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## Spring comes to U.P.



Mary Jane Cadotte visits with Smokey the Bear at a St. Ignace Family Fun Day.



The Easter Bunny visits with the children in Manistique.



Sault Tribe Elder Cecil Bouley demonstrates making cedar stipes at the Sugar Island maple sugar camp.

**T**hroughout the tribes seven county service area, tribal members are at last feeling the spring's sun. Smelt are running, the fishing season is opening up, it was a banner year for maple syrup, and it's time for young and old alike to get out there and enjoy the weather and spring activities.



Lisa Kerfoot and her two girls package up maple syrup at the maple sugar camp.

## Swine flu hits Michigan

CHIPPEWA COUNTY — While no cases of swine influenza (flu) have been reported AS OF APRIL 28 in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), and your local health departments are closely monitoring the situation.

The CDC declared a nationwide emergency with regard to the swine flu on April 26. The press release below was issued from MDCH the morning of April 27. Most importantly, it reminds us that the current situation is not a cause for alarm, but we do want people to be cautious.

People entering the United States who are experiencing symptoms consistent with swine flu and have traveled to an affected area (see the CDC Web site page at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm> for affected areas), or have been exposed to someone possibly infected with swine flu, during the last seven days should report their illness to their health care provider immediately and inform them of their recent travel.

People traveling from the United States to affected areas should be aware of the risk of illness with swine flu and take precautions.

### Probable Swine Flu Case Reported in Michigan

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) announced today that one probable swine flu case has been reported in Livingston County. State laboratory results showed that a 34-year-old woman of Livingston County has a probable case of the swine influenza A (H1N1) virus. The state laboratory results will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today to determine if the case is positive.

The woman, who recently traveled to the Texas and Mexican border, experienced flu-like symptoms and is recovering at home. The woman's doctor has instructed her to stay home until further notice.

"We are monitoring the probable case here in Michigan and we are informing all doctors on what to look for when they treat sick patients," said Dr. Greg Holzman, chief medical executive for (MDCH). "This probable case is not a cause for alarm but we do want people to be cautious. It is important that people cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze and it's important to wash your hands frequently to help prevent the spreading of germs. If people are sick, they need to stay home from work and school."

Holzman also provides these recommendations:

— As always, people with respiratory illness should stay home from work or school to avoid spreading

infections, including influenza, to others in the community.

— Avoid close contact with people who are coughing or otherwise appear ill.

— Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

— Wash hands frequently to lessen the spread of respiratory illness.

— People experiencing severe symptoms including cough, fever, fatigue, sore throat, chills, headaches, body aches possibly along with diarrhea and vomiting, should contact their physician.

Swine influenza viruses are not transmitted by food and a person cannot get swine influenza from eating pork products. The infections appear to spread from person to person. Drugs called antivirals can reduce the consequences of contracting the flu, if taken early. Michigan is receiving frequent updates from the CDC, and is working with local health departments to monitor the situation and immediately follow up on any suspected cases. The CDC has created a Web page with information at [www.cdc.gov/swineflu](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu).

### What is swine flu?

#### FROM THE CDC

Public health officials within the United States and throughout the world are investigating outbreaks of swine influenza (swine flu).

Swine flu is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by a type A influenza virus that regularly causes outbreaks of influenza among pigs. Swine flu viruses do not normally infect humans; however, human infections with swine flu do occur. Public health officials have determined that this strain of swine flu virus spreads from human to human and can cause illness.

The outbreak is ongoing and additional cases are expected. For more information concerning swine flu infection, please see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>. For specific information on travel precautions and an update on the affected areas, please visit: [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel).

The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu in humans and may include:

- Fever (greater than 100°F or 37.8°C)
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Stuffy nose
- Chills
- Headache and body aches
- Fatigue

Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. Severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure) and deaths have been reported with swine flu infection in people. Like seasonal flu, swine flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.

# Local emergency personnel and law enforcement attend emergency readiness class

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

The National Sheriffs' Association hosted training at the Kewadin Conference Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., in April called "Managing the Incident." Tribal, local, county and state law enforcement officers and administration, Sault Tribe and Chippewa County Health Department emergency preparedness coordinators (EPC) and a War Memorial Hospital representative all participated along with trainees from across the country.

Area personnel got high marks for their level of coordination, said Sault Tribe EPC Gail Marsh. "John Butterworth, a retired sheriff from Ohio who teaches these courses, said we are one of the top three classes he has ever

seen on skills, cohesiveness and intelligence," she said. Marsh was proud to point out instructors' surprise at encountering such apt coordination in such a rural area.

"We are a community," she said, speaking of the governments and agencies involved.

The course is designed to prepare senior law enforcement and their personnel to plan, equip and train their departments to respond to crises. Examples abound, from 9/11 to Hurricane Katrina. Marsh said an "incident" could be natural or man made, criminal or accidental. The course encourages critical thinking in participants to help them react successfully in real situations.

Marsh said the training was exciting and serious. A realistic simulation of a school shooting was used to illustrate instructors' points throughout the class. Instructors trained participants every step of the way as the simulation escalated.

Instructors joined by Butterworth were Stanley Glens, a sheriff from Tulsa, Okla., who was an Oklahoma bombing responder, and Steve Hodges from the National Sheriffs' Association.

Marsh said continuing to train together will make the groups well coordinated and prepared to successfully respond to emergencies. She added that the National Sheriffs' Association is bringing in more courses. If interested, call Marsh at (906) 632-5200.

# Housing Authority open seat in Unit I

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has an open seat in Unit I. Members interested in being considered for the seat should send one letter of intent and

three letters of recommendation to Joanne Carr at 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783. Please call Joanne or Tara at (906) 635-6050 for any questions.

# Sault Tribal Library Book Discussion Club

Spring selection: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie.

Stop by the tribal library at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie to check out a copy of the book selected for our very first Book Discussion Club. Open to anyone. Then join us for discussion on Monday, May 18, 2009, at 6:30

p.m. at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. The club is funded by a federal grant through the Institute for Museum and Library Services. For more information, please contact Laura Porterfield at (906) 635-6050 or Angeline Matson at amatson@saulttribe.net

Incentive for attending book discussion.

# Tribe offers small business workshop

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe is sponsoring a small business development workshop addressing business start-up, financing, writing a business plan, legal issues and how to market your new business.

Lance Wolfe, general business consultant with the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC), will present the workshop at the tribe's administration building on Ashmun St. on July 1 beginning at 1 p.m.

Wolfe is a graduate of Northern Michigan University with a degree in political science and history and is a former U.S. Army Captain who managed a direct support maintenance company. He and his wife own and operate a small commercial cleaning company in Alger County that contracts

with the federal government. He has offered his services through SBTDC for the past two years, assisting business owners with starting and expanding their own companies. He also has several years experience through MichiganWorks!, assisting businesses with recruiting and retaining employees, human resource compliance and testing.

The SBTDC also offers one-on-one meetings to assist small business owners with sales strategies, defining marketing initiatives, cash flow issues, business plans and developing growth strategies.

Early stage technology-based companies may also benefit from SBTDC's services in the areas of alternative energy, life sciences, homeland security/defense and advanced manufacturing.

A full range of information services — including size and characteristics of industries, competition and customer demographics — is provided through SBTDC's state headquarters located at Grand Valley State University, which supports 12 regional offices and over 30 satellite offices throughout 83 Michigan counties.

The workshop will be held at 523 Ashmun St., third floor conference room, June 1 at 1 p.m. There is a non-refundable fee of \$25 per person with registration and payment due by May 22. Call Jeff Holt, Sault Tribe economic development resource specialist, at (906) 635-6050 to register or by email at jholt@saulttribe.net.

Refreshments will be provided. A minimum of eight registered participants is required in order to hold the workshop.

# Free basic financial fitness classes coming soon

Strengthen your finances with the Sault Tribe Housing Authority's financial fitness class. Your money is a big part of your life. It can determine what you can do and where you can go. Learning how to manage your money the right way is an important step toward taking control of your life, understand where your money is coming

from, where it's going and how to make sure the way you manage your money falls in line with the values that matter most to you.

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority's Homeownership Program and Resident Services will hold the free class throughout the service area. The four-hour classes will be offered to

Sault Tribe members during late spring or early summer. It will cover developing a spending plan, working with checking and savings accounts, understanding credit and your credit report and accessing credit.

Check future issues of this newspaper and look for postings in tribal buildings for more details.



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# BMCC holds college day for high schoolers

Bay Mills Community College recently held a college day for high school students interested in attending college. According to student recruiter Aaron Tadgerson, the intent was to help students prepare for the big move from high school to college, which should be helpful no matter where they attend.

Visiting students toured the campus from Migizi to Mikanuk Halls, saw presentations on some of the exciting programs going on at BMCC and had a chance to get advice from college students and ask questions.

Bay Mills member Cory Teeple, 19, wants to be a teacher. She plans to attend BMCC, but knows she going to need the support of her family and the school. Her cousin, Ryan Teeple, 17, liked the presentations but he's unsure where he will attend college. He is interested in broadcasting.

Aleta Gallias, 18, applied to Grand Rapids College — she's



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

**Ojibwe Charter School students Cory Teeple, Ryan Teeple, Aleta Gallias, and Brenton LeBlanc all attended Bay Mills Community College's College Day to help high school seniors transition to college. College students were available for questions, and instructors displayed interesting projects hoping for a few recruits.**

interested in theater. She said the presentations and college panels helped her prepare. But she'll have help on her big adventure — her sister, who now attends BMCC, is transferring and they'll go to Grand

Rapids together.

One of the college students helping that day was Larry Jacques, a Sault Tribe member who attends BMCC who will graduate this year with two-year degree in business administra-

tion and a two-year degree in construction. He figures it's a good combination to go into business for himself. Plus, he is very interested in the alternative energy projects underway at the college.

This is not the first time Jacques has spoken with high students. He has travelled to Hannahville, OCS Middle School, and Malcolm, Mont., to talk to students.

"I really enjoy school, and helping is just paying back a little for all the school has done for me," he said. Jacques added that he likes the instructors and staff and the small classes at BMCC. He was able to carry 18-19 credits with a 3.7 GPA while working for Norris Construction in Sault Ste. Marie.

BMCC has afforded Jacques the opportunity to travel all over the U.S. for education and culture, attending energy fairs, public health training and education conferences. He came back with action plans the tribes can use now, he said. Alternative energy and innovative projects such as solar refrigeration are possible economic development for the tribes, he added.

## Museum studies classes available

Schedule and topics:

**Week 1: April 17/18**  
What are museums?  
Mission, impact, variety and importance of museums.

**Week 2: May 1/2**  
Collections: Finding items, sharing items, how to take care of items.

**Week 3: May 15/16**  
Educational experiences:  
Programs, activities, visitors.

**Week 4: May 29/30**  
Museums and money: How funded, grants, budgets.

**Week 5: June 12/13**  
Everything else:  
Marketing, technology, boards, volunteers, legal stuff.

Classes are held at Kewadin Casino and Conference center.

This class is provided at no cost to the public through a professional development

grant received by the Sault Tribe from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Classes are open to anyone in the community (tribal or non-tribal) interested in learning more about museums and cultural centers. Classes are taught by adjunct instructors through a collaborative agreement with Central Michigan University.

If you would like to earn university credit or a certificate attend class on Friday nights from 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays (9 credit hours per weekend) 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. There may be fees/costs for university credit.

Any Questions: Contact Angeline Matson, Sault Tribe Education Director at (906) 635-4944 or Instructor Lisa Craig Brisson at lisacraigbrisson@gmail.com Register for the class by calling Sylvia Shannon at (906) 635-7010.

## Future Leaders Camp coming

An Anishinaabe Future Leaders Camp is scheduled for Aug. 9-13 at Clear Lake in Shingleton, Mich. Register soon, space is limited to 40 youths, aged 14-18.

Anishinaabe Future Leaders Camp provides an opportunity for youth from the Three Fires—Ojibwa, Potawatomi and Ottawa—to learn and practice culturally-based leadership

skills and to make connections with Native youth from across Michigan.

To apply, fill out the application, medical, media and participation forms, with a parent's or guardian's signature, and mail to the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. You will receive a letter of acceptance by June 29. There is no fee for Anishinaabe youth.

Forms can be downloaded at [www.itcmi.org](http://www.itcmi.org). Click on Anishinaabe future leaders, applications and forms, print forms. Mail completed forms to Anishinaabe Future Leaders, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, 2956 Ashmun, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Call Terri Tavenner, program manager at (906) 632-6896, ext. 129, with any questions.

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Pamela Cable Gershon Memorial Scholarship	Must be a 2009 graduating high school senior, at least 2.50 GPA, accepted into a two or four year school
Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship	Must attend a 4-year school in Michigan in a Teacher Education program
Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship	Any bachelors degree, must be at least a junior, full-time status & at least ¼ Indian blood quantum
Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship	Human Services/Social Work degree
Victor Matson, Sr. Tributary Scholarship	Fisheries-related or Natural Resources degree
George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship	Tribal Law, Law Enforcement, Legal Studies, Political Science or Public Administration degree
June Curran Porcaro Scholarship	Must have been homeless or in foster care system or pursuing a degree related to this critical need
Special Needs Scholarship (18 & older)	Must have documentation of physical or emotional disability
Special Needs Scholarship (under age 18)	Must have documentation of physical or emotional disability

For any questions, contact Angeline Matson, Sault Tribe Education Director at (906) 635-4944 or [amatson@saulttribe.net](mailto:amatson@saulttribe.net)

## Free Laker camps for Sault Tribe youth

Boys individual basketball camp: June 22-25, fourth grade and above, Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Girls individual basketball camp: July 27-30, fifth grade and above, Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, 9

a.m. to noon.

Registration is on a first-served basis. Camps are limited to first 50 registrants.

Early registration not accepted.

To register, call Jessica at (906) 635-7770, starting Monday, May 18, at 9 a.m.

### Where's Rick? Winner!

Cheryl Joynt, of Munising, is our lucky April winner of Michigan Indian Press title, "Walk in Peace," by Simon Otto. For those not familiar with our game, somewhere in this issue is an image of reporter Rick Smith. If you find him, email, call or write in (see page 2 for contacts) with his location in the newspaper. Correct responses will be entered into a drawing for a free MIP book.

# Kewadin Casino to feature slot game Super Slotto Celebration

SAULT STE. MARIE – AC Coin and Slot's Super Slotto® Celebration™ debuted at Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie during the last week of April. Kewadin is the only casino in the Midwest to feature this multiplayer, community-style bonusing slot game that provides a new level of excitement to slot players.

"This new game will be a great addition to our slot mix," said Dave Kucharczyk, slot director. "The trend in gaming is going towards the new community bonus games and we are very excited to be the first in our area to offer this new game to our customers."

In Super Slotto® Celebration™, each player plays his or her own game. The culmination of the excitement



is delivered via the exclusive Slotto® bonus event that resembles a massive lottery drawing. When a player earns a bonus play, giant Slotto® balls under an immense clear dome spring

into action for everyone to see and share the excitement. How is this unique? Only the bonus player takes the winnings.

# Head Start kids visit Kewadin Casino bakery on fieldtrip

Students from Joann Kessinger and Pam Hartdlege's Community Action Head Start class in Kinross made a special visit to the Dream Catchers Restaurant bakery and DreamMakers Theater inside Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie in late April.

The class was awed by a spectacular light show put on by the casino's entertainment department and enjoyed decorating spring cookies in the bakery.



**Right: Buckshot Gravelle, Kewadin Bakery, helps Head Start student Curtis frost a spring cookie while Brooke and Jesse patiently wait their turn.**

# Kewadin is going Bonkerz! Top name comedians featured

SAULT STE. MARIE – Twice a week, Kewadin is going BONKERZ with one of America's longest running comedy clubs. Every Wednesday at Kewadin St. Ignace and every Thursday at Kewadin Sault, top name comedians are featured in the lounges. Admission is free to anyone over 21. Doors open one hour before show time and specials are available all night for those who have a Northern Rewards Club card.

In May, shows at the St. Ignace Northern Pines Lounge every Wednesday and the Sault Ste. Marie Rapids Lounge every Thursday are:

May 6-7, Tony Esposito as seen on Comedy Central with

Michael D.

May 13-14, Tom Walkoe as seen on HBO and Showtime with Steve Purcell

May 20-21, Bob Larson as seen on Comedy Central with special guest

May 27-28, Nick Gaza as seen on Comedy Central with NBC's "Biggest Loser" with Rio Hillman.

BONKERZ' hilarious stand-up comedy shows across the lands for over three decades is one of America's longest running comedy clubs. BONKERZ has been talked about on the Howard Stern Show and has been honored by appearances from comic superstars such

as Jerry Seinfeld, Larry The Cable Guy, Carrot Top and Rita Rudner among others. BONKERZ comedians have either TV or movie credits so each show is guaranteed to tickle your funny bone and leave you goin' BONKERZ.

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# Sue Steizer receives award



**Sue Steizer received Team Member of the Month for March 2009 at Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace. She has 16 years of experience and consistently offers assistance when needed. She is friendly and maintains a positive attitude. Sue is truly a team leader with outstanding supervisory skills. Congratulations Sue, keep up the great work! Left to right, Steizer is pictured with Barb Sherman, cage manager.**

# Cheboygan man wins new car at Kewadin Casinos



ST. IGNACE – Neil Bausman of Cheboygan, Mich., won a brand new Ford Escape while playing at the Kewadin St. Ignace Casino on March 30.

The winner was playing on one of 18 machines connected to a special car jackpot. A very excited Bausman said he was going to give the Ford Escape to his wife. Slot machines on this bank are operated by using three quarters and now feature a red Ford Mustang as the jackpot.

In addition, the casino awarded two \$10,000 jackpots in less than a week! Geriann Koscielank of Gaylord, Mich., won top place at the casino's

Mega Bingo event on March 28 and Joseph Kowalski of Presque Isle won \$10,000 playing the \$1 Hot Pepper slot machine on March 25.

Kewadin Casinos St. Ignace is located at the "Gateway to the Upper Peninsula" and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Situated on the shores of Lake Huron, the casino offers a variety of Vegas-style gaming including Blackjack, Poker, Let It Ride, Roulette, Craps, 3-Card Poker, Live Keno and a variety of slots to choose from. A first-class restaurant, on-site hotel, deli, gift shop, sports bar and lounge are also available.

# Summer of entertainment offers packed line up

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – Entertainers from every genre and for every generation will be performing at Kewadin Casino's DreamMakers Theater this summer. Tickets for all shows listed below are on sale now!

- Mark Chessnut, May 23, \$21.50
- CCR, June 11, \$32.50
- Clay Walker, June 19, \$38.50
- Los Lonely Boys/Red Bone, July 3, \$28.50
- Saving Abel\*, July 8, \$22.50
- Gallagher, July 13, \$22.50

- Michael Bolton, July 30, \$48.50
- George Thorogood & the Destroyers, Aug. 18, \$38.50
- REO Speedwagon, Aug. 4, \$38.50

\*With Pop Evil — Monty Are I and Taddy Porter  
In addition, King of the Cage will be held in the Sault on July 28 with a ticket price to be announced at a later time. Other events include the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall, which will be featured at Kewadin St. Ignace Aug. 20-24.

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

# Paquin awarded arts fellowship

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Local Anishinaabeg artist Ron Paquin was recently named a 2009 Cultural Capital of the First Peoples Fund, a Rapid City-based American Indian arts fund supporting the work of indigenous artists nationwide, along with nine other artists across the nation, and six 2009 Artist in Business Leadership Fellows.

The First Peoples Fund called the artists “embodiments of the collective spirit, the heart of the First Peoples Fund, which is that which manifests self-awareness and a sense of responsibility, to sustain the cultural fabric of a community.”

The First Peoples Fund’s Cultural Capital program provides artists the opportunity to further their important cultural work in their respective communities. First Peoples Fund’s grant making initiatives include the annual Community Spirit Awards, Artists-in-Business Leadership, and Cultural Capital Fellowship programs. The fund is supported in part by the Ford Foundation’s Arts and Culture Initiative, Bush Foundation’s Regional Arts



Sault Tribe member Ron Paquin

Development Program II, the John T. Vucurevich Foundation, First Nations Oweesta Corporation, Leveraging Investments in Creativity, National Endowment for the Arts and The Sumasil Fund of the Saint Paul Foundation.

For further information about First Peoples Fund or to apply for support through one of our programs, please visit [www.firstpeoplesfund.org](http://www.firstpeoplesfund.org) or contact us at First Peoples Fund, P.O. Box 2977, Rapid City, SD 57709-2977.

# Musicians visit JKL



Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton

On April 16, JKL Bahweting received visiting musicians from Concorde Academy in Petoskey, Mich., a school chartered by Lake Superior State University and overseen by former JKL Superintendent Nick Oshelski. Music instructor Pam Boor brought not only her students but also a range of xylophones for JKL students to play. After two hours of mixed instruction, the combined musical forces of JKL and Concorde performed for the student body and did a bang up job. Above, Concorde students take their turn to perform for their hosts. The bass xylophone seen above had a huge but melodious tone in the low range. Students played percussion, sang and performed on keyboard and electric bass.



# Land honors staff service

LANSING — Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently honored a Sault Ste. Marie employee as part of the department’s annual Awards of Excellence ceremony at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing.

“Our employees have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and service,” Land said.

“I am pleased to recognize their contributions to customers and co-workers, and proud to call them members of our team. I congratulate all of this year’s Awards of Excellence honorees,” she added.

Mary Perron received the Key Award, which recognizes

employees for their enthusiasm and team spirit when taking on new tasks.

Employees across the state were recognized with various awards. Other honors include Outstanding Accomplishment Awards for exceptional performance in completing a specific project or demonstrating innovation and creativity; Customer Service Star Awards for exceptional performance well beyond customer expectations and the Drive to Simplify Awards, for employees who make work processes simpler for staff and customers.

For more information about the Secretary of State, visit [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).



Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land and Mary Perron, Sault Ste. Marie Secretary of State staffer who won state recognition with the Key Award.

# Rhode Island university shuns Columbus Day observances

By RICK SMITH

Faculty at Brown University in Providence, R.I., surprised an American Indian student group and a local Indian tribe on April 7 by voting to drop Columbus Day observances immediately after the group urged the faculty to take the action. In place of Columbus Day, the school will now officially observe “Fall

Weekend” on that date.

The faculty has authority over the academic calendar at Brown University, according to a public relations representative at the school.

American Indian students at Brown appealed to the faculty to make the change in view of controversy over the Italian explorer’s violent exploitation of American Indians after his arrival in what would become known as the Americas.

Opponents of observing the traditional American holiday said, except for having been an Italian, Columbus was no different from any of the other Conquistadors of the 1400s and 1500s. The imperial expeditions to the “New World” claimed lands, treasures and resources

for the Spanish thrones and officially declared indigenous populations as “heathens,” subjecting them to slaughter and slavery if not converted to Christianity.

Matthew Brown, chief sachem of the Narragansett Indian Tribe, told the *Providence Journal* he was surprised and delighted when he learned of the measure.

Representatives of various local Italian-American organizations balked at the action, mostly saying Columbus is in the history books as being “very friendly” to Indians.

While Columbus Day is an official federal holiday, it is not the first time it has been dropped in favor of other observances nationwide.

# Guilty plea in casino heist case

GRAND RAPIDS – Lorraine Brooks, 49, of Merrillville, Ind., pled guilty April 14 to theft by an employee from a tribal gaming organization, U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced in a press release. Brooks, while employed by the Pokagon Band of Pottawatomi Indians as a dealer at the craps tables in the Four Winds Resort in New Buffalo, Mich., took \$850 worth of chips valued at \$25 each from her bank roll.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 13, 2009, before U.S. District Judge Robert J. Jonker. Brooks faces up to five years’ imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

U.S. Attorney Davis commended the Pokagon Band Tribal Police and special agents of the FBI, St. Joseph office, for their work on the case. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff J. Davis.

# Sault dog park meeting May 7

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# Alaskan hunters exploit loophole to kill wolves from the air for sport and fur trade

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

ANCHORAGE, Alaska— Our country's last great wilderness, the pristine stretches of tundra and fragile ecosystems in Alaska, has come under attack. A loophole in the federal Airborne Hunting Act of 1972 is being exploited by allowing private citizens to participate in the aerial hunting of wolves under the guise of performing "wildlife management."

Hunting is a big moneymaker in the state; non-residents are required to hire a certified hunting guide to hunt many big game species at a cost of up to \$20,000. This creates an incentive for the state to increase game populations while giving them a reason to justify reducing predator populations. "Some of the aerial hunting teams are also directly benefiting because not only do they profit by taking wolves, they are also commercial hunting guides who get paid by out of state hunters to guide them on a hunt in the same area," said Wade Willis, Alaska representative for the Defenders of Wildlife and former biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Each winter since 2003, the state has issued hundreds of permits to aerial gunning teams who are authorized to kill wolves in five areas of the state. The areas total more than 63,000 square miles — larger than the state of Wisconsin. Since 2003, these teams have killed more than 1,000 wolves, almost twice the population of wolves in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Many wounded wolves remain unaccounted for as they wander off to die in the bush, raising the initial count of 1,000 killed to an undetermined number.

The United States Conservation code, chapter 742j-1, prohibits anyone from shooting an animal while being airborne. To do so would subject the hunter to a \$5,000 fine and up to one year in jail. But that's not the whole story — the code provides an exception if a hunter is operating under the authority of any state or the United States, to protect "land, water, wildlife, livestock, domesticated animals, human life, or crops." Essentially



Photo Courtesy of Defenders of Wildlife

"predator control" for the good of man and his possessions.

According to Willis, citizens are being allowed to conduct hunts as "agents of the state" under permits issued by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Citizen gunner teams are authorized to use aircraft to shoot wolves from the air and keep the pelts.

"They sell the fur just like a sport hunter; tell me what the difference is?" Willis said. "The only difference is these hunters use an airplane."

In an attempt to rein in the loophole, the Protect America's Wildlife Act (PAW Act) was born. The PAW Act is federal legislation aimed at clarifying the Airborne Hunting Act of 1972. The Act was presented in the House last year and garnered 129 co-sponsors and it is anticipated it will again be presented in the House this year, with some minor revisions, by its author, Congressman George Miller (D-CA). There is a good possibility the bill will also be introduced in the Senate this year.

The PAW Act makes it clear that states can only conduct activities prohibited by the Airborne Hunting Act to respond to legitimate biological concerns and other emergencies, not to authorize otherwise illegal hunting practices.

"Defenders of Wildlife

believe very strongly that private citizens should not be participating in aerial predator control, department personnel should be doing it only in the case of a legitimate biological emergency," Willis said.

However, according to an Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) booklet, "Understanding Predator Management in Alaska" found on their Web site at [www.wildlife.alaska.gov](http://www.wildlife.alaska.gov), views range "from the belief that wildlife populations should not be manipulated for human benefits, to a demand for actively managing populations to allow people to harvest a higher percentage of wildlife populations annually."

According to the Web site, no single management approach can satisfy all users. ADFG uses different management strategies, with some areas being managed more aggressively to maximize harvest opportunities. ADFG say they are committed to maintaining sustainable predator and prey populations and will continue to manage Alaska's wildlife populations with long-term health, sustainable harvests, and conservation as their guiding principles.

In 2007 the ADFG estimated there are 7,000 to 11,000 wolves in Alaska, approximately 30,000 grizzly bears, and more than 100,000 black bears.

About one million caribou live in Alaska in 32 herds and about 200,000 moose are widely distributed throughout the state.

Science alone, according to the ADFG, cannot dictate whether predator control programs should or should not be conducted; those choices are value-based decisions made through public processes.

"The scientific community has clearly and overwhelmingly spoken out against Alaska's predator control programs and the state has ignored it," Willis added. "The American Society of Mammalogists, America's oldest and largest professional society of biologists, strongly opposes it. It is interesting to note the state claims predator control is being conducted using scientific data, yet in the five years since predator control has resumed, not a single scientific paper [from the state] has been published. That really says it all."

According to Willis, the commercial hunting industry in the state has been poorly regulated allowing big game to be over harvested. Science has proven that wolf populations follow big game populations. "My concern is that when you start taking top level predators out of the system and combine global warming issues, which are extremely big in Alaska, you are going to have dramatic effects on the

ecosystem and big game populations," Willis said. "I believe that trying to manipulate big game populations by only focusing on killing predators is a no-win situation.

"Sport hunting does not respect Native traditional values. You don't go out and harvest the largest bulls, the best breeder stock, and expect your population of big game to continue to provide the highest possible yield. From sheep to caribou to moose, sport hunters focus on the best of the herd. It's a big issue."

In a natural ecosystem, wolves harvest the young, old and sick members of a herd, allowing the survival of the best genetically-viable stock to continue breeding for future generations. Big game hunters focus on the biggest and strongest members of the herd, the most genetically-viable breeding stock.

Defenders of Wildlife is a conservation organization that promotes the scientific management of wildlife resources. They are not an animal rights organization. "Sarah Palin wants to turn Alaska into a game farm. That is not what any of us want, not the Native community or anybody else," Willis said. "Defenders supports adaptive management strategies that are broad-based and promote the long term health of the entire ecosystem. Simply killing wolves and bears to promote human harvest of big game is not based on scientific principles, it's a political agenda."

Senior Director of Field Conservation for Defenders of Wildlife, Caroline Kennedy, said, "The state has approved predator control when it is not clear that predators are causing the decline in big game populations. Money is at the root of a lot of what is going on."

In addition to Alaska, other states are now attempting to suppress predator populations and artificially increase game populations. Alaska is being strongly influenced by powerful hunting groups, according to Willis, who are not taking into account the long-term health of the ecosystem or the well being of game species.

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# Grant improves energy efficiency in homes

BY JOANNE UMBRASAS

In the fall of 2007 a grant was awarded to the Sault Tribe Housing Authority providing funds for new windows, water heaters and high efficiency boilers in tribal rental homes in St. Ignace installed in the summer of 2008.

Thanks to substantial cost savings in the project at the St. Ignace site, the Housing Authority was granted permission by HUD to do the same in tribal rental homes in Hessel using the remaining funds from the grant.

The work has started in Hessel with new boiler and water heater installations and a carpentry crew is replacing old windows with new Energy Star windows.

"We are very excited about this project," said Joni Talentino, director of the Sault Tribe Housing Authority. "These energy improvements are going to save our tenants hundreds of dollars in utility bills and, with energy costs continuing to climb, the new windows and high efficiency boilers are a real blessing."

The Housing Authority was awarded a second grant in 2008



Left: Shawn Nolan and Fred Albon, carpenters, replacing old windows at the Hessel housing site.

Right: Arlon Goforth, field superintendent, is busy breaking down scaffolding after a new window installation.

Below: Dan Malport, carpenter, sizing window trim to place around the new windows.

Photos by Brenda Austin



to fund enhancement of energy efficiency of tribal rental homes in Sault Ste. Marie and this work is just beginning. Russ McKerchie, construction direc-

tor, will oversee the installation of the water heaters and boilers while Arlon Goforth, field superintendent, has oversight of window installations.

# Students rally registrations in support of stricken lad

BY RICK SMITH

Students of the Sault Area High School chapter of the National Honors Society conducted bone marrow registration drives at the Sault Health Adolescent Care Center on April 21. The care center is housed in the Sault High complex and the drive allowed students, staff and faculty aged 18-60 the opportunity to register as possible bone marrow donors.

The students staged another drive on the following day at Lake Superior State University for the general community. According to Eric Trosko, regional recruitment and community development account



Photo by Rick Smith

Students at the Sault Area High School chapter of the National Honors Society participate at the start another registration. From left to right, Araya Montero helps with registration as Darcy Steinhaus and Kevin Ellis look on and Louisa Munro swabs the inside of her mouth; part of the initial process of registering as a possible bone marrow donor.

executive for the National Marrow Donor Program in East Lansing, the students registered 19 potential donors at Sault High and 74 at LSSU.

The tribal youth council of Hessel hosted a marrow donor registration drive at the local tribal center on April 23 netting 33 more registrants, according to Trosko. "I'd like to thank Lisa Burnside [youth services coordinator], her volunteers and the fine members of the youth council for the great job they did promoting and running the marrow donor registration drive," he noted.

Both of the drives were in support of Sault Tribe member Anthony Lee, a 15-year-old

Cedarville High student suffering from aplastic anemia and in need of a bone marrow transplant. Because of his unique ancestry – American Indian, South Korean, Polish and German – finding a suitable donor is proving to be difficult. The closer a donor's approximation to the recipient's ancestry, the better the odds become for a suitable match.

Trosko assisted in both of the drives, providing expertise and materials.

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# Indian Country Communications, Inc. develops online TV station

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

LAC COURTE OREILLES OJIBWE RESERVATION, Wis. — In an attempt to gather news of interest to American Indians around the country, Indian Country Communications, Inc., (ICC) has developed an online TV station, www.IndianCountryTV.com.

Digital programming includes a daily 10-minute news update on the Native News channel, Associated Press news clips and articles submitted by Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan.

The features channel broadcasts programs originating from the IndianCountryTV.com studio, contributed news from Indian Country and national news.

Music and entertainment programs can be viewed on the RezStyle Show channel and on the Lac Courte Oreilles channel are offerings from the Great Lakes states and Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Reservation.



Paul DeMain, CEO of ICC, Inc. and editor of NFIC and the TV station gives a 10-minute daily news cast.

Broadcasting clips from the powwow circuit of North America, the Powwow channel is a good place to view drum groups, traditional songs and powwow dancing.

The fledgling station will be offering high resolution viewing for full screen mode, or a firewire cable can be ran from your computer to your TV allowing you to watch the programming on your television

screen. Some new TVs today offer built in Internet browsers. ICC, Inc. also owns *News From Indian Country* (NFIC), one of the few American Indian publications not owned or politically controlled by a tribal government. The independent, Indian-owned business is located on the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Reservation in northern Wisconsin.

NFIC goes to press 24

times a year in both print and digital format, offering cultural and regional sections, special interest articles, feature, entertainment, letters and one of the most up-to-date powwow directories in North America. According to their Web site, NFIC is the oldest American Indian newspaper in the country.

Paul DeMain, CEO of ICC, Inc. and editor of NFIC and the TV station, says people have been inspired by the idea of what can be done with a digital TV format. "Part of the reason behind the Internet TV station is the demise of hard copy news. As major newspapers fold and downsize, more people are turning to the Internet," he said.

The IndianCountryTV Web site is receiving about 1.8 million hits a month and continues to grow with 60,000 unique visitors each month. DeMain said creating employment on the reservation and telling their own stories were some long-term

goals they have now reached. "We want to be able to use technology in a way that makes our programming enjoyable and easy to find, presentable, professional and lets people at the grass roots level be heard," he said. "We are currently going through an experimental stage with the TV station to see how the Native public accepts it. We are gathering a good group of people, who through the networking process will be bringing Native people to your TV screen."

Submissions of video, photos and articles are welcome. For NFIC visit [www.indiancountrynews.com](http://www.indiancountrynews.com). For the TV station visit: [www.indiancountrytv.com](http://www.indiancountrytv.com).

Lonnie Barber, advertising director, said, "We would like Native people around the world to know there is a place for people who are creative, to be able to share news about each other, their tribes and reservations."

## Pawnee Mormon nominated to head BIA

BY RICK SMITH

President Barack Obama announced on April 10 his nominee for assistant secretary for Indian affairs, who will head the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, is Larry Echohawk, a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Echohawk is currently a professor of law at Brigham Young University (BYU).

According to *The Salt Lake Tribune*, Echohawk is the first high-profile Mormon and first Utah resident to join the admin-



Larry Echohawk

istration's senior ranks.

Echohawk was born in Cody,

Wyo., and raised in Farmington, N.M., and studied law at Brigham Young University on a football scholarship and received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Utah in 1973. He began practicing law in Salt Lake City, Utah. Echohawk became the general legal counsel for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Idaho in 1977. He won a seat as a representative in the Idaho House of Representatives in 1982 and was elected prosecuting attorney for Bannock County, Ida., in 1986, becoming attorney general of Idaho in 1990. He

joined the faculty at BYU after a losing a run for governor of Idaho in 1994.

He is also the senior partner of Echohawk Law Offices in Pocatello, Idaho, with two of his sons.

The nominee is a democrat and an honorably discharged military veteran. He and his wife have six children and several grandchildren. Echohawk is credited with numerous awards, honors and publications. According to his law firm's Web site, his legal areas of expertise are criminal law, Indian law and governmental

affairs.

Last month, Obama nominated Yvette Roubideaux, a member of the Rosebud Sioux, as director of the Indian Health Service, a part of the Department of Health and Human Services. He also recently nominated American Indians to several other supporting positions in his administration, mostly in the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Still to come, the appointment of a senior policy advisor for Indian affairs in the White House promised during his campaign.

## First national American Indian veterans memorial planned in California

BY RICK SMITH

It's no secret that a larger percentage of American Indian populations, more than any other group of people historically and presently, serve in the U.S. military. Government statistics show that American Indians currently account for 1.7 percent of those serving in the armed forces while the American Indian population, as a whole, constitutes less than 1 percent of the general U.S. population.

The National American Indian Veterans Memorial project is underway in California to recognize all American Indian veterans of the U.S. military and tell the overall story of their contributions in safeguarding the country, according to Maurice Lyons, a member of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians in Banning, Calif., and a key player in the proposal.



Maurice Lyons

In addition, the memorial will highlight the stories of some historically notable groups and individuals, such as medal of honor recipients, the code talkers, Pfc. Joseph Oklahombi, Ira Hayes and Lori Pestawa. The circular designed monument is hoped to be constructed of marble and feature a dozen

pedestals topped with statues of eagles depicting different segments of flight from takeoff to landing.

Plans for the American Indian Veterans Memorial have been drawn, examined and approved by various agencies and await final approval and funding and suggestions from the U.S. government and Indian tribes. The site for the memorial is set for a prominent lakeside position in the Field of Honor at the 900-acre Riverside National Cemetery, about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

The estimated cost of construction is \$5 million and fundraising efforts will involve individuals, tribes and organizations. The Morongo Band provided \$250,000 as seed money for the project.

The project received the official endorsement of the National Congress of American

Indians (NCAI) in a resolution adopted by the general assembly during the 2006 mid-year session of the NCAI in June of 2006 at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

According to the resolution, the project is also endorsed by the National American Indian Veterans Inc., the NCAI Veterans Committee and the Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations.

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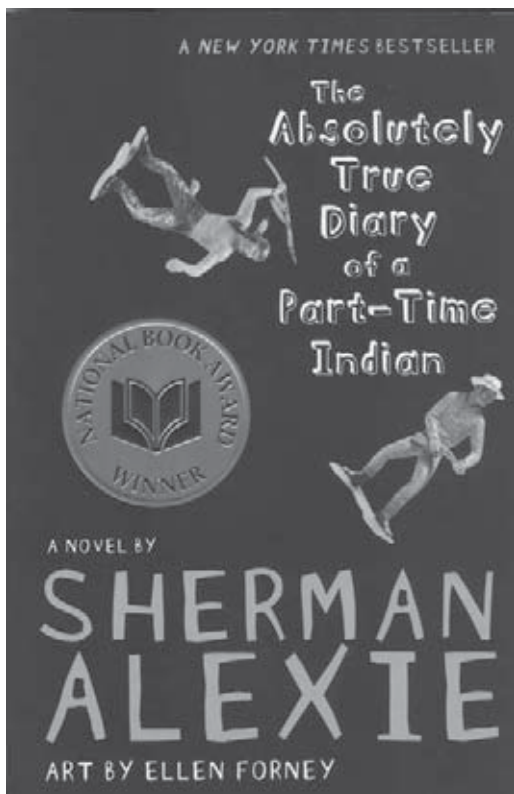
# Absolutely original: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

REVIEW BY RICK SMITH

Wow! Just . . . wow! *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie seems destined to become a classic gem in the realm of American Indian literature. It has the potential to spark fires bringing positive changes in the minds of teens and their families everywhere, especially among American Indians.

This novel is an amazing parable based on the author's actual experiences on and around the Spokane Indian Reservation in Wellpinit, Wash. The straightforward, humorous tone of this easy reading book, written for young adults, would certainly be enjoyed and remembered by older adults as well, especially parents and teachers.

The book is written in the first person singular voice of 14-year-old Arnold Spirit, a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene resident of the Spokane Indian Reservation, who acts on the advice of a reservation teacher and transfers to a high school 22 miles away with a student body, staff and faculty of Euro-Americans. The story tells of the kid's ordeals from both sides of the reservation boundary. One such ordeal is enduring the wrath and shunning of his fellow reservation denizens who, including his best and only friend, Rowdy, interpret the transfer as a betrayal to them and their ways.



American Indians acquainted with reservation life will most likely relate much of what is in the book to their own observations and experiences. The book is at the same time inspirational and respectful while communicating in the voice of an uninhibited 14-year-old mind. It gives lessons on living, not the least of which is the message that it is more in keeping with the traditions of Indian ancestors to venture forth in the pursuit of one's happiness than to waste away one's life in res-

ignation and fear.

The book features a discussion guide at the end of the story, making this an excellent choice for families or classes to read as a group project, then discuss the story's lessons afterwards. Also included in the book is an interview with the artist who actually created the book's sketches and drawings attributed to Arnold Spirit.

As a bonus, the book features a preview of a coming work for young adults by Alexie, *Radioactive Love*

*Song*, which is now on hold so he can write a sequel to *Absolutely True Diary* tentatively titled *The Magic and Tragic Year of My Broken Thumb*.

This latest book by the prolific author and comedian received numerous awards and accolades. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* is published by Little, Brown and Company and lists for \$8.99 in paperback; it can be ordered through better bookstores.

It's the perfect gift for those about to enter high school.

## Language instructor Orien Corbiere joins Sault Tribe Culture Department

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Orien Corbiere, 50, recently joined the Sault Tribe Culture Department as an Anishinaabemowin language instructor. Former language instructor Nancy Debassigne has retired.

Corbiere grew up on Manitoulin Island on the M'Chigeeng Reserve speaking Anishinaabemowin as his first language. Interested in his people's culture, he was attracted to the things his ancestors did to survive and how they lived — medicines, traditional life skills and hunting and gathering.

"As I was studying for my certificate in the Native language instructors program, I discovered the culture I had been so attracted to is coded into the language. The language embodies the activity and beliefs of our ancestors," he said.

Corbiere has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Native studies and a Master of Education degree with a focus on language curriculum from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ont.

Wanting to be in a position in which he could develop language programming and be part



of an environment conducive to research and development, he sees his new position as a chance to build the language around the local community.

"I will be there to facilitate language acquisition," he said. "There are so many words in Anishinaabemowin that no one person knows them all. Language development is part of language speaking. For example, the arrival of agriculture as we know it today required our ancestors to develop language around the concept of farming and of the arrival of the horse. To keep the language alive you must help it grow."

In his new position, Corbiere

will be building the existing language program and hopes to use the Intra- and Internet to reach a larger group of people. He will also be traveling to local communities for language classes.

"I have my own theories on Native language instruction, retention and revitalization. What I find difficult to reconcile is when language instruction and interpretation is western-based," Corbiere said.

"There is a very slim equivalency between Anishinaabemowin and the English language. English is a poor language to use in the translation of our Native language — words and meanings get lost," he added.

Corbiere invites you to visit him in his office at 523 Ashmun St., room 118. He can also be reached by phone at (906) 635-6050 or by email at ocorbiere@saulttribe.net.

"I have a passion for our Native language and would like to emphasize speaking and understanding Anishinaabemowin in the community," he said.

**Excerpt from *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*:**

*I'd never guessed I'd be a good basketball player.*

*I mean, I'd always loved ball, mostly because my father loved it so much, and because Rowdy (his best/only friend on the reservation) loved it even more, but I figured I'd always be one of those players who sat on the bench and cheered the bigger, faster, more talented teammates to victory and/or defeat.*

*But somehow or another, as the season went on, I became a freshman starter on a varsity basketball team. And, sure, all of my teammates were bigger and faster, but none of them could shoot like me.*

*I was the hired gunfighter.*

*Back on the rez, I was a decent player, I guess. A rebounder and a guy who could run up and down the floor without tripping. But something magical happened to me when I went to Reardan.*

*Overnight, I became a good player.*

*I suppose it had something to do with confidence. I mean, I'd always been the lowest Indian on the reservation totem pole — I wasn't expected to be good so I wasn't. But in Reardan, my coach and the other players wanted me to be good. They expected me to be good. And so I became good.*

*I wanted to live up to their expectations.*

*I guess that's what it comes down to.*

*The power of expectations. And as they expected more of me, I expected more of myself, and it just grew and grew until I was scoring twelve points a game.*

AS A FRESHMAN!

*Coach was thinking I would be an all-state player in a few years. He was thinking maybe I'd play some small-college ball.*

*It was crazy.*

*How often does a reservation Indian kid hear that?*

*How often do you hear the words "Indian" and "college" in the same sentence? Especially in my family. Especially in my tribe.*

*But don't think I'm getting stuck up or anything.*

*It's still absolutely scary to play ball, to compete, to try to win.*

*I throw up before every game.*

*Coach said he used to throw up before games.*

*"Kid," he said. "Some people need to clear the pipes before they can play. I used to be a yucker. You're a yucker. Ain't nothing wrong with being a yucker."*

*So I asked my dad if he used to be a yucker.*

*"What's a yucker?" he asked.*

*"Somebody who throws up before basketball games," I said.*

*"Why would you throw up?"*

*"Because I'm nervous,"*

*"You mean because you're scared?"*

*"Nervous, scared, same kind of things, aren't they?"*

*"Nervous means you want to play. Scared means you don't want to play."*

*All right, so dad made it clear.*

*I was a nervous yucker in Reardan. Back in Wellpinit, I was a scared yucker.*

*Nobody else on the team was a yucker. Didn't matter one way or the other, I guess. We were just a good team, period.*

## Pre-schooler places second in national art competition



*I Am Bear Clan*, reflecting the theme *Tradition is My Life, Education is My Future*.

The youngster is the son of Phillip and Josette French of Plymouth and he has a sister, Shayla, 8, and brother, Trevor, 7. His maternal grandmother is Jody (nee Belonga) Herald, formerly of Sault Ste. Marie and Sugar Island, now living in Rochester Hills, Mich.

The artist's mother noted, "Gavin loves to create art and draws, colors or paints on a daily basis." He starts kindergarten in the fall of 2009.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the competitions are open to all American Indian and Alaska

See "Student Art," page 31

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Gavin French, 5, of Plymouth, Mich., has twice placed second in an annual national arts competition sponsored by U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education.

Entering the competition in the pre-kindergarten category in 2008, the young lad was awarded second place with a colorful entry titled *Turtle on the Beach*, keeping with the theme *Circle of Empowerment: Education, Language, Culture, Tradition*. He again took second place in the same category in 2009 with an even more bold work titled

# Revolution in education started in Alaska

BY RICK SMITH

In the early 1990s, the Chugach School District based in Anchorage, Alaska, was failing on all fronts. The district suffered dismal student test scores, high drop out rates, high staff and faculty turnover and employers complained about its ill prepared graduates.

Some changes were clearly needed in the district serving between 200 and 300 students scattered throughout remote and isolated villages in a 22,000-square-mile area of south central Alaska. In the last 20 years, the only student to go on to college dropped out. No bragging rights for this district, things were quite deplorable.

Then, in 1994, the school district began to design a radically different approach to educating students. School

teachers, administrators, parents, area merchants and the students themselves became involved over a five-year period to create “a system that would meet the learning needs of every student, not just some students,” according to *Delivering on the Promise*, a book on the school district’s transformation to becoming a 2001 winner of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award from the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

*Delivering on a Promise* was written by three co-founders of the Re-Inventing Education Coalition, formed during the turnaround of the Chugach School District. Richard A. DeLorenzo, Wendy J. Battino and Rick M. Schreiber were assisted

by education writer Barbara Gaddy Carrio in writing the book. It details what the coalition experienced and how other school districts can become “lighthouse” districts in the revolution to change for better education and a brighter future.

According to the book, the coalition’s approach to schooling is a “standards-based system that educates all students to the highest levels, empowers them to own and lead the learning

process, helps them realize their dreams and equips them with the knowledge, skills and abilities

to succeed in a rapidly changing world. In a RISC system, students move at their own pace through developmental levels in standards, rather than age-based grade levels. Students also must meet an acceptable level of performance, but the RISC approach requires much more

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# Narrative offers first hand glimpse into past

BY RICK SMITH

John Fierst, the special collections librarian for the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University, was in Sault Ste. Marie recently to speak about a work called, for short, the *John Tanner Narrative*. The full title is *A Narrative of the Captivity and Adventures of John Tanner (U.S. Interpreter at the Saut De Ste. Marie) During Thirty Years Residence Among the Indians in the Interior of North American*. The work is of special interest to American Indians of the Great Lakes region as it provides an eyewitness glimpse into ancestral life.

In the narrative, Tanner speaks about his life with American Indians, chiefly of the Great Lakes region, and incidentally testifies how Indians lived in the tumultuous times from the late 1700s to the mid-1800s.

John Tanner was born in Kentucky in 1780, according to the Manitoba Historical Society. He was the son of a reverend who had taken the family to settle on a farm in Ohio where Shawnee Indians captured young John Tanner in 1789. “He was cruelly treated by all but one old woman. After two years, he was sold to an Indian woman of the Ottawa tribe who treated him well. His memoirs of his captivity were some of the most interesting published in the nineteenth century and



Portrait of John Tanner, who wrote memoirs of living with the Shawnee and Ottawa from the age of 9.

were translated into several languages. He lost command of English and wrote that he could not speak it ‘so as to be at all understood.’ He was able to observe the Saulteaux society during a time of great transition, and his account is extremely ambivalent about his attitudes toward his situation.”

Tanner eventually became a guide and made the acquaintance of a prominent settler who, fascinated by Tanner’s story, arranged a reunion with his brothers after having been apart for 28 years. “Like most children taken captive by Indians in their early years, Tanner managed to assimilate to Native ways. He never managed to be comfortable with his own people again. Tanner was first married in 1800 to an Indian woman and they had several children. A second Indian wife bore him three children.

“In 1828, he became an interpreter for Mr. (Henry) Schoolcraft, the Indian agent at Sault Ste. Marie. In 1846, two days after the murder of James Schoolcraft, the agent’s brother, he disappeared. It was assumed he was the murderer. Many years later a Lieutenant Tilden is reported to have confessed to the deed.

“In 1830, Edwin James, an army surgeon, recorded the former captive’s recollections at Sault Ste. Marie and published them.”

The society adds, “In 1840, he married a white woman from Detroit and they had one child. Tanner stayed in Kentucky for some time and tried to gather his children to settle them with his relatives. In 1823, while on his way to Kentucky with three of his children, he was shot and badly wounded by an Indian. Indians, aided by North West Company enemies, took the children from him. For a short time he was a trader with the American Fur Company and then employed as an interpreter by the Indian agent in Mackinac.”

According to the University of Toronto, when Tanner vanished in 1846 amid presumptions of guilt for the murder of James Schoolcraft, “He was never seen alive again, though a body found some years later in a bog near Sault Ste Marie was thought to be his; the identification was uncertain. So too was

Tanner’s guilt, for suspicion also rested on an army officer, Lieutenant Bryant Tilden, who is said to have made a deathbed confession, but the evidence on neither side was conclusive.”

The entire 281-page narrative can be downloaded free of charge at [www.books.google.com](http://www.books.google.com), simply enter “John Tanner Narrative” into the site’s search engine. The entire first chapter of the work is the narrative.

The second chapter includes writings on different aspects of Indian life such as language, dialects, conceptual beliefs, feasts, customs, knowledge, lore and traditions plus a catalog of totems. Chapter three covers Indian music and poetry of the time while the fourth chapter delves into the languages of the North American Indians with comparisons to English. The work is 434 pages in all.

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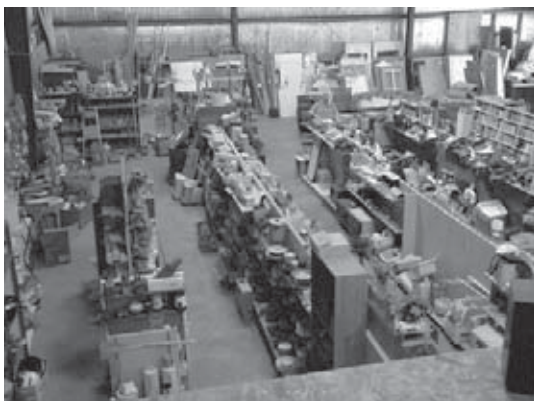
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Habitat for Humanity ReStore is filled with treasures in its front showroom and its back warehouse. Store manager Rex Nowling (left) or volunteer Linda Rogers man the ReStore along with other volunteers. All proceeds go to building Habitat for Humanity Homes.

## ReStore for Habitat for Humanity a box full of treasures

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Habitat for Humanity ReStore spent its first winter in its new home at 400 Sheridan in the Sault and the store is doing great. The only thing it needs is more stuff to sell.

You can find just about anything in the ReStore — need a door? A fish bowl? Pipe fittings? A retro book bag? Go to the ReStore. Need some silk flowers, a vase, a side table? Go to the ReStore. It's a good idea to check at the ReStore before going to regular retail. Not only will you save money, 100 percent of the money you spend there goes toward building homes.

The store was located out on M-129 for four years, and moved to 400 Sheridan last November, only one block west of the Ashmun St. Bridge. (Sheridan and Ashmun intersect on the south side of the bridge.) The Restore is open Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tue.-Fri., 9:30-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Donations are accepted during store hours only.

Rex Nowling, store manager, is one of the reasons the store is doing so well, according to Barbara Searight, Habitat for Humanity director.

"When Rex took over, things changed," she said. Rex is a people person. Some people come in just to see him. There are more donations, volunteers and customers.

Nowling has lived in the area 10 years, remodeling homes. He saw they needed someone at the ReStore and decided to help out. That was two years ago.

Because Nowling became involved, his significant other, tribal member Linda Rogers, started helping out. She saw many tribal members shopping

at the store and now she helps out as much as she can. "There are a lot of families in need and I didn't even realize," she said.

The Habitat for Humanity Board helps out at the store a lot, too. "We have a great board," said Searight.

Other groups include the U.S. Coast Guard, the Tribe, the Kewadin Casino and many individual volunteers. Many locals who need to do community service also help at the store.

This summer there will be a lot more going on at the store. Campers and RVs can camp in an enclosed area behind the store. A Flea Market will allow others to sell their own things, bring name recognition and help give back to the community.

The Flea Market and Community Yard Sale will take place Friday and Saturday, June 26, 1-7 p.m. and June 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, July 10, 1-7 p.m. and July 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, Aug. 7, 1-7 p.m. and Aug. 8, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The vendor area is fenced, gated and locked at closing and the sites are only \$10 each for the whole weekend.

But in order to have a good selection and make money for Habitat homes, they need more donations. People can even bring their yard sale leftovers. If the ReStore gets too many clothes, they will bring them over to the St. Joseph's Thrift Shop or the Salvation Army. They also recycle. Some of the things community members might recycle are household goods, building materials, appliances, furniture and tools. Last but not least, the ReStore accepts clean scrap metal: aluminum, copper, brass, tin and steel. Call the ReStore for details.

To reserve a flea market site or for other questions, call (906) 632-6616.

## Girls work to compete in national large human video presentation



Photo by Kim Mills

Left: Michaela McLeod, Arianna Nolan, Jorey Roy, Sarah Mills and Jacob Snyder. In April, 13 Youth from Northern Light Church in Kincheloe, five of whom are Sault Tribe members, participated in Fine Arts Competition in Grand Rapids, doing a large human video presentation. A large human video is a theatrical presentation of a song, similar to a music video. The group scored high enough to be invited to compete on a national level in Orlando, Florida, August 3-7. Now comes the hard work, to raise enough money to allow us to go and compete! We will have several fund raisers planned to help in this endeavor: pasty sales, "flamingo flocking," carry the cross, yard work, babysitting, gas attendant and bagging groceries. If you are interested in helping these youth raise their funds to go, please contact Kim Mills, (906) 495-2020, Lorna Snyder, 495-5902, or call the Church directly to leave a message, 495-5479.

## SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The Sault Tribe WIA Department is now accepting applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Applicants must be Native American between the ages of 14 to 24, meet income guidelines and reside within the seven-county service area. (Marquette, Alger, Chippewa, Luce, Mackinaw, Delta and Schoolcraft counties.)

Applications can be picked up at the Workforce Investment Act office located at 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or by contacting Brenda Cadreau at (906) 635-4767.

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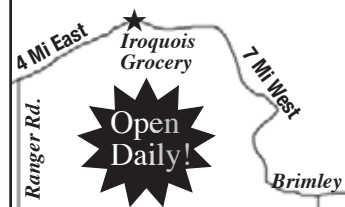
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## Births...

**CLARK THOMAS SUGGITT**  
Thomas and Elizabeth Suggitt are proud to announce



the birth of their son, Clark Thomas Suggitt, born March 14, 2009, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie. He weighed 7 pounds, 0.5 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Grandparents are Ed and Ann Umstead of Dearborn, Mich., and Alan and Anne Suggitt of Sault Ste. Marie.

Great-grandparents are Fred and Pat Redpath of Dearborn, Mich., and Betty Suggitt and Annette Killips of Sault Ste. Marie.

**REED ELIJAH OLMSTEAD**

Todd and Jennifer (nee Hentkowski) Olmstead are pleased to announce the birth of



their son, Reed Elijah Olmstead.

Reed was born Feb. 26, 2009, in Sault Ste. Marie. He weighed 7 pounds, 12.2 ounces, and was 20.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Roger and Denise Wenzel of Rogers City, Jerry Hentkowski of Posen, and Charles and Virginia Olmstead of DeTour Village.

**DEACON ALEXANDER CLEMENT**

Deacon Alexander Clement was born on March 29, 2009,



at Marquette General Hospital at 12:27 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 10.3 ounces and measured 21 inches in length.

Proud parents are Gabryelle Clement and Billy Hammonds, both of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Grandparents include Landan Clement of Sault Ste. Marie; Helen Bouschor of Jacksonville, Fla.; Julia Germain of Sault Ste. Marie; and Roy Lee Hammonds II of Sault Ste. Marie.

## Carr hired as project administrator for STAY

Elizabeth Carr recently accepted a position as the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project administrative assistant in Sault Ste. Marie.

She graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science in athletic training and just finished her graduate work, earning a Master of Science in Kinesiology from the University of Michigan. Carr would like to pursue further education in the field of public health with an emphasis on health policy, fitting with working on the STAY project.

"The STAY Project will aid in the bridging of the gap between my previous education and what I would like to pursue in the future," said Carr.

She was born and raised in the Sault and has been involved with the tribe in a variety of positions, most often working with youth.

Her parents are Brian and Gail Carr of Sault Ste. Marie and grandparents are the late Cecil and Edna Pavlat and Emma Bronte.



## Chad Vittitow shipping out to Iraq



Sault Tribe member Chad Vittitow, serving the Minnesota National Guard 1-151st FA, is shipping out to Iraq in service of our country. His family is very proud of him and wish to share this pride with the members of our tribal community.

## Gathering of the Clans Powwow

The third annual Sault Tribe Gathering of the Clans Powwow will be held June 13 & 14 six miles east of Manistique, behind the tribal center on U.S.-2. Admission is free. Grand entries are Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at noon. A feast will be held on Saturday at 5 p.m.

For more information, call (906) 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.

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### Cinco de Mayo

Kewadin St. Ignace  
Northern Pines Lounge  
May 5th, 2009

Cash Draws and Door Prizes!

### Kewadin Hessel

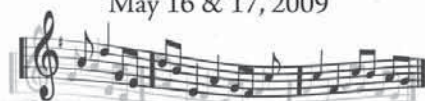
Beginning May 1st Kewadin  
Hessel will be open until  
Midnight on the weekends.

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### Spring Polka Festival

Kewadin St. Ignace  
Event Center  
May 16 & 17, 2009



**DANIEL CHARLES  
"CHUCK" BENNETT**

Daniel Charles "Chuck" Bennett of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. passed away April 6, 2009, at

Hearthside Hospice. He was born November 9, 1935 in Sault Ste. Marie. He was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, a veteran of the Korean War having served from 1952 until 1955, enjoyed fishing, playing guitar, sports, the casino and spending time with his grandchildren. He was a self-employed carpenter for his entire life.

Daniel is survived by his loved one, Irene Hammonds; daughters, Kim (James) Gravelle of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Cathy Neal of Fort Worth, Texas, Patti (Tom) Scott of Caton, Mich., and step-daughter Sharon Hammonds of Sault Ste. Marie; step-sons, Roy Lee (Bonnie Hart) Hammonds, Steve Hammonds, Bobby (Linda) Hammonds and Lee Lowrimore; sister, Vivian Mayer of Marquette, Mich.; brother, Francis Bennett of Wisconsin; two special granddaughters, Kaylee Miller and Jenna Gravelle of Sault Ste. Marie; 13 grandchildren whom he loved dearly; nine great grandchildren; two special nieces, Lynn (Tom) Swick of Marquette and Jill (Bennett) Ball of Florida; nephews, Rick (Janet) Bennett of Sault Ste. Marie, Louie Bennett Jr., of Howell, Mich.; many more nieces and nephews whom he loved; and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ty and Jane Bennett; brothers, Jerry and Louie Bennett; nephew, Dan Mayer; and daughter, Linda Hammonds.

Visitation was on April 8, and services were on April 9, 2009, at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Father Sebastian Kavumkal officiating. His remains will be laid to rest at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

**WILLIAM FISH**

William Fish of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died March 28, 2009, at his home. He was born Nov. 1, 1957, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Alvin and Helen Fish.

William was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. He loved playing chess with his brother, Wayne, and his good friend Tom. He also liked to ride his bike "caddy" and play cribbage

and keno. His favorite saying was "make you wear a fur coat."

He is survived by 11 sisters, Virginia (Richard) Brommerich, Sandra Hall, Helen Fish, Geraldine (David) Bourne, Tina Fish, Sherri (Jerry) Brussveen, Betty Gravelle, Deanna Ryder, Nancy Cook, Ethel LaBranche and Marjorie Kavo; three brothers, Alfred "Wayne" Fish, Richard (Kim) Fish and Rodney (Terri) Fish, many nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Deb Causley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Larry Fish.

Traditional ceremonies took place March 30 and 31, 2009, at the Niigaanaagiizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie. His remains will be laid to rest in the Mission Hill Cemetery.

**JEAN LAPOINT JOHNSON**

Jean LaPoint Johnson passed away on March 27, 2009, at her daughter's home in Pinconning, Mich. She was born to Charles and Delia LaPoint on July 18, 1929, in DeTour, Mich. Jean lived in Goetzville for 10 years with her husband before moving to Pinconning two years ago.

She leaves behind her daughters, Theresa (Steve) Deford of Pinconning and Louise Zemple, formerly from Sault Ste. Marie; sons, Daniel (Debbie) Ludy of Tahoe, Calif., James (Carol) Ludy of Idyllwild, Calif.; sister Norma (Fred) of Newberry; and sister-in-law Mary Ann LaPoint of Pinconning. Jean had 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Johnson; sisters, Mary Lou Hood and Ann Winters; and brother Charles LaPoint.

A memorial mass will be held May 16 at 11 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Church in DeTour. She will be laid to rest beside her parents at Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour.

*When our time in this world comes to reach our journey's end, an angel stands beside us, a kind, familiar friend. And as we leave the only world that we have ever known, the angel took her hand and said, "Come with me, I'll take you home. Your home."*

**JOSEPH H. SHAMPINE**

Joseph H. Shampine, 86,

caring nurses and staff at War Memorial Hospital, the Hospice program and nurses who greatly assisted us during William's final days, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Sault Tribe Elder Care program and the Unit I Elders for their support.

We would also like to thank everyone who helped with the traditional funeral services by providing guidance, prayers and assistance to William on

passed to the Lord on March 4, 2009. He was born to John and Vera Shampine on Nov. 4, 1922, in Manistique, Mich.

Joe worked for 30 years at Claremont College as foreman in the physical plant. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and a special man that will be greatly missed and remembered by all who knew him.

He leaves behind his loving daughter, Jackie (Steve) Roth; grandson, Joseph (Sandra) Bailey; two granddaughters, Kimberly (Rick) Tarin and Elaine (Jack) Owensby (and family); sister, Elva Hofer; Mary Holtz, whom he considered a second daughter; half-brother, Bob Monroe; and countless friends and loved ones. He also leaves behind his best friend and dog, Leo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Everlyn, stepdaughter, Patricia Benedict and 10 siblings.

Internment was at Forest Lawn/Covina Hills on March 11, 2009. The family thanks Hospice and Comfort Keepers for all of their help.

**RICKY J. SUGGITT, JR.**

Ricky James Suggitt, Jr., 21, of Kincheloe, Mich., passed away March 10, 2009, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on June 5, 1987.

A graduate of Rudyard High School, he was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a member of Torque Boxing. He enjoyed drawing, sketching, and painting. He also enjoyed four-wheeling and collecting old coins. He loved to play with his children and spend time with his friends. He always made time for his family and friends.

Ricky is survived by his fiancé, Casey C. Carr of Kincheloe, Mich.; a son, Terrell James Suggitt, and a daughter, Kendra Emma Suggitt, both of Kincheloe; his mother, Michele Suggitt (Benny Captain Jr.) of Dafter, Mich.; a brother, Richard Willis, and a sister, Kristina Suggitt, both of Kincheloe; special aunts, Annette Brown of Kincheloe, Denise Perrault of Dafter and Bonny Roe of Bruce Township, Mich.; his fiancé's father, Terry Carr of Sault Ste. Marie and many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

Ricky was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Karen Perrault and Otto and Dorothy Suggitt.

Funeral services were on March 12-13, 2009, at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building. His remains will be laid to rest at Kinross Lakeview

his journey home. We are grateful to everyone who tended the spirit fire, provided food, sent flowers or a sympathy card, called with kind words or thought of us on those days. Your thoughts and efforts were all greatly appreciated.

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

Yours sincerely,  
Helen Fish and Betty Gravelle - on behalf of the Fish family

Cemetery.

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

**YVONNE JOYCE (NEE  
POMEROY) BELONGA**

Yvonne Belonga, 79, of St. Ignace, Mich., went to be with the Lord peacefully with her family at her side on April 5, 2009. Yvonne was born on Dec. 18, 1929, in St. Ignace to the late Earl and Hazel Pomeroy. She married the late Leonard Belonga in 1948 in St. Ignace.

Yvonne was a 1947 graduate of LaSalle High School in St. Ignace. She also attended the one room school house in Paradise as a child. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Belonga; daughter, Amy Belonga; and son-in-law, Thomas Kronk.

Above all else, Yvonne loved and dedicated her life to her family. She and her husband were well known for their family of "girls."

She is survived by nine daughters, Jenny Kronk of Petoskey; Cindy (Michael) Bochenski of Mesa, Ariz.; Vicki (Mark) Jersin of St. Ignace; Penny (Danny) Myers of Dallas, Texas; Dawn (Mike) Phillips of Red Mesa, Ariz.; Mary Beth (Bob) Skupien of Brookeville, Md.; Roberta (Mark) Schaedel of Indian River, Mich.; Kathleen (Bill) Asburay of Albuquerque, N.M.; and Mary Louise (Wendell) Bearden of Jackson, Tenn. She is also survived by sisters, Opal Lee, Gladys Tamlyn, and Lois Lambert of St. Ignace, Judy Birge of Mt. Pleasant and brother, Ernest (Lillian) Pomeroy, of Paradise and sister-in-law,

Gladys Pomeroy, of St. Ignace. In addition, she is survived by 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She cared for her special needs daughter, Amy, for 37 years before her death in 2005. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and foster mother. Yvonne was a foster parent to over 31 girls in her home. She worked in the Indian Education Program for 17 years as a teacher's aide at Tahquamenon Area Schools and was well known in the school as the loving and caring "Mrs. B." She retired in 1993. Yvonne will always be remembered for her kindness, generosity and love she showed upon everyone.

Visitation and funeral mass was in St. Ignace at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church on April 8. Father Al Mott officiated assisted by Brother John Hascall. The committal of her ashes will take place at the Carp River cemetery during a private family service at a later date.

Dobson Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to Mackinac Straits Long Term Care, 220 Burdette Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781 or E.U.P. Special Olympics, Area 35, Attention: Laura Aikens, 305 W. 19th Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

**Thank you from the Yvonne  
Belonga family**

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, donations of food and everything else. We are so grateful to Father Al Mott, Brother John

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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

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Miigwech,

The Fish family would like to thank everyone for their assistance and sympathies on our recent loss of beloved brother and uncle, William Fish.

We wish to express our appreciation for everyone's gifts of love and kindness during our recent bereavement.

Our family deeply appreciates all those who assisted during William's sickness: the

# Sixth annual St. Ignace Fun Day celebrated

Anishnabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) celebrated the sixth annual Family Fun Day in St. Ignace on March 21, 2009.

The event is a collaboration between the host, ACFS, Sault Tribe Housing Authority funding and Sault Tribe Board of Directors members Pat Rickley and Keith Massaway, who donated bicycles.

Family Fun Day is designed to allow families to celebrate Parenting Awareness Month in a setting that allows for a variety of events while promoting family interaction.

The guests were treated to hot dogs, chips, juice, ice cream and an opportunity to win one of many prizes and one of four bicycles.

Area organizations offered activities that included fishing, bowling, fingerprinting, tattoos, cup cake walk, stringing candy

necklaces, touring fire engines and the popular fun wheel. Parenting education and awareness information was provided as well.

The event's success is attributed to the dedicated organizations' staff and volunteers. 300 hot dogs and 8 gallons of ice cream were served.

Community Organizations included:

- ACFS
- Sault Tribe Housign Authority
- St. Ignace Sportsmans Club
- Sault Tribe Law Enforcement
- St. Ignace Fire Department
- US Forest Service
- Autism Support Group
- Mackinac Animal Aid
- EUP-SID Early On and Great Start Collaborative
- MSU Extension Office
- North Country Trails
- St. Ignace Straits Area Credit Union

*Photos courtesy of ACFS*



You can't help but smile with Angela Donajkowski and her super sized sun glasses.



Above: Keith Massaway and Katie Lambert.  
Below: Sault Tribe Police Officer Ray Severance fingerprints Jocelyn Joseph.



Jocelyn Joseph with Fun Day prizes behind her.



These girls had fun putting together, and eating, candy necklaces.

# 2009 hunting, fishing and gathering season is here!

## Gathering Writes

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Here comes a new season filled with new things. It's a time for getting out and exploring new places and remembering favorites. I never get over the excitement of getting into spring — starting seeds, readying the yard for flowers, herbs and vegetables, putting out the hummingbird feeders, and getting back to our stamping grounds. We've already picked some beefsteak mushrooms and wild ramps.

One important rite of spring practiced up my way every year is smelting. If you're not talking about it, you're getting ready for it; if you're not dipping, you're cleaning; if you're not eating smelt you're frying smelt. Everyone has to get in on the act and everyone has their own indicator for a smelt run: when the water is 41°, when the moon is full, when it rains ...

Anyway, smelt have been known as a delicious morsel for a long time. Most people deep fry or pan fry them in huge quantities and eat them with tartar sauce. Some cut off the tails and fins and some relish them. Some people even filet each little smelt! Even more demanding was a recipe I saw on a sous chef site: "Carrot tempura smelt and 'beet and sour' sauce, garnished with nasturtium and garlic." Whoa.

I like everything about smelt — the flesh, the tail and the bones. With today's sauces, they can be complemented by any number of flavors, like chipotle, ranch, horseradish ... it would be fun to have a smelt fry and set up a sauce station.

Way back when, Fanny Farmer wrote of the smelt in her 1918 Boston Cooking-School Cook Book. She said, "Smelts are small salt-water fish, and are usually caught in temperate waters at the mouths of rivers. New Brunswick and Maine send large quantities of smelts to market. Selected smelts are the largest in size, and command higher price. The Massachusetts Fish and Game Protective Law forbids their sale from March 15th to June 1st. Smelts are always sold by the pound."

That was before they were introduced to the Great Lakes. Rainbow smelt are native to the nearshore Eastern seaboard and arctic regions and also Alaska. They were deliberately stocked in Michigan's inland waters to feed stocked salmon. They soon "escaped" to the Great Lakes via Lake Michigan and were in Lake Superior by 1930. They spawned in the rivers and got along great in Lake Superior — they weren't nicknamed the 'ice fish' for nothing. Dip netting for smelt was in full swing by the early '50s.

My mother and I pan fry our smelt in a very light coating of flour, salt and pepper, and I add a little cayenne pepper. Here is one of Fanny's recipes if you ever get bored with deep fried smelt.

### Baked Stuffed Smelts

Clean and wipe as dry as

possible 12 selected smelts. Stuff, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and brush over with lemon juice. Place in buttered shallow plate, cover with buttered paper, and bake 5 minutes in hot oven. Remove from oven, sprinkle with buttered

crumbs, and bake until crumbs are brown. Serve with Sauce Bearnaise.

Stuffing: Cook 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion with 1 tablespoon butter 3 minutes. Add one-fourth cup finely chopped mushrooms, one-fourth

cup soft part of oysters (par-boiled, drained, and chopped), one-half teaspoon chopped parsley, three tablespoons Thick White Sauce and one-half cup Fish Force-meat.\*

FISH FORCE-MEAT  
1/4 cup fine stale bread

crumbs, 1/4 cup milk, 1 egg, 2/3 cup raw fish and salt.

Cook bread and milk to a paste, add egg well beaten, and fish (a firm white fish) pounded and forced through a puree strainer. Season with salt.

## Conservation on road to offer 2009 harvest, fishing licenses

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement staff will be on the road issuing licenses at the following sites and times:

Tuesday, May 26, 10 a.m. to noon at the Newberry Tribal Center, 4935 Zeez-Ba Tik Lane.

Tuesday, May 26, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Center,

615 W. Munsing Avenue.

Wednesday, May 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Manistique Tribal Law Enforcement Department, 5698 W U.S. Highway 2.

Friday, May 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Ignace Tribal Law Enforcement Department, 1130 N State Street.

Licenses can also be picked up at the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department main office in Sault Ste. Marie, 2175 Shunk Road, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You must pick up your own license. Others may not pick up your license for you. You must

present a valid tribal enrollment card and show proof of hunter's safety before your license will be issued.

If you have any questions or would like to make arrangements for mailing, please do not hesitate to contact us at (906) 635-6065.

### 2009 Sault Tribe Bear Application

In order to be eligible for the 2009 Sault Tribe Bear Lottery application must be received by the Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Department by **5:00 PM May 31, 2009, late applications will not be accepted.**

Send applications to **2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.**

A check or money order for \$4, payable to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, must accompany your application unless you currently have paid for the permit package. If you are successful in the bear lottery the administration fee for the permit will be \$15 this fee is only assessed for successful applicants. If you currently have the permit package all fees for the application and permit are covered under this package. In order to be issued a permit you must have proof of hunters safety or sign a waiver stating that you have successfully completed hunter safety. If you wish to have your bear permit mailed an additional \$4 dollars is required to cover the cost of the mailing.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment File Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License Number \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Bear Management Unit Requested. Please Check **One**:

Baraga  Newberry  Gladwin

Baldwin  Red Oak  Gwinn

### 2009 Sault Tribe Elk Application

In order to be eligible for the 2009 Sault Tribe Elk Lottery application must be received by the Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife Department by **5:00 PM on June 1, 2009; late applications will not be accepted.**

Send applications to **2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.**

A check or money order for \$4, payable to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, must accompany your application unless you currently have paid for the permit package. If you are successful in the Elk lottery the administration fee for the permit will be \$15 this fee is only assessed for successful applicants. If you currently have the permit package all fees for the application and permit are covered under this package. In order to be issued a permit you must have proof of hunters safety or sign a waiver stating that you have successfully completed hunter safety. If you wish to have your Elk permit mailed an additional \$4 dollars is required to cover the cost of the mailing.

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# Mass dispensing exercise successful, accurate

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — In a simulated mass dispensing drill, the Chippewa County Health Department and the Sault Tribe Health Division worked cooperatively to practice triaging and pill dispensing to citizens affected by anthrax mailed to a local business.

Forty-three volunteers participated in the exercise, posing as clinic workers and citizens exposed to the anthrax. LSSU senior nursing students, the U.S. Coast Guard, American Red Cross and other volunteers from the community also assisted with the exercise held April 14 at the Sault Tribe Health Center.

The drill assessed the speed and accuracy of dispensing medications to a large population in a short period of time and measured the average treatment time and medication dispensing accuracy.

According to Diane Krueger, Chippewa County Health Department emergency preparedness coordinator and Joel Lumsden, Sault Tribe Health Center operations manager, the

exercise was very successful.

They were able to treat 51.5 clients per hour at an average time from entry to exit of 11 minutes. Their dispensing accuracy was 95 percent with a total of 81 clients seen, two of which were immediately transported to the hospital, as they showed signs of simulated anthrax.

An added bonus for the volunteers, the antibiotics they were prescribed to treat their "symptoms" were actually small bags of M&Ms.

As volunteers entered the clinic they were directed from the initial triage station to the general registration area. Those requiring assistance filling out forms were directed to the special needs registration area. Those claiming to be injured, ill, or having symptoms were sent to the medical evaluation/first aid station. A health education station was available to answer questions and help with completing forms and, if indicated, simulated exposed volunteers were sent to the medication dispensing station to be treated and then out the

door. As they left, their exit time was noted and an accuracy check completed on the pills dispensed.

In the event of a real emergency, numerous response agencies would collaborate to establish mass clinics that would be set up throughout the county to serve a population of about 38,000. "Chippewa County has a great collaborative working relationship with all of our local, state and tribal response agencies. Our resource sharing is essential. No one agency in this area really has the ability to do a full response exercise on their own; there are many different factors that need to be accounted for. These partnerships are key to how we can protect our community," Krueger said.

For information about emergency preparedness, call Gail Marsh, Sault Tribe Health Center emergency preparedness coordinator at (906) 632-5200 or visit the Chippewa County Health Department Web site at [www.chippewahd.com](http://www.chippewahd.com).



Jose Lefebre, health services technician, chief petty officer U.S. Coast Guard volunteered as a client who had been exposed at anthrax.

*Photos by Brenda Austin*



Rebecca Bloom, LSSU senior nursing student, filling out registration paperwork needed to assess for potential drug allergies in preparation for dispensing medications.



Left: Joel Lumsden, Sault Tribe Health Center operations manager, Terry Forrester, Sault Tribe Health Center nurse, and right center is Tony Abramson, clinic manager/administrator.



Lucas Cavalier, (right), Coast Guard health service technician 3rd class, at the pharmaceutical dispensing station going over precautions and receiving his antibiotics - a bag of M&Ms from Emily Bond, (left) an LSSU senior nursing student from Petoskey. Malcolm Sutton, (center) LSSU nursing student also volunteered as a client during the exercises.



LSSU senior nursing students served in both exposed citizen and clinic worker roles.



Brian Streichert, (right), an Army National Guard nurse currently working for the Coast Guard, helped clients at one of the many stations set up for the exercise.



# Breakfast with Easter Bunny in Manistique

SUBMITTED BY VIOLA NEADOW

Manistique Anishinabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) staff organized a breakfast with the Easter Bunny activity on Saturday morning, April 4, at the Manistique Tribal Center to promote Parenting Awareness Month through information and resources on parenting. The Manistique tribal health staff provided additional material on health and dental care, substance abuse prevention and treatment, mental health issues and nutrition programs.

Flyers were provided to local tribal elder's committees, offices, housing sites, casinos and enterprises announcing the event.

Children, parents and grandparents were invited to have a free breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, milk and orange juice with the Easter Bunny along with a free photo for everyone who wanted one taken with the Easter Bunny. Three activity tables allowed parents and children to do craft projects together. Ribbons were presented and announced to first, second and third place winners of each age group in a coloring contest.

About 210 children and adults attended the special event. Every child went home with at least one baked good from a cake walk. Tribal police were present to provide fingerprint identification for the children. They also had many bike helmets, stickers and candy to give out.

We would like to thank the following entities for their generous donations: ACFS for \$500 to buy food and other party supplies; the Housing Authority for \$600 toward buying four bikes and helmets for main door prizes, additional door prizes and crafting supplies; the Manistique casino for buying four bikes with helmets for main door prizes in addition to four trays of cupcakes; Youth Education and Activities for making four homemade Easter baskets with healthful treats, activities and toys for prizes; and Community Health for lap quilts and gift bags filled with varieties of items for adult prizes and two reading book kits for kids.

Again it was a huge success this year and the families — especially the kids — had a good time. Every child or adult in attendance went home with a gift.

We would also like to thank the volunteers and staff who gave their time to help make this year's breakfast with the Easter Bunny such a great success. Without their help, this activity would not have been such a success. We would like to thank all the individuals who donated cakes, cupcakes, brownies and other baked goods and to the elders who judged the coloring contest — you did a fantastic job. We would especially like to thank the Easter Bunny for attending and hope to see him around the same time next year.



# Collecting sap and making maple syrup a Sugar Island tradition called "Sugar Bush"



Photos by Tammy Biron

Collecting maple sap from the trees for processing.



Edye Nichols serving pie to hungry Sugar Bushers.



Helen Kerfoot gives the maple syrup a taste.



Sugar Bush volunteers gather around the boiling sap waiting patiently for it to boil down to maple syrup.

## World No Tobacco Day: Warning labels show the real picture

Would you think twice about lighting up a cigarette or taking a dip of smokeless tobacco if the package looked like the one in this picture? Most people are unaware of the extent of the harm that commercial tobacco causes, even if they have some idea that it is a health risk.

Up to half of all smokers will die early or face disability from a commercial tobacco-related disease.

Second-hand smoke hurts everyone who is exposed to it.

Up to 27 percent of regular spit tobacco users risk tooth decay and tooth loss and the risk of oral cancer increases three-fold for smokeless tobacco users.

Tobacco companies use packaging and other advertising techniques to make their products appealing, spending tens of millions of dollars every year turning new users into addicts and keeping current users from quitting. Through advertising and promotional campaigns, including the use of carefully crafted package designs, the tobacco industry continues to divert attention from the deadly



effects of its products.

Nicotine is a highly addictive substance. Warning people about its true risks can go a long way toward reducing tobacco addiction. Requiring warnings on tobacco packages is a simple, cheap and effective strategy that can reduce commercial tobacco use and save lives. Now is the time to act.

On World No Tobacco Day

2009 on May 31 and throughout the following year, the World Health Organization will encourage governments to adopt commercial tobacco health warnings that will be effective, meaning that they cover more than half of the pack, appear on both the front and back of the pack and contain pictures. Effective health warnings, especially those that include pictures, have been proven to motivate

users to quit and to reduce the appeal of tobacco for those who are not yet addicted.

For more resources and information on commercial tobacco addiction or for help quitting, please call Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210 or call your local tribal health center.

## Research shows smoking is a cause for all cancers

What cancer does smoking cause? Lung cancer is one clear answer. And some folks add others, such as cancers of the throat and the esophagus.

But a researcher thinks this may underestimate the impact of smoking. Bruce Leistikow of the University of California at Davis bases that on a review of data on men living in Massachusetts from 1979 to 2003. He used lung cancer as a benchmark:

According to Leistikow, "Lung cancer rates and the death rate from all other cancer moved together like

Siamese twins would move together – indicating that those changes had the same source."

He suspects smoking caused almost three quarters of all male cancer deaths in Massachusetts. That's about twice what researchers thought.

The study in the journal BMC Cancer was supported by the National Institutes of Health.

Source: From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, HHS HealthBeat.

## Learn more about the rising cost of food

The cost of food has increased considerably and Americans are being forced to stretch their food dollar further and further. For many, this is a challenge. For vulnerable people living on the margins, higher food costs could spell disaster.

What has gone wrong with our food system and what

should we do about it? Come and learn more with Emily Proctor, MSU tribal extension educator, on Wednesday, May 27, at the Sault Tribal Health Center auditorium in Sault Ste. Marie, 2:30-4:30 p.m. To register or for more information, please call Connie Hill, Sault Tribe Community Health 632-5210.

# Start thinking about gardening with May workshops

BY LARRY DYER

The recent warm spring days have a lot of us thinking about gardening. We still have a while before we can actually plant, but it is high time to start thinking and preparing for gardening.

Two gardening workshops are scheduled for Saturday, May 2, at Bay Mills Community College in Mikanuk Hall, Room 110-111. From 10 a.m. until noon, Jim Lucas, Chippewa County MSU Extension, will talk about backyard composting. Composting is a way to save your kitchen scraps from going to the landfill and use them to feed your garden. From 12 to 2 p.m., Tammy Biron, an experienced local gardener and seed saver will tell us about saving seeds. For years, Biron has been saving and replanting seeds from heritage American Indian varieties and other heirloom varieties that grow well in this area. Many people believe saving seeds is the best way to get varieties that are truly adapted to this region and may be the foundation of long-term food security.

When should I plant? On this question you should give as much credence to experienced local gardeners as to the MSU Extension educator, but I can offer a few thoughts. We have a short growing season, so you would like to get your garden planted as soon as you are safely past the risk of frost. Thirty years of weather data for Sault Ste. Marie tell us there is a 10 percent chance of frost, a low of 32F, after June 15. Another way to look at this is you can be 90 percent confident there won't be a frost after June 15. For Rudyard that date is June 24, so you can expect a lot of local variation. In conversations with gardeners I've heard dates ranging from May 31 to June 15.

Here's the tradeoff. The days are long in June and if we get warm days they can be good for growing. If you wait until the risk of frost is very safe you may have missed some good



growing days. On the other hand, June can bring some hard frosts, so if you plant early you take the risk of losing your plants. So there's not a simple answer to the question, "When should I plant?" You have to look at the calendar, look at the weather forecasts, decide how much risk you are ready to take and be ready to protect your plants if it turns cold.

How can you protect your plants? You have a few options. Some old sheets or plastic laid over the plants early in the evening will usually save plants from freezing. The idea is to cover the plants while there's still warmth in the soil surface to keep that warmth around the plants. It's very important to uncover the plants the next day. If the next day is sunny, you could go to the other extreme and cook your plants. Another alternative is floating row cover that can be purchased through a garden supply catalog. Floating row cover can be left over the plants because it breathes and it allows sunlight to penetrate. In addition to frost protection, it can have the benefit of keeping

the plants in a warmer microclimate day and night and can boost growth during the cool days of early summer. Another way to provide that warmer microclimate for individual plants is to cover them with gallon milk jugs with the bottom cut out. It creates a mini greenhouse for an individual plant. There are a variety of commercial products that do similar things.

Of course some plants are more frost-hardy than others. Cole crops like broccoli, kale, Kohlrabi, cabbage, bok choy and Asian greens can usually survive a light frost. Other common frost-hardy crops include spinach, peas and potatoes. These can be planted several weeks sooner than more frost-sensitive crops like tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and melons.

If you are planting from seed, the plants won't suffer from frost until the plants are up, but most garden plant seeds won't germinate until the soil temperature reaches 50°F. Tilling will help warm the soil by exposing darker soil and more surface area to sunlight.

The mulch from last year's garden, while protecting the soil from erosion, will also make it slow to warm in the spring. So you don't want to remove that mulch too soon, but a week or two before planting is a good time to open the beds up and begin preparing the soil.

Now is also a good time to think about where you are going to get your plants and seeds. If you are planning to start seeds indoors to transplant to your garden in June, most crops need to be started four to eight weeks before transplanting. Most seed catalogues will give information about the varieties they stock.

Whether you are buying seeds or buying plants, it's a good idea to buy from a known, reliable source so you are sure to get healthy, high-quality plant material. It is risky to buy from a chain store that doesn't specialize in gardening and a nation-wide chain store may or may not have varieties that do well in our rather extreme climate. A local nursery will be sure to have varieties that work well locally. Catalogues for seeds and plants will usually indicate varieties for different

hardiness zones. The eastern U.P. is divided between zones 4 and 5, with 4 being colder. You can find the USDA hardiness zone map at the U.S. National Arboretum Web site, [www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone](http://www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone).

Garden planning is fun to think over when you're getting anxious for spring but you still have some time before you can plant. Here are a few general principles. Put tall crops like sweet corn, trellised tomatoes or pole beans where they won't shade the smaller plants. Consider a relay of early spring crops with later summer crops in the same beds. Think beyond this season. For long-term garden health, it's important to rotate your crops. When it comes time to put plants in the ground, spacing is very important. It's easy in the spring when plants are small to put them too close together. Try to visualize August with large, robust plants as you're putting out those tiny transplants.

It won't be long now before we can start turning those visions of gardens into real seeds and plants in the ground. If the reality doesn't quite

## Let's Get Moving, Kewadin! begins soon

The Let's Get Moving, Kewadin! physical activity and healthy eating challenge sponsored by Sault Tribe Community Health and Kewadin Casinos begins on May 1. This program challenges participants to get moving and log physical activity and healthy eating choices they make each day.

Any tribal employee can join in.

According to Donna Norkoli, coordinator of the Sault Tribe Strategic Alliance for Health Program, the best way to increase your physical activity is to make it part of your daily routine, just like brushing your

teeth.

"Setting goals and keeping track of your physical activity daily is a great way to ensure that you add 30 minutes of activity to your life every day," said Norkoli.

Coupon drop boxes are located at each casino and at the Sault Tribe Health Center. Mileage coupons will be tallied weekly. Prize winners will be drawn from the coupons turned in and the prizes include books, t-shirts, water bottles and other goodies.

For more information about this program and to form a team at your worksite, call Donna Norkoli at (906) 635-8844.

## Fatty fish, walnuts lower cholesterol and triglycerides

Eating fish rich in omega-3 fatty acids and walnuts lowers triglycerides, according to a study published in the April 1 issue of the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. Walnuts possess high levels of plant-

based omega-3 fatty acids.

Researchers compared the effects of walnuts and fatty fish on cholesterol levels. They concluded, "Including walnuts and fatty fish in a healthy diet lowered serum

cholesterol and triglyceride concentrations, respectively, which affects coronary heart disease risk favorably."

Researchers encouraged eating both plant and marine based omega-3s because each

had a different beneficial effect on the diet. In the study, the researchers wanted to find out whether walnuts (plant omega-3 fatty acid) and fatty fish (marine n-3 fatty acid) similarly affect heart health.

The study group consisted of 25 people split into three groups with similar diets. One-third added fish to their diet, one-third added walnuts and one-third — the control group — added nothing. Those who followed the walnut diet had lower total cholesterol and lower LDL cholesterol than the control group and the fish group. The fish diet resulted in decreased serum triglyceride and increased HDL-cholesterol ("good" cholesterol) concentrations when compared to the other two groups.

Further, in a study just reported in *ScienceDaily* on April 22, eating walnuts may provide "essential omega-3

fatty acids, antioxidants and phytosterols that reduce the risk of breast cancer, according to a study presented at the American Association for Cancer Research 100th Annual Meeting 2009."

Elaine Hardman, Ph.D., associate professor of medicine at Marshall University School of Medicine, told *Science Daily*, "Walnuts are better than cookies, french fries or potato chips when you need a snack. We know that a healthy diet overall prevents all manner of chronic diseases."

Omega-3 fatty acid found in fish, and other marine sources of omega-3s, have long been extolled for its health benefits, from reducing stroke and heart disease to benefitting diabetes and arthritis. Now, plant-based omega-3 fatty acid is shown to have significant benefits as well.

## Canning and preserving food

CONNIE HILL, HEALTH EDUCATOR

You look forward to a garden overflowing with shiny red tomatoes, beans and carrots. But they cannot be found fresh in your local area year round. It is so easy to preserve these foods for months, so why not save some of the extra to enjoy them all year long?

Canning, freezing and drying are the three main methods of preserving food. The method you choose to use will depend on whether safety guidelines for that method are available for the

particular food you have and which method best suits you. For instance, if you have a food you want to can and you cannot find the directions in a book or from a "canning expert," there may not be a home canning recommendation for that particular food. Freezing is a safe method to preserve almost any food. Canning, freezing and drying, if done correctly, can help you store good quality food for later use.

The MSU-Extension Office of Chippewa County is offering a master canner course in Sault

Ste. Marie. This course will cover canning basics, process, safety, pressure canning and water bath, as well as freezing and drying food. The course is a free two-day workshop coming to Sault Ste. Marie on Monday, May 18 and Tuesday, May 19.

To learn more about this course, attend the orientation presentation at the Sault Tribal Health Center Auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, on Tuesday, May 5 at 5 p.m. To register call Connie Hill, Sault Tribe Community Health at 632-5210.

# Joe McCoy reports to the membership



**DARWIN "JOE" MCCOY**  
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii, as always, I hope this report finds you well and provides useful, accurate information about what is going on in our Tribe. This month's report will be shorter than previous months. My time has been focused largely on our Greektown Casino bankruptcy concerns and trying to work those out to a satisfactory conclusion.

## Chairman / Vice Chairwoman Office Hours

By the time this report comes out, Vice Chairwoman Lana Causley and I will have held office hours in Manistique April 30. Since we began holding office hours in February, we have had many enjoyable, informative meetings one-on-one with our members. I truly enjoy meeting all of you and hearing your thoughts, ideas and concerns.

Our May office hours are set for Thursday, May 21 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. I am honored to have been invited to attend our Unit IV Escanaba Elders meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the same day. Appointments for office hours are not necessary but will be given priority. The location has yet to be determined; you can call my office in early May for the location and to schedule an appointment.

## Board of Directors Workshop schedule

April was another busy month. Please feel free to contact the board of directors office at (906) 635-6050 to inquire as to what actions were taken in the month of March. We held two regular meetings, one special meeting and six workshops, including the Wednesday workshops.

The purpose of the Wednesday Workshops is to provide quarterly updates and reviews of each area within the tribe to the board of directors and any membership who choose to attend. All workshops begin at 9 a.m. and will go through completion of that day's agenda.

Following are the upcoming tentative agenda items:

May 6: Communications, Sault Tribe Construction, Education, Budgeting, Accounting / Payroll / Facilities, Law Enforcement / Conservation

May 20: Tribal Court, Enrollment

For the Wednesday Workshops, if you see an agenda item of interest to you,

please contact the board office to verify that the schedule has not changed. We have not had to make many adjustments, but things do happen and sometimes we have to revise the agenda.

## Government-to-Government Relations

As part of our efforts to strengthen and establish government-to-government relations with other units of government — federal, state and local — Director Cathy Abramson and I attended a meeting with the White House - Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) on April 14 along with several other tribes in Michigan. We addressed three issues with the Deputy Director of IGA, Jodi Gillette, including: 1.) Indian Health Care Improvement Act, and the discrepancies in level of need funding for the Bemidji Area; 2.) Sovereign right of tribes to govern their own lands and businesses in relation to the union issue; and 3.) Appointing tribal members from Michigan to key positions within President Obama's administration. A report of this meeting will be forthcoming for our membership to view.



Photo courtesy Little River Band

**TRIBES MEET WITH WHITE HOUSE — A delegation of leaders from Michigan tribes recently visited the White House's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, among them Sault Tribe Chairman Joe McCoy and Council member Cathy Abramson, Little Traverse Bands Chairman Frank Ettawageshik and Little River Band Chairman Larry Romanelli.**

The Anishnabeg Joint Commission (AJC) met in Garden River on Earth Day, April 22. Vice Chairwoman Lana Causley, Director Cathy Abramson and I attended with Batchewana Chief Dean Sayers, Garden River Chief Lyle Sayers, spiritual leaders, council members and others. Sault Tribe will be hosting the next meeting of the AJC on June 22, 2009.

We discussed cross border issues, such as Batchewana and Garden River developing a card that meets Homeland Security requirements. A prototype of this card was circulated among the attendees. The AJC voted to support a border crossing tentatively set for July 8 at 3 p.m., during the Chiefs of Ontario annual gathering July 6-8 being hosted by Batchewana. This crossing will take place by car over the International Bridge. Batchewana Chief Dean Sayers asked for the tribe's support and will be sending us the information to address with the board of directors.

We were honored by the

attendance of Eddie Benton Benai, spiritual leaders, author, and first professor of Shingwalk University. At Eddie's behest, we discussed the spiritual component of border crossing. We decided that a contingent of our tribes' representatives would talk to Port Director Patrick Wilson about bundles and sensitivity training for the officers and to put him on notice of the crossing.

We discussed an opportunity for intertribal trade to further the mutual economic development of our tribes, especially in the area of alternative energy and logging.

Director Abramson informed the group that when she and I went to Washington, DC, we submitted a white paper regarding the St. Marys River. We requested that the Sault Tribe meet with the State Department concerning the river.

The AJC tribes will have a feast on the anniversary of the Anishnabeg Summit held last year, and at that time, we hope to hold another meeting of the Great Lakes tribes' Water Accord. This is tentatively scheduled for August 12-13.

My office will keep the

membership informed about opportunities to participate in these exciting events.

## Health Division Update

I previously reported on the health consultants who conducted a week-long review of our health division to make recommendations to the board of directors as far as how we can recruit and retain our professionals such as doctors, nurses, physician assistants, etc. The board has received the final report from this company and we are actively working through their recommendations to determine the best path to take to increase member usage, while retaining the needed medical professionals to provide the services to our members. We will be providing further information and details as decisions are made and priorities are discussed with the board of directors and our health staff.

## Budget / Financial Information

As reported last month, we will be providing information regarding the financial status of



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

**The Anishnabeg Joint Commission recently met to discuss a number of issues, including the St. Marys River and intertribal relations. Chief Dean Sayer, Chief Lyle Sayer, Chairman Joe McCoy, Council member Cathy Abramson, Eddie Benton Benai, and Blaine Belleau were among those attending.**

our northern casinos. It is difficult to show casino financial information in the same format as we can governmental. With increased competition and the state of the economy, we will be looking at our projections as far as revenues and expenses on a quarterly basis throughout 2009 to make any necessary adjustments based on actual numbers received. Our estimated operating profit is \$29,278,680. Out of this projected number, we estimate we will be able to bring \$17,000,004 to the governmental side for membership services and operations. The remaining balance goes towards tribal taxes, local taxes, other taxes and items such as donations, sale of assets, etc. The amount received for membership services and operations is where we as leadership have the ability to re-allocate into different areas to better meet the needs of our membership.

The board of directors and I are working on priorities for our tribe and our resources. Many of us have been saying that we need to plan for our future. Part of this planning is being aware of how much in tribal dollars we have to allocate to our priorities. To plan well, we also have to identify our top priorities and identify better where we put our resources so our membership benefit above all. We have started this process by inviting each board member to provide us with their thoughts on what they see as the priorities for our tribe. From that, our hope is to be able to review and discuss each idea in depth and make a formal decision as to what our top priorities are. At the same time, we are identifying all of our resources to be sure we are allocating them to the areas identified as priorities. The largest amount of tribally-generated funding comes from our casino operations, so continually reviewing financial information is critical to ensuring we can sustain the level of services, employment and benefits we provide, or make adjustments as needed.

When reporting the governmental / membership services budget information last month, I inadvertently left

out our Housing Division. Housing receives approximately \$11,841,822 in federal funding (Indian Housing Block Grant, Rural Housing & Economic Development, Indian Community Development Block grants, Economic Stimulus grants and USDA grants), \$471,749 from rent / homebuyer payments and an additional \$58,100 in other revenue, totaling \$12,524,707 budget for 2009. "Other" includes utility reimbursements, interest revenue and all other revenue.

## Drug Court

I had the privilege of attending a Drug Court graduation in addition to the normal Drug Court proceedings held in our Tribal Court this past month. Drug Court is an alternative sentencing mechanism that allows participants to obtain a full range of services to assist them in leading drug and alcohol free lives, including substance abuse treatment, judicial oversight, random drug screenings, assistance in obtaining housing, education, mental health, family counseling, traditional teachings and other services identified during the assessment phase.

Before the actual graduation, the judge held Drug Court and talked with all the clients currently in this program. It was a great thing to witness. This court is a wholistic approach in that all these different areas are involved in each case. And when clients graduate, it doesn't end there. These people volunteer their time on the court and it was clear to me that they and our staff are committed to help our people and their loved ones with one of our most prevalent problems on our reservations — substance abuse. Miigwech to our Tribal Court staff for inviting me to witness one of the many positive things we do for our communities.

If you have any questions on these items or any area of our tribe, please feel free to contact me at jmccoy@saulttribe.net, or my office at (906) 635-6050, or toll free (800) 793-0660.

Miigwech,  
**Chairman Darwin "Joe" McCoy**

The Enrollment Department is seeking valid addresses. Below is a list of tribal members with a bad address. If any of the people listed are your family members please have them contact the Enrollment office.

They can call or write the office at (800) 251-6597, Sault Tribe En-

rollment, PO Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Or, they can email the staff: Linda Smith: lsmith@saulttribe.net, Julie Yacuone: jyacuone@saulttribe.net, or Melissa Morehouse: mmorehouse@saulttribe.net. Miigwech.

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# Vice Chairwoman Causley reports to Unit II



**LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT II**

Aanii,

The last few months have been very busy for team members and the board of directors. We have been aggressively planning and monitoring the stimulus funding; as we have reported, each division has submitted requests and project funding. Our Housing Department was recently approved for \$1.7 million in funding and you will see upgrades to our homes as well as construction of two new homes.

The chairman and board have set a priority to request

that our Human Resources Department come forward with committee changes/requests. This will happen on a weekly basis to review the changes. Our team members have struggles and continue to work very hard for our tribe, we also have raised our pay to match the federal minimum wage rate, it's not a large amount but in our economy everything assists our families.

In March, Chairman McCoy and I held office hours in Naubinway. Miigwech to all who attended and miigwech for the ideas that have been suggested for that community, we both look forward to coming back and keeping the open dialogue with you. Our next scheduled hours will be held in Manistique April 30 and Escanaba in May. Please contact Lona Stewart for an appointment.

As stated in my last report, the board continues to monitor and assess our approved 2009 budgets and continues to assess departments for further budget reductions, whether that means reducing spending or acquiring funding from other sources. Our planning

and development department has set up a system to flow grants directly through departments and monitor what would be a priority to the tribe.

The board's Wednesday workshops for division updates have been very informative for both the board and the membership. We waited a very long time to open up this line of communication so please make every effort to attend so that you may see where each department is at, services available, service levels and what the plan is for the coming months.

On April 22, Chairman McCoy, Director Abramson and I attended a meeting in Garden River with First Nation leaders from across the river, Chiefs Dean Sayers and Lyle Sayers, spiritual leader Eddie Benton Benai and others. Topics we discussed and plan to work on were homeland security, boarder identification/crossing, living treaty commitments and endeavors for trade between our tribes. It's very exciting to meet with other tribes and Indian people — we all face the same struggles. To get everyone at the table to

make plans to assist our communities and Indian people is what we all work toward.

Our tribe has faced many struggles but the continued efforts from our staff and members has been encouraging. We are becoming more responsible in the ways of spending: we are prioritizing the needs of the members based on our reports of services used. We are seeking other revenue endeavors, which is a must for the future of our tribe and the board has the opportunity to meet monthly with the chairman as he reports on the business and governmental projects that are ongoing, again something we have long awaited.

Board members have an opportunity to bring their concerns and suggestions forward in a forum that can be discussed. We as leaders have always needed this mechanism and now we need to utilize it. I believe that the chairman and the board are working very well together — we do not always agree but respect and open dialog is back and it's a very different and positive atmosphere; it gives us

the needed avenue to express our concerns for our individual communities.

I will be in attendance at all our Elder meetings in Unit II this coming month and office hours can be held on those days for your convenience, please call me if you would like to set up a time to meet.

We need to start getting ready for the powwow season so this time of year will be extremely busy, if you would like to get on our Hessel or Newberry powwow committees, everyone is welcome and the involvement from the community is always encouraged.

In Hessel you can contact Lisa Burnside at (906) 484-2727. Newberry, Lois Bryant at (906) 293-8181.

In closing, please make any effort you can to attend our board meetings as well as the open membership updates on Wednesdays, there are many positive changes/plans that the tribe is working towards and for you to be part of that is welcomed.

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Lana Causley.

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# Tough decisions being made in tough times



**DENNIS MCKELVIE, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT I**

A lot of members wonder why we do some things and don't do other things. Some of the items we have are major problems that are no-win situations. A no-win on the political side is the 7+2. We spent well over \$.75 million dollars on the one suit and haven't been to court yet. The question is:

do we continue to spend or try to get out of it? Our chances of winning could be very minimal. The board would have to eliminate the lawsuit. Right or wrong is not the point. In the eyes of some of the membership, whatever the board decides will be wrong. I believe the membership should make the decision whether to continue on or not. It is the membership's money — members should decide to spend more money or take the loss.

Greektown Casino is another no-win situation for the tribe. If we say what we really want to say and tell the membership all of the ins and outs, we could totally lose any hope of saving our casino or any part of ownership. We have to keep the hope alive that Greektown will come through the bankruptcy with the tribe as the owner.

A lot of the decisions we make are very hard. Sometimes board members won't make the necessary decision because it's politically detrimental to staying in office. This is not what is best for our tribe, as it needs to be what is best for the tribe, not for the individual.

In the near future we will be getting a cash flow report to show how we are going to make it through the rest of the year. Our services depend on our revenues. Another downturn in the economy and we will not make our budget projections. The grants we get do not cover all that we spend on services. This is why we need a reserve in case of a downturn or a major problem. It is going to be an ongoing process. We need a stronger plan for next year. We will be debating what the best direction for the tribe is. Debate is healthy and need-

ed to get the best for our tribe.

I understand that a lot of our employees are worried about their jobs and benefits. We will work hard to protect our workers and jobs that we do have. They work hard and keep our tribe going, no matter what the board of directors does. To all of you, thank you for your hard work and dedication!

I know a lot of people are receiving phone calls and emails about past budgets being met and balanced. Numbers at any time can say what you want them to say. We truly have never "balanced" a budget. All we do is reconcile at the end of the year to make it balance, we add here and take from there. Spending our reserves and selling everything to balance the budget is only a band-aid on the problem. As we found out this year, it is putting the problem off until

tomorrow.

As business goes up and down it determines how much money we have to spend. We are never out of the woods until the end of the year; such will be the same this year. So when you get these phone calls, please remember that we do not have a fixed budget because we don't know how much we will make and keep at the beginning of the year when we do our budgets. As revenues go up we can spend more on our services and vice versa when revenues are down.

I know that this report sounds negative but it is the truth, as I see it. On a positive note, we are in much better shape than we were in January.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (906) 440-3932 or (906) 632-7267.

Thank you.

# There is no quick fix to financial problems



**PATRICK RICKLEY, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT III**

Aanii, All,  
Well, May is upon us

already, how time flies. It's been 10 months since I've been elected to the board. A lot has changed and some feel as though nothing has changed. Well, it may not seem so on the surface, but the inner workings have changed. There is no quick fix; things take time. As of today, 10 countries around the globe are in serious financial despair, some are seriously giving thought to bankruptcy. As I stated before, we must exercise patience and persistence — those who want to run to the light at the end the tunnel better make sure there's not a train coming from the other direction! The

board has been getting quarterly reports from the various programs that the tribe has and it has been very informative. Good job, everyone!

The one thing I would like to see is a list or directory and phone numbers of all departments in our tribal paper. I receive a lot of questions as to who to contact for various membership issues, and while I don't mind tracking down the information, it would save a lot of time for everyone, and let us operate more efficiently.

I have been asked about the firewood permits. Eric Clark, our tribal biologist, recently gave us an update on issu-

ance of the permits. He and an intern from Lake Superior State University have been setting up a new database that will allow for a faster and more efficient process to collect data on hunting, fishing, gathering and trapping. This will simplify the permit and license issuing process and reduce cost in the future. The Culture Department recently added two new language instructors, Amy McCoy for children's education and Orien Corbiere for adult education. Welcome aboard. I would still like to give thanks and remembrance to all of our veterans, who are serving or have

served. The sacrifices made or are being made allows us these freedoms that we sometimes take for granted. It is with you in mind that we should try to move forward in a positive way; negativity should have no place amongst us. Thank you.

I would also like to congratulate Travis Peterson, a tribal member from Unit III for graduating and joining the U.S. Border Patrol — good job and way to go, Travis.

Well, until next time,  
Baa Maa Pii,  
Pat Rickley  
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# Tribe's financial crises parallels U.S. crises



**BERNARD BOUSCHOR, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Dear Tribal Members,  
We as a community have many things to be thankful for such as the federal government dealing with an economic downturn. In my opinion, our country is on the road to recovery, so maintain your faith in our federal government and the economy of our great nation.

On a much smaller scale, our tribe's businesses and government have been dealing with the financial crisis that was created by the prior chairman of our tribe. He took a financially healthy tribe with

an estimated \$70 million in cash reserves and spent the reserves and more.

During the 2008 election, he made promises of expanding services to members with millions of dollars from Greektown Casino. Chairman Payment knew in the fall of 2007 that, in the best interest of Greektown Casino and Sault Tribe, ownership interest the casino should file for bankruptcy protection immediately. I was told Payment delayed the filing so it would not negatively impact his 2008 chair-

man campaign. The delay put Greektown and tribal interests at risk. As a direct result of the delay, the Sault Tribe sent an additional \$50 million to Greektown Casino. Greektown Casino finally filed for bankruptcy in May 2008. This was after the Sault Tribe used the Elders Fund and \$35 million from loan proceeds and sent the money to Greektown. This, in my opinion, should never have happened. Whatever happens in the Greektown Casino bankruptcy, our tribe is responsible for paying the loan. He

put his own interest of being reelected over what was best for the Sault Tribe.

When Chairman McCoy was elected, we were in a financial crisis that needed action. I can say to you, the membership, that we have been successful. So keep the faith, we are working for the best interest of the tribe. The leadership has been working together to deal with the deficit.

Bernard Bouschor  
Tribal Council  
Unit I

# Lincoln School grant needs to stay at school



**SHIRLEY PETOSKY, DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

— do we increase one area and decrease another? Or do we leave the unit lines as they are? I say leave them alone.

Last week I found out that monies that were granted by the government for the Lincoln School project were not all spent at Lincoln School in Munising. There are monies left.

Even though we have a third floor that has a beautiful walking track laid out with walls, floors and bathrooms finished, we can't use it.

Whenever anyone is on the third floor the medical staff on the second floor find the noise very annoying.

When I said the money left would go a long way to cure the problem with more insulation, I was told that it didn't make sense to use the money at Lincoln seeing as we will never be able to use the third floor anyway.

Some of the reasons are that

the elevator is not big enough for a stretcher if one is needed, there are no security cameras and volunteers to staff the floor need to know C.P.R.

Why on earth wasn't the money obtained for the building used on this building?

Why was a small elevator installed? Didn't anyone know it wouldn't pass muster?

I really feel that the monies were used on other projects from the beginning and that's why we were told the third floor won't bear weight and various other reasons for not opening up the third floor.

Now the floor is locked down all the time!

Last September, the elders wanted to use the refrigerator up on the third floor to hold the chili made and frozen for the powwow, just as they had the year before. Nope, couldn't do that. The refrigerator was brought down to the first floor — there were no complaints

about the refrigerator coming down — but all that to keep anyone in the group from going up to the third floor!

I did ask if it was legal to spend grant money meant for one project on another project. I was told "yes," it was okay as long as the projects were both funded through the same agency.

Gee, might be legal but doesn't seem ethical.

From the beginning, how much money was given to another area and what was given up in Munising?

I know I have the ear of our chairman. Now we have to see how much can be done before it's too late for Lincoln.

If we don't start somewhere it never will be finished and usable — not unlike a lot of other buildings in the tribe.

The buildings get constructed but either not finished (like some of the two-story homes on

our tribal lands), or not kept up to par and allowed to fall into such disrepair that they have to be sold way below what we still owe on the building.

We have to stop this. I am not asking for any new money, only the money that was taken away from Munising. I am sure that the money that is left at this time is NOT ALL that was left.

I put in several calls and emails this last week. I left messages on cell phones that weren't returned — I feel this person would have some answers — but I guess it will have to be covered at board level.

Please enjoy your spring. It's so short!

Capture a blessing today.  
Remember, fight nice!  
Love,  
Shirley Petosky  
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# Jacob Ellis appointed to U.S. Naval Academy

WASHINGTON—U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) has announced the appointment of Sault Ste. Marie resident Jacob Ellis to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Ellis is scheduled to report to Annapolis on July 1, 2009, for Induction Day.

"It was my pleasure to nominate Jacob because he has distinguished himself in the classroom and has also proven to be a leader in his endless commitments in school, sports, church and service activities," Stupak said. "I know he will be an excellent representative of northern Michigan in his academy career and in military life."

Ellis is the son of Daniel and Angela Ellis. He holds a cumulative grade point aver-

age of 3.78 and is ranked in the top 10 percent of his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is enrolled in a number of advanced math courses.

Jacob is a varsity athlete in football, wrestling and track at Sault Area High School.

"I have the privilege of a free education, the right to do and say as I wish and I'm free to worship God as I see fit," Ellis wrote in his essay. "I want to give back to the country that has given me everything."

Beyond his academic and extracurricular activities, Jacob is active in his community.

He is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, an altar server at St. Mary's Catholic Church and has

held a number of summer jobs since 2000.

"Especially at a time when we so clearly see the contribution made by the leadership, bravery and skill of our men and women from the U.S. service academies, I am delighted that Jacob will have the chance to put his talents to the test," Stupak said. "I know this young man will make his family, his school, his community and all of us in northern Michigan proud."

Jacob's parents would like to mention the following individuals: Father Ted Brouder, previously of St. Mary's Catholic Church; Congressman Bart Stupak; Carl Stolt, Sault Ste. Marie Kuk Sool Won; Anita Newel, Sault High Student



Advisor; Coach Eric Thomas, Wrestling Coach; Scott Menard, Sault High English Teacher/Football Coach; Bill Menard, Football Coach, Ms. Debra Garner, Sault High Math Teacher; Carl McCready, Assistant Principal; Jim Martin, CC/Track Coach; Mr. Wicks, Sault High Physics Teacher; Judge Lowell Ulrich, Blue Gold

Officer and — MOST OF ALL! — Lori Hall, second mom.

We would like to publicly thank all of you for your fantastic unwavering support during the demanding application process. Jacob hopes to become a Navy pilot after earning his Bachelor of Science in aeronautical engineering at the USNA. Whether you wrote letters of recommendation, sent information to the US Naval Academy, or provided a positive role model to Jacob, our deepest appreciation is expressed. We believe that without the grace of God and all your individual support, Jacob's efforts would not have been so successful. "Thank you." It is only words but they come from our hearts. —Daniel and Anglea Ellis.

# Bracing new trees will help them thrive

The bigger the tree at planting time, the sooner it offers shade and other benefits. And, the more likely it is to need bracing until it gets established. Many deciduous trees over an inch in trunk diameter and upright evergreens four to five feet or more tall should be braced during the first year after planting; generally, the bigger the tree, the greater its need for support.

The root ball is generally undersized in relation to the top. Strong winds blowing against the top may cause the root ball to roll or pivot in the ground. This loosens the soil around the root ball and that can make it even more prone to move. The results will be damaged roots, slow establishment and, if the tree survives, a plant that grows leaning away from the prevailing wind.

Tree size determines how much bracing it needs. Trees up to two inches in trunk diameter can be supported by one sturdy stake. Larger trees need two or three for adequate support.

Place a single stake about 12 inches away from the tree on the side toward the prevailing wind so the wind pushes the tree away from the stake rather than

toward it. Be careful to avoid damaging the roots when you install the stake. Use soft rope; commercial tree ties made of rubber, vinyl or nylon; or wire or cable enclosed in a length of vinyl garden hose to fasten the tree to the stake. The tie should form a figure eight, with one loop around the tree and the other around the stake and the cross between them.

Avoid using wire or cable around trunks or stems without hose or some other materials to cushion it. Such materials can cut through the bark or girdle and kill the tree. Damaged bark may also heal and grow over the wire, making it impossible to remove it without seriously damaging the tree.

If you use two stakes — for trees two to four inches in diameter — place them on opposite sides of the tree. Three stakes — for trees more than four inches in trunk diameter — should be placed at equal intervals around the tree about 18 inches from the trunk. Install the figure-eight ties between tree and stakes and then brace the stakes with cleats attached four to six inches below the tops of the stakes. They will form a triangular structure surrounding

the trunk and stabilize the stakes.

Because the aim of supporting the tree is to prevent movement of the lower trunk and root system, supports should be low on the trunk. They should be snug enough to

provide good support without being so tight that they make an impression on the trunk.

It's a good idea to check the tree once a month during the growing season and after storms or periods of high wind to make sure guy wires are adequately

cushioned and the bracing is doing its job.

Remove stakes and ties after trees are well established. This usually takes no more than one or two growing seasons, even on exposed or windy sites.

## From "Student art," page 9

Native students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12. A total of 604 students from 30 states submitted works in a variety of media.

The Office of Indian Education introduced a national Native American Student Art Competition in 2005 to inspire students to consider the connection between their education and culture. Every year, the competition has a specific theme to which student participants tailor their entries. The themes must be inspirational, challenging and a bridge to each student's educational future.

Previous themes are *Our Goal, Our Path, Our People*; *The Power to Dream, The Power to Achieve*; and *Education: A Dream Without Boundaries*.

The competition has par-

ticipation from students across various American Indian and Alaska Native urban and rural communities, celebrating the values and documenting the successes of education in Indian Country. The competition has grown from generating a few hundred entries during the first year to over 1,400 outstanding entries from across 34 states and over 175 tribes and clans. Administrators, teachers and parents have been instrumental in assisting their American Indian students to create wonderfully crafted images and narratives.

The winning entries have been exhibited at prestigious galleries, including the U.S. Department of Education, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, the Chicago Children's Museum, and the Oklahoma

History Center. The traveling exhibit demonstrates students' artistic talents and is a testament to American Indian students' visions of their education and culture.

Each year, staff of the National Museum of the American Indian and representatives of the Office of Indian Education juries the competition. Entries are judged in six different grade-based categories, and prizes are awarded to first, second and third place winners in each of these categories. Certificates of participation are awarded to all students who submit an entry. The winners of each grade category receive an engraved plaque and age-appropriate art supplies and materials. The winners in the category for grades 11-12 receive scholarship prizes, with \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place.

### From "Walking On," Pg 13

Hascall and the nurses and CNAs at MSH-LTC for taking such good care of mother and showering us with love, support and encouragement. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. We are forever grateful.

The Yvonne Belonga family

### FRANKLIN A. "BUCK" MASSEY

Franklin A. "Buck" Massey, 76, of Engadine, died at his residence surrounded by his family on Saturday, April 18, 2009.

Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on March 23, 1933, he was a son of the late Albert and Jane (O'Neil)



Massey. He was raised in the Sault area and was an altar server at St. Mary's Catholic Church. He attended Loretto High School and then left to seek employment to the Milwaukee area. He was employed by Local 601 of the Steam Pipe Fitters Union - Milwaukee Chapter until his retirement. Following his retirement he made his home in Engadine. On July 18, 1953, he married Lois Alrick in the Sault. Buck loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed hunting. He was also a Michigan athletic fanatic supporting the Detroit Lions, Tigers, Pistons, Red Wings and the U of M Wolverines, even while living in Wisconsin. Buck was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and attended St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Naubinway. Buck is preceded in death by his par-

ents, one brother, two sisters and his son, Tim.

Survivors include his wife, Lois, of Engadine; sons Mike and Steven, both of Milwaukee; his daughter, Diane Massey, also of Milwaukee; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; his sisters, Mary Formolo of Naubinway, Verna Lawrence of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; and his brothers, John of the Sault and Robert of Phoenix, Ariz.

The family gathered at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Naubinway on April 27, 2009, for the Mass of Christian Burial with Fr. Frank Ricca as celebrant. Interment took place at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in New Berlin, Wis.

The family suggests mass intentions to be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. or St. Stephen's Catholic Church in

Naubinway. Condolences may be expressed at [www.beaulieufuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulieufuneralhome.com).

Beaulieu Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

### ANNA MARIE LEWIS

Anna Marie Lewis was born on April 23, 2009 at 4:59 a.m. at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She left us the same day to be with the Lord. Anna was born to Brandi M. Brewer, 18, and David A. Squitieri, 20, both of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Anna is survived by her parents and many other family members who love her dearly, including her grandparents, George A. Lewis, Jr. and Cimmarron Kranas, both of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; great grandparents, George A. Lewis Sr., and Joy Ann Lewis of Sault Ste. Marie; grand-

mother, Tina Taylor of Florida; aunt, Nikki Brewer of Florida; uncle, George A. Lewis III; aunt, Audrey P. Lewis; uncle, Randy Miller of Florida; great uncles, Chris (Christine) Lewis of Sault Ste. Marie and Kevin (Jennifer) Lewis of Hale, Mich.; great aunts, Cathy Brown of Kincheloe, Mich., Rochelle Coaks of Sault Ste. Marie and Joy Van Wormer of Hale.

Visitation was held April 24 at the Niigaanagizhik Cultural Center. Funeral services were held April 25, 2009, at the cultural center with Brother John Hascall officiating a traditional Native and Catholic prayer service. Anna will be laid to rest at the Wilwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island.

Although our time was short with our precious angel Anna Marie, she is very much loved and will be greatly missed by all of us.

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