultimate solutions. In addition, I will be addressing a few issues that I have, and will continue raising in the upcoming months.

## ELECTION CODE

Over the past several months I have submitted an amendment to the Election Code to address an issue that has been lingering for a long time:

### Section 10.110 Candidates for Election.

(1) To be eligible for election to the Board of Directors or the office of Tribal Chairperson, each Candidate must:

(i) have no record of conviction of election fraud (or other similar classification substantially corresponding to election fraud), **any misdemeanor involving gambling, theft, dishonesty or fraud, or any felony in any tribal, state, federal, or local jurisdiction;**

In short, this portion of the election code is not consistent with the membership's constitutional right to run for office. It is a violation of that constitutional right.

In an effort of full disclosure,

## Issues at hand in Unit V



**SHIRLEY PETOSKY, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT V**

Dear Friends:

This will probably go down as the summer that never was. I do love fall, though. I just wish it could last until all the leaves change before the wind and rain get their shot at them.

We still don't have a final answer on Greektown — those who are going up and down the

this does not aid me personally in any manner. In fact, should I choose to run for another term it would only provide increased competition. However, wrong is wrong and it must be changed.

### TRIBAL LICENSE PLATES

The research has finally been concluded. I will be bringing forward a resolution to adopt the necessary ordinances to implement license plates commencing in January 2010. Hopefully, the tribal board will be supportive of bringing this increased benefit to our members residing on tribal land.

### BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD

The tribal board, after nearly a year of attempting to provide the tribe with a higher quality alternative, at a reduced expense to our current NGS insurance, has approved the switch to BCBS. This will provide our employees with the same coverage and an increased coverage area. It is projected to save the tribe \$1.9 million.

### GREEKTOWN

12/18/08 E-mail to the board from myself:

*It is past the point of urgency... time to "s### or get off the pot." The following is the approach that I propose we take, and we utilize every resource available to accomplish this endeavor. No more meeting time consumed by fuzzy feel good crap... We have a billion dollar project about to get flushed...*

I understand in hindsight it is easy to look back and say we should've done this, or we should've done that. The simple fact of the matter is that some of your elected representatives took this issue very seriously and have made attempts to retain this asset, while others remained complacent hoping that it would either go away or fix itself.

We are currently heading into the final weeks of the bankruptcy, barring any unforeseen extensions. The confirmation of the proposed plan of reorganization by Merrill Lynch is Nov. 3, 2009, at 10 a.m. Our tribe is not included in Merrill Lynch's plan.

state are doing their best for all of us.

The flu vaccine or lack thereof is a big topic right now. A lot of people haven't been able to get the "regular" flu shot, and now the flu known as H1N1 is here in all its "radiant glory." I hardly think it's fair that our government predicted how bad the 2009 flu season was going to be and then didn't get enough vaccine ready.

I am getting calls and emails about the elder payment in January 2010. From all we know right now, it will be around \$650.

I attended a ceremony in St. Ignace for the new Mackinac Straits Hospital. The Sault Tribe and the hospital have made this a joint venture. The tribal Lambert Center will be part of the new hospital. The building is still being completed; they plan on having the project finished the end of April 2010. It is a beautiful building!

The tribe does not have a plan submitted as I write this report. Hopefully, this will change in the near future. We have a shot at retaining this enterprise; the only thing standing in our way is taking it.

Are the odds stacked against us? Probably so. But what are these naysayers doing to prevent the potential loss of a viable economic engine. That is the question they should be asked by members...

We must continue to push to retain Greektown. For up-to-date information on daily filings related to Greektown Casino, please click on the link provided on the main page under the topic of Greektown, Bankruptcy: <http://www.kccllc.net/greektowncasino>.

### SEPARATION OF CHAIRMAN/CEO

It has been stated that the proposed Constitutional Amendment to separate the chairman and CEO positions is inadequate in its current form. Suggestions range from defining the role of CEO as an employee, to defining that the later reports to the chairman.

In the first situation, there is no need to define an employment role within the Constitution; in fact, under the constitution, elected officials are prohibited from serving as employees and board members simultaneously. The Constitution clearly states that the chairman is a member of the board. The board may, at any meeting, adopt an organizational chart for the day-to-day operations of the tribe.

The second premise, in which the chairman supervises the CEO, totally contradicts the entire intent of separation of powers. The CEO becomes no more than a figurehead of the chairman.

The change proposed to the Constitution is not revolutionary. In fact, a basic 30-minute Internet search of tribal constitutions and bylaws demonstrates that not ALL TRIBES list the chairperson as the CEO of their

People are busy with holiday plans at this time. Tribal childrens parties rely on all donated gifts, food and entertainment.

Elders holiday dinners are coming soon with everyone in their best bib and tucker.

We will have promotions at the casinos so we can all enjoy a little nightlife.

Once again, gas prices keep going up daily. Our people that have to travel out of town for medical reasons need to be kept in mind. Whatever kindness you can extend to them would be returned many times over.

Well, buy the biggest turkey ever and gobble till you wobble. I wish a Happy Thanksgiving and God's good blessings to all of you.

Fight nice and watch for your blessings. We receive them all the time.

Love,

Shirley Petosky, Unit V Director, (906) 387-2101, [shirlypetosky@yahoo.com](mailto:shirlypetosky@yahoo.com)

respective tribes, in fact most do not:

### Constitution and Bylaws of the Bay Mills Indian Community

<http://doc.narf.org/nill/Constitutions/BayMillsConst/bmconstitution.htm#duties>

### ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The President of the Executive Council shall preside over all meetings of the General Tribal Council and Executive Council, shall perform the usual duties of a chairman, and exercise any authority delegated to him by the General Tribal Council. He shall vote only in the case of a tie.

### Constitution and Bylaws of the Hannahville Indian Community Michigan

<http://thorpe.ou.edu/IRA/han-cons.html>

### ARTICLE II-DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The Chairman of the Council shall preside over all meetings of the Council, perform all duties of a chairman exercise any authority laid upon him by the Council, and shall perform all duties of a chairman and exercise any authority laid upon him by the Council, and shall carry on all necessary communications between the Superintendent and the Council. The Chairman shall notify the Council of all communications he has received.

### Constitution and By-Laws of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Michigan

<http://www.edwards1.com/rose/native/kbconst.htm>

### ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The President of the tribal Council shall preside at all meetings of the Council. He shall at all times have general supervision of the affairs of the Tribal Council and such matters as natural pertain to the general welfare of the Community. It shall also be the duty of the Chairman to countersign all check drawn against any funds of the organization by the Treasurer. He shall be ex-officio member of all subordinate boards and committees.

### Constitution and By-Laws of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

<http://thorpe.ou.edu/IRA/sag-cons.html>

## From "Causley Reports," pg. 20 —

tion of our paper, the board met with numerous state reps. We educated them about our tribe's history and our expectations and needs. This is intended to be planned on a quarterly basis so that our issues are constantly being addressed.

We held a unit meeting in Naubinway this month. I'd like to say "miigwech" to all the members and Elders that attending and look forward to our next one.

### IN CLOSING

All communities will be holding their annual fall feasts and ghosts suppers. This is a time to honor and feed those who have walked on and give

### ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The Tribal Chief shall preside at all meetings of the Tribal Council and perform the usual duties of a presiding officer, and shall exercise any authority delegated to him by the Tribal Council. He shall countersign all checks drawn by the Tribal Treasurer. He shall be ex-officio a member of all Boards and Committees. He shall vote only in case of a tie.

### Constitution and By-laws of the Seminole Tribe of Florida

[http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/ccfolder/seminole\\_constanbylaws.htm#2art1](http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/ccfolder/seminole_constanbylaws.htm#2art1)

### ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The Chairman of the Tribal Council shall preside over all meetings of the council and exercise any authority specifically delegated to him as provided in Article V, Section 9, of the Constitution. The Chairman shall not vote on any issue before the council except only in the case of a tie.

These are just a few excerpts from tribal constitutions; there are many more examples that can be found at: <http://thorpe.ou.edu/const.html> and <http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/constitutions.htm>.

Historically our tribe has had major issues with one individual committing our tribe to expenses, contracts, as well as many non-approved actions. Sadly, this has not changed. More than ever we need to end this once and for all. It is not about the individual, but the tribe.

The simple truth regarding the hesitation in sending this board approved amendment out to the people (and casting doubt on its language) is that there are individuals that truly do not want to end the proverbial "ONE MAN SHOW" regardless of whom it is. One thing is blatantly clear; we as a tribe need this separation for our long-term survival, and progression as a nation.

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Sincerely,  
DJ Hoffman

thanks to them and the fall time; everything is getting ready to sleep for the long winter. Attend in your communities if you can and offer your seema, it's a very traditional time for us. The Rickley family in St. Ignace welcomes all families. Miigwech to them. Our Hessel Ghost feast will be held this Saturday, announcements have been sent and we hope to see you there.

I will be in attendance at all three of the Elder meetings this month. If you would like to meet to discuss concerns or issues, please contact me at (906) 484-2954 or [lcausley@saulttribe.net](mailto:lcausley@saulttribe.net).



# Bringing back info from NCAI conference



**KEITH MASSAWAY, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I was honored to represent the Sault Tribe at the 66th NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) conference along with fellow board member Lana Causley last month. This gathering of all tribes, recognized by the federal government or not, working together to tackle problems that affect Indian Country in general. The

conference theme this year was extremely appropriate, "Indian Country Counts." This refers to the upcoming U.S. Census. In the last census approximately 1,600 people checked that they were Sault Tribe members. We have about 38,000 members in our tribe! The census is how our tribe is counted by the federal government. We cannot use our tribal membership records as proof. The census is the number they go by. We are not getting a fair representation from the last census so we have to make sure we are going to get one in the coming census. If you are a member, when you receive your census papers please mark that you are Native American and then indicate that you are a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. If the numbers reflect what our true membership count actually is the tribe will have easier access to grants and federal dollars in the coming years.

During the opening comments at the NCAI conference, it was announced that NCAI is about to open an embassy in Washington for all the tribes. This project has been pursued for most of the 66 years that NCAI has been in existence. This will allow tribal leaders to have diplomatic relations with the federal government on a firmer government-to-government basis. The NCAI conference was filled with numerous lectures, breakout sessions and speakers. The topics ranged from youth engagement to elder health, from the Supreme Court ruling on the Carceiri case to homeland security, from water rights to renewable energy. All these topics and many more have implications on our tribe and the tribe should always send representatives to these conferences to bring back the information.

In October, many of the tribal board went to Lansing to

meet with our top state officials. Many items were discussed with both sides of the House and Senate, but what puzzles me is how uninformed some of the policymakers are when it comes to Native Americans and what tribes do for their people. Some of the state and federal officials think that all Native Americans are per-capita tribes and that their members are rich.

Some react with great surprise when we explain our struggles and our accomplishments. They are sometimes amazed that we take care of our own people by providing our own services, like health clinics, elder food programs, housing, health clinics, youth education and so many more programs. Sadly, I believe term limits are to blame for the lack of knowledge. It seems just when we catch everyone up to speed on our needs they are termed out and we have to start all over with a new group of individuals that are totally

ignorant of Native Americans needs and sovereignty.

On a much happier note, a blessing was done by Harlan Downwind at the site of the new hospital and Sault Tribe Clinic in St. Ignace. It was well attended by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, the health care staff from the Lambert Center and many local officials. A brief walk through of the tribal clinic was given shortly after the blessing and all were pleased and impressed with the new building. The opening of the hospital and clinic is on schedule for April 2010.

I would also like to announce that the children's Christmas fun-fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5. Everyone is welcome to attend an afternoon of games and prizes for the children of our community.

Thank you again for the letters and the e-mails. You can reach me at: [kmassaway@msn.com](mailto:kmassaway@msn.com) or (906) 643-6981.

## Miller lays out the current tribal issues



**TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

I hope everyone is enjoying our fall weather. We in the U.P. are fortunate to live in one of the most beautiful areas of the United States. The board of directors (BOD) has been very

active lately in interactions with the state and federal governments. We are attempting to build and maintain those government-to-government relations that are necessary for us to exercise our tribal sovereignty. Soon the chairman will travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in a meeting of the tribes and the president. We have an opportunity to voice our concerns and help direct the path that the tribal to US government relationship takes.

This is how the BOD should spend a good deal of it's time, in policy and oversight on the governmental level. We are slowly becoming better at this job of building the bridges of communication and law for future generations with both the state and the federal govern-

ments.

The budget process is ongoing as we modify in our attempts to stay within budgeted amounts while maintaining as many services as we can. We are not entirely at a balanced budget, but certainly are very close.

This brings us into Greektown and its present situation. There are several possibilities being looked at and a plan will be selected soon. The BOD is looking for the best plan that we can get to ensure that we have another revenue source to help us increase our ability to provide services to the membership. The tribe is still the owner and we are nearing the end of the Chapter 11 process. The newspaper articles have been less than accurate portray-

ing where the actual process is. As soon as the process allows, we will make public where our efforts have taken us. This has been a unique experience for me and once all the confidentiality items are no longer necessary, I can better explain how and why we arrived where we are at.

The ARRA funds usage is under way. The amount of reporting required with these monies is taxing on the administrative staff.

We recently received our 2 percent allocation amount, so Denise and I will be reviewing the applications. We are down about \$20,000 in available monies for the fall and this makes our decision process more difficult. I believe the projects will

be chosen within 10 days.

The JKL Bahweting school is still in the process of planning for a school expansion. The student count was 471 for the current school year with a waiting list of approximately 100. I will keep you updated as this project progresses.

In December, I will be attending a national legislative workshop on education that will produce, over a two day period, many suggestions to current laws and regulations that directly affect Indian education. Again, more of the BOD type responsibilities that help shape law.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 644-3334 or (906) 322-3827. Stay healthy.

## It will take a miracle to save Greektown



**BERNARD BOUSCHOR, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

How does a tribal government get its funding? We operate with funding from our business taxes and income, federal and state government grants and cash reserves.

The tribal governmental members' services have been negatively impacted by: the gradual loss of Greektown revenue since 2005, the added legal and consultant expenses of bankruptcy and spending the reserves the tribe had available. This was a formula for a disaster, a crisis that has impacted our entire tribe.

The tribal leadership was spending more than what we

were receiving from: the federal or state government, tax the tribe collected from our businesses, business income, and cash reserves of businesses or the tribe. In early 2008, the former leadership of tribe or authority spent cash from our elders' funds, self-sufficiency funds, cash and loan proceeds were being sent to our Greektown Casino.

It has been stated by staff that the prior leadership knew in 2007 that Greektown was in financial trouble and needed to file for bankruptcy protection. The master tribal politician always thinking of next elec-

tion and his 2008 chairman race planned to delay as long as possible the Greektown bankruptcy. Greektown Casino filed in May 2008. It was his attempt to hide during the election from you, the members, his failure. His campaign literature for chairman was built of promises of Greektown Casino revenue to expand member services nationwide; he knew the financial conditions in Detroit. His lies to the membership were calculated to get him reelected chairman in 2008.

What was the cost to the tribe in the delay because of

the election? By delaying the Greektown bankruptcy filing the tribe or authority spent and additional \$45 million. I ask you, the membership, was this in the best interest of the tribe? The funding came from elderly funds, tribal cash or obligated through a loan Kewadin Gaming Authority. The loan will have to be paid by the authority or tribe no matter what happens to our Detroit casino.

In closing, it will take a miracle to save Greektown Casino.

Tribal Council Representative,  
Bernard Bouschor

## Munising jiingtamok a great success; "miigwech" to everyone

Aanii Anishinaabe and friends in Indian Country,

We want to thank each and every one of you for your assistance in making our Sept. 12, 2009, powwow a great success with 692 in attendance. Our deep gratitude to the businesses in town for donations of gifts used in the giveaways, silent auction and food discounts.

Thank you, Karen Kolbeck, Gail Fleek, Mary Jo Cook, Petal Pushers, Munising Flower Shop, Gift Station, Falling Rock Café, Birch Tree, Maldoons, Harvest House Café, Putvin Drugs, Navigator, Pamida, Main Street Pizza, Subway, Vardon, Iversons Snowshoe, Melane Jones Partylite, Lagasco Oil, Glenss, Bob's IGA and Bob Cornish. Thank you

to all those volunteers who are not yet elders, but worked so hard helping with the setting up Friday and spending long hours wherever their help was needed on powwow day. Also, thanks to Kewadin Casino Christmas for all the labor put into providing food and the ladies who spent extra time assisting in the kitchen, to Sault Tribe for providing finances

covering our needs for the powwow, Ken McNally for his fantastic PA system. Last but not least, to all our elders; without them, the powwow would not have been a success. Our deep thanks and gratitude to each and every one.

*Dolores LaVeque,  
Ogima Kwae, coordinator*



# “Happy Joe Lumsden Day!” on Nov. 11



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Fall is here and is now trying to hold on as our strong northern winds send our beautiful, colorful leaves dancing and swirling across our homelands. The month of the Bnakwe Gigs (Falling Leaves Moon) is gone and Mshka'odin Giizis (Frozen Moon) is here. We have already received that first dusting of snow with the annual heavy blanket soon to follow.

It's been a good season. Many of us have been using our tribal permits to gather wood to keep our homes warm this winter and hunt for small game and deer to provide healthy meat for the table. Many families have grown gardens and are now at the end of canning and preserving the fruits of their labor.

Because we have a traditional foods program, we have been able to involve more people in planting, harvesting and preserving food for their families and others. All the while that we work hard at these activities, we are getting fresh air, great exercise, learning our language and opportunities to learn more about who we are from our elders. We celebrate this time with fall ceremonies and fastings. We must continue to encourage and teach our young people to learn how to take care of themselves and others by the means the Creator provides for us. Our culture is alive and well.

The month of November also brings us the opportunity to give thanks to our veterans. Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. By the time you read this, we will have celebrated our 6th annual Honoring our Anishinaabe Veterans Powwow in Kinross. I enjoy attending this one and hope to see you there. Please remember to keep those who have served and are now serving our country in your prayers every day. Just recently we have lost two young men from the Bahweting area to the war in Afganistan. Keep them and their families in your prayers when we celebrate our powwows, our ghost feasts and our Thanksgiving gatherings.

We also celebrate Joseph K. Lumsden Day on Nov. 11. I can still remember seeing Rosemary Gaskin in Wendy's having the chili she loved so much right after our tribe declared the holiday. Everyone she saw, she would greet them with a “Happy Joe Lumsden Day!” I remember that and I enjoy greeting people this way, too.

Joe was our first elected chairman after our Constitution and Bylaws were adopted. He was a people's chairman and he took a lot of his time to listen to our membership. Granted, our tribe was much smaller then, as far as membership, governmental structure and business enterprises. The fact remains that the battles with the state and federal government were as big then as they are now.

Joe not only spent time with our people, he led us in these battles to protect our rights and resources. He was a great leader. My first recollection of him was when he worked for Upward Bound. There was this big Native American gathering at Lake Superior State University (then College). Floyd Westerman was there singing *Custer Died for Your Sins*. Many Native speakers talked to a lot of us young people.

The festivities culminated with the takeover of the Iroquois Lighthouse in Brimley with Joe leading the way! It was on the television news and there was Joe climbing up the lighthouse. As a young teenager, the whole event was a life changing and a long lasting impression for me. Woohoo! I was a young warrior that must stand up for our people! Joe helped our young people prepare by being an example.

So why bring this up? First of all, it is painstakingly clear that not everyone knows how we got where we are today. Joe is one of many leaders who helped bring us along in our pursuit to regain and retain the rights and resources that Creator had provided for us. He was one of many that made sure the federal government honored our treaties by providing the health, education and social services that, at that time, were still only promises to our ancestors in exchange for our lands. While we persevered to obtain much needed services for our people, we must never stop and get complacent. While we receive federal dollars to provide needed services, we are nowhere near the funding levels that we should receive.

#### President Obama to meet with our chairman

By the time you receive this report our Chairman Joe McCoy will have had the opportunity to meet with President Obama at the first nation-to-nation, all-day meeting in Washington, D.C. Due to lack of space, only one leader per each 564 tribes was invited to attend. He will have that opportunity to address our issues directly with the president and other top administration officials. Our chairman will also attend the Tribal Leaders Roundtable that will be hosted by Secretary Sebelius. This will provide an opportunity to discuss concerns and Health and Human Service senior leadership and Assistant Secretaries. Also, accompanying him to D.C. will be Vice Chair Lana Causley and Legislative Director Mike McCoy. They

will attend the grand opening of the NCAI's Embassy house and other scheduled meetings. I can't wait to hear about it!

#### Providing Testimony to Department of Justice

I attended the Justice Department Tribal Nations Listening Conference. I had the opportunity to provide input and voice the concerns of our law enforcement department. At this time, I had the opportunity to meet our new Attorney General Eric Holder who listened to our issues for the entire day. At this time, I would like to congratulate Lori Jump, program manager in charge of our Violence Against Women programs. She did an excellent job in presenting our funding issues to Mr. Holder. Attorney General Holder announced that he will ensure progress with the creation of a Tribal Nations Leadership Council, which will be chosen by the tribes and meet twice a year. He will visit with several tribal communities to get a firsthand experience of Indian countries issues and concerns. He will help us in our fight to obtain adequate funding for law enforcement and violence against women programming. Also, while there, I provided testimony to Catherine Pierce, acting director of the U.S. Department of Justice, and Lorraine Edmo, deputy director for Tribal Affairs in the USDOJ of the Office of Violence Against Women. Our voices always need to be heard so that we may continue to receive the cooperation, collaboration and

funding that is needed to provide public safety to our people. **Bemidji Representative for National Indian Health Board**

In the last edition of our tribal paper, it was announced that I was appointed to the National Indian Health Board to represent our Bemidji area which includes Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. I am extremely honored to be in this position as my sister Bonnie Mc Kerchie Spring had also represented Anishinaabe people on this board. She was very instrumental in helping to bring some of the first health care funding to our tribe. She worked hard in this area and it is now my turn to help out. I have been very busy in this area.

Health Care Reform is obviously in the forefront. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is now contained in the House Health Care Reform Bill, H.R. 3962 which was released on Oct. 29, 2009. The Indian provisions can be found on page 3 – Index; page 8 – Section 545 – Gross Income Exception of American Indians; page 1,636 – Division D. Indian Health Care Improvement Reauthorization. Because we have been waiting for reauthorization for 10 years, the tribes decided to include this in H.R. 3962. We are hopeful. By the time you read this, we will know if it passes. Because changes happen so rapidly and on a day-to-day basis, it's been a little hard to keep you informed via our tribal paper.

For the most updated infor-

mation, please check out the Web page of the National Indian Health Board.




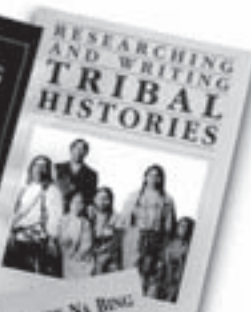
As a member of NIHB, I am working with the staff in an effort to greatly improve our communication system within the Bemidji area. At this point in time, our region is the only area that does not have a regional health board. This has been discussed with a few tribal leaders and their input will continue to be gathered at our United Tribes of Michigan meetings and our Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes meetings. The Anishinaabe people of our area need to come together with a louder and more powerful voice so that we are better heard. Right now, Bemidji area receives the least amount of funding and our area has the greatest amount of healthcare disparity. This is the time for us to change this around and our people all need to work together to achieve this.




We cannot be complacent! As tribal leaders, it is our job to represent our people to obtain the services that our ancestors already paid for with the exchange of our lands. It is my hope that each of our leaders will take on a program service and get involved in making sure our people are represented and served.


If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (906) 322-3823 or email me at cabramson@saulttribe.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

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# Tribes conduct joint patrols on treaty waters

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

**SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.** — As part of the 2000 Consent Decree, joint conservation patrols of the Great Lakes treaty waters by the five signing tribes and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are mandated and scheduled each year in January.

The decree is an agreement governing the allocation, management and regulation of state and tribal fisheries in the 1836 Treaty waters of the Great Lakes. It was signed in August 2000 by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the state of Michigan and the United States and will be in place through 2020. The decree plans for the management of numerous species, with emphasis on lake trout and lake whitefish.

Occasionally, the U.S. Coast Guard will join the state and tribes and conduct safety inspections of its own.

According to interim Chief of Police Bob Marchand, one patrol is scheduled for each month under the Decree, but often the tribes will get together and that number will double, with up to 24 patrols



Photo by Brenda Austin

**From left to right, conservation officers Dean Parish (Bay Mills), Jim Chambers (Grand Traverse) and Sam Gardner (Sault Tribe) launch for a joint patrol in Lake Superior to check fishing nets.**

a year. Each patrol covers a different section of the treaty waters, from the northern area of Lake Superior to northern Lake Huron and up towards Drummond Island.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Web site, treaty waters yield 7 million pounds of lake whitefish, 1.5 million pounds of lake trout and 4.5 million pounds of trout and pacific salmon annually. Harvest limits, licensing and

safety are enforced by conservation officers in the 17 whitefish and nine lake trout management units.

Marchand said that Sault Tribe Law Enforcement is both public safety and conservation. "Some departments are strictly conservation and others are public safety. We combined them both so we have a dual role with 50 percent conservation and 50 percent public safety. Any one of our officers can

participate in the joint patrols," he said.

Marchand said the Sault Tribe has a good working relationship with the DNR and the other treaty tribes. "Our goal is to make sure tribal fisheries are around for future generations. Coming together with the other tribes is increasing our manpower on the patrols, we are all working towards the same goal, to protect the resources and the people utilizing the resources," he said.

An example of the tribes and DNR working together cooperatively, said Marchand, is the annual walleye ice fishing festival on Lake Musconong. Patrolling on snowmobiles, the conservation officers check both Natives and non-Natives for compliance of licensing and fishing regulations. Working together, the DNR takes care of any state violations and the tribes deal with tribal members.

Participating in a joint patrol the end of October were officers from three tribes: Jim Chambers from the Grand Traverse Band Conservation Department, Dean Parish from the Bay Mills Conservation Department and Sam Gardner from Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and Conservation. Chambers said the goal of this joint effort was to check nets on both commercial fishing vessels and subsistence fishers on the northern

end of Lake Superior. They launched a Bay Mills conservation boat from the Back Bay in Bay Mills. "We keep in contact with the state during our patrols by radio. We coordinate our efforts, share resources and reports," he said. Chambers has been with his department for 23 years.

Part of their job is also responding to calls for help. Parish, a conservation officer for 27 years, said, "I remember two boys who swam from a campground in Bay Mills about a mile out to a buoy. They couldn't hang onto it once they got out there — it was too big. We got a call for help and went out and picked them up. A little bit longer and I don't think they would have made it."

Gardner said all the agencies respond to calls for help when somebody is in trouble on the water. "We have rescued people from sailboats and capsized vessels during storms. Our office out of Manistique has been on numerous rescues saving people from capsized boats. They were some of the lucky ones that we were able to help," he said.

Conservation officers go out on the water expecting the best but are prepared for anything. On the Great Lakes, a calm, sunny day can turn dark and ugly in minutes. As the three officers climbed into the boat and shoved off, they took a sip of their coffee and pointed the boat towards the mouth of the bay and Lake Superior.

## From the Kitchen of Bob Flowers

### Bob Flowers' Perfect Pie Crust

The pie crust, the platform or envelope, if you will, that holds luscious cooked fillings and adds its own savory, tender and flaky addition to complement those fillings. At its best, a pie crust is supremely tender, without being doughy or soggy, with a slightly nutty/salty flavor. It is light and crisp, and holds together just enough to be transferred from the pie pan to the plate.

There are so many variations on recipe technique to leave a person dizzy and confused. What's worse, every one of them claims to be the ultimate technique; and many of them are complicated, requiring you to chill all of the ingredients, tools and even the work surface. But I don't like complicated. So I did some experimenting and found out what really makes a pie crust come out perfect, without all the fuss and bother. And so, I share what I've learned with you.

Before we get started, though, you have to understand one thing about flour. It has two protein compounds in it that when combined with water, bind together into a rubbery, tough substance called gluten. It's what gives bread its elastic texture. But we don't want it in our pie crust. It is imperative to work the dough as little as possible once water is added, to prevent developing the gluten.

Otherwise, the crust will come out tough and in extreme cases, be almost inedible. So, here's how we do it right — and simple.

The following ingredients are for a 9-inch pie with a top and bottom crust, or two single-crust pies.

Ingredients:

3 cups all purpose flour  
1 ½ tsp. salt

Lard or vegetable shortening (I believe lard is better, but it's your choice)

Ice water

In a large bowl, combine the flour and salt. Add about 1 cup of lard or shortening into the bowl and cut in with a pastry cutter, or two butter knives. Work the dough until the fat is completely mixed in. The dough should look like pea gravel (little rocks the size of peas). If it's too dry, add another couple tsp. of fat and cut in. If it's too sticky and makes ribbons of dough, then add another quarter cup of flour and cut in. When the dough resembles pea gravel, add three tablespoons ice water and stir together with a spoon until all sticks together in a ball. Now that the water is added, don't over mix. The idea is to allow the starches to stick loosely together so that you can work with the dough.

Liberal spread a layer of flour over your work surface. Remove ½ of the dough and

shape into a 2-inch thick disk. Place on the floured work surface. Sprinkle more flour on top of the dough to prevent the rolling pin from sticking to it. Roll for the disk center outward in all directions until you have a 12-inch diameter circle. Place the pie pan, inverted, onto the rolled pie dough. Use a sharp paring knife to cut a smooth circle around the pan — the circle must be about 2 inches larger than the pan. Remove the pie pan and set aside. Next, use a spatula to make sure the dough isn't sticking to the work table. Fold the pie dough in half, and then in half again to make a triangle. Carefully lift the dough and place the triangle point in the pan center. Carefully unfold the dough and move to fit all sides equally. Brush with egg-wash. Flute the edges.

Fill with your pie filling and roll out the top dough. Again, cut it into a smooth, 12-inch circle. Fold it into a triangle and place on top of the pie. Push the overlapping crust between the first crust and the pie pan. Pinch the edges together and make a vent hole or two in the top crust. Brush with egg wash and sprinkle with sugar. Bake the pie in a 425F oven for 45 minutes, or until the pie is perfectly browned.

Serve hot or cold as you prefer and enjoy.

## Hunter's photos

Thanks to those of you who sent in photos of your hunt. More are welcome! Please send in your photos to: **Jennifer Dale-Burton**  
531 Ashum St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783,  
jdburton@saulttribe.net. Emails are preferred but the postal mail is just fine, too.

We will print the photos together next month.

## — VENISON PASTIES —

Use Bob's pie crust, at left, to make these great venison pasties, a traditional Yooper recipe.

1 lb. venison steak, cubed in 1/2-inch pieces  
1 large onion, chopped finely  
4 medium potatoes, cubed finely  
1 carrot, chopped finely  
1/4 small rutabaga cubed finely  
4 T. butter  
salt and pepper to taste

The above makes four big pasties, so make up a double batch of Bob's perfect pie crust, divide in four and set aside (or make the day before and refrigerate). Mix together all the ingredients except the butter. Roll out one crust at a time, put one-quarter of meat mixture on half the crust, add a pat of butter and fold over. Seal the edges of the pastry together with a little water. Press together with a fork or flute the edges with your fingers. Poke a couple of holes on top of each pasty for steam to escape and bake at 375°F for 45 minutes. Eat with ketchup.



## Sault Ste. Marie

Anishinaabemowin classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., at the Niigaanagiiizhik 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 Niigaanagiiizhik 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.

Unit I Elderly Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center, 2076 Shunk Road.

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

Culture Committee meets, 6 p.m. at the Niigaanaagiiizhik Ceremonial Building on the first Wednesday of the month.

For more information, call Jackie Minton at 495-5165.

## 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.

Unit III Elderly Committee meets on the second Friday of each month after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

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

Unit III constituents meetings on the last Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m., at the McCann Center.

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

## Hessel

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

For more information, call 635-6050.

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the third Monday of each month after the noon meal at the tribal center.

Call (888) 711-7356.

## Newberry

Elderly Advisory Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the fourth Friday of each month at 11 at Zellar's Village Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Manistique

Unit IV Elderly Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Naubinway

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Naubinway Pavilion. For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Escanaba

Unit IV Elderly Committee meets on third Thursday of each month on the second floor of the Willow Creek Professional Building, 3500 Ludington Street. Catered meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by meeting.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Munising

Unit V Elderly Committee meets at the tribal center at 4 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

Dinners on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Unit V constituents meet, 6 p.m. at the tribal center on the second Thursday of each month.

For more information, call Shirley Petosky at (906) 387-2101.

## Marquette

Unit V Elderly Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Notices

General meetings of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors typically take place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Open forums for members start about 5 p.m. and meetings start around 6 p.m. All Sault Ste. Marie meetings will be held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, other locations are to be announced.

Special meetings typically take place on the second and last Tuesdays of each month. Special meetings may be called from time to time by the chairperson or by majority vote of the board of directors. Locations, dates and times for meetings are subject to change. In

the event a special meeting is called that is open to the public, an official announcement will be released.

General meetings, special meetings and workshops are open to the public unless otherwise noted as closed. For the meeting schedule and approved resolutions, please visit [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) and go to the board downloads section.

Meeting schedules are published in the Sault Tribe newspaper annually prior to the start of yearly meeting cycles. Schedule information can be acquired anytime at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) with a search for "board schedule" or by calling (906) 635-6050.

Foster homes provided by Sault Tribe members are needed for our young.

Make a difference in the life of a child, consider being a foster parent.

Call Anishinaabek Community and Family Services at 495-1232 or (800) 347-7137.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities needs your help.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Parent Advisory Committee.

The committee is instrumental in developing programs for our children throughout the seven-county service area, creating policy and representing their communities to determine where spending will be most beneficial to the greatest number of our youngsters.

The committee is comprised of volunteers from throughout our tribe's service area and meets once a month on the third Wednesday.

We encourage all relatives of children or anyone interested in their welfare to join us.

All meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.

For more information, please call Youth Education and Activities at (906) 635-7010.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities in Sault Ste. Marie offers many fun and educational services to youth from kindergarten age to high school seniors.

Computer lab, Monday through Friday, 3:30-6:30 p.m., and on Saturday, 11-4 p.m.

Computers are available for use in a relaxed atmosphere with opportunities for socializing and other fun.

Free tutoring is available daily for everyone. Young folks can learn how to animate objects, customize Web sites and other exciting media projects every Monday.

On Tuesdays, we can conduct science experiments concentrating in school core subject areas such as chemistry and physics.

We dabble in art on Wednesdays, creating all sorts of masterpieces.

On Thursdays, the local tribal youth council works on developing projects for our community and gets some play

in as well.

We have parties on Fridays, we show off our moves in Dance Dance Revolution tournaments.

Board game lovers of all ages can enjoy a peaceful afternoon dueling in a fierce game of Scrabble or other games every Saturday.

Come visit for a good time and to meet new people or old friends. Free drinks and snacks are available every day.

We're waiting for you at 2428 Shunk Road next to the enrollment office.

If you have any questions, please call Rachel Mandelstamm at 440-4494.

Book your party at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

We're equipped to accommodate skating parties, group parties and birthday parties and we rent our hospitality room, basketball and volleyball courts.

Call (906) 635-7465.

DeMawating Development Property Sales and Rentals offers three and four bedroom duplexes for rent. Low move in costs only \$200 for Sault Tribe and Kewadin team members.

First three months of payroll deducted rent will be increased to cover cleaning and pet fees, if applicable. Rent must be deducted from pay to receive the low move-in cost benefit.

Attention American Indians: lease to purchase three bedroom 1.5 bath duplexes available if qualified.

DeMawating is within one of the Sault Tribe's tax agreement areas and an equal opportunity company.

You do not need to be American Indian to rent a home.

For information on any of our properties, please contact the DeMawating office at 42 Wood Lake, Kincheloe (906) 495-2800.

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program available for appointments in Sault Ste. Marie, Kinross, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique, Marquette and Munising health centers.

Bring semaa for an offering to appointments with healers. Traditional healing is holistic. Women on their moon cycle should make appointments before or after their cycles.

For information, call Ted Holappa (906) 632-5204, Laura Collins 632-0236 or Peggy Hemenway 632-0220.

Sault Tribe arts and crafts exhibitions and sales are scheduled for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Bawating Art Gallery at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

The events feature handcrafted gifts for all occasions.

Participating vendors must be Sault Tribe members.

For reservations or further information, call Elaine Young-

Clement at (906) 635-6050 or 322-3961.

Sault Tribe extends an open voter registration policy to all members. Once members register to vote, it is permanent unless members change residency in to or out of election units where living when originally registered.

Sawyer Village in Gwinn, Mich., is a Sault Tribe housing enterprise. Housing units consist of three and four bedroom townhouse apartments, duplexes and single homes.

Rentals range from \$350 to \$725 per month. The units include ranges, refrigerators, basements, garages, washer and dryer hook-ups and most of them have a dishwasher.

Flooring options are hardwood or carpeting. Most pets are accepted and we have month to month leases.

Eagle Ridge Apartments, located in Marquette, consists of two buildings with eight two-bedroom apartments in each building. These apartments include all utilities and are \$600 per month with one-year leases.

We have five experienced team members who manage Sawyer Village and Eagle Ridge.

Come make one of our houses your home. Call (906) 346-3919 to set up an appointment today.

Children must have at least one biological parent who is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians before they can be enrolled as full, bonifide members.

Simply submit a copy of the child's courthouse birth certificate or state copy, social security number and current mailing address. You may mail or fax this information to the enrollment office, or drop it off in person. Please allow two to three weeks for children's tribal cards to arrive in the mail.

Sault Tribe flags are available for purchase by calling 632-6398 or toll free (800) 793-0660.

Desk flags (3x5 inches) are \$3, banners (18x24 inches) are \$30, parade flags (3x5 feet) are \$50, pole flags (4x6 or 5x8 feet) are \$75 and \$100.

Add six percent sales tax and \$4.50 for shipping of first item plus \$1 for each additional item.

Northern Hospitality in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., is a Sault Tribe enterprise at 827 Ashmun Street offering high quality furniture and floor covering goods and services in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Stop by or inquire by calling 635-4800.

General mailing address and phone numbers for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians: 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, Phone 635-6050 or toll free at (800) 793-0660, fax (906) 635-4969.



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